

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

### **Formation and release behavior of iron corrosion products under the influence of bacterial community in simulated water distribution system**

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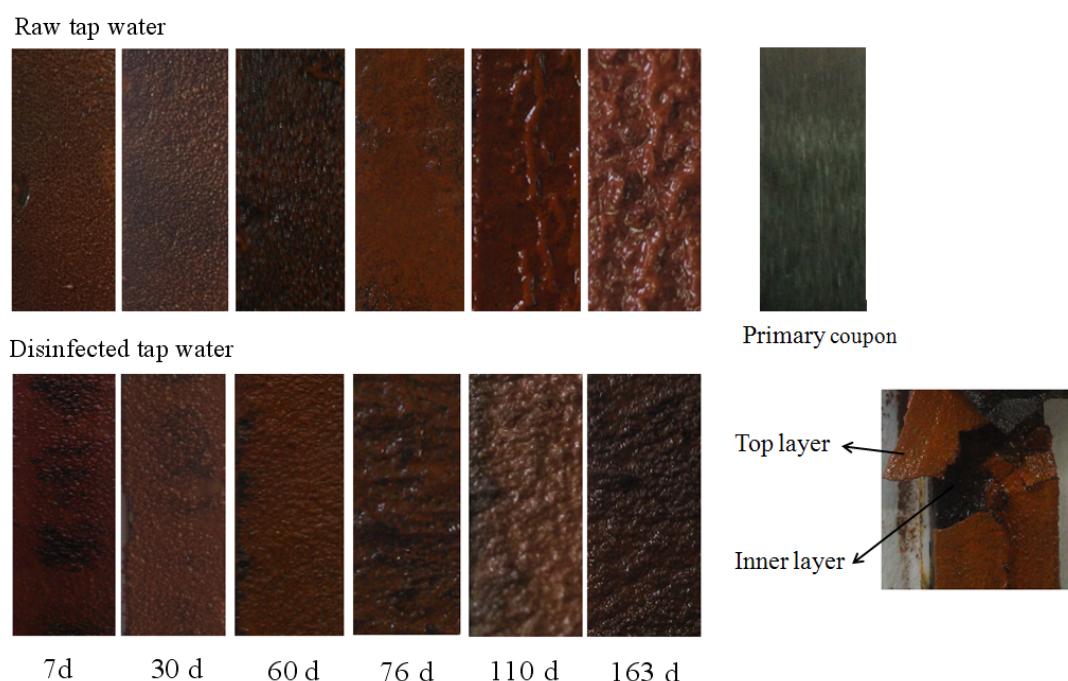
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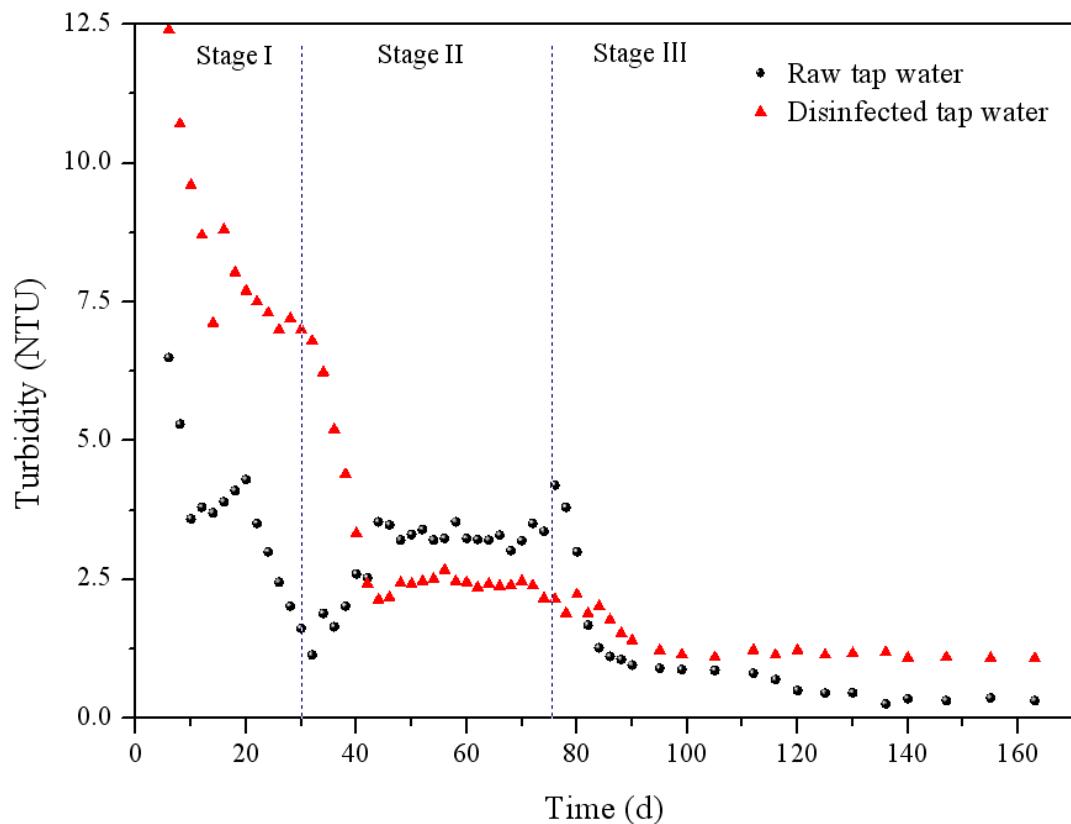
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The top layer was brown and relatively hard, and the inner layer was black and soft. The top layer was scraped slightly first from the cast iron coupons using a sterile spatula, until the color of the corrosion scales was black. Then the inner layer was scraped using another sterile spatula, until the corroded floor was observed. The top layer and inner layer was pulverized using agate mortar respectively, passed through a 150 µm mesh sieve, and then vacuum-freeze-dried.

