

Supporting Information

Imidazolium Salts for *Candida* spp. Antibiofilm High-Density Polyethylene-Based Biomaterials

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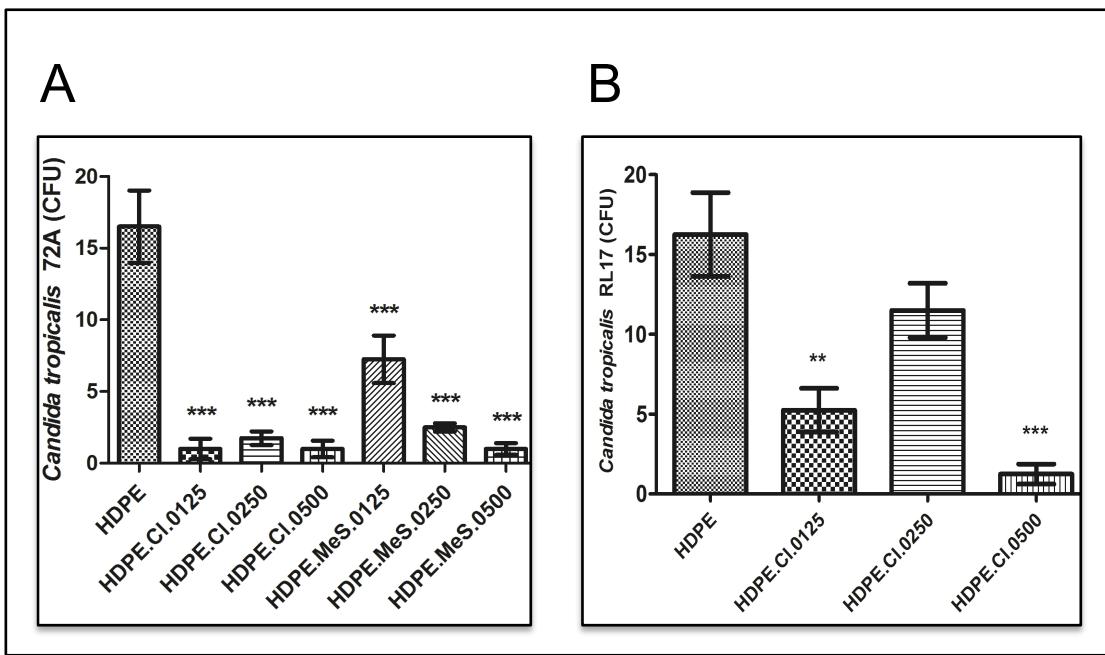


Figure S1. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's antibiofilm activity, as determined by the antibiofilm assay (10^{-1} dilution) with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500 against the *Candida tropicalis* 72A isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered very significant for all HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 *** $P<0.001$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's antibiofilm activity, as determined by the antibiofilm assay (10^{-1} dilution) with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250 and HDPE.Cl.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* RL17 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 12 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0003, considered significant for all HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 ** $P<0.01$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$.

