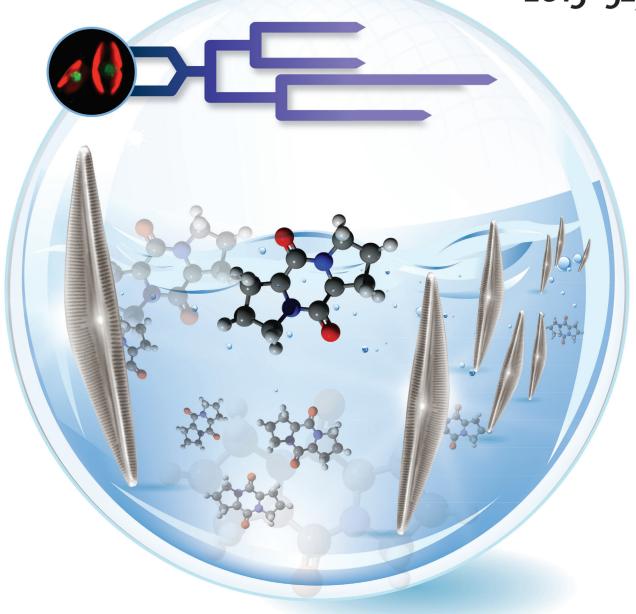
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## Asexual division ...

... of the diatom Seminavis robusta (see picture) results in size reduction owing to the restriction of the biomineralized cell wall. Below a critical size, diatoms must find a suitable partner for mating and sexual reproduction. In their Communication on page 854 ff., G. Pohnert et al. describe metabolomic studies in which L-diproline was identified as the first diatom pheromone.



