

## ***Supplementary Material***

### **Glacial ice age shapes microbiome composition in a receding southern European glacier**

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## I. Supplementary Tables S1-S7

Table S1. Geochemical properties and DNA concentration.

|                                  | MP1       | MP10      | MP20      | MP30      | MP40      | MP50      | MP70      | MP80      | MP100     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>pH</b>                        | 4.9±0.1   | 5.0±0.5   | 4.6±0.2   | 4.8±0.2   | 4.6±0.9   | 4.7±0.7   | 5.0±1.1   | 4.9±0.8   | 4.9±0.4   |
| <b>Salinity (ppt)</b>            | 0.31±0.01 | 0.32±0.02 | 0.31±0.01 | 0.31±0.03 | 0.35±0.04 | 0.31±0.07 | 0.30±0.05 | 0.33±0.01 | 0.33±0.02 |
| <b>Insoluble particles (mg)</b>  | 44±0.5    | 26±0.3    | 5±1.2     | 5±0.9     | 138±5.2   | 3±0.5     | 5±0.6     | 25±0.6    | 17±0.9    |
| <b>DNA concentration (ng/μL)</b> | 15.6±1.5  | 13.8±1.1  | 100.7±3.7 | 102.8±5.9 | 89.6±4.7  | 62.8±2.8  | 60.6±3.7  | 87.9±9.4  | 61.8±8.7  |

**Table S2. Chemical analysis of soluble nutrients in meltwater.** Concentrations are expressed as mM ( $\pm$ SEM) of three replicates. <sup>a</sup>BD: below detection.

|                                    | MP1                | MP10               | MP20              | MP30              | MP40              | MP50              | MP70               | MP80              | MP100             |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup></b>  | <sup>a</sup> BD    | 2.01 $\pm$ 0.25    | 4.01 $\pm$ 0.30   | 6.32 $\pm$ 1.31   | 32.66 $\pm$ 2.22  | 61.04 $\pm$ 3.22  | 102.36 $\pm$ 5.11  | 258.32 $\pm$ 7.20 | 481.00 $\pm$ 8.02 |
| <b>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup></b>  | 70.21 $\pm$        | 69.87 $\pm$        | 30.21 $\pm$       | 6.88 $\pm$        | 5.37 $\pm$        | 4.56 $\pm$        | 4.22 $\pm$         | 3.09 $\pm$ 0.26   | BD                |
| <b>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup></b>  | 101.22 $\pm$ 10.22 | 100.27 $\pm$ 9.32  | 7.33 $\pm$ 1.23   | 6.39 $\pm$ 2.36   | 6.33 $\pm$ 1.11   | 6.01 $\pm$ 0.90   | 5.62 $\pm$ 1.99    | BD                | BD                |
| <b>SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup></b> | 373.00 $\pm$ 11.21 | 320.32 $\pm$ 12.30 | 300.98 $\pm$ 9.99 | 201.36 $\pm$ 1.25 | 152.36 $\pm$ 3.25 | 162.35 $\pm$ 8.21 | 174.22 $\pm$ 11.09 | 125.39 $\pm$ 5.66 | 117.00 $\pm$ 9.88 |
| <b>SRP<sup>a</sup></b>             | 0.47 $\pm$ 0.11    | 0.51 $\pm$ 0.06    | 0.31 $\pm$ 0.01   | 0.86 $\pm$ 0.01   | 1.33 $\pm$ 0.23   | 1.55 $\pm$ 0.02   | 0.42 $\pm$ 0.01    | BD                | BD                |

<sup>a</sup> SRP: Soluble reactive phosphorus

**Table S3. Chemical analysis of ions in meltwater.** Concentrations are expressed in ppb ( $\pm$ SEM) of three replicates. <sup>a</sup>BD: below detection.

