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Summary

Blastocystis is a unicellular stramenopile of controversial pathogenicity in humans [1](#), [2](#). Although it is a strict anaerobe, *Blastocystis* has mitochondrion-like organelles with cristae, a transmembrane potential and DNA [2](#), [3](#), [4](#). An apparent lack of several typical mitochondrial pathways has led some to suggest that these organelles might be hydrogenosomes, anaerobic organelles related to mitochondria [5](#), [6](#). We generated 12,767 expressed sequence tags (ESTs) from *Blastocystis* and identified 115 clusters that encode putative mitochondrial and hydrogenosomal proteins. Among these is the canonical hydrogenosomal protein iron-only [FeFe] hydrogenase that we show localizes

canonical hydrogenosomal protein iron-only [FeFe] hydrogenase that we show localizes to the organelles. The organelles also have mitochondrial characteristics, including pathways for amino acid metabolism, iron-sulfur cluster biogenesis, and an incomplete tricarboxylic acid cycle as well as a mitochondrial genome. Although complexes I and II of the electron transport chain (ETC) are present, we found no evidence for complexes III and IV or F_1F_0 ATPases. The *Blastocystis* organelles have metabolic properties of aerobic and anaerobic mitochondria and of hydrogenosomes [7](#), [8](#). They are convergently similar to organelles recently described in the unrelated ciliate *Nyctotherus ovalis*[\[9\]](#). These findings blur the boundaries between mitochondria, hydrogenosomes, and mitosomes, as currently defined, underscoring the disparate selective forces that shape these organelles in eukaryotes.



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