



S1 Fig. Standard curves of C_T values versus (A) thaumarchaeotal, (B) archaeal, and (C) bacterial 16S rRNA gene copy numbers. Solid lines indicate regression curves and error bars indicate standard deviations obtained in quadruplicate experiments. The R² values of regression curves were 0.999 for *Thaumarchaeota*, 0.994 for *Archaea*, and 0.998 for *Bacteria*, respectively.