

**Supporting material accompanying the manuscript:**

**Effect of inoculum percentage and hydrogen supply on hydrogenotrophic denitrification driven by anaerobic granular sludge**

**Table S1** – Nitrate concentration values detected using different inoculum percentages, i.e., 10% (I10), 20% (I20) and 40% (I40) (v/v) and for control tests. All data are reported for the triplicate.

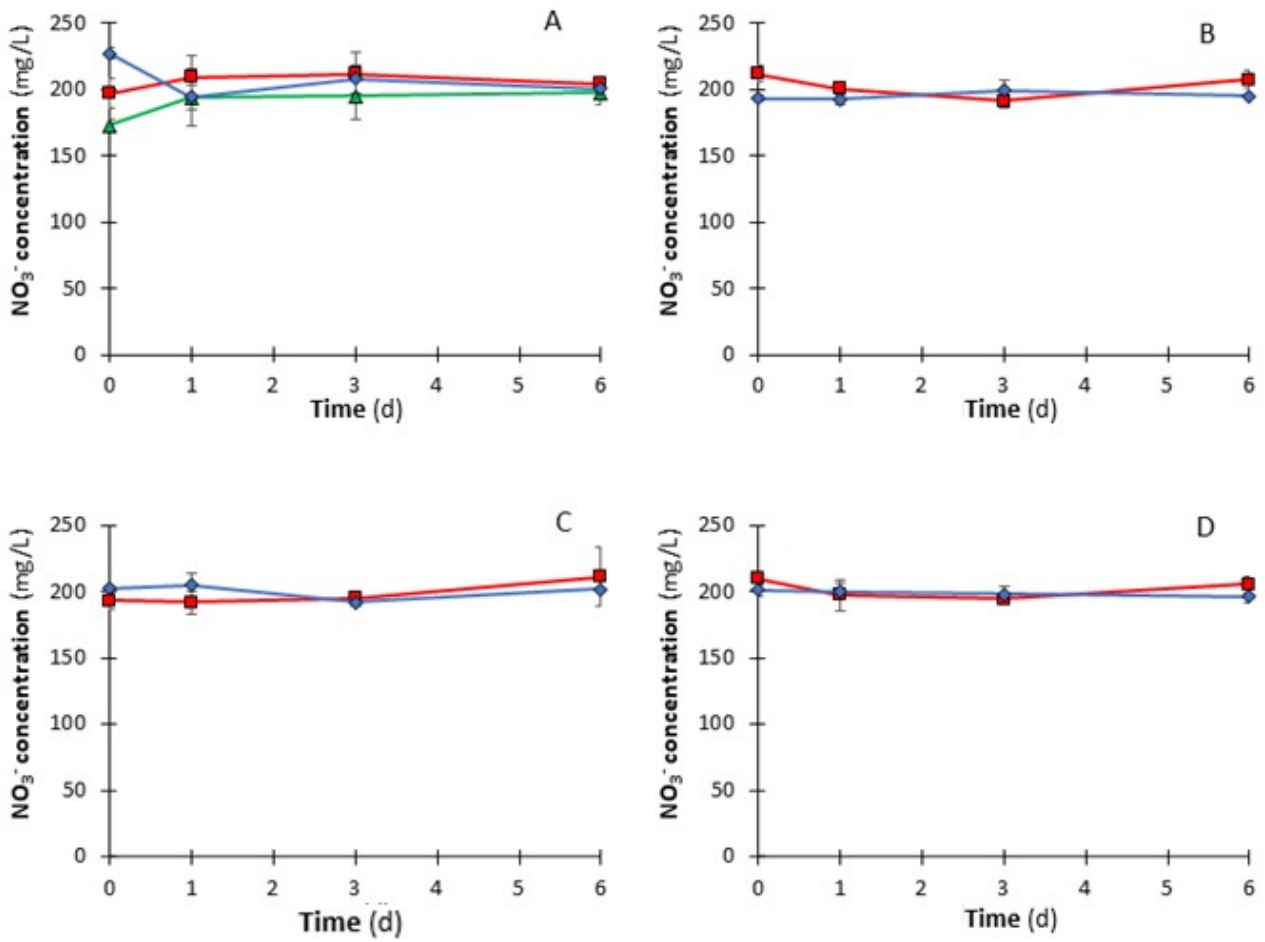
		<b>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> concentration (mg NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/L)</b>																	
<b>Cycle</b>	<b>Time (d)</b>	<b>C10.1</b>	<b>C10.2</b>	<b>C10.3</b>	<b>C20.1</b>	<b>C20.2</b>	<b>C20.3</b>	<b>C40.1</b>	<b>C40.2</b>	<b>C40.3</b>	<b>I10.1</b>	<b>I10.2</b>	<b>I10.3</b>	<b>I20.1</b>	<b>I20.2</b>	<b>I20.3</b>	<b>I40.1</b>	<b>I40.2</b>	<b>I40.3</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	0	223.4	200.3	218.4	199.7	211.3	224.4	238.7	199.8	216.9	199.4	195.8	219.6	198.5	200.7	206.9	214.9	207.3	208.2
	1	171.1	194.3	193.1	202.9	158.9	180.7	162.2	140.1	186.4	168.7	182.6	176.8	178.3	171.9	163.7	116.9	159.9	135.4
