

Supplementary material

Fig S1. Microcosms with Floating wetlands, assembling 6 plants of *Thypha* sp. species in the plastic tile in each microcosm (following QUARQ ENTERPRISE S.A. instructions).



Fig. S2. SEM images showing the formation of biofilm from *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa* 1S1 CECT 13212 on the surface of pruning biochar pellet. Images a and b: general view of the biofilm grown on the pellets and detail of the growth on a fissure, respectively. Images d and e: general appearance of the biofilm grown on the material obtained after grinding the pellet and detail of its formation, respectively.

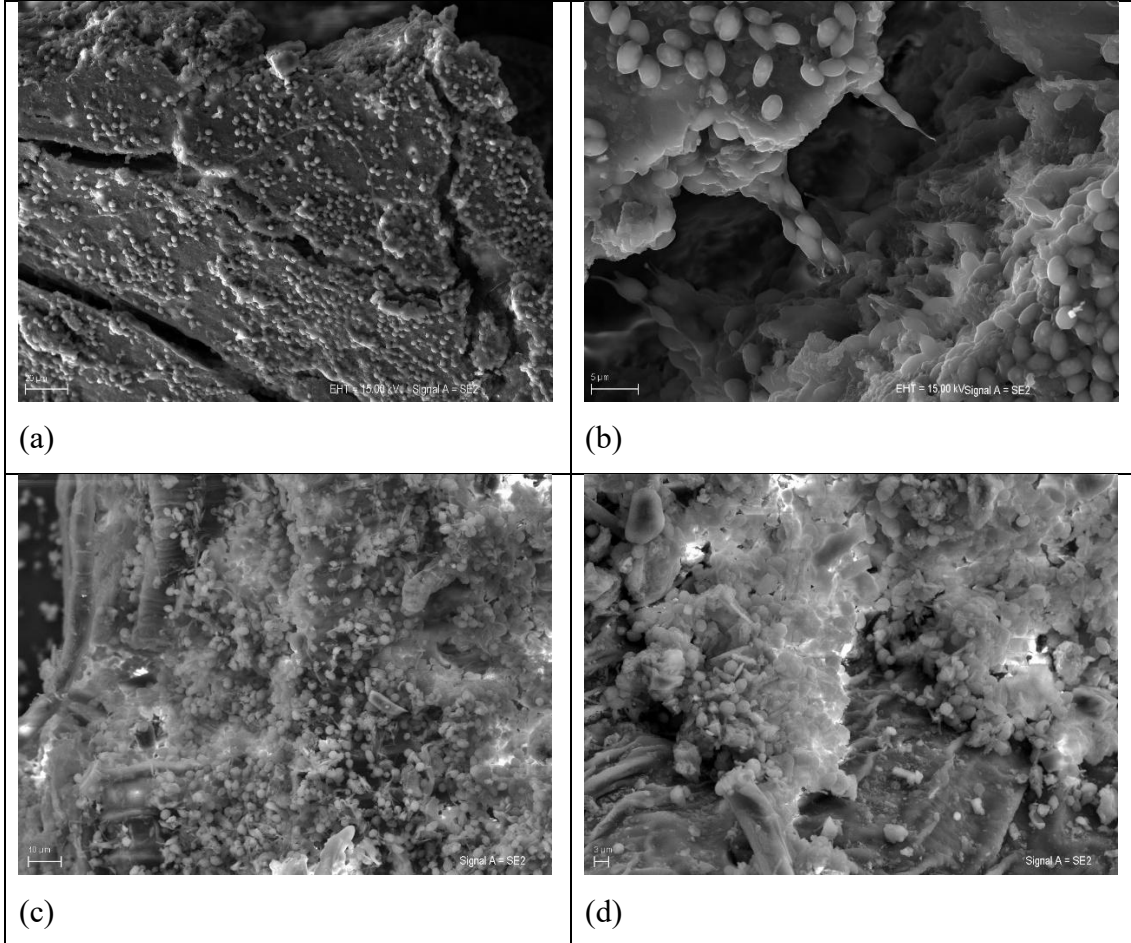


Fig. S3. FTIR spectra of biochar coated with *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa* 1S1 CECT 13212 biofilm. In blue the spectrum before contact with PP and in red the spectrum after the PP adsorption stage. In the case of carbonyl groups, biological activation had increased their presence. The region between 1300 and 600 cm^{-1} in the FTIR spectra that underwent significant changes, is usually attributed to the absorbance of carbohydrates, polyols and low molecular weight monosaccharides, is not easy to classify (Cao et al., 2017). In the Amide II region located around 1500 cm^{-1} and where the presence of amino groups from N-H bond