

## Dry heat tolerance of the dry colony in *Nostoc* sp. HK-01 for useful usage in closed bio-ecosystems

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Closed bio-ecosystem as an artificial design requires the high flexibility and versatility system. As one of elements for all of introduced organisms, heat tolerance is important one such closed environment. *Nostoc* sp. HK-01 is one of terrestrial cyanobacterium having a high dry tolerance and it has several ability, photosynthesis, nitrogen fixation and usefulness as a food, it is thought that it can be used for bio-chemical circulation in a closed ecosystem, including space. Besides, a study on each tolerance predicted at the time of introduction to a closed bio-ecosystem is necessary. Therefore, as one of the tolerance that are intended to space environment, dry heat ( 100 °C, 10 h ) tolerance of dry colony in *Nostoc* sp. HK-01 has been investigated, but the detail function of them has not yet been elucidated. We focused on the extracellular polysaccharides ( EPS ) having the various tolerance, desiccation, low temperature, NaCl, and heavy particle beam. We will consider the function and useful usage of this cyanobacterium in closed bio-ecosystems after the consideration of the results of contribution of the possibility that EPS improves dry heat tolerance under a dry condition.

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