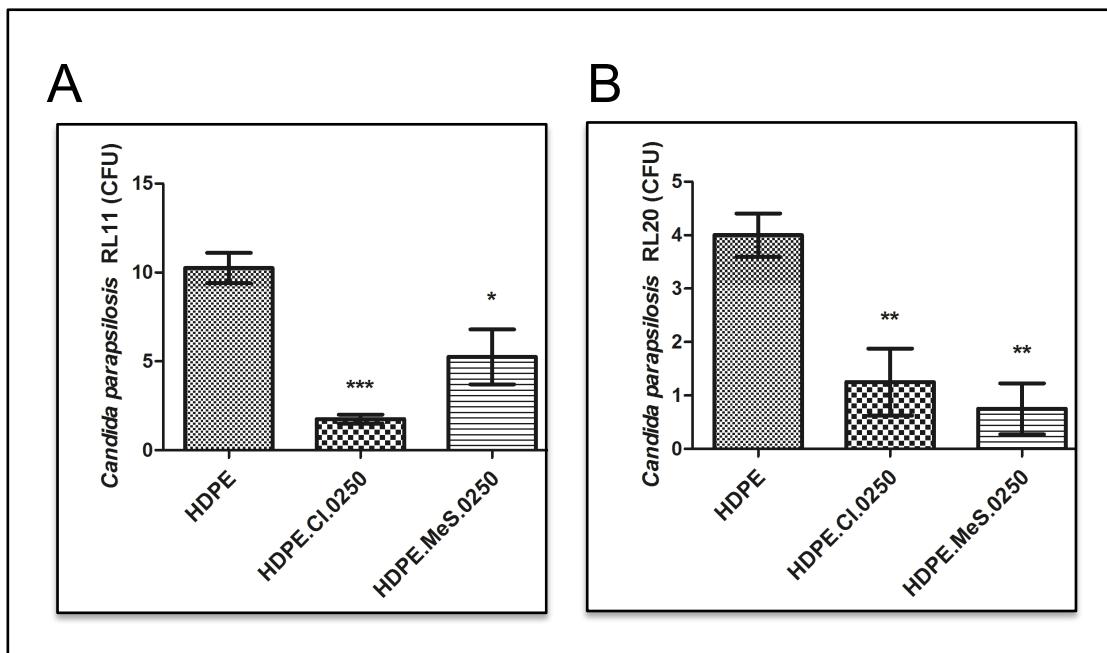


Figure S2. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's antibiofilm activity, as determined by the antibiofilm assay (10^{-1} dilution) with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0250, against the *C. parapsilosis* RL11 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 8 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0008, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** P<0.001 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 * P<0.05. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's antibiofilm activity, as determined by the antibiofilm assay (10^{-1} dilution) with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0250, against the *C. parapsilosis* RL20 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 8 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0032, considered very significant for all HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 ** P<0.01 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 ** P<0.01.

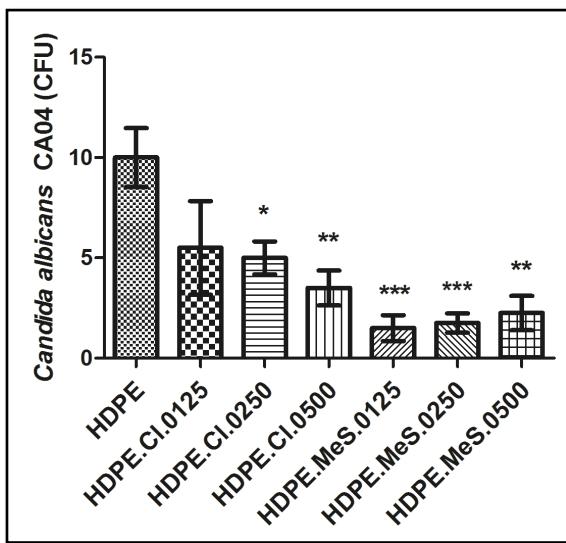


Figure S3. Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's antibiofilm activity, as determined by the antibiofilm assay (10^{-1} dilution) with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. albicans* CA04 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0009, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 * P<0.05, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 ** P<0.01, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** P<0.001, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 *** P<0.001 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 ** P<0.01.

