

TEP production under oxidative stress of the picocyanobacterium *Synechococcus*

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Tab. S1. Summary of the growth rates, normalized TEP production and aggregate formation in the different treatments for all the *Synechococcus* strains.

Strains	Growth rates (d ⁻¹)			TEP (ng C cell ⁻¹)			Aggregate formation
	Control	Peroxide	UV-PAR	Control	Peroxide	UV-PAR	Treatment
LL	0.36	-0.05	0.33	50	29	61*	UV-PAR
MW	0.27	-0.22	0.23	93	189*	93	No
ATX	0.31	0.13	0.20	139	194*	218*	All
NH	-0.01	0.01	-0.49	37	41	101*	No
BO	0.22	0.13	0.27	196	276*	219	No

*P<0.01 significant difference respect to control.

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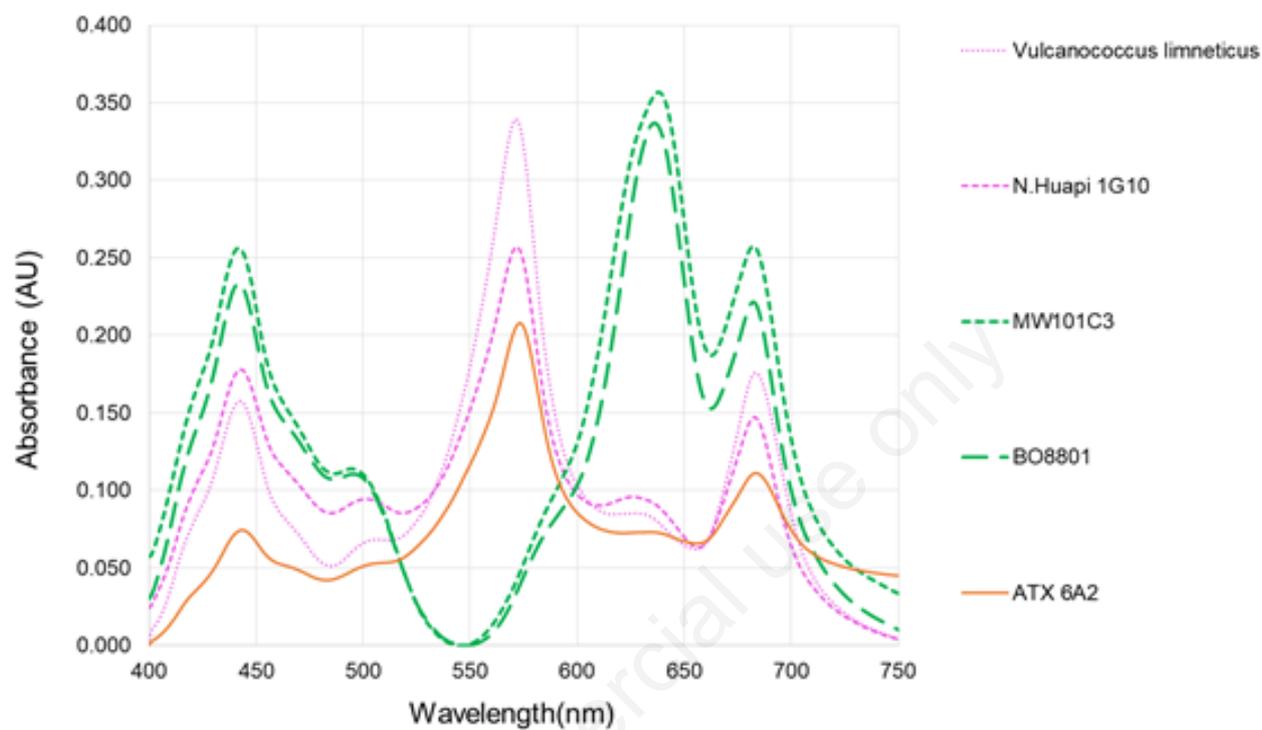


Fig. S1. Absorption spectra of the *Synechococcus* strains used in the experiments kept in controlled conditions for maintenance (20°C and 10-15 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$).

