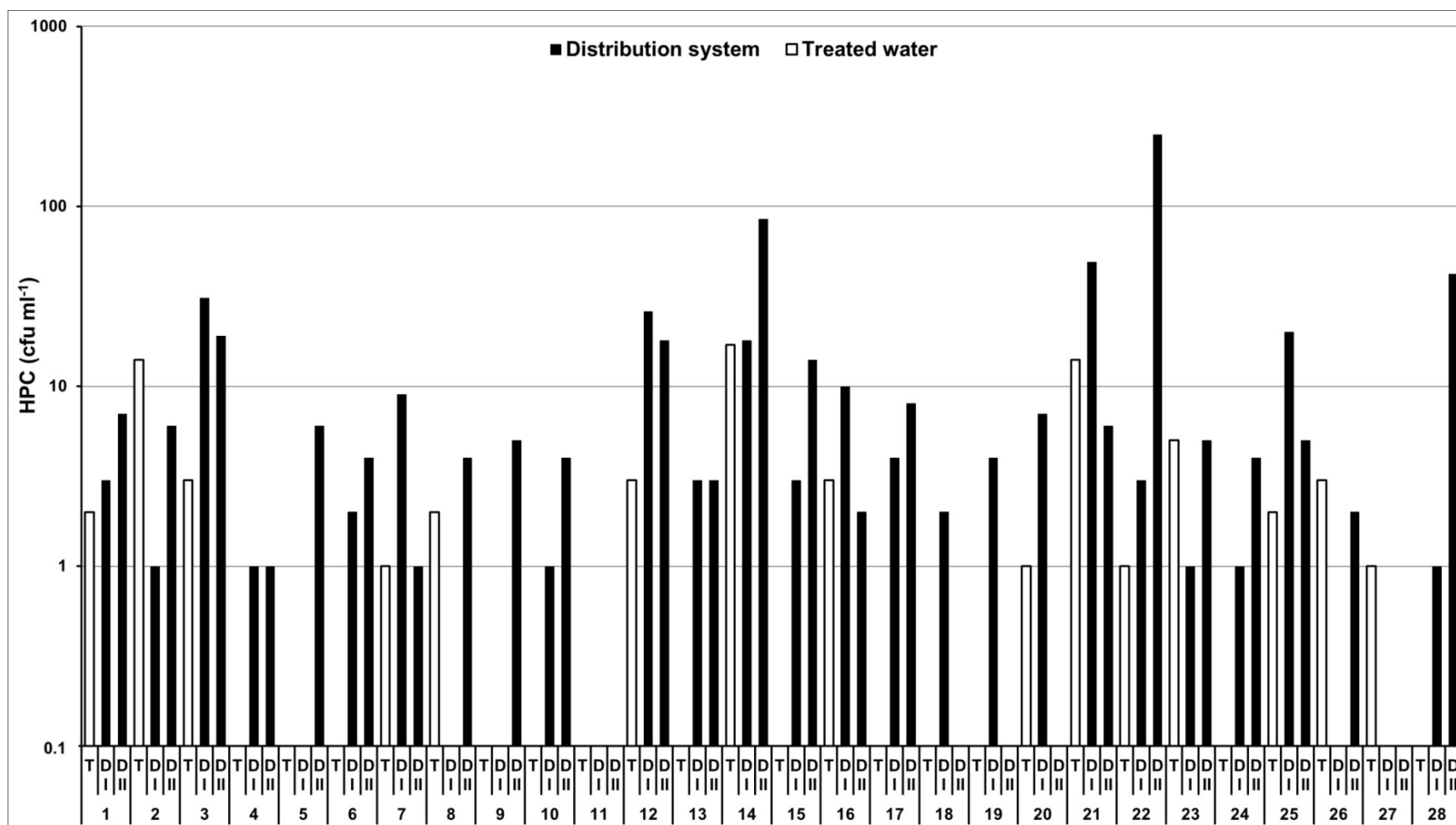


## Electronic Supplementary Information

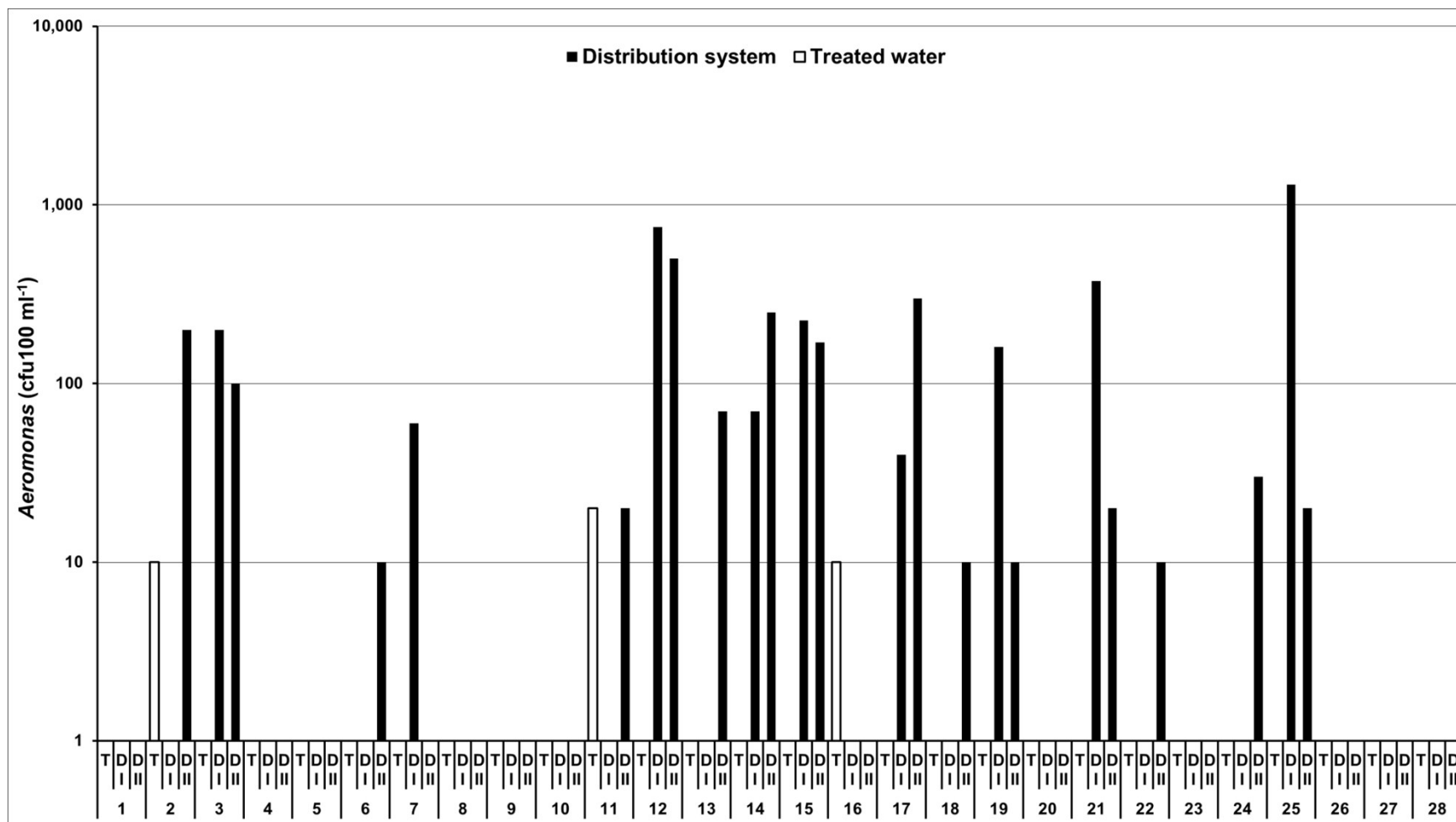
**Table S1** Gene copy numbers of *Mycobacterium* spp. and fungi (from high to low numbers) in the treated water of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater and their relation to the amount of regrowth (low, medium and high) in the distribution system as has been determined by van der Wielen & van der Kooij <sup>44</sup>.

Plant	<i>Mycobacterium</i> (gc l <sup>-1</sup> )	Regrowth Rank*	Plant	Fungi (gc l <sup>-1</sup> )	Regrowth Rank*
19	$1.4 \times 10^6$	Medium	26	$1.5 \times 10^6$	Low
14	$1.1 \times 10^6$	Medium	14	$7.2 \times 10^5$	Medium
2	$5.8 \times 10^5$	Medium	16	$6.9 \times 10^5$	Medium
