

# **Inhabited subsurface wet smectites in the hyperarid core of the Atacama Desert as an analog for the search for life on Mars**

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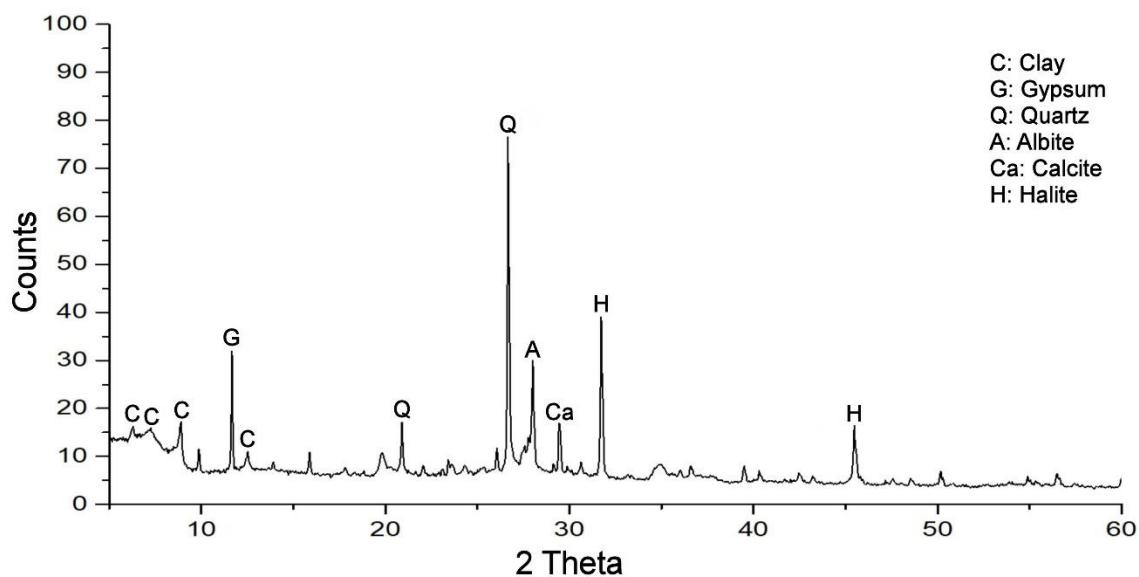
## **Supplementary Information**

### **Supplemental Tables and Figures**

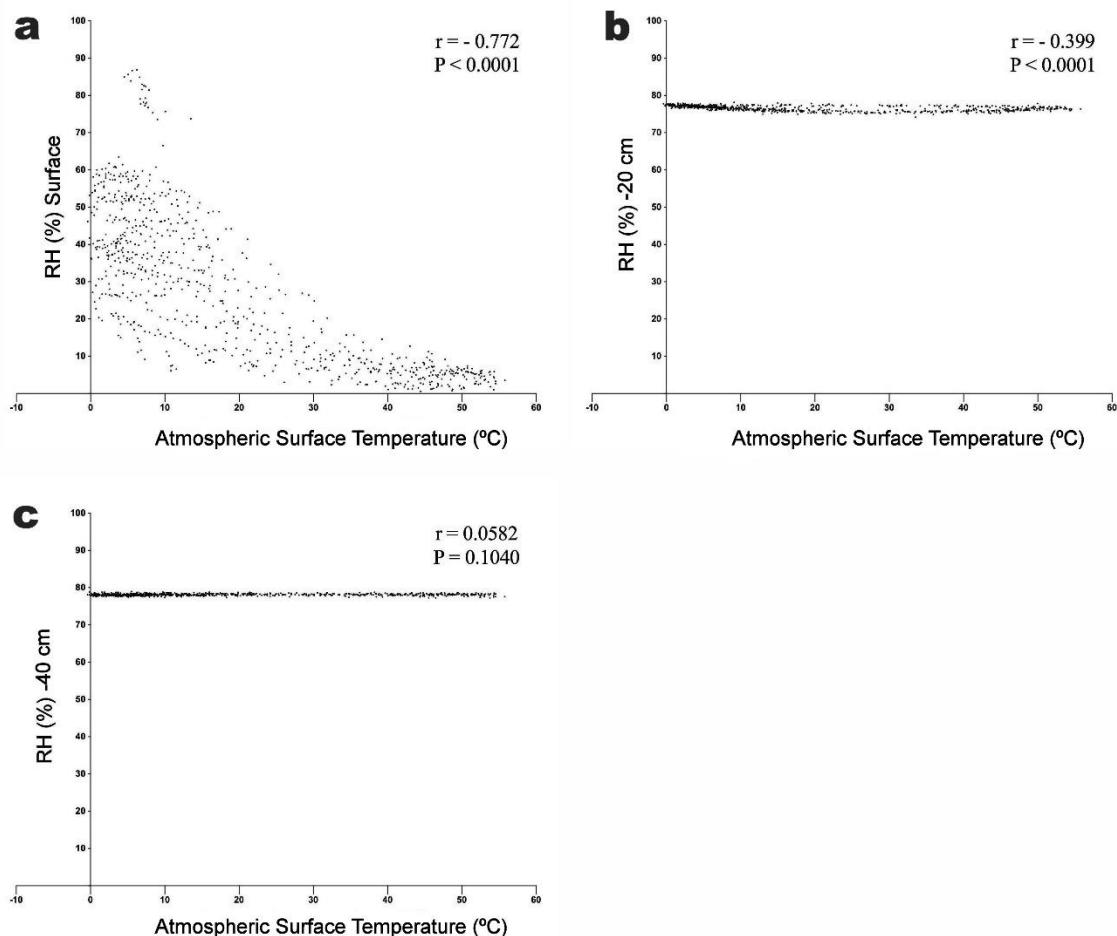
**Supplemental Table S1.** Light penetration in the soil profile at Yungay.

<b>Surface</b>	<b>1cm</b>	<b>3cm</b>
124000	36	0
125000	30	0
125000	43	0

Light penetration (lux) was measured three times between 12:40 and 13:00.



**Supplemental Figure S1.** Bulk powder XRD pattern of Yungay clay-rich sample collected at 40 cm depth.



**Supplemental Figure S2.** Pearson correlation coefficient between atmospheric external temperatures and relative humidity at each soil depth. (a) Atmospheric temperature vs surface relative humidity. (b) Atmospheric temperature vs relative humidity at -20 cm. (c) Atmospheric temperature vs relative humidity at -40 cm.