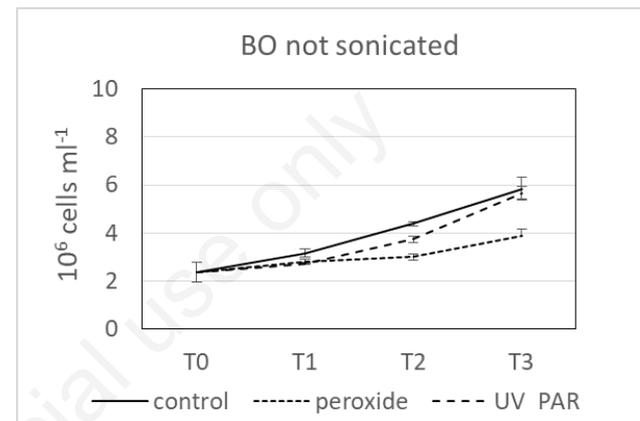
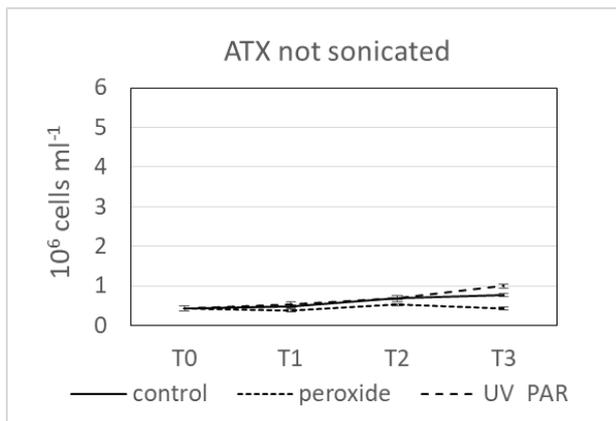
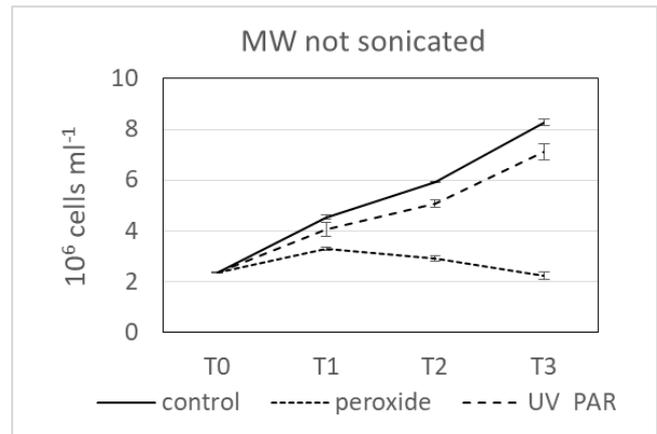
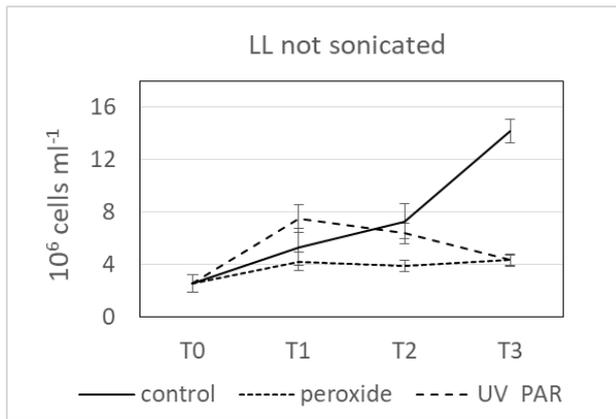


Fig. S2. Cell number of *Synechococcus* PE strains (LL, ATX) and PC strains (MW, BO) before sonication, in the control and the two treatments, during the days of the experiment (T₀-T₃).

