

Supplementary Table 1. Biodegradation of pharmaceuticals by rhodococci.

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Antibiotics	Sulfamethoxazole	31.6 ppm	20%, 36 d	<i>R. rhodochrous</i> ATCC 13808	Minimum mineral salt media (MMSM) + 3 g/L glucose	hydroxy-N-(5-methyl-1,2-oxazol-3-yl)benzene-1-sulfonamide	(Gauthier et al., 2010)
		6 mg/L	15%, 120 h	<i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557	MMSM	-	(Larcher and Yargeau, 2011)
			29%, 120 h		MMSM + 0.5 g/L glucose	Unknown metabolite	
			3.0–4.6% 300 h	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> PA01, <i>P. putida</i> ATCC 12633, <i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557, <i>R. erythropolis</i> ATCC 4277, <i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808	MMSM	-	
			4.8–5.1% 300 h		MMSM + 0.5 g/L glucose	Unknown metabolite	
			1.5–2.6% 300 h	<i>B. subtilis</i> ATCC 6051, <i>P. putida</i> ATCC 12633, <i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557, <i>R. erythropolis</i> ATCC 4277, <i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808, <i>R. zopfii</i> ATCC 51349	MMSM	-	
			4.7–5.3% 300 h		MMSM + 0.5 g/L glucose		
			42% 300 h	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> PA01, <i>P. putida</i> ATCC 12633, <i>R. equi</i>	MMSM	-	

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			40% 300 h	ATCC 13557, <i>R. erythropolis</i> ATCC 4277, <i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808	MMSM + 0.5 g/L glucose		(Larcher and Yargeau, 2012)
			47% 300 h		Ozone-pretreatment, MMSM		
			59% 300 h		Ozone-pretreatment + 0.5 g/L glucose		
			15% 300 h	<i>B. subtilis</i> ATCC 6051, <i>P. putida</i> ATCC 12633, <i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557, <i>R. erythropolis</i> ATCC 4277, <i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808, <i>R. zopfii</i> ATCC 51349	MMSM		
			31% 300h		MMSM + 0.5 g/L glucose		
			55% 300 h		Ozone-pretreatment, MMSM		
			20% 300h		Ozone-pretreatment + 0.5 g/L glucose		
		0.5 mM	≈40% 300 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. BR2	Mineral salts medium	-	(Bouju et al., 2012)
			≈50% 300 h	<i>Microbacterium</i> sp. BR1, <i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. BR2			
	Sulfamethizole	43.4 ppm	14%, 12 d	<i>R. rhodochrous</i> ATCC 13808	Minimum mineral salt media + 0.5 g/L of yeast extract + 3 g/L glucose	-	(Gauthier et al., 2010)

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	Sulfamonomethoxine	10 mg/L	92.83%	Mixed bacterial culture collected from the anode effluent of microbial fuel cells (MFCs). Sulfamonomethoxine-degrading genera: <i>Cupriavidus</i> , <i>Rhodococcus</i> , <i>Sphaerochaeta</i> , and <i>Cloacibacillus</i>	Two-chamber MFC reactor	4 metabolites: P127 (m/z 217.1070), P126 (m/z 126.0663), P173 (m/z 173.9852), and P159 (m/z 159.0127)	(Zhang et al., 2021)
		9 mg/L	75.88%				
		8 mg/L	61.42%,				
		7 mg/L	55.37%,				
		6 mg/L	40.25%,				
		5 mg/L	35.41%,				
		4 mg/L	28.82%,				
	Sulfadiazine	100 µg/L	>94.9% 80 d	Activated sludge from a membrane bioreactor located. <i>Rhodococcus</i> (51%) was the most dominant genus.	Electrochemical membrane biofilm reactor	Electrochemical oxidation products: Pyrimidin-2-yl)sulfonic acid (EP1) and aniline (EP2), 4-nitro sulfadiazine (EP3) and EP4 (m/z 318). Biodegradation products: BP1 (m/z 202), its hydroxylated product (BP2, m/z 218), BP3 (m/z 202), its	(Li et al., 2021)

