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Hydrolytic capabilities as a key to environmental success:

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chitinolytic and cellulolytic *Acidobacteria* from acidic sub-arctic soils and boreal peatlands

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Gene ID (ACPOL_)*	Predicted protein
Embden-Meyerhof pathway	
2769, 3582, 5348, 7071	glucokinase
6081	glucose-6-phosphate isomerase
5611	6-phosphofructokinase
3242	fructose bisphosphate aldolase
20	triose phosphate isomerase
14	glyceraldehyde-3 phosphate dehydrogenase
15	3-phosphoglycerate kinase
167, 1978, 5096	phosphoglycerate mutase
165	enolase
4449	pyruvate kinase
1528	fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
Pentose phosphate pathway	
5345, 5346, 5687	Glucose-6-phosphate 1-dehydrogenase
2243, 2785, 5347	6-phosphogluconolactonase
0706, 1151, 1804	6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase
6088	ribulose phosphate 3-epimerase
4876, 5343	ribose 5-phosphate isomerase
5342	transketolase
3877, 6835	transaldolase
Pyruvate metabolism	
5879	Pyruvate-flavodoxin oxidoreductase
5166	Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase
2325	Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase
5668	Phosphate acetyltransferase
1372, 1981	Acetate kinase
0564, 1483, 2834, 2835, 3673, 3774, 4581, 5000, 6453, 6454, 6468	Aldehyde dehydrogenase
0665, 0742, 0743, 1148, 1479, 2862, 2864, 2865, 3029, 3148, 3975, 4029, 4574, 4582, 4667, 5126, 5223, 5956, 6557, 6560, 7182	Alcohol dehydrogenase
Tricarboxylic acid cycle and related enzymes	
1815	Citrate synthase
2395	aconitate hydratase
1167, 6022	Isocitrate dehydrogenase
6663	2-oxoglutarate oxidoreductase, alpha subunit
6661,	2-oxoglutarate oxidoreductase, beta subunit
1190, 3609	succinyl-CoA synthetase, alpha subunit
0885, 1543, 3610, 7108	succinyl-CoA synthetase, beta subunit
6016	Succinate dehydrogenase iron-sulfur protein
6015	Succinate dehydrogenase flavoprotein subunit
6014	Succinate dehydrogenase cytochrome b558 subunit

0381, 0730, 1787, 1858	Fumarate hydratase
0714, 6021	Malate dehydrogenase
0732, 1859	Malic enzyme
	Glycogen and trehalose metabolism
3623	glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase
4979, 5731	glycogen synthase
5901	glycogen branching enzyme
0857, 3074, 5692	trehalose synthase
5754	maltooligosyl trehalose synthase
1892, 2499, 6240	maltooligosyl trehalose trehalohydrolase
	Respiratory chain
5835	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain A
0226	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain B
5836	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain C
5837	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain D
5839	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain E
5840	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain F
5843	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain G
5844	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain H
5116	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain I
5845	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain J
5846	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain K
5847	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain L
5848	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain M
5849	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain N
5784	ubiquinol--cytochrome c reductase, cytochrome B subunit
5785	ubiquinol-cytochrome c reductase iron-sulfur subunit
5786	cytochrome c family protein
1645	SCO1/SenC family protein
1644, 5671, 5790	Cytochrome c oxidase polypeptide II
1643, 5672, 5789	Cytochrome c oxidase polypeptide I
1642, 5673, 5788	Cytochrome c oxidase polypeptide III
1641, 5787	Cytochrome c oxidase polypeptide IV
2269	Heme A synthase, CtaA
5951	Heme O synthase, protoheme IX farnesyltransferase CtaB
5243	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, F0 sector subunit a
2034	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, F0 sector subunit b
2035	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, F0 sector subunit b'
5244	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, F0 sector subunit c
2032	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, alpha chain
2030	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, beta chain
2031	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, gamma chain
2033	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, delta chain
2029	F ₀ F ₁ -type ATPase, epsilon chain
4124	Pyrophosphate-energized proton pump
	Hydrogenases
5871	Group 3d [NiFe] NAD-reducing hydrogenase subunit HoxE
5872	Group 3d [NiFe] NAD-reducing hydrogenase subunit HoxF
5873	Group 3d [NiFe] NAD-reducing hydrogenase subunit HoxU
5874	Group 3d [NiFe] NAD-reducing hydrogenase subunit HoxY