bending is recorded, significant changes occurred, including a shift from 1513 to 1508 cm^{-1} and the appearance of two low intensity bands at 1541 and 1559 cm^{-1} respectively. At the same time, a strong shift at 1206 cm^{-1} (moved to 1218 cm^{-1}) implied C-O stretching vibrations and therefore the involvement of carbonyl groups (Deniz and Kepekci, 2017). On the other hand, in the region between 1300 and 1500 cm^{-1} that identifies vibrations of C-H and O-H groups, some shifts occurred: 1450 to 1456 cm^{-1} , 1427 to 1420 cm^{-1} and 1369 to 1373 cm^{-1} respectively, which could indicate the presence of an electron donation phenomenon between the negative -COO group (e.g. of diclofenac) and the O-H groups present in the biochar/biofilm complex (Priyan et al., 2021). This effect supports the interaction between pharmaceutical molecules and biomass and adds to other known interactions such as π - π interactions that occur when the aromatic ring of pharmaceuticals accepts electrons, while oxygen ions from the functional groups present on the surface of the adsorbent donate electrons (Choudhary and Philip, 2022).

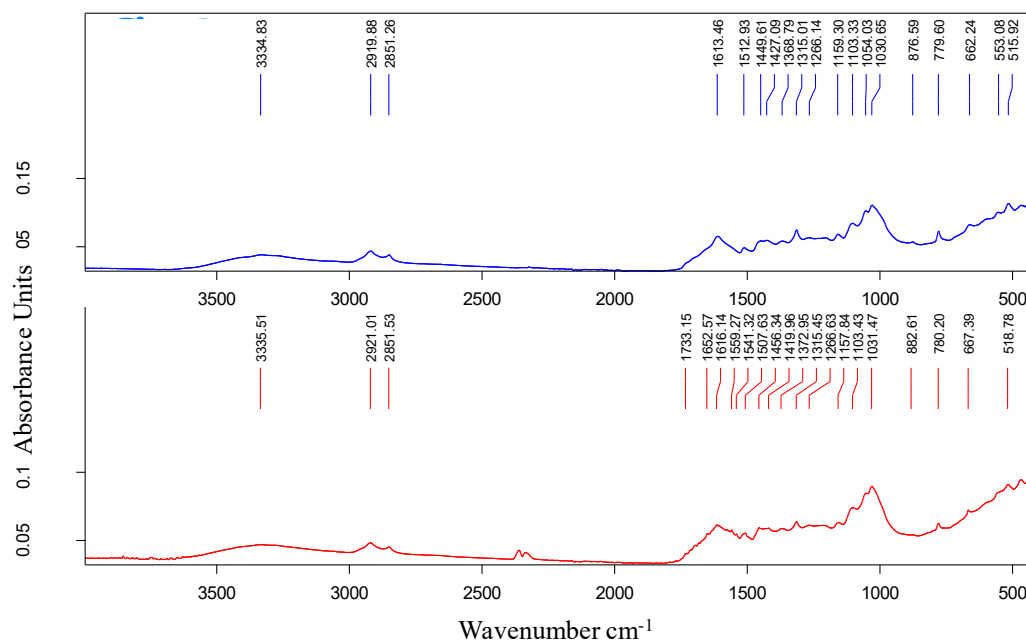


Table S1. List of target pharmaceutical compounds analyzed in water samples by LC-MS, their molecular formula and *m/z* value of the most abundant ion (positive polarity).