23	$3.7 \times 10^5$	Low	15	$4.8 \times 10^5$	Low
22	$3.2 \times 10^5$	Medium	3	$3.0 \times 10^5$	Medium
6	$3.1 \times 10^5$	Low	18	$1.7 \times 10^5$	Low
3	$3.0 \times 10^5$	Medium	19	$1.6 \times 10^5$	Medium
1	$2.3 \times 10^5$	Low	27	$1.6 \times 10^5$	Low
25	$2.2 \times 10^5$	High	23	$1.4 \times 10^5$	Low
21	$2.0 \times 10^5$	Medium	11	$1.3 \times 10^5$	Low
5	$1.9 \times 10^5$	Low	6	$1.1 \times 10^5$	Low
8	$1.8 \times 10^5$	Low	22	$1.0 \times 10^5$	Medium
13	$1.8 \times 10^5$	Low	20	$9.0 \times 10^4$	Low
11	$1.7 \times 10^5$	Low	9	$8.5 \times 10^4$	Low
28	$1.7 \times 10^5$	Low	13	$7.7 \times 10^4$	Low
18	$1.5 \times 10^5$	Low	4	$7.0 \times 10^4$	Low
27	$1.4 \times 10^5$	Low	1	$6.5 \times 10^4$	Low
20	$1.2 \times 10^5$	Low	21	$6.3 \times 10^4$	Medium
24	$1.1 \times 10^5$	Low	2	$6.2 \times 10^4$	Medium
12	$1.0 \times 10^5$	Medium	17	$5.1 \times 10^4$	Medium
9	$7.1 \times 10^4$	Low	28	$4.8 \times 10^4$	Low
26	$6.1 \times 10^4$	Low	25	$6.4 \times 10^4$	High
16	$5.5 \times 10^4$	Medium	8	$5.6 \times 10^4$	Low
15	$5.0 \times 10^4$	Low	12	$5.0 \times 10^4$	Medium
4	$4.9 \times 10^4$	Low	24	$4.2 \times 10^4$	Low
17	$4.7 \times 10^4$	Medium	5	$4.0 \times 10^4$	Low

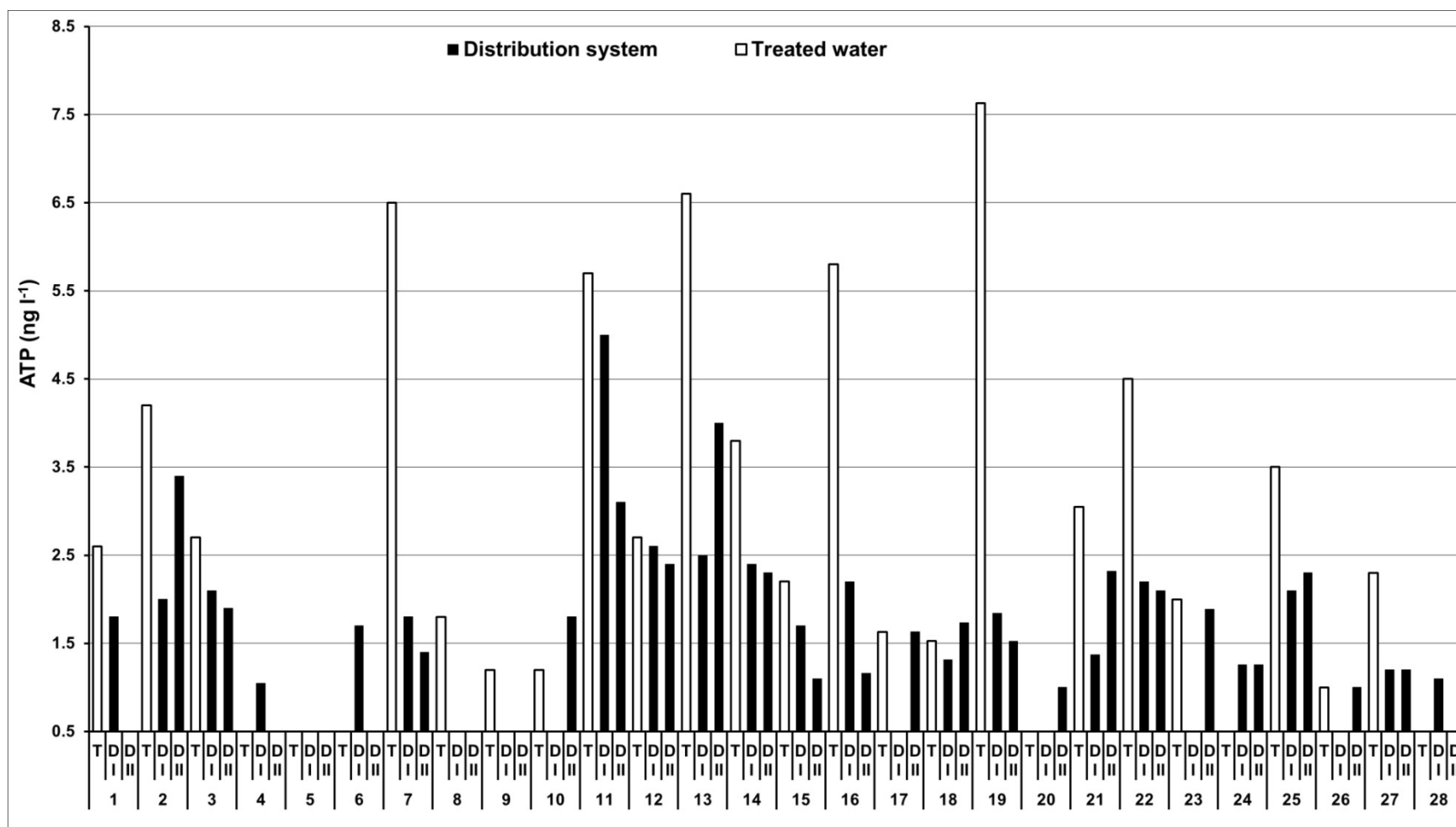
\* Rank regrowth was based on the average *Aeromonas* plate counts and HPC in the distribution system over a three year period and were taken from van der Wielen & van der Kooij <sup>44</sup>.



