

## Supplementary Information

### **The transcriptome of *Euglena gracilis* reveals unexpected metabolic capabilities for carbohydrate and natural product biochemistry**

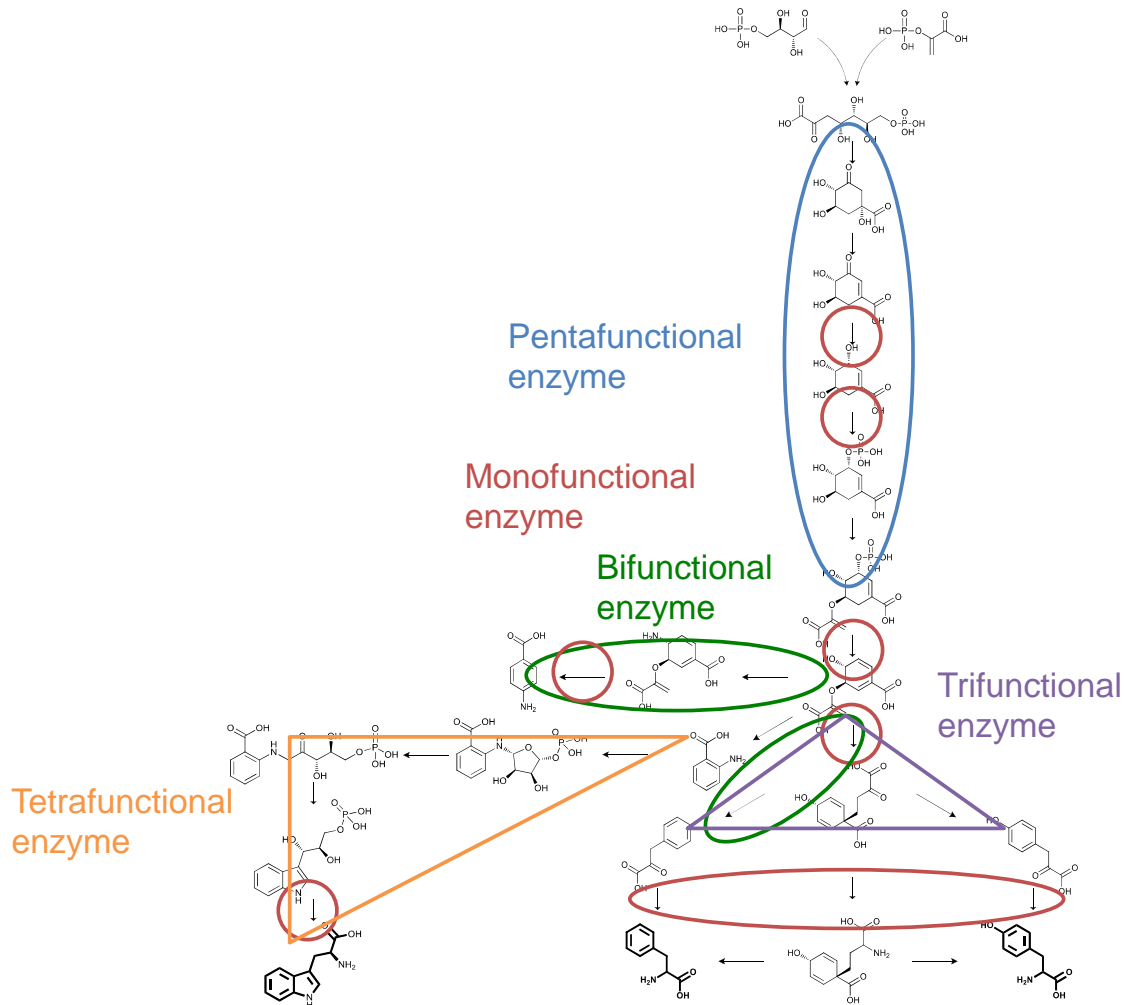
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## Figure S1: Aromatic amino acid biosynthesis

The shikimate pathway is present in *Euglena* as the pentafunctional fungal type.<sup>1</sup> There are four isoforms of the DHAP synthase, one of which is only apparent in the dark transcriptome. The pathway branches at chorismate: towards folate biosynthesis, via 4-aminobenzoate formed by a bifunctional enzyme; towards tryptophan biosynthesis, via a tetrafunctional enzyme from 2-aminobenzoate; or to prephenate via chorismate mutase, which is present either as a single domain protein or as part of a trifunctional protein, with dehydratase and dehydrogenase domains. Aromatic amino acid transaminases, for the final step in tyrosine and phenylalanine synthesis, are present in the transcriptome.



**Table S1: The enzymes of N-glycan biosynthesis**

Transcripts were identified which encode enzymes involved in N-glycan biosynthesis by homology with known enzymes.<sup>2</sup> Highlighted in yellow are transcripts only present in the dark grown cells and highlighted in green are present only in the light grown cells. FPKM values for each cognate transcript are given in parentheses.

