

Design and synthesis of a novel series of imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazines as antifungals against *Madurella mycetomatis*

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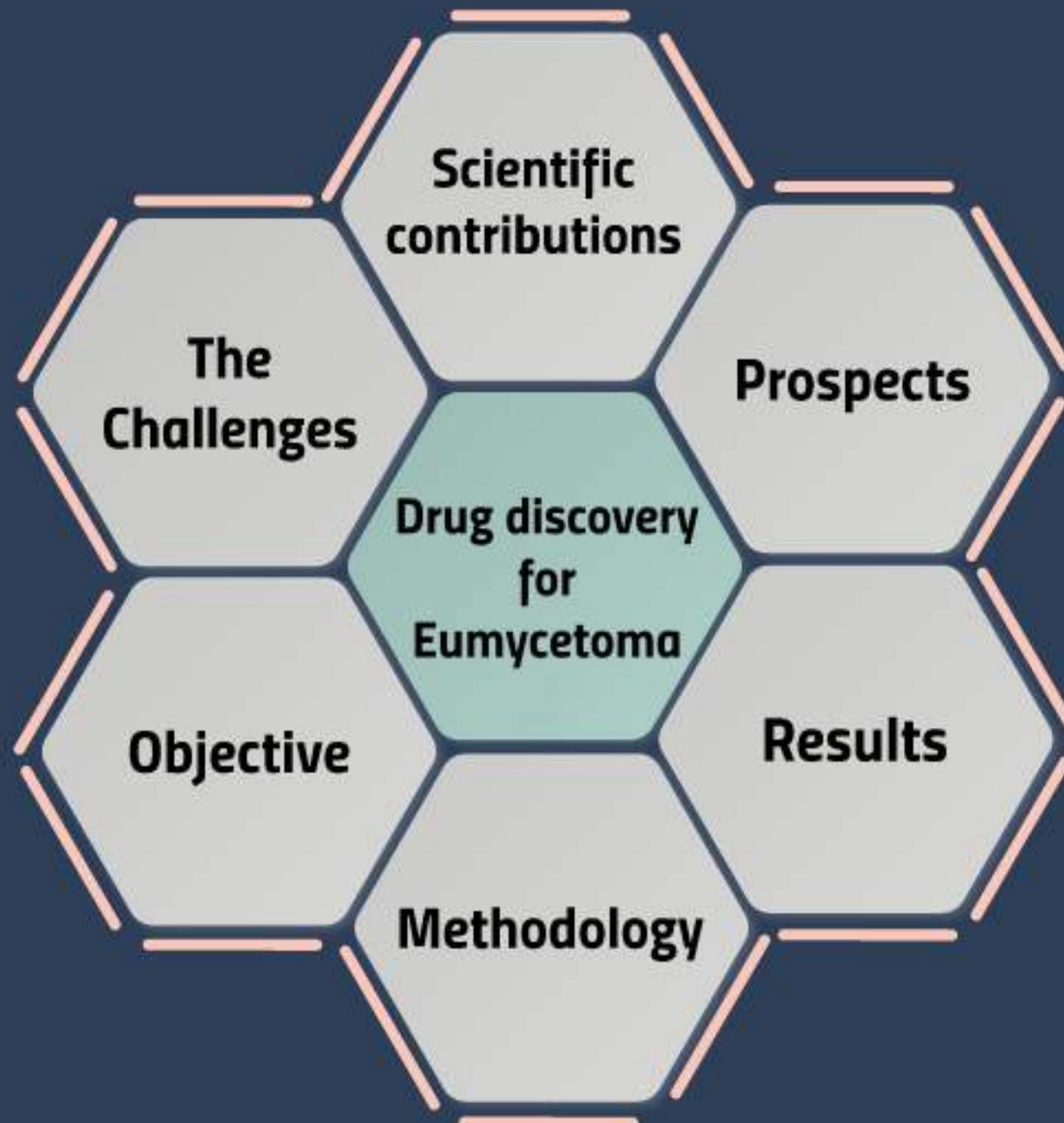
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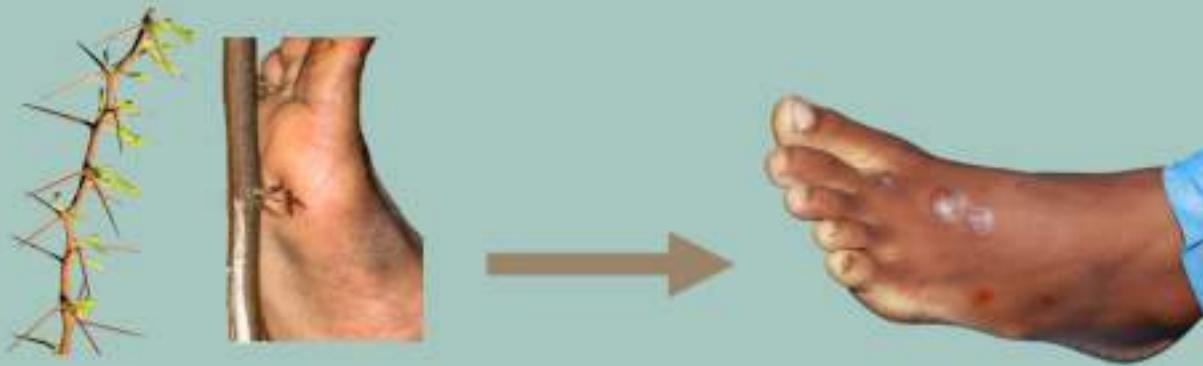


