

Reply by authors (April 28, 2016) to Anonymous Referee #1 (comments submitted on April 27, 2016).

[Comment 1] Line 63: Replace Noelaerhabdaceae with Noëlaerhabdaceae.

Answer: Thank you so much for your valuable comment.

[Comment 2] Legend and caption of Figure 6:

According to the lines 256-266 and Figure 5, the authors subdivided coccoliths of Type A strain into four subgroups Types I-IV, based on morphology of central area lath etc. Legend and caption of the Figure 6 could mislead readers as if Types I-IV are independent types from Type A. In addition, the legend of type A does not appear in the bar graphs themselves. Please correct the legend and the caption of the Fig. 6 adequately.

Answer: Thank you so much for your valuable comment. Figure 6 legend was revised according to your comment. We want to leave [Type A] caption to show no observation of Type A in those strains. To avoid reader's misunderstanding, figure legend is revised by adding followings: "Type I – IV: sub-morphotypes; Type A and O: morphotypes reported previously (see text). Note that morphotype A (Type A) was not observed in strains shown in this figure".

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