Activity	EC no.	ORFs			
dolichyldiphosphatase	3.6.1.43	lm.53772 (10.03)	dm.71782 (2.44)		
dolichol kinase	2.7.1.108	lm.96623 (1.20)			
UDP-GlcNAc-dolichol phosphate GlcNAc-1-P-transferase	2.7.8.15	lm.96341 (2.12)			
beta-1,4-N- acetylglucosaminyltransferase	2.4.1.141	lm.87840 (1.67)			
beta-1,4-mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.142	lm.92144 (1.35)			
alpha-1,3/alpha-1,6- mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.132	lm.79157 (7.10)			
alpha-1,2-mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.131	lm.67740 (8.51)			
Flippase		lm.83408 (4.92)			
alpha-1,3-mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.258	lm.68532 (7.44)			
alpha-1,2-mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.259/ 261	dm.60522 (1.56)	lm.71029 (6.67)	dm.85690 (0.80)	dm.60521 (2.61)
alpha-1,6-mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.260	lm.71029 (6.67)			
dolichol-phosphate mannosyltransferase	2.4.1.83	lm.31276 (16,28)	lm.48352 (14.30)		
dolichyl-phosphate beta- glucosyltransferase	2.4.1.117	lm.48352 (14.30)			
alpha-1,3-glucosyltransferase	2.4.1.267	lm.99883 (0.54)	dm.96080 (1.2)		
alpha-1,3-glucosyltransferase	2.4.1.265	lm.99883 (0.54)	dm.96080 (1.2)		
alpha-1,2-glucosyltransferase	2.4.1.256	lm.100691 (0.72)			
dolichyl- diphosphooligosaccharide-- protein glycosyltransferase	2.4.99.18	dm.41728 (5.62)	lm.68366 (11.63)	dm.17756 (44.10)	

**Table S2: Annotation of enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of GPI anchors**

Transcripts were identified which encode enzymes involved in GPI anchor biosynthesis by homology with known enzymes.<sup>3</sup> Highlighted in yellow are transcripts only present in the dark grown cells and highlighted in green are present only in the light grown cells. FPKM values for each cognate transcript are given in parentheses.

EC number	Reaction	Mammalian protein	Euglena model number	Closest homologue	E-value
5.5.1.4	Inositol-3-phosphate synthase 1	INO1	lm.32631 (22.56)	Predicted inositol-3-phosphate synthase 1-like [Saccoglossus kowalevskii]	0.00E+00
3.1.3.25	Myo-inositol-1-phosphatase	IMPA1	lm.49313 (5.60)	Hypothetical protein TRIADDRAFT_52515 [Trichoplax adhaerens]	1.00E-60
2.7.8.11	CDP-diacylglycerol-inositol 3-phosphatidyl transferase	PIS1	lm.37320 (12.27)	Phosphatidylinositol synthase [Spathaspora passalidarum NRRL Y-27907]	3.00E-50
			lm.79366 (4.02)	Predicted protein [Phaeodactylum tricornutum CCAP 1055/1]	1.00E-47
2.4.1.198	GPI-GlcNAc transferase	PIG-A	dm.79942 (4.57)	UDP-GlcNAc:PI a1-6 GlcNAc-transferase [Trypanosoma cruzi marinkellei]	0.00E+00
		PIG-C	None		
		PIG-H	dm.82217 (4.59)	Predicted glycosyltransferase [Ectocarpus siliculosus]	1.00E-16
		PIG-P	dm.82867 (3.40)	Predicted protein [Populus trichocarpa]	4.00E-24
		PIG-Q	dm.48080 (1.57)	Hypothetical protein BATDEDRAFT_85480 [Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis JAM81]	5.00E-36
		PIG-Y	None		
		DPM2	lm.108666 (0.26)	Unknown [Picea sitchensis]	6.00E-09
3.5.1.89	GlcNAc-PI de-N-acetylase	PIG-L	dm.85635 (2.13)	N-Acetyl-D-acetylglucosaminylphosphatidyl inositoldeacetylase [Leishmania major strain Friedlin]	2.00E-52
			dm.27659* (7.68)	Hypothetical protein [Paramecium tetraurelia strain d4-2] - *Also contains N-ter ManT domain	3.00E-51
2.3.-.-	Inositol acyltransferase	PIG-W	lm.93529 (2.32)	Predicted protein At4g17910-like [Brachypodium distachyon]	2.00E-64
2.4.1.-	$\alpha$ -(1-4)-Mannosyltransferase	PIG-M	lm.94033 (1.57)	GPI mannosyltransferase 1 [Dicentrarchus labrax]	2.00E-100
		PIG-X	None		
2.7.-.-	EtNP transferase	PIG-N	lm.94615 (2.25)	Predicted GPI ethanolamine phosphate transferase 1-like [Brachypodium distachyon]	3.00E-177
2.4.1.-	$\alpha$ -(1-6)-Mannosyltransferase II	PIG-V	lm.98056 (1.15)	Dolichol-P-mannose mannosyltransferase [Selaginella moellendorffii]	4.00E-65
2.4.1.-	$\alpha$ -(1-2)-Mannosyltransferase III	PIG-B	dm.85690 (0.79)	Predicted protein [Physcomitrella patens subsp. patens]	3.00E-86
	GPI transamidase	PIG-K	dm.51731 (10.94)	Predicted protein [Physcomitrella patens subsp. patens]	3.00E-122
		GAA1	lm.88011 (2.90)	Predicted protein [Naegleria gruberi]	4.00E-25
		PIG-S	dm.90214 (1.83)	Unnamed protein product [Vitis vinifera]	8.00E-21
		PIG-T	dm.67348 (3.66)	Hypothetical protein BATDEDRAFT_35820 [Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis JAM81]	8.00E-52
		PIG-U	lm.71943 (4.97)	Gpi transamidase component pig-u [Colletotrichum gloeosporioides Nara gc5]	3.00E-31
	Glycosylphosphatidylinositol deacylase	PGAP1	lm.73955 (5.40)	GPI inositol-deacylase [Metarhizium anisopliae ARSEF 23]	2.00E-36