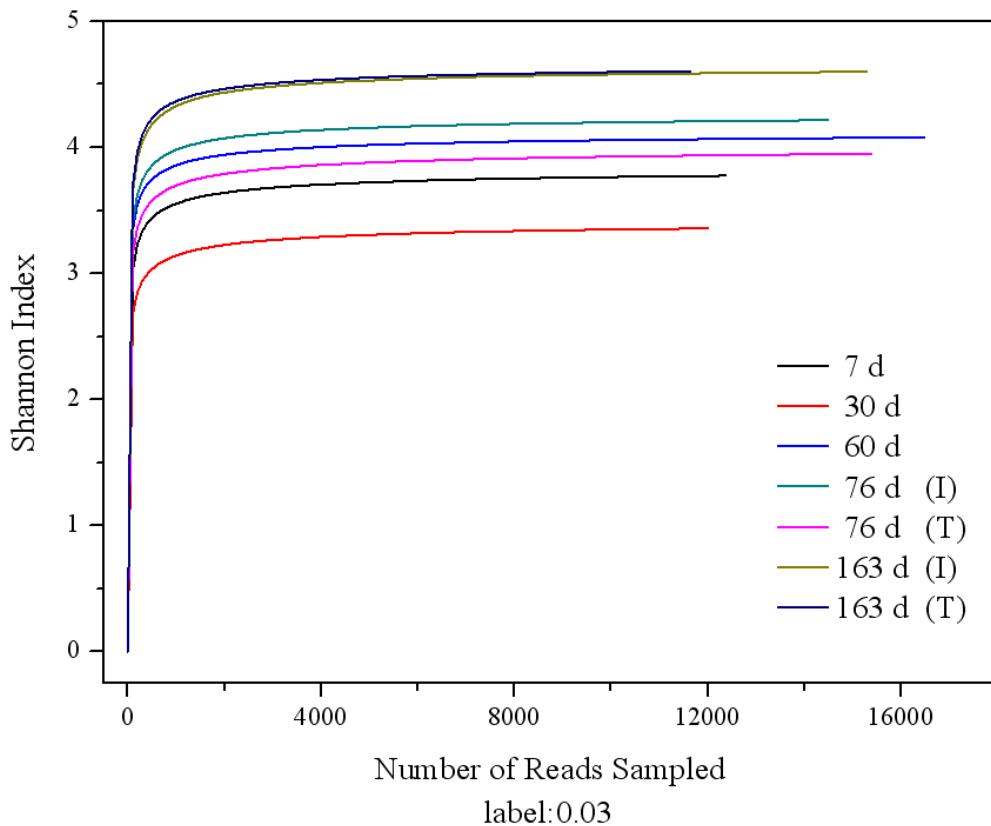
All of the operations (except vacuum-freeze-dried) were done in an anaerobic glove box.



