

Genus *Caldarchaeum*

Etymology

[Cald.ar.chae'um] **L. masc. adj.** *caldus*, warm; **N.L. neut. n.** *archaeum*, archaeon; **N.L. neut. n.** *Caldarchaeum*, a warm archaeon

Nomenclatural type

Species *Caldarchaeum subterraneum*^{Ts}

Description

Nunoura et al., 2011: Here, we show the genome sequence of *Candidatus* 'Caldiarchaeum subterraneum' that represents an uncultivated crenarchaeotic group. A composite genome was reconstructed from a metagenomic library previously prepared from a microbial mat at a geothermal water stream of a sub surface gold mine. The genome was found to be clearly distinct from those of the known phyla/divisions, *Crenarchaeota* (hyperthermophiles), *Euryarchaeota*, *Thaumarchaeota* and *Korarchaeota*. The unique traits suggest that this crenarchaeotic group can be considered as a novel archaeal phylum/division. Moreover, *C. subterraneum* harbors an ubiquitin-like protein modifier system consisting of Ub, E1, E2 and small Zn RING finger family protein with structural motifs specific to eukaryotic system proteins, a system clearly distinct from the prokaryote-type system recently identified in *Haloferax* and *Mycobacterium*. The presence of such a eukaryote-type system is unprecedented in prokaryotes, and indicates that a prototype of the eukaryotic protein modifier system is present in the *Archaea*.

Classification

Archaea » *Thermoproteota* » "Caldarchaeia" » "Caldarchaeales" » "Caldarchaeaceae" » *Caldarchaeum*

References

Effective publication: Nunoura et al., 2011 [1]
Corrigendum: Oren, 2017 [2] (from "Caldiarchaeum")

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