

Supporting Information:

Nitrogen-Enriched Organic fertilizer (NEO) elevates nitrification rates shortly after application but has no lasting effect on nitrification in agricultural soils

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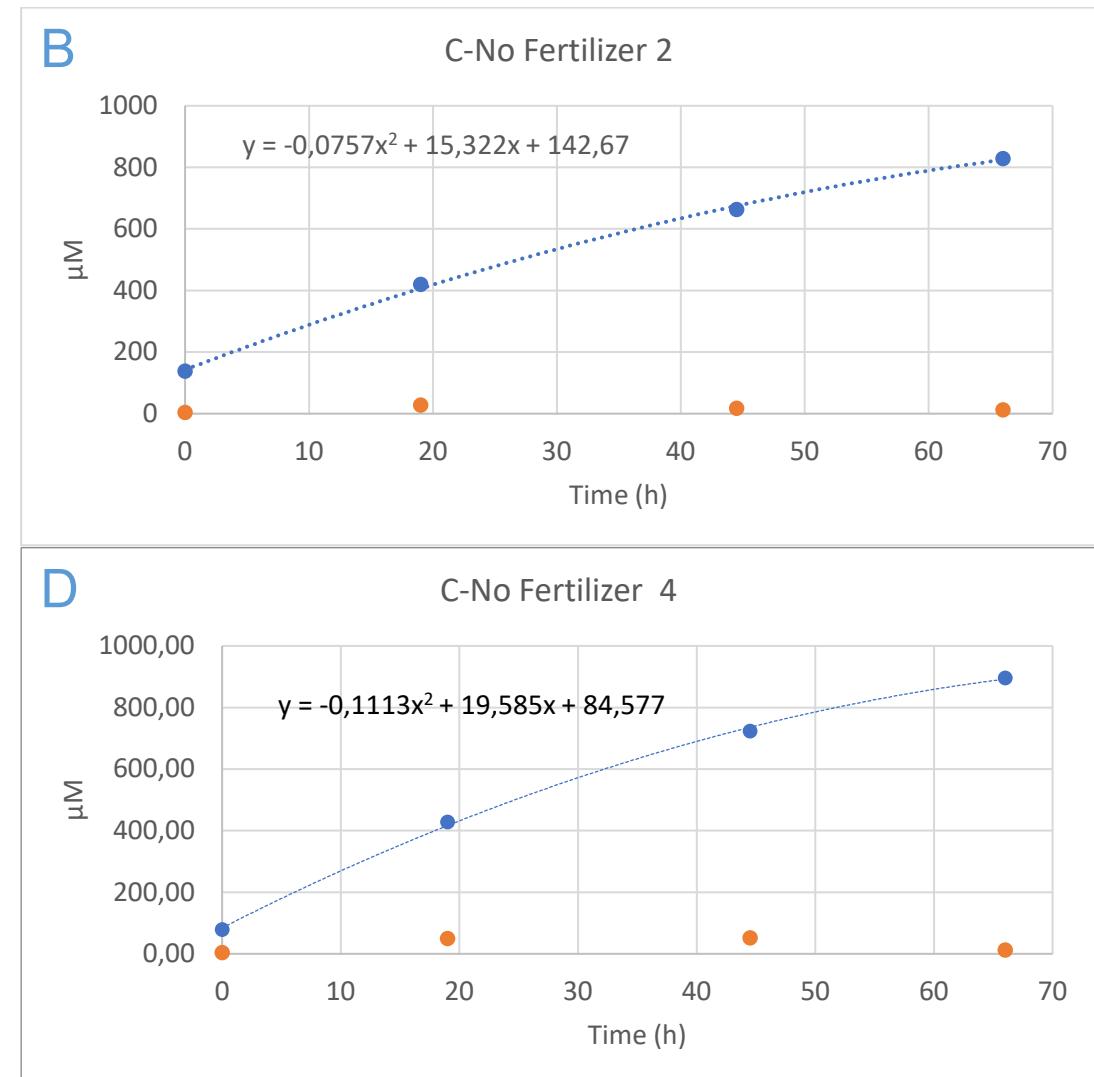
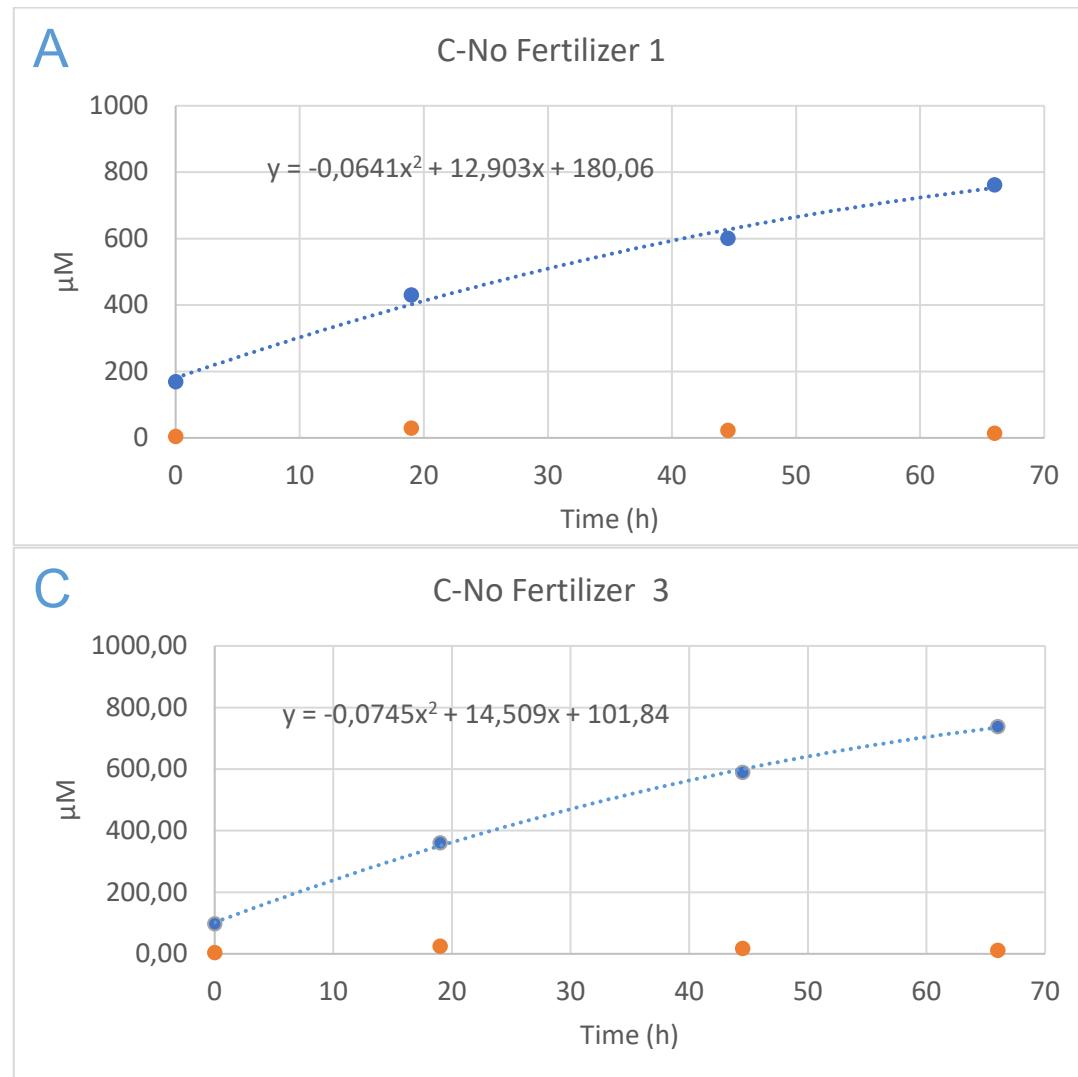
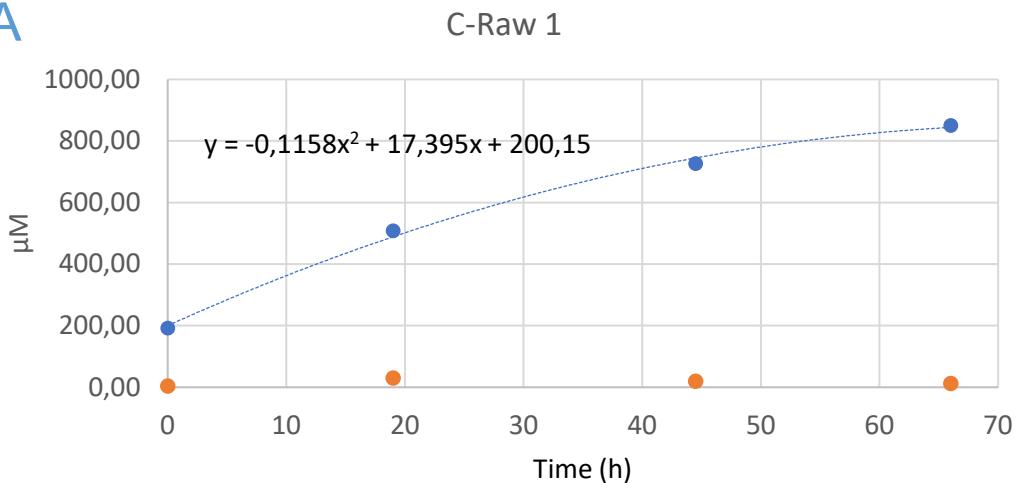
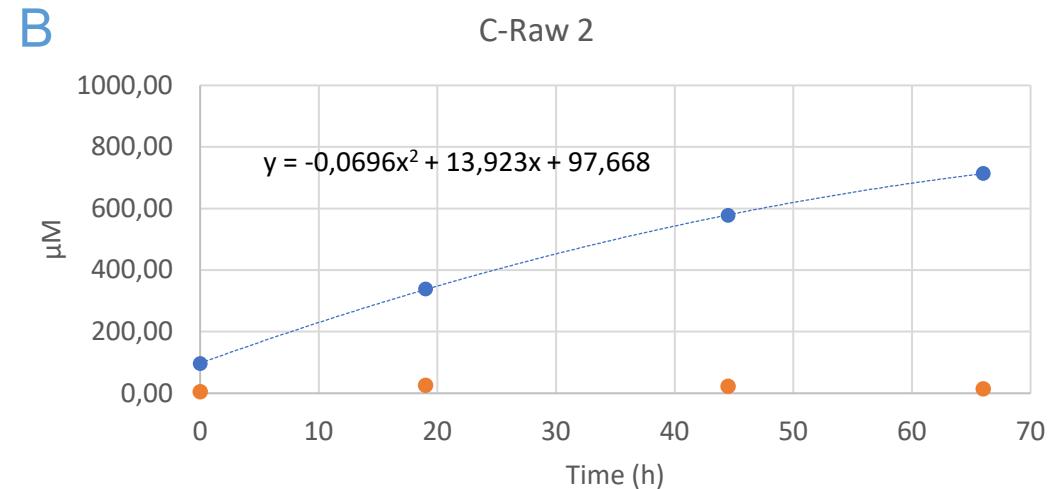


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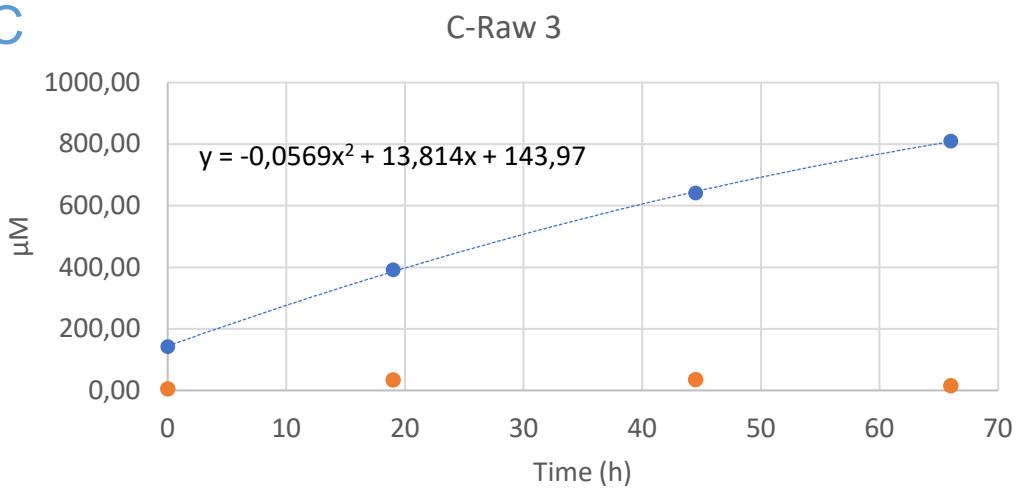
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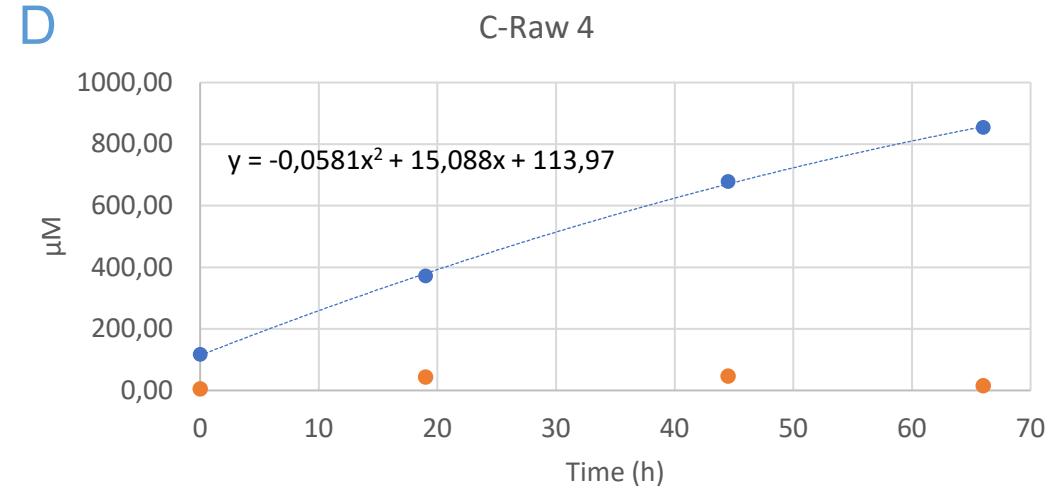


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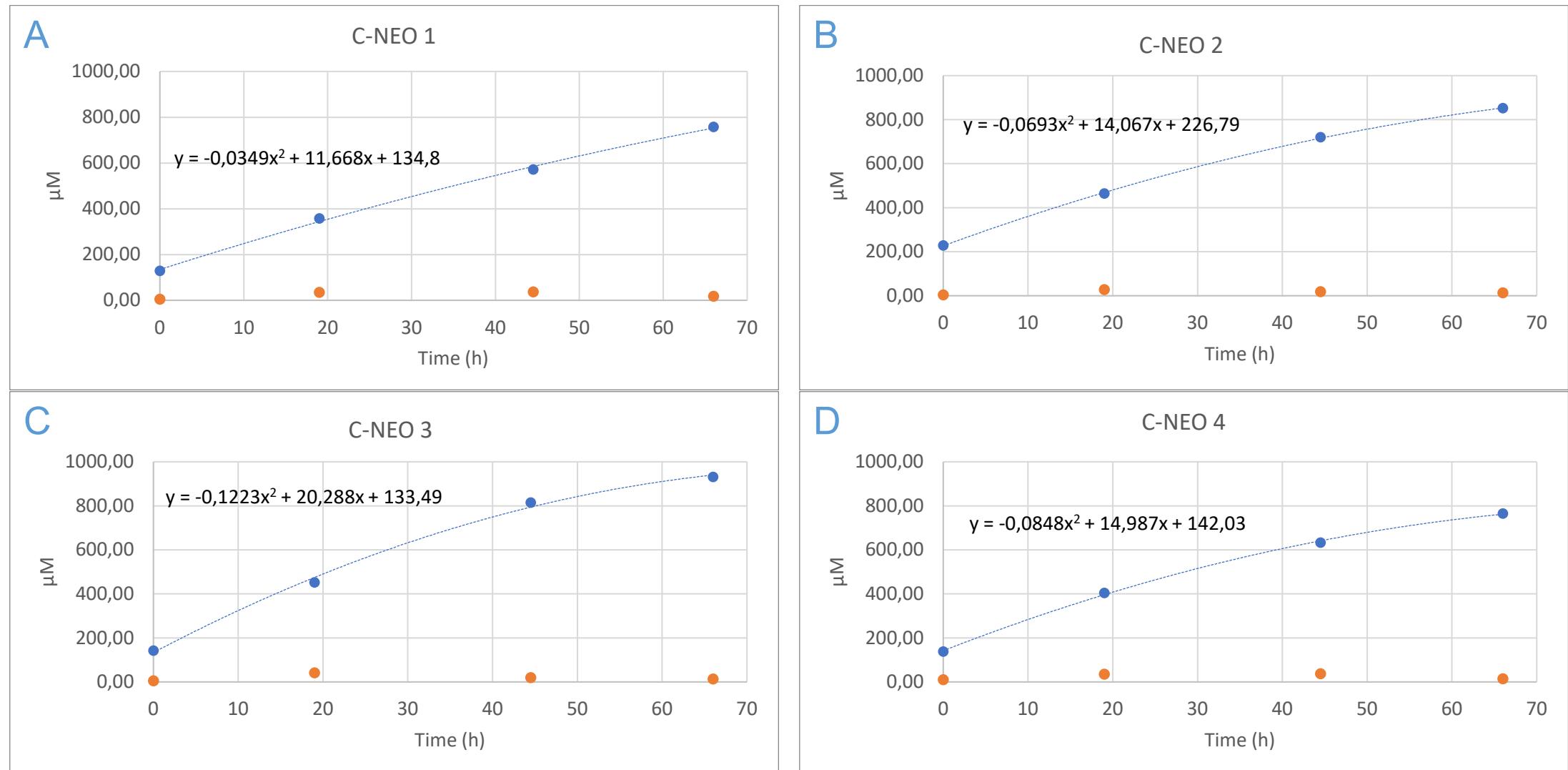
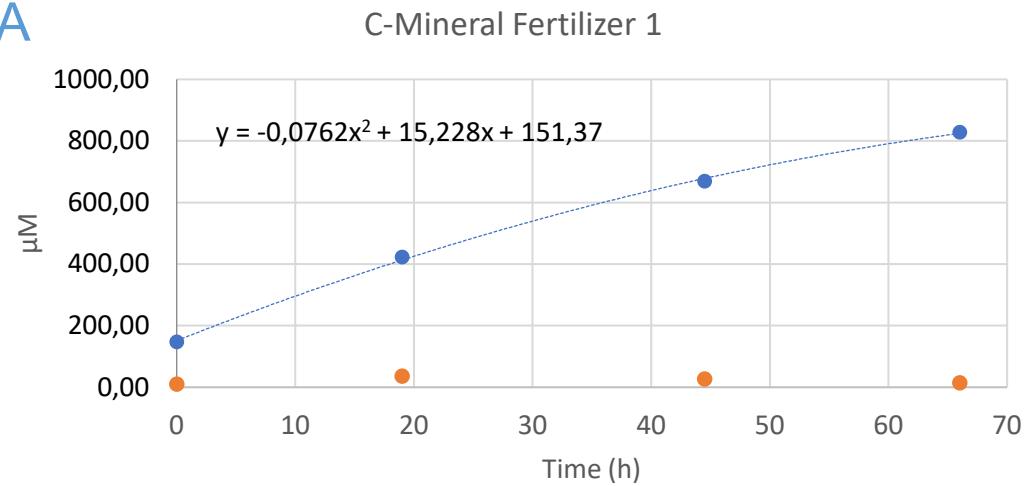
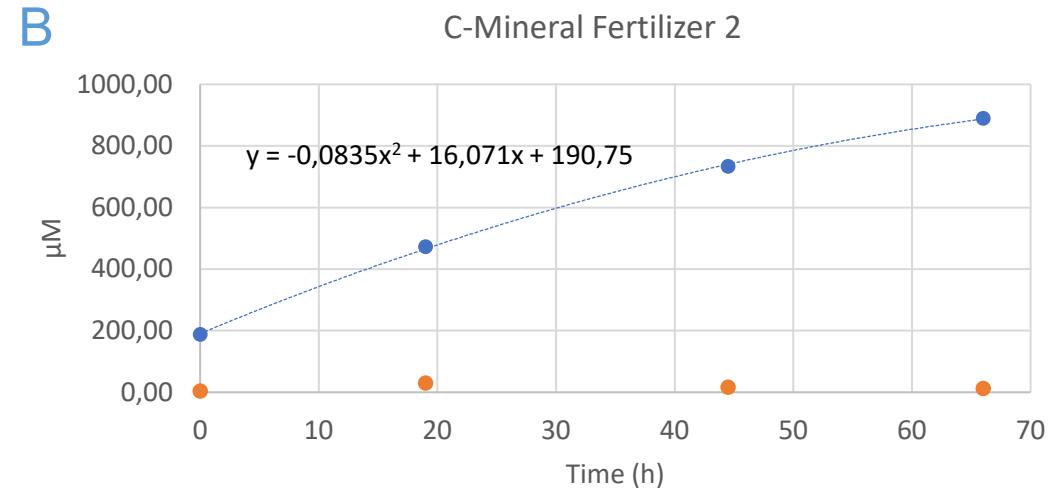