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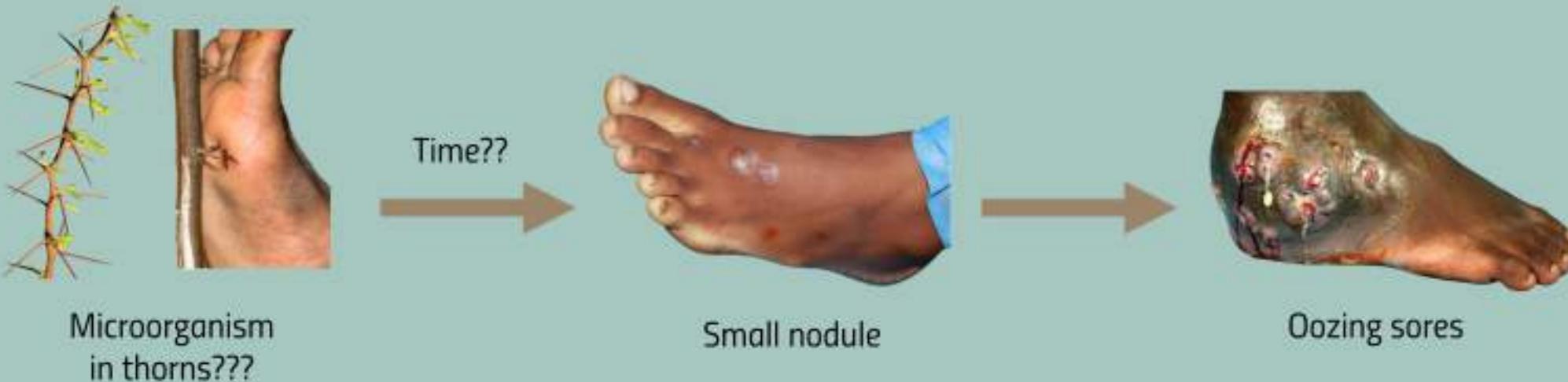
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