5875	Group 3d [NiFe] NAD-reducing hydrogenase subunit HoxH
0992	Group 1h [NiFe] uptake hydrogenase large subunit
0993	Group 1h [NiFe] uptake hydrogenase small subunit
Anaerobic respiration	
0081, 4671	Molybdopterin oxidoreductase, catalytic subunit
0082, 4670	Molybdopterin oxidoreductase, cytochrome B subunit (membrane anchoring protein)
1652	Molybdopterin oxidoreductase, chaperone protein HtpG
1651	Molybdopterin oxidoreductase, fused catalytic and iron-sulfur binding subunits
1650	Molybdopterin oxidoreductase, NrfD-like subunit
Lactate utilization lutABC operon	
2407, 4357	L-lactate utilization protein LutA/YkgE
2406, 4358	L-lactate utilization protein LutB/YkgF
2405, 4359	L-lactate utilization protein LutC
Cellulose synthase	
3660	Cellulase (glycosyl hydrolase family GH5)
3661	Bacterial cellulose synthase protein BcsQ
3662	Bacterial cellulose synthase, fused subunits BcsA and BcsB
3663, 3664	Bacterial cellulose synthase subunit BcsC

40 * Gene ID (locus_tag) according to GenBank CP030840

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43 **Supplementary Table S2.** Genes of *Acidisarcina polymorpha* SBC82^T, involved in hydrolysis
 44 of polysaccharides, discussed in the text.

Gene ID	Signal peptide	Predicted protein
Hydrolysis of chitin		
6017	+	Chitinase GH18 family
1623	+	Chitinase GH18 family
3848	-	Chitinase GH18 family
2565	+	Chitinase GH18 family
<u>5649</u>	+	Chitinase GH18 family
6023	+	N-acetyl-beta-hexosaminidase, GH20 family
2385	+	N-acetyl-beta-hexosaminidase, GH20 family
4892	+	N-acetyl-beta-hexosaminidase, GH20 family
985	-	Beta-glucosidase/ beta-hexosaminidase, GH3 family
5806	-	Beta-glucosidase/ beta-hexosaminidase, GH3 family
Hydrolysis of starch		
5097	+	Alpha-amylase / oligo-1,6-glucosidase
1665	+	Alpha-amylase / oligo-1,6-glucosidase
4191	+	Alpha-amylase
489	+	Amylo-alpha-1,6-glucosidase
5341	-	Glucoamylase (glucan-1,4-alpha-glucosidase), GH15 family
5693	-	Alpha-amylase
1655	-	Alpha-amylase /alpha-mannosidase, GH57 family
1435	-	Alpha-amylase
2893	-	Alpha-amylase / oligo-1,6-glucosidase
Hydrolysis of xylan		
4002	+	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, GH10 family
3367	+	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, GH10 family
4467	+	Beta-xylosidase, GH39 family
2922	+ (TAT)	Beta-xylosidase, GH43 family
3600	+	Beta-xylosidase, GH39 family
Hydrolysis of cellulose		
1013	+	Cellulase, GH5 family
3508	+ (TAT)	Cellulase, GH5 family
6425	+	Cellulase, GH5 family
2075	+	Endoglucanase, GH44 family
1431	+	Beta-glucosidase, GH1 family
2136	+	Beta-glucosidase, GH3 family
4613	+	Beta-glucosidase, GH3 family
1722	+	Beta-glucosidase, GH3 family
4613	+	Beta-glucosidase, GH3 family
2003	+	Beta-glucosidase, GH3 family
Other enzymes		
3286	+	Laminarinase/ endo-1,3-beta-D-glucosidase, GH16 family
7063	+	Alpha-mannosidase, GH38 family
3284	+ (TAT)	glycosyl hydrolase GH64 family

45 * TAT, twin-arginine signal peptides.

46 **Supplementary Table S3.** Environmental distribution of *Acidisarcina* species. The table
 47 contains data on 16S rRNA gene sequences (>1000 bp) from the IMG database with > 95%
 48 identity to the 16S rRNA of *Acidisarcina polymorpha* SBC82.