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						acetylated product (BP4, m/z 243)	
	Sulfathiazole	0.23 mg/kg	23.53% 13 d	Antibiotic resistant bacteria from farmland soil	Nutrient broth medium	-	(Yeom et al., 2017)
	Racemic ofloxacin	450 µg/L	39.3% of (S)-ofloxacin, 28 d	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. FP1	Batch mode: mineral salts medium	-	(Maia et al., 2018)
			60.6% of (S)-ofloxacin, 28 d		Batch mode: mineral salts medium + 5.9 mM acetate		
		150 µg/L	1.2% of (R)-ofloxacin 4.1% of (S)-ofloxacin 28 d		Batch mode: mineral salts medium		
			≈50% of (S)-ofloxacin 28 d		Batch mode: mineral salts medium + 5.9 mM acetate		
		70 µg/L	7.4% of (R)-ofloxacin 4.8% of (S)-ofloxacin, 28 d		Batch mode: mineral salts medium		

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			51.9% of (S)-ofloxacin		Batch mode: mineral salts medium + 5.9 mM acetate		
	Tetracycline	17.74 mg/kg	35.6% 13 d	Antibiotic resistant bacteria from farmland soil	Nutrient broth medium	-	(Yeom et al., 2017)
	Oxytetracycline	0.78 mg/kg	66.8% 13 d				
Antimicrobial additives	Triclocarban	10 mg/L	100% after 5 d	<i>R. rhodochrous</i> BX2	Modified mineral salt medium (MMSM) used	3,4-dichloroaniline, 4-chloroaniline, 4-chlorocatechol, 3-chloro-cis-cis-muconic acid, muconolactone, β -ketoadipic acid	(Li et al., 2022)
	Triclosan	5 mg/L	35% after 3 d	<i>R. jostii</i> RHA1	NMS medium + resting cells, cells were pre-grown in mineral salt medium with propane	-	(Lee and Chu, 2013)
			64% after 3 d		NMS medium + resting cells, cells were pre-grown in mineral salt medium with biphenyl	2,4-dichlorophenol, 2-chlorohydroquinone, monohydroxy-triclosan, and	

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						dihydroxy-triclosan	
			63% after 3 d		NMS medium + resting cells, cells were pre-grown in LB medium with dicyclopropylketone	-	
Hormones	Estrone (E1)	30 mg/L	98.6% at 48 h	<i>R. equi</i> DSSKP-R-001	Mineral basal medium	-	(Tian et al., 2020)
		100 mg/L	99% 24 h	Individual strains <i>R. equi</i> Y 50155, Y 50156, Y 50157 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant	Modified mineral Dominic and Graham's (MDG) culture medium	-	(Yoshimoto et al., 2004)
			100% 24h	<i>R. zopfii</i> Y 50158 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant			
			100% 30 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. B50 isolated from garden soil	Resting cell biotransformation in a mineral medium	4-hydroxyestrone, meta-cleavage product, pyridinestrone acid, 3aa-H-4a(3'-propanoate)-7ab-methylhexahydr	(Hsiao et al., 2021)

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						o-1,5-in-danedione	
		200 mg/L	90% 120 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. ED7 isolated from agricultural soil	Sterilized inorganic salt medium	-	(Kurusu et al., 2010)
	17 β -estradiol (E2)	5 mg/L	80% 18 h	<i>R. equi</i> ATCC13557	Mineral salts medium	-	(Harthern-Flint et al., 2021)
		5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 mg/L	>80% 7 d	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. JX-2 isolated from activated sludge	Free cell biotransformation in a mineral salt medium	-	(Liu et al., 2016)
		10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 mg/L	>80% 7 d		Alginate-immobilized cell biotransformation in a mineral salt medium under pH 6.0–8.0 and 20–35 °C temperatures		(Liu et al., 2016)
		30 mg/L	94% 7 d		Free cell biotransformation in a mineral salt medium		(Liu et al., 2016)
			$\approx$ 95% 7 d		Alginate-immobilized cell biotransformation in a mineral salt medium under pH <6.0 or >8.0 either		(Liu et al., 2016)

