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Fig. S2 Best BLAST hit distribution of "Candidatus *S. cisternae* strain M82\_1" ORFs with other genomes

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Fig. S3 Methane production from hexadecane and pentadecane addition, respectively

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Fig S4. Archaeal (A) and bacterial (B) diversity of methanogenic cultures amended with pentadecane and hexadecane after 298 days of incubation.

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Fig. S5 Gas chromatograms of fatty acid profiles of cultures M82 grown without long chain alkanes (A), with hexadecane (B) and pentadecane (C), and mass spectra of the silylated putative metabolites methylpentadecysuccinic acid (MPA) (D) and methyltetradecysuccinic acid (MTA) (E) from cultures incubated with hexadecane and pentadecane, respectively.