

The environmental yeast *Cryptococcus liquefaciens* produces capsular and secreted polysaccharides with similar pathogenic properties to those of *C. neoformans*.

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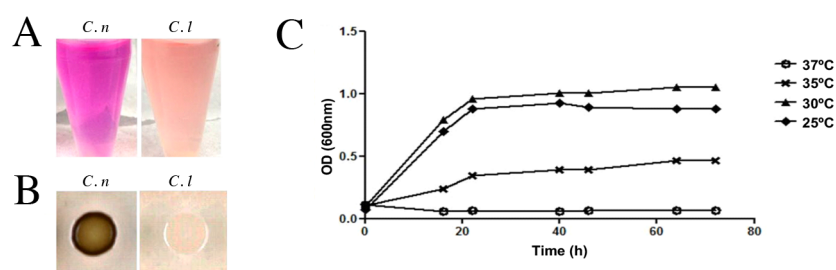


Figure S1: Physiological tests of *C. liquefaciens*. A) Urease test, showing a positive reaction for *C. neoformans*, and a negative reaction for *C.liquefaciens*. B) Melanization assay by incubation with L-dopa. Black colonies (indicative of melanization) were observed in *C. neoformans* cultures, but not in *C. liquefaciens* cultures, which were negative for melanization (only white colonies observed). C) Growth curves of *C. liquefaciens* at different temperatures, in minimal medium. X-axis correspond to time in hours. Y-axis correspond to optical density at 600 nm.