| | Target Compound | Formula | <i>m/z</i> |
|----|--|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | (-)-N-methylephedrine | C11H17NO | 180,13829 |
| 2 | (+)-Flecainide | C17H20F6N2O3 | 415,14509 |
| 3 | (+)-Sotalol hydrochloride | C12H20N2O3S | 273,12674 |
| 4 | 2-ethylidene-1,5-dimethyl-3,3-diphenyl-pyrrolidine perchlorate | C20H23N | 278,19033 |
| 5 | 4-Androsten-3,17-dione | C19H26O2 | 287,20056 |
| 6 | 9(10H)-Acridone | C13H18O2 | 196,07569 |
| 7 | Acridine | C13H9N | 180,08078 |
| 8 | Albendazol-sulfoxide | C12H15N3O3S | 282,09069 |
| 9 | Albendazole | C12H15N3O2S | 266,09577 |
| 10 | Amphetamine | C9H13N | 136,11208 |
| 11 | Atenolol | C14H22N2O3 | 267,17032 |
| 12 | Atropine | C17H23NO3 | 290,17507 |
| 13 | Bupropion | C13H18ClNO | 240,11497 |
| 14 | Caffeine | C8H10N4O2 | 195,08765 |
| 15 | Carbadox | C11H10N4O4 | 263,07748 |
| 16 | Carbamazepine | C15H12N2O | 237,10224 |
| 17 | Carbamazepine 10-11-Epoxy | C15H12N2O2 | 253,09715 |
| 18 | Ciprofloxacin | C17H18FN3O3 | 332,14050 |
| 19 | Citalopram hydrobromide | C20H21FN2O | 325,17107 |
| 20 | Clarithromycin | C38H69NO13 | 748,48417 |
| 21 | Clenbuterol | C12H18Cl2N2O | 277,08690 |
| 22 | Clomiphene | C26H28ClNO | 406,19322 |
| 23 | Clotrimazole | C19H13Cl | 277,07785 |
| 24 | Cloxacilin | C19H18ClN3O5S | 436,07285 |
| 25 | Cocaine | C17H21NO4 | 304,15433 |
| 26 | Codeine | C18H21NO3 | 300,15942 |
| 27 | Cotinine | C10H12N2O | 177,10224 |
| 28 | D-9-THC | C21H30O | 315,23186 |
| 29 | Danofloxacin | C19H20FN3O3 | 358,15615 |
| 30 | Diazepam | C16H13ClN2O | 285,07892 |
| 31 | Diclofenac | C14H11Cl2NO2 | 296,02396 |
| 32 | Diphenhydramine | C17H21NO | 256,16959 |
| 33 | Enoxacin | C15H17N4FO3 | 321,13570 |
| 34 | Enrofloxacin | C19H22FN3O3 | 360,17180 |
| 35 | Eprosartan mesylate | C23H24N2O4S | 425,15295 |
| 36 | Erythromycin | C37H67NO13 | 734,46852 |
| 37 | Fluconazole | C13H12F2N6O | 307,11134 |
| 38 | Flufenamic acid | C14H10F3NO2 | 282,07364 |

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| 39 | Flumequine | C14H12FNO | 262,08740 |
| 40 | Gabapentin | C9H17NO2 | 172,13321 |
| 41 | Gemfibrozil | C15H22O3 | 273,14612 |
| 42 | Heroin | C21H23NO5 | 370,16490 |
| 43 | Ibuprofen | C13H18O2 | 207,13796 |
| 44 | Indomethacin | C19H16ClNO4 | 358,08406 |
| 45 | Irbesartan | C25H28N6O | 429,23974 |
| 46 | Ketamine | C13H16ClNO | 238,09932 |
| 47 | Ketoprofen | C16H14O3 | 255,10157 |
| 48 | Lamotrigine | C9H7Cl2N | 256,01513 |
| 49 | Leucomalachite green | C23H26N2 | 331,21688 |
| 50 | Levofloxacin | C18H20FN3O4 | 362,15106 |
| 51 | Lidocaine | C14H22N2O | 235,18049 |
| 52 | Lincomycin | C18H34N2O6S | 407,22103 |
| 53 | Lomefloxacin | C17H19F2N3O3 | 352,14672 |
| 54 | Malachite green | C23H24N2 | 329,20123 |
| 55 | MDA | C10H13NO2 | 180,10191 |
| 56 | MDEA | C12H17NO2 | 208,13321 |
| 57 | MDMA | C11H15NO2 | 194,11756 |
| 58 | Mebendazole | C16H13N3O3 | 296,10300 |
| 59 | Mefenamic acid | C15H15NO2 | 242,11756 |
| 60 | Mepivacaine hydrochloride | C15H22N2O | 247,18049 |
| 61 | Metformin | C4H11N5 | 130,10872 |
| 62 | Methadone | C21H27NO | 310,21654 |
| 63 | Methamphetamine | C10H15N | 150,12773 |
| 64 | Metronidazole | C6H9N3O3 | 172,07167 |
| 65 | Miconazole | C18H14Cl4N2O | 414,99330 |
| 66 | Morphine | C17H19NO3 | 286,14377 |
| 67 | Nadolol | C17H27NO4 | 310,20128 |
| 68 | Nicotine | C10H14N2 | 163,12297 |
| 69 | Nifuroxazide | C12H9N3O5 | 276,06150 |
| 70 | Norpseudophedrine (Cathine) | C9H13NO | 152,10699 |
| 71 | Norfloxacin | C16H18FN3O3 | 320,14050 |
| 72 | O-desmethylvenlafaxine | C16H25NO | 264,19581 |
| 73 | Ofloxacin | C18H20FN3O4 | 362,15106 |
| 74 | Oxfendazole | C15H13N3O3S | 316,07500 |
| 75 | Oxolinic acid | C13H11NO5 | 262,07100 |
| 76 | Paracetamol (Acetaminophen) | C8H9NO2 | 152,07060 |
| 77 | Propranolol | C16H21NO2 | 260,16451 |
| 78 | Ranitidine | C13H22N4O3S | 315,14854 |
| 79 | Roxithromycin | C41H76N2O15 | 837,53185 |

