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Kleptoplastidy in the benthic foraminifera *Planoglabratella opercularis* (d'Orbigny)

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The aim of this study is to clarify the mechanism of endosymbiosis of *P. opercularis*, we conducted culture experiment, ultrastructural observation by using transmission electron microscope (TEM), and molecular phylogenetic analyses of both host foraminiferal small subunit (SSU) ribosomal RNA (rRNA) and chloroplastid 16S rRNA. Chloroplasts were existed inside the foraminiferal cell as kleptoplast that originate diatom species belonging to *Bacillariophyceae*. The culture experiments suggest that host foraminifers gain chloroplast only from diatom cells.