	3	166.7	156.5	201.7	109.4	105.4	163.5	96.6	25.0	107.0	103.5	129.5	109.9	38.4	12.1	21.6	50.4	13.7	21.0
	6	153.1	146.2	139.2	63.1	50.1	67.3	5.0	2.3	4.0	4.6	39.4	5.5	28.9	14.2	6.5	2.0	7.3	2.2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	190.7	206.7		195.1	193.0	208.2	188.7		215.0	206.0	216.9		180.2	173.1	208.0	216.0	218.9	227.2
	1	211.5		209.1		183.7	192.4	156.3	140.6	198.4	188.7	129.2	217.3	187.1	123.7	174.5	179.2	188.5	168.5
	3	217.0	186.0	186.5	159.3	168.3	132.7	67.4	81.5	161.6	129.0	25.3	109.0	103.1	36.7	48.2	24.3		29.7
	6	160.7	183.6	181.7	88.7	93.5	59.4	34.7	15.4	30.8	10.2	9.5	6.7	4.7	9.8	6.9	15.8	23.1	22.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	223.4	211.0	183.2	198.2	211.7	228.5	200.7	213.4	223.0	202.5		181.4	206.7	229.4		225.4	198.5	229.8
	1	152.4		200.2	176.5	199.6	207.9	148.2	192.3	166.0	180.5	207.4		139.0	128.9		214.7	157.0	227.7
	3	198.5		158.6	156.6	130.0	164.7	84.0	93.0	89.1	92.8	172.2			112.5	140.5	12.2	89.7	99.9
	6	169.5		141.3	101.6	81.9	87.8	6.9	39.0	8.3	13.4	40.6		123.8	112.6	104.3	9.7	12.7	12.7