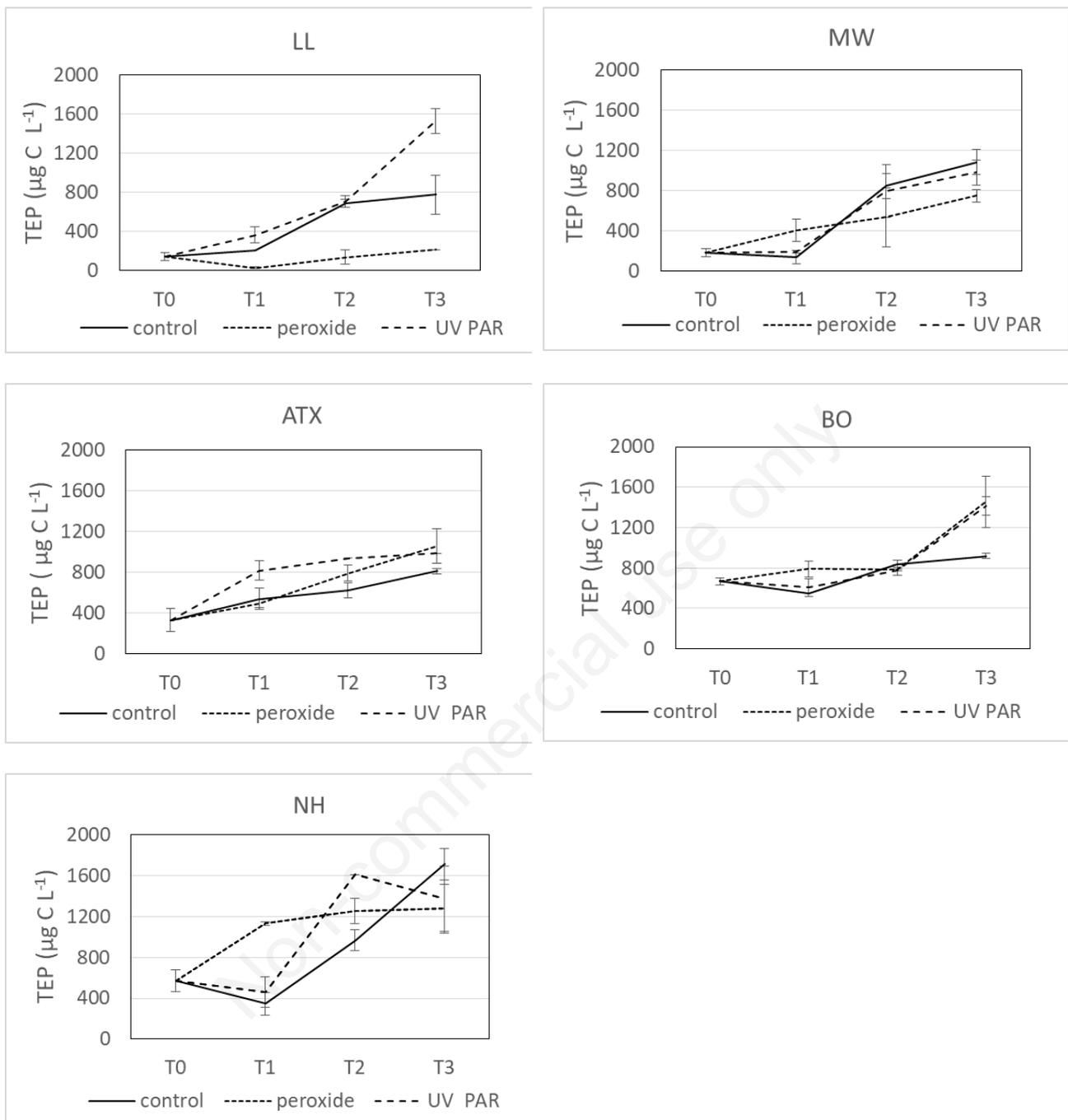


Fig. S3. TEP concentration ($\mu\text{g C L}^{-1}$) of *Synechococcus* PE strains (LL, ATX, NH) and PC strains (MW, BO) in the control and the two treatments, during the days of the experiment. The bars are the standard deviations.

