

# Supplementary Table 3A: Concentration of archaeal and bacterial lipid biomarkers, ratio of core vs intact polar lipids and average chain length of bacterial dietherglycerol lipids.

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## Project

» [Collaborative Research: Delineating The Microbial Diversity and Cross-domain Interactions in The Uncharted Subseafloor Lower Crust Using Meta-omics and Culturing Approaches](#) (Subseafloor Lower Crust Microbiology)

## Program

» [International Ocean Discovery Program](#) (IODP)

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## Abstract

Overview of archaeal and bacterial lipid biomarkers and cell counts. Concentration of archaeal and bacterial lipid biomarkers, ratio of core vs intact polar lipids and average chain length of bacterial dietherglycerol lipids. Samples taken on board of the R/V JOIDES Resolution between November 30, 2015 and January 30, 2016

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** Lat:-32.70567 Lon:57.278183

**Temporal Extent:** 2015-11-30 - 2016-01-30

## Dataset Description

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## Methods & Sampling

Crushed core samples stored in falcon tubes at -80 °C were first milled for 10 min to a fine powder and

subsequently extracted with a modified Bligh and Dyer method after Sturt et al. (2004). Prior to milling and extraction of each sample a procedure blank was performed. First a milling blank was performed using combusted sea sand (fired at 450 °C for 5 hrs) to clean the mill and to limit cross-contamination of samples. Subsequently, this sea sand was then transferred to geo-cleaned (rinsed three times with a mixture of methanol, MeOH and dichloromethane, DCM) Teflon® containers used for extraction of the samples and solvent-extracted in the same manner as the samples. For this, 100 ng of an internal standard (C46 GTGT) and ca. 50 mL of a solvent mixture of DCM:MeOH:buffer (2:1:0.8, v/v) was added to the sample in the Teflon® container and ultrasonicated for 10 mins using a geo-cleaned ultrasonic stick.

After ultrasonication, the samples were centrifuged (1750 rpm at 10 min) and the supernatant was transferred to a fired separatory funnel. The samples were extracted in four steps, for the first two steps a phosphate buffer (K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 50 mM at pH 7.4) was used, in the second step the phosphate buffer was replaced by 5 % trichloroacetic acid (50 g L<sup>-1</sup> at pH 2), and in the last step only DCM:MeOH (9:1, v/v) was used. Equal amounts of DCM and deionized MilliQ water were added to the extract collected in the separatory funnel, the mixture was shaken, and the organic phase was collected as the total lipid extract (TLE) and blown to dryness under a gentle stream of nitrogen.

An aliquot of the TLE was analyzed via ultra-high-pressure liquid chromatography (UHPLC) coupled to mass spectrometry (MS) on a Dionex Ultimate 3000RS UHPLC connected to an ABSciEX QTRAP4500 Triple Quadrupole/Ion Trap MS (UHPLC-Triple Quad-MS) via a Turbolon electrospray ion source (ESI). Separation of compounds was achieved on a Waters Acquity BEH C18 column (1.7 µm, 2.1x150 mm) equipped with a guard column of the same material following the protocol described in Klein et al. (2015). Compounds of interest were screened for by using multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) and selected ion monitoring (SIM) techniques after Klein et al. (2015). Concentrations of lipids were determined relative to the internal C46 GTGT standard and were corrected for individual response factors using commercially available standards (diC16-DEG, archaeol) and isolated standards from cultures (GDGT-0, 1G-AR, 2G522AR, 1G-GDGT-0, 2G-GDGT-0). The presence of crenarchaeol was confirmed by core GDGT analysis after Becker et al. (2013).

Briefly an aliquot of the TLE was analysed on Dionex Ultimate 3000RS UHPLC connected to a Bruker maXis ultra-high resolution quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometer, equipped with an APCI II source. Compounds were separated using two aquity BEH HILIC amide columns (1.7 µm, 2.1x300 mm) in tandem maintained at 50 °C, and n-hexane as eluent A and n528 hexane:isopropanol, 90:10, v:v as eluent B (REF). Drilling mud and extraction blank contamination controls were also run for lipid biomarker analyses.