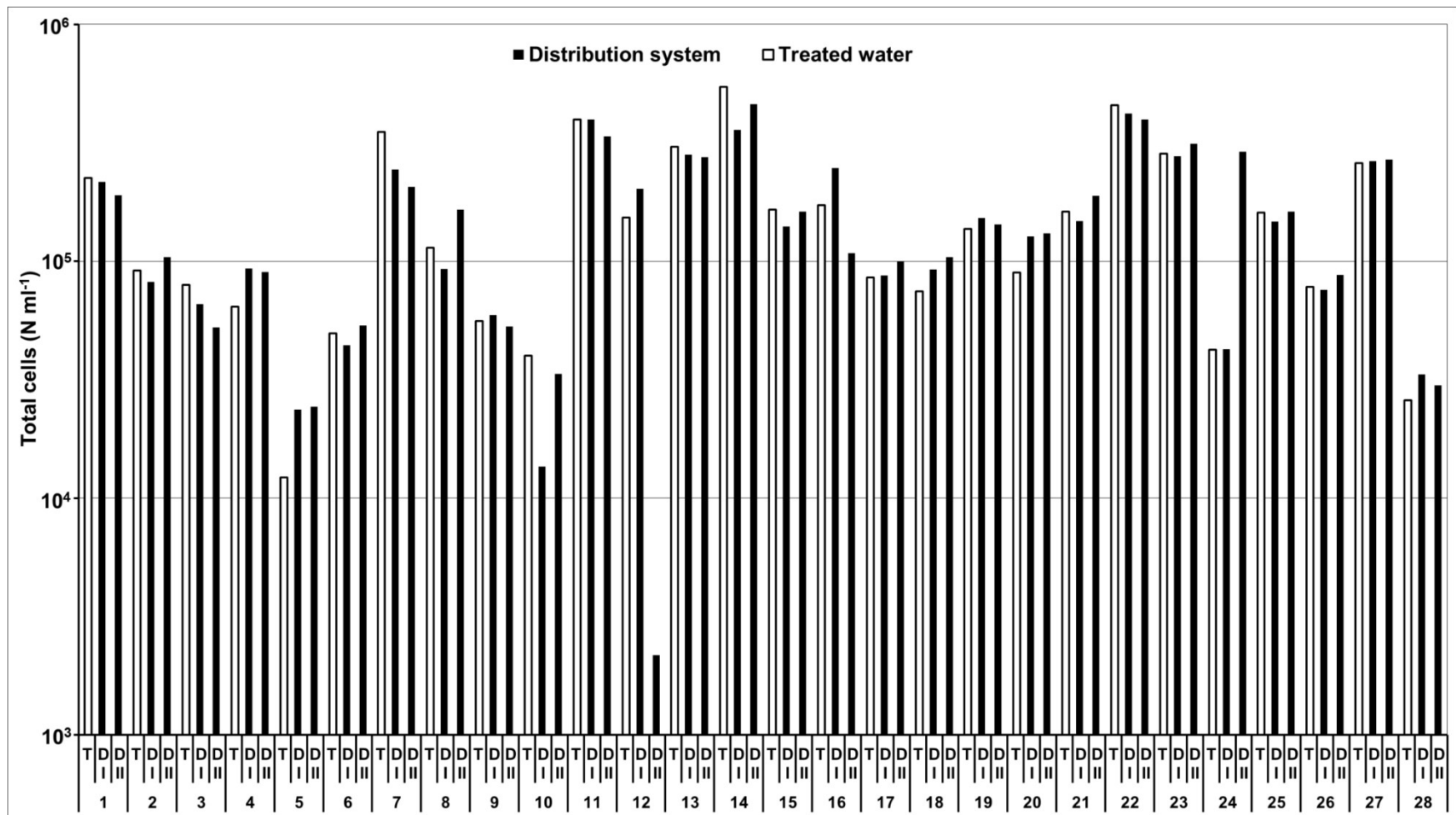
**Figure S1** Heterotrophic plate counts (HPC) in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater. T, treated water; DI, water from location I in distribution system; DII, water from location II in distribution system.