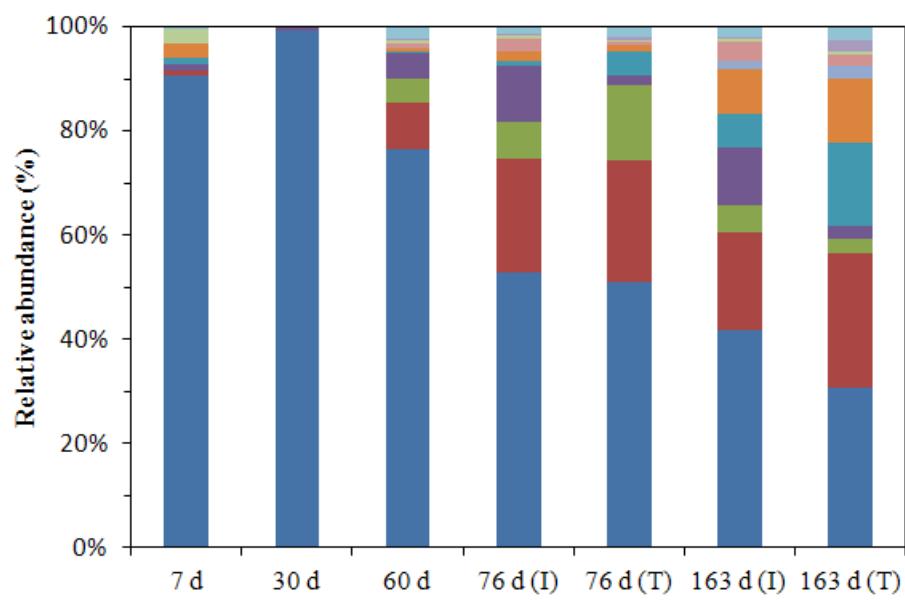
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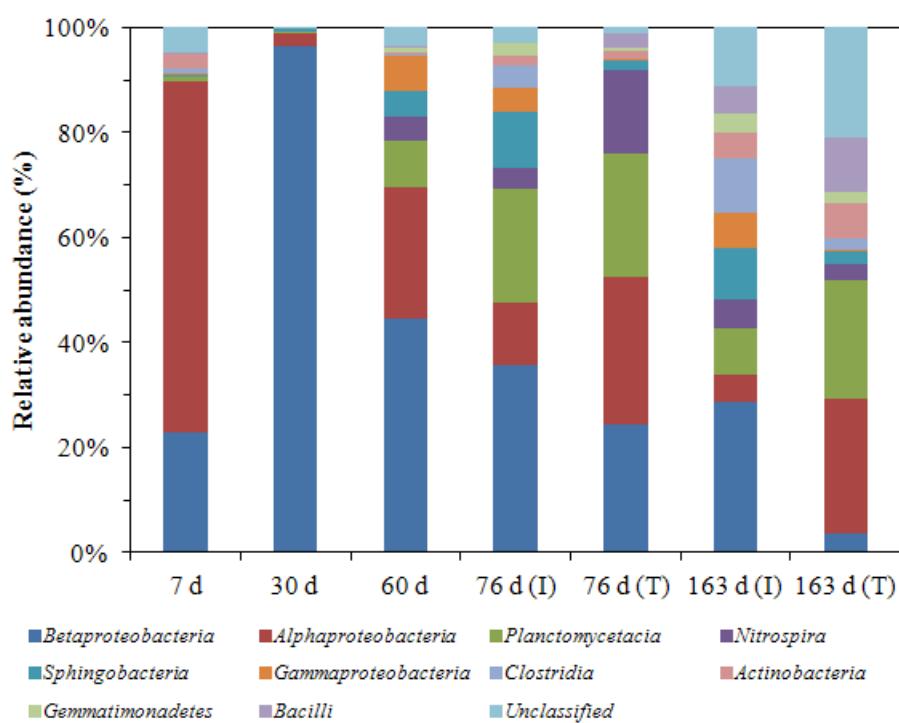
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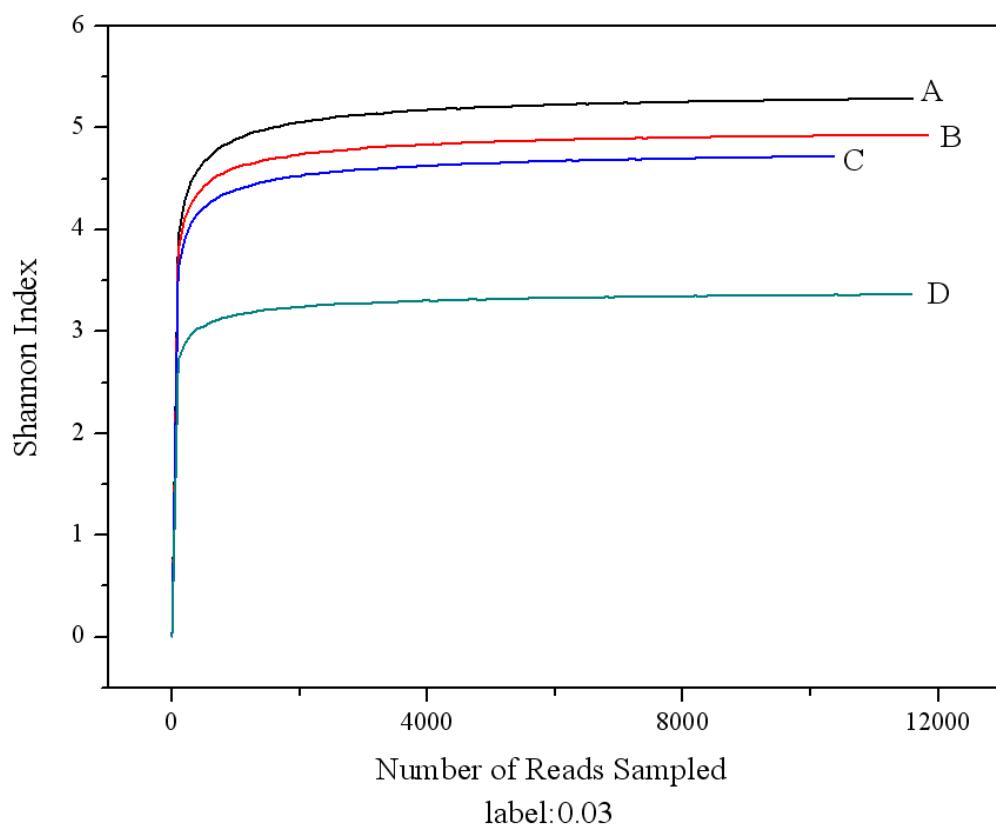
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**Table. S1** Water sources and their main average water quality parameters of pipe samples from actual DWDS