**Table S2** – Nitrate concentration values detected for the different hydrogen supply, i.e., stoichiometric (Hst), 50% in excess (H50), and 100% in excess (H100) and in control test. All data are reported for the triplicate.

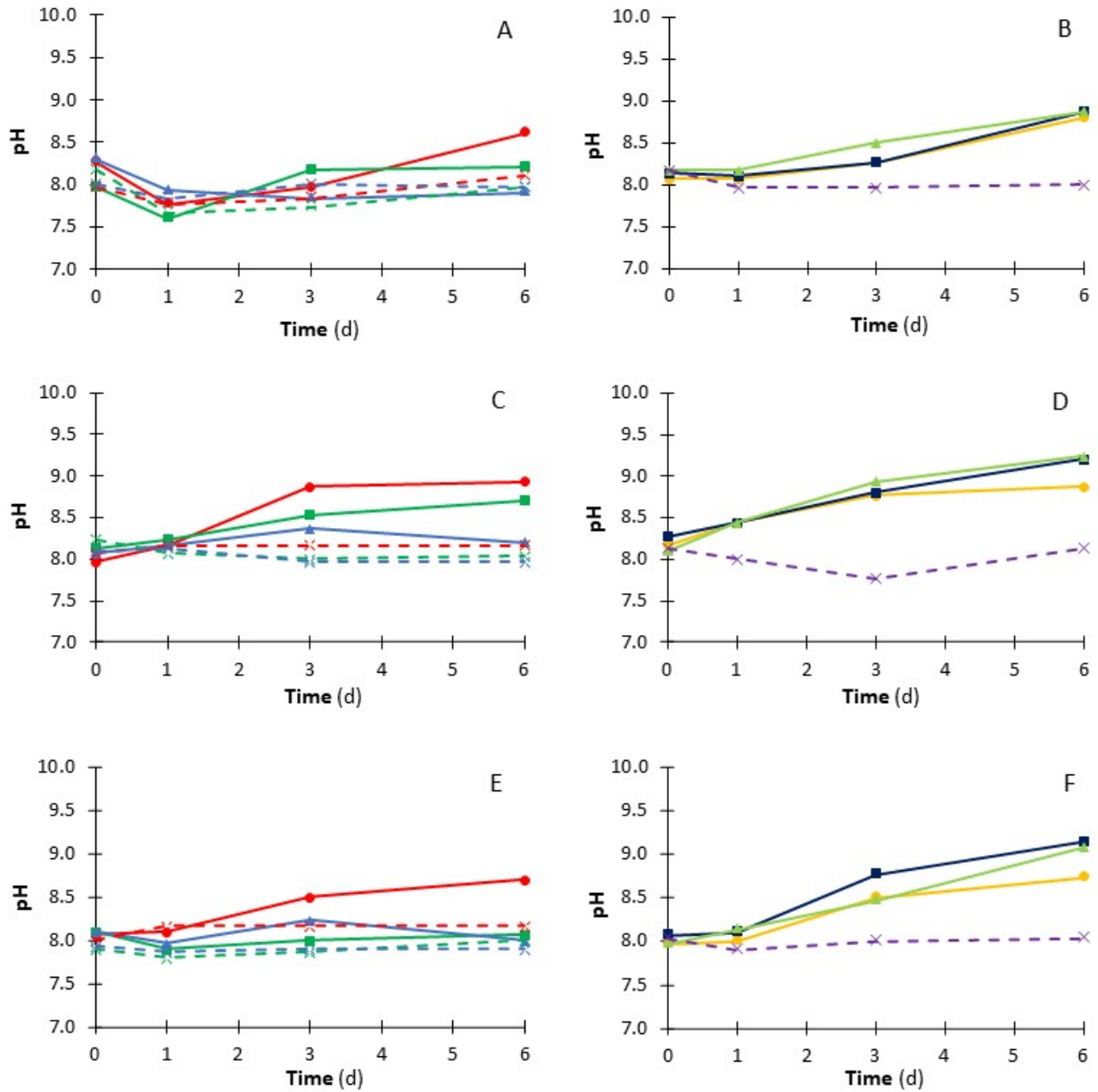
<b>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> concentration (mg NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/L)</b>													
<b>Cycle</b>	<b>Time (d)</b>	<b>C.1</b>	<b>C.2</b>	<b>C.3</b>	<b>Hst.1</b>	<b>Hst.2</b>	<b>Hst.3</b>	<b>H50.1</b>	<b>H50.2</b>	<b>H50.3</b>	<b>H100.1</b>	<b>H100.2</b>	<b>H100.3</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	0	198.0	184.9	169.7	194.4	190.9	192.8	190.4	188.3	199.5	209.5	188.6	186.9
	1	151.3	166.4	133.2	143.2		163.3	168.6	164.4	144.9	186.8	145.1	184.0
	3	109.8	150.7	128.8	89.2	97.3	109.2	108.5	84.8	109.2	104.6	69.5	92.1
	6	93.8	88.1	71.9	42.6	19.3	9.7	20.3	22.4	13.6	11.4	9.0	25.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	187.5	202.8	161.7	187.8	199.7	200.0	203.8	210.6	193.4	203.4	198.0	
	1	187.0	114.6	178.8	191.8	155.3	137.9	133.9	129.2	142.3	118.8	178.7	128.1
	3	187.1	156.2	146.4	53.6	39.8	76.6	29.9	48.8	11.5	14.1	46.8	19.1
	6	87.1	111.7	67.0	11.3	7.8	32.2	5.9	5.6	19.0	6.6	8.5	12.9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	201.3	229.3	192.9	194.0	202.2	197.3	198.2	179.3	201.2	194.1	202.5	206.0
	1	211.8	194.3		190.2	192.0		188.5		206.3	148.0	159.3	
	3	111.9	137.4	208.4	97.1	149.6	155.7	60.9	104.9	47.0	34.4	123.8	17.7
	6	84.7	70.4	117.9	38.4	60.1	48.5	24.5	35.5	49.4	27.2	33.3	16.2

**Table S3** – Inorganic and organic carbon concentration at the initial and final day of the hydrogenotrophic denitrification tests for the three different cycles. First set of experiments (fixed hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) supply 50% in excess compared to the stoichiometry): I10 (10% (v/v) inoculum percentage), I20 (20% (v/v) inoculum percentage), and I40 (40% (v/v) inoculum percentage). Second set of experiments (fixed inoculum percentage of 10% (v/v)): Hst (stoichiometric H<sub>2</sub> supply), H50 (H<sub>2</sub> supply 50% in excess compared to the stoichiometry), and H100 (H<sub>2</sub> supply 100% in excess compared to the stoichiometry).