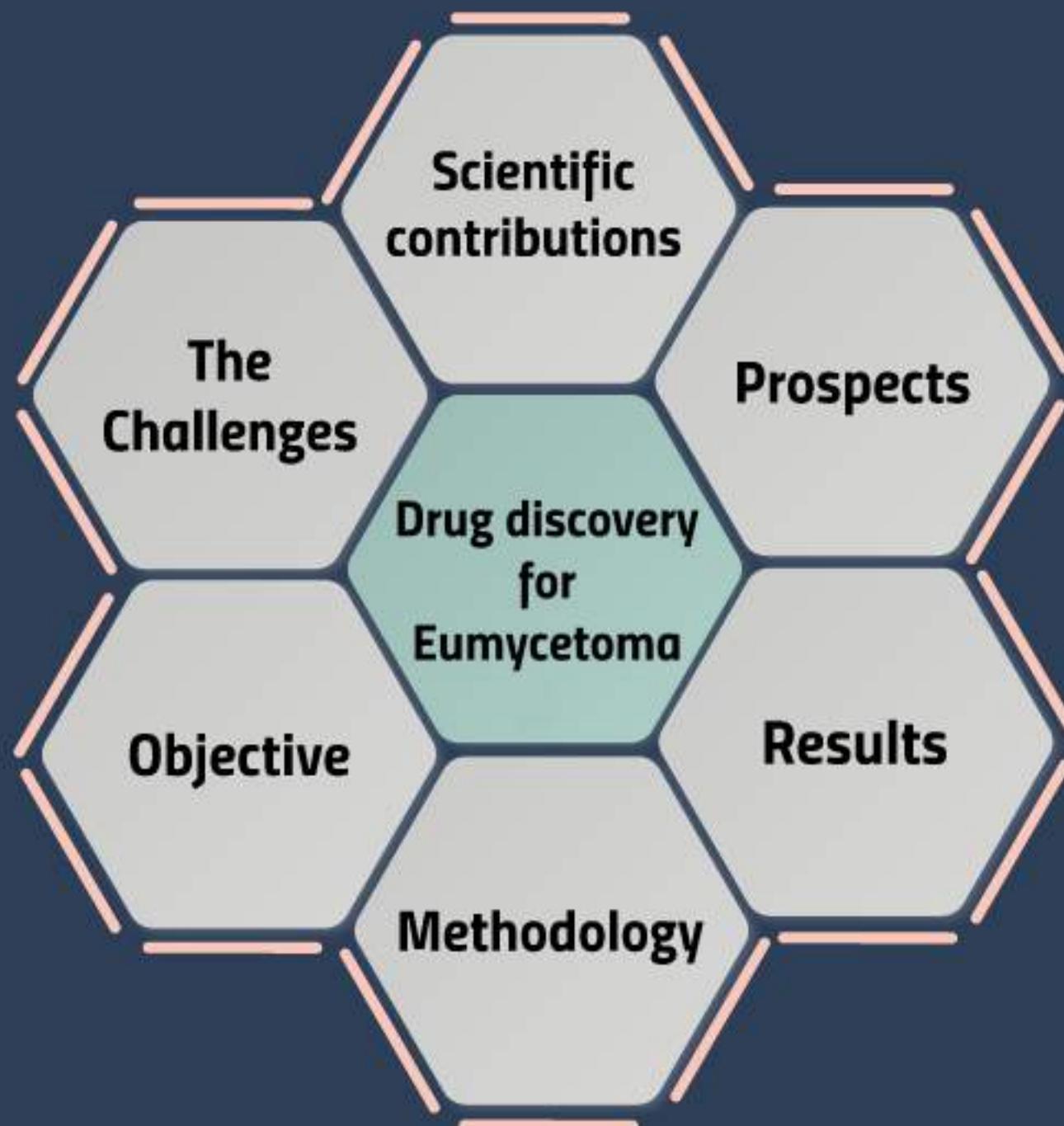
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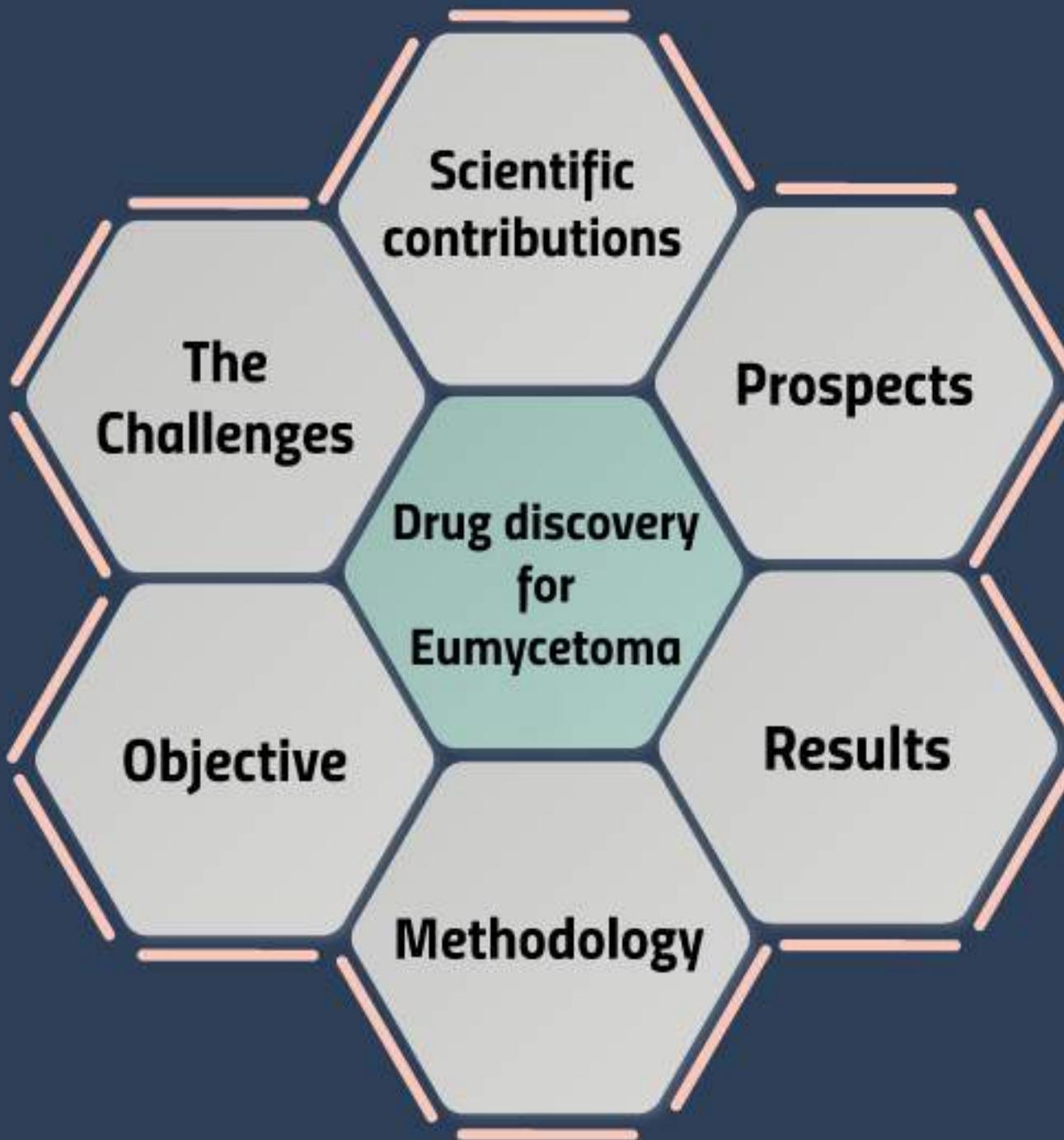
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