|           | MP1                   | MP10                  | MP20                 | MP30                 | MP40                 | MP50                 | MP70                 | MP80                 | MP100                |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>C</b>  | 76.800 $\pm$ 11.211   | 715.441 $\pm$ 9.652   | 63.545 $\pm$ 5.222   | 13.46 $\pm$ 2.321    | 49.497 $\pm$ 6.546   | 58.218 $\pm$ 9.548   | 244.134 $\pm$ 10.117 | 68.438 $\pm$ 8.217   | 22.165 $\pm$ 5.210   |
| <b>Na</b> | 291.487 $\pm$ 19.320  | 1397.096 $\pm$ 54.281 | 116.482 $\pm$ 31.118 | 171.940 $\pm$ 42.111 | 131.563 $\pm$ 10.250 | 112.306 $\pm$ 54.004 | 206.035 $\pm$ 23.872 | 616.672 $\pm$ 29.332 | 47.213 $\pm$ 8.314   |
| <b>Si</b> | 14.744 $\pm$ 2.350    | 46.131 $\pm$ 7.652    | 16.630 $\pm$ 5.221   | 9.314 $\pm$ 1.258    | 19.526 $\pm$ 4.321   | 16.206 $\pm$ 9.654   | 22.647 $\pm$ 5.654   | 18.870 $\pm$ 2.321   | 9.374 $\pm$ 1.225    |
| <b>P</b>  | 0.325 $\pm$ 0.022     | 40.705 $\pm$ 3.214    | <sup>a</sup> BD      | 6.336 $\pm$ 2.333    | BD                   | 2.364 $\pm$ 0.665    | 4.339 $\pm$ 0.214    | 0.3637 $\pm$ 0.001   | 0.300 $\pm$ 0.003    |
| <b>S</b>  | 1155.315 $\pm$ 25.321 | 2238.661 $\pm$ 54.328 | 746.387 $\pm$ 54.336 | 658.188 $\pm$ 65.357 | 631.241 $\pm$ 41.258 | 769.398 $\pm$ 55.329 | 756.189 $\pm$ 66.217 | 882.520 $\pm$ 7.221  | 781.192 $\pm$ 55.222 |
| <b>Cl</b> | 136.600 $\pm$ 5.328   | 375.231 $\pm$ 10.287  | 84.613 $\pm$ 8.665   | 19.465 $\pm$ 4.218   | 96.338 $\pm$ 2.225   | 154.762 $\pm$ 11.111 | 211.301 $\pm$ 21.258 | 391.021 $\pm$ 7.654  | 205.755 $\pm$ 5.321  |
| <b>K</b>  | 40.321 $\pm$ 1.225    | 93.710 $\pm$ 11.258   | 40.766 $\pm$ 4.322   | 53.304 $\pm$ 2.258   | 35.213 $\pm$ 1.225   | 85.433 $\pm$ 3.225   | 75.079 $\pm$ 2.228   | 185.324 $\pm$ 7.324  | 40.649 $\pm$ 10.287  |
| <b>Ca</b> | 1215.806 $\pm$ 14.987 | 229.985 $\pm$ 22.654  | 111.682 $\pm$ 6.327  | 141.661 $\pm$ 9.665  | 135.402 $\pm$ 41.222 | 315.138 $\pm$ 2.258  | 421.760 $\pm$ 25.784 | 371.227 $\pm$ 21.222 | 270.777 $\pm$ 3.698  |
| <b>Mn</b> | 1.269 $\pm$ 0.254     | 1.613 $\pm$ 0.654     | 0.236 $\pm$ 0.011    | 0.382 $\pm$ 0.099    | 0.321 $\pm$ 0.027    | 0.838 $\pm$ 0.111    | 1.652 $\pm$ 0.999    | 1.555 $\pm$ 0.112    | 1.296 $\pm$ 0.001    |
| <b>Fe</b> | 0.763 $\pm$ 0.321     | 6.636 $\pm$ 0.001     | 0.334 $\pm$ 0.001    | 1.091 $\pm$ 0.098    | 0.320 $\pm$ 0.121    | 3.347 $\pm$ 0.087    | 1.131 $\pm$ 0.055    | 0.241 $\pm$ 0.011    | 1.064 $\pm$ 0.412    |
| <b>Cu</b> | 1.560 $\pm$ 0.111     | 7.653 $\pm$ 1.254     | 0.044 $\pm$ 0.001    | 1.359 $\pm$ 0.005    | 1.484 $\pm$ 0.001    | 3.730 $\pm$ 0.001    | 1.822 $\pm$ 0.002    | 2.360 $\pm$ 0.032    | 0.953 $\pm$ 0.011    |
| <b>Zn</b> | 221.565 $\pm$ 21.368  | BD                    | BD                   | BD                   | BD                   | BD                   | BD                   | BD                   | BD                   |

**Table S4. Analysis of bacterial 16S rRNA genes retrieved from ice samples.** OTU level aggregate counts of 3 sampling replicates.

