Tab. S1. Sequence percentage identity of MOTUs taxonomically assigned through BLASTn against GenBank (uncultured/ environmental sample sequences excluded). 19 MOTUs were assigned to Rhizobiales at a 95% similarity threshold (65 MOTUs at ≥90%). A total of 80 MOTUs were identified to genus level.

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| **Order**  | **Genus** | **100%** | **99%** | **98%** | **97%** | **96%** | **95%** | **90-94%** |
| **Rhizobiales** | *Bradyrhizobium* | **1** |  |  | **1** | **2** | **4** | **28** |
| *Methylocella* |  | **1** |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Methyloferula* |  |  | **3** |  |  | **1** | **1** |
| Beijerinckiaceae\* |  |  |  | **1** | **1** |  |  |
| *Methylocapsa* |  |  |  |  | **2** | **1** | **1** |
| *Rhodomicrobium* |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |  |
| *Methylococcus* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| *Methylobacterium* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **2** |
| *Methylocystis* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **9** |
| *Xanthobacter* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **4** |
| **Rhodocyclales** | *Azospira* |  |  | **1** |  |  |  |  |
| **Pseudomonadales** | *Pseudomonas* |  |  |  |  | **1** |  |  |
| **Rhodospirillales** | *Telmatospirillum* |  |  |  |  | **1** | **2** | **2** |
| *Azospirillum* |  | **1** |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| **Sphingomonadales** | *Sphingomonas* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **2** |
| **Burkholderiales** | *Burkholderia* |  | **1** |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| *Ideonella* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| *Pelomonas* |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |

\*no subfamilial resolution