

Splendid Spirulina

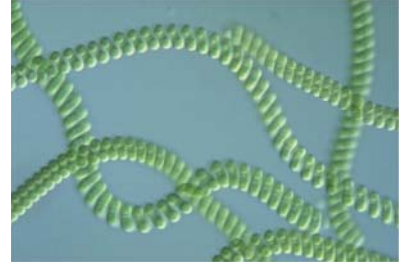
Modified after Mark Barnett's "Ode to a Microbe"¹, by Lai Peng & Siegfried E. Vlaeminck

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Microbe, microbe, spiraled your body be,
Green-blue in color, tropical water lover,
Thriving in conditions of alkalinity².



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<http://www.societywellness.com/spirulina-chlorella/>

Stone's excrement by Aztecs^{2,3}, in Africa, Dihe²⁻⁴,
From domain Bacteria to genus *Arthrospira*,
Nutritious, proteinaceous, rich in phytochemistry.

Zarrouk, nitrified urine⁵ nor struvite do confound⁶.
Oxygen producer, CO₂ reducer,
Energy efficient, water conserving, no loss of ground.



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Credits: <http://www.melissafoundation.org>

"Super food," says FAO⁷; considered excellent by ESA⁸,
Whether desert locations or outer Space stations,
Count on these filamentous helical cyanobacteria.

Research is just beginning; there is much more to explore.
Anti-viral, anti-cancer, slow-release fertilizer⁹,
Feeding humans and animals, health and wellness galore¹⁰!



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