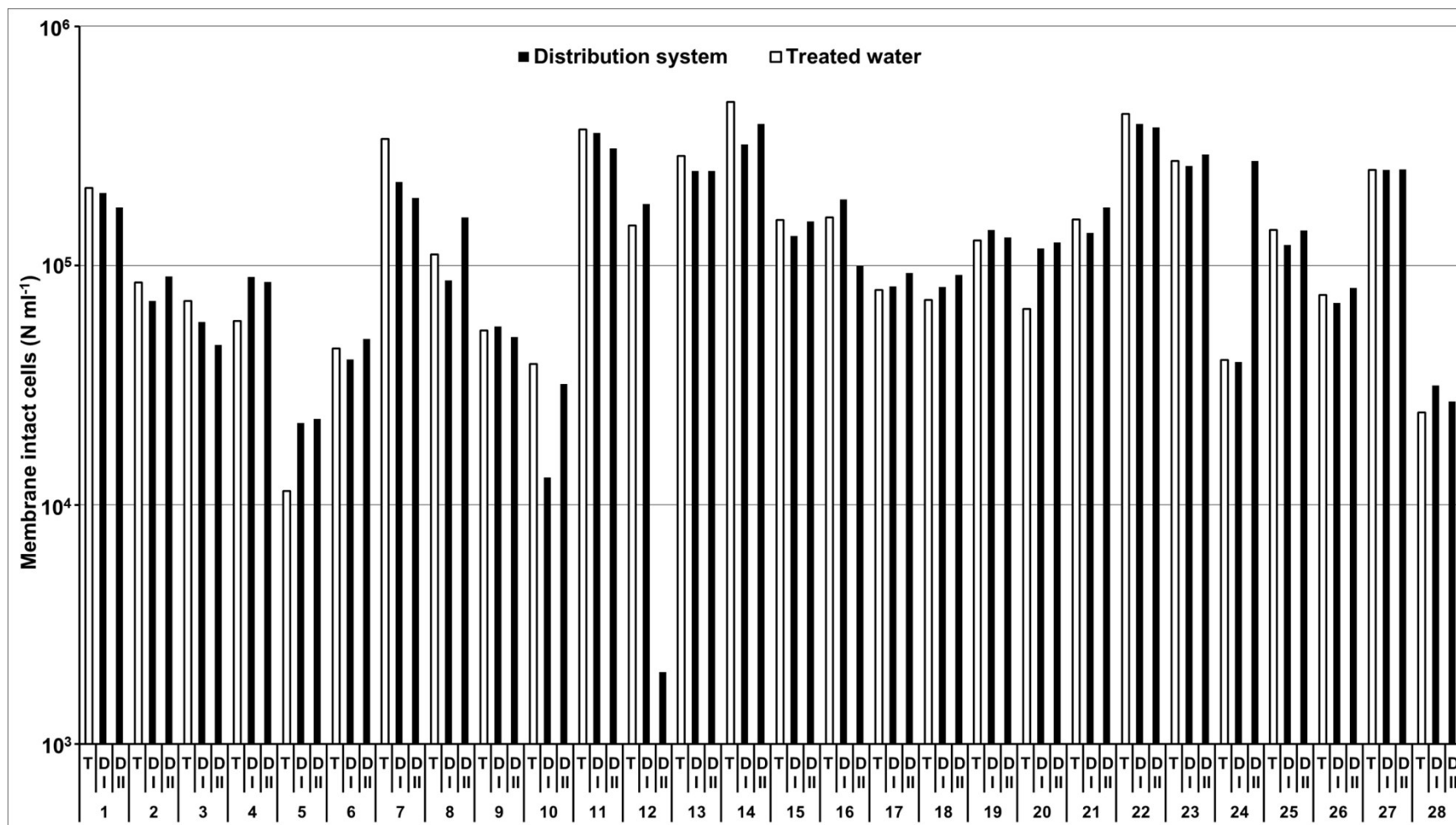
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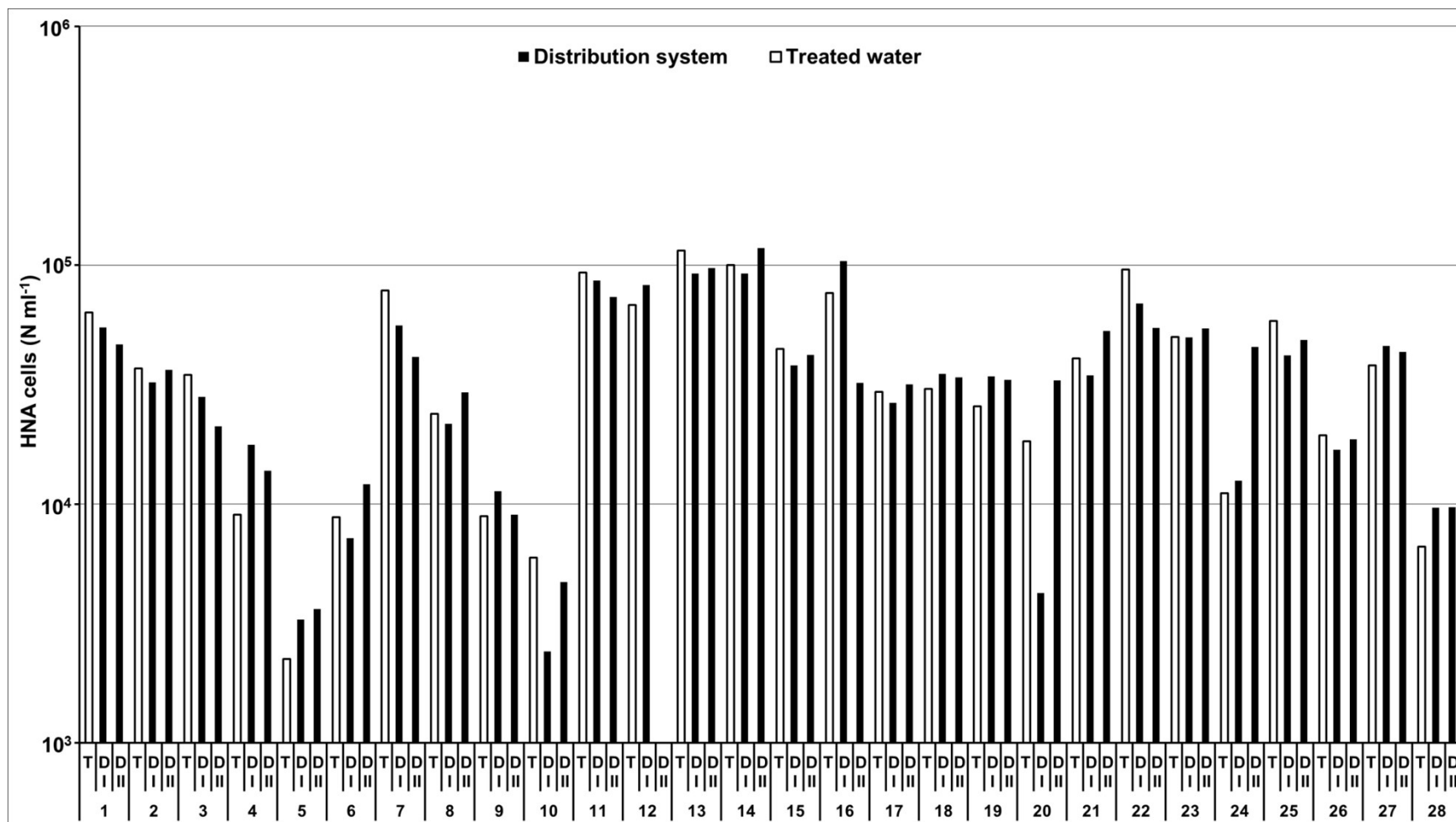
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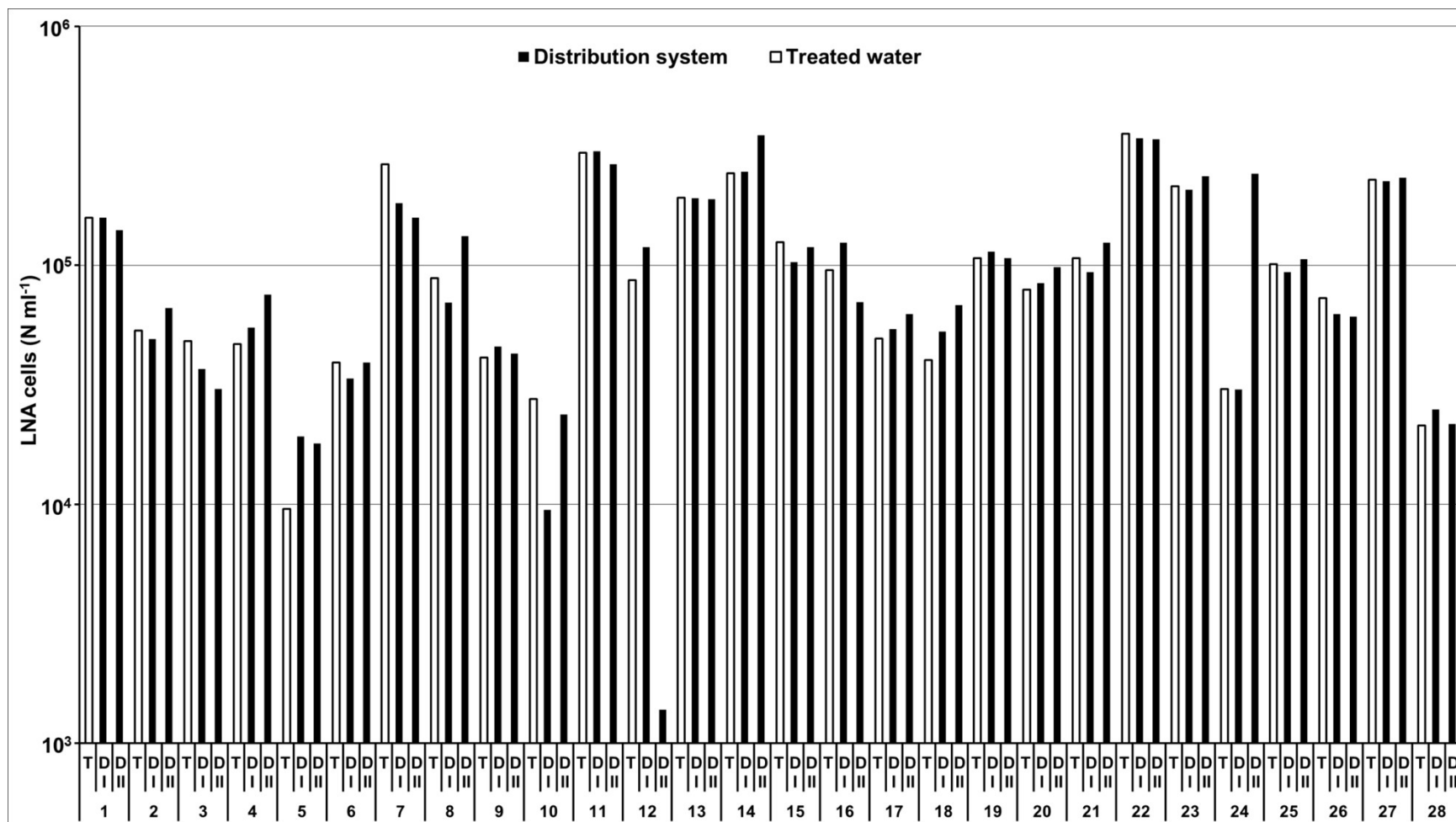
**Figure S4** Total cell counts enumerated with a flow cytometer in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater. T, treated water; DI, water from location I in distribution system; DII, water from location II in distribution system.



