

Phylum *Patescibacteriota*

Etymology

[Pa.tes.ci.bac.te.ri.o'ta] **N.L.** *Patescibacterium*, type genus of the phylum; *-ota*, ending to denote a phylum; **N.L. neut. pl. n.** *Patescibacteriota*, the Patescibacterium phylum

Nomenclatural type

Genus *Patescibacterium*

Description

The phylum represents a monophyletic lineage based on the concatenated phylogeny of 120 protein markers and contains the class *Patescibacteriia*. This phylum is characterized by members with a low genomic GC content ($33.6 \pm 6.7\%$), reduced genome sizes (919.3 kbp $\pm$ 256 kbp) and limited metabolic capabilities, that are likely to rely on symbiotic partners for survival. The type genus is *Patescibacterium*.

Classification

Bacteria » *Patescibacteriota*

References

Effective publication: Dutkiewicz et al., 2025 [1]
Original (not valid) publication: Rinke et al., 2013 [2]
Assigned taxonomically: Dutkiewicz et al., 2025 [1]

Registry URL

<https://seqco.de/i:48240>

References

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