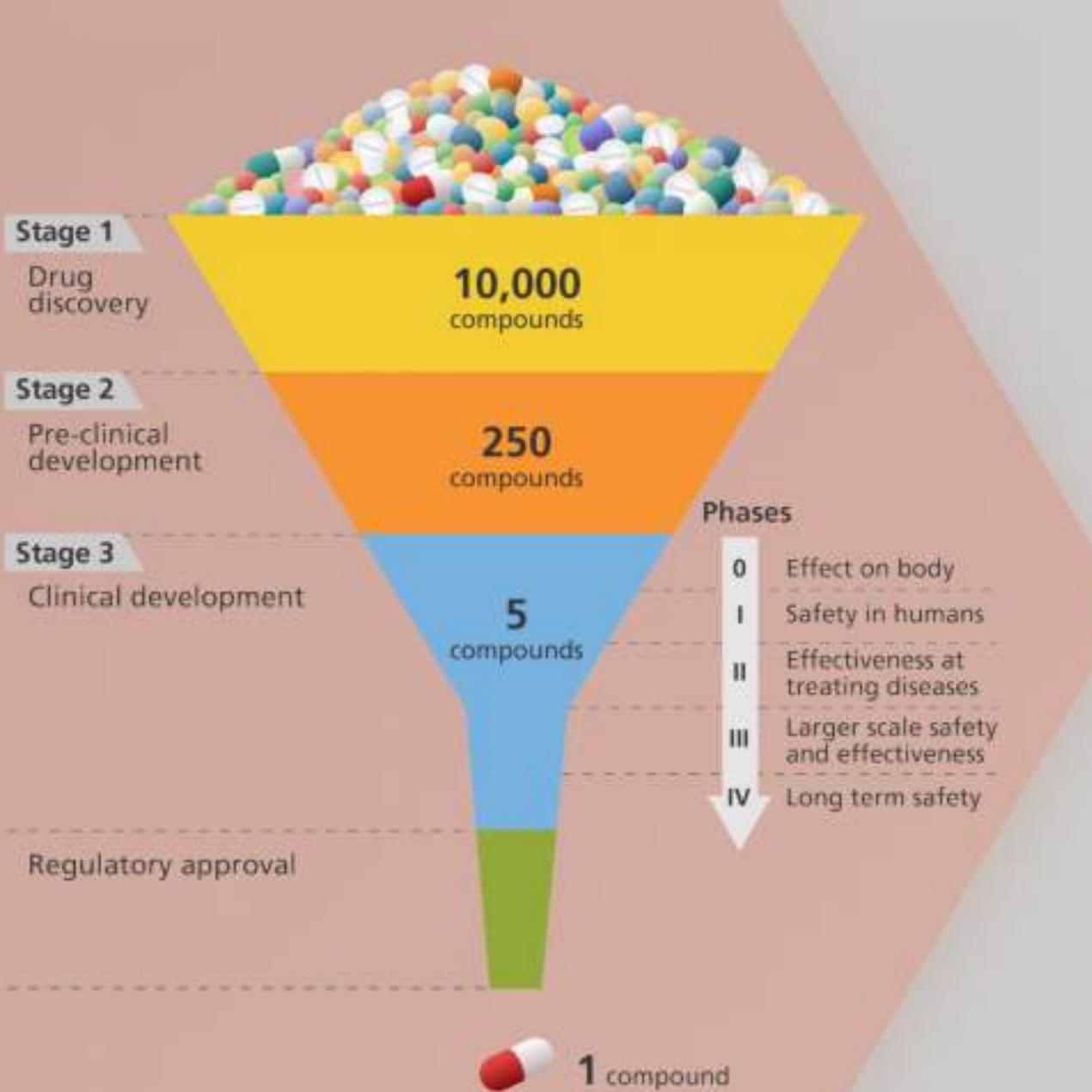


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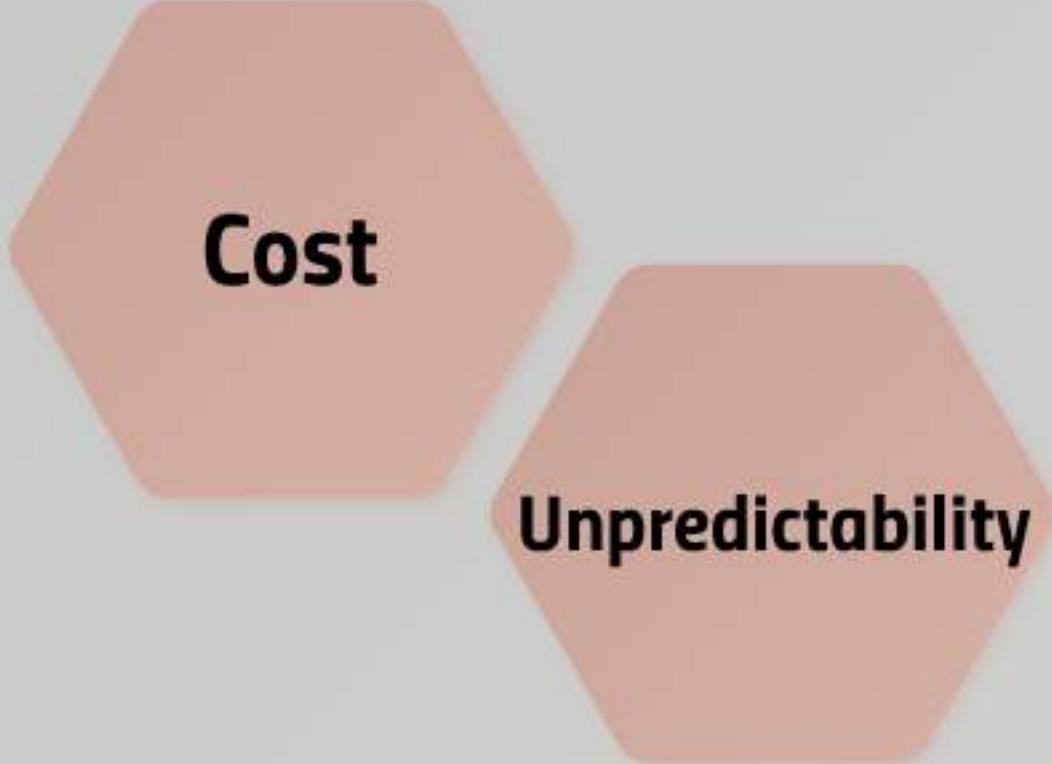