## Data Processing Description

All membrane lipid analyses were performed at MARUM (Bremen, Germany) with an ultra-high-pressure liquid chromatography (UHPLC) coupled to mass spectrometry (MS) on a Dionex Ultimate 3000RS UHPLC connected to an ABSciEX QTRAP4500 Triple Quadrupole/Ion Trap MS (UHPLC-Triple Quad-MS) via a Turbolon electrospray ion source (ESI)

BCO-DMO processing notes:

- Adjusted table formatting
- Added latitude and longitude of samples
- Adjusted column header names to comply with database requirements

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## Data Files

File
<b>lipid_biomarkers_ratio.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 987 bytes) MD5:40aba5c7205d4c2d4a14dd4c5ab38e0b
Primary data file for dataset ID 811268

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Sample	Sample ID	unitless
Latitude	Latitude, south is negative	decimal degrees
Longitude	Longitude, west is negative	decimal degrees
Depth	Depth below seafloor	meters
Intact_polar_lipids_1G_2GGDGT	Intact polar lipids 1G-,2G-GDGT - mono, diglycosidic glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraether	picograms per gram (pg/g)
Intact_polar_lipids_1G_2GAR	Intact polar lipids 1G-,2G-AR - mono,diglycosidic archaeol	picograms per gram (pg/g)
Core_lipids_core_GDGT	Core lipids core GDGT - glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraether	picograms per gram (pg/g)
Core_lipids_core_archaeol	Core lipids core archaeol	picograms per gram (pg/g)
Core_lipids_bacterial_diether_glycerol_lipids	Core lipids bacterial diether glycerol lipids	picograms per gram (pg/g)
G_GDGTs_core_GDGT	G- glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers/core glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers	picograms per gram (pg/g)
GARs_core_ARs	G- archaeols core archaeols	picograms per gram (pg/g)
Archaea_IPLcore	Archaea: Intact polar lipids/core	picograms per gram (pg/g)
Bacteria_average_chain_length	Average chain length Bacteria	picograms per gram (pg/g)

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	High-Performance Liquid Chromatograph
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	All membrane lipid analyses were performed at MARUM (Bremen, Germany) with an ultra-high-pressure liquid chromatography (UHPLC) coupled to mass spectrometry (MS) on a Dionex Ultimate 3000RS UHPLC connected to an ABSciEX QTRAP4500 Triple Quadrupole/Ion Trap MS (UHPLC-Triple Quad-MS) via a Turbolon electrospray ion source (ESI)
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A High-performance liquid chromatograph (HPLC) is a type of liquid chromatography used to separate compounds that are dissolved in solution. HPLC instruments consist of a reservoir of the mobile phase, a pump, an injector, a separation column, and a detector. Compounds are separated by high pressure pumping of the sample mixture onto a column packed with microspheres coated with the stationary phase. The different components in the mixture pass through the column at different rates due to differences in their partitioning behavior between the mobile liquid phase and the stationary phase.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Mass Spectrometer
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	All membrane lipid analyses were performed at MARUM (Bremen, Germany) with an ultra-high-pressure liquid chromatography (UHPLC) coupled to mass spectrometry (MS) on a Dionex Ultimate 3000RS UHPLC connected to an ABSciEX QTRAP4500 Triple Quadrupole/Ion Trap MS (UHPLC-Triple Quad-MS) via a Turbolon electrospray ion source (ESI).
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	General term for instruments used to measure the mass-to-charge ratio of ions; generally used to find the composition of a sample by generating a mass spectrum representing the masses of sample components.

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## Deployments

### IODP-360

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/810905">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/810905</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V JOIDES Resolution
<b>Report</b>	<a href="http://publications.iodp.org/scientific_prospectus/360/index.html">http://publications.iodp.org/scientific_prospectus/360/index.html</a>
<b>Start Date</b>	2015-11-30
<b>End Date</b>	2016-01-30

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## Project Information

### **Collaborative Research: Delineating The Microbial Diversity and Cross-domain Interactions in The Uncharted Subseafloor Lower Crust Using Meta-omics and Culturing Approaches (Subseafloor Lower Crust Microbiology)**