Water source	SW-1	SW-2	SW-3	GW-1	GW-2
pH	7.85	7.49	7.80	7.71	7.40
Temperature (°C)	20	15	16	14	17
Turbidity (NTU)	0.15	0.24	0.13	0.15	0.29
Alkalinity (mg L <sup>-1</sup> CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	140	150	140	200	225
Hardness (mg L <sup>-1</sup> CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	182	193	178	214	346
Sulfate (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	39.8	33.9	41.6	22.0	38.1
Chloride (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	17.7	17.3	21.1	16.4	15.0
COD <sub>Mn</sub> (mg L <sup>-1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )	1.4	0.95	0.87	0.55	0.55
Fe (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	<0.05	0.11	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Mn (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cu (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	<0.001	0.003	<0.001	0.003	0.0001
Zn (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	<0.05	0.07	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Ca (mg L <sup>-1</sup> CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	104	110	113	125	213
Mg (mg L <sup>-1</sup> CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	78	83	66	89	133

**Table. S2** Coverage and diversity indices of bacterial 16S rRNA gene libraries

Samples	Reads	OTU	Ace	Chao 1	Coverage	Shannon	Simpson
7 d	11555	632	1478	1089	0.972653	3.36	0.0983
30 d	5677	324	952	728	0.968645	3.00	0.1389
60 d	16491	768	1763	1264	0.977867	4.08	0.0416
76 d (I)*	14492	774	1283	1257	0.975711	4.21	0.0429
76 d (T)**	15400	889	2224	1535	0.971104	3.95	0.0641
163 d (I)	15299	885	1786	1435	0.974966	4.60	0.0279
163 d (T)	11673	732	1804	1251	0.970267	4.60	0.0259
A	11601	1175	2091	1849	0.958452	5.29	0.0184
B	11834	1001	1879	1607	0.963580	4.93	0.0234
C	10369	1004	2532	1828	0.951201	4.72	0.0333
D	11582	642	1636	1166	0.972285	3.36	0.0975

( \*I: inner layer; \*\*T: top layer)