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**Table S5. Analysis of eukaryotic 18S rRNA genes retrieved from ice samples.** OTU level aggregate counts of 3 sampling replicates.

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**Table S6. Number of OTUs and diversity indexes for bacteria and microeukaryotes.**

| Sample                                         | BACTERIA         |                  |               | EUARYOTES                                                                          |                                                                                                 |                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                | Mean no. of OTUs | Shannon index H' | Jaccard index | Mean no. of OTUs                                                                   | Shannon index H'                                                                                | Jaccard index                                      |
| <b>MP1</b>                                     | 732              | 3.221            | 0.526         | 424                                                                                | 3.322                                                                                           | 0.467                                              |
| <b>MP10</b>                                    | 828              | 3.429            | 0.452         | 369                                                                                | 3.340                                                                                           | 0.222                                              |
| <b>MP20</b>                                    | 635              | 2.968            | 0.299         | 278                                                                                | 2.874                                                                                           | 0.125                                              |
| <b>MP30</b>                                    | 608              | 2.568            | -0.045        | 238                                                                                | 2.627                                                                                           | 0.10                                               |
| <b>MP40</b>                                    | 677              | 2.654            | -0.115        | 305                                                                                | 2.321                                                                                           | 0.111                                              |
| <b>MP50</b>                                    | 693              | 2.843            | -0.132        | 272                                                                                | 1.996                                                                                           | 0.091                                              |
| <b>MP70</b>                                    | 567              | 2.683            | -0.159        | 451                                                                                | 2.039                                                                                           | 0.011                                              |
| <b>MP80</b>                                    | 554              | 2.743            | -0.175        | 461                                                                                | 2.247                                                                                           | 0.005                                              |
| <b>MP100</b>                                   | 732              | 3.221            | -0.306        | 296                                                                                | 1.524                                                                                           | -0.215                                             |
| <b>ANOVA P value</b>                           | <0.0001***       | <0.0001***       | <0.0001***    | <0.0001***                                                                         | <0.0001***                                                                                      | <0.0001***                                         |
| <b>Multiple comparison</b> All pairs*** except | -                | MP1 vs MP100*    | -             | MP1 vs MP40**; MP 10 vs MP20*; MP10 vs MP100**;<br>MP20 vs MP100**; MP70 vs MP80** | MP1 vs MP10*; MP30 vs MP40*;<br>MP40 vs MP80*; MP50 vs MP70*;<br>MP50 vs MP80**; MP70 vs MP80** | MP20 vs MP40**;<br>PM30 vs MP40*;<br>MP30 vs MP50* |

Statistical differences were studied by ANOVA test on the number of OTUs, Shannon and Jaccard indexes (\*,  $p \leq 0.001$ ; \*\*\*,  $p \leq 0.0001$ ). Statistical significance was achieved by Bonferroni's Multiple Comparison Test (\*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p \leq 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $p \leq 0.001$ ).