**Coverage:** SW Indian Ridge, Indian Ocean

#### **NSF abstract:**

The lower ocean crust has remained largely unexplored and represents one of the last frontiers for biological exploration on Earth. Preliminary data indicate an active subsurface biosphere in samples of the lower oceanic crust collected from Atlantis Bank in the SW Indian Ocean as deep as 790 m below the seafloor. Even if life exists in only a fraction of the habitable volume where temperatures permit and fluid flow can deliver carbon and energy sources, an active lower oceanic crust biosphere would have implications for deep carbon budgets and yield insights into microbiota that may have existed on early Earth. This is all of great interest to other research disciplines, educators, and students alike. A K-12 education program will capitalize on groundwork laid by outreach collaborator, A. Martinez, a 7th grade teacher in Eagle Pass, TX, who sailed as outreach expert on Drilling Expedition 360. Martinez works at a Title 1 school with ~98% Hispanic and ~2% Native American students and a high number of English Language Learners and migrants. Annual school visits occur during which the project investigators present hands on-activities introducing students to microbiology, and talks on marine microbiology, the project, and how to pursue science related careers. In addition, monthly Skype meetings with students and PIs update them on project progress. Students travel to the University of Texas Marine Science Institute annually, where they get a campus tour and a 3-hour cruise on the R/V Katy, during

which they learn about and help with different oceanographic sampling approaches. The project partially supports two graduate students, a Woods Hole undergraduate summer student, the participation of multiple Texas A+M undergraduate students, and 3 principal investigators at two institutions, including one early career researcher who has not previously received NSF support of his own.

Given the dearth of knowledge of the lower oceanic crust, this project is poised to transform our understanding of life in this vast environment. The project assesses metabolic functions within all three domains of life in this crustal biosphere, with a focus on nutrient cycling and evaluation of connections to other deep marine microbial habitats. The lower ocean crust represents a potentially vast biosphere whose microbial constituents and the biogeochemical cycles they mediate are likely linked to deep ocean processes through faulting and subsurface fluid flow. Atlantis Bank represents a tectonic window that exposes lower oceanic crust directly at the seafloor. This enables seafloor drilling and research on an environment that can transform our understanding of connections between the deep subseafloor biosphere and the rest of the ocean. Preliminary analysis of recovered rocks from Expedition 360 suggests the interaction of seawater with the lower oceanic crust creates varied geochemical conditions capable of supporting diverse microbial life by providing nutrients and chemical energy. This project is the first interdisciplinary investigation of the microbiology of all 3 domains of life in basement samples that combines diversity and "meta-omics" analyses, analysis of nutrient addition experiments, high-throughput culturing and physiological analyses of isolates, including evaluation of their ability to utilize specific carbon sources, Raman spectroscopy, and lipid biomarker analyses. Comparative genomics are used to compare genes and pathways relevant to carbon cycling in these samples to data from published studies of other deep-sea environments. The collected samples present a rare and time-sensitive opportunity to gain detailed insights into microbial life, available carbon and energy sources for this life, and of dispersal of microbiota and connections in biogeochemical processes between the lower oceanic crust and the overlying aphotic water column.

### **About the study area:**

The International Ocean Discovery Program ([IODP](#)) Expedition 360 explored the lower crust at Atlantis Bank, a 12 Ma oceanic core complex on the ultraslow-spreading SW Indian Ridge. This oceanic core complex represents a tectonic window that exposes lower oceanic crust and mantle directly at the seafloor, and the expedition provided an unprecedented opportunity to access this habitat in the Indian Ocean.

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## **Program Information**

### **International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP)**

**Website:** <http://www.iodp.org/index.php>

**Coverage:** Global

The International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) is an international marine research collaboration that explores Earth's history and dynamics using ocean-going research platforms to recover data recorded in seafloor sediments and rocks and to monitor subseafloor environments. IODP depends on facilities funded by three platform providers with financial contributions from five additional partner agencies. Together, these entities represent 26 nations whose scientists are selected to staff IODP research expeditions conducted throughout the world's oceans.

IODP expeditions are developed from hypothesis-driven science proposals aligned with the program's [science plan](#) *Illuminating Earth's Past, Present, and Future*. The science plan identifies 14 challenge questions in the four areas of climate change, deep life, planetary dynamics, and geohazards.

IODP's three platform providers include:

- The U.S. National Science Foundation ([NSF](#))
- Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology ([MEXT](#))
- The European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling ([ECORD](#))

More information on IODP, including the Science Plan and Policies/Procedures, can be found on their website at <http://www.iodp.org/program-documents>.

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