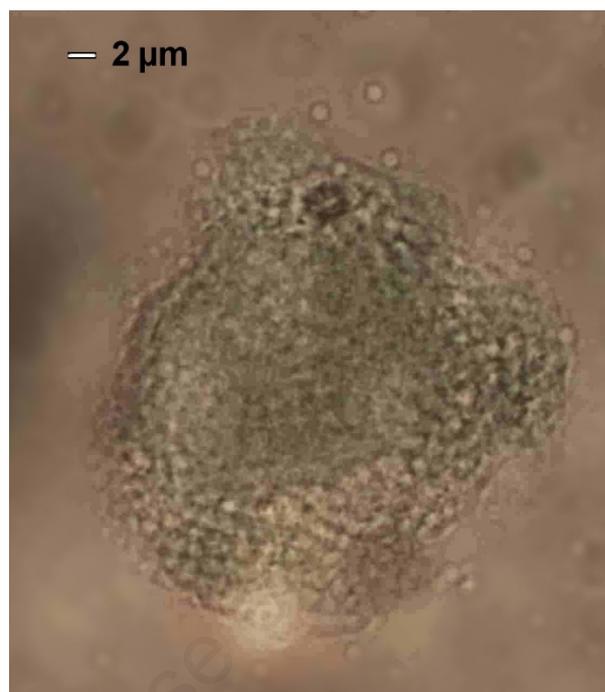
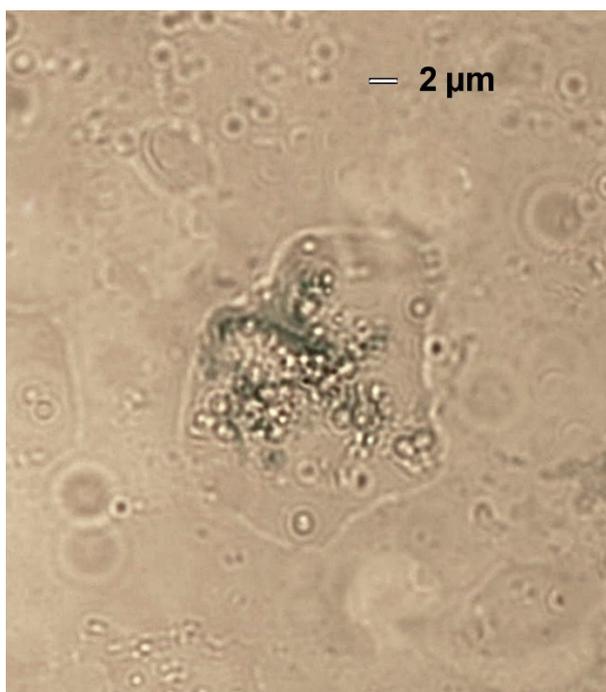


Fig. S4. Alcian blu stained TEP particles associated to microcolonies in *Synechococcus* NH (left) and BO (right) strains as appear under transmission view by epifluorescence microscopy (Zeiss).

