

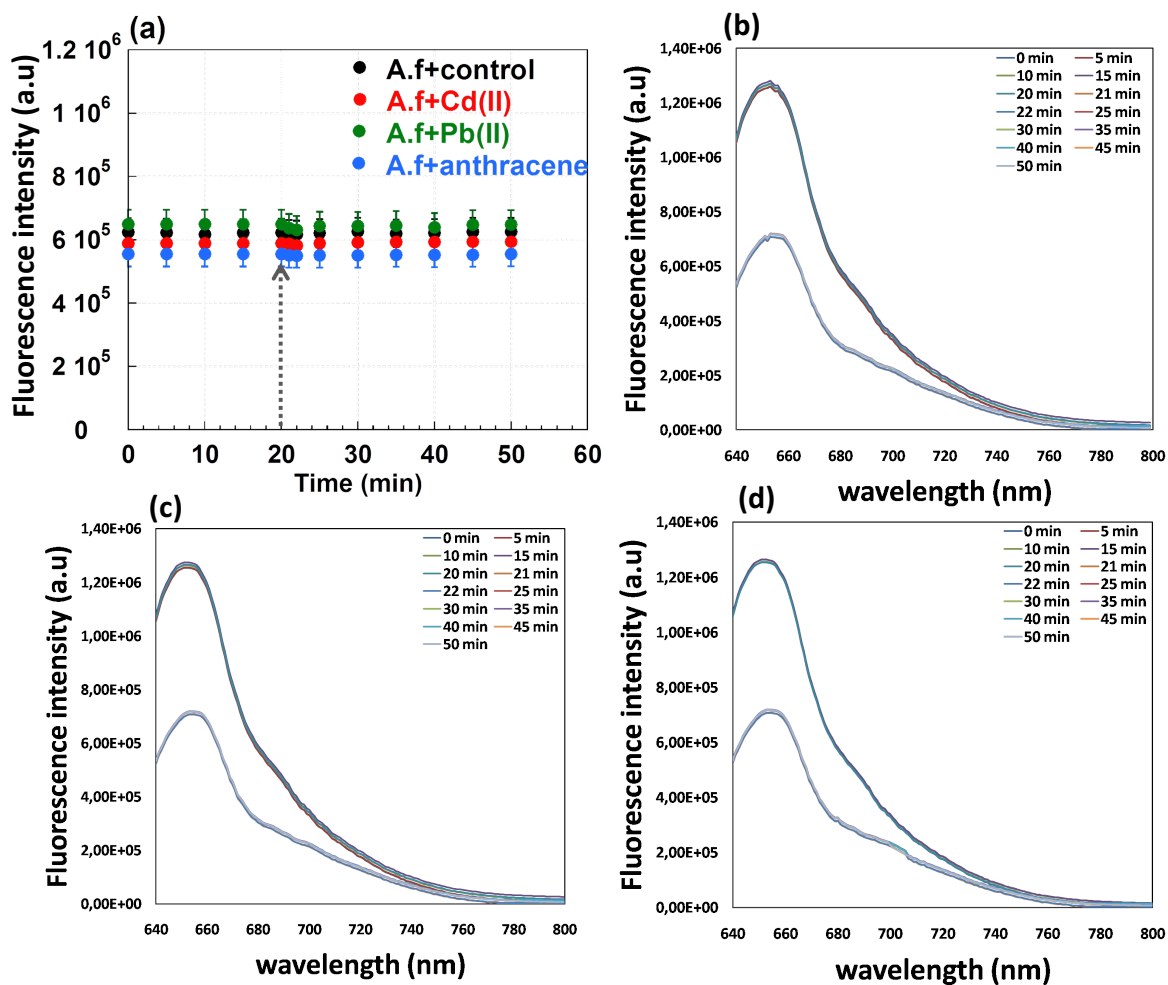
## **Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry**