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| 80 | Sulfabenzamide | C13H12N2O3S | 277,06414 |
| 81 | Sulfachloropyridazine | C10H9ClN4O2S | 285,02080 |
| 82 | Sulfadiazine | C10H10N4O2 | 251,05972 |
| 83 | Sulfadimethoxine | C12H14N4O4S | 311,08085 |
| 84 | Sulfadoxine | C12H14N4O4S | 311,08085 |
| 85 | Sulfaguanidine | C7H10N4O2S | 215,05972 |
| 86 | Sulfamerazine | C11H12N4O2S | 265,07537 |
| 87 | Sulfamethazine | C12H14N4O2S | 279,09102 |
| 88 | Sulfamethoxazole | C10H11N3O3S | 254,05939 |
| 89 | Sulfamethoxypyridazine | C11H12N4O3S | 281,07029 |
| 90 | Sulfamonomethoxine | C11H12N4O3S | 281,07029 |
| 91 | Sulfapyridine | C11H11N3O2S | 250,06447 |
| 92 | Sulfaquinoxaline | C14H12N4O2 | 301,07537 |
| 93 | Sulfathiazole | C9H9N3O2S2 | 256,02090 |
| 94 | Sulfisoxazol | C11H13N3O3S | 268,07504 |
| 95 | Sulpiride CRS | C15H23N3O4S | 342,14820 |
| 96 | Telmisartan | C33H30N4O2 | 515,24415 |
| 97 | Terbutaline | C12H19NO3 | 226,14432 |
| 98 | Testosterone | C19H28O2 | 289,21621 |
| 99 | Theobromine | C7H8N4O2 | 181,07200 |
| 100 | Theophylline | C7H8N4O2 | 181,07200 |
| 101 | Timolol | C13H24N4O3S | 317,16419 |
| 102 | Tramadol hydrochloride | C16H25NO2 | 264,19581 |
| 103 | Tributyl phosphate | C12H27PO4 | 267,17197 |
| 104 | Triethyl phosphate | C6H15O4P | 183,07807 |
| 105 | Trimethoprim | C14H18N4O3 | 291,14517 |
| 106 | Valsartan | C24H29N5O3 | 436,23432 |
| 107 | Venlafaxine hydrochloride | C17H27NO2 | 278,21146 |

Table S2. Results of pharmacological products (PP) reducing rate (%) tests at laboratory scale carried out on biochar and biofilm coated biochar (*Rhodotorula mucilaginosa* 1S1 CECT 13212) after 7 days. Dilutions were prepared with Milli-Q water and 3 PP separately: carbamazepine, sulfamethoxazole and diclofenac (5000 ng L⁻¹). Biochar and biofilm coated biochar were using (10 g L⁻¹ in each test). The samples were analyzed by HPLC-QTRAP-MS.

| | carbamazepine | sulfamethoxazole | diclofenac |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Biochar | 61% | 56% | 18% |
| Biofilm coated biochar | 54% | 38% | 37% |

Table S3. Physic-chemical and biological variables mean values and SD measured in the microcosms at the end of the wastewater exposure phase (day 42). Asterisk (*) means statistically different.

| | Treatments | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | NULL | FW | FWB | FWBB |
| Temperature (C°) | 18.8 ± 0.2 | 20.6 ± 0.1 | 20.7 ± 0.2 | 20.5 ± 0.3 |
| pH | 8.7 ± 0.5* | 7.8 ± 1.3 | 7.8 ± 0.2 | 7.8 ± 0.2 |
| DO (%) | 43.4 ± 2.6 | 43.01 ± 13.4 | 39.7 ± 12.8 | 44.0 ± 12.0 |
| Conductivity (mS cm ⁻¹) | 1.7 ± 0.1 | 2.1 ± 0.1 | 1.9 ± 0.1 | 2.0 ± 0.2 |
| Total Nitrate (mg L ⁻¹) | 0 ± 0 | 0.1 ± 0.2 | 0.2 ± 0.2 | 0.1 ± 0.2 |
| Ammonium (mg/L) | 0 ± 0 | 0 ± 0 | 0 ± 0 | 0.05 ± 0.10 |
| Total Phosphate (mg L ⁻¹) | 4.7 ± 3.5 | 2.5 ± 1.5 | 1.5 ± 1.7 | 1.5 ± 1.7 |
| Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (µg L ⁻¹) | 19.3 ± 9.3 | 32.2 ± 25.4 | 29.6 ± 26.7 | 33.5 ± 26.4 |

Note: Microcosms treatments: **Null:** microcosms without floating wetland, with wastewater; **FW:** microcosms with floating wetland with wastewater; **FWB:** microcosms with floating wetland with wastewater, improved with biochar; **FWBB:** microcosms with floating wetland with wastewater, improved with biofilm coated biochar.