ID Test	Cycle	Starting day		Final day	
		Inorganic Carbon (mg/L)	Organic Carbon (mg/L)	Inorganic Carbon (mg/L)	Organic Carbon (mg/L)
I10	1	59.7 ± 2.5	Not detected	82.2 ± 12.0	21.5 ± 10.2
	2	60.1 ± 5.5	3.6 ± 1.9	93.9 ± 24.9	15.4 ± 11.6
	3	47.6 ± 10.5	Not detected	73.9 ± 2.2	12.1 ± 1.2
I20	1	40.8 ± 3.4	3.3 ± 1.2	95.7 ± 1.6	36.7 ± 7.6
	2	42.7 ± 34.9	18.0 ± 16.1	97.3 ± 6.0	22.4 ± 2.1
	3	48.5 ± 8.7	Not detected	80.3 ± 7.3	15.4 ± 3.7
I40	1	53.3 ± 9.9	Not detected	21.4 ± 14.6	129.7 ± 21.1
	2	56.9 ± 6.6	11.1 ± 1.2	113.3 ± 8.7	33.1 ± 2.2
	3	71.8 ± 17.4	0.4 ± 0.6	62.1 ± 11.6	13.7 ± 1.2
Hst	1	19.8 ± 1.8	Not detected	46.1 ± 7.2	65.4 ± 21.3
	2	79.4 ± 8.6	10.5 ± 2.1	2.2 ± 1.4	14.2 ± 1.2
	3	75.2 ± 6.4	6.6 ± 3.3	73.4 ± 15.9	20.2 ± 5.2
H50	1	18.7 ± 1.2	Not detected	46.3 ± 2.0	66.4 ± 35.5
	2	70.1 ± 5.8	5.8 ± 3.6	8.1 ± 1.3	32.8 ± 1.3
	3	78.3 ± 12.6	2.2 ± 1.1	84.6 ± 8.3	34.8 ± 5.2
H100	1	20.7 ± 3.5	Not detected	48.4 ± 3.1	36.2 ± 10.6
	2	66.4 ± 4.9	Not detected	2.2 ± 0.0	23.4 ± 1.6
	3	76.8 ± 14.2	4.7 ± 1.7	93.2 ± 12.9	17.3 ± 5.7



**Figure S1** – Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) concentration trend in the abiotic controls carried out for the inoculum intake tests (A) and for the hydrogen supply tests, i.e., stoichiometry  $\text{H}_2$  supply (B), 50% excess in  $\text{H}_2$  supply (C), and 100% excess in  $\text{H}_2$  supply (D). Cycles of denitrification tests: first cycle (■), second cycle (▲), third cycle (◆).



**Figure S2** – pH trend during the hydrogenotrophic denitrification tests in the first (A and B), second (C and D), and third (E and F) cycle using different inoculum intakes, i.e., 10% (I10), 20% (I20) and 40% (I40) (v/v) and varying the hydrogen supply, i.e., stoichiometric (Hst), 50% in excess (H50), and 100% in excess (H100). Inoculum intake tests: I10 (●), I20 (■), I40 (▲). Controls of the inoculum intake tests: C10 (×), C20 (×), C40 (×). Hydrogen supply tests: Hst (●), H50 (■), H100 (▲). Control of the hydrogen supply test: C (×).

**Table S4** – Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) production expressed as percentage (%) in the headspace, with respect to the anaerobic granular sludge (AnGS) intake, and in proportion to the total nitrogen mass removal. First set of experiments (fixed hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) supply 50% in excess compared to the stoichiometry): I10 (10% (v/v) inoculum percentage), I20 (20% (v/v) inoculum percentage), and I40 (40% (v/v) inoculum percentage). Second set of experiments (fixed inoculum percentage of 10% (v/v)): Hst (stoichiometric H<sub>2</sub> supply), H50 (H<sub>2</sub> supply 50% in excess compared to the stoichiometry), and H100 (H<sub>2</sub> supply 100% in excess compared to the stoichiometry).