**Table S7. Correspondence analysis and Species-environment correlations ( $\lambda$ )**

| No. of analysis | Type of microorganism | Level  | Type of analysis                                                            | Environmental variables                                                     | $\lambda_1$ | $\lambda_2$ | $\lambda_3$ | $\lambda_4$ | Figure |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| 1               | Bacteria              | Phylum | DCA                                                                         | -                                                                           | 0.430       | 0.106       | 0.100       | 0.000       | 3A     |
| 2               |                       |        | CCA                                                                         | $\text{NH}_4^+$ , $\text{NO}_2^-$ , $\text{NO}_3$ , SRP, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ | 0.372       | 0.126       | 0.014       | 0.009       | 4A     |
| 3               |                       |        |                                                                             | Age, C, Na, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn                             | 0.485       | 0.142       | 0.023       | 0.016       | -      |
| 4               |                       |        |                                                                             | C, Na, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn                                  | 0.321       | 0.147       | 0.010       | 0.000       | 5A     |
| 5               |                       | Age    |                                                                             | 0.332                                                                       | 0.214       | 0.000       | 0.000       | 6A          |        |
| 6               |                       | Genus  | $\text{NH}_4^+$ , $\text{NO}_2^-$ , $\text{NO}_3$ , SRP, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ | 0.146                                                                       | 0.055       | 0.014       | 0.006       | 4C          |        |
| 7               |                       |        | C, Na, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn                                  | 0.176                                                                       | 0.068       | 0.019       | 0.011       | 5C          |        |
| 8               |                       |        | Age                                                                         | 0.431                                                                       | 0.185       | 0.044       | 0.016       | 6B          |        |
| 9               | Eukarya               |        | Phylum                                                                      | DCA                                                                         | -           | 0.446       | 0.113       | 0.101       | 0.000  |
| 10              |                       | CCA    |                                                                             | $\text{NH}_4^+$ , $\text{NO}_2^-$ , $\text{NO}_3$ , SRP, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ | 0.224       | 0.102       | 0.000       | 0.000       | 4B     |
| 11              |                       |        |                                                                             | Age, C, Na, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn                             | 0.343       | 0.102       | 0.066       | 0.035       | -      |
| 12              |                       |        |                                                                             | C, Na, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn                                  | 0.318       | 0.124       | 0.000       | 0.000       | 5B     |
| 13              |                       |        | Age                                                                         | 0.324                                                                       | 0.220       | 0.000       | 0.000       | 6C          |        |
| 14              |                       | Genus  | $\text{NH}_4^+$ , $\text{NO}_2^-$ , $\text{NO}_3$ , SRP, $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ | 0.179                                                                       | 0.094       | 0.030       | 0.003       | 4D          |        |
| 15              |                       |        | C, Na, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn                                  | 0.187                                                                       | 0.097       | 0.024       | 0.005       | 5D          |        |
| 14              |                       |        | Age                                                                         | 0.280                                                                       | 0.274       | 0.150       | 0.078       | 6D          |        |

Table S8. Number of sequences belonging to the most abundant genus in each sampling point

| Bacteria                         |                     |                     |                |                     |                     |                     |                     |                 |                |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                  | MP1                 | MP10                | MP20           | MP30                | MP40                | MP50                | MP70                | MP80            | MP100          |
| <b>Genus<sup>a</sup></b>         | <i>Segetibacter</i> | <i>Segetibacter</i> | <i>Frankia</i> | <i>Segetibacter</i> | <i>Segetibacter</i> | <i>Segetibacter</i> | <i>Segetibacter</i> | <i>Symploca</i> | <i>Frankia</i> |
| <b>No. sequences<sup>b</sup></b> | 6680                | 9746                | 6368           | 6396                | 10865               | 8065                | 6598                | 6130            | 5516           |

