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Title: Continental scientific drilling and microbiology: (extremely) low biomass in bedrock of central Sweden

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Dear editor,

Thank you for the final comments. We would hereby like to submit the revised version, after adding additional micrographs (Fig. 3) as suggested by the reviewer. In addition, we made a minor change to the title as the borehole is not completely drilled in crystalline bedrock, hence, we omitted "crystalline" from the title and abstract.

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