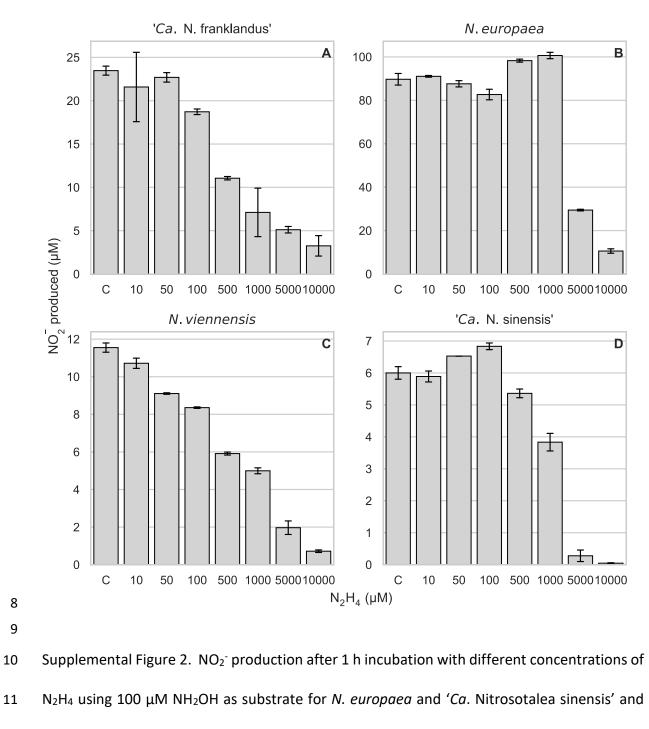


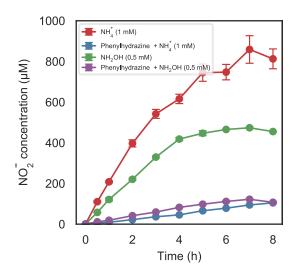
Supplemental Figure 1.  $NO_2^-$  production after 1 h incubation with different concentrations of phenylhydrazine using 100  $\mu$ M NH<sub>2</sub>OH as substrate for *N. europaea* and '*Ca*. Nitrosotalea sinensis' and 200  $\mu$ M for '*Ca*. Nitrosocosmicus franklandus' and *N. viennensis*.  $NO_2^-$  was measured 1 h after addition of the substrate. Error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3).

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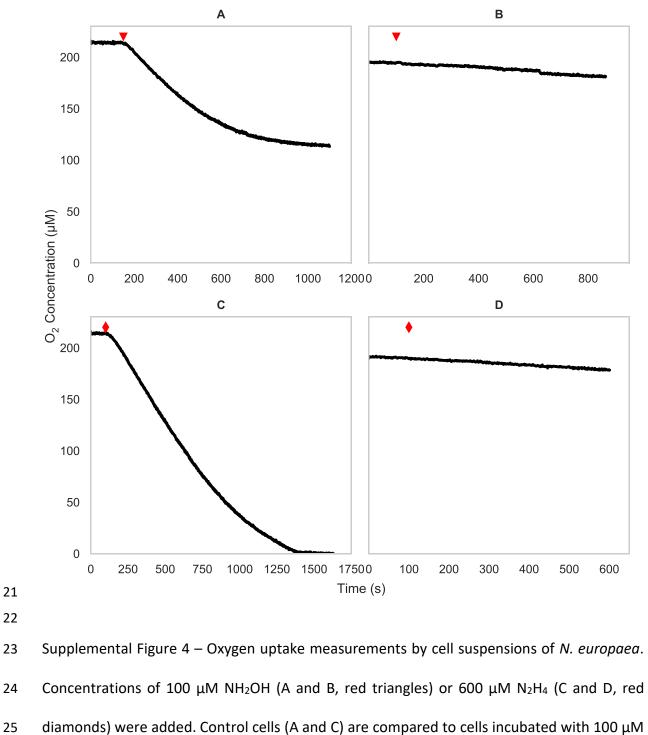
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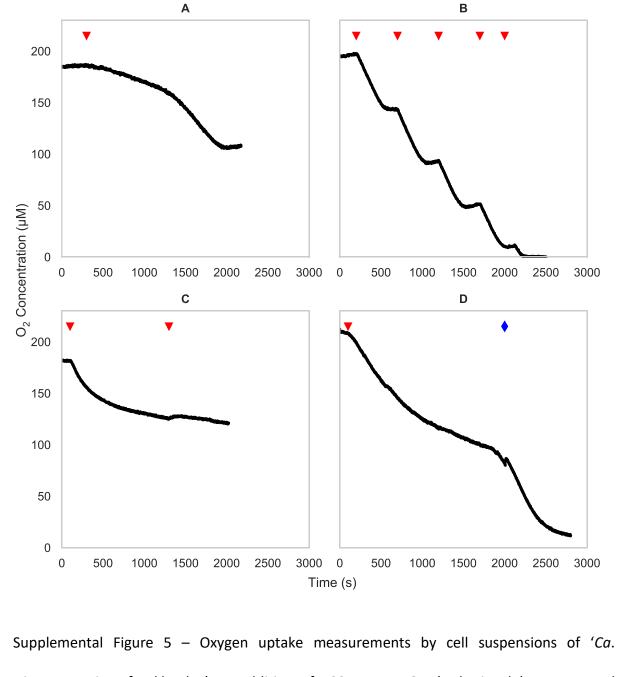


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Supplemental Figure 3 – Time course of the recovery of  $NO_2^-$  production in *N. europaea* with 18 1 mM NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> or 0.5 mM NH<sub>2</sub>OH as substrate after removal of 100 µM phenylhydrazine by 19 washing. Error bars represent the standard deviation (n = 3).