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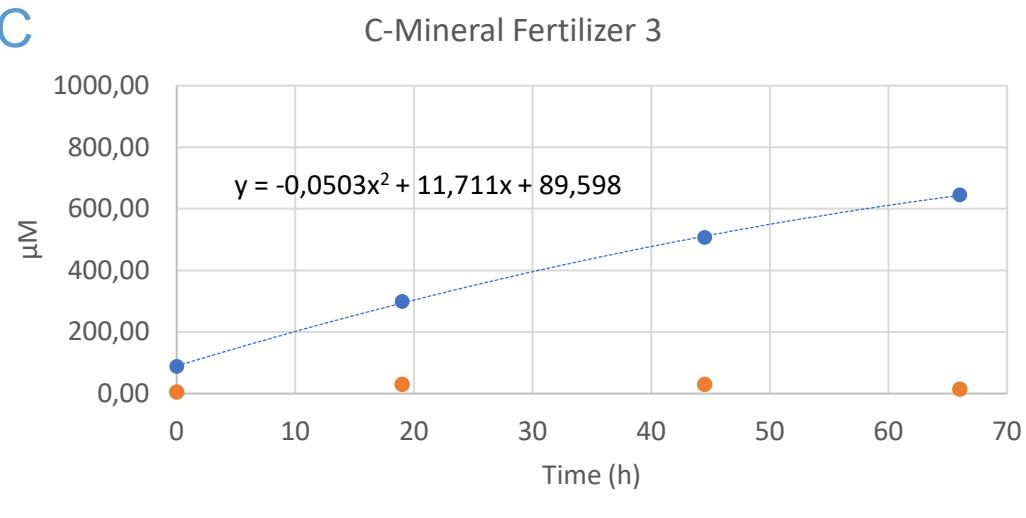
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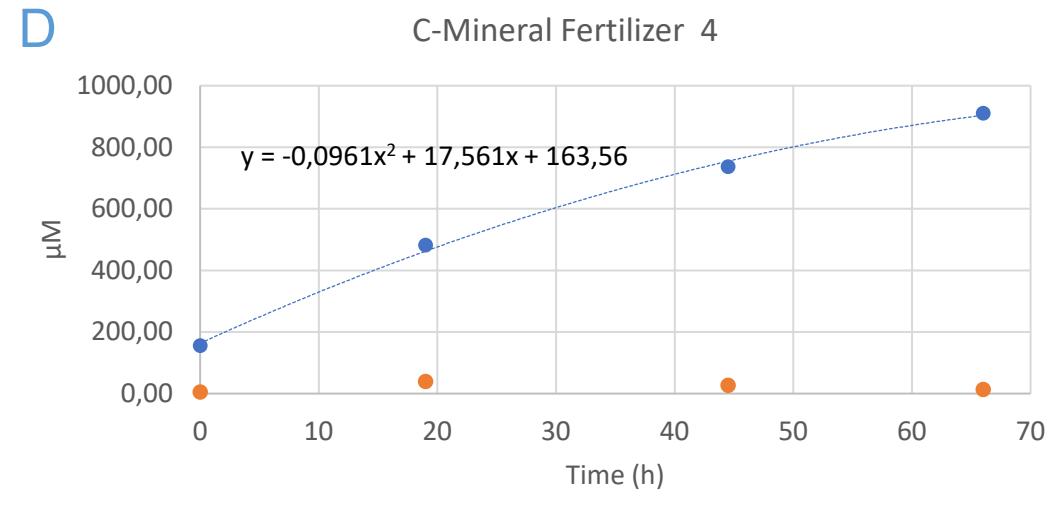
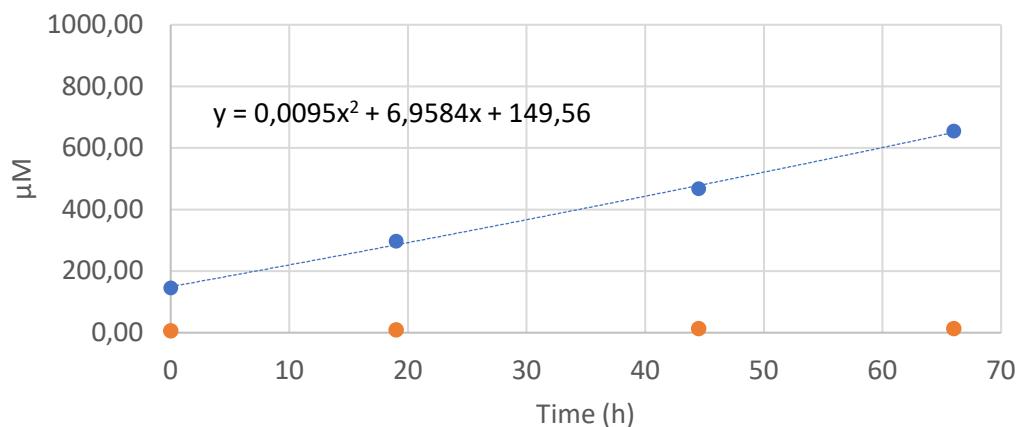


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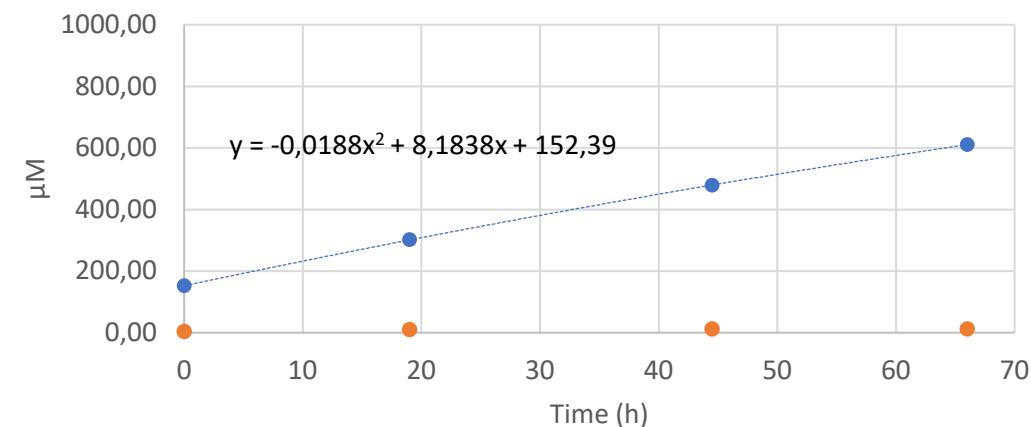
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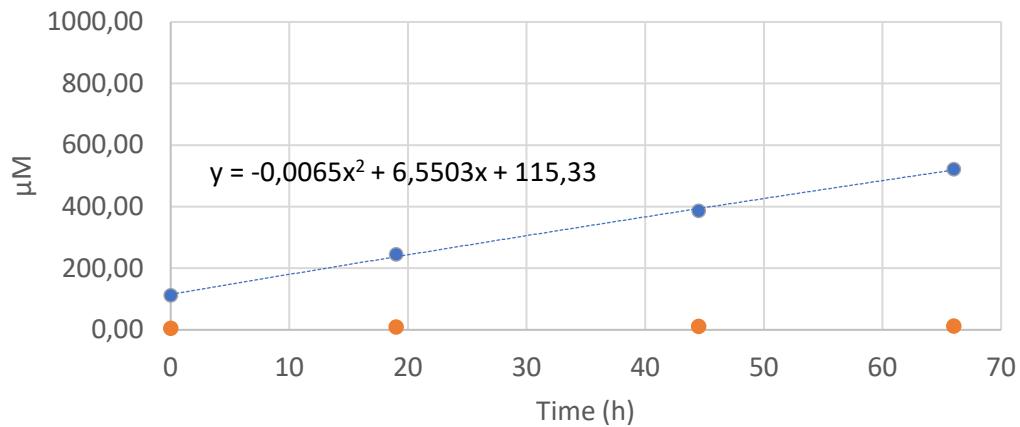
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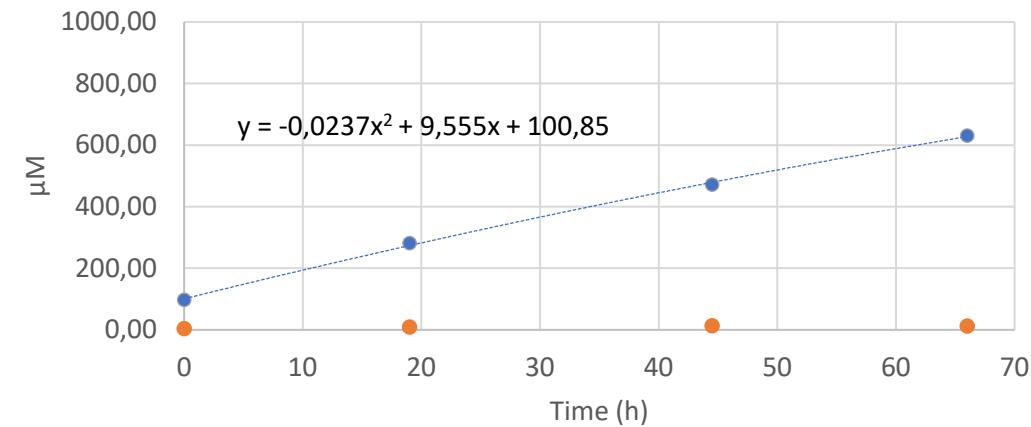
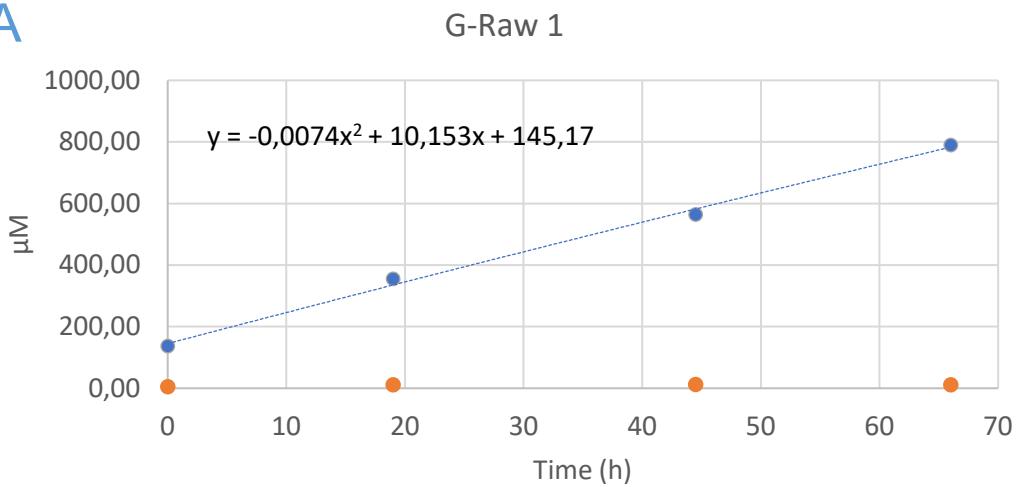
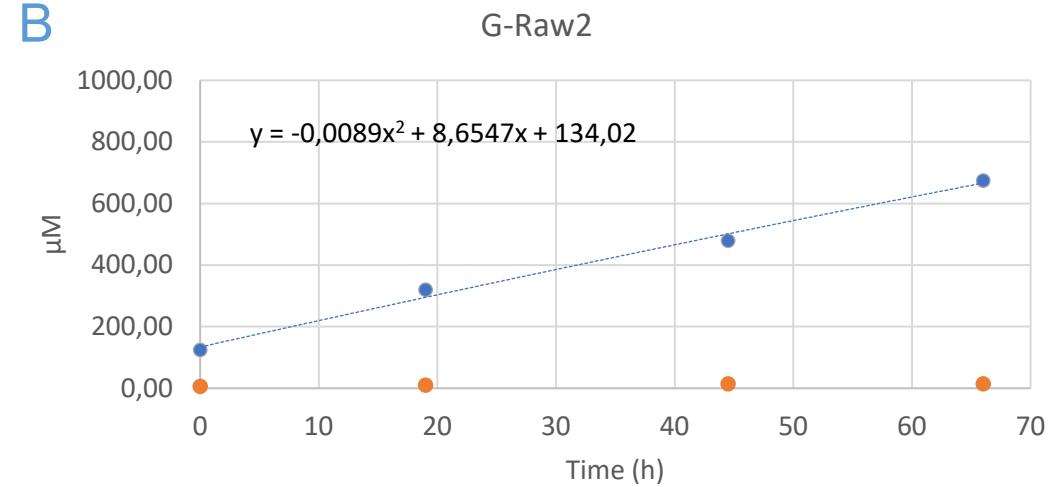


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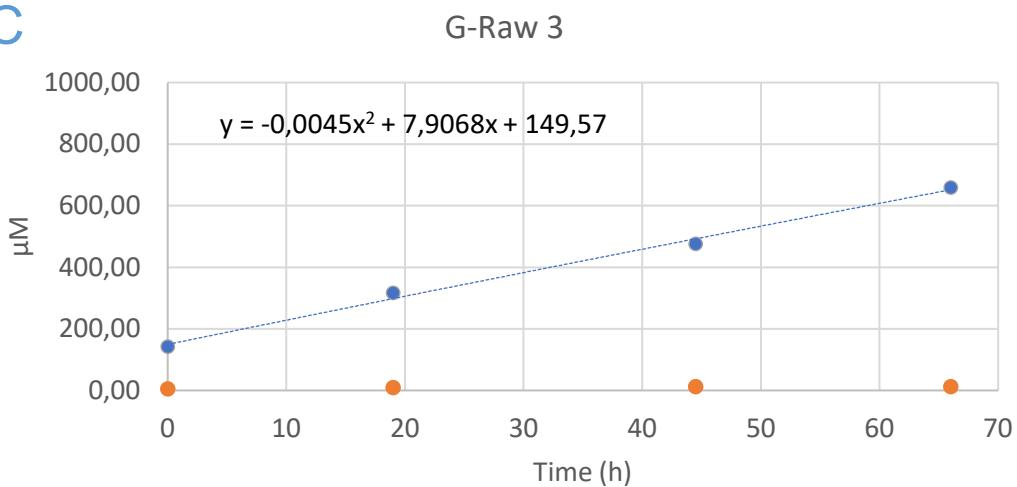
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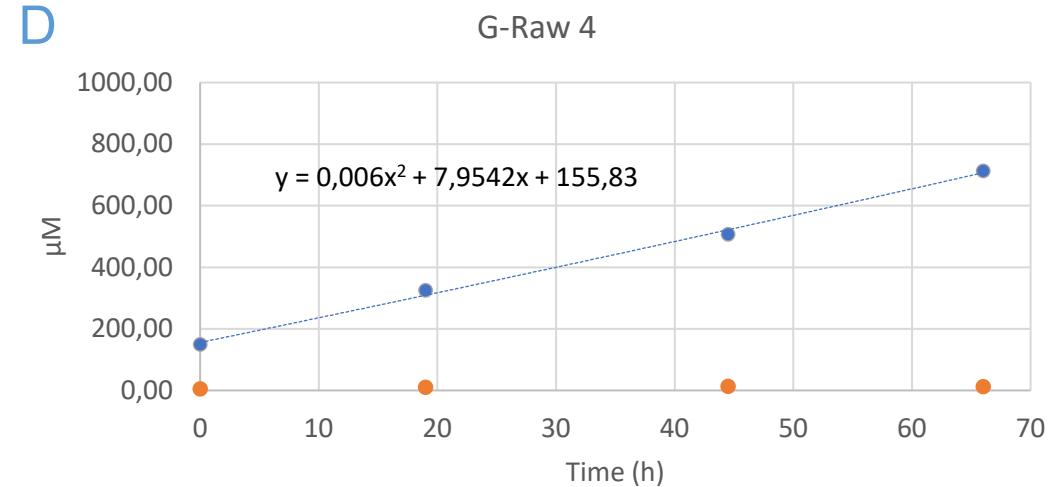


