

## **Deep eutectic solvent-assisted bacterial devulcanization, detoxification, and degradation of waste tyre rubber**

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## Supplementary tables

**Table S1.** CHNS analysis of treated GTR

Name	C (%)	S (%)	% C utilization	% S removal
<b>GTR</b>	88.66	2.34	-	-
<b>DES-treated GTR</b>	84.90	1.94	4.24	17.09
<b><i>R. rhodochrous</i>-treated GTR</b>	83.18	1.95	6.18	16.87
<b>DES pretreated + <i>R. rhodochrous</i>-treated GTR</b>	77.51	1.84	12.57	21.52

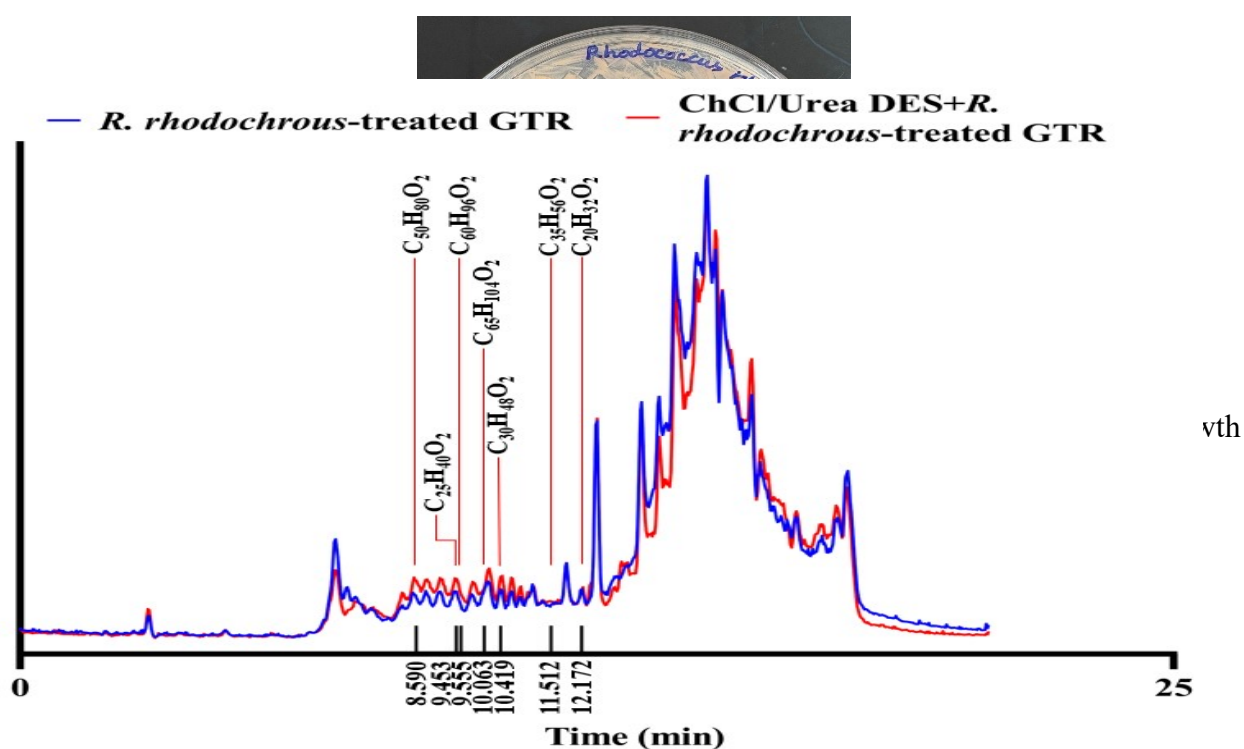
**Table S2.** Weight reduction measurement of GTR obtained from cultures of *R. rhodochrous* RPK1 and a combination of ChCl/Urea DES and *R. rhodochrous* in MSM medium after 28 days of incubation

Culture	Initial weight (g)	Final weight (g)	Weight loss (%)
<b>MSM + GTR</b>	1.00	0.967	3.30 ± 2.36
<b>(Abiotic Control)</b>			
<b>MSM + <i>R. rhodochrous</i> + GTR</b>	1.00	0.951	4.93 ± 1.15
<b>MSM + <i>R. rhodochrous</i> + DES pretreated-GTR</b>	1.00	0.841	15.84 ± 8.78

**Table S3.** Mass distribution identification of oligo-isoprenoids produced by enzymatic cleavage of polyisomeric chains of *R. rhodochrous*-treated GTR and ChCl/Ur DES-pretreated+*R. rhodochrous*-treated GTR by LC-MS.

Number of isoprene units (n)	Structural Formula	$m/z$	$m/z$ [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>	$m/z$ [M+Na+CH <sub>3</sub> OH] <sup>+</sup>	$m/z$ [M+P]	Retention time (min)
2	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	307	-	-	12.172
3	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	-	427	-	9.453
4	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	-	494	-	10.419
5	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>56</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	-	562.9	-	11.512
8	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>80</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	-	-	740.1	8.590
10	C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>96</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	872.3	-	-	9.555
11	C <sub>65</sub> H <sub>104</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	916	-	-	-	10.063

### Supplementary figures



**Figure S2.** LC-MS spectra of extracted oligo-isoprenoids.

