

Table S1. PCR primers and conditions for screening of archaeal single amplified genomes (SAGs).

Primer	Sequence (5' → 3')	Annealing temp (°C)	Gene	Metabolic process	Reference
SSU rRNA PCR primers					
parch_519F	CAGCMGCCGCGGTAA	50	SSU rRNA	NA	Ovreas <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Arch_915R	GTGCTCCCCGCCAATTCCCT				DeLong, 1992
Arch_345F	CCTAYGGGGYGCASCAG	57	SSU rRNA	NA	Gantner <i>et al.</i> , 2010
Arch_1000R	GGCCATGCACYWCTCTC				
Metabolic gene PCR primers					
Arch-amoAF	STAATGGTCTGGCTTAGACG	50	<i>amoA</i>	Ammonia oxidation	Francis <i>et al.</i> , 2005
Arch-amoAR	GCGGCCATCCATCTGTATGT				
NirKMF	CCWGGWCCAACHYTDAGA	50	<i>nirK</i>	Nitrite reduction	This study
NirkMR	ATTCWCCDACAAYRTG				
nifHF	GGHAARGGHGGHATHGGNAARTC	55	<i>nifH</i>	Nitrogen fixation	Mehta <i>et al.</i> , 2003
nifHR	GGCATNGCRAANCCVCCRCANAC				

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