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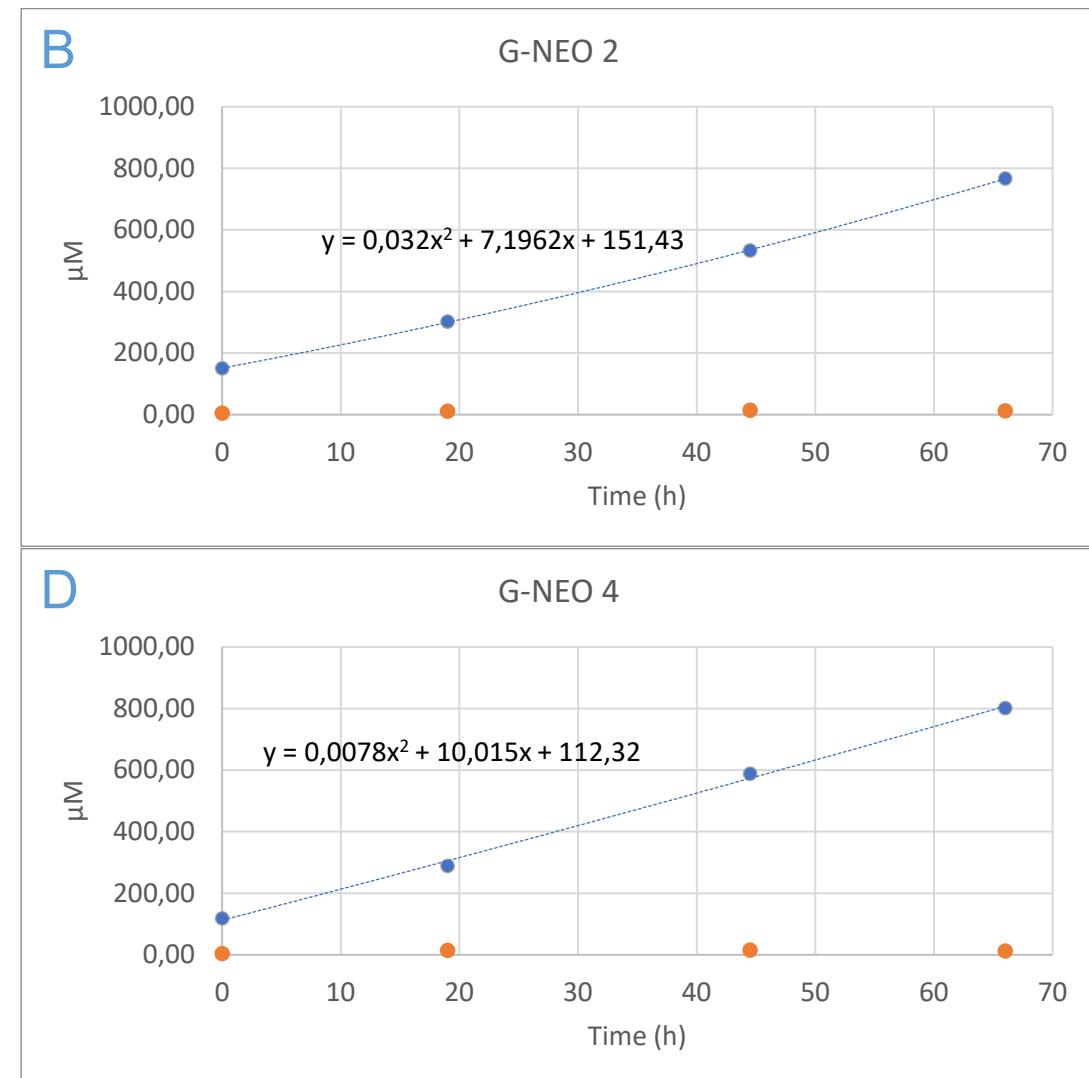
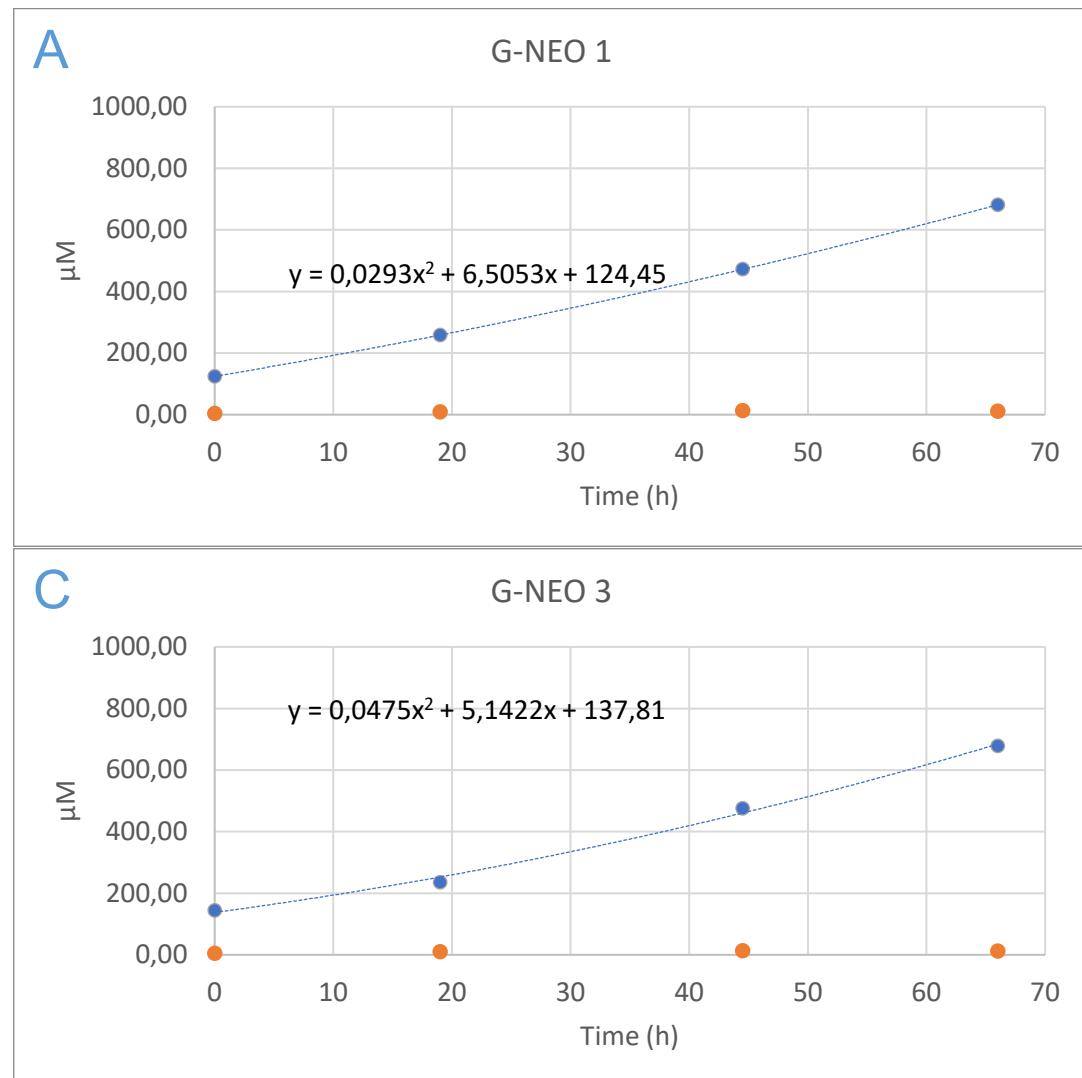
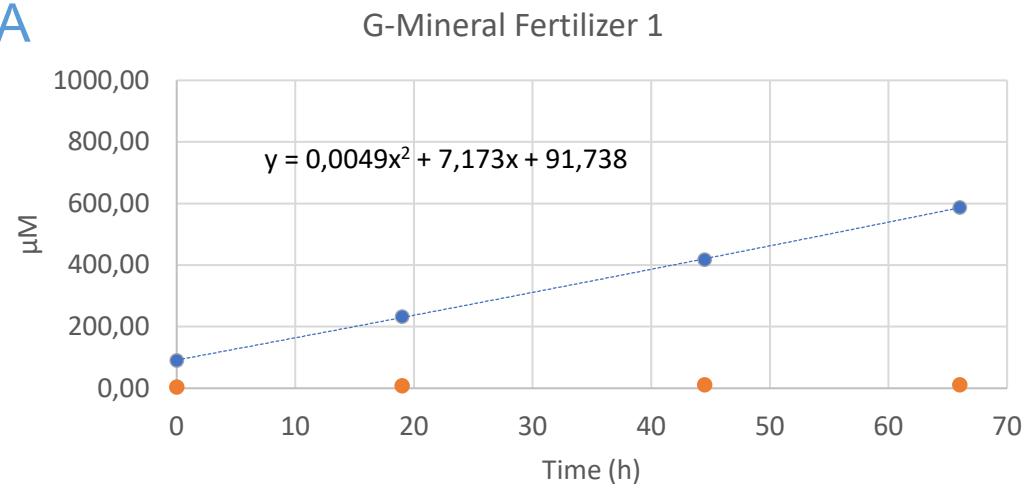
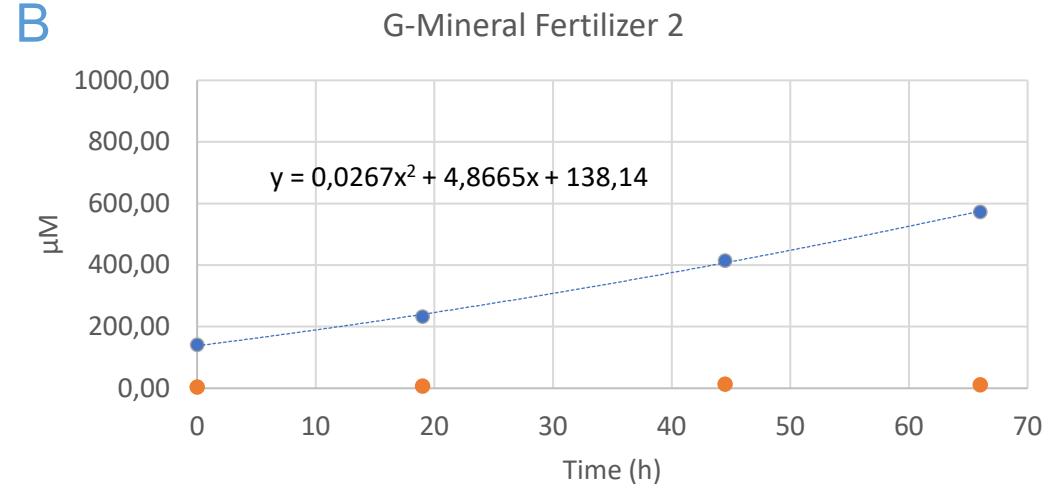


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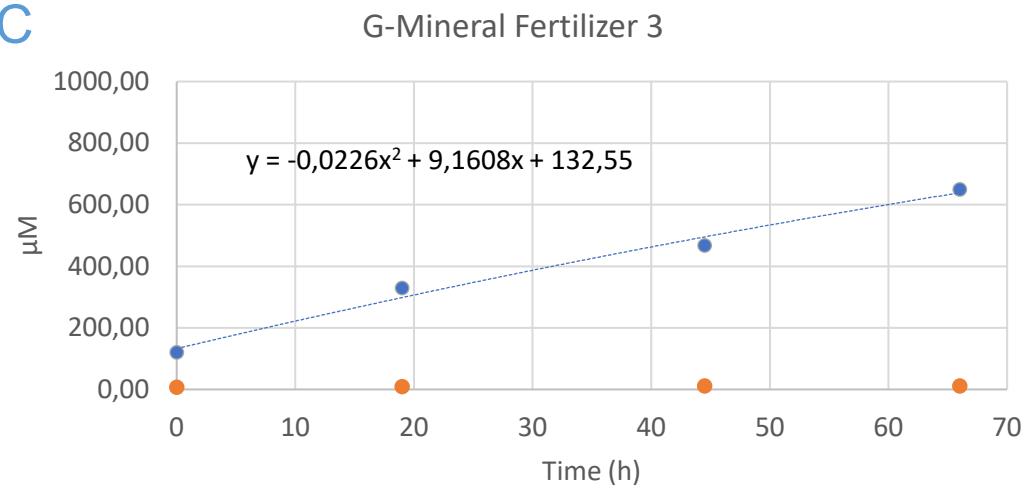
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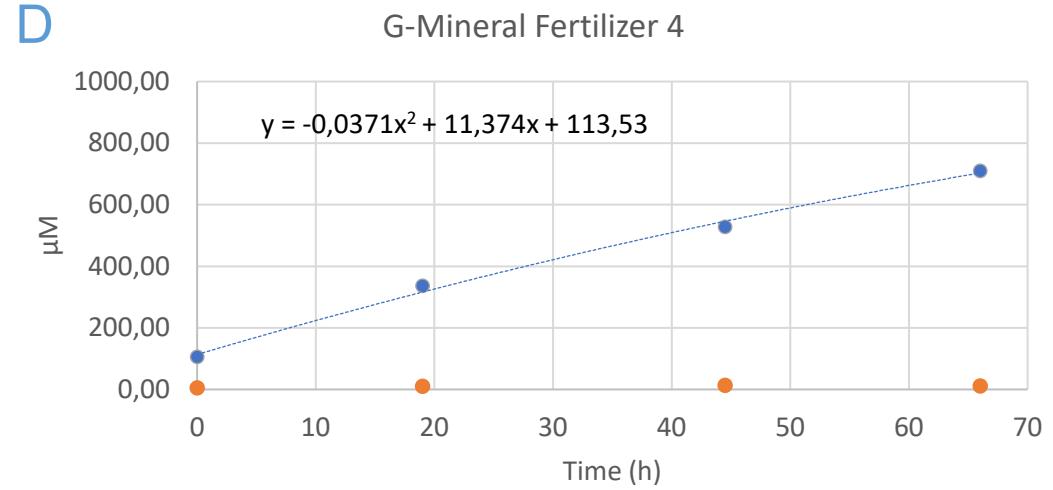
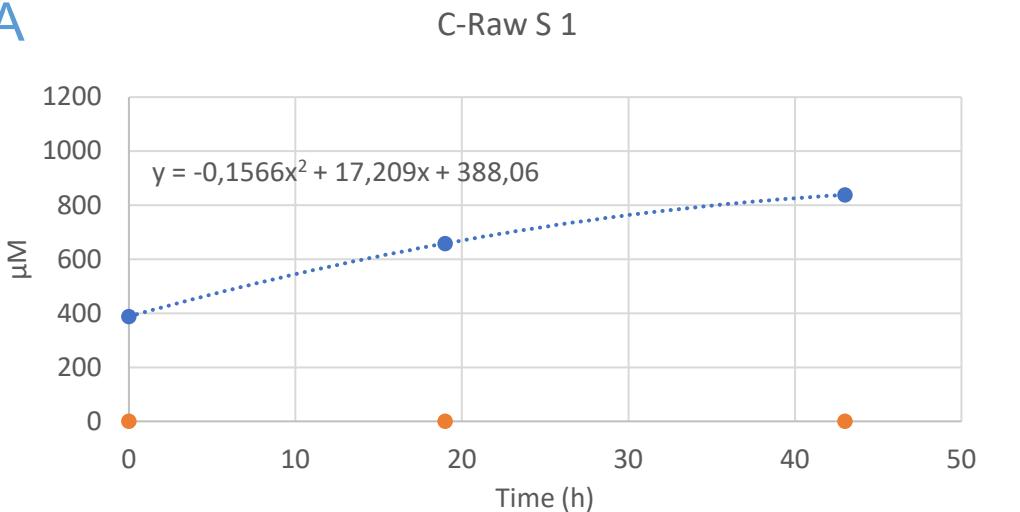
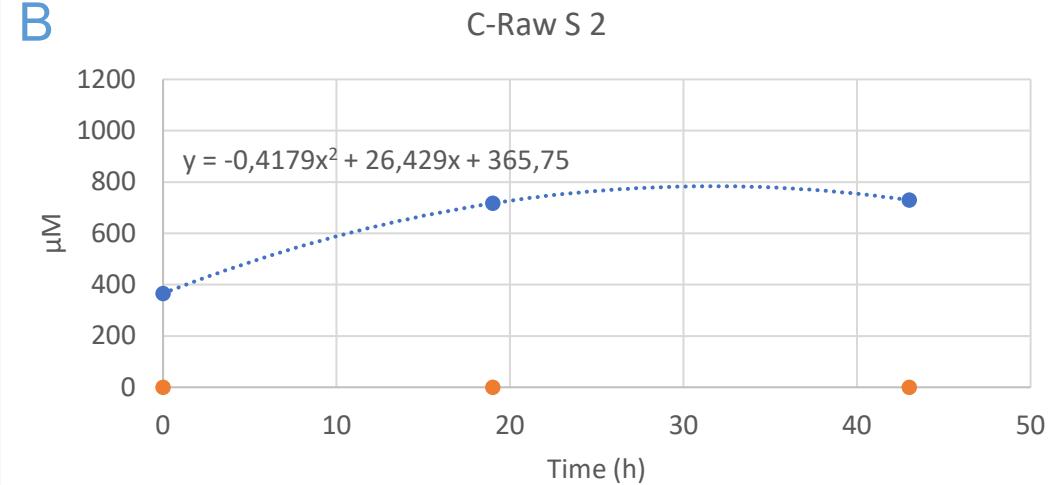


