



## Supplement of

## Occurrence of structural aluminium (Al) in marine diatom biological silica: visible evidence from microscopic analysis

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Table S1. Artificial seawater components and concentrations

Components	Concentration (g/L)
NaCl	20.758
$Na_2SO_4$	3.477
KCl	0.587
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	0.170
KBr	0.0845
$H_3BO_3$	0.0225
NaF	0.0027
$MgCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	9.395
$CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	1.316
SrCl <sub>2</sub> · 6H <sub>2</sub> O	0.0214

Table S2. F/2 Medium components and their concentrations in the artificial seawater

Components	Molar concentration in final medium
NaNO <sub>3</sub>	$8.82 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$
$NaH_2PO_4\cdot H_2O$	$3.62 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}$
$Na_2SiO_3 \cdot 9H_2O$	$1.06 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}$
FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.17 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$
Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA·2H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.17 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}$
CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	$3.93 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$
$Na_2MoO_4\cdot 2H_2O$	$2.60 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$
ZnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	$7.65 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$
CoCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	$4.20 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$
$MnCl_2·4H_2O$	$9.10 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{M}$
Thiamine HCl (Vit B1)	$2.96 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{M}$
Biotin (Vit H)	$2.05 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$
Cyanocobalamin (Vit B <sub>12</sub> )	$3.69 \times 10^{-10} \mathrm{M}$

## Fig. S1



Fig. S1 Schematic representation of FIB-milling processes on the BSi particle

## Fig. S2

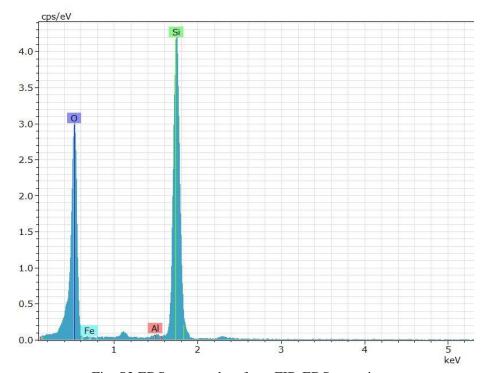


Fig. S2 EDS spectra data from FIB-EDS-mapping

Fig. S3



Fig. S3. Schematic representation of the selection of EDS spots (red spots are the positions of EDS)