

Table S6. Cnidae from different structures of *Cerianthus membranaceus* specimens showing for cnida types, subtypes, numbers (n) of measurements, their abundance, and mean values of (range length) x mean values of (range width) in μm .

	Marginal tentacles			Labial tentacles			Mesenterial filaments			Column			Column membrane		
CNIDA TYPES and subtypes	n	ab	Mean (range length) x mean (range width)	n	ab	Mean (range length) x mean (range width)	n	ab	Mean (range length) x mean (range width)	n	ab	Mean (range length) x mean (range width)	n	ab	Mean (range length) x mean (range width)
b-MASTIGOPHORES			abundant			present			present			present			seldom
Small, broad		se	not measured		x	not measured					x	not measured			
Small, narrow		se	not measured					x	not measured					x	not measured
Medium, broad		xx x	not measured		x	not measured		se	not measured		xx	not measured		x	not measured
Medium, narrow		xx	not measured												
Large		x	not measured		x	not measured									
Drop-shaped								x	not measured						
ISORHIZAS			present									seldom			
Medium, large, broad		x	not measured	0		not found	0		not found		se	not measured	0		not found
SPIROCYSTS			present			present						present			present
Small		x	not measured												
Medium					x	not measured					x	not measured		x	not measured
Large, broad		x	not measured											x	not measured
Large, elongate					x	not measured									
PTYCHOCYSTS			present									present			present
Small, elongate		x	not measured												
Medium, broad											x	not measured			
Medium, elongate											x	not measured		x	not measured
Large, elongate											x	not measured		x	not measured
Striation on capsule wall															present

Abbreviations: *n*, number of measured cnidae; *ab*, abundance. Increased cnida abundance shown by: seldom, present, common, abundant, dominant represented by se, x, xx, xxx, xxxx. Approximate capsule size ranges (length x width) in μm are given for: small ($\leq 25.0 \times 3.0$ -5.5); medium (25.0-39.5 x 3.0-13.0), large (40.0-80.0 x 6.0-35.0) cnidae. Given size ranges might slightly overlap. Blank cell, no cnida observation. Dominating or characteristic cnida subtypes are marked in bold.