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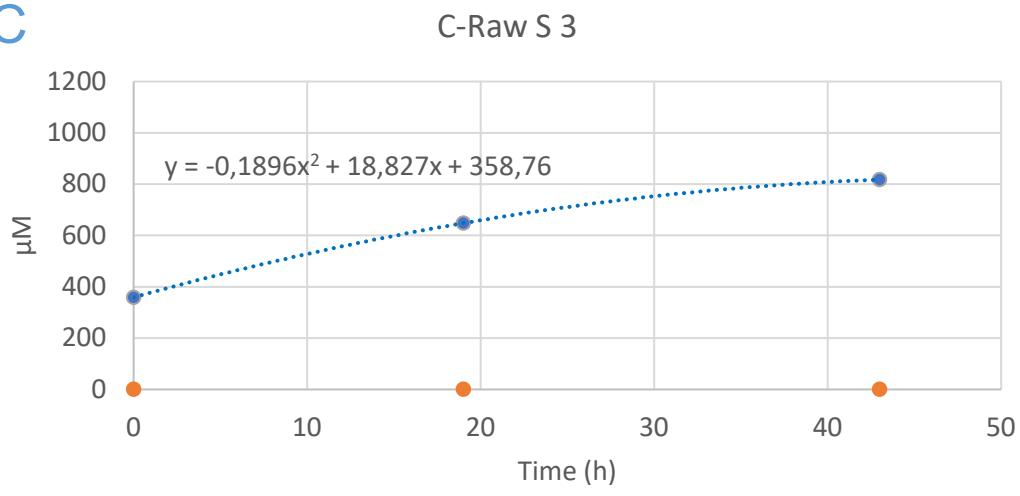
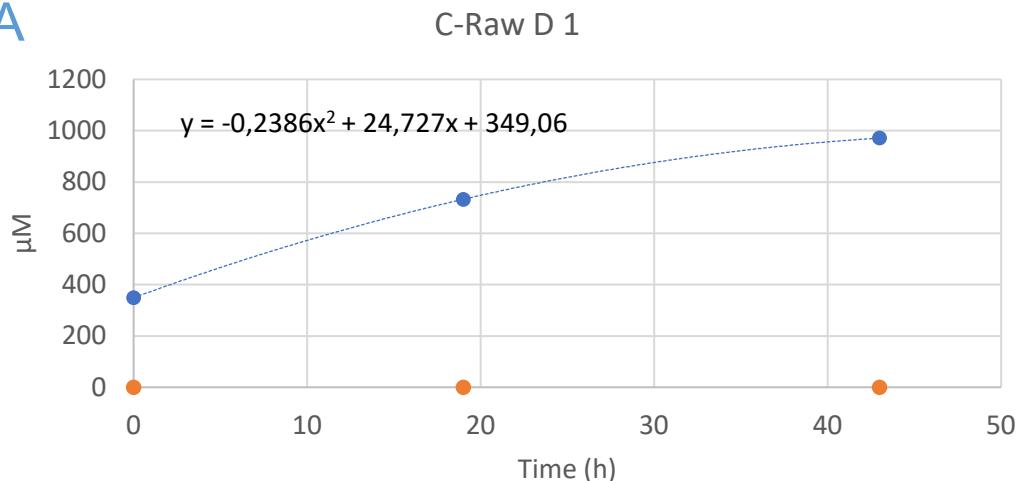
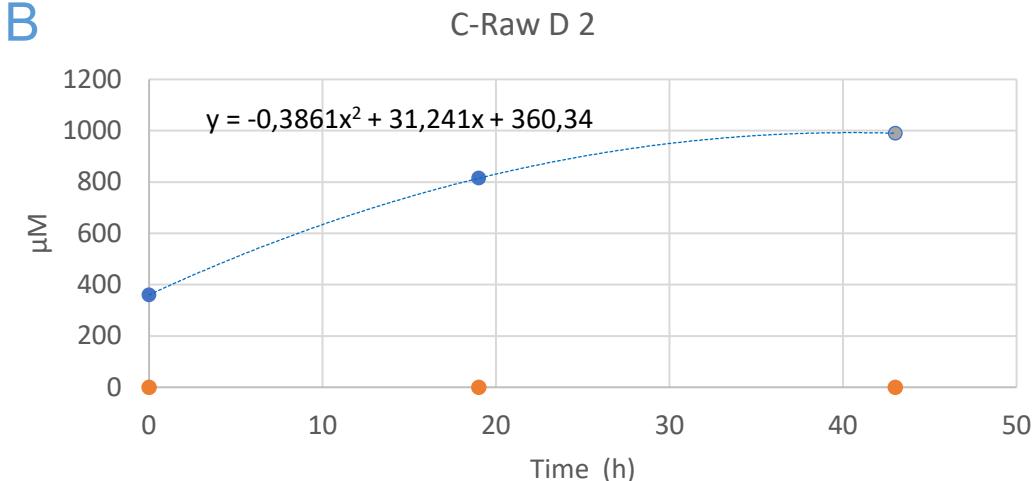


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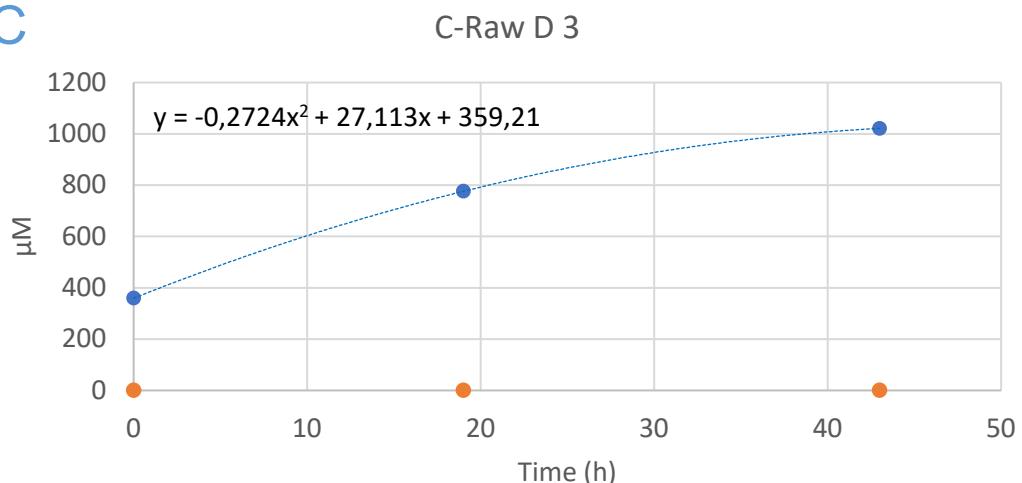


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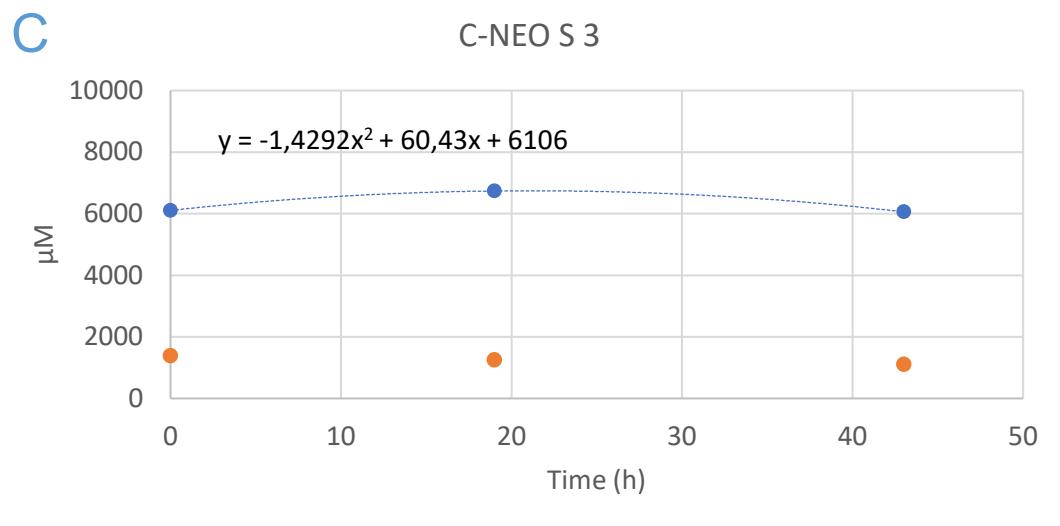
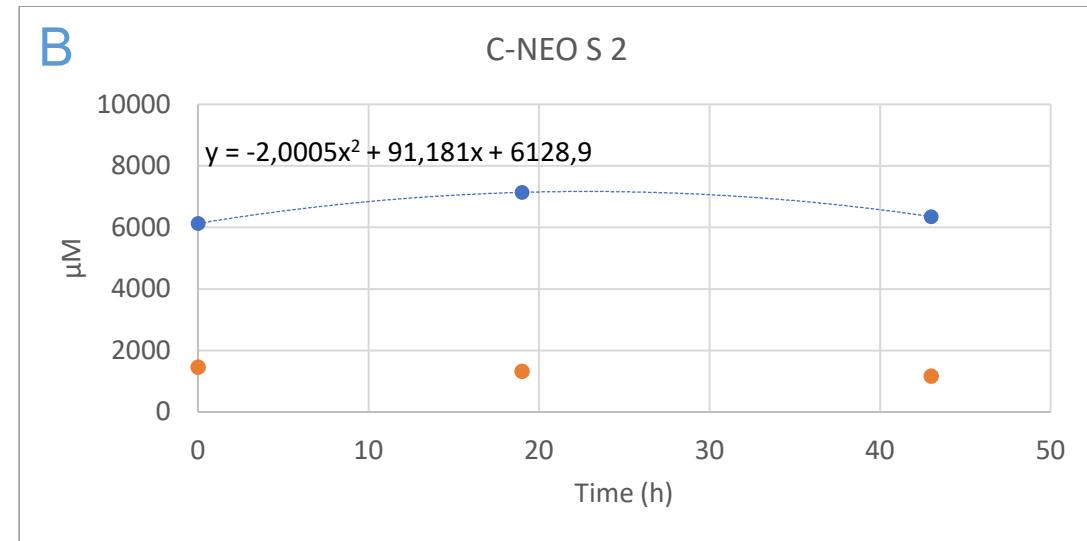
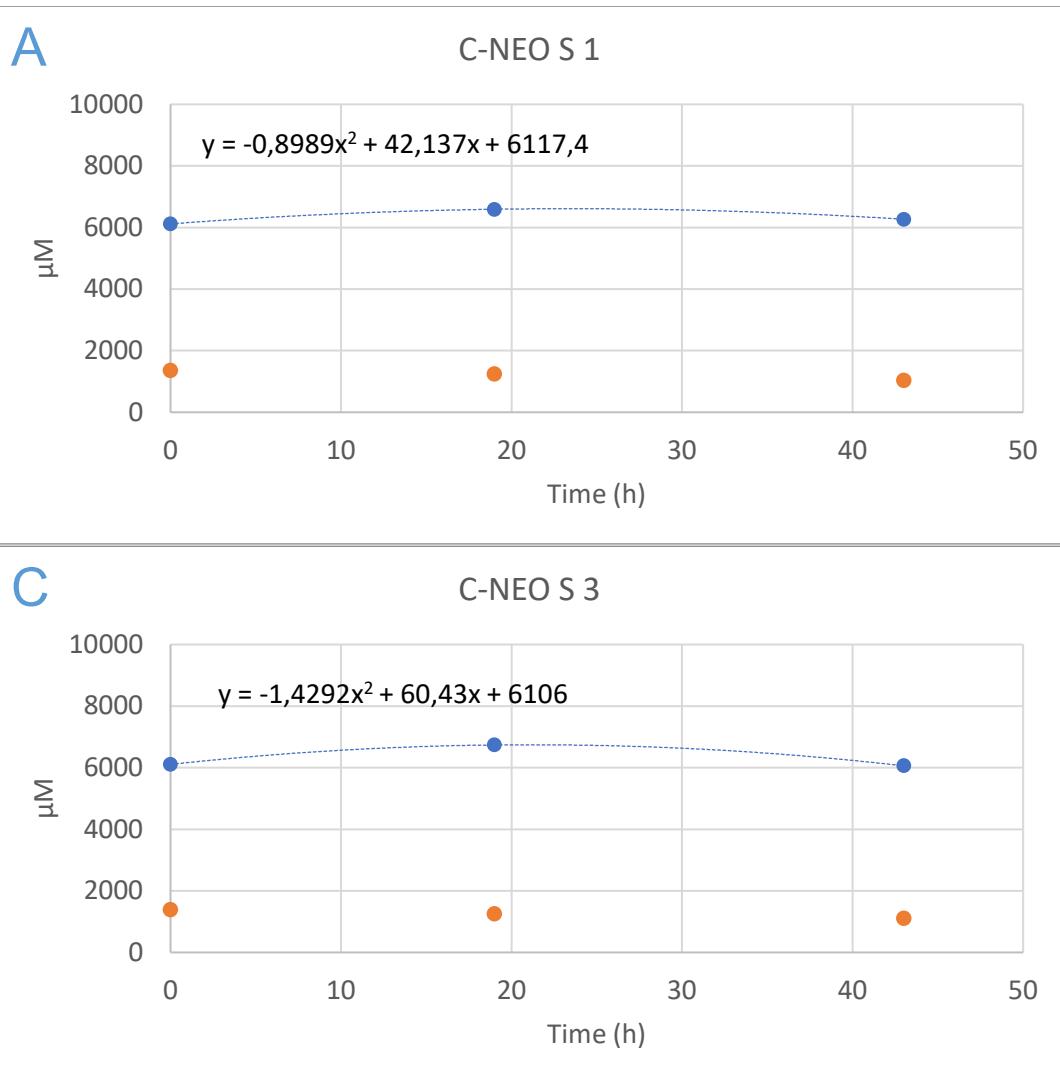


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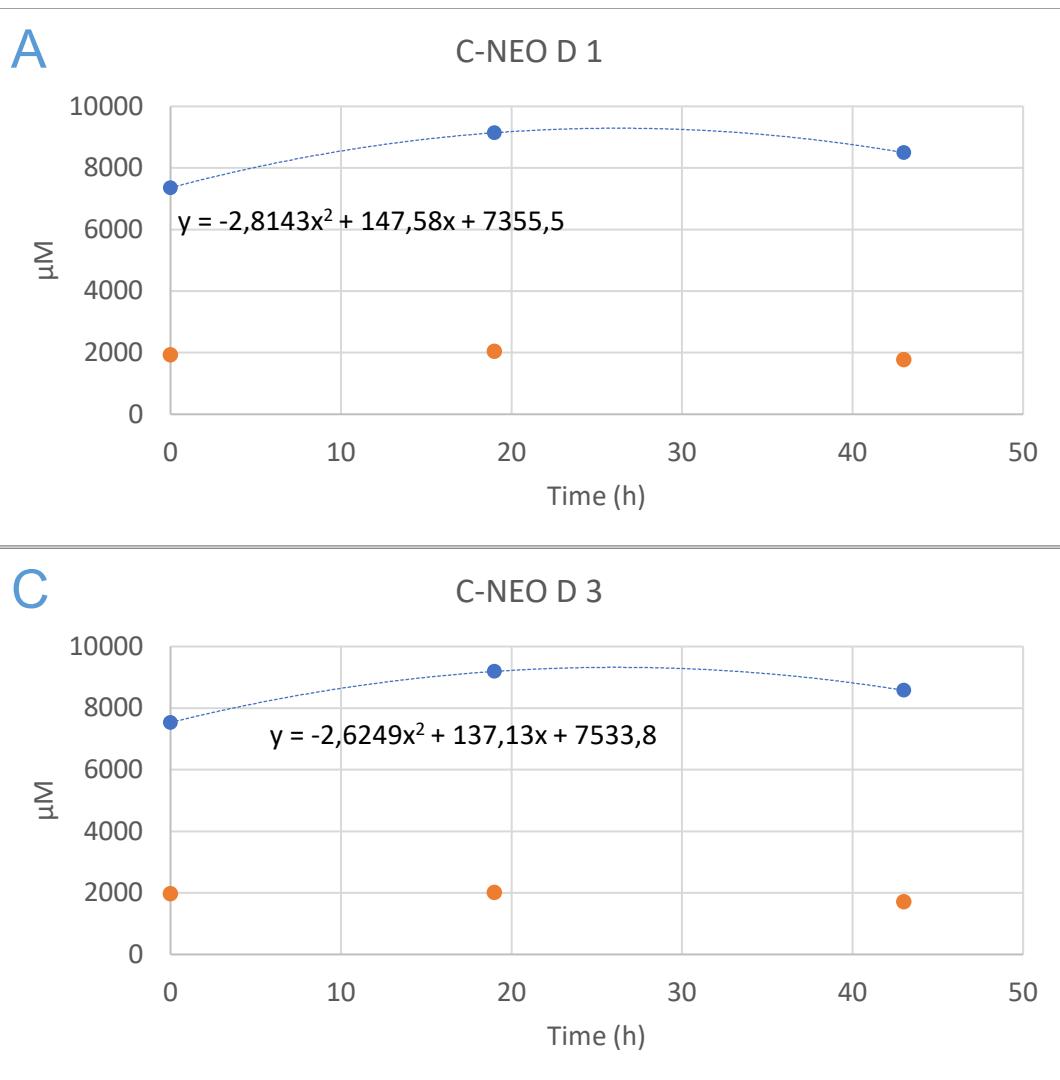
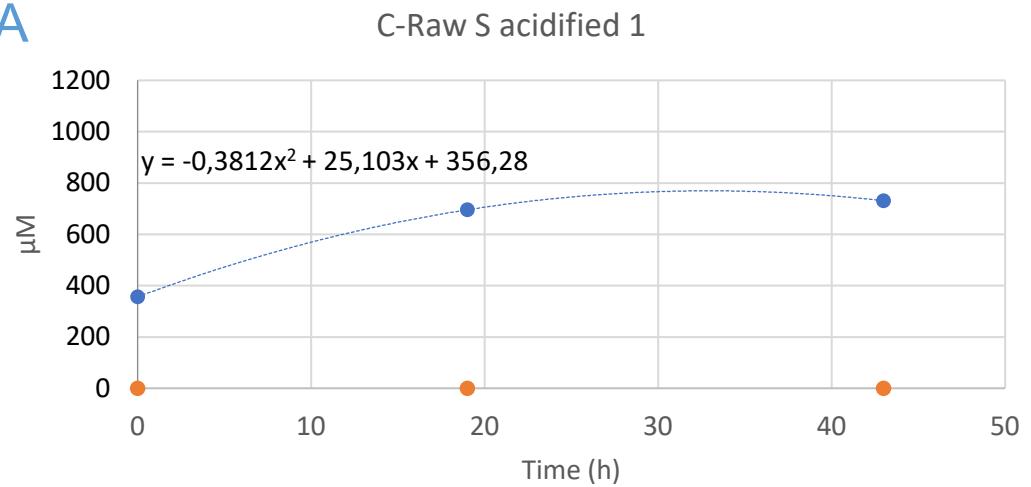
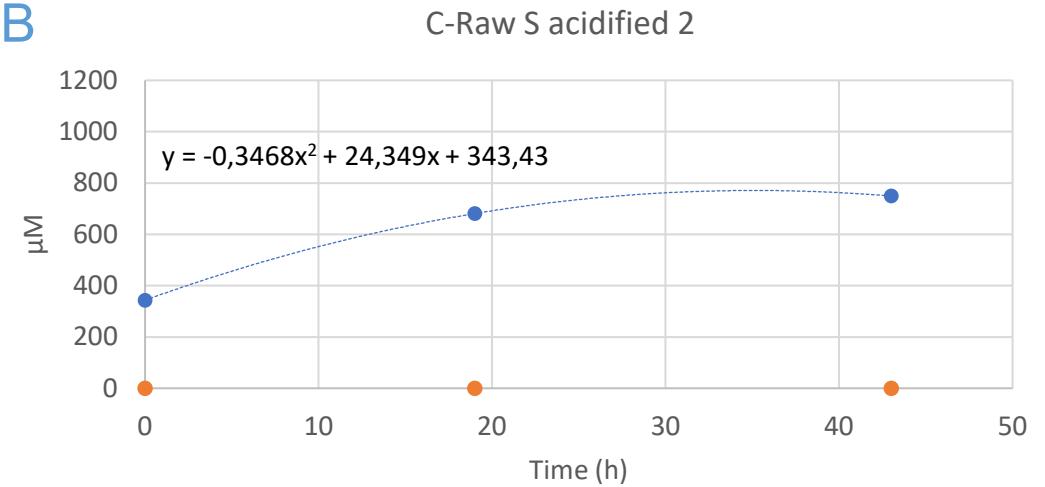


