

Impact of dissolved sulfide on a hybrid membrane bioreactor treating the effluent of a mainstream up-flow anaerobic sludge blanket

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1. DNA extraction, sequencing, and analysis

To characterize the microbial community, total genomic DNA was extracted using the Biofilm DNA Isolation Kit (Norgen, Thorold, Canada) following the manufacturer instructions. Then, total DNA concentrations were determined using a Qubit fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). DNA size and integrity was tested by standard electrophoresis. The V3V4 region of the bacterial 16S rRNA gene was amplified with the primer pair S-D-Bact-0341-b-S-17 and S-D-Bact-0785-a-A¹. The V2V3 region of the archaeal 16S rRNA gene was amplified with the primer set Arch1F and Arch1R². For that, an initial amplification was carried out in 25 µL volumes containing 3 ng of total DNA, 100 nM of bacterial primers or 200 nM of archaeal primers, and 1X Q5® High Fidelity Master Mix (New England BioLabs) which contains the DNA polymerase, 2mM MgCl₂ and 200 µM dNTPs. PCR conditions were: initial denaturation at 98 °C for 30 s followed by 20 (*Bacteria*) or 22 (*Archaea*) cycles (denaturation: 98°C for 10 s, annealing: 50°C for *Bacteria* or 48°C for *Archaea* during 20 s, extension: 72 °C for 20 s); followed by an extension step of 2 min at 72°C.

A second PCR was used to add the Illumina adapters and barcodes to the amplicons. The conditions were similar to the first PCR but in this case, only 15 cycles were applied and the annealing temperature was 60°C. Library DNA concentration was then determined in a Bioanalyzer (Bioanalyzer, Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). Libraries were pooled in equimolar amounts and sequenced in a MiSeq Illumina sequencer (Illumina, Inc.) at Unidad de Genómica, Parque Científico de Madrid. Paired-end reads (2x300) were generated following manufacturer protocols (Illumina, Inc.).

Obtained sequences were de-multiplexed and trimmed to remove Illumina adapters, barcodes. In addition, the last 50 pb of the 5' ends were removed due to the low-quality scores (Q<30). Next, paired-end reads were merged as previously described³ filtering sequences with quality scores below Q30 and a minimum overlap of 50 bp. In addition, all sequences containing indeterminations were removed from further analysis. The high-quality sequences obtained, were analyzed with VSEARCH in de novo mode for chimera removal⁴ and clustered into Operational Taxonomic Units (OTUs) using the 97% cutoff for sequences similarity using QIIME⁵. OTUs taxonomic affiliation was determined with USEARCH⁴ with the Greengenes database version 13.8⁶.

2. Supplementary Table

Table S1. Relative abundances of the most predominant bacteria found on days 70 (Period I) and 154 (Period II) in three different types of biomass samples: i) suspended biomass in the MBR, ii) biofilm attached to the Biochip carriers located in the anoxic compartment of the MBR, and iii) biofilm attached to the biochip carriers located in the aerobic compartment of the MBR. Other includes minor and non-classified families. When the taxonomic classification of a family (f) was not possible, the best taxonomic classification for that microbial group is shown at the best taxonomic resolution achieved as follows: (p) phylum and (o) order.

	Period I (day 70)			Period II (day 154)		
	Suspended (MBR)	Biofilm (Anoxic)	Biofilm (Aerobic)	Suspended (MBR)	Biofilm (Anoxic)	Biofilm (Aerobic)
<i>f_Ellin6075</i>	1.5%	2.0%	1.5%	4.3%	4.7%	6.5%
<i>f_Fimbriimonadaceae</i>	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	2.1%	1.1%	1.1%
<i>f_Cryomorphaceae</i>	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	0.9%	1.7%	1.4%
<i>f_Sphingobacteriaceae</i>	1.7%	1.2%	2.1%	0.6%	1.1%	0.5%
<i>f_Chitinophagaceae</i>	15.9%	13.5%	17.7%	9.8%	11.8%	9.7%
<i>f_Saprosiraceae</i>	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	16.2%	8.2%	7.7%
<i>f_Camobacteriaceae</i>	3.2%	4.8%	3.1%	2.1%	2.4%	2.1%
<i>f_Nitrospiraceae</i>	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	6.7%
<i>f_Brocadiaceae</i>	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	3.7%	4.6%
<i>f_Caulobacteraceae</i>	4.6%	5.5%	4.4%	3.6%	2.3%	1.9%
<i>f_Comamonadaceae</i>	4.3%	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%	4.6%	4.6%
<i>f_Methylophilaceae</i>	3.2%	3.2%	2.6%	1.1%	2.3%	2.5%
<i>f_Nitrosomonadaceae</i>	2.5%	2.8%	1.8%	1.2%	1.5%	3.4%
<i>f_Rhodocyclaceae</i>	2.0%	1.2%	1.8%	2.8%	4.3%	2.7%
<i>f_Methylococcaceae</i>	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%	1.1%	5.6%
<i>f_Verrucomicrobiaceae</i>	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	1.4%	0.7%	0.9%
<i>o_Thiobacterales</i>	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	8.5%	4.6%	3.6%
<i>p_Chlorobi</i>	9.0%	10.2%	8.7%	1.8%	4.8%	3.6%
<i>Other</i>	44.3%	43.8%	44.2%	38.4%	38.6%	30.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Supplementary Figure

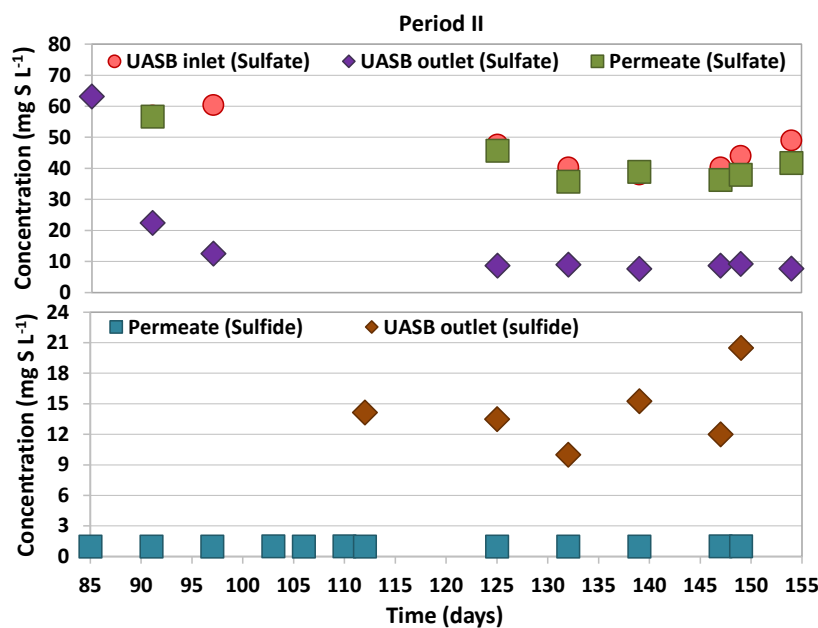


Figure S1. Changes in sulfur species (sulfate and sulfide) concentrations in different compartments of the UASB-MBR system throughout Period II.

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