Acyclic halogenated monoterpenes from marine macroalgae: Estimated atmospheric lifetimes, potential degradation products, and their atmospheric impacts

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The chemical structures and bioactivities of over 80 acyclic halogenated monoterpenes, isolated from marine red macroalgae (Rhodophyta), have been reported in a series of comprehensive reviews of the marine natural product chemical literature over the past four decades (Faulkner, 1984; Faulkner, 2001; Kladi et al., 2004; Lever et al., 2020; Carrol et al., 2020). The wide range of bioactivities associated with these compounds have been regularly reviewed (Cabrita et al., 2010; Paul and Pohnert, 2011; Cikoš et al., 2019) and include antibacterial, antifungal, anti-viral, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative, antitumour, anthelmintic, antioxidant, antifouling, antifeedant, cytotoxic, ichthyotoxic and insecticidal bioactivities. These volatile, marine secondary metabolites are produced in significant quantities by red macroalgae (Malaiakal et al., 2001; Barahona and Rorrer, 2003; Mann et al., 2007). However, the variable factors that influence the production of marine monoterpenes in macroalgae are poorly understood (Hay, 1996; Wise, 2003; Kladi et al., 2004; Cikoš et al., 2019) and include inter alia: changes in season, reproductive phase of the macroalgae, levels of herbivory and/or microbial infection and availability of nutrients.

Of interest to us, is the possible fate of these volatile halogenated monoterpenes when they enter the atmosphere, either directly when intertidal algae are exposed to the atmosphere during low tide, or indirectly when these compounds diffuse into the water column and then into the atmosphere via wind driven processes (Liss and Slater, 1974; Hackenberg et al., 2017). In this paper, we postulate what can be happened to these secondary metabolites if they reach the atmosphere and consequently what impact they can have on local and regional air composition.

Terpenes are known to have short atmospheric lifetimes as they react rapidly with atmospheric oxidants (e.g. OH...
radical, O$_3$, Cl radical and NO$_3$ radical). The measurements (Halkquist et al., 2009; Jimenez et al., 2009; Ehn et al., 2014; Jokinen et al., 2015; Berndt et al., 2016) and modelling studies (Utembe et al., 2011; Khan et al., 2017) suggested that the oxidised species formed from the reactions of terpenes with oxidants present in the atmosphere can yield secondary organic aerosol (SOA) in the atmosphere. Thus, the marine terpenes have the potential to significantly influence local climate via formation of SOA which can act as nuclei for water droplet formation and ultimately generate clouds (Kim et al., 2017), which, in turn, will reflect solar radiation and contribute to climate cooling in the lower troposphere. Although halogenation of terpenes will tend to have a deactivating effect on the reactivity with tropospheric oxidants to some extent (Atkinson, 1987), these atmospheric oxidative reactions of the marine secondary metabolites considered here are still likely to be sufficiently rapid to provide possible routes to SOA formation. In addition, the oxidation mechanisms also result in the release of Cl and Br atoms into the atmosphere. Both halogens participate in cyclical reactive processes that destroy ground level ozone, which is beneficial, as at this altitude ozone is a potent greenhouse gas and a powerful oxidant causing damage to plants (Vainonen and Kangasjärvi, 2015) and animals (Zhang et al., 2019) and for Cl in particular, also contribute to the initiation of VOC oxidation.

Over 40 halogenated monoterpenes have been reported from the common intertidal red algal genus Plocamium and in this paper, we have predicted the likely major atmospheric degradation routes of a selection of 19 acyclic halogenated monoterpenes (1–19, see Figure 1) isolated from four Plocamium species (P. cornutum, P. brasiliense, P. cartilagineum and P. corallorhiza) collected from different regions of the world (Mynderse and Faulkner, 1975; Abreu and Galindo, 1996; Mann et al., 2007; Afolayan et al., 2009; Vasconcelos et al., 2010); these compounds possess a range of halogenation extent and hence reactivity. We have used established methods discussed in detail in a later section to estimate their rate coefficients for reaction with the OH radical and ozone, which can consequently afford an approximation of the lifetime of the parent compound. The first-generation oxidised products and the very low volatility highly oxidised multifunctional (HOM) products formed from RO$_2$ isomerisation/auto-oxidation including H-shift reactions of RO$_2$ have been investigated concerning their contributions to SOA formation. We have estimated the fraction of the stable possible first-generation oxidation and HOM products from selected oxidation pathways and their vapour pressure. From these hypothetical data we assess the role which these compounds and their products play on aerosol formation and halogen release. The assessment methods used to estimate kinetic and mechanistic information do not distinguish between diastereoisomers and the compounds selected here are a single example of, in some cases, multiple diastereoisomers present in Plocamium and other red macroalgal species.