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					below 20 or above 35 °C		
			100% 96 h	<i>R. equi</i> DSSKP-R-001	Mineral basal medium	Proposed pathway from transcriptome analysis. E1; 3-Hydroxy-4,5-9,10-disecoestrane-1; 2-Diene-5,9,17-trione-4-oic; (Z)-7a-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)hexahydro-1H-indole-1,5-(4H) - Diketone	(Tian et al., 2020)
		39.78 ng/L	64.4% 7 d	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. JX-2 isolated from activated sludge	Alginate-immobilized cell biotransformation in natural sewage	-	(Liu et al., 2016)
		43.35 ng/L	100% 7 d				
		55.59 ng/L	73.5% 7 d				
		50 mg/L	86% 96 h	<i>R. equi</i> DSSKP-R-001	Inorganic minimal salt medium (MSM)	-	(Wang et al., 2019)
			94% 96 h	Mixed culture of <i>R. equi</i> DSSKP-R-001 and <i>Comamonas testosteroni</i> QYY20150409		Two pathways of E2 metabolism through hydroxylation of E1 (4-OH-E1 and 16-OH-product),	

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						cleavage of 4-OH-E1 between C-4 and C-5 and hydroxylation of E1 at C-9 α	
		100 mg/L	100% 24h	<i>R. zopfii</i> Y 50158 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant	Modified mineral Dominic and Graham's (MDG) culture medium	-	(Yoshimoto et al., 2004)
			99% 24 h	Individual strains <i>R. equi</i> Y 50155, Y 50156, Y 50157 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant			
		100 mg/L	100% 40 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. B50 isolated from garden soil	Resting cell biotransformation in a mineral medium	-	(Hsiao et al., 2021)
		146.31 $\mu\text{g/kg}$	87.1% 7 d	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. JX-2 isolated from activated sludge	Alginate-immobilized cell biotransformation in cow dung	-	(Liu et al., 2016)
		174.01 $\mu\text{g/kg}$	81.3% 7 d				
		200 mg/L	>90% 120 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. ED7 isolated from agricultural soil	Sterilized inorganic salt medium	E1	(Kurusu et al., 2010)
		500 mg/L	100% 100h	<i>R. zopfii</i> Y 50158 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant	10-liter jar fermentor, MDG medium + 10 g/L glucose	-	(Yoshimoto et al., 2004)

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	Estriol (E3)	100 mg/L	95% 24 h	Individual strains <i>R. equi</i> Y 50156, Y 50157 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant	Modified mineral Dominic and Graham's (MDG) culture medium	-	(Yoshimoto et al., 2004)
		100 mg/L	72% 24 h	Individual strain <i>R. equi</i> Y 50155 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant	Modified mineral Dominic and Graham's (MDG) culture medium	-	(Yoshimoto et al., 2004)
			100% 24h	<i>R. zopfii</i> Y 50158 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant			
		100 mg/L	≈90% 50 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. B50 isolated from garden soil	Resting cell biotransformation in a mineral medium	-	(Hsiao et al., 2021)
	17 α -ethinyl estradiol	0.5 mg/L, 1.4 mg/L	47–48% 35 h	<i>R. erythropolis</i>	Modified Mineral Salt Media (MMSM) + 2.5 g/L adipic acid	Metabolite (m/z 331)	(O'Grady et al., 2009)
		0.5 mg/L	10% 22 h	<i>R. zopfii</i>		-	
		1.4 mg/L	39% 65 h	<i>R. equi</i>	MMSM + 2.5 g/L glucose	-	
		0.5 mg/L	90.4% 48 h	<i>R. zopfii</i> ATCC 51349	Small Bioreactor Platform macro-encapsulation method (SBP) in a	-	(Menashe et al., 2020)

