

***Salpingoeca clarkii* (Stein, 1878)**

Most likely ID: n.a.

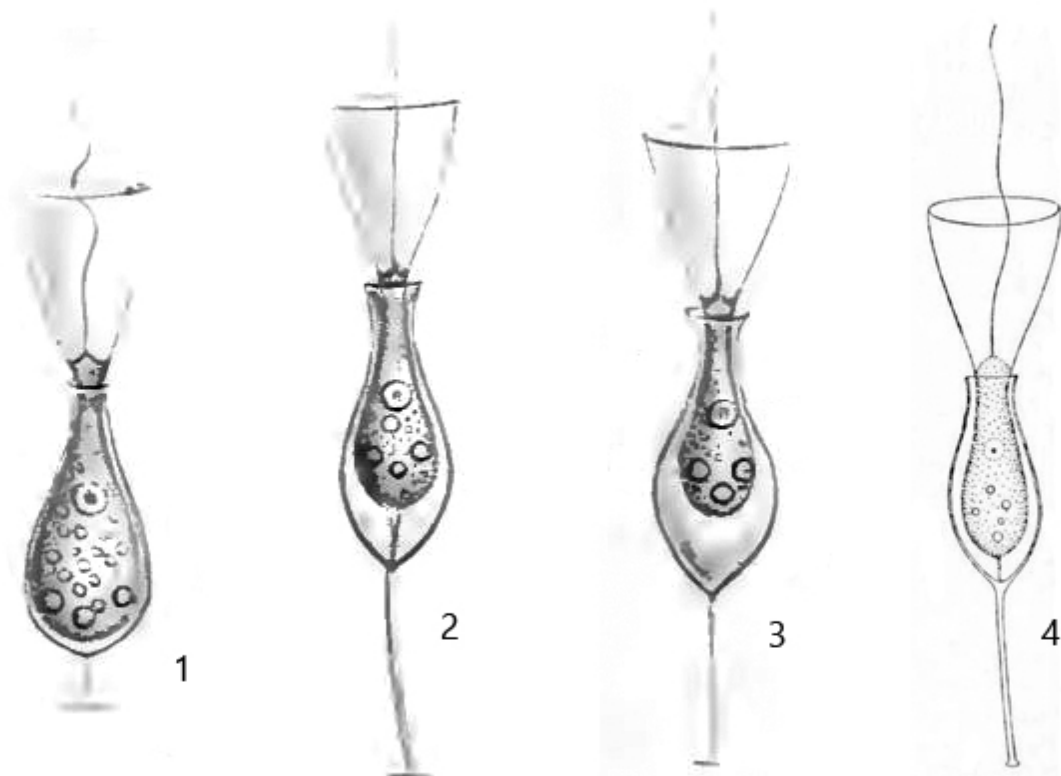
Synonym: n.a.

Sampling location: [Simmelried](#)

Phylogenetic tree: [Salpingoeca clarkii](#)

Diagnosis:

- lorica vase-shaped with solid stalk
- opening of lorica not wider than center
- length 15–20 µm (of lorica)
- cell fills mainly globular part of lorica
- one single flagellum, 2-3 times of cell length
- base of flagellum surrounded by circular collar of microvilli
- one nucleus in anterior third with spherical nucleolus
- one contractile vacuole in posterior third or center



1-3 = after Stein
4 = after Faulkner

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I usually find *Salpingoeca clarkii* on the floating cover glass, on which this flagellate often settles. The lorica of *Salpingoeca clarkii* is vase-shaped with a clearly tapered neck and a slightly widened opening. However, the width of the opening is never wider than the middle of the lorica. The lorica sits on a thin stalk that is not hollow. The nucleus is located in the upper third with a distinct, spherical nucleolus and the flagellum is surrounded at its base by a ring of fine microvilli which form a collar. The collar was 6-8.5 μm high in my specimens.

Salpingoeca clarkii can be distinguished from the similar species [Salpingoeca frequentissima](#) and *Salpingoeca convallaria* by the shape of the lorica and the type of stalk. In *Salpingoeca frequentissima*, the stalk is hollow and the case opening is wider than the center. The body shape of *Salpingoeca convallaria*, on the other hand, is clearly bell-shaped and not slender vase-shaped.

