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Highlights

A series of $C_{backwash}$ was used to backwash ceramic membrane in AnCMBR

$C_{backwash}$ used in this study was 0 ~~Ultrapure water~~, 0.05, 0.25, 1 and 10 mg/L ~~ppm NaClO solutions were used for backwash~~

Low ~~concentrations of~~ $C_{backwash}$ ~~NaClO~~ enhanced microbial activities and fouling mitigation

High ~~concentrations of NaClO~~ $C_{backwash}$ led to cell lysis and exacerbated fouling

Optimal $C_{backwash}$ in this study was 1 mg/L~~: highest $C_{backwash}$ that did not inhibit the microbial activities~~

Abstract