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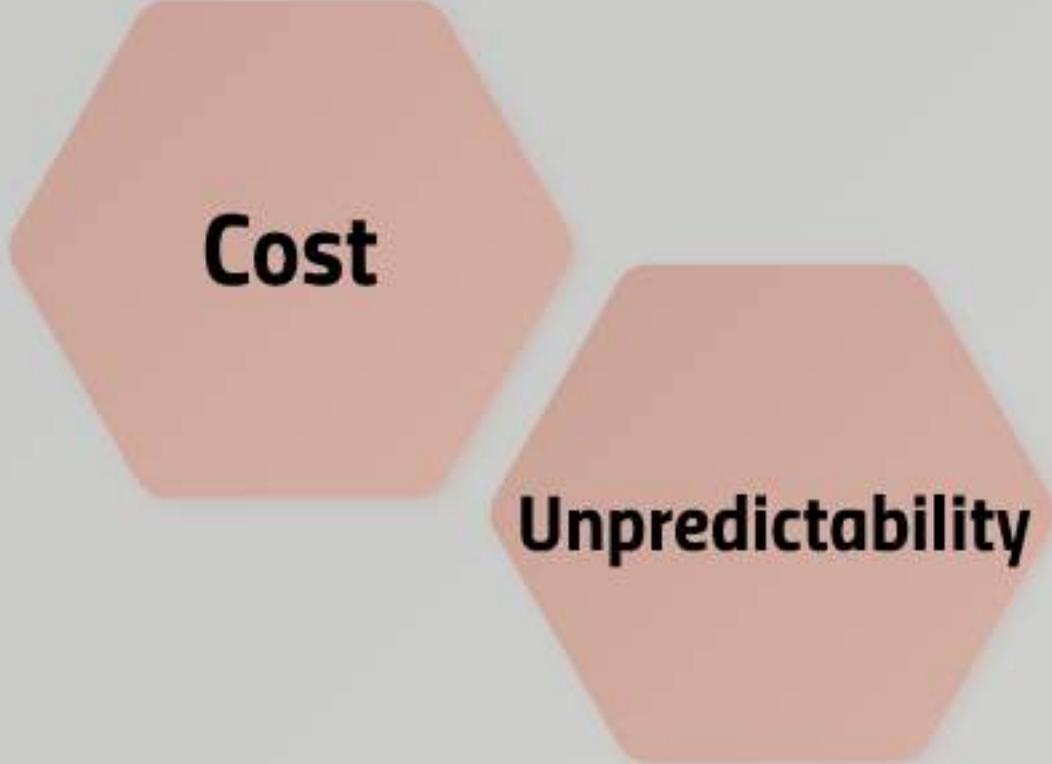
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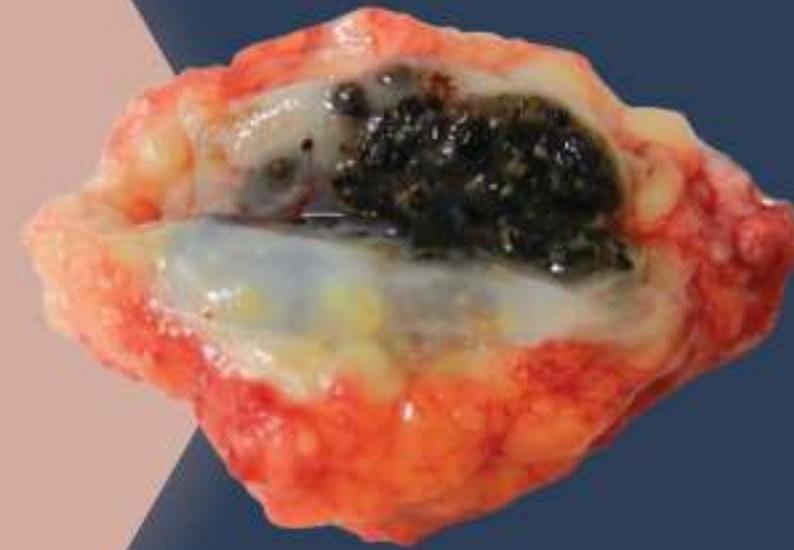