**METHODS**

**Gas-phase rate coefficient estimation methods**

**OH radical reactions**

The rate coefficients for reactions with OH radicals were estimated using the empirically-based structure–activity relationship (SAR) method of Kwok and Atkinson (1995). The SAR method is based upon a number of experimentally determined rate coefficients for volatile organic compounds. The SAR consists of a set of generic rate coefficients for H-atom abstraction and OH addition at a given carbon atom, which are defined in relation to the extent of substitution by alkyl groups. The rate coefficients are further modified to take account of the influence of neighbouring oxygenated and halogenated substituents. In the present work, the following additional assumptions were made:

- The generic rate coefficient for OH addition to CH(-R) = CH(-R) structures was taken to be the average of that given for cis- and trans- isomers in Kwok and Atkinson (1995).
- The substituent factor given for -CH$_2$Cl groups, in relation to OH addition, was taken to apply to all -CH$_2$X, -CHX$_2$, -CH(X) and -C(X) groups, where X = Cl and Br.

Owing to a lack of kinetic data, the Kwok and Atkinson (1995) method does not cover reactions with conjugated trienes, for which there is one example in the current set of compounds (12). In the present work, the following additional assumptions were made:

- On the basis of the limited reported data for 1,3,5-hexatriene and 1,3,5-cycloheptatriene (Atkinson and Arey, 2003), a rate coefficient of 1.0 × 10$^{-10}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$ was assumed representative of OH addition to trienes with no more than one alkyl (R) substitution at each terminal carbon, i.e. CH(-R) = CHCH = CHCH = CH(-R)$_2$, containing three additional R substituents (being relevant to Compound N), a rate coefficient of 2.46 × 10$^{-10}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$ was therefore used.

**O$_3$ reactions**

The estimation method used for the reactions with O$_3$ was also derived from an empirically-based SAR method, developed by Atkinson, as reported in Calvert et al. (2000). This is more limited than the OH method, considering only addition of O$_3$ to monoalkenes and unconjugated polyalkenes. The related generic rate coefficients are very similar to those applied with the Master Chemical Mechanism, MCM (Jenkin et al., 1997). The method was supplemented here to allow rough estimation of addition rate coefficients to conjugated dienes and trienes, and the impact of substituent groups, as summarised in Tables 1 and 2. These supplementary methods are subject to some uncertainty, owing to the highly limited dataset of relevant compounds.

**Vapour pressure estimation methods**

The vapour pressure of the halogenated monoterpenes and their oxidation products were estimated using the method of Nannoolal et al. (2008) in conjunction with species boiling points estimated by the method of Nannoolal et al. (2004). This had been previously identified (Booth et al., 2010) as one of the best estimation methods for highly functionalised, low volatility compounds. A brief summary is repeated here: The method is based on group contributions and includes 207
Figure 1. Halogenated acyclic monoterpenes isolated from four *Plocamium* species: 1–4 from *P. cornutum* (South Africa; Afolayan et al., 2009); 5–8 from *P. corallorhiza* (South Africa, Mann et al., 2007; Afolayan et al., 2009); 9, 10 from *P. brasiliense* (Brazil; Vasconcelos et al., 2010); 11 from *P. cartilagineum* (Portugal, Abreu and Galindo, 1996); 12–14 from *P. corallorhiza* (South Africa, Mann et al., 2007) and 15–19 from *P. cartilagineum* (California; Mynderse and Faulkner, 1975).
Table 1. Group rate constants used for addition of O3 to alkenes and conjugated dienes and trienes.

| Structure                              | $k_{O3}$ | Comment                              |
|----------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| CH2 = CH(-R)                           | 1        | Taken from Calvert et al. (2000).    |
| CH2 = C(-R)2                           | 1.1      | Taken from Calvert et al. (2000).    |
| cis-CH(-R)=CH(-R)                      | 12       | Taken from Calvert et al. (2000).    |
| trans-CH(-R)=CH(-R)                    | 19       | Structure in the present work.       |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)2                          | 40       | Taken from Calvert et al. (2000).    |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)                           | 110      | Taken from Calvert et al. (2000).    |
| CH2 = C(-R)CH = CH(-R)                 | 34       | Based on 2,4-hexadiene (Atkinson and Arey, 2003). |
| CH(-R)=CHCH = CH(-R)                  | 5.4      | Based on 1,3,5-cycloheptatriene (Atkinson and Arey, 2003). |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)C(-R)=CH(-R)               | 12       | Based on isoprene (Atkinson and Arey, 2003). |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)CH = CH(-R)                | 16       | Addition of -R increases k by factor of 2 (relative to 1,3-pentadiene). |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)C(-R)=CH(-R)               | 34       | Based on 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene (Atkinson and Arey, 2003). |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)2                          | 68       | Addition of -R increases k by factor of 2 (relative to 2,4-hexadiene). |
| CH(-R)=C(-R)C(-R)=CHCH = C(-R)2        | 136      | Addition of -R increases k by factor of 2 (relative to CH(-R)=CH(-R)=CH(-R)). |

Note: Units of $k$ is cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$.

Table 2. Substituent factors used for addition of O3 to alkenes and conjugated dienes and trienes.

| Substituent group | Factor$^a$ | Comment                              |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| -X (X = Cl, Br)   | 0.01       | Based on a comparison of 2-chloropropene with 2-methylpropene.$^b$ |
| -CH3X, -CHX3, -CH(X)-, -C(X)< (X = Cl, Br) | 0.24 | Based on a comparison of 3-chlorobut-1-ene with 3-methylbut-1-ene.$^c$ |
| -CHO              | 0.11       | Based on a comparison of methacrolein with 2-methylpropene.$^d$ |
| -C(O=)            | 0.54       | Based on a comparison of methyl vinyl ketone with 3-methylbut-1-ene.$^e$ |
| -CH2OH, -CH(OH)<   | 1          | Based on a comparison of 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol with 3-methylbut-1-ene.$^f$ |

$^a$The substituent factor relates to substitution of an alkyl group by the given group.

