

Erratum

Did Archaeal and Bacterial Cells Arise Independently from Noncellular Precursors? A Hypothesis Stating That the Advent of Membrane Phospholipid with Enantiomeric Glycerophosphate Backbones Caused the Separation of the Two Lines of Descent

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Re: J Mol Evol (1998) 46(1):54–63. We did not refer to the previously published work of Kates (Progr Chem Fats Other Lipids 15:301–342, 1978). We regret that his pioneering work of the stereostructure determination of archaeal ether lipids was not discussed in our paper.

On p. 55, column 1, line 17: “phosphate (G-1-P) and

...” should read “phosphate (G-1-P) (Kates 1978) and ...”. The complete reference to the Kates article should have appeared in the References section as follows: Kates M (1978) The phytanyl ether-linked polar lipids and isoprenoid neutral lipids of extremely halophilic bacteria. Progr Chem Fats Other Lipids 15:301–342.