Retraction

Characterization of giant spheroplasts generated from the aerobic anoxygenic photosynthetic marine bacterium *Roseobacter litoralis*

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DNA extracted from the bacterial culture used in this paper was analyzed by the massively parallel DNA sequencing. The sequence similarity search showed that most of the obtained DNA sequences were similar to those of *Enterobacter* genomic DNA. PCR analyses using primers to detect *Enterobacter* DNA showed that the original *Roseobacter* culture was contaminated with this bacterium. The authors recognized that the cultures used in this paper were considered as a mixture of *Enterobacter* and *Roseobacter litoralis*, and the deduced results were not well rationalized. Thus, the JGAM editorial board agreed to retract the paper.