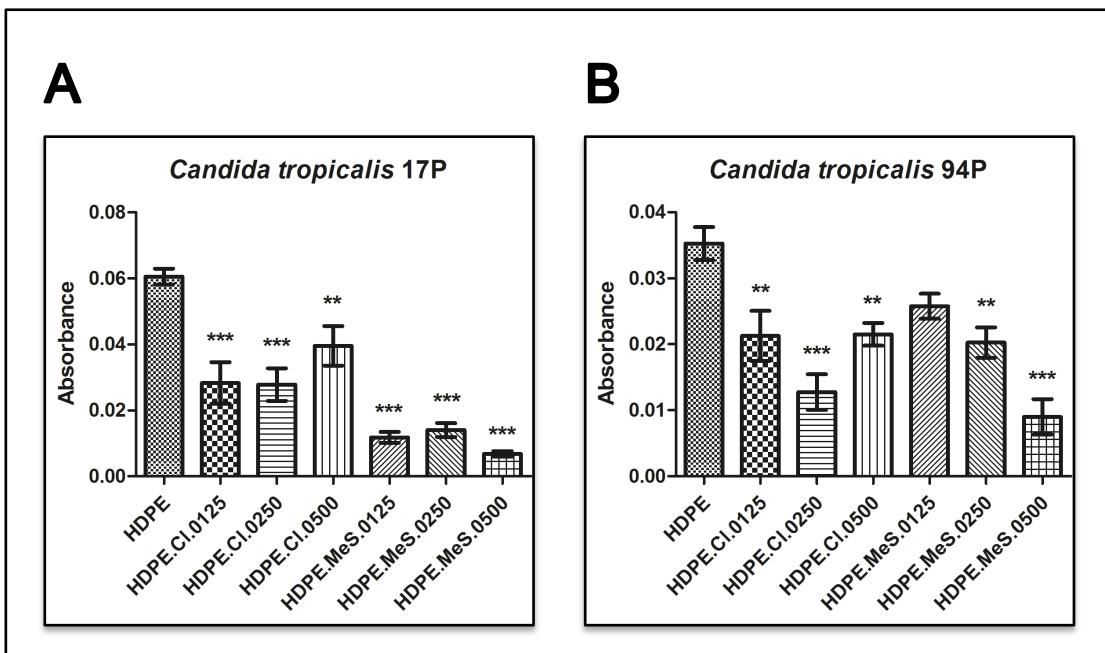


Figure S4. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* 17P isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 *** $P<0.001$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* 94P isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 ** $P<0.01$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$.

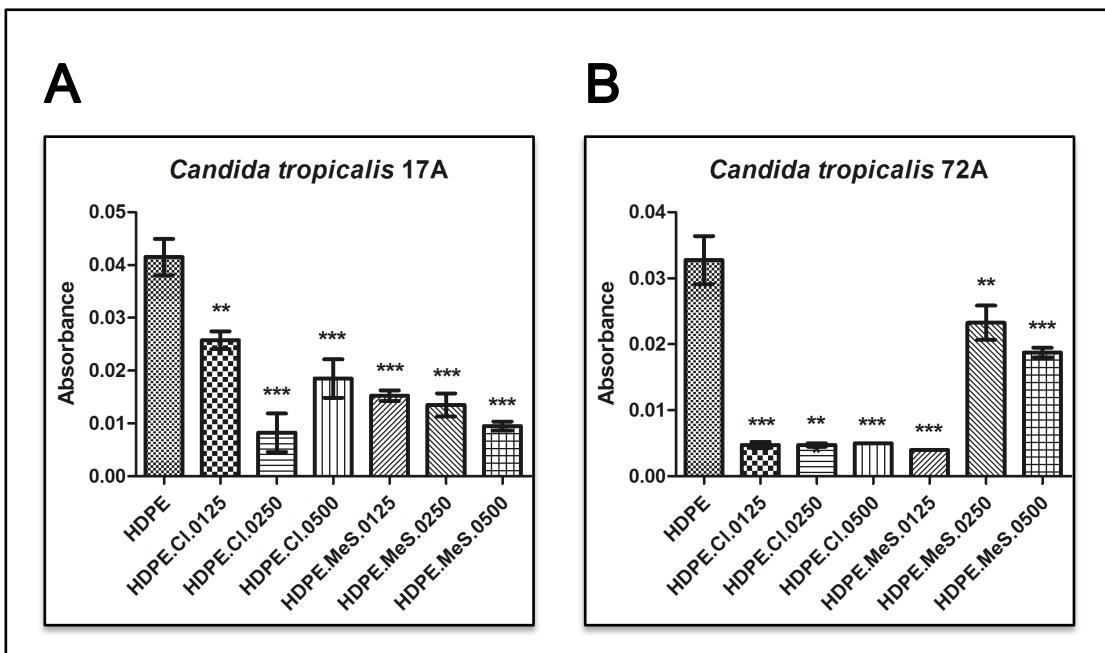


Figure S5. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* 17A isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 *** $P<0.001$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. 72A* isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 28 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 ** $P<0.01$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$.