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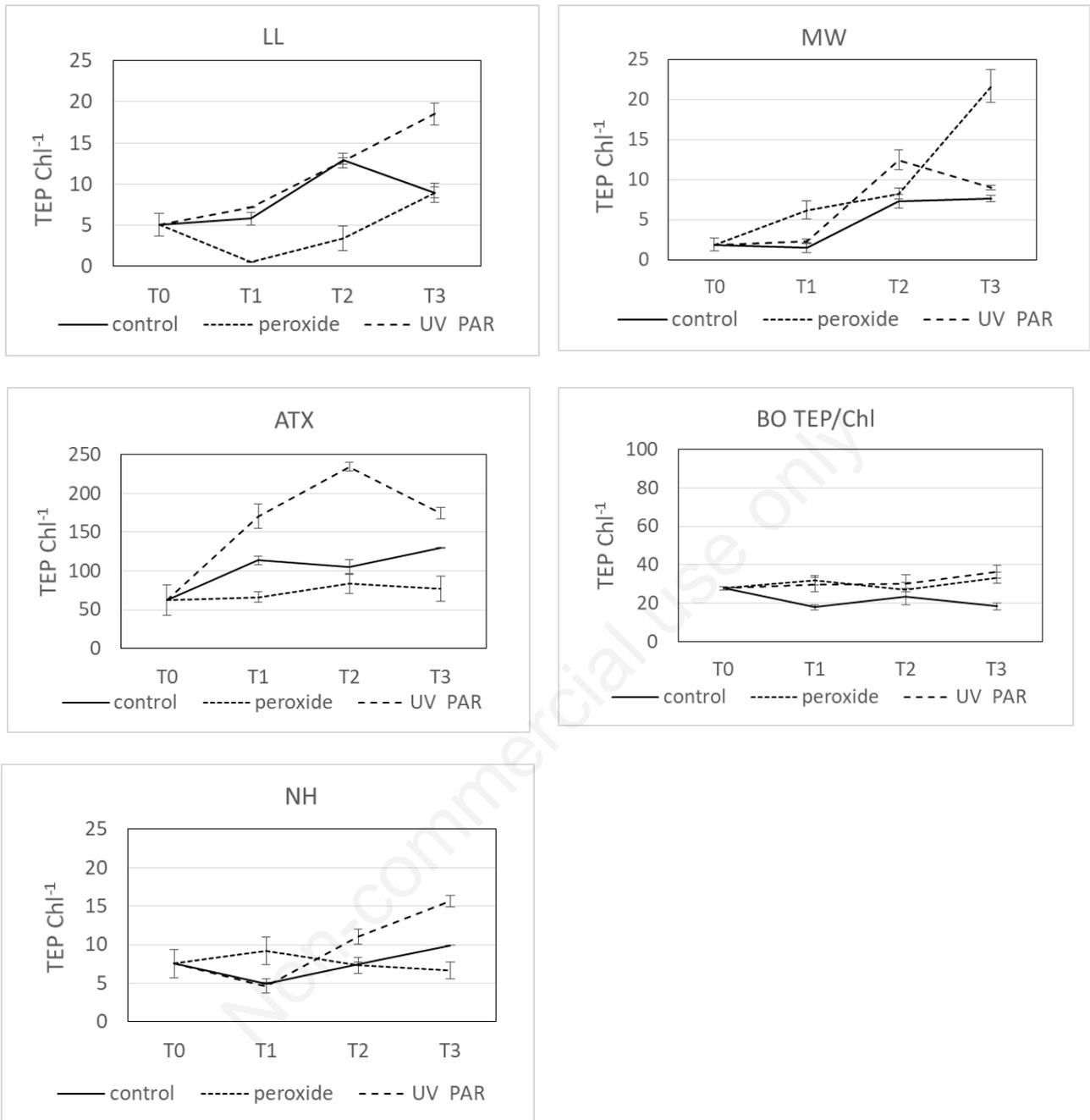


Fig. S5. TEP concentration normalized per chlorophyll concentration in *Synechococcus* PE strains (LL, ATX, NH) and PC strains (MW, BO) in the control and the two treatments, during the days of the experiment.