**Figure S5** Membrane intact cell numbers enumerated with a flow cytometer in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater.

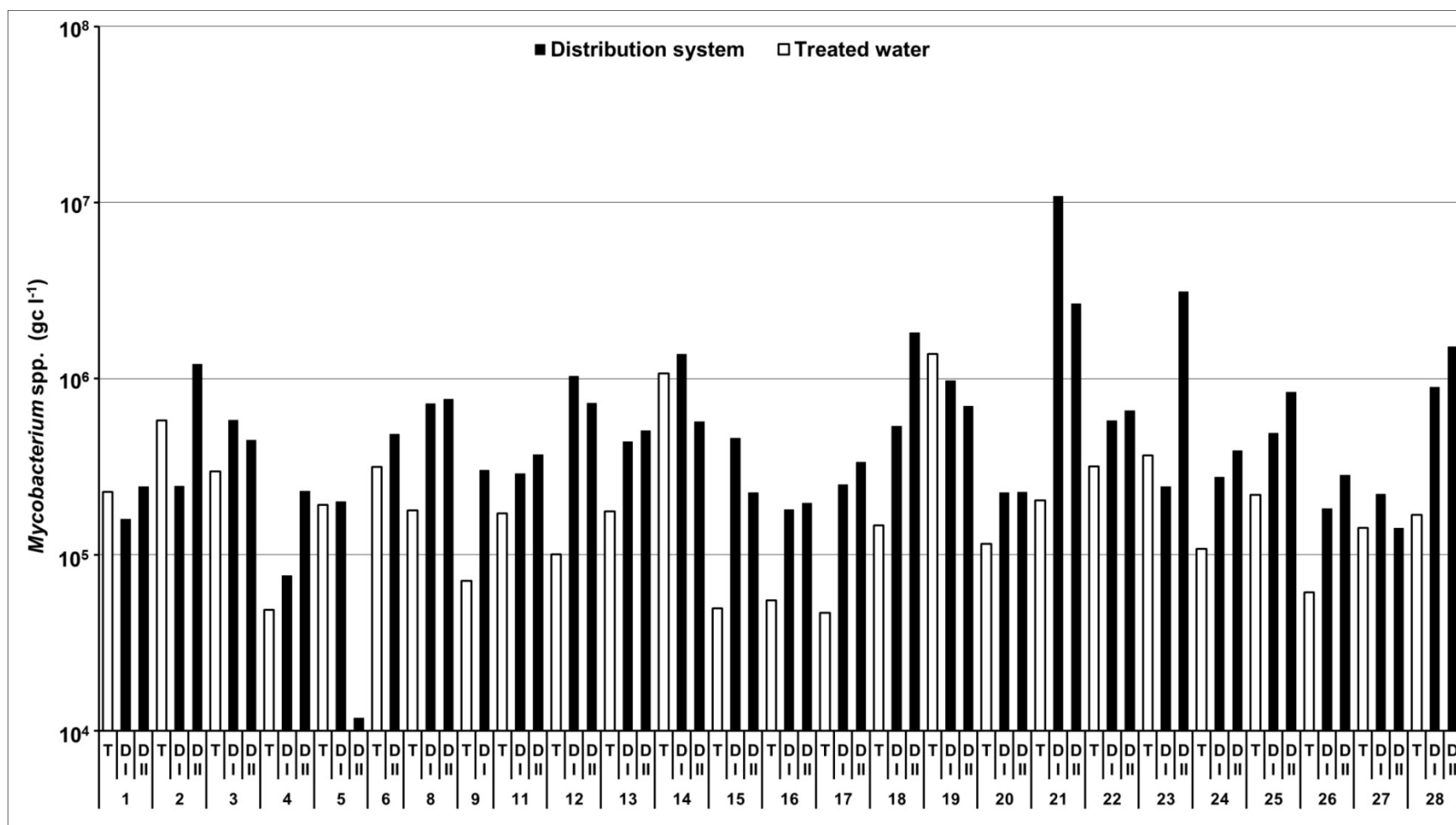


**Figure S6** High nucleic acid (HNA) cell numbers enumerated with a flow cytometer in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater.