$^b$Reference alkene data taken from Calvert et al. (2000). Data for chloropropene taken from Leather et al. (2011). It should also be noted that data for cis-1,2-dichloroethene, trans-1,2-dichloroethene, trichloroethene and tetrachloroethene (Leather et al., 2011) are consistent with respective factors of 0.006, 0.02, 0.01 and 0.006 for each Cl group added (average = 0.01).

$^c$Reference alkene data and data for methacrolein taken from Atkinson and Arey (2003).

$^d$Reference alkene data and data for vinyl/vinyl ketone taken from Atkinson and Arey (2003).

$^e$Approximate data for 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (Fantechi et al., 1998) are consistent with little influence from the hydroxyl group.

primary and secondary groups and group interactions. First, this is used to calculate a normal boiling point, $T_b$, for the compound of interest:

$$T_b = \sum \frac{N_i C_i}{n^a + b^a} + c$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where $N_i$ is the number of groups of type $i$, $C_i$ the group contribution of group $i$, $a$, $b$, $c$ are adjustable parameters from a linear regression of the equation to experimental boiling points, and $n$ is the total number of atoms in the molecule (except hydrogen). The boiling point estimate is discussed in further detail in Nannoolal et al. (2004). Secondly, using the boiling point as an input, the vapour pressure is calculated by extrapolating this down to the temperature of interest. The vapour pressure is given by:

$$\log_{10} P_0 = (4.102 + dB) \left( \frac{T - T_b}{T - 0.125T_b} \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where $dB$ adjusts the slope of the vapour pressure curve and is calculated by a group contribution method:

$$dB = (\sum N_i C_i + GI) - 0.176055$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

where the first term in the brackets is the sum of the primary and secondary group contributions, and the second term is
Table 3. Summary of compounds assessed and their estimated rate coefficients and lifetimes based on an OH radical concentration of $1 \times 10^6$ molecule cm$^{-3}$ and an ozone concentration of 30 ppbv ($\sim 7.5 \times 10^{11}$ molecule cm$^{-3}$ at the Earth’s surface).

| Compound | Name | SMILES | Molecular formula | $10^{11} k_{\text{OH}}$ (cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$) | $10^{20} k_{\text{O}_3}$ (cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$) | $k_{\text{O}_3}/k_{\text{OH}}$ | Gas-phase Lifetime (Hours) | Vapour Pressure (Pa) |
|----------|------|---------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1        | 5,6-Dichloro-2-chloromethylene-6-methyl-octa-3,7-dienal | C = CC(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C = C/C (C = O)=C/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{11}$Cl$_3$O | 4.75 | 258 | 5.43 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 5.6 | 0.111 |
| 2        | 1,5,6-Trichloro-2-dichloromethyl-6-methyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | C = CC(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C = C/C (Cl)(Cl)/C = C | C$_{10}$H$_{11}$Cl$_5$ | 5.09 | 279 | 5.48 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 5.3 | 0.083 |
| 3        | 5,6-Dichloro-2-dichloromethyl-6-methyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | C = CC(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C = C/C (Cl)(Cl)/C = C | C$_{10}$H$_{12}$Cl$_4$ | 12.9 | 701 | 5.45 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 2.1 | 0.346 |
| 4        | 1-Bromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | C = CC(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C = C/C (Cl)(Cl)/C = C | C$_{10}$H$_{13}$BrCl$_2$ | 5.80 | 403 | 6.95 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 4.6 | 0.937 |
| 5        | 3,5-Dibromo-8,8-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,6-diene | C = CC(C)(Br)(Br)/C(C)/Cl/ClCH/Cl/ClCH | C$_{10}$H$_{14}$Br$_2$Cl$_2$ | 9.09 | 2570 | 2.83 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 2.5 | 7.13 |
| 6        | 4,6-Dibromo-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,7-dienal | C = CC(C)(Br)(Br)/C(C)/O | C$_{10}$H$_{14}$Br$_2$O | 7.97 | 1320 | 2.23 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 5.1 | 0.397 |
| 7        | 1,4,8-Tribromo-3,7-dimethyl-octa-1,5-diene | BrC(C(Cl)(C)/C = C/Br)/C = C/Cl/C(Cl)/C | C$_{10}$H$_{15}$Br$_3$Cl$_2$ | 4.69 | 1050 | 2.23 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 5.1 | 0.140 |
| 8        | 1,7,8-Trichloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,4-dienal | C(C)(Cl)(Cl)/(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{15}$Cl$_3$O | 6.66 | 1800 | 2.70 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 3.5 | 0.089 |
| 9        | 1,8-Dibromo-3,4,7-trichloro-3-methyl-octa-1,5-diene | C(C)/C = C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{15}$Br$_2$Cl$_4$ | 4.70 | 1050 | 2.23 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 5.1 | 0.140 |
| 10       | 1,4,8-Tribromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | C(C)/C = C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{15}$Br$_3$Cl$_2$ | 2.97 | 40.5 | 1.36 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 9.3 | 0.168 |
| 11       | 1,6-Dibromo-2,7-dichloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-3-ene | C(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$Br$_2$Cl$_2$ | 6.80 | 9600 | 1.41 $\times$ 10$^{-6}$ | 2.0 | 2.72 |
| 12       | 4,8-Dichloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,4,6-trienal | C(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$Cl$_3$O | 3.09 | 4.25 | 1.38 $\times$ 10$^{-9}$ | 9.0 | 0.022 |
| 13       | 4-Bromo-8-chloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienal | BrC(C(Cl)(C)/C = C/Cl)/C = C/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$BrClO | 10.6 | 10700 | 1.00 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 1.5 | 2.37 |
| 14       | 8-Bromo-6,7-dichloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,4-dienal | BrC(C(Cl)(C)/C = C/Cl)/C = C/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$BrClO | 6.65 | 1800 | 2.70 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 3.5 | 0.371 |
| 15       | 1,8,8-Trichloro-3,7-trichloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-1,5-diene | C(C)(Cl)(Cl)/C = C/Br/C = C/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$Br$_2$Cl$_3$ | 4.69 | 1050 | 2.24 $\times$ 10$^{-7}$ | 5.1 | 0.146 |
| 16       | 1,4,6-Tribromo-1-chloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-1-en-3-ol | C(C)/C = C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$BrClO | 2.68 | 155 | 5.79 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 9.9 | 1.99 |
| 17       | 1,8-Dibromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,3,6-triene | C(C)/C = C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$BrClO | 4.99 | 200 | 4.02 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 5.4 | 1.83 |
| 18       | 8-Bromo-1,5,6-trichloro-2-chloromethyl-6-methyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | C(C)/C = C(C)/Cl/Cl/Cl/Cl | C$_{10}$H$_{16}$BrClO | 4.11 | 76.4 | 1.86 $\times$ 10$^{-8}$ | 6.7 | 0.425 |