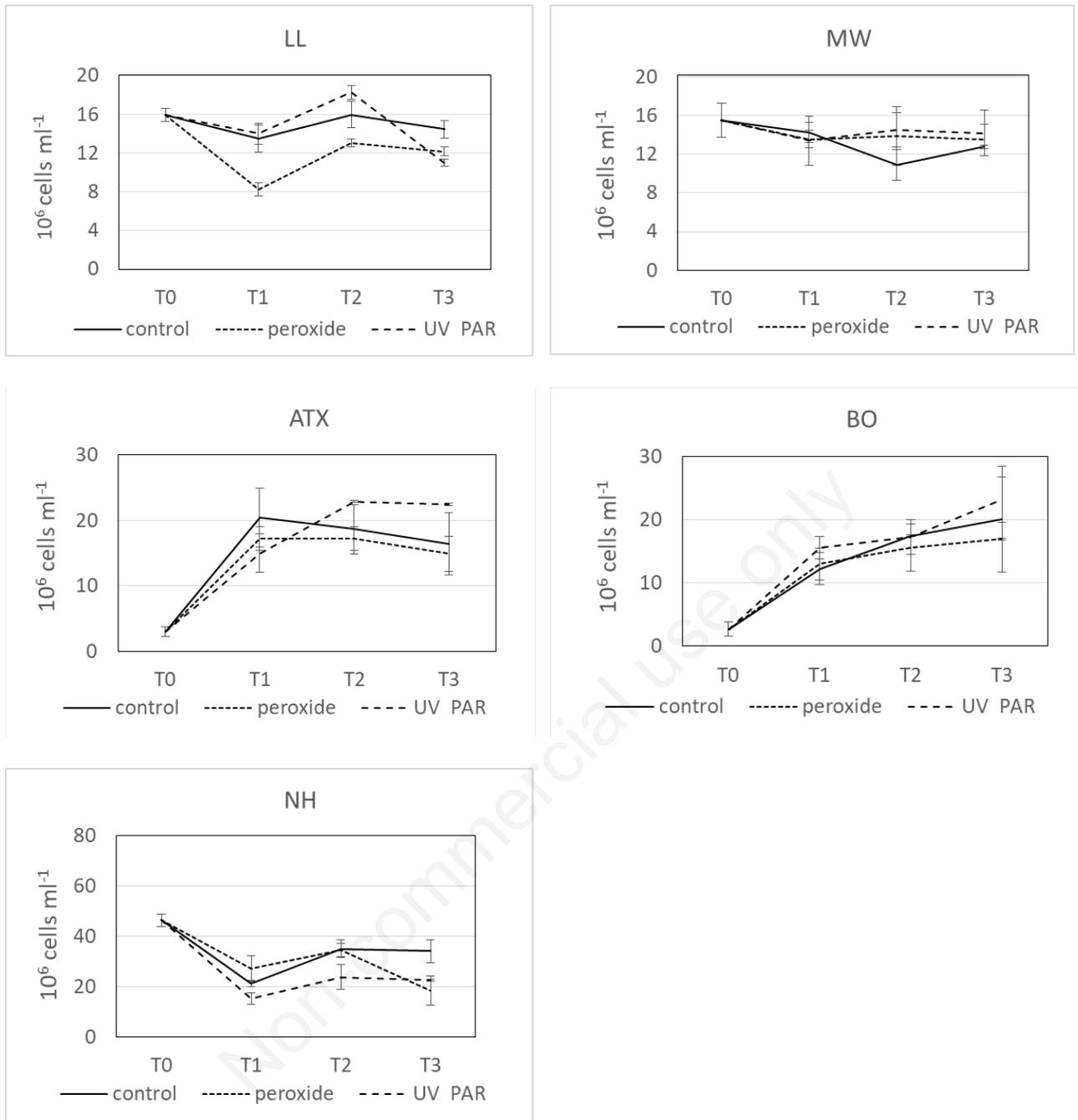


Fig. S6. Bacterial number in *Synechococcus* PE strains (LL, ATX, NH) and PC strains (MW, BO) in the control and the two treatments, during the days of the experiment.