**Figure S2. Alignments of didomain CAZys (Im.71174 and dm.47703) with well characterised single domain proteins.**

Alignments were performed using AlignX (Invitrogen) and confirmed by modelling proteins using SWISS-MODEL in Automated mode.<sup>4</sup> The key catalytic residues are highlighted in red boxes. **A.** Alignment of Im.71174 with GT11s<sup>5</sup> (1) and GT15s<sup>6</sup> (2). **B.** Alignment of dm.47703 with GT1s<sup>7</sup> (1) and GH78s<sup>8</sup> (2). FPKM values are 0.90 and 3.61 respectively.

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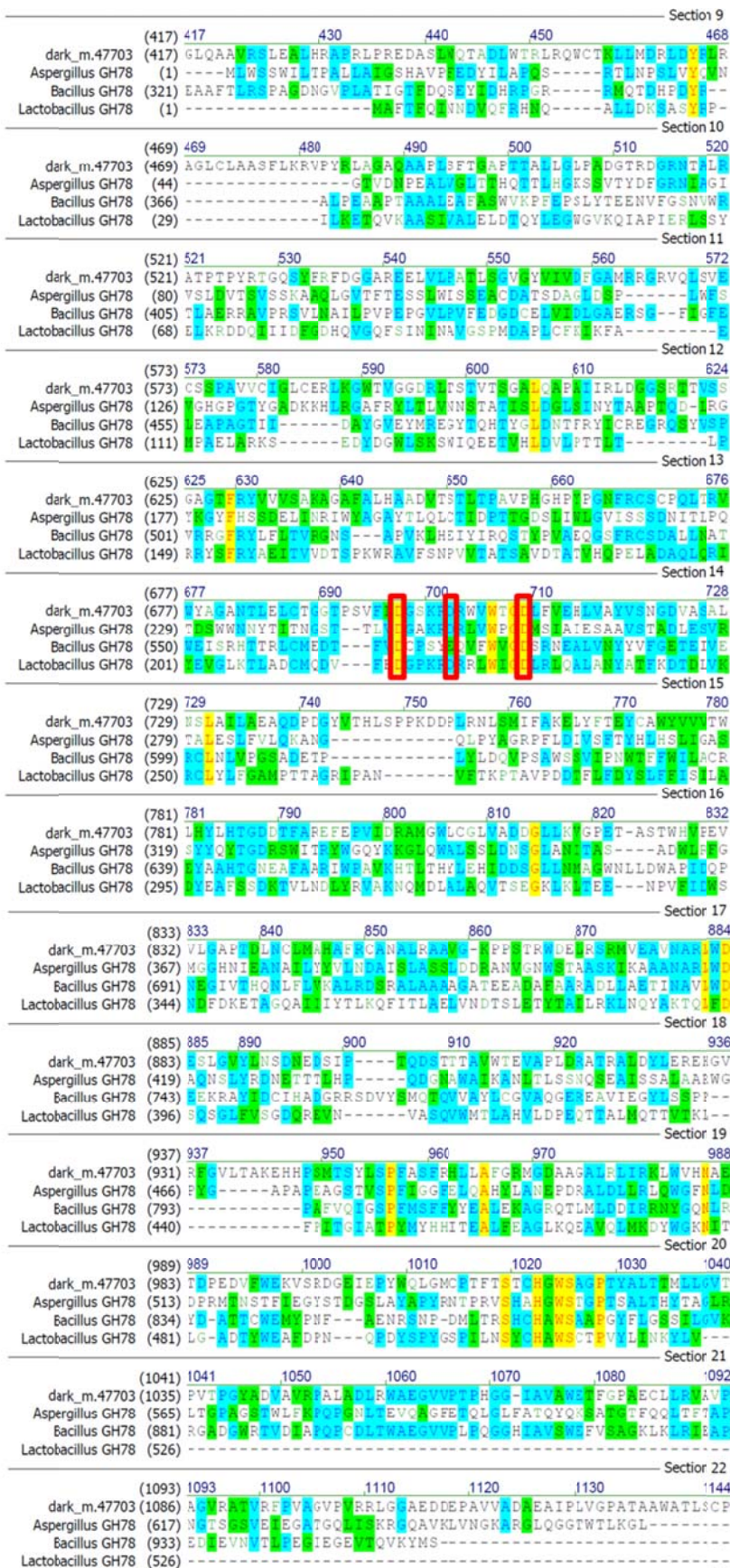