The MCM methodology considers OH-initiated chemistry for all relevant VOCs. O$_3$-initiated chemistry is also treated when $k_{\text{O}_3}/k_{\text{OH}} > 10^{-8}$, and $k_{\text{O}_3} > 1.0 \times 10^{-19}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$ (Jenkin et al., 1997). Neither of these criteria is fulfilled for Compound N, based on the estimation methods applied here.
Method for gas-aerosol partitioning of the oxidation products

The representation of SOA formation is based on partitioning between the vapour and condensed phases of the species formed from the considered halogenated monoterpenes over the 1st generations of oxidation. The adsorption coefficient value, \( 6.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \), estimated for collision of the gas molecules with a monodispersed aerosol of 50 nm diameter, is multiplied with condensed organic material concentrations to calculate adsorption rate coefficient of gas molecules. The desorption rate coefficient of aerosol is calculated using the adsorption rate and partitioning coefficients which is calculated using Pankow’s expression (Pankow, 1994) and subcooled vapour pressures of the gas molecules. The equilibrium partitioning coefficient is defined as

\[
K_p = \frac{7.501 \times 10^{-3}RT}{\text{MW}p_f^v} \tag{5}
\]

where \( \gamma \) is the activity coefficient, \( p_f^v \) is the saturated vapour pressure, MW is the molecular weight of the species, \( R \) is the molar gas constant and \( T \) is the temperature.

Assuming \( \gamma = 1 \) as shown in Jenkin (2004) and using the calculated vapour pressure of the 1st generation stable oxidation products as discussed in section 2.3, we calculated \( K_p \) which will determine the extent of gas-aerosol partitioning of these stable species as shown in Odum et al. (1996).

\[
\frac{C_a}{C_g} = K_pC_o \tag{6}
\]

where \( C_a \), \( C_g \) and \( C_o \) are the concentrations of the aerosol phase oxidation product, gas phase oxidation product and the total concentration of condensed organic materials (in \( \mu g m^{-3} \)), respectively.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Summary of Kinetic results

The estimated gas-phase rate coefficients for the reactions of the selected halogenated terpenes with OH radical and ozone (O\(_3\)) is summarised in Table 3, together with the estimated vapour pressure and atmospheric lifetime. The rate coefficients of Cl atoms with terpenes are about one order of magnitude larger than for OH (Timerghazin and Ariva, 2001), but the Cl atom concentration originating from heterogeneous reaction cycles involving sea-salt is believed to generate concentrations \(~1\%\) of that of OH in the marine boundary layer. Thus, the contribution of Cl atoms in the oxidation process of halogenated terpenes is assumed to be minor compared with that for OH. However, a few indirect experiments suggest that Cl atom concentrations could be higher in marine locations and so Cl atom removal may be significant in certain locations (e.g. Spicer et al., 1998). Some of the halogenated terpenes in Table 3 (1,6,8,12,13,14) contain an aldehydic group which can undergo photolysis in the presence of solar radiation, but previous studies (O’Connor et al., 2006; Jiménez, et al., 2007; Mellouki et al., 2015) showed