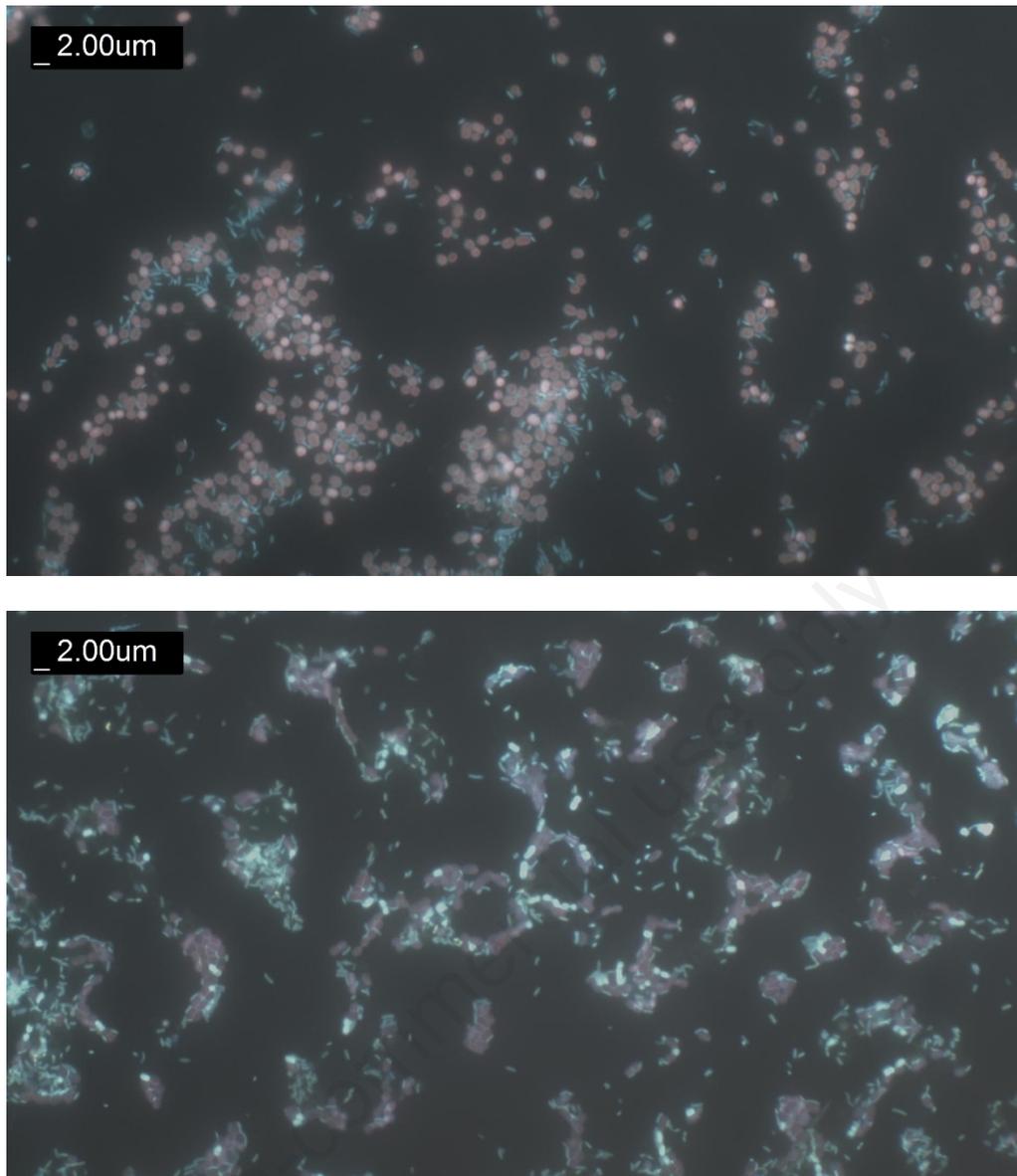


Fig. S7. LL *Synechococcus* strain (control, upper panel) and MW *Synechococcus* strain (UVR-PAR, lower panel) after DAPI staining, at T₃ of the experiment.