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Magnoportha GT15	(1)	-----	-----	-----	-----	MRP	RLATVAIFMWCVFL
Saccharomyces GT15	(1)	-----	-----	-----	-----	MAFL	KRLRFTVITGAVIVL
		Section 7					
	(313)	313	320	330	340	350	364
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Magnoportha GT15	(1)	YMIFRPSS	-----	PLVADEFSNFQRD	PHD	PTGE	-----
Saccharomyces GT15	(23)	LLTLNSNSRTQQ	IPSS	ISARFDTS	SSIS	EDQ	YSEENDKCKLEQSSLNS
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Magnoportha GT15	(51)	-----	-----	-----	-----	PEGILRRV	SEYAPDANPTERINATLL
Saccharomyces GT15	(75)	EASEDSEAMDEES	KALKAA	AEKADA	PID	TKITMDY	TESFANKAGPKACVY
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Magnoportha GT15	(78)	ALVRNEELDGM	LQAM	GDLERT	WNS	KFN	YPWTFNIVFFSRFEFKQKTQAMTKA
Saccharomyces GT15	(127)	TLVRNKLKGLL	SSIK	YENK	IKKE	YP	WVFLNDPFTTEEFKELATKAVSS
		Section 10					
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Magnoportha GT15	(130)	KCNYEILIPKEH	WDMF	SWINK	DI	YDES	VKI----LKNKIQYADKIRYHQMCR
Saccharomyces GT15	(179)	EVKFGILPKEH	WSY	PEVIN	-QTK	AAE	IRA----DAATKYLGGSEYRHMCR
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Magnoportha GT15	(178)	WNSGLEFYKHP	ALKV	QYWR	E	K	VHFFCDIDYVFFRMDNNKKTGFTIN-
Saccharomyces GT15	(226)	YQSGFEWRHEL	LEEV	YWR	E	E	IKLYCDINVDVFKWQENEKVYVGFYV-
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Magnoportha GT15	(229)	LYDAPESIPT	WPETE	ELAEH	-----	-----	PQYXHPNVAL
Saccharomyces GT15	(277)	LREYEV	TIPTW	QTMDF	IKKN	-----	PEYLDENNLL
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Magnoportha GT15	(306)	NHLDRAGGF	FYER	WDAP	VHSIA	LGL	FEDASKIHWRDIDIGYQHIPPFNCPNS
Saccharomyces GT15	(346)	DTLDHQGG	FYER	WDAP	VHSIA	AAL	FLPKDKIRHVSIDIGYHHPVYDNCPLD
		Section 15					
	(729)	729	740	750	760	770	780
light_m.71174	(677)	DQPEMFLRR	DPVCRA	VAADN	-----	PS	SDPFLXYFVPQPMENSKHQLNEG
Penicillium GT15	(432)	APARQLAR	IPLE	MTT	DEEN	KRIE	EDEYWANPQVHEHGVGCRCRCDDTIDV
Magnoportha GT15	(358)	PKCKGC	VAGRE	TCEK	LHS	-----	EDCRENWFIMHGMG-----
Saccharomyces GT15	(398)	KEVYNS	NNCE	CDQ	ND	TF	QG-----YSCGKEYDAGGLVKPKNWKKFR-
		Section 16					
	(781)	781	790	802			
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Penicillium GT15	(484)	VEGKQGS	CLNEW	VDA	GGW	ASP	
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Saccharomyces GT15	(443)	-----	-----	-----			