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**Table 4.** The table shows the contributions of OH- and O\(_3\)-initiated oxidation, assuming [O\(_3\)]/[OH] = 7.5 \times 10^5.

| Compound Name | \( f_{OH} \) | \( f_{O3} \) | Note |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1 5,6-Dichloro-2-chloromethylene-6-methyl-octa-3,7-dienal | 94.8% | 5.2% | a,b |
| 2 1,5,6-Trichloro-2-dichloromethyl-6-methyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | 94.8% | 5.2% | A |
| 3 5,6-Dichloro-2-dichloromethyl-6-methyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | 94.8% | 5.2% | A |
| 4 1-Bromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | 93.5% | 6.5% | A |
| 5 3,5-Dibromo-8,8-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,6-diene | 78.0% | 22.0% | A |
| 6 4,6-Dibromo-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,7-dienal | 85.8% | 14.2% | a,b |
| 7 1,4,8-Tribromo-3,7-dimethyl-octa-1,5-diene | 81.7% | 18.3% | a |
| 8 6,7,8-Trichloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,4-dienal | 78.8% | 21.2% | a,b |
| 9 1,8-Dibromo-3,7-dichloromethyl-3-methyl-octa-1,5-diene | 81.8% | 18.2% | a |
| 10 1,4,8-Tribromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | 98.7% | 1.3% | a |
| 11 1,6-Dibromo-2,7-dichloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-3-ene | 41.5% | 58.5% | a |
| 12 4,8-Dibromo-3,7-dimethyl-oct-2,4,6-trienal | 99.9% | 0.1% | a,b |
| 13 4-Bromo-8-chloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienal | 50.0% | 50.0% | a,b |
| 14 8-Bromo-6,7-dichloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-2,4-dienal | 78.7% | 21.3% | a,b |
| 15 1,8,8-Tribromo-3,4,7-trichloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-1,5-diene | 81.7% | 18.3% | a |
| 16 1,4,6-Tribromo-7-chloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-1-en-3-ol | 94.5% | 5.5% | a |
| 17 1,8-Dibromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-octa-1,3,7-triene | 98.1% | 3.9% | a |
| 18 1,8-Dibromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-oct-3-ene | 41.5% | 58.5% | a,b |
| 19 1,1,8-Tribromo-5,6-dichloro-2,6-dimethyl-oct-3-ene | 98.7% | 1.3% | a |

*a Contributions assume removal is only by reaction with OH radical and O\(_3\), with [O\(_3\)]/[OH] = 7.5 \times 10^5. In all cases additional removal may occur by photolysis, via C-X bond cleavage, although this is likely to be very slow in comparison.

*b Removal may also occur by photolysis at the carbonyl group, although this is likely to be slow in comparison.
that photolysis loss for unsaturated aldehydes (even for conjugated aldehydes) is minor compared with the loss process by OH radical. Thus, the reaction of halogenated monoterpenes with Cl and the photolysis loss has not been considered in our kinetic analysis. Rate coefficients for reaction with OH radical vary between \( \sim 2 \times 10^{-11} \text{cm}^3 \text{molecule}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} \) (around 1 in 5 successful collisions) to \( \sim 1 \times 10^{-11} \text{cm}^3 \text{molecule}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} \) (around 1 in 10 successful collisions). Most compounds (90%) in the selected cohort of 19 halogenated marine monoterpenes presented here have predicted atmospheric lifetimes > 2 and < 10 h (Table 3). The vapour pressures of the compounds are found to be in the range of 0.08–15.6 Pa. The fractional contribution from reaction with OH radical and O\(_3\) (Table 4) suggests that O\(_3\)-initiated oxidation can be considered a minor atmospheric oxidation process for this majority of halogenated marine monoterpenes and therefore be omitted as a simplification in atmospheric models. The short lifetimes of the compounds suggest that they can affect local and regional atmospheric composition depending on their emission rates and the products formed, the extent of which will have a dependence on meteorology (e.g. wind speed and wind direction). Although OH radical dominates loss of the halogenated monoterpenes, compound 11(1,6-dibromo-2,7-dichloro-3,7-dimethyl-oct-3-ene) and compound 13(4-bromo-8-chloro-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienal) behave differently, where their losses via reaction with O\(_3\) are around 60 and 50%, respectively.

**Possible influence of halogenated, marine monoterpenes on aerosol production**

The understanding of marine monoterpane emissions and the characterisation of their degradation products are important to constrain global predictions of cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) sources, properties and abundances in the marine environment. Myriokefalitakis et al. (2010) showed that the annual global marine SOA from monoterpane oxidation is minor compared with that from the oxidation of DMS and marine amines. However, Kim et al. (2017) found a mean monoterpane sea-to-air emission fluxes of 2.6 \( \times 10^7 \) molecules cm\(^{-2} \) s\(^{-1} \), translated to \( \sim \)5 ppt monoterpenes which could be responsible for the nucleation rates of particles 1.7 nm in diameter (\( J_{1,7} \)) of \(< 10^{-3} \) cm\(^{-3} \) s\(^{-1} \). Hu et al. (2013) also showed that the monoterpane-derived SOA concentrations were as large as 11 ng m\(^{-3} \) during phytoplankton blooms. We investigated the possible influence of halogenated marine monoterpenes on aerosol formation to determine their importance in marine atmospheric chemistry.