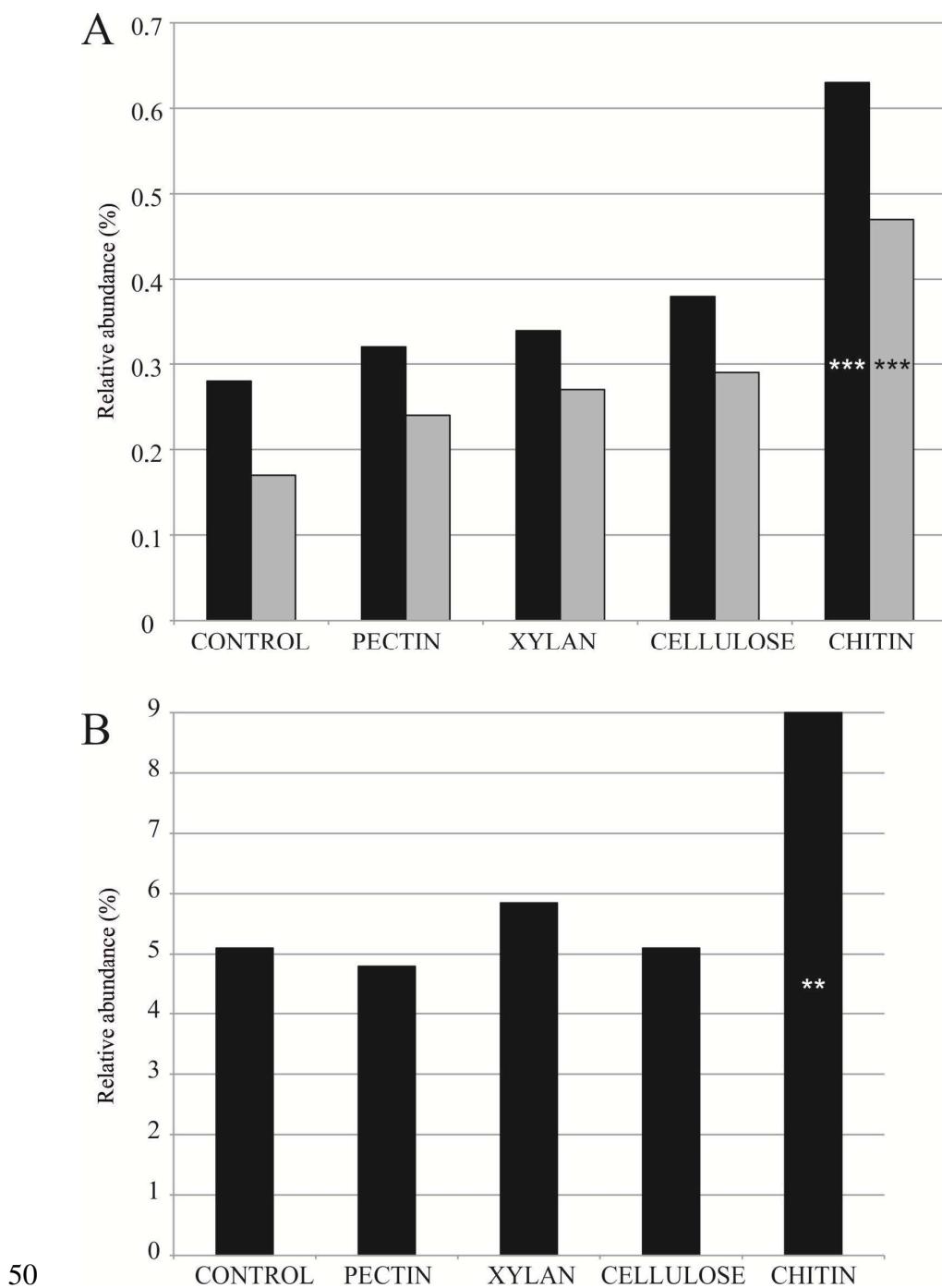
Gene ID	Genome ID	Metagenome Name	Subject Length	Identities
Ga0078972_1000045272	3300005573	Hot spring, Yellowstone National Park, USA	1504	96%
Ga0224518_10003444	3300022824	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire	1506	96%
Ga0224533_10009373	3300022526	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1506	96%
Ga0213871_100056461	3300021441	Rhizosphere, Vellozia epidendroides, National Park of Serra do Cipo, Brazil	1504	96%
Ga0213872_100309541	3300021361	Rhizosphere, Vellozia epidendroides, National Park of Serra do Cipo, Brazil	1504	96%
Ga0164296_100195324	3300013093	Dystrophic water lake, Trout Bog Lake, Wisconsin, USA	1504	95%
Ga0248169_10325217	3300022602	Dystrophic water lake, Trout Bog Lake, Wisconsin, USA	1504	95%
Ga0164297_1000687410	3300013094	Dystrophic water lake, Trout Bog Lake, Wisconsin, USA	1504	95%
Ga0224557_10063916	3300023101	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1506	95%
Ga0182028_13531621	3300019788	Permafrost Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1483	95%
Ga0224553_100045514	3300022875	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1504	95%
JGI12675J13321_100176 1	3300001140	Forest soil, Davy Crockett National Forest, Texas, USA	1380	96%
Ga0224530_10001089	3300023228	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1506	95%
Ga0224529_10002024	3300023247	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1506	95%