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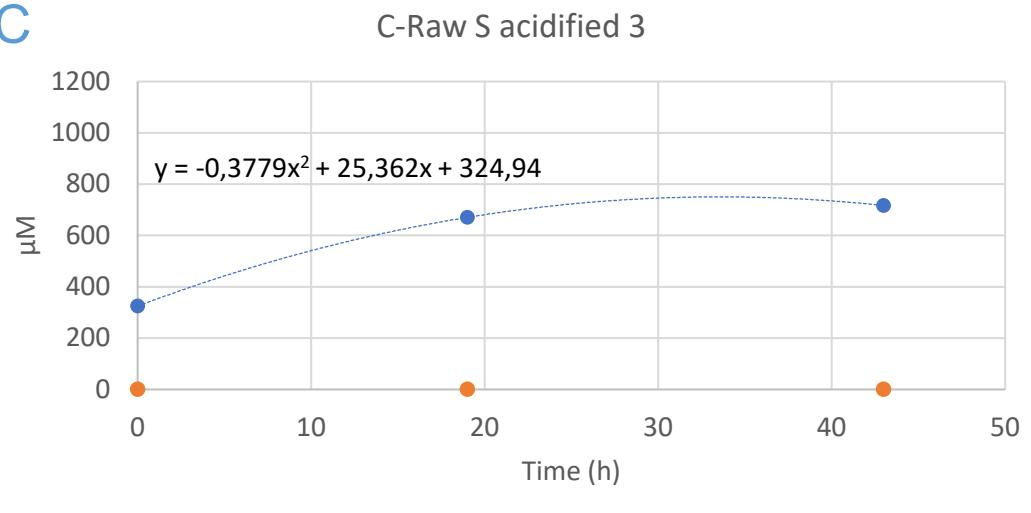
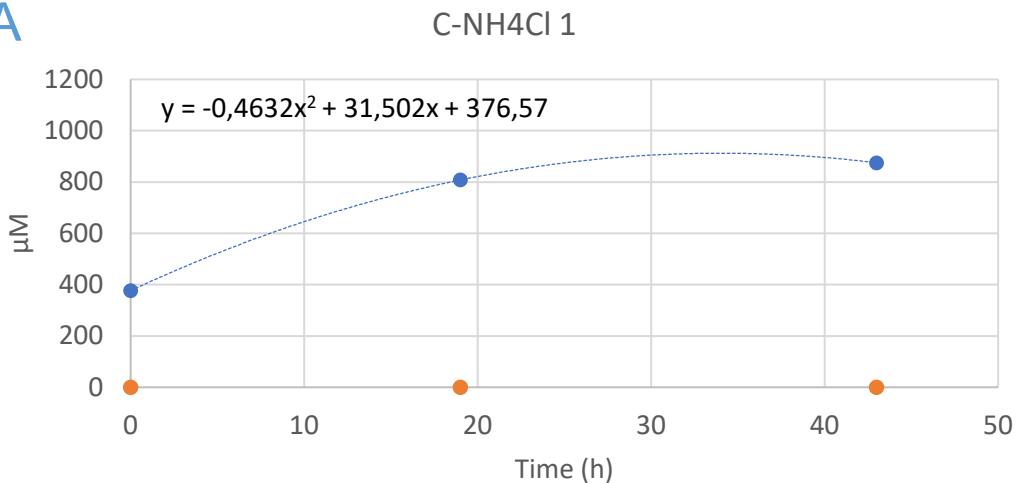
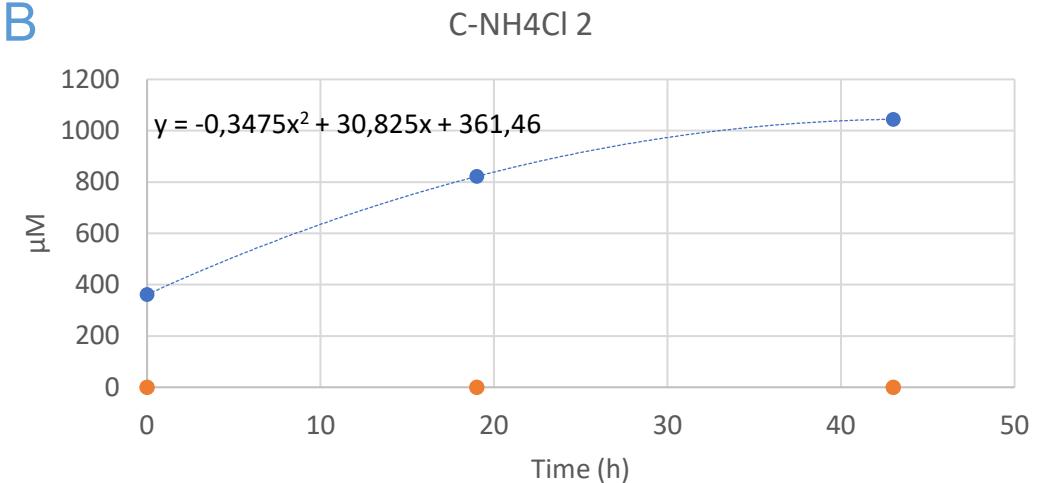


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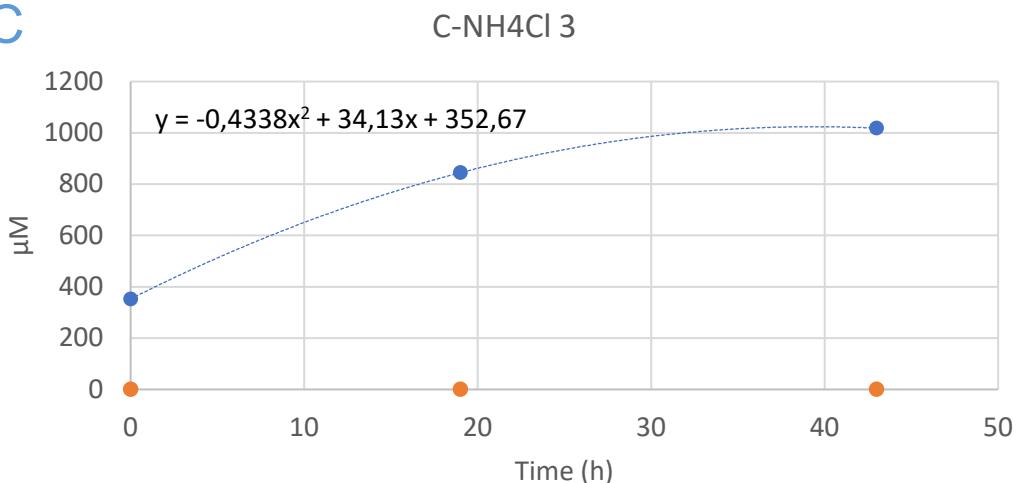
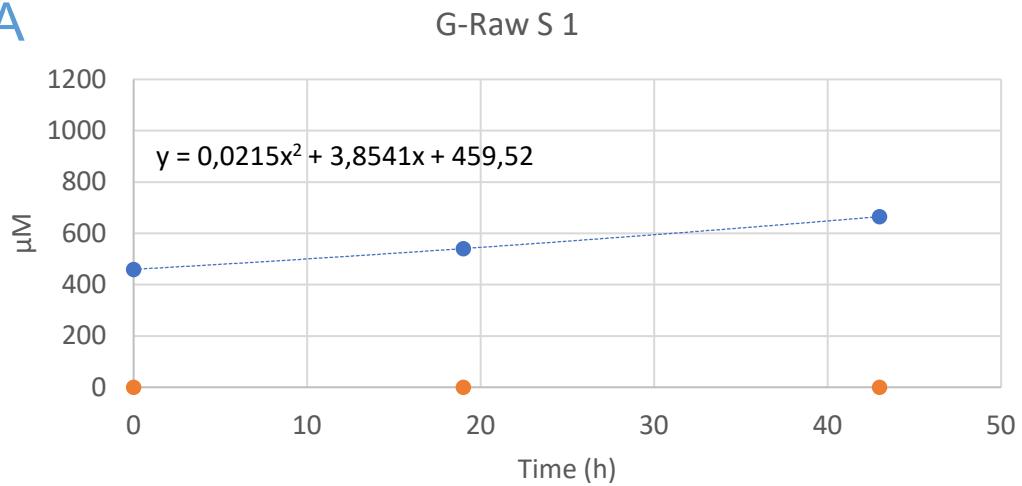
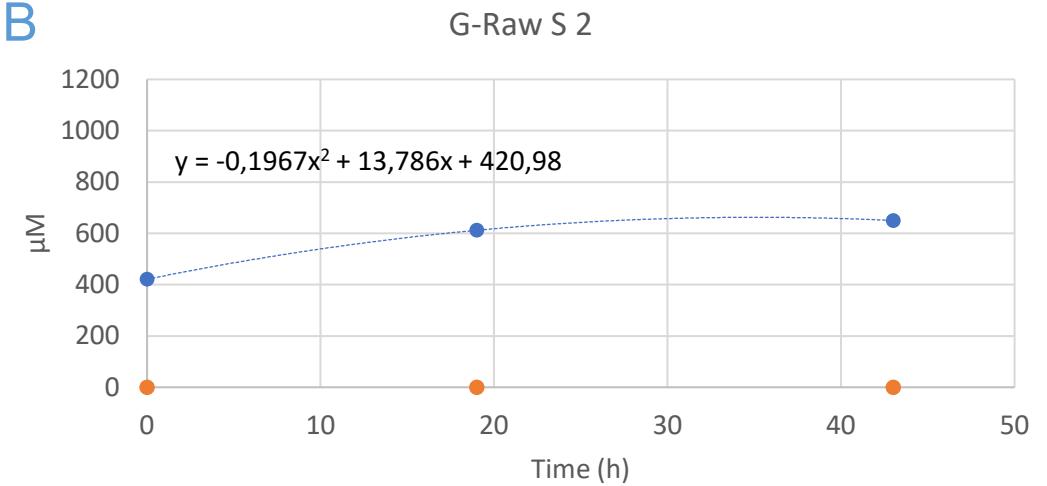


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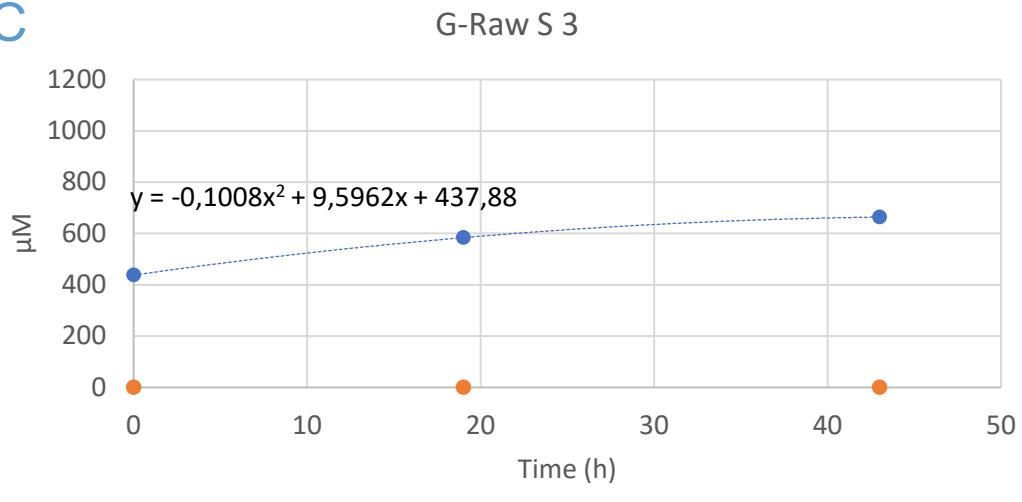
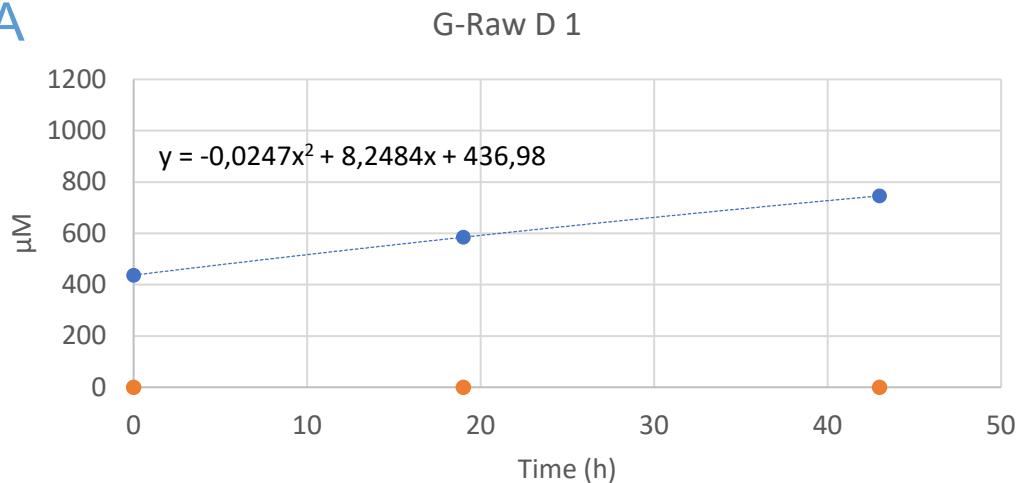
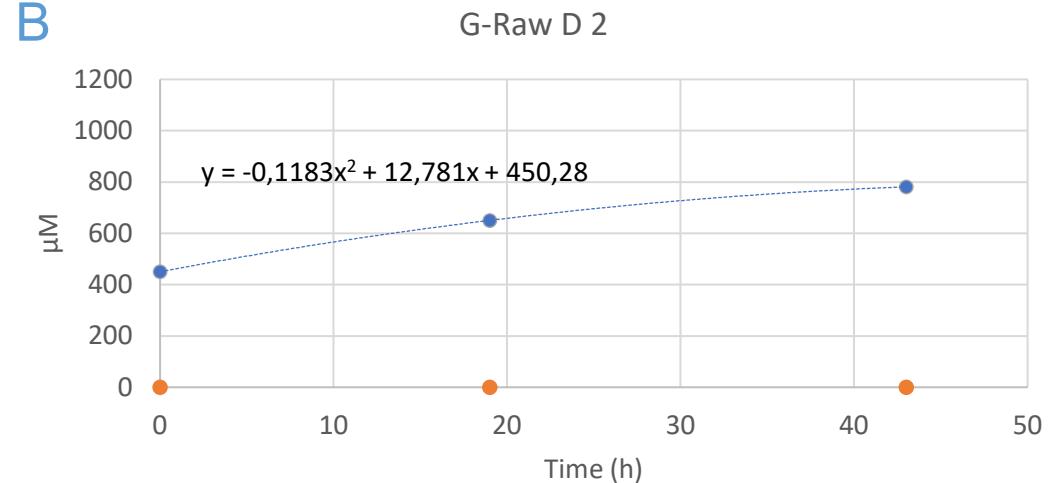