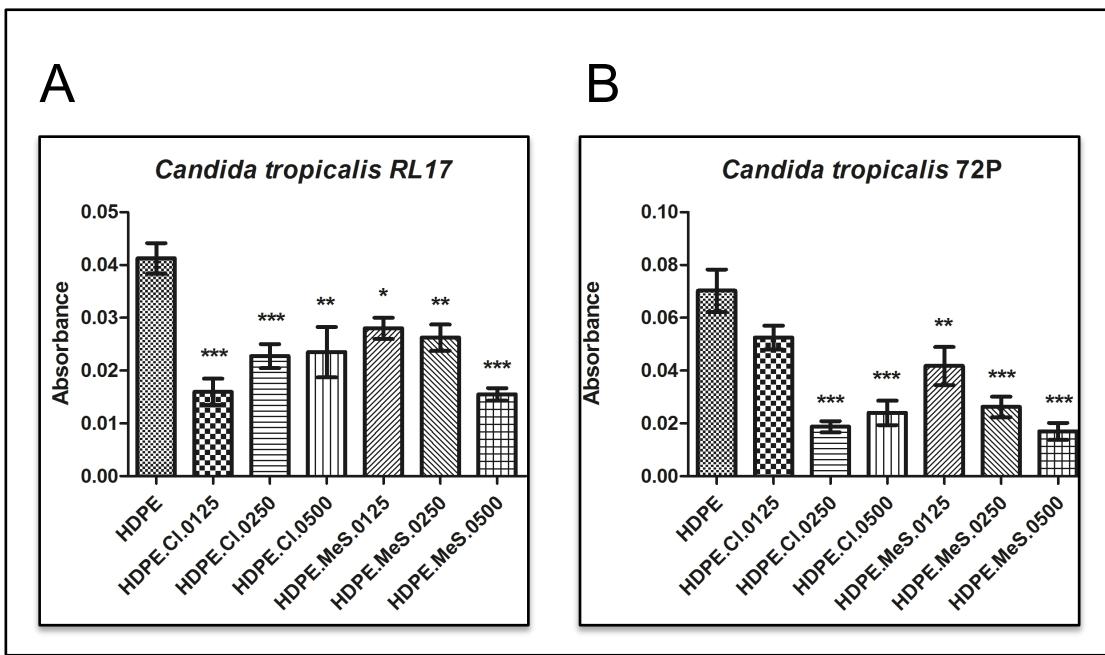


Figure S6. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* 17A isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 *** $P<0.001$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. 72A* isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 28 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 ** $P<0.01$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** $P<0.001$.

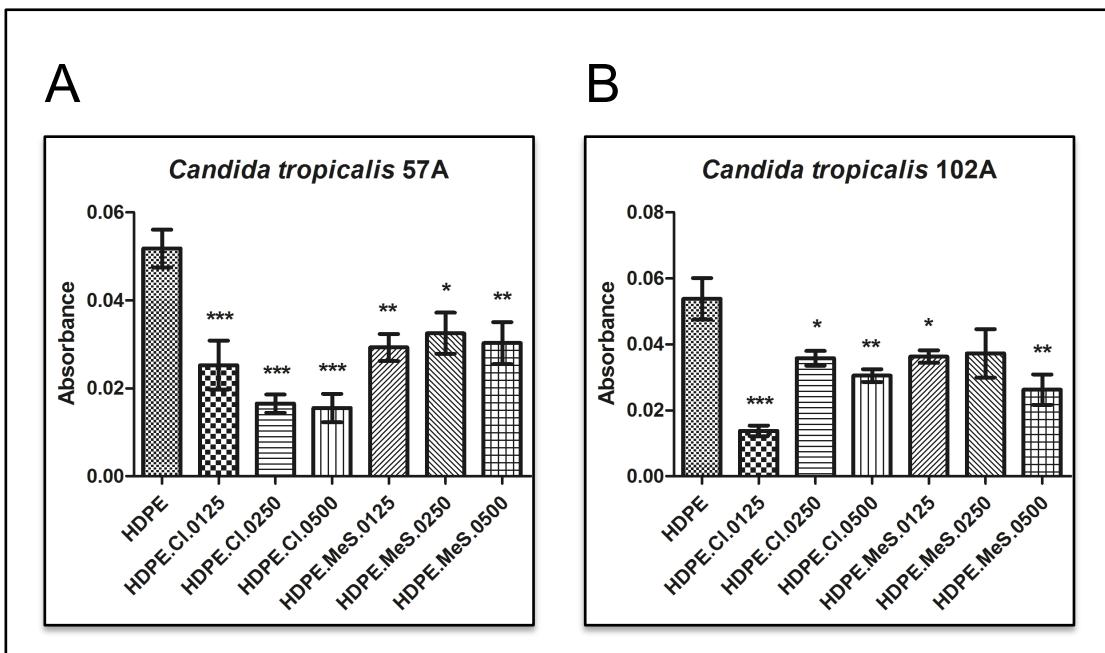


Figure S7. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* 57A isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 28 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001 , considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 * $P<0.05$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 ** $P<0.01$. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* 102A isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 28 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0001, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** $P<0.001$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 * $P<0.05$, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 ** $P<0.01$, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 * $P<0.05$ and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 ** $P<0.01$.

