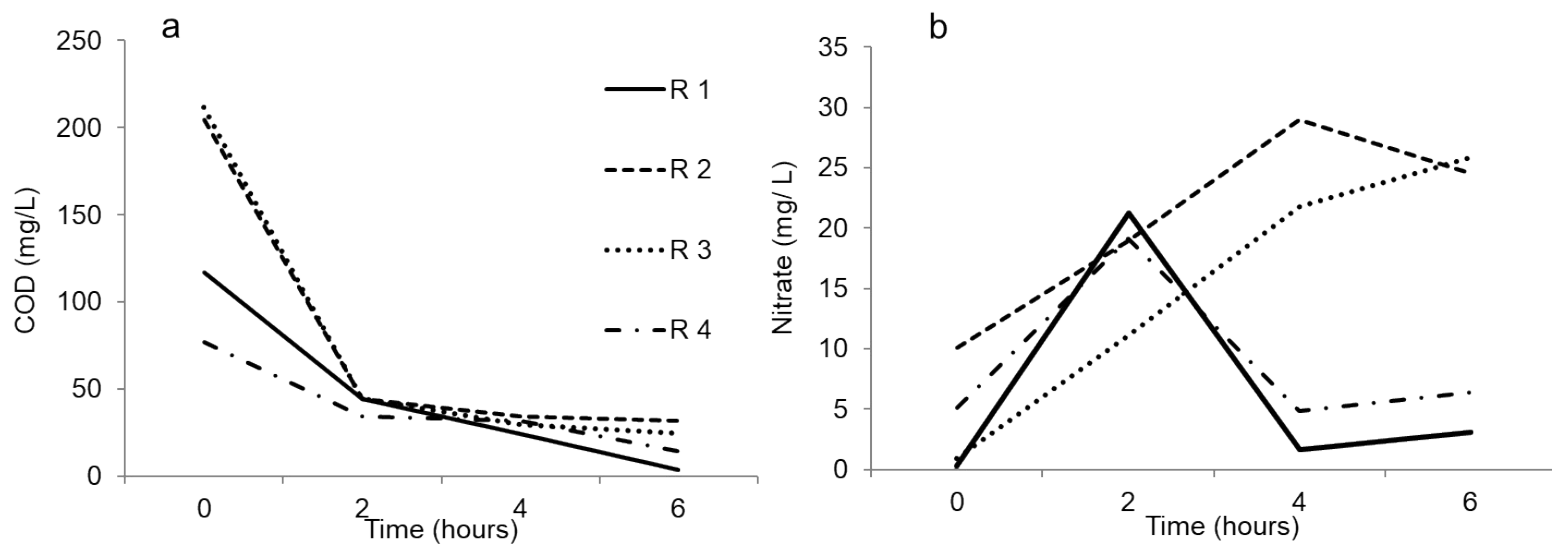
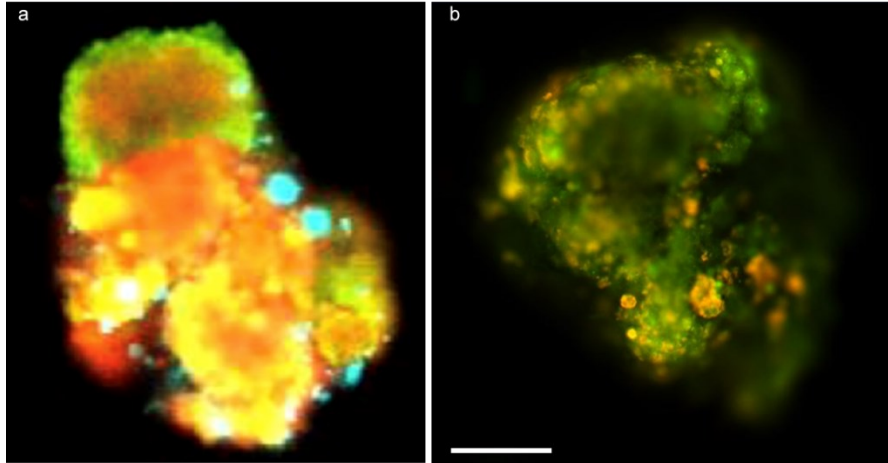


Fig. S1



**Fig. S1.** Nutrient kinetics during an IF – SBRs operation: (a) COD removal and (b) nitrate accumulation and reduction.



**Fig. S2.** CLSM images illustrating: (a) Distribution of EPS. Colors correspond to cyan ( $\beta$ -polysaccharides), red ( $\alpha$ -polysaccharide) and green (protein). Yellow (overlap of red and green, because it is a composite image). (b) Distribution of Live dead cells. Colors correspond to red (dead cells) and green (live cells). Scale = 200 $\mu$ .

**Table S1.** Spectral characteristics of the fluorescent probes.

Probe	Ex/Em <sup>a</sup> (nm)	Scanned length <sup>b</sup> (nm)	Target
FITC	488/517	500 – 551	Proteins
Concanavalin-A <sup>c</sup>	633/650	633 – 700	$\alpha$ -mannopyranosyl and $\alpha$ -glucopyranosyl residues
Soybean agglutinin	650/656	646 – 674	$\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -N-acetylgalactosamine and galactopyranosyl residues
Wheat germ agglutinin			N- acetylglucosamine, N-acetylneuraminic
Calcofluor White	355/433	300 – 450	Cellulose
Thiflavin T			Amyloid adhesin
Anti CsgA antibody <sup>d</sup>	488/517	500 – 551	Amyloid adhesin
Syto 9	482/500	480 – 545	Live cells
Propidium Iodide	510/580	555 – 655	Dead cells

<sup>a</sup>Maximum excitation and emission length

<sup>b</sup>Emission length used for scanning

<sup>c</sup>Concanavalin-A conjugated with Alexa fluor 633

<sup>d</sup>CsgA conjugated with secondary antibody Alexa fluor 488