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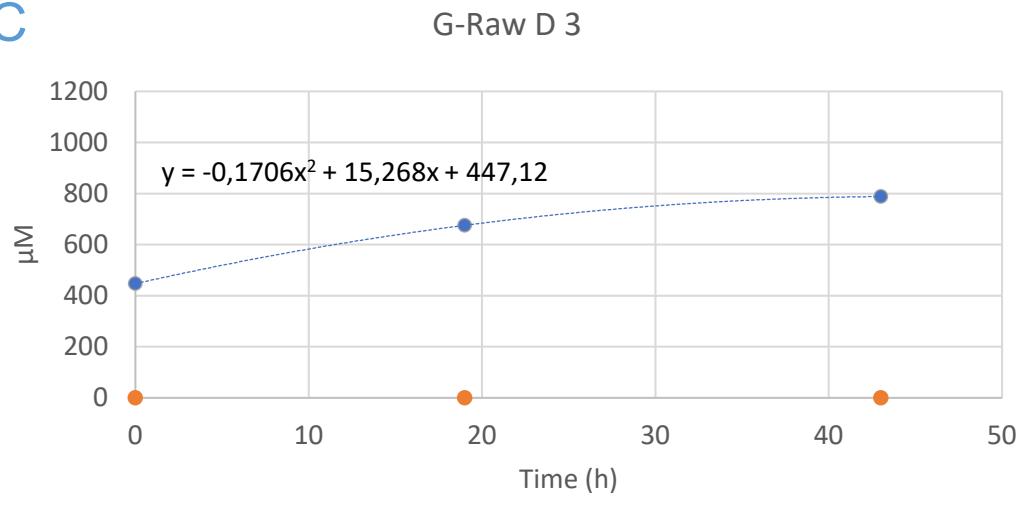


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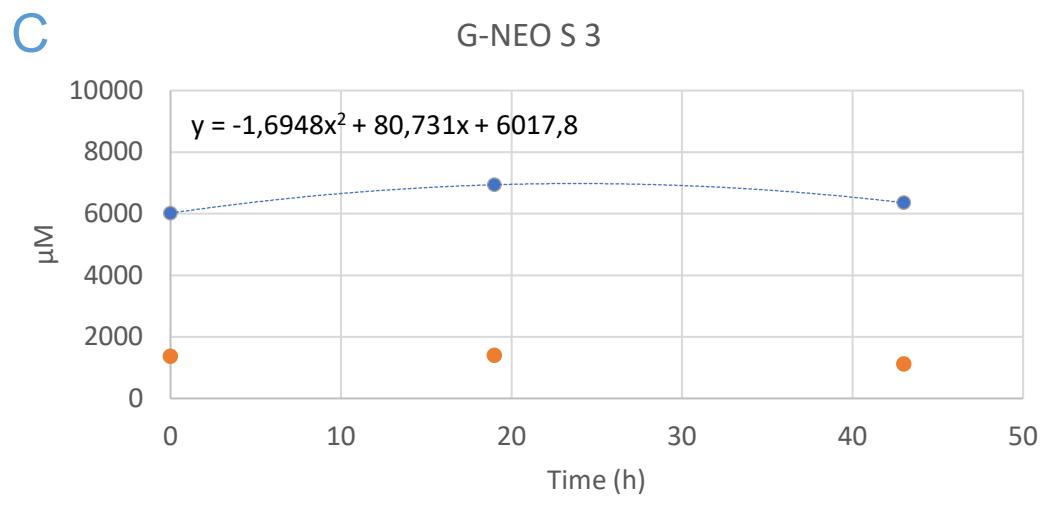
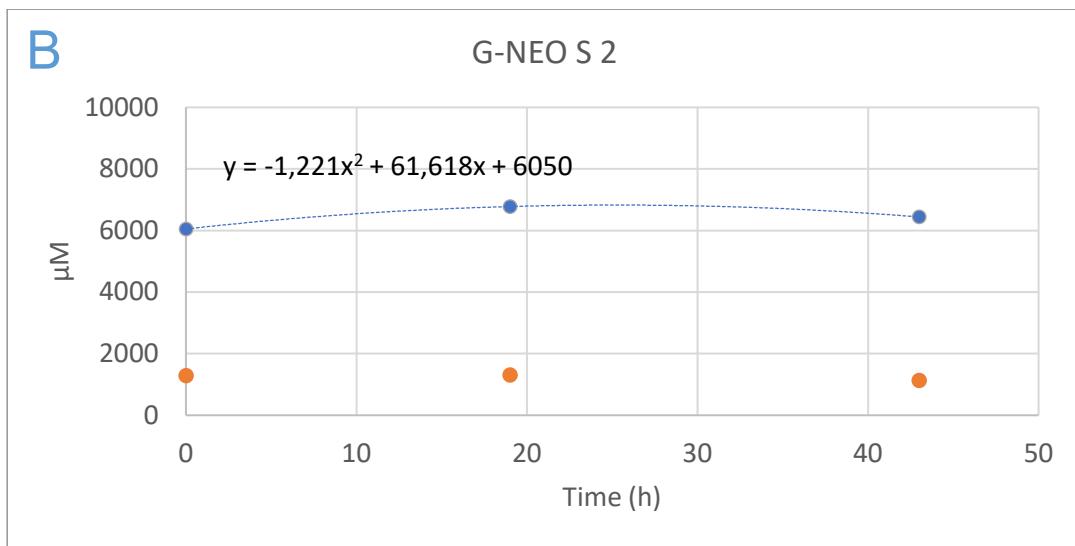
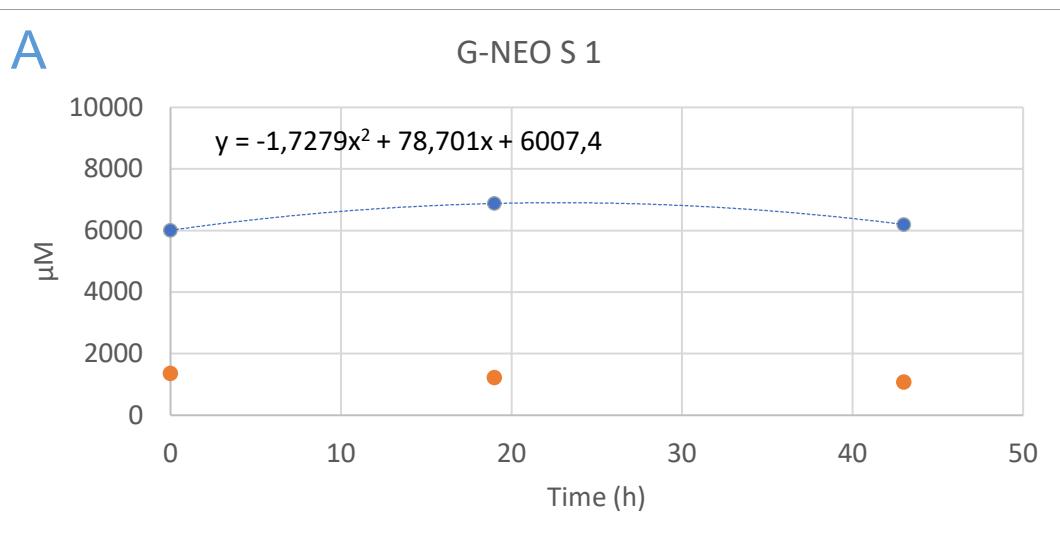


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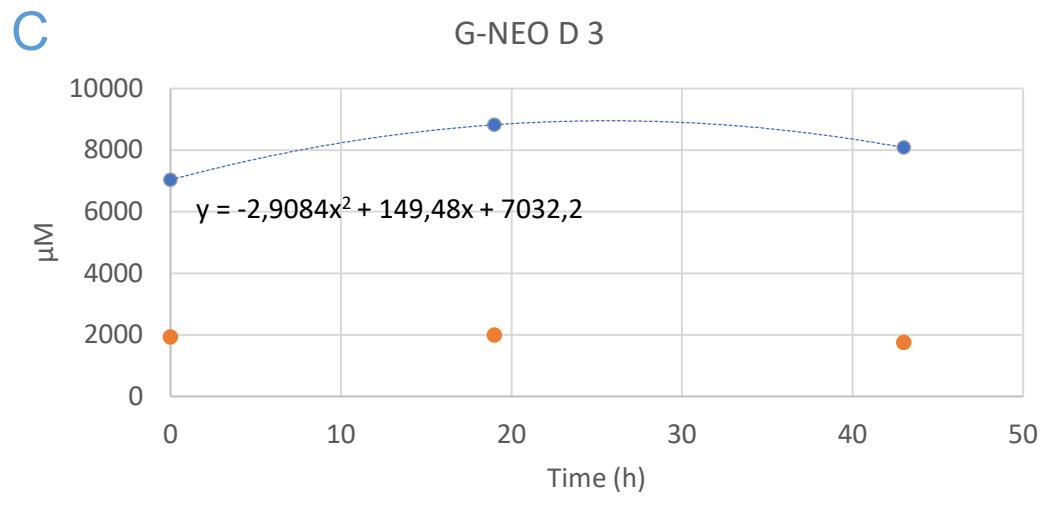
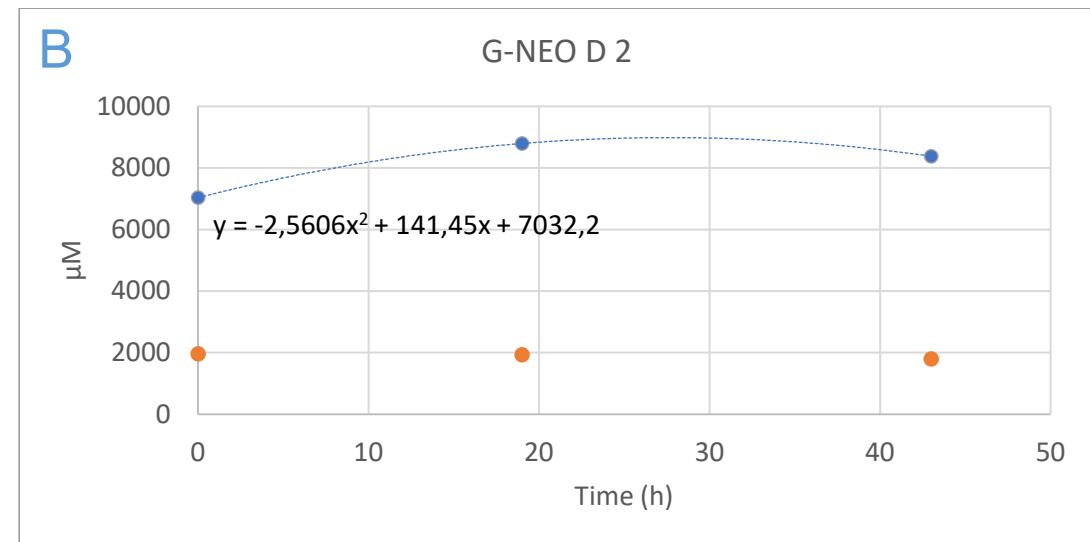
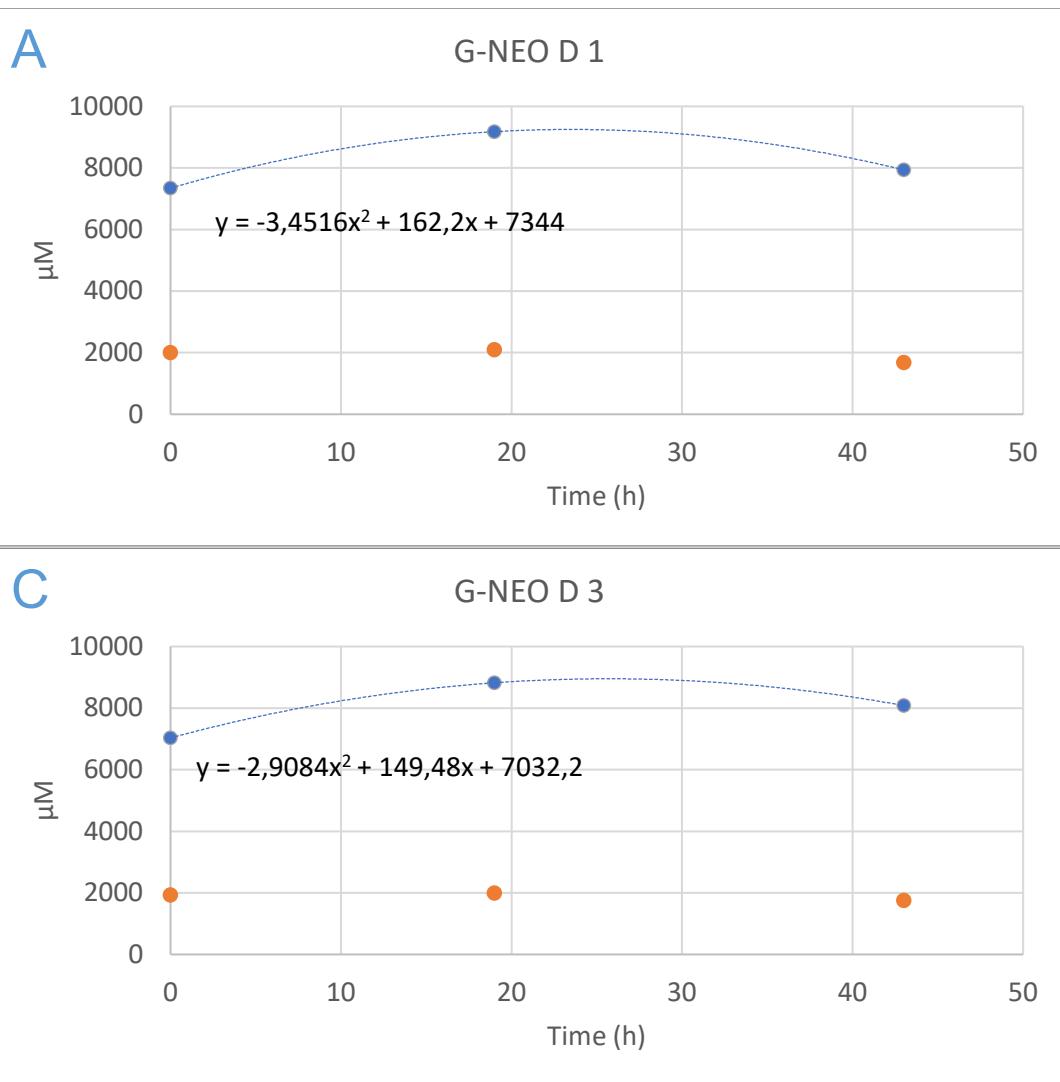
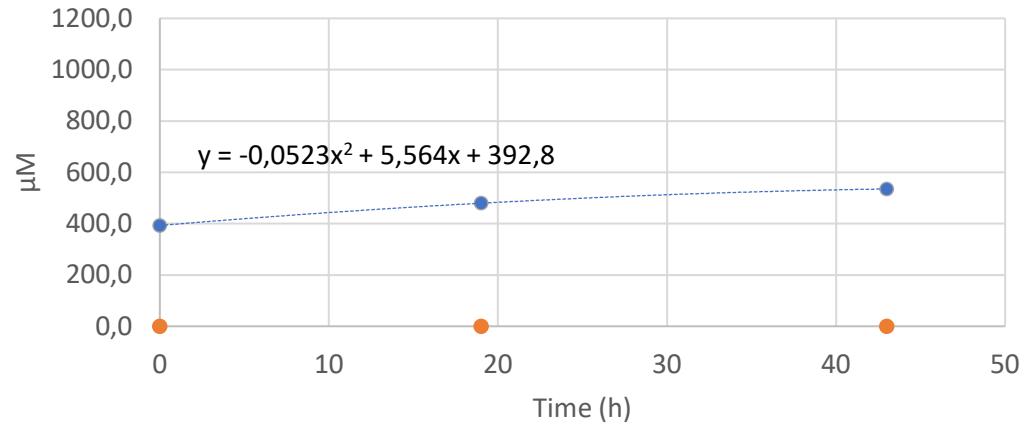


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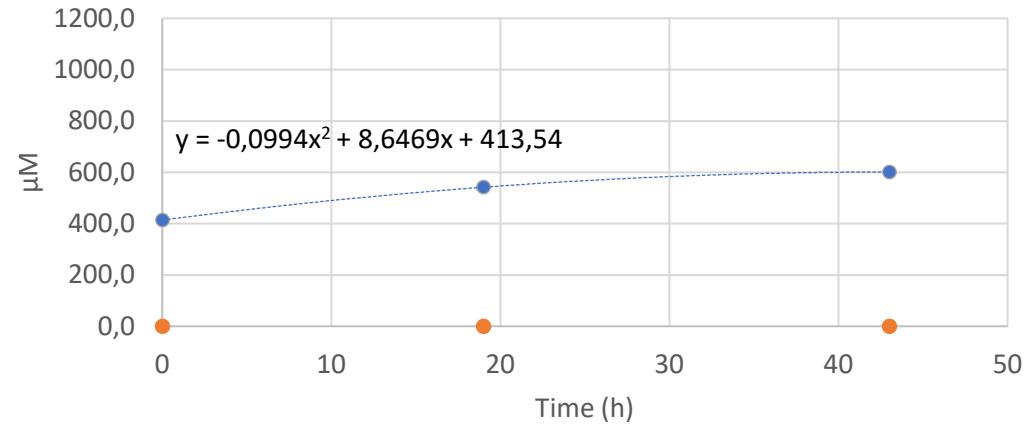
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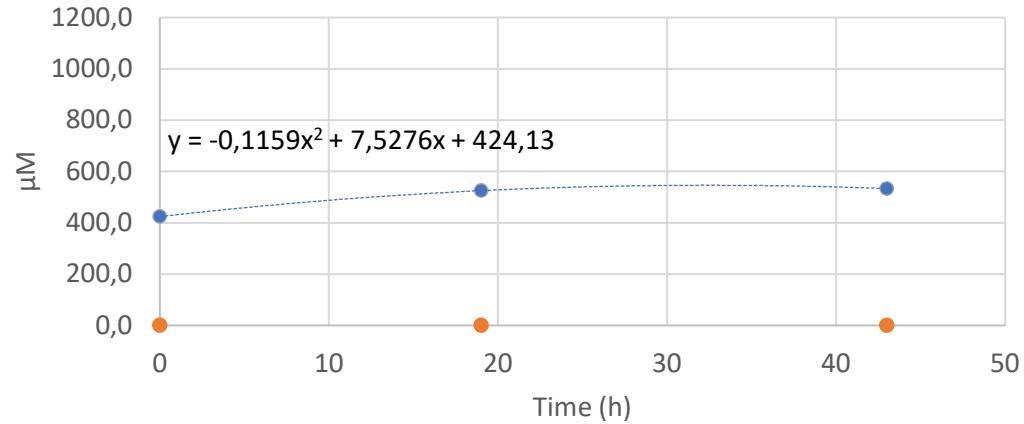


