

## Phylum *Chlamydiota*

### Etymology

[Chla.my.di.o'ta] N.L. fem. n. *Chlamydia*, type genus of the phylum; *-ota*, ending to denote a phylum; N.L. pl. neut. n. *Chlamydiota*, the Chlamydia phylum

### Nomenclatural type

Genus *Chlamydia*

### Description

**Garrity and Holt (2001):** The phylum *Chlamydiae* is defined on the basis of 16S rDNA sequence data as a separate evolutionary lineage within the Bacteria. Ludwig and Klenk regard the *Chlamydiae* as a sister group of the *Verrucomicrobia*, but caution that the relationship is tentative. More recently, Everett et al. (1999) proposed an emendation of the *Chlamydiales*, subdividing the order into four families: *Chlamydiaceae*, *Parachlamydiaceae*, *Simkaniaceae*, and *Waddliaceae*. We have incorporated this scheme into the current version of the outline and have added the class "*Chlamydiae*" and the phylum *Chlamydiae* to complete the hierarchy. In PCA plots, the *Chlamydiaceae*, *Parachlamydiaceae*, and *Waddliaceae* form a tightly clustered group that is clearly separated from the *Planctomycetes* and *Verrucomicrobia*, with which the *Chlamydiae* have often been grouped. The *Simkaniaceae* are clearly separate from the remaining members of the phylum, an observation that is consistent with the published trees (Everett et al., 1999), suggesting a possible misplacement. All members of the phylum are nonmotile, obligately parasitic, coccoid bacteria that multiply within membrane-bound vacuoles in the cytoplasm of cells of mammalian and avian origin. Gram-negative or Gram-variable (*Parachlamydia*). Multiplication occurs by means of a complex life cycle. Pathogenic. Cell walls do not contain muramic acid or only a trace. (BMDB9 Group 9).

**Oren and Garrity (2021):** The properties of the taxon are as described by Garrity and Holt (2001). Correction of the effectively published synonym: *Chlamydiae* (sic) Garrity and Holt 2001. Type genus: *Chlamydia* Jones *et al.* 1945 (Approved Lists 1980).

### Classification

*Bacteria* » *Chlamydiota*

### References

Effective publication: Garrity, Holt, 2001 [1]  
*Corrigendum:* Oren, Garrity, 2021 [2] (from "Chlamydiae")  
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### Registry URL

<https://seqco.de/i:5005>

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