<b>ID Test</b>	<b>N<sub>2</sub>O production (%)</b>	<b>AnGS intake (mL)</b>	<b>N<sub>2</sub>O production (µg/min/g AnGS)</b>	<b>Nitrogen mass removed (mg)</b>	<b>N<sub>2</sub>O production (%) (mg N-N<sub>2</sub>O produced/ mg nitrogen removed)</b>
I10	0.180	12.5	$4.03 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5.2	2.65
I20	0.200	25.0	$2.29 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.4	3.56
I40	0.260	50.0	$1.54 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5.8	3.66
C10	0.188	12.5	$4.61 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.3	12.09
C20	0.183	25.0	$2.49 \cdot 10^{-3}$	3.7	4.64
C40	0.332	50.0	$2.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$	5.5	5.56
Hst	0.129	12.5	$2.80 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.5	3.27
H50	0.019	12.5	$4.11 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4.6	0.30
H100	0.021	12.5	$4.88 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4.9	0.35
C	0.327	12.5	$8.34 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.7	5.57

**Table S5** – Headspace gas composition values measured for different inoculum percentages, i.e., 10% (I10), 20% (I20) and 40% (I40) (v/v) and for control tests. All data are reported for the triplicate.

Test	Gas composition (%)																				
	1 <sup>st</sup> cycle							2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle							3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle						
	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(v)</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	NO	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(v)</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	NO	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(v)</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	NO	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>I20.1</b>	0.23	3.05	2.27	9.88	0.00	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.00	0.83	3.95	0.41	0.11	0.19	0.01	0.03	0.80	4.76	0.00	0.35	0.37
<b>I20.2</b>	0.05	3.66	1.58	9.24	0.00	0.10	0.11	0.37	2.72	0.79	10.27	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.01	0.04	0.79	10.08	0.00	0.05	0.00
<b>I20.3</b>	0.02	2.62	1.51	13.37	0.00	0.09	0.15	0.05	1.92	0.88	8.35	0.00	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.02	1.02	23.19	0.00	0.35	0.30
<b>C20.1</b>	0.01	0.19	1.58	4.62	0.00	0.17	0.21	0.02	0.02	0.89	5.02	0.15	0.16	0.23	0.01	0.03	0.85	4.68	0.00	0.33	0.38
<b>C20.2</b>	0.00	0.03	2.26	6.90	0.00	0.15	0.22	0.02	0.07	0.78	4.01	0.00	0.23	0.23	0.19	0.00	0.78	5.95	0.12	0.06	0.12
<b>C20.3</b>	0.00	0.01	2.64	9.68	0.02	0.21	0.28	0.01	0.09	1.03	11.93	0.00	0.10	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.82	3.06	0.00	0.24	0.20
<b>I10.1</b>	0.00	0.92	2.96	15.64	0.00	0.00	0.15	2.58	1.07	1.62	9.75	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.01	1.12	1.12	21.71	0.00	0.46	0.57
<b>I10.2</b>	0.00	0.56	2.88	12.08	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.12	0.25	0.80	10.89	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.43	1.16	15.78	0.00	0.57	0.77
<b>I10.3</b>	0.39	1.70	2.82	10.26	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.79	2.55	0.11	0.21	0.32	0.02	0.02	1.32	11.26	0.00	0.27	0.23
<b>C10.1</b>	0.00	0.00	1.74	3.85	0.16	0.14	0.18	0.02	0.00	0.67	1.69	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.02	1.40	13.97	0.00	0.28	0.32
<b>C10.2</b>	0.01	0.01	1.62	3.77	0.00	0.14	0.23	0.02	0.00	0.80	7.11	0.10	0.25	0.28	0.01	0.00	1.11	8.48	0.09	0.12	0.27
<b>C10.3</b>	0.02	6.60	1.73	8.10	0.00	0.28	0.48	0.03	5.88	0.70	6.71	0.00	0.13	0.24	0.01	0.03	1.06	13.19	0.00	0.36	0.16
<b>I40.1</b>	0.02	4.59	1.98	14.44	0.00	0.33	0.66	0.02	4.57	0.70	5.92	0.00	0.20	0.22	0.01	0.04	0.97	13.26	0.00	0.18	0.14
<b>I40.2</b>	0.02	0.49	0.95	11.58	0.00	0.00	1.13	0.02	3.63	0.74	8.23	0.00	0.18	0.48	0.01	0.07	1.09	14.44	0.00	0.32	0.38
<b>I40.3</b>	0.01	1.20	1.49	6.00	0.00	0.42	0.51	0.03	0.56	0.78	5.35	0.00	0.46	0.48	0.01	0.09	1.09	14.85	0.00	0.30	0.39
<b>C40.1</b>	0.01	0.88	1.31	3.74	0.00	0.58	1.01	0.03	0.82	0.79	6.51	0.00	0.44	0.59	0.01	0.05	0.91	13.15	0.00	0.16	0.16
<b>C40.2</b>	0.02	0.36	0.97	3.29	0.00	0.26	0.41	0.03	0.39	0.69	5.27	0.00	0.27	0.79	0.01	0.00	0.88	2.57	0.05	0.24	0.21
<b>C40.3</b>	0.01	1.00	1.64	4.27	0.00	0.70	1.06	0.02	0.40	0.72	4.68	0.00	0.34	0.64	0.02	0.53	1.04	3.53	0.00	0.00	0.45