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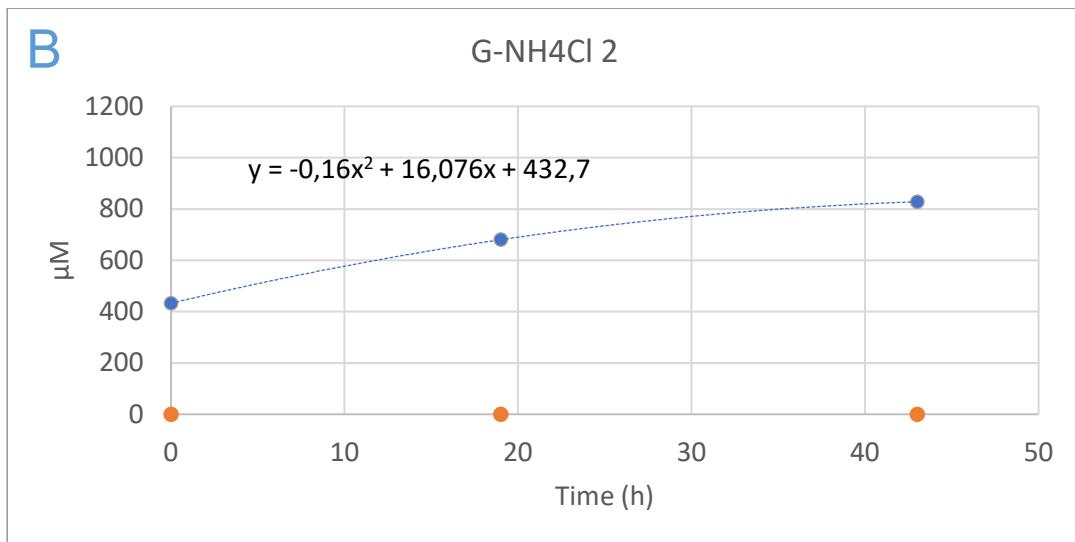
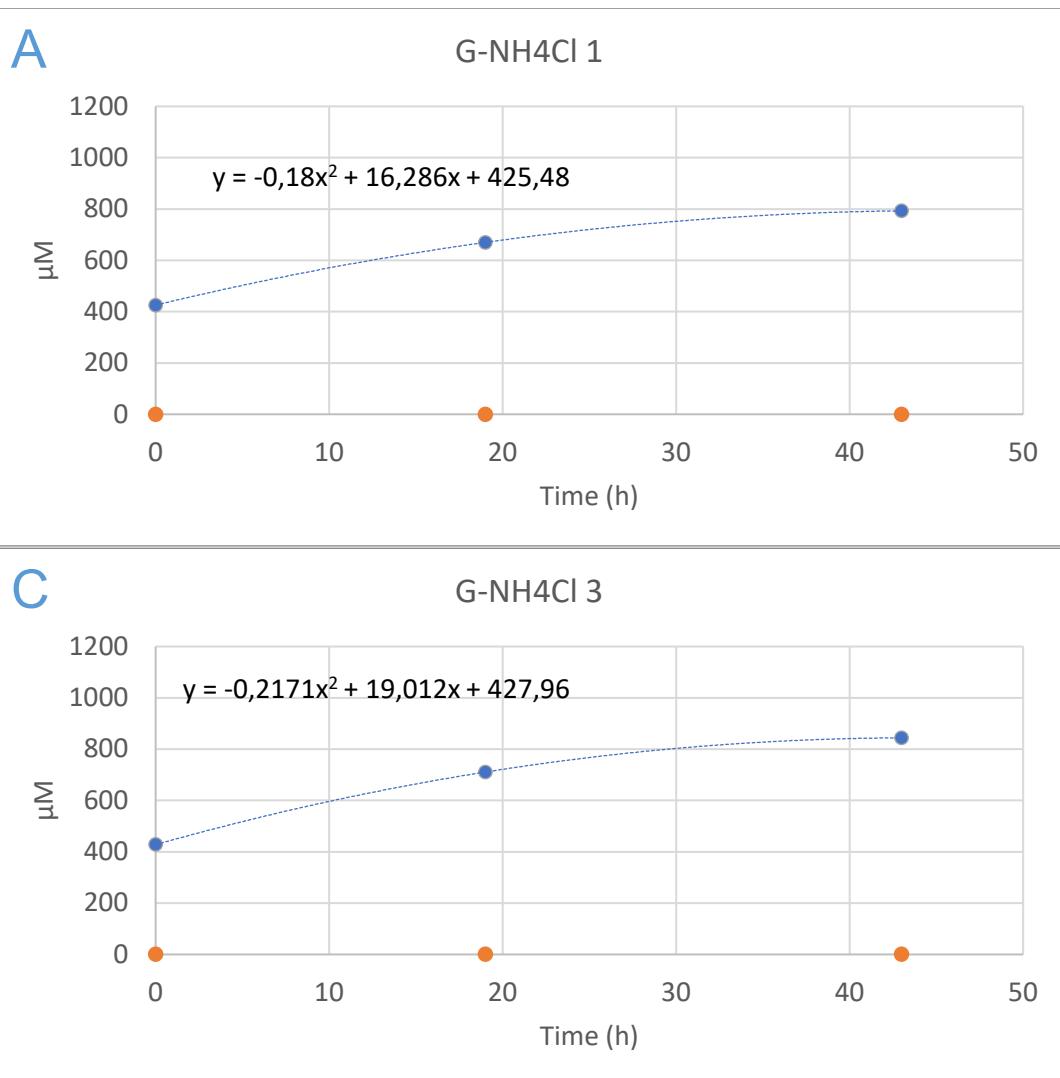


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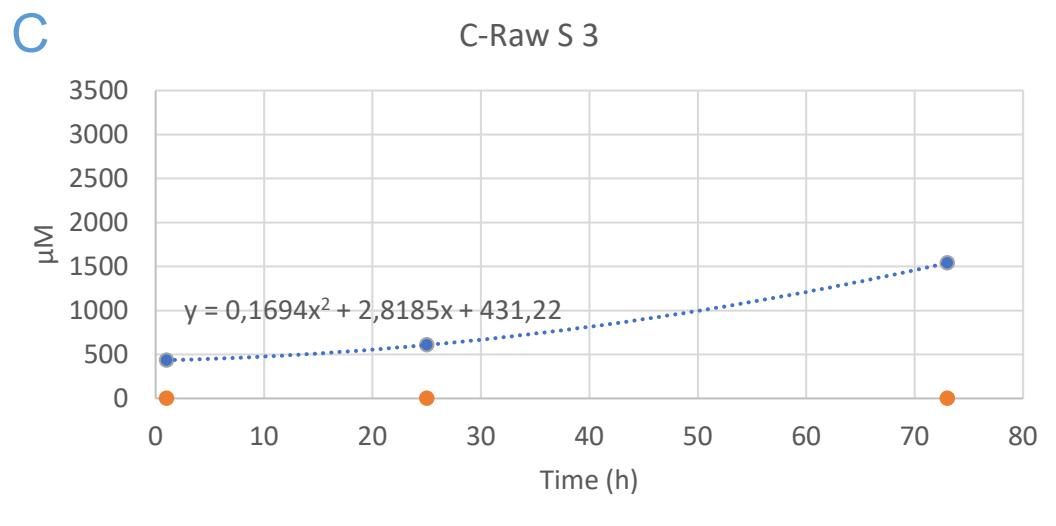
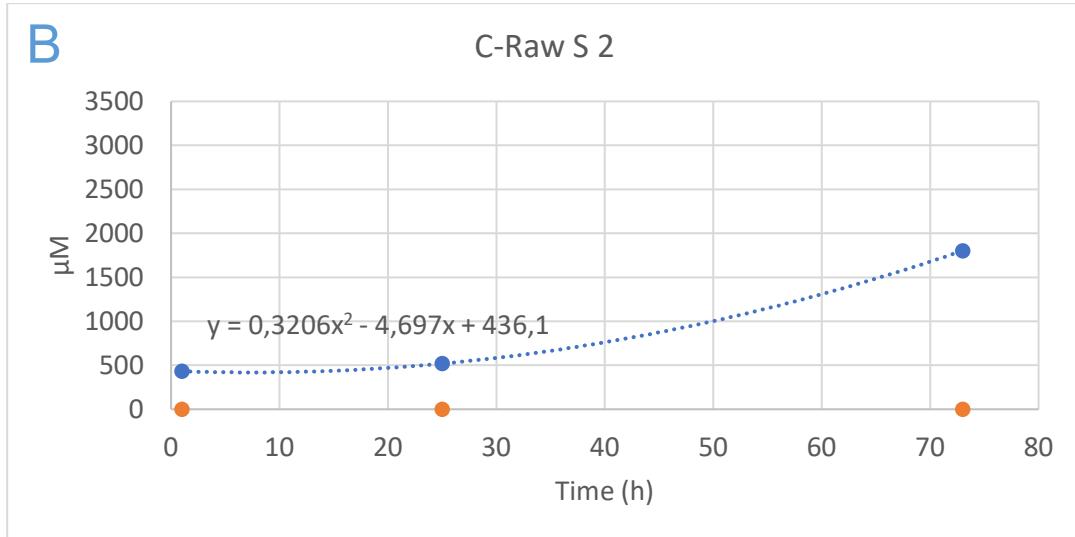
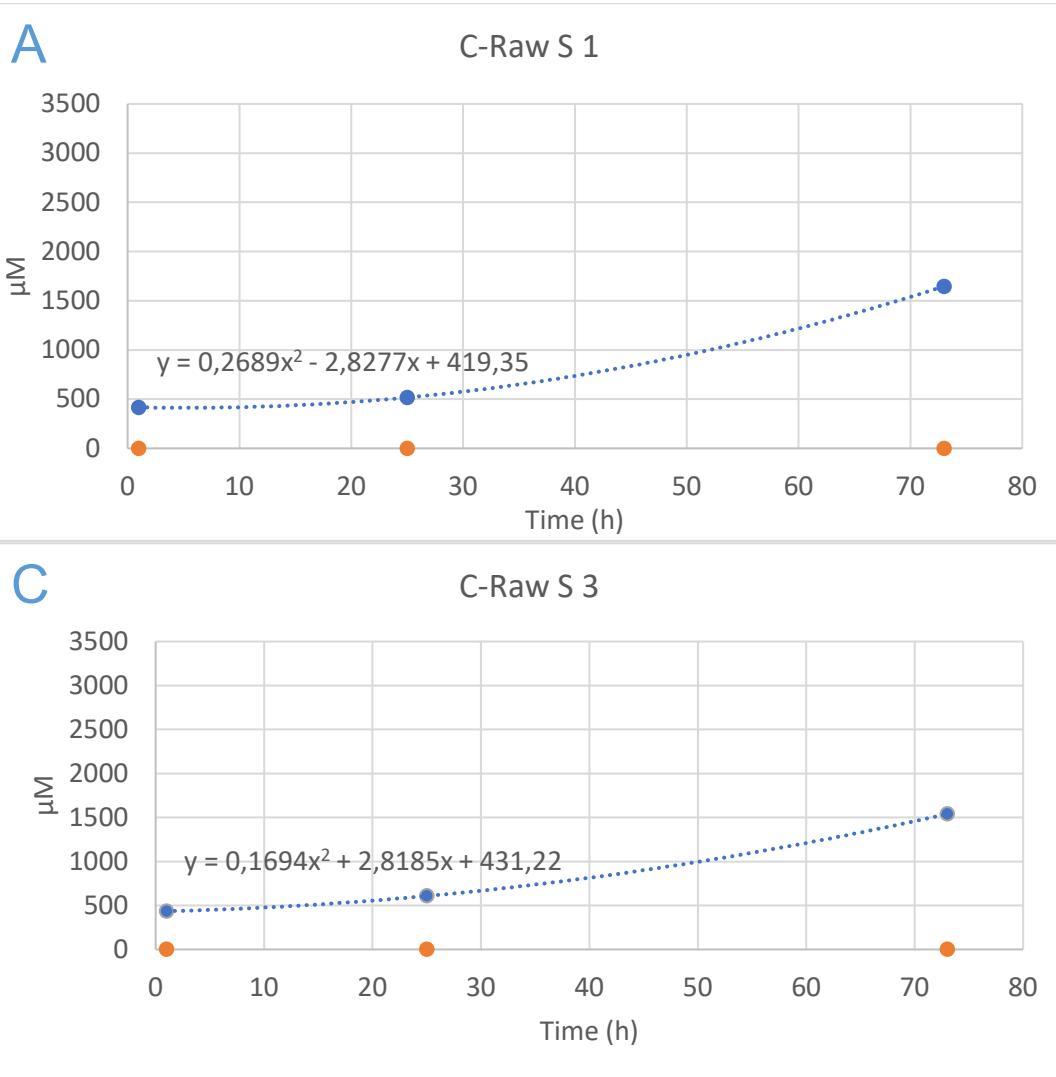


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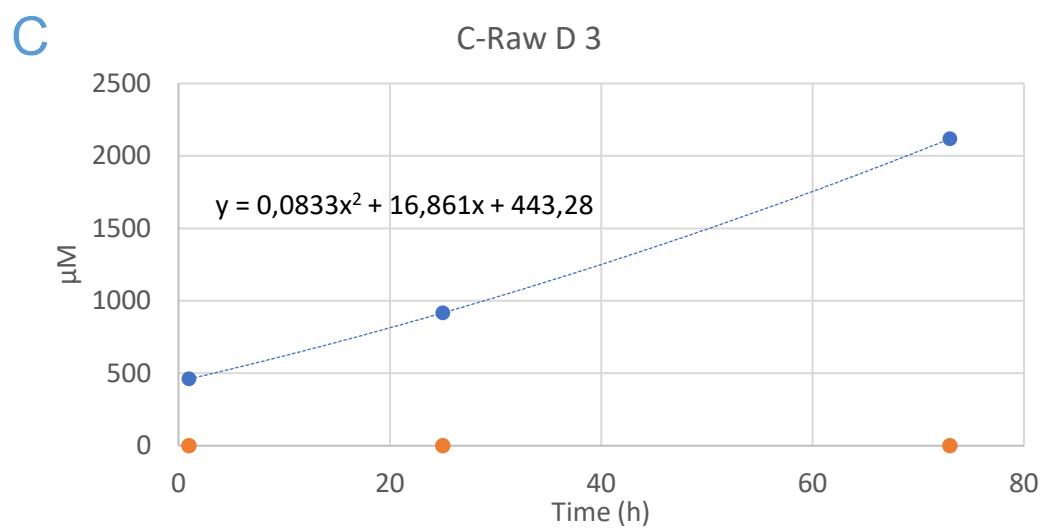
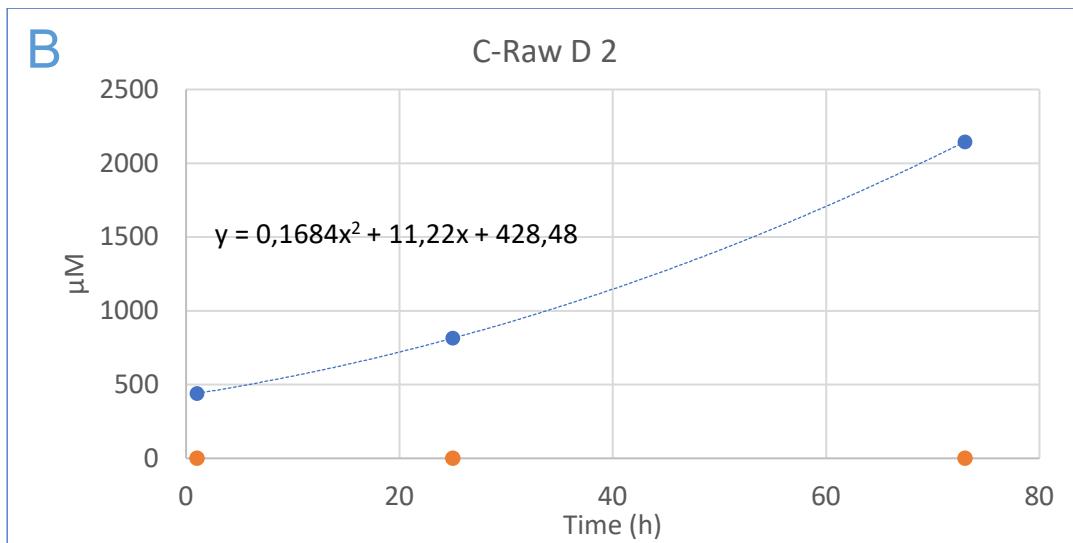
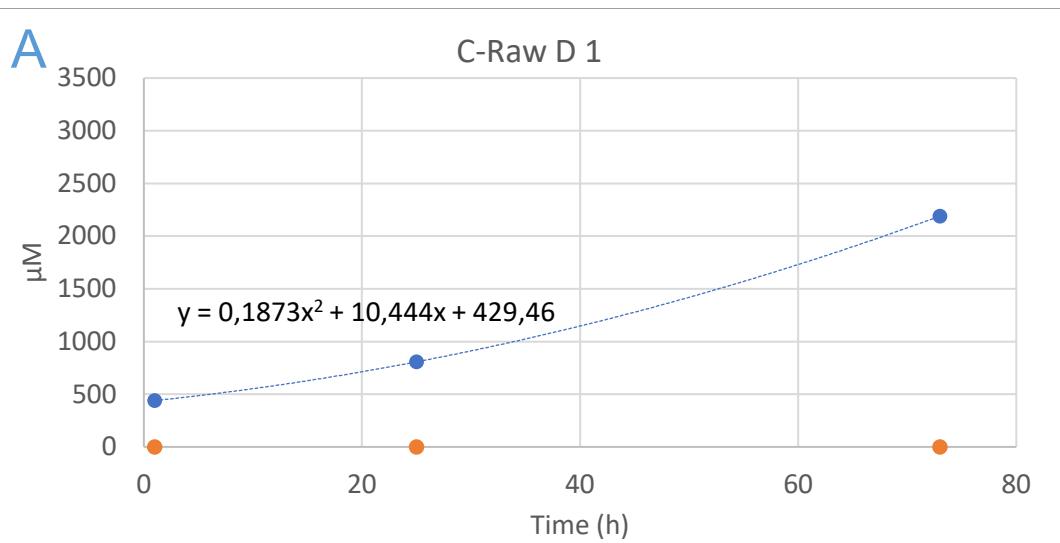


Figure S 23 The amount of nitrite (NO_2^-) (orange), nitrite + nitrate ($\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-$) (blue), at different time points after incubation in NEO made from cattle slurry fertilized soil samples fertilized in the lab using the cereal field soil and incubated as non-agitated loosely placed soil. The polynomial regression equation indicates the growth rate of nitrite + nitrate (nitrification) in the samples over time after incubation.