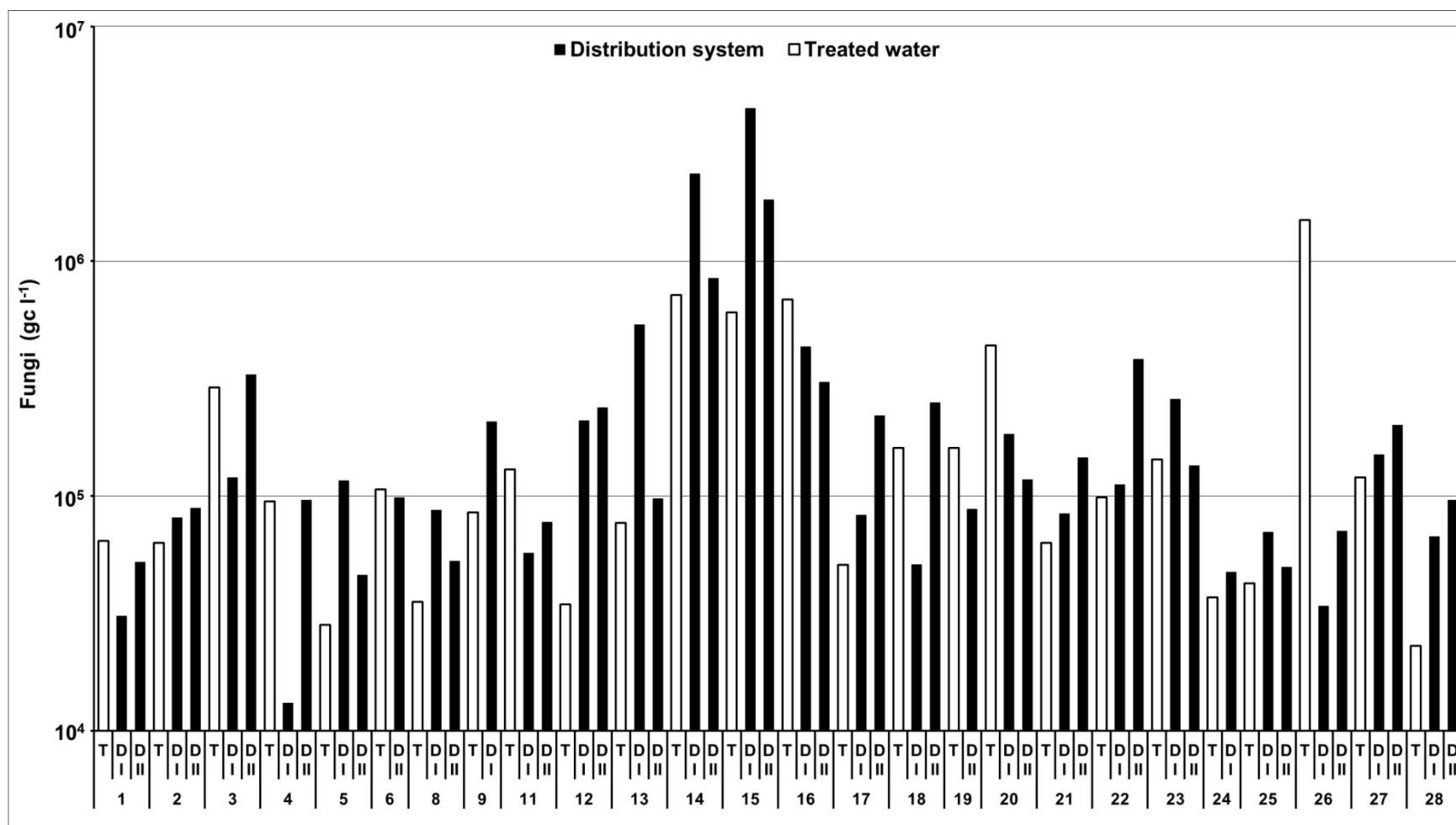


**Figure S7** Low nucleic acid (LNA) cell numbers enumerated with a flow cytometer in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater.





**Figure S8** 16S rRNA gene copy numbers (gc) of *Mycobacterium* spp. in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater. T, treated water; DI, water from location I in distribution system; DII, water from location II in distribution system.



**Figure S9** 18S rRNA gene copy numbers (gc) of fungi in treated water and in drinking water samples at two locations in the distribution system of 28 treatment plants in the Netherlands that produce unchlorinated drinking water from groundwater. T, treated water; DI, water from location I in distribution system; DII, water from location II in distribution system.