**Table 5. Isolated yields of halogenated monoterpenes per dry mass of alga.**

| Compound | Sample collection site | Initial dry mass of alga (g) extracted | Mass of isolated monoterpene (g) | % isolated yield based on dry mass of alga | References |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1        | Kalk bay, Western Cape of South Africa | 26.02                                  | 0.065                           | 0.25%                                     | Afolayan et al. (2009) |
| 2        | Noordhoek beach, Port Elizabeth South Africa | 16.93                                  | 1.14                            | 6.73%                                     | Afolayan et al. (2009) |
| 3        | Kalk bay, Western Cape of South Africa | 26.02                                  | 0.186                           | 0.71%                                     | Afolayan et al. (2009) |
| 4        | Kalk bay, Western Cape of South Africa | 26.02                                  | 0.004                           | 0.02%                                     | Afolayan et al. (2009) |
| 5        | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.01                            | 0.03%                                     | Mann et al. (2007) |
| 6        | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.061                           | 0.19%                                     | Mann et al. (2007) |
| 7        | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.009                           | 0.03%                                     | Mann et al. (2007) |
| 8        | Kalk bay, Western Cape of South Africa | 14.3                                   | 0.0011                          | 0.008%                                    | Knott et al. (2005) |
| 9        | Sesimba, west coast of Portugal | 12.00                                  | 0.028                           | 0.23%                                     | Abreu and Galindo (1996) |
| 10       | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.002                           | 0.007%                                    | Mann et al. (2007) |
| 11       | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.001                           | 0.003%                                    | Mann et al. (2007) |
| 12       | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.002                           | 0.007%                                    | Mann et al. (2007) |
| 13       | South east coast of South Africa | 31.5                                   | 0.0104                          | 0.055%                                    | Mynderse and Faulkner (1975) |
| 14       | South east coast of South Africa | 18.8                                   | 0.0254                          | 0.135%                                    | Mynderse and Faulkner (1975) |
| 15       | South east coast of South Africa | 18.8                                   | 0.0261                          | 0.139%                                    | Mynderse and Faulkner (1975) |

Note: No data available for compounds (8), (9), (10), (15) and (16).
In order to estimate the impact of the atmospheric oxygenation products of halogenated monoterpenes on aerosol production in the intertidal zone during, for example, low tide, a number of factors need to be considered.

First, an estimate of the biomass of monoterpene producing species of alga occurring in the intertidal zone. In an extensive comparative and quantitative study of the trophic structure of rocky intertidal communities of the Cape Peninsular, South Africa, McQuaid and Branch (1985) postulated a mean weighted biomass of primary producers (macroalgae) with a dried mass range of 197–710 gm⁻² on exposed beaches around the Cape Peninsular and a diversity of 9–31 species of macroalgae in each m² quadrat. *P. cornutum*, the source of 1–4, was collected from the exposed beaches near Kalk Bay on the Cape Peninsular (Afolayan et al., 2009) in a study area, for which McQuaid and Branch had earlier established an average macroalgal biomass of 304 gm⁻² and recorded 31 different macroalgal species. The contribution of *P. cornutum* to the macroalgal diversity in this study area was not quantified by McQuaid and Branch (1985).

Scheme 1. Predicted major peroxy radicals, and terminating and propagating channel products from the reaction of atmospheric OH radical with the Δ⁸ and Δ⁷ olefins in 3. Both cohorts of channel products are proposed from reaction of RO₂, with NO, NO₂, HO₂ and RO₂ radicals.
Second, estimating the amount of monoterpene present in a marine alga. The volatility of marine monoterpenes hampers an accurate measurement of the yield of these compounds per dry mass of their algal source (macroalgae can contain as much as 85% seawater, John Bolton, Personal Communication) as significant amounts of these compounds can be lost during the drying and isolation process. Therefore, isolated yields of marine algal monoterpenes following the contemporary lyophilisation, extraction and chromatography protocols reported in the marine natural products literature, is considered an underestimate of the in vivo concentrations of these compounds.

The isolated yields of compounds 1–19 per dry mass of alga (Table 5) showed a range of yields (0.01–6.73%) of monoterpenes is produced from the sample collected from different marine environments. Interestingly, the specimens of P. cornutum collected at Noordhoek, Port Elizabeth (750 kms due east of Kalk Bay), afforded predominantly 2 in a significantly higher yield of 6.7% per dry mass of macroalgae (1.14 g of compound 2 from 16.93 g dry mass) than that collected from Kalk Bay on the west coast of South Africa (yield of 0.71% from 26.02 g dry mass) due to the geographical variation of halogenated metabolites (Afolayan et al., 2009).

Possible atmospheric oxidation products of compounds 3, 11 and 13

Of the 19 acyclic, halogenated, macroalgal monoterpenes presented in Figure 1, we have focussed our attention on three short-lived compounds (3, 11 and 13). We postulate that these compounds can influence aerosol production on either a localised or even a macro scale when the three algal species that produce these compounds are exposed during low tide.