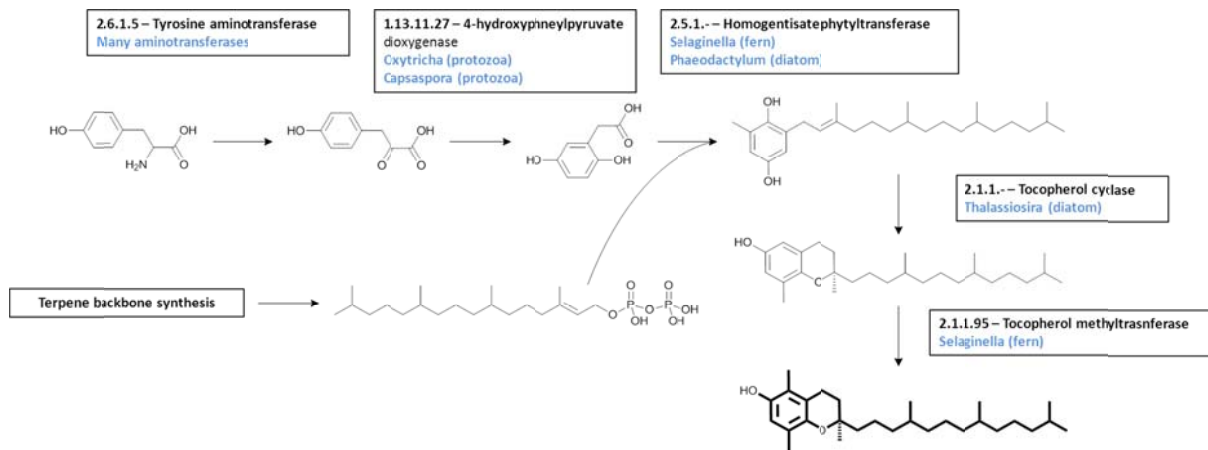






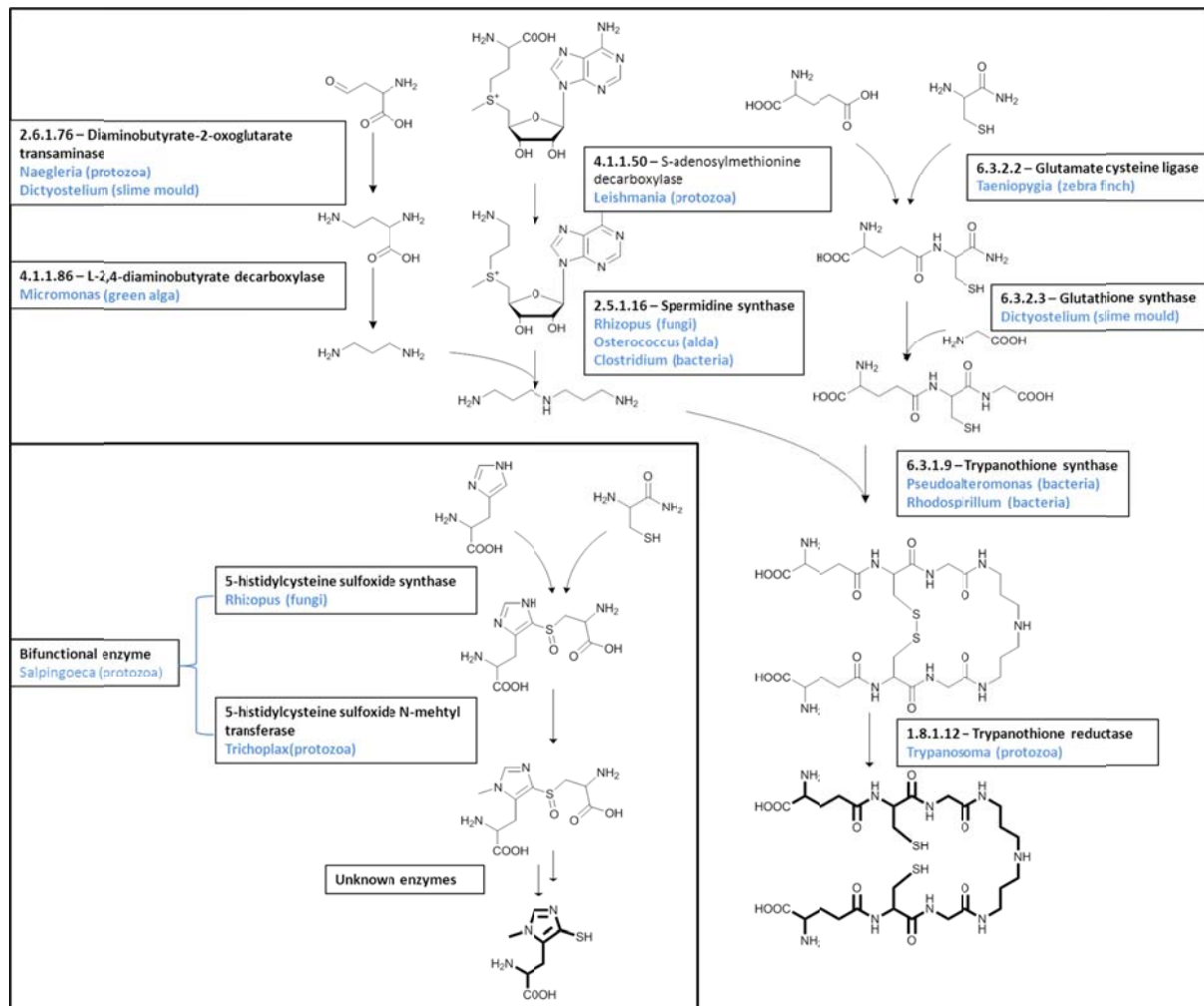
### Figure S3: Tocopherol biosynthesis

Strong candidates could be found for each gene. There are many amino transferases in the transcriptome which may act on tyrosine and there are many methyltransferases whose substrates are difficult to conclusively assign. The genus of the closest homologue of each *Euglena* isoform is shown in blue.



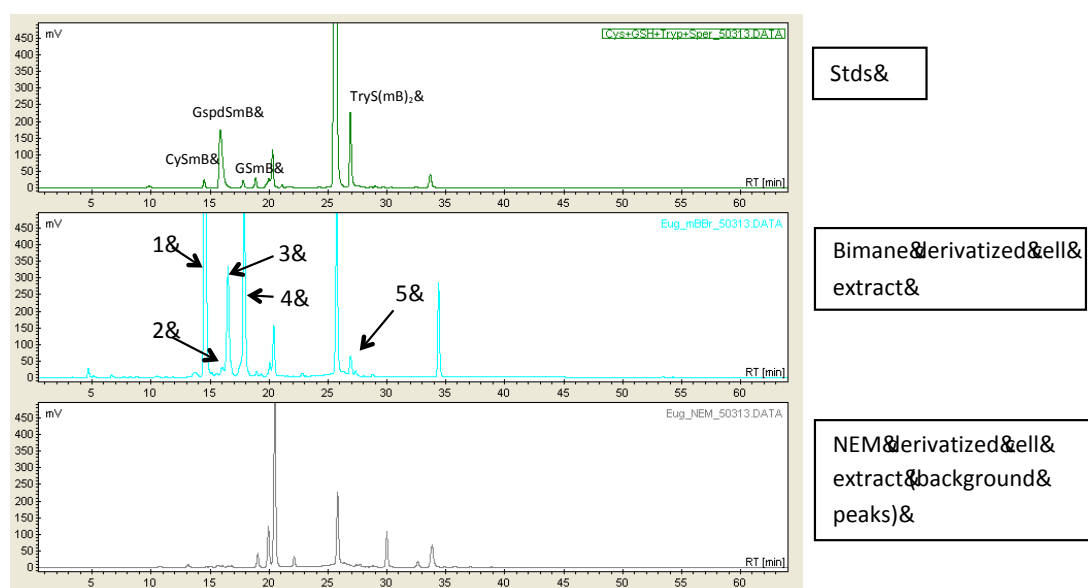
## Figure S4: Thiol biosynthetic pathways