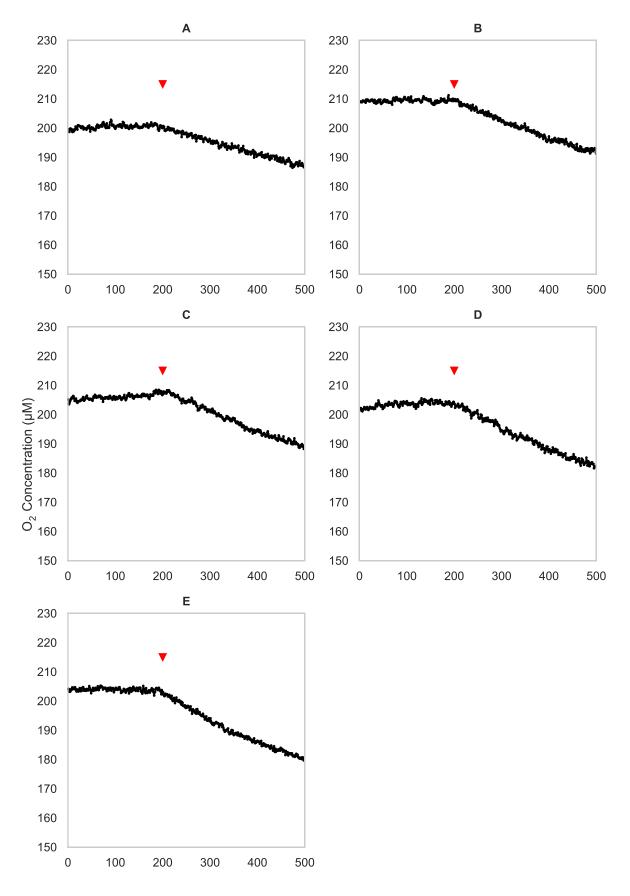
diamonds) were added. Control cells (A and C) are compared to cells incubated with 100 μM
phenylhydrazine (B and D). Experiments were performed at least three times with similar
results.



Supplemental Figure 5 – Oxygen uptake measurements by cell suspensions of '*Ca*. Nitrosocosmicus franklandus'. A: addition of 400  $\mu$ M NH<sub>2</sub>OH (red triangle); B: repeated spiking with 200  $\mu$ M NH<sub>2</sub>OH (red triangles) until anoxic; C: spiking with 600  $\mu$ M N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (red triangles); D: addition of 600  $\mu$ M N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (red triangle) followed by 500  $\mu$ M NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (blue diamond).

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Supplemental Figure 6 – Initial rates of oxygen consumption in cell suspensions of 'Ca.
Nitrosocosmicus franklandus' after addition of different concentrations of N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (red
triangles). A: 200 μM N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; B: 400 μM N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; C: 600 μM; N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; D: 800 μM; N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; E: 1000 μM
N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

| Supplementary Table 1. Experimental de | sign for the end-p | point inhibition assay | S         |                 |               |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| Organism                               | Ammonia            | Hydroxylamine          | Hydrazine | Phenylhydrazine | Results shown |
|  | (μM)               | (μM)                   | (μM)      | (μM)            |               |
| 'Ca. Nitrosocosmicus franklandus C13'  | 100                | -                      | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure 1      |
|  | -                  | 200                    | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure S1     |
|  | 100                | -                      | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure 2      |
|  | -                  | 200                    | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure S2     |
| Nitrosomonas europaea                  | 100                | -                      | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure 1      |
|  | -                  | 100                    | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure S1     |
|  | 100                | -                      | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure 2      |
|  | -                  | 100                    | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure S2     |
| Nitrososphaera viennensis EN76         | 100                | -                      | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure 1      |
|  | -                  | 200                    | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure S1     |
|  | 100                | -                      | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure 2      |
|  | -                  | 200                    | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure S2     |
| 'Ca. Nitrosotalea sinensis Nd2'        | 100                | -                      | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure 1      |
|  | -                  | 100                    | -         | 0.05-500        | Figure S1     |
|  | 100                | -                      | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure 2      |
|  | -                  | 100                    | 1-10,000  | -               | Figure S2     |

| Supplementary Table 2. Experimental de | sign for the oxyge | en uptake experimen | nts       |                 |               |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| Organism                               | Ammonia            | Hydroxylamine       | Hydrazine | Phenylhydrazine | Results shown |
|  | (μM)               | (μM)                | (μM)      | (μM)            |               |
| 'Ca. Nitrosocosmicus franklandus C13'  | -                  | 200                 | -         |                 | Figure 4A     |
|  | -                  | 200                 | -         | 100             | Figure 4B     |
|  | -                  | -                   | 600       | -               | Figure 4C     |
|  | -                  | -                   | 600       | 100             | Figure 4D     |
|  | -                  | 400                 | -         | -               | Figure S5A    |
|  | -                  | 5 x 200             | -         | -               | Figure S5B    |
|  | -                  | -                   | 2 x 600   | -               | Figure S5C    |
|  | 500                | -                   | 600       | -               | Figure S5D    |
|  | -                  | -                   | 200-1,000 | -               | Figure S6     |
| Nitrosomonas europaea                  | -                  | 100                 | -         | -               | Figure S4A    |
|  | -                  | 100                 | -         | 100             | Figure S4B    |
|  | -                  | -                   | 600       | -               | Figure S4C    |
|  | -                  | -                   | 600       | 100             | Figure S4D    |