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					minimal salt medium		
		0.9 mg/L	94.9% 72 h		SBP in a minimal salt medium enriched with 2% lysogeny broth	-	
		2.2 mg/L	91.8% 96 h		SBP in a minimal salt medium enriched with 2% sterilized domestic secondary effluents	-	
		5 mg/L	61% 300 h	<i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557	Minimum mineral salt media (MMSM)	Unidentified metabolite	(Larcher and Yargeau, 2013)
			46% 300 h	<i>R. erythropolis</i> ATCC 4277		Unidentified metabolite	
			100% 300 h	<i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808		-	
			38% 300 h	<i>R. zopfii</i> ATCC 51349			
			43% 300 h	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> PA01, <i>P. putida</i> ATCC 12633, <i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557, <i>R. erythropolis</i> ATCC 4277, <i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808			
			42% 300 h	<i>B. subtilis</i> ATCC 6051, <i>P. putida</i> ATCC 12633, <i>R. equi</i> ATCC 13557, <i>R. erythropolis</i>			

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				ATCC 4277, <i>R. rhodocrous</i> ATCC 13808, <i>R. zopfii</i> ATCC 51349			
		30 mg/L	90% 72 h	<i>R. equi</i> DSSKP-R-001	Mineral basal medium	-	(Tian et al., 2020)
		100 mg/L	80% 24 h	Individual strains <i>R. equi</i> Y 50155, Y 50157 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant	Modified mineral Dominic and Graham's (MDG) culture medium	-	(Yoshimoto et al., 2004)
		100 mg/L	96 24 h	Individual strain <i>R. equi</i> Y 50156 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant			
		100 mg/L	100% 24h	<i>R. zopfii</i> Y 50158 isolated from activated sludge in a wastewater treatment plant			
	E1+E2	5 mg/L each	≈85% of E2 40 h	<i>R. equi</i> ATCC13557	Mineral salts medium	-	(Harthern-Flint et al., 2021)
	E2 + EE2	30 mg/L each	58.7% at 72 h for E2 97.3% at 97 h for EE2	<i>R. equi</i> DSSKP-R-001	Mineral basal medium	-	(Tian et al., 2020)

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	Progesterone	500 µg/L	99% 1 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. HYW isolated from activated sludge	Minimum mineral medium	-	(Yu et al., 2018)
		500 µg/L	99% 1.5 h	Activated sludge bioaugmented with <i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. HYW	Minimum mineral medium + 35 mg/L glucose	Testosterone; 3β-Hydroxy-5α-pregnan-20-one; 5α-dihydrotestosterone; (8R,9S,13S,14S)-3-hydroxy-13-methyl-1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16-tetradecahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one; estrone; androst-1,4,9(11)-triene-3,17-dione; 3-hydroxy-9,10-seconandrost-1,3,5(10)-triene-9,17-dione; 9,17-dioxo-1,2,3,4,10,19-hexanorandrostane-5-oic acid; 3α-H-4α-[3-propanol]-5α-hydroxy-7αβ-methylhexahydro-1-	

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						indanone; 2,4,6-trihydroxy-5-methylhexanoic acid	
	Testosterone	100 mg/L	100% 40 h	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. B50 isolated from garden soil	Resting cell biotransformation in a mineral medium	-	(Hsiao et al., 2021)
		1 g/L	100% 36 h	<i>R. equi</i> ATCC 14887	Minimal liquid medium	9a-hydroxyandrost-4-ene-3,17-dione and 9a,17b-dihydroxyandrost-4-en-3-one	(Kim et al., 2007)
Antiplasmodics	Drotaverine	20 mg/L	100% 60 d	<i>R. rhodochrous</i> IEGM 608	Free cell (pre-grown on isoquinoline) biodegradation in RS mineral salt medium	3,4-diethoxybenzoic acid (protocatechic acid) derivatives	(Ivshina et al., 2012)
			100% 45 d		Free cell (pre-grown on isoquinoline) biodegradation in RS mineral salt medium + 5 g/L glucose		
			100% 30 d		Immobilized isoquinoline-adapted cell (adsorbed onto pine		