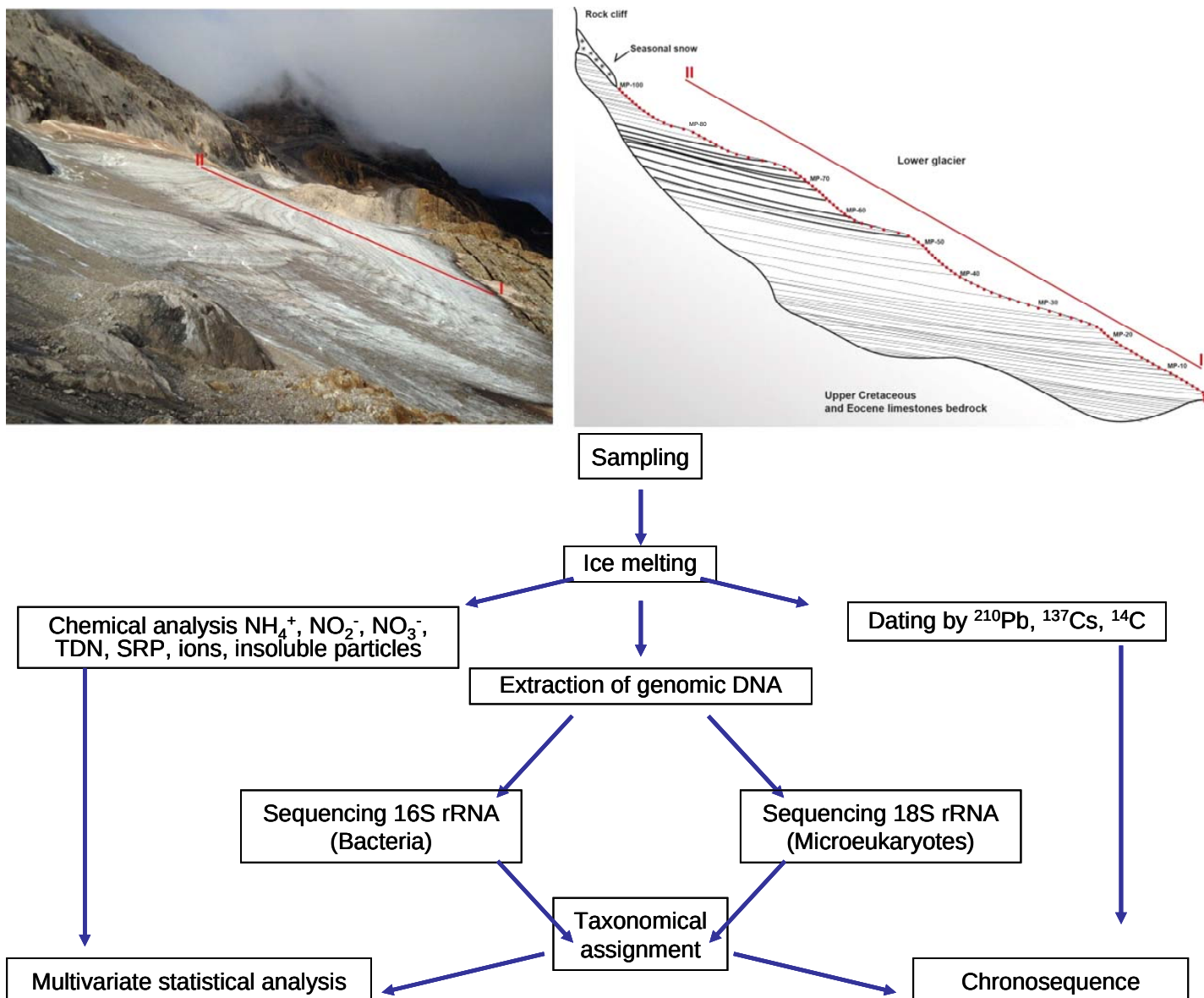
| Eukarya                          |            |            |                       |            |                   |                   |                   |                    |                   |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | MP1        | MP10       | MP20                  | MP30       | MP40              | MP50              | MP70              | MP80               | MP100             |
| <b>Genus<sup>a</sup></b>         | U.Cercozoa | U.Cercozoa | <i>Glissomonadida</i> | U.Cercozoa | U.Chytridiomycota | U.Chytridiomycota | U.Chytridiomycota | <i>Phascolodon</i> | U.Chytridiomycota |
| <b>No. sequences<sup>b</sup></b> | 20890      | 11060      | 76908                 | 19004      | 69106             | 80437             | 36098             | 33857              | 31509             |

<sup>a</sup>Most abundant genus in each setting<sup>b</sup>Number of total sequences from the most abundant genus in each sampling point