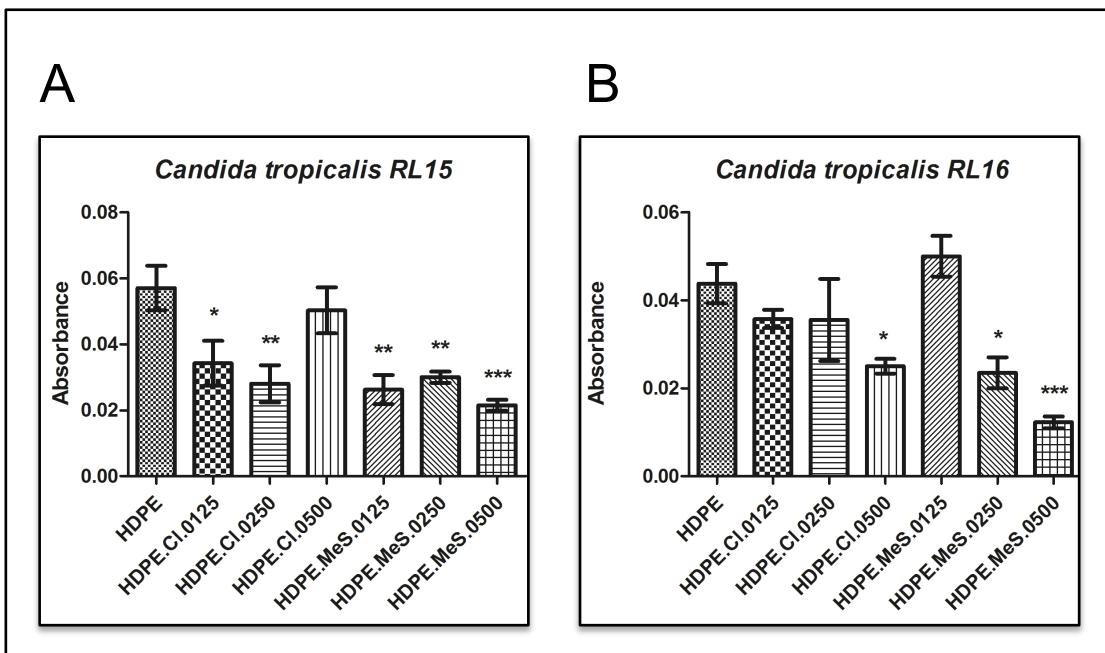


Figure S8. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* RL15 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0007, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 * P<0.05, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 ** P<0.01, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 ** P<0.01, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 ** P<0.01 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** P<0.001. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* RL16 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0002, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 * P<0.05, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 * P<0.05 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** P<0.001.