Trypanothione is synthesised by joining one molecule of glutathione to each end of spermidine. The proposed biosynthetic pathway for the novel *nor*-trypanothione is shown, whereby aminopropane is transferred to 1,3-diaminopropane, derived from aspartate semialdehyde, to form *nor*-spermidine. Glutathione is then attached to this, either sequentially by two trypanothione synthases or by the separate isoforms adding one molecule each. Ovoidthiol biosynthesis is shown in the inset. Only the first two steps are known. The genus of the closest homologue is shown in blue.



### Figure S5: Analysis of the thiol content of *E. gracilis*

Thiols were labelled with monobromobimane and analysed by HPLC. Collected fractions were analysed by LC-MS (Figure S6). There are peaks that have retention time and masses matching cysteine (Peak 1) and glutathione (Peak 4). There is a small peak (5) that coelutes with trypanothione and contains masses, which match the diprotonated mass, as well as a 14 Da smaller analogue, namely *nor*-trypanothione. Additionally there is a small peak (2) matching glutathionyl spermidine, which also contains a 14 Da smaller analogue. Together these data, along with the MS2 fragmentation (Figure S6) indicate the presence of a novel analogue of trypanothione that has one fewer carbons in the spermidine chain, namely *nor*-trypanothione. Peak 3 has a retention time that matches the reported relative retention times of ovothiol,<sup>9</sup> though we were unable to obtain a standard. This peak has an exact mass matching mono-protonated ovothiol and its dimer, together with sodiated adducts, which fragment to give the expected monomers (see figure S6C). mB = monobromobimane. CyS = cysteine. GspdS = glutathionyl spermidine. GS = glutathione. TryS = trypanothione.



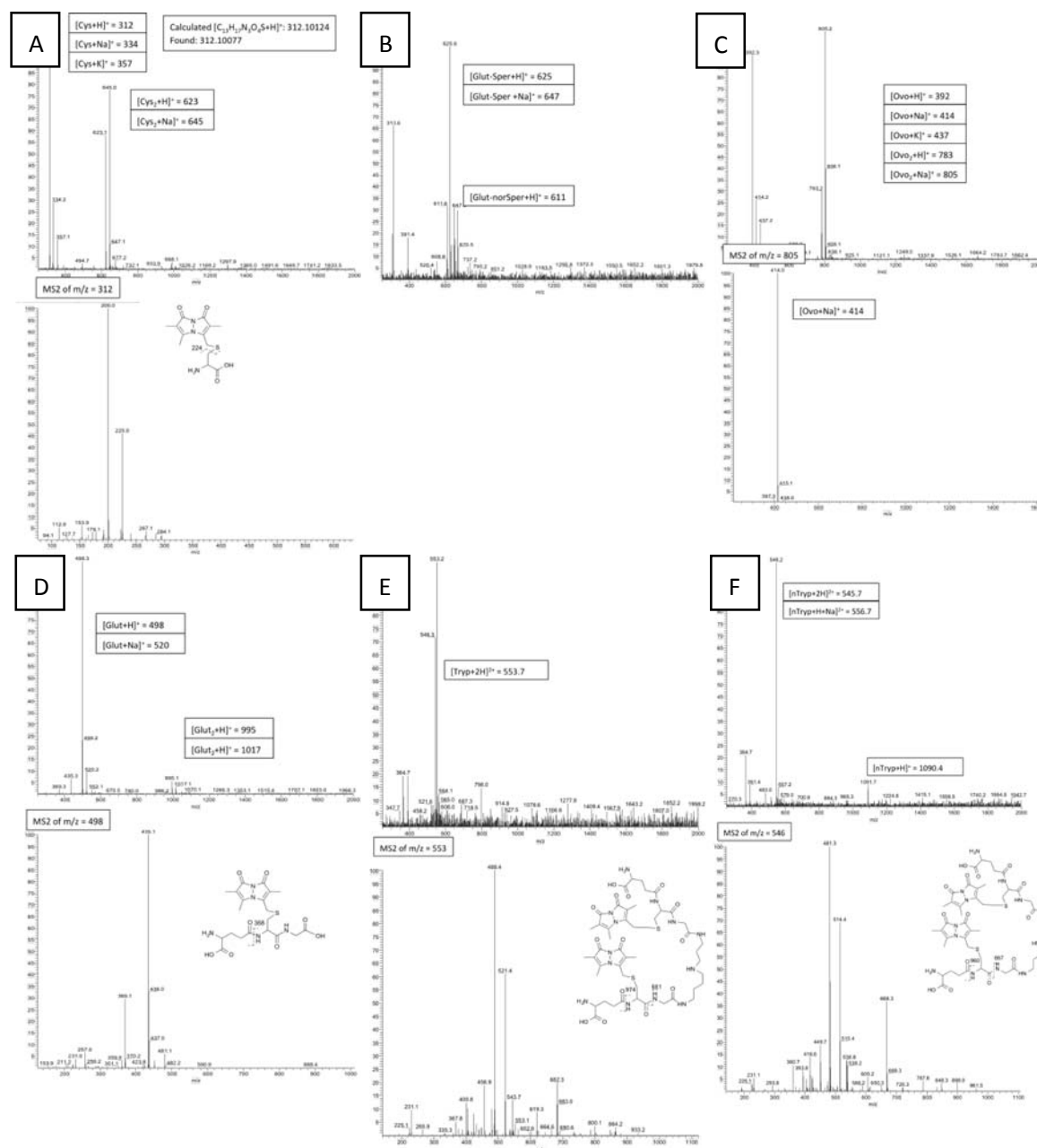
Peak	Retention time (min)	Compounds (bimane derivative)	Formula	Calculated m/z (Da)	Observed m/z (Da)
1	14.517	Cysteine	$[C_{13}H_{17}N_3O_4S+H]^+$	312.10124	312.10077
2	16.017	Glutathionyl spermidine/ Glutathionyl <i>nor</i> -spermidine	$[C_{27}H_{44}N_8O_7S+H]^+$ / $[C_{26}H_{42}N_8O_7S+H]^+$	625.31262/ 611.29697	625.31239/ 611.29658
3	16.517	Ovothiol	$[C_{17}H_{21}N_5O_4S+H]^+$	392.13869	392.13870
4	17.875	Glutathione	$[C_{20}H_{26}N_5O_8S+H]^+$	498.16529	498.16536
5	26.908	Trypanothione/ <i>nor</i> -Trypanthione	$[C_{46}H_{67}N_{13}O_{14}S_2+2H]^{2+}$ / $[C_{46}H_{67}N_{13}O_{14}S_2+2H]^{2+}$	552.73364/ 545.72585	552.73344/ 545.72543