In order to understand the atmospheric implications of three halogenated monoterpenes, one must consider the chemistry and the impacts associated with their degradation products. Major mechanistic features of the OH- and O3-initiated chemistry of compounds 3, 11 and 13 with the shortest predicted atmospheric lifetimes of 2.1, 2 and 1.5 h, respectively, are summarised schematically in the section that follows. In all cases, the OH initiated chemistry is generally dominated by addition to one or more alkene, diene or triene groups, although a significant H abstraction route also contributes for those species possessing a -CHO group (compound 13). For each parent compound (or group of parent compounds), the structures of likely first-generation oxidation products are illustrated, following classic atmospheric chemistry reaction sequences after the initiation reactions. For simplicity, in the current assessment, the formation of only one peroxy radical (RO2) is presented following OH addition to alkene or conjugated diene or triene structures. In each case, the presented RO2 is judged to be the major contributor to the isomeric set of RO2 radicals that can potentially be formed (consisting of 2, 6 and 12 isomers in the cases un-symmetric alkenes, conjugated dienes and conjugated trienes, respectively).

For compound 3, OH radical oxidation almost exclusively dominates with a postulated gas phase lifetime of 2.1 h. The predicted product analysis from the OH radical oxidation of this compound suggests the formation of all first-generation
terminating products, e.g. organic hydroperoxides, alcohols, carbonyl compounds, organic nitrates which retain all four chlorine atoms (Scheme 1). Similar types of products are formed from the OH initiated oxidation of compounds 11 and 13 with predicted atmospheric lifetimes of ≤2 h which contain all chlorine/bromine atoms (Schemes 3 and 5). However, the rapid unimolecular RO$_2$ H-shift (autooxidation) through 6-member ring transition states can form very low volatility highly oxidised multifunctional (HOM) products shown in Schemes 1, 3 and 5. Conversely, O$_3$ initiated...
oxidation can play a significant role in the oxidation of compounds 11 and 13. Both carbonyl and acid products are postulated to form from bimolecular reactions of the stabilised Criegee intermediate (SCI) formed from the ozonolysis of compounds 11 and 13. In addition, the peroxy radical is hypothesised to form via the hydroperoxide Criegee decomposition mechanism which is available for one Criegee intermediate. The predicted products from O3 initiated oxidation of 11 and 13 are presented in Schemes 2 and 4.

The NOx level is low (typically less than <10 ppt) in the marine boundary layer, thus peroxy-peroxy radical self- or/and cross-reactions will dominate leading to the formation of either carbonyl and alcohol or organic hydroperoxide (ROOH). The peroxy radical self-reactions act to slow the production of ozone (Lightfoot et al., 1992), thus impacting the oxidation cycle in the marine environment. Depending on the volatility, organic hydroperoxides, alcohols and carbonyl compounds can be partitioned with the particle phase to form SOA (Paulot et al., 2009; Utembe et al., 2011) which can play an important role by affecting the number and composition of CCN in the marine boundary layer.

Using the fraction yields of monoterpenes from dry algae (Table 5), OH radical oxidation mechanisms of monoterpenes (Schemes 1, 3 and 5), their first generation OH-oxidation products yields (Table 4 and Schemes 1, 3 and 5), the OH radical oxidation rate coefficients (Table 3), steady-state concentrations of OH, HO2 and RO2 radicals taken from STOCHEM model run (Khan et al., 2021) and the rate coefficients for their respective reactions taken from MCM (http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk), we calculated the amount of 1st generation oxidation products of monoterpenes 3, 11 and 13 produced up to 3 h after release from 1 g dry algae (Table 6). The analysis shows that 1 g dry algae can produce up to $2 \times 10^{20}$ molecules organic hydroperoxides formed from compound (11). We found 1.6352 g wet mass of P. cornutum with a surface area of $\sim 0.0057$ m$^2$ which was used to calculate the wet mass of 688 kg per 2400 m$^2$ in Kalk Bay. Using this, Kalk Bay can produce $1.2 \times 10^{26}$ molecules organic hydroperoxides formed from compound (3). We also calculated the equilibrium partition coefficients, $K_p$, from the vapour pressure of these oxidation products which determine the percentage of gas and aerosol phases of the compounds in the partitioning if the total mass of the condensed organic materials is 1.0 $\mu$g/m$^3$ (see Table 6). The data suggests that the OH-initiated 1st generation oxidation leads to produce low volatility, highly oxygenated products (e.g. organic hydroperoxides, alcohols, carbonyl compounds) which can condense thereby enhancing SOA formation. With the inherent heterogeneity of ocean fluxes, the halogenated monoterpenes emissions are high enough along with their high reactivity and SOA yield to contribute an important source of submicron marine SOA (Shaw et al., 2010; Kim et al., 2017; Yu and Li, 2021). A back-of-envelope calculation shows that to generate an increase in SOA concentration of 1 $\mu$g/m$^3$ from the 1st generation OH-initiated oxidation product, organic hydroperoxides, the halogenated monoterpene (3), (11) and (13) concentrations need to be at least 14, 191 and 4100 ppt, respectively. Whilst thousands of ppt may be unlikely, 10–100s of ppt can be possible.
The ozonolysis reactions of the halogenated monoterpenes degrade the compounds into smaller molecules, e.g. carbonyl compounds and peroxy radicals (see Schemes 2 and 4). These peroxy radicals can also form stable organic hydroperoxides, alcohols and carbonyl compounds, but their vapour pressures are not low enough for being a contributor of SOA. However, organic hydroperoxides are a temporary reservoir of HOx, thus allowing the air to travel away from the marine boundary layer, thus contributing HOx upon photolysis or undergoes a reaction with OH radical. Further oxidation of the products (e.g. photolysis of carbonyl compounds containing Br or Cl atom) can release Cl and Br radicals into the atmosphere. We showed a simplified example of the photolysis of halogenated carbonyl compound produced from the ozone-initiated oxidation of halogenated monoterpenes, where halogen can be freed by the following reaction sequence (Equations 7 to 10):