TB_PC08_64DRAFT_10 030926	3300000232	Subsurface biofilms in sulfidic aquifer in Frasassi Gorge, Italy,	1382	96%
Ga0224531_100011934	3300022849	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1506	95%
Ga0182031_10264715	3300019787	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1456	95%
Ga0182028_15463881	3300019788	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1403	96%
Ga0182022_13592112	3300019785	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1433	95%
JGI12688J13320_100089 1	3300001134	Forest soil, Davy Crockett National Forest, Texas, USA	1382	95%
TBL_comb47_HYPODR AFT_100578401	3300000553	Dystrophic water lake, Trout Bog Lake, Wisconsin, USA	1382	95%
Ga0182028_13072741	3300019788	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1387	95%
JGI994J12354_10058851 1	3300000839	Passalidae beetle gut microbial communities, Costa Rica	1382	95%
IMNBL3_100588511	3300000114	Passalidae beetle gut microbial communities, Costa Rica	1382	95%
Ga0182031_13488051	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1418	95%
JGI12645J13327_100212 2	3300001144	Forest soil ,Algoma, Ontario, Canada	1384	95%
JGI12491J13347_100896 1	3300001132	Tropical forest soil, Luquillo Experimental Forest, Puerto Rico	1349	95%
Ga0224549_10118941	3300022840	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1254	97%
Ga0182025_13582531	3300019786	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1389	95%
Ga0182031_15372501	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1358	96%

Ga0224528_10208241	3300022861	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1380	95%
Ga0182031_14424671	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1315	96%
Ga0137414_11798031	3300015051	Vadose zone soil, Angelo Coast Range Reserve, California, USA	1350	95%
JGI12669J13542_1004121	3300001173	Forest soil, Algoma, Ontario, Canada	1298	95%
Ga0182025_13328224	3300019786	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1280	96%
Ga0213878_100469901	3300021444	Vellozia epidendroides bulk soil, National Park of Serra do Cipo, Brazil	1229	97%
Ga0224545_10074291	3300022881	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1239	96%
Ga0182031_14532101	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1227	95%
Ga0070739_101554891	3300005532	Surface soil, recovering from an underground coalmine fire, Centralia Pennsylvania	1198	97%
Ga0224534_100055224	3300022524	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1194	97%
Ga0179590_10406451	3300020140	Vadose zone soil , Angelo Coast Range Reserve, California, USA	1164	97%
Ga0137390_104547171	3300012363	Vadose zone soil , Angelo Coast Range Reserve, California, USA	1227	95%
Ga0193707_10587411	3300019881	Soil, a riparian zone of the East river system, Colorado, USA	1190	96%
Ga0210397_100451155	3300021403	Forest soil, Barre Woods Harvard Forest, Massachusetts, USA	1229	95%
Ga0137376_102186512	3300012208	Vadose zone soil , Angelo Coast Range Reserve, California, USA	1228	95%

Ga0099830_101312171	3300009088	Vadose zone soil , Angelo Coast Range Reserve, California, USA	1221	95%
Ga0182031_14084271	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1197	95%
Ga0224515_10103071	3300022830	Peat soil, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1224	95%
Ga0068859_1003778931	3300005617	Switchgrass rhizosphere, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1221	95%
Ga0097620_1003778621	3300006931	Switchgrass rhizosphere, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1221	95%
Ga0066704_101624301	3300005557	Grasslands soil, Angelo Coastal Reserve, California, USA	1223	95%
Ga0193709_10172683	3300021411	Soil, a riparian zone of the East river system, Colorado, USA	1223	95%
JGI12696J13243_1001881	3300001079	Forest soil ,Davy Crockett National Forest, Texas, USA	1136	96%
JGI12631J13338_10113971	3300001131	Forest soil ,Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada	1042	98%
Ga0164304_101230561	3300012986	Soil amended with pyrogenic organic matter, NY, USA	1207	95%
Ga0068865_1001272814	3300006881	Miscanthus rhizosphere, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1181	95%
Ga0182028_11994362	3300019788	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1136	95%
Ga0182031_12343112	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1091	96%
Ga0182031_12130171	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1121	95%
Ga0070699_1005241441	3300005518	Corn, switchgrass and miscanthus rhizosphere , Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1077	95%

Ga0182031_14601521	3300019787	Permafrost, Stordalen Mire, Sweden	1102	95%
Ga0134124_102347393	3300010397	Terrestrial soil without Nitrogen fertilizer, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1097	96%
JGI12057J13267_100127 1	3300001381	Forest soil ,El Dorado National Forest, California, USA	1088	95%
Ga0182032_104635451	3300016357	Lab enrichment of tropical soil, Luquillo Experimental Forest, Puerto Rico	1036	96%
Ga0164309_103742211	3300012984	Soil amended with fresh organic matter, NY, USA	1053	95%
Ga0068862_1006263501	3300005844	Switchgrass rhizosphere, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1035	95%
Ga0073909_101354281	3300005526	Surface soil , recovering from an underground coalmine fire, Centralia Pennsylvania	1012	95%
Ga0105246_105286681	3300011119	Miscanthus rhizosphere , Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan, USA	1007	95%



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 57 (2016). Significant difference in ribo-tag abundances between control and biopolymer-amended
 58 samples is indicated by the asterisks: ***P*-value confidence level <0.001 and *** *P*-value
 59 confidence level <0.0001.

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