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**Figure S6: Mass spectrometric analysis of bimane derivatives of thiol-containing fractions from HPLC**

A. Peak 1. B. Peak 2. The glutathionyl spermidine containing masses were not selected from fragmentation. C. Peak 3. Ovrothiol did not successfully fragment but the cluster ions fragmented to the monomers. D. Peak 4. E. Trypanothione in Peak 5. F. *nor*-Trypanothione in Peak 5. Note the homogeneity in the MS2 signals and deviation compared to the trypanothione masses indicates the 14 Da deviation cannot be in the glutamate or cysteine residues.



**Table S3: Transcripts for polyketide and non-ribosomal peptide synthases.**

Predicted proteins were identified using BLASTP to search for keto synthase (for PKSs), condensation, and adenylation (for NRPSs) domains. There is a high degree of uncertainty using this technique. The Kozak sequence for the predicted start codon is listed and the presence of any upstream stop codons is described, indicating the probability that this is the complete cognate transcript. FPKM values for each cognate transcript are given in parentheses.

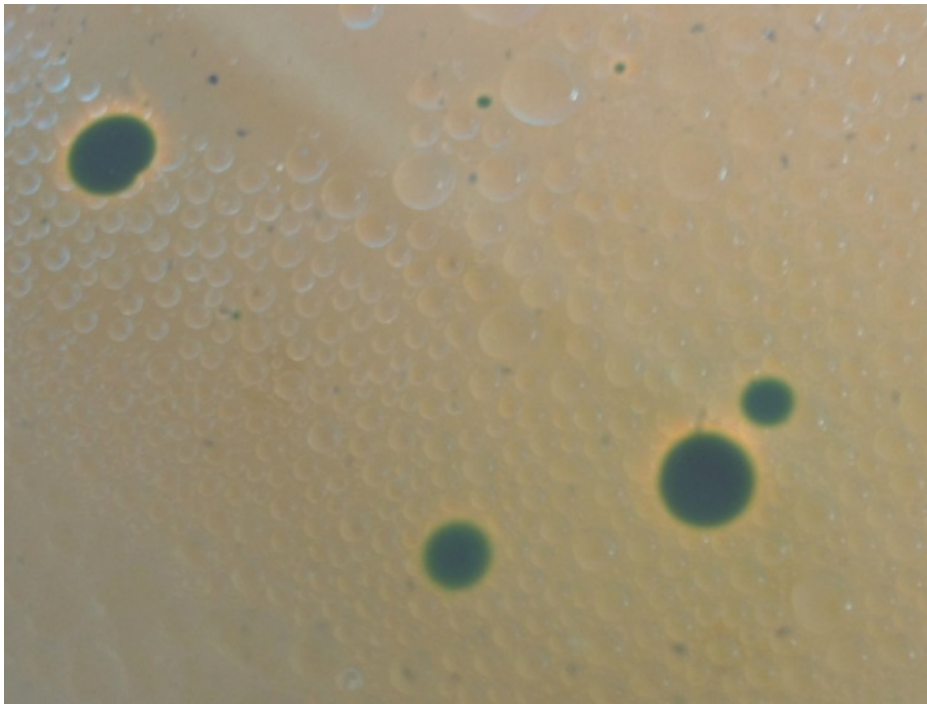
A – Amino acid adenylation. AA-syn – Amino acid synthesis. ANK – Ankyrin domain. AT – Acyl transfer. C – Condensation. CoAL – Acyl-CoA ligase. DH – Dehydratase. AmT – Aspartate amino transferase. EH – Enoyl CoA hydratase ER – Enoyl reductase. HCS – HMGCoA synthase. KR – keto reductase. KS – Polyketide synthase. TE – thioesterase.