![Scheme 5. Predicted major peroxy radicals (RO₂), and terminating and propagating channel products from the reaction of atmospheric OH radical with the Δ⁸, Δ⁶ and Δ⁸ olefins in 13. Both cohorts of channel products are proposed from reaction of RO₂, with NO, O₂, O₂ and RO₂ radicals.](image-url)
Table 6. The vapour pressure of the 1st generation OH-initiated oxidation products produced from monoterpenes 3, 11 and 13 and the percentage of gas and particle phase contribution in the formation of the SOA.

| 1st generation oxidation product | Product formed (in molecules) per 1 g dry algae | Vapour pressure (atm) of the product | Partitioning of the products |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 |                                               |                                    | % gas | % particle |
| 1.59 × 10^{18}                 | 2.40 × 10^{-9}                                | 92.7                              | 7.3 |
| 6.78 × 10^{17}                 | 1.25 × 10^{-10}                               | 40.0                              | 60.0 |
| 1.36 × 10^{19}                 | 7.24 × 10^{-12}                               | 3.7                               | 96.3 |
| 2.71 × 10^{19}                 | 6.72 × 10^{-8}                                | 99.7                              | 0.3 |
| 1.99 × 10^{19}                 | 3.41 × 10^{-10}                               | 64.5                              | 35.5 |
| 1.15 × 10^{19}                 | 5.35 × 10^{-9}                                | 96.6                              | 3.4 |

(Continued)
Both halogens can participate in cycles that destroy tropospheric level ozone in the marine boundary layer (Simpson et al., 2015). In addition, Cl radical can also react with CH₄, another potent greenhouse gas in the atmosphere, reducing the lifetime of this gas. Therefore, when acyclic halogenated marine monoterpenes enter the atmosphere a cursory analysis suggests that they will be potential climate coolers on local and regional scales.

Table 6. Continued.

| 1st generation oxidation product | Product formed (in molecules) per 1 g dry algae | Vapour pressure (atm) of the product | Partitioning of the products |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ![Image](image1.png) | $3.65 \times 10^{18}$ | $1.38 \times 10^{-10}$ | 42.3 | 57.7 |
| ![Image](image2.png) | $1.82 \times 10^{17}$ | $4.07 \times 10^{-9}$ | 95.6 | 4.4 |
| ![Image](image3.png) | $1.24 \times 10^{18}$ | $1.95 \times 10^{-10}$ | 51.0 | 49.0 |
| ![Image](image4.png) | $6.19 \times 10^{16}$ | $5.72 \times 10^{-9}$ | 96.8 | 3.2 |
| ![Image](image5.png) | $9.31 \times 10^{17}$ | $1.10 \times 10^{-7}$ | 99.8 | 0.2 |
| ![Image](image6.png) | $4.65 \times 10^{16}$ | $3.92 \times 10^{-7}$ | 99.9 | 0.1 |

Note: The product amount was calculated based on a time lag of 3 h after releasing the halogenated monoterpenes from 1 g dry mass of algae. The calculation of the partition between gas and particle phase is based on the total mass of organic materials in the condensed phase of 1.0 μg/m³. The products formed from RO₂ H-shift have not been included in the calculation.
CONCLUSION
A suite of acyclic halogenated monoterpenes produced from marine macroalgae is investigated in terms of their atmospheric lifetimes (due to reactions with OH and ozone), and the atmospheric impacts of the stable products formed from their 1st generation oxidation. The lifetimes of the selected monoterpenes are found to be in the range of 1.5–10 h, thus they have an environmental impact on the marine boundary layer through the formation of stable products such as organic hydroperoxides, alcohols, carbonyl compounds and organic acids. OH-initiated oxidation compounds (3), (11) and (13) can produce organic hydroperoxides up to \(7.35 \times 10^{10}\), \(1.99 \times 10^{20}\) and \(3.65 \times 10^{18}\) molecules from 1 g dry algae which can partition with the aerosol phase due to their low vapour pressures resulting in the contribution of SOA formation. The oxidation of compounds (11) and (13) by ozone is significantly high, contributing up to 60 and 50%, respectively to the total loss process, the oxidation products produced from these channels can release chlorine and bromine radicals by photolysis and further oxidations. The measurements of the emission flux of these halogenated monoterpenes from marine red macroalgae, kinetics and products for the oxidation reactions of these monoterpenes by OH radicals and ozone will refine our estimation and constrain the role of oxidation products of halogenated monoterpenes in SOA formation and tropospheric ozone depletion.

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