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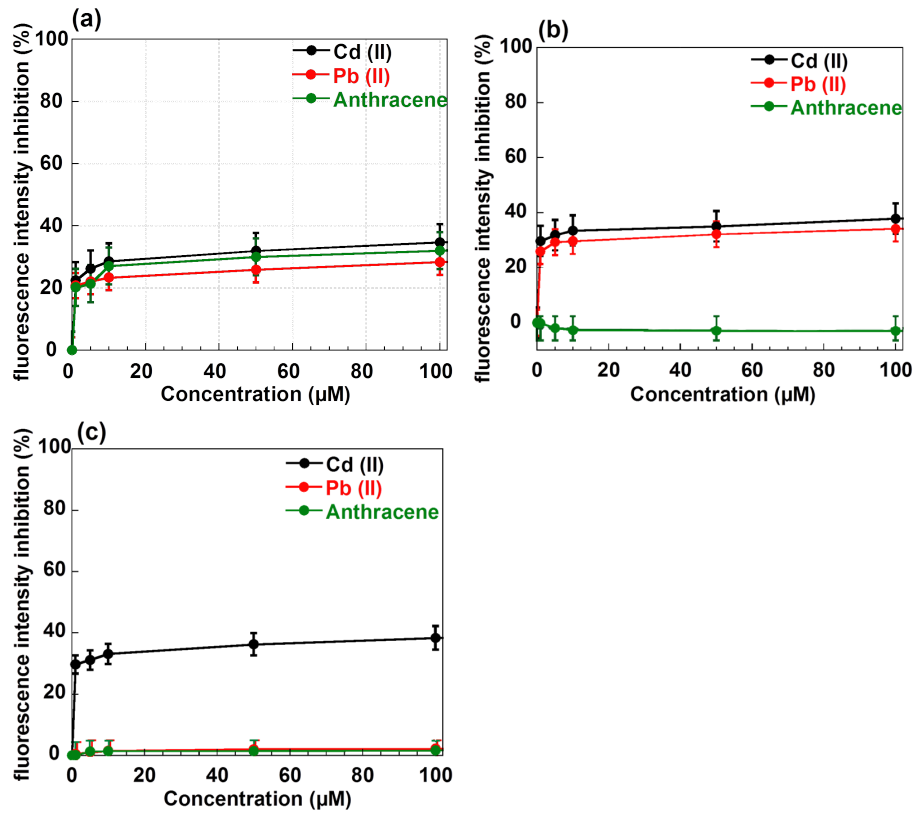
#### **Optical microalgal biosensors for aqueous contaminants using organically doped silica as cellular hosts**

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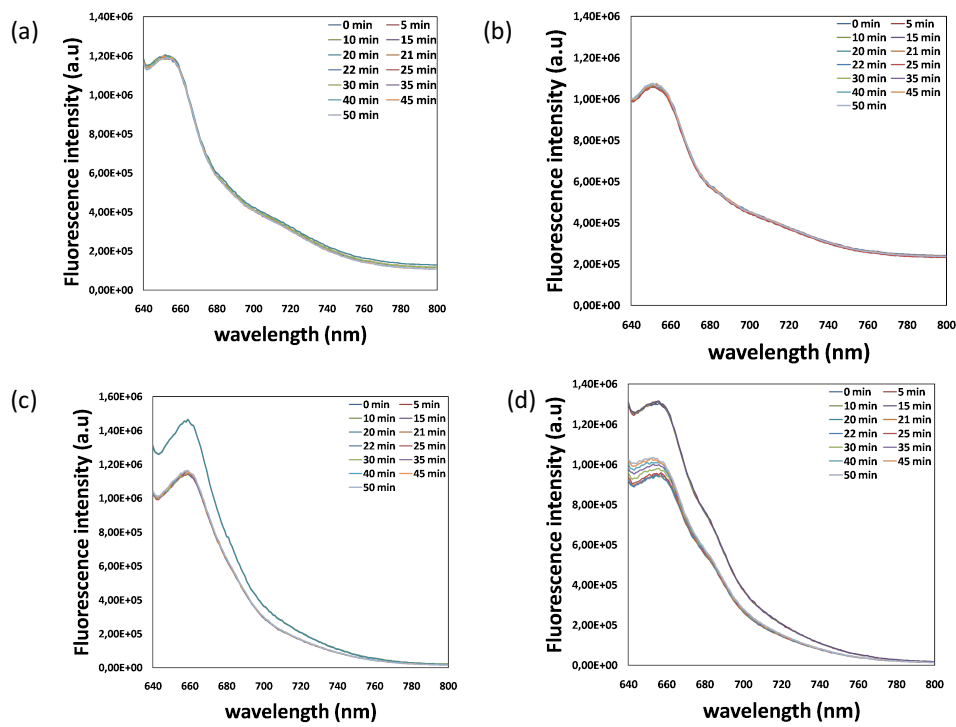
**Fig. S1** Evolution of fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 470 \text{ nm}$ ) with pollutant addition ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) for *A. flos-aquae* suspensions: (a) overview, (b) with  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ , (c) with  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  and (d) with anthracene



**Fig. S2** Fluorescence inhibition of cells suspension at low pollutant doses for (a) *A. flos-aquae*, (b) *C. vulgaris* and (c) *E. gracilis*



**Fig. S3** Evolution of fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{exc} = 470$  nm) with pollutant addition (10  $\mu$ M) for *A. flos-aquae* in selected conditions: (a) pure silica gel with added  $Cd^{2+}$ , (b) pure silica gel with added anthracene (c) ETES-modified gel with added  $Cd^{2+}$  and (d) APTMS-modified gel with added anthracene



**Fig. S4** ATP-metry studies of cells encapsulated in (top line) APTMS and (bottom line) ETES-modified hybrid silica gels in the presence of pollutants