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Obj. 100 X

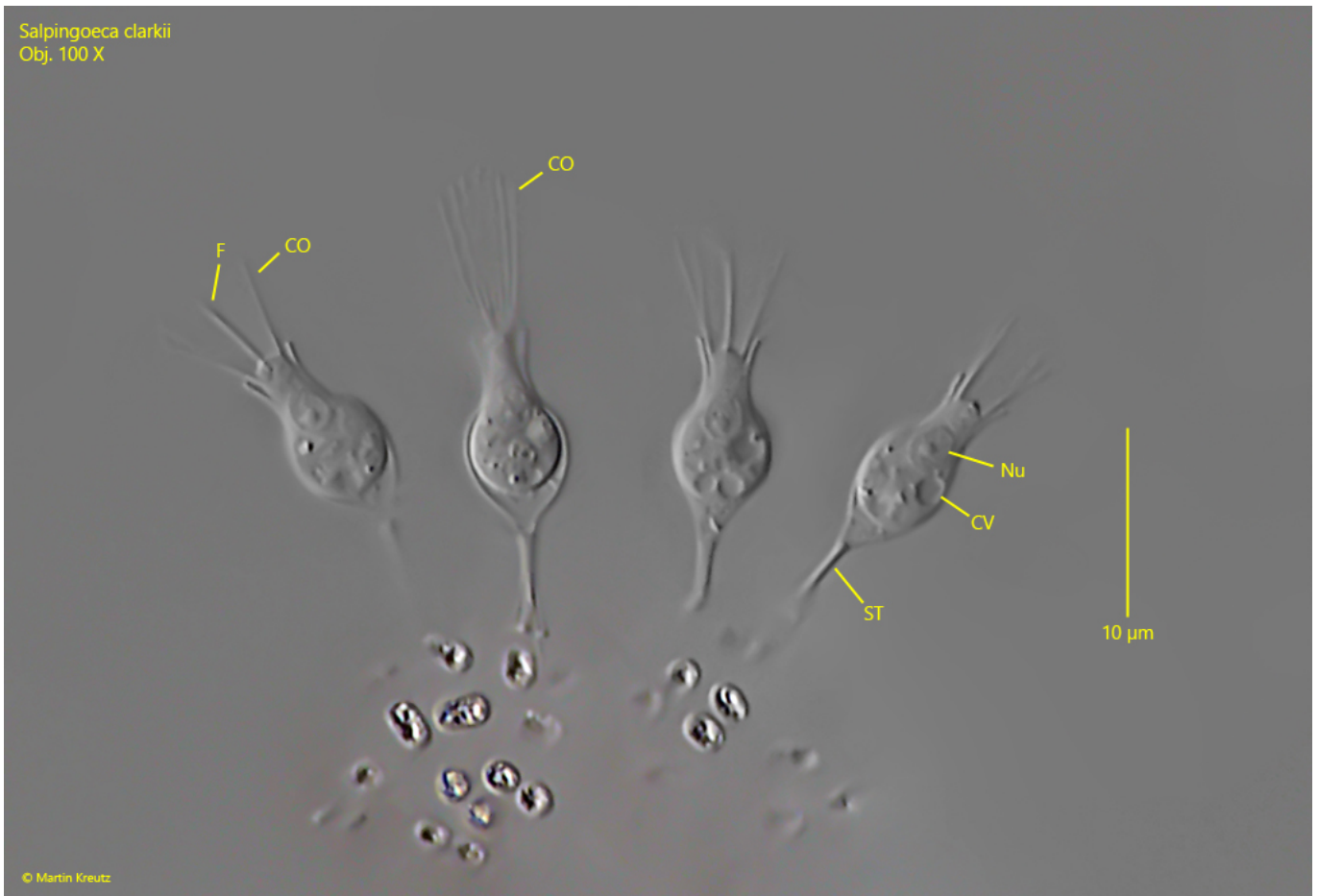


Fig. 1: *Salpingoeca clarkii*. L = 15-16 µm (of loricae). A group of four specimens settled on a colony of rhodobacteria. Note the solid, not hollow stalk (ST) and that the opening of the vase-shaped loricae is not wider than the center. CO = collar composed of microvilli, CV = contractile vacuole, F = flagellum, Nu = nucleus, Obj. 100 X.