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					sawdust) biodegradation in RS mineral salt medium + 5 g/L glucose		
			5-8% 48 h	<i>R. ruber</i> IEGM 326	Cyst like dormant cells in RS mineral salt medium	-	(Ivshina et al., 2015)
			46% 48 h		Cyst like dormant cells in RS mineral salt medium RS mineral salt medium + 5 g/L glucose		
Analgesics	Paracetamol	1 mg/L	100% after 24 h	<i>R. erythropolis</i> BIOMIG-P19	MSM	p-aminophenol	(Akay and Tezel, 2020)
		10 mg/L	100% after 12 h				
		100, 500 mg/L	100% after 6 h				
		20 mg/L	100% after 5 d	<i>R. ruber</i> IEGM 77	RS minimum mineral medium, paracetamol was used in the form of pills	-	(Ivshina et al., 2006)
		500 mg/L	77% after 20 d		K minimum mineral medium		

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			86% after 20 d		RS minimum mineral medium	p-aminophenol, pyrocatechol, hydroquinone	
NSAIDs	Diclofenac	50 mg/L	≈50% after 60 d	<i>R. ruber</i> IEGM 231, IEGM 346	RS minimum mineral medium + 0.5% glucose + preliminary cell adaptation in the presence of 5 mg/L diclofenac	16 metabolites, C-N bond cleavage, aromatic ring opening. Terminal products: fumarial	(Ivshina et al., 2019; Tyumina et al., 2019)
		50 µg/L	100% after 6 d	<i>R. ruber</i> IEGM 346	RS minimum mineral medium + 0.5% glucose + preliminary cell adaptation in the presence of 5 µg/L diclofenac	acetoacetic acid and its derivatives (fumaric and acetoacetic acids)	(Ivshina et al., 2019)
	Ibuprofen	100 mg/L	100% after 144 h	<i>R. cerastii</i> IEGM 1278	RS mineral salt medium + 0.1 vol. % n-hexadecane	9-hydroxy ibuprofen; 6,9-dihydroxy ibuprofen; 6-hydroxy ibuprofen; decarboxylated derivative of 9-hydroxy ibuprofen; decarboxylated derivative of 6,9-dihydroxy ibuprofen; decarboxylated	(Ivshina et al., 2021)
		100 µg/L	100% after 30 h				

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						derivative of 6-hydroxy ibuprofen	
	Ketoprofen	100 mg/L	38% after 14 d	<i>R. erythropolis</i> IEGM 746	RS mineral salt medium + 0.1 vol. % n-hexadecane	-	(Bazhutina et al., 2022)
	Acetylsalicylic acid	250 mg/L	100% after 11 d	<i>R. jostii</i> IEGM 60	RS mineral salt medium	Salicylic acid	(Khrenkov et al., 2020)
		250 mg/L	100% after 9 d		RS mineral salt medium + polyvinylpyrrolidone		
		250 mg/L	100% after 6 d		RS mineral salt medium, paracetamol was used in the form of pills		
Antiepileptics	Carbamazepine	9.5 ppm	20% 28 d	<i>R. rhodochrous</i> ATC 13808	Minimum mineral salt media (MMSM) + 3 g/L glucose	-	(Gauthier et al., 2010)
Lipid-lowering drugs	Clofibric acid	0.1 g/L	~100% 20 d	<i>R. rhodochrous</i> ATCC 13808	Minimal mineral salts media + 0.1 g/L yeast extract, 2.5 g/L glucose	Clofibrate	(Evangelista et al., 2008)

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