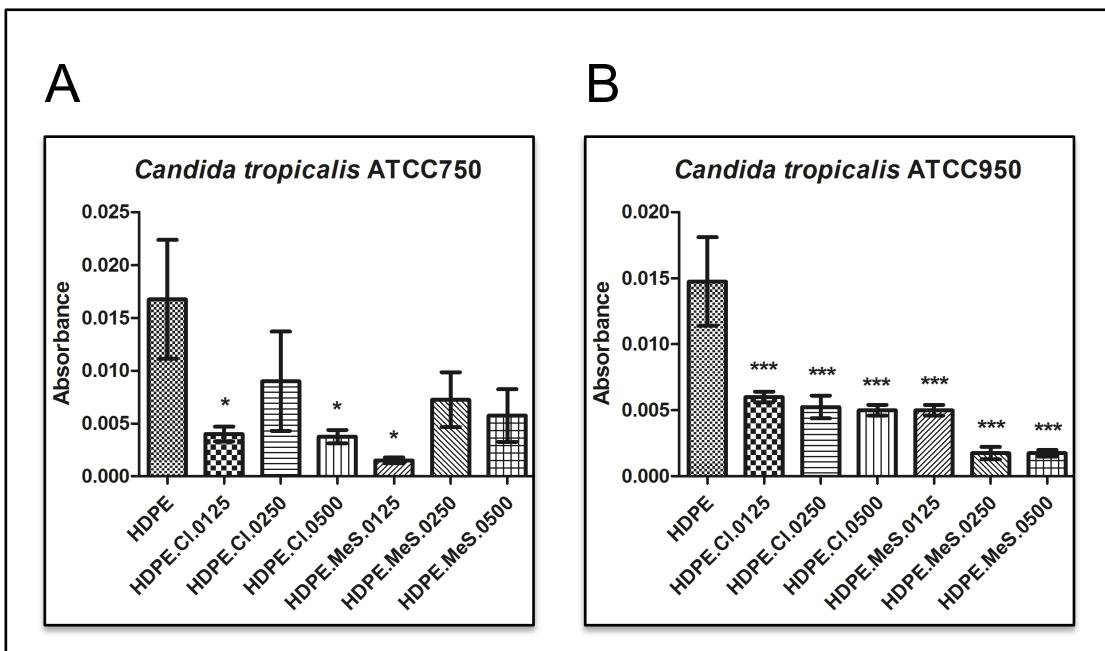


Figure S9. (A) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* ATCC750 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was 0.0491, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 * P<0.05, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 * P<0.05 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 * P<0.05. (B) Vertical bar graph of the biomaterial's biofilm impedance capacity, as determined by the absorbance value in the MAC assay with HDPE, HDPE.Cl.0125, HDPE.Cl.0250, HDPE.Cl.0500, HDPE.MeS.0125, HDPE.MeS.0250 and HDPE.MeS.0500, against the *C. tropicalis* ATCC950 isolate. The data represent the mean \pm standard deviation of 4 HDPE and 24 HDPE.IS samples. The P value was <0.0001, considered significant for the HDPE.IS biomaterials. HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0125 *** P<0.001, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0250 *** P<0.001, HDPE vs. HDPE.Cl.0500 *** P<0.001, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0125 *** P<0.001, HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0250 *** P<0.001 and HDPE vs. HDPE.MeS.0500 *** P<0.001.

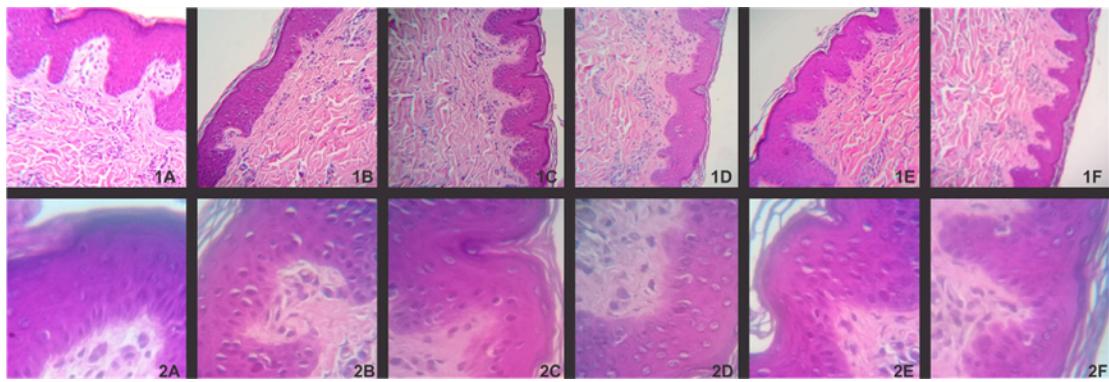


Figure S10. Histopathological evaluation of pig ear skin in contact with HDPE films that contain IS ($C_{16}MImCl$ or $C_{16}MImMeS$) and treated with PBS pH 7.0 buffer solution (negative control in increments of 100 and 400 times in magnitude): 100-Fold magnification of pig ear epithelial cells treated with (1A) PBS pH 7.0 buffer; (1B) HDPE; (1C) HDPE.Cl.0250; (1D) HDPE.Cl.0500; (1E) HDPE.MeS.0250; and (1F) HDPE.MeS.0500. 400-Fold magnification of pig ear epithelial cells treated with (2A) PBS pH 7.0 buffer; (2B) HDPE; (2C) HDPE.Cl.0250; (2D) HDPE.Cl.0500; (2E) HDPE.MeS.0250; and (2F) HDPE.MeS.0500.