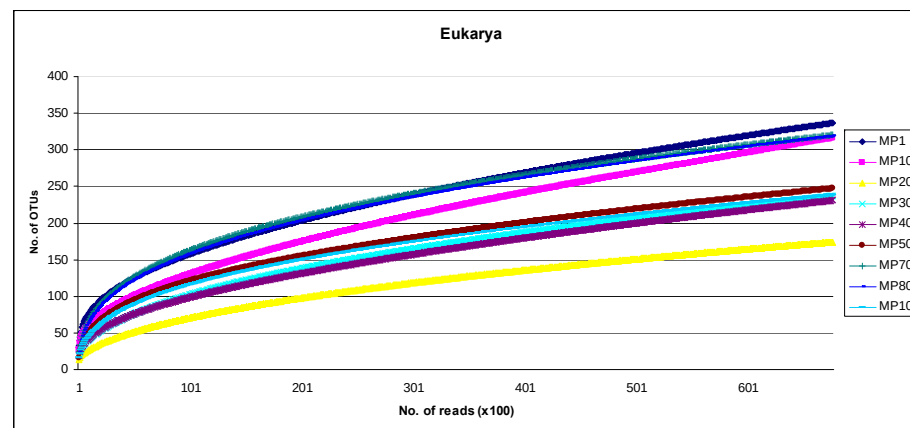
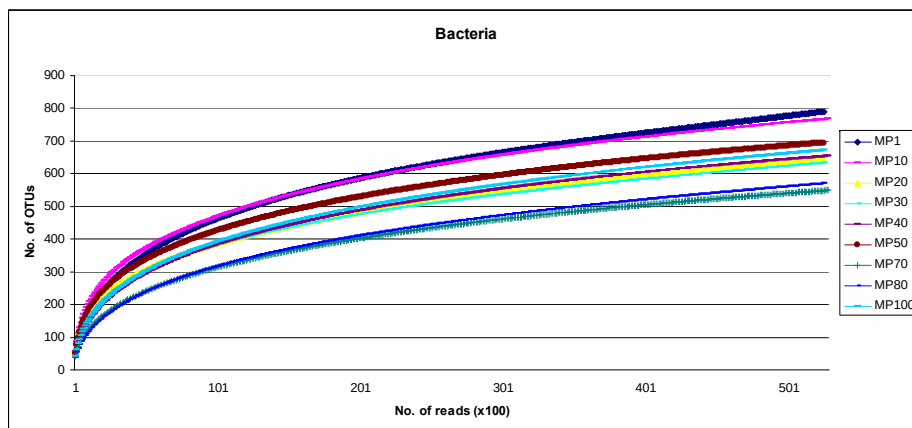
## II. Supplementary Figures.

Figure S1. Summary of the overall experimental strategy

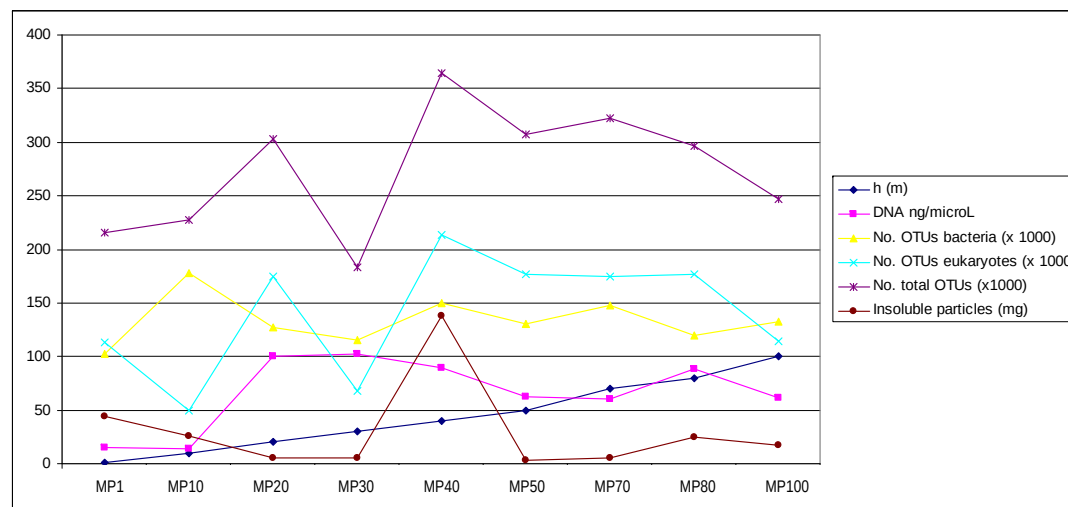


**Figure S2.**

**Rarefaction curves determined for 16S rRNA and 18S rRNA gene clones.** Rarefaction curves for bacteria and microeukaryotes indicating the observed OTUs at a genetic distance of 3%.



**Figure S3. Sample characterization.** Content of insoluble particles, DNA and sequences in MPG samples along a 100 m altitudinal transect.



**Figure S4. - Examples of the shift of main taxa of bacteria and microeukaryotes in the glacier samples.** Graphic representation of the number of 16S rRNA and 18S rRNA sequences (in log) and their corresponding trend lines.