PKS		Role	Domains	Kozak sequence (Flagellate Kozak consensus is AnnATGnC <sup>10</sup> )
1	lm.8157 (34.0)	PKS	KS-AT-DH-ER-KR-ACP-EH-EH-TE-HCS	<u>ACGATGAT</u> , also stop 4 codons upstream
2	lm.60697 (2.79)	PKS	DH-KS-ACP-AmT	<u>CAGATGGC</u>
3	lm.53854 (2.62)	PKS	KS-AT-KR-ACP-KS	<u>CCCATGCC</u>
4	lm.82030 (3.47)	PKS	KR-ACP-KS	<u>GGCATGGC</u>
5	lm.42557 (1.77)	PKS	KR-ACP-KS-DH-KR	<u>GGGATGGC</u>
6	lm.91532 (2.16)	PKS	A-ACP-KS	<u>GTGATGCA</u>
7	lm.95952 (1.04)	PKS	ACP-KS	<u>CCAATGTT</u>
8	lm.88225 (2.10)	PKS	KS-AT	<u>GGCATGGC</u>
9	lm.23151 (2.17)	PKS	KS	<u>CACATGCT</u>
10	lm.94376 (1.70)	PKS	C-ACP	
11	lm.88941 (1.50)	PKS	KS	<u>GTCATGCT</u>
12	lm.110121 (0.15)	PKS	KS	<u>GGCATGGC</u>
13	lm.102218 (0.45)	PKS	KS	<u>GGGATGGC</u>
14	lm.97081 (1.83)	PKS	ACP-KS	
<b>NRPS</b>		<b>Activity</b>		
1	lm.66007 (6.73)	NRPS	C-A-ACP	<u>ACCATGGA</u>
2	lm.9669 (8.76)	NRPS	C-C-A-ACP-TE	<u>AACATGGC</u>
3	lm.32232 (3.16)	NRPS	C-C-A-ACP-C-A	<u>AGGATGCT</u>
4	lm.96272 (1.73)	NRPS	C-A-A	<u>AACATGAC</u>
5	lm.21957 (19.80)	AA-Syn	C-A-ACP-TE	<u>ACGATGGC</u>
6	lm.23118 (33.25)	AA-syn	A-ACP-TE	<u>GCCATGGC</u>
7	lm.78138 (3.06)	A	A-ANK	<u>TGTATGTG</u>
8	lm.54590 (2.55)	A	A-ANK	<u>AGCATGGC</u>
9	lm.87820 (2.50)	A	A-ACP-TE	<u>GACATGGC</u>
10	lm.77877 (2.39)	A	A-ACP-ANK	<u>CCGATGGA</u> , also stop 11 codons upstream
11	lm.98982 (1.30)	A	A	<u>CCGATGCT</u>
12	lm.89785 (1.29)	A	A-ACP	<u>GAAATGCA</u>
13	lm.47668 (4.62)	A	A	<u>TACATGAT</u>
14	lm.94698 (1.87)	A	A	<u>GTGATGCG</u>
15	lm.44795 (2.15)	A	A	<u>CGCATGGG</u> , also stop 6 codons upstream
16	lm.44327 (5.36)	A	CoAL	<u>CCTATGGT</u>
17	lm.11010(127.33)	A	CoAL	<u>ATCATGAC</u>
18	lm.81072 (6.55)	A	CoAL	<u>TTGATGGC</u> , also stop 7 codons upstream
19	lm.97175 (0.69)	C	CoAL	
20	lm.26470 (20.15)	C	CoAL	<u>CGGATGCC</u>
21	lm.22119 (3.22)	C	CoAL	<u>GCCATGAC</u>
22	lm.37810 (6.84)	C	CoAL	<u>CCCATGGC</u>
23	lm.3119 (549.70)	C	CoAL	
24	lm.28443 (11.01)	C	CoAL	<u>CAGATGAC</u>
25	lm.9400 (16.40)	C	CoAL	<u>ATCATGAT</u>
26	lm.26875 (17.61)	C	CoAL	<u>CGCATGGC</u>
27	lm.12408 (12.41)	C	CoAL	

28	Im.3346 (17.23)	C	CoAL	
29	Im.44112 (13.17)	C	CoAL	<u>CCAATGCG</u>
30	Im.17087 (13.39)	C	CoAL	<u>AACATGGC</u>

**Figure S7: Potential siderophore production by *E. gracilis***

The chrome azurol S (CAS) assay was used to show the production of siderophores.<sup>11</sup> High nutrient media agar was prepared containing CAS (60 mg/l), hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide (73 mg/l) and additional FeCl<sub>3</sub> (2.7 mg/l); cells were diluted such that approximately 10 cells were plated per petri dish. After two weeks a colourless halo around these colonies, particularly vivid when viewed with an orange filter, indicates the uptake of iron, potentially via a siderophore-based mechanism.





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