

Supporting Information:

Antibacterial and anti-inflammatory ultrahigh molecular weight polyethylene/tea polyphenol blends for artificial joint applications

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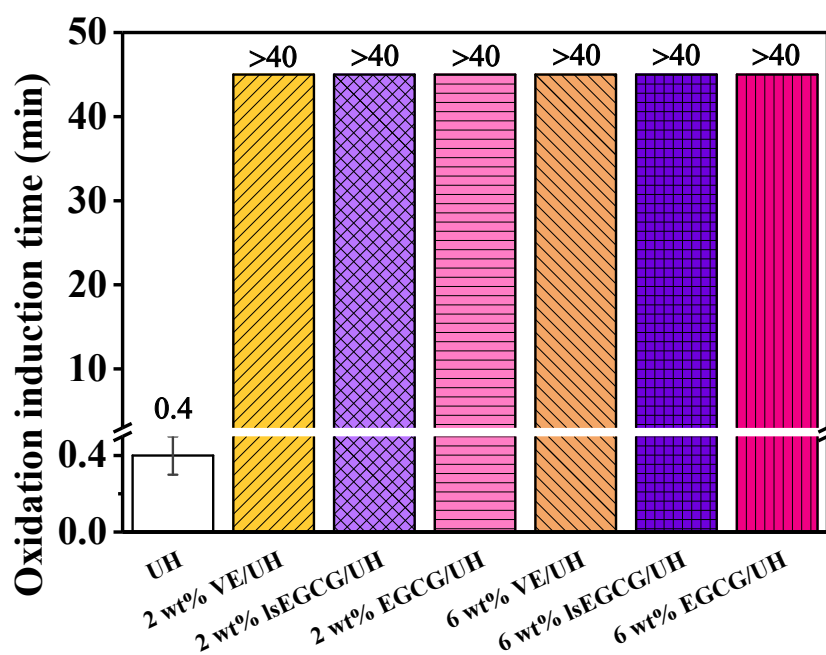


Fig. S1. OIT assessment of neat UHMWPE and HP/UHMWPE blends. UH represents UHMWPE.

Table S1. Melting points (T_m) and crystallinity (X_c) of UHMWPE blends with different HP concentration.

| Materials | HP concentration | T_m (°C) | X_c (%) |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Neat UHMWPE | 0 wt% | 139.4 ± 0.1 | 61.8 ± 1.2 |
| | 2 wt% | 136.2 ± 0.2 | 59.5 ± 1.4 |
| | 6 wt% | 135.5 ± 0.7 | 58.0 ± 0.1 |
| <i>Is</i> EGCG/UHMWPE | 2 wt% | 137.0 ± 0.8 | 59.9 ± 2.3 |
| | 6 wt% | 136.0 ± 0.2 | 61.8 ± 0.9 |
| EGCG/UHMWPE | 2 wt% | 135.4 ± 0.2 | 57.8 ± 0.5 |
| | 6 wt% | 136.5 ± 0.4 | 57.1 ± 0.4 |

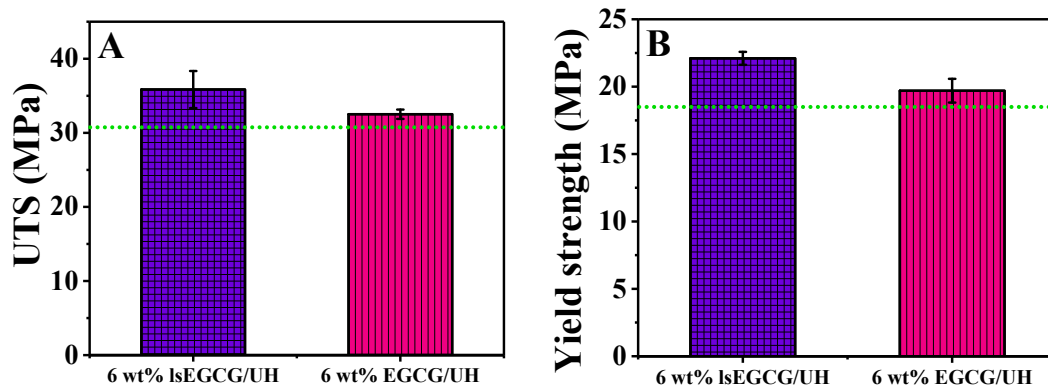


Fig. S2. Ultimate tensile strength (UTS) and yield strength of 6 wt% tea polyphenol/UHMWPE blends. The minimum value of clinically used UHMWPE is marked by the green dashed line.

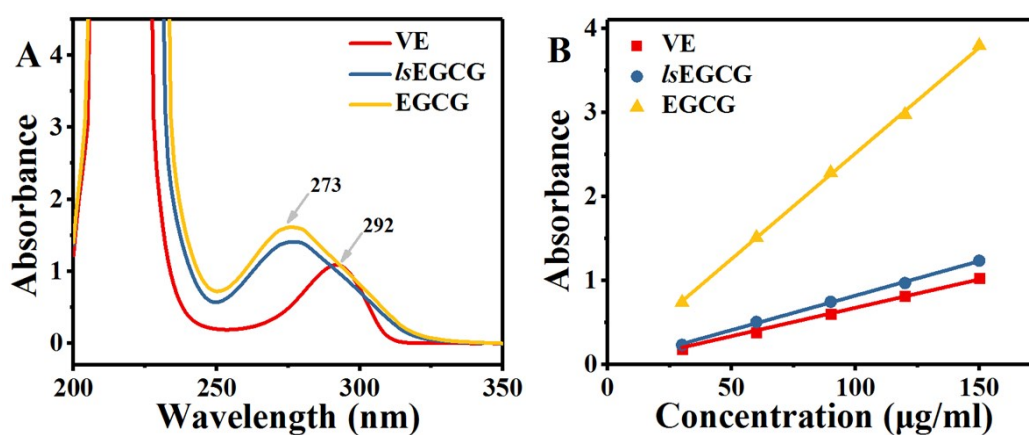


Fig. S3. UV spectra of hindered phenols (A) and standard curves as a function of concentration (B).