

**Figure S5**: <sup>15</sup>N-enriched prokaryote-like vesicles in *O. universa* endoplasm. <sup>15</sup>N-enriched vesicles (potential prokaryotes in degradation vacuoles) in *O. universa* cytoplasm at t = 18h during Experiment 2 (incubation with  $^{15}NO_3^{-1}$ ). TEM micrographs are of *O. universa* cytoplasm and corresponding NanoSIMS images of  $^{12}C/^{13}C$  and  $^{15}N/^{14}N$  distributions (expressed as  $\delta^{13}C$  and  $\delta^{15}N$  in ‰). Arrowheads: highly  $^{15}N$ -labeled vesicles, d: dinoflagellate. Scale bars: 2 μm.