

***Interactive comment on “A laboratory experiment of intact polar lipid degradation in sandy sediments” by J. Logemann et al.***

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The manuscript is a very valuable contribution for the evaluation of published data on the abundance of living Archaea in sediments. Its impact might be even higher if IPL degradation rates could be calculated from the experimental data and discussed in the context of published rates (e.g. Harvey et al. 1986; Lipp et al. 2009, Schouten et al., 2010).

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