**S2 Table.** **Average Cycle Threshold (Ct) values obtained for the RTPCR**

**I, RT-PCR II and RT-PCR in the algal cultures, the mock community and the eight PCR amplifications.**

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| **DNA samples** | **Ct values**  **RT-PCR I** | **Ct values**  **RT-PCR II** | **Ct values**  **RT-PCR** |
| *Trebouxia jamesii* | - | - | 20 |
| *Trebouxia asymmetrica* | - | - | 23 |
| Mock community (*T. jamesii* / *T. asymmetrica*) | - | - | 21 |
| *Trebouxia* sp.TR9 | - | - | 30 |
| *Ramalina farinacea* apical zone (A) | 23 | 7 | - |
| *Ramalina farinacea* middle zone (M) | 25 | 6 | - |
| *Ramalina farinacea* basal zone (B) | 28 | 7 | - |
| *Ramalina farinacea* A+M+B | 21 | 6 | - |
| *Ramalina farinacea* A+M+B non ream | - | - | 26 |
| *Ramalina farinacea* Random | 20 | 10 | - |
| HW | 29 | 5 | - |
| HM | 29 | 5 | - |