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Working

## Confocal Microscopy imaging for Opaline Silica Single Cell Skeletons (Polycystines Radiolaria)

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### PROTOCOL STATUS

#### Working

We use this protocol in our group and it is working

#### Recovering skeletons

- 1 After DNA extraction, recover skeleton from the eluted pellet under binoculars or inverted microscope.

Note: During DNA extraction: dilute waste from the extraction procedure (i.e. pellet debris, containing the skeleton) in milliQ water and store skeletons at -20°C.

#### Rinsing

- 2 Rinse skeleton several times in milli-Q water to decrease the concentration of SDS and other lysis and DNA precipitation reagents.

#### Cleaning

- 3 Transfer skeleton into 1.5 ml Eppendorf tubes containing 50 µl of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>).
- 4 Heat at 70°C for 10 min to remove residual organic matter.

#### Diluting

- 5 Add 1 ml of milli-Q water.

#### Rinsing

- 6 Handpick skeleton under binoculars or inverted microscope and repeat several rinsing steps.

#### Staining

Transferred into 1.5 ml Eppendorf tubes containing 25µl of fluorescent staining mix (Colin et al., 2017).

7 Colin, S., Coelho, L.P., Sunagawa, S., Bowler, C., Karsenti, E., Bork, P., Pepperkok, R., de Vargas, C., 2017. Quantitative 3D-imaging for cell biology and ecology of environmental microbial eukaryotes. *Elife* 6, 1–15. doi:10.7554/eLife.26066

8 Let the tubes for two hours for skeleton staining at room temperature and dark conditions.

#### Diluting

9 Add 1.5 ml of milli-Q water to dilute the dye.

#### Rinsing

10 Handpick the skeleton and repeat 4-6 rinsing steps into milli-Q water to properly clean the sample.

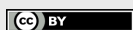
#### Preparing for imaging

11 Transfer skeleton into a micro well plate.

12 Dry at 70 °C for 2 hours.

#### Imaging

13 Skeleton ready to be imaged



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