The complement to 100% is represented by the Argon gas used to flush the bottles at the beginning of the experiments.



**Table S6** – Headspace gas composition values measured for the different hydrogen supply, i.e., stoichiometric (Hst), 50% in excess (H50), and 100% in excess (H100) and in control test. All data are reported for the triplicate.

Test	Gas composition (%)																				
	1 <sup>st</sup> cycle							2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle							3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle						
	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(v)</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	NO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(v)</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	NO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(v)</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	NO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
<b>C.1</b>	0.03	0.064	1.12	3.61	0.00	0.08	0.07	0.01	0.02	1.31	2.24	0.00	0.24	0.28	0.02	0.00	1.57	2.14	0.02	0.14	0.57
<b>C.2</b>	0.01	0.03	1.12	2.80	0.42	0.08	0.08	0.01	0.02	1.27	1.49	0.00	0.18	0.35	0.02	0.02	1.70	2.08	0.00	0.22	0.61
<b>C.3</b>	0.01	0.05	1.07	2.78	0.00	0.08	0.04	0.01	0.01	1.41	2.69	0.00	0.20	0.26	0.02	0.02	1.83	5.04	0.00	0.28	0.68
<b>Hst.1</b>	1.96	0.24	1.33	6.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.65	2.99	7.12	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.07	1.80	6.17	0.00	0.03	0.04
<b>Hst.2</b>	1.49	0.22	1.25	6.46	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.14	0.75	1.54	6.87	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.11	1.85	5.18	0.00	0.03	0.14
<b>Hst.3</b>	0.96	0.14	1.29	9.23	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	1.68	28.89	0.00	0.10	0.41	0.02	0.02	1.88	8.42	0.00	0.10	0.39
<b>H50.1</b>	3.86	0.17	1.47	7.68	0.89	0.03	0.00	2.79	0.58	1.77	6.66	0.00	0.03	0.02	3.29	0.19	2.20	5.80	0.00	0.00	0.05
<b>H50.2</b>	3.83	0.56	1.47	7.81	2.46	0.07	0.00	0.78	1.02	1.62	10.35	0.00	0.03	0.04	3.30	0.21	2.55	6.98	0.23	0.00	0.05
<b>H50.3</b>	2.63	0.20	1.48	7.72	0.27	0.06	0.00	2.95	1.06	1.78	6.38	0.00	0.04	0.01	3.32	0.31	2.31	6.07	0.48	0.04	0.00
<b>H100.1</b>	1.21	0.18	1.21	20.76	0.00	0.01	0.04	4.09	0.93	1.94	7.38	2.17	0.03	0.01	6.52	0.17	1.99	5.13	0.67	0.03	0.02
<b>H100.2</b>	8.33	0.40	1.32	6.37	0.69	0.02	0.01	6.19	0.70	2.00	7.55	2.79	0.02	0.02	5.37	0.25	1.96	5.69	0.85	0.03	0.01
<b>H100.3</b>	2.56	0.59	2.31	20.43	0.00	0.04	0.04	3.76	0.96	2.00	8.55	1.99	0.03	0.01	6.12	0.29	2.38	7.05	0.72	0.01	0.03

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