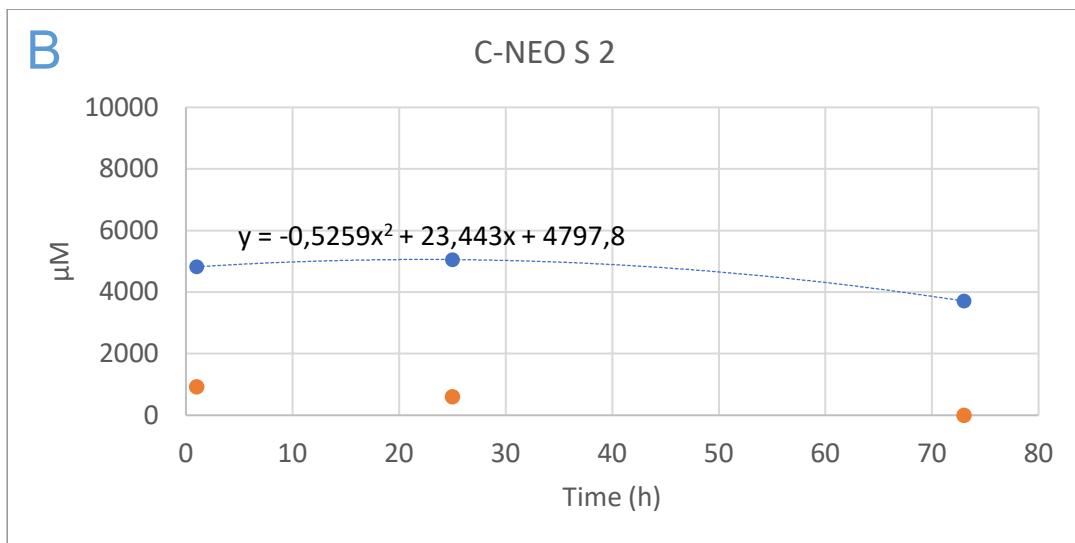
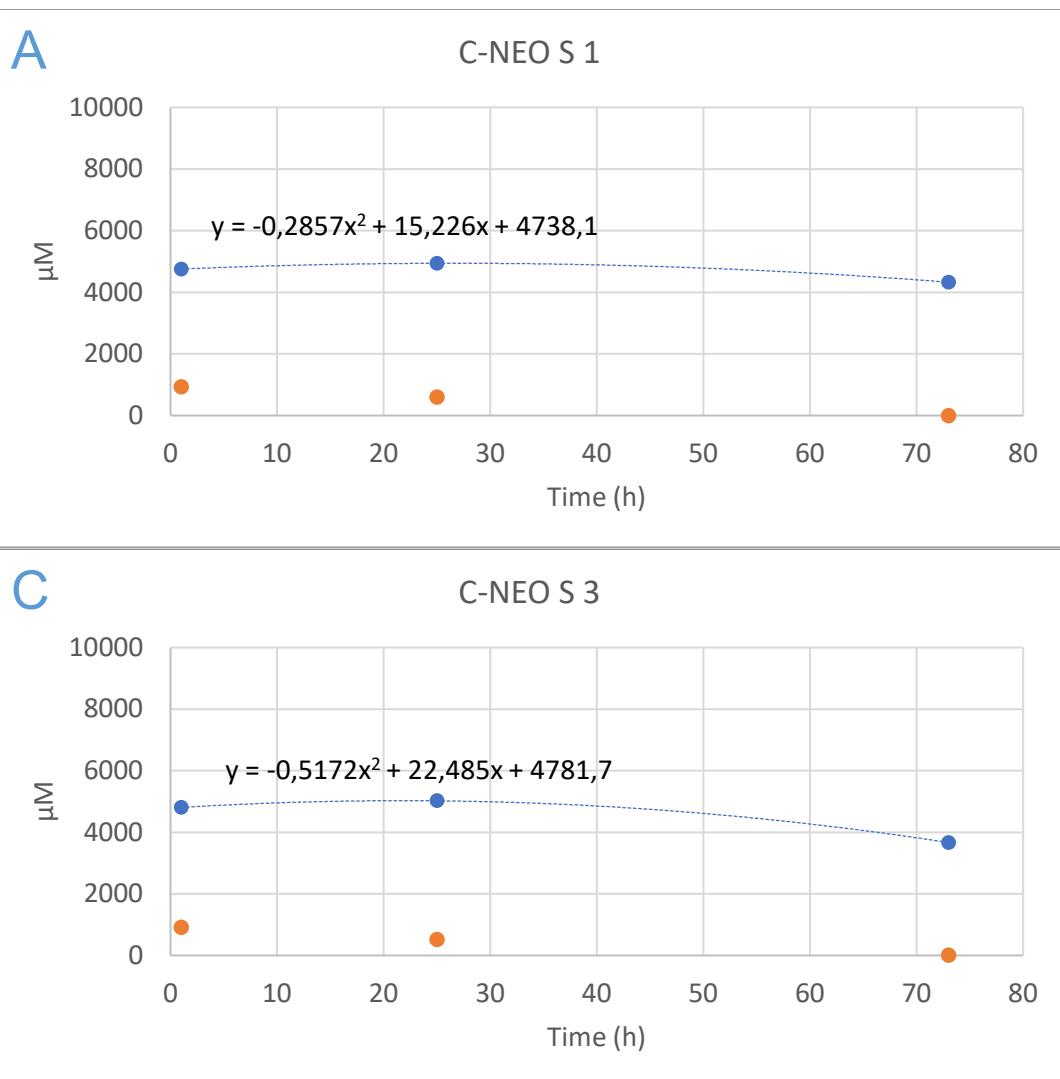
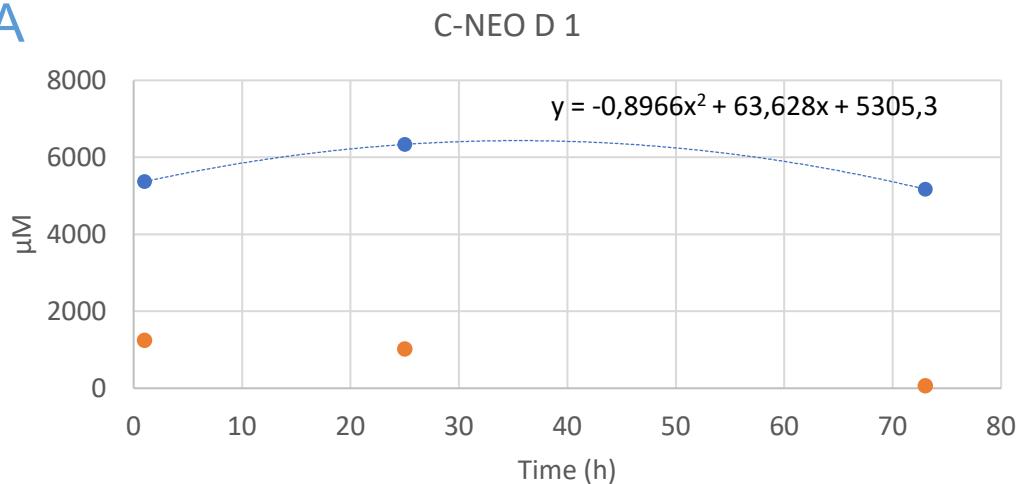
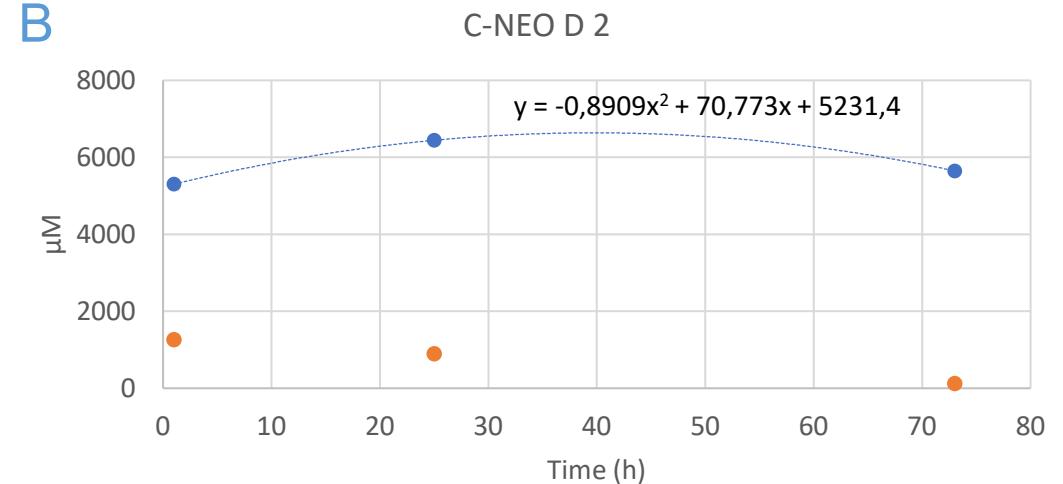


Figure S 24 The amount of nitrite (NO_2^-) (orange), nitrite + nitrate ($\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-$) (blue), at different time points after incubation in NEO made from biogas digestate fertilized soil samples fertilized in the lab using the cereal field soil and incubated as non-agitated loosely placed soil. The polynomial regression equation indicates the growth rate of nitrite + nitrate (nitrification) in the samples over time after incubation.

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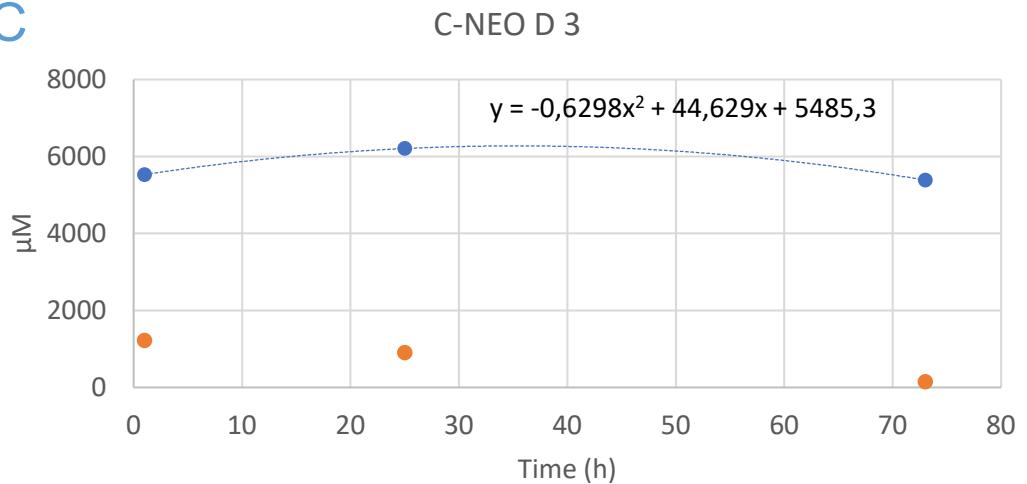
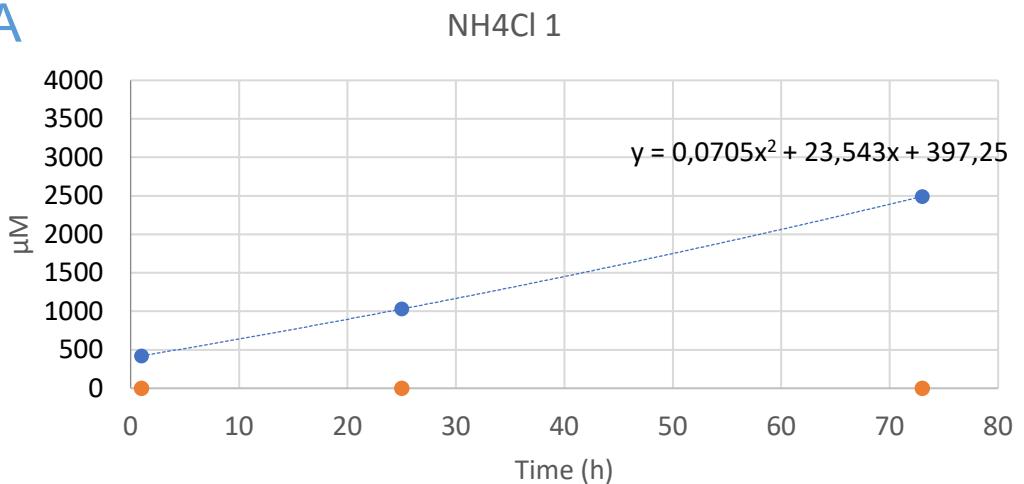
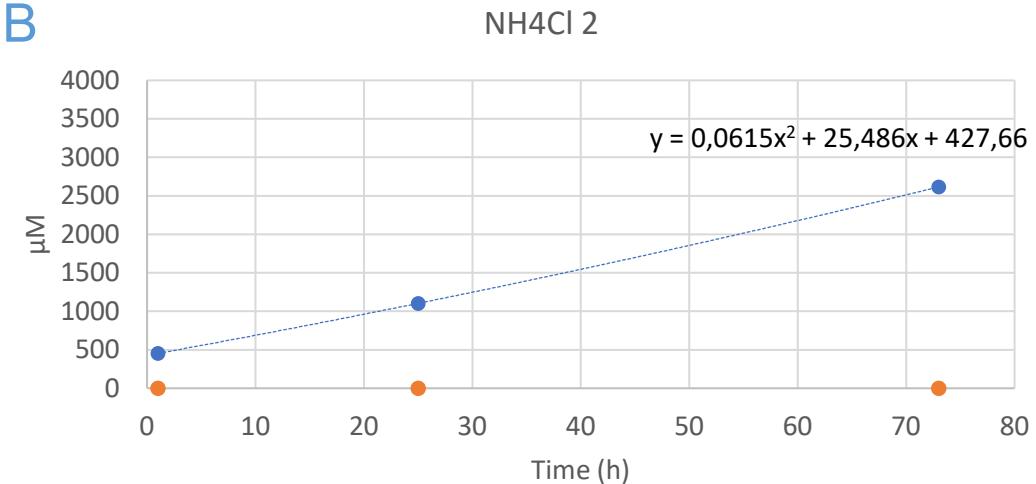


Figure S 25 The amount of nitrite (NO_2^-) (orange), nitrite + nitrate ($\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-$) (blue), at different time points after incubation in ammonium chloride fertilized soil samples fertilized in the lab using the cereal field soil and incubated as non-agitated loosely placed soil. The polynomial regression equation indicates the growth rate of nitrite + nitrate (nitrification) in the samples over time after incubation.

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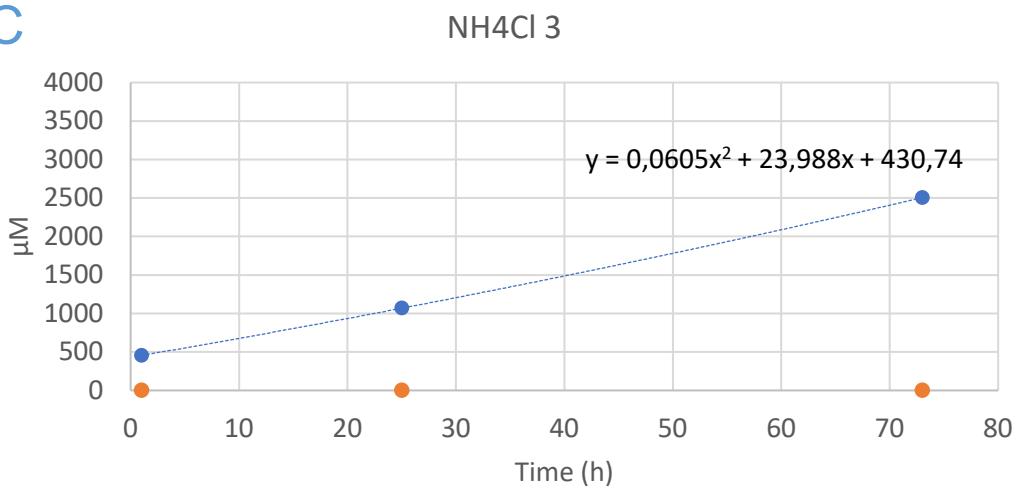


Table S 1 Effects of different fertilization treatments on the nitrification rates in different experiments. The Games-Howell pairwise comparison method compares the differences between means at a 95% confidence interval. Averages that do not share a letter are significantly different.

Field-fertilized soil (Cereal field)	$\mu\text{g } (\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-)\text{-N g DW soil}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$	Grouping
No fertilizer	32.84	A
Mineral fertilizer	31.41	A
Organic fertilizer	31.37	A
NEO	31.16	A
Field-fertilized soil (Grass field)	$\mu\text{g } (\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-)\text{-N g DW soil}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$	Grouping
Organic fertilizer	19.25	A
Mineral fertilizer	18.08	A
No fertilizer	17.44	A
NEO	15.94	A
Lab-fertilized soil incubated as agitated soil slurries (Cereal field)	$\mu\text{g } (\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-)\text{-N g DW soil}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$	Grouping
NEO D	257.37	A
NEO S	108.49	B
Ammonium Chloride	54.016	C
Raw D	46.52	C
Raw S acidified	41.89	C
Raw S	34.98	C
Lab-fertilized soil incubated as agitated soil slurries (Grass field)	$\mu\text{g } (\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-)\text{-N g DW soil}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$	Grouping
NEO D	253.751	A
NEO S	123.788	B
Ammonium Chloride	28.770	C
Raw D	20.327	C
Raw S	17.713	C
Raw S acidified	12.174	C
Lab-fertilized soil incubated as non-agitated loosely placed soil	$\mu\text{g } (\text{NO}_2^- + \text{NO}_3^-)\text{-N g DW soil}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$	Grouping
NEO D	60.1540	A
Ammonium Chloride	24.5337	B
NEO S	20.5479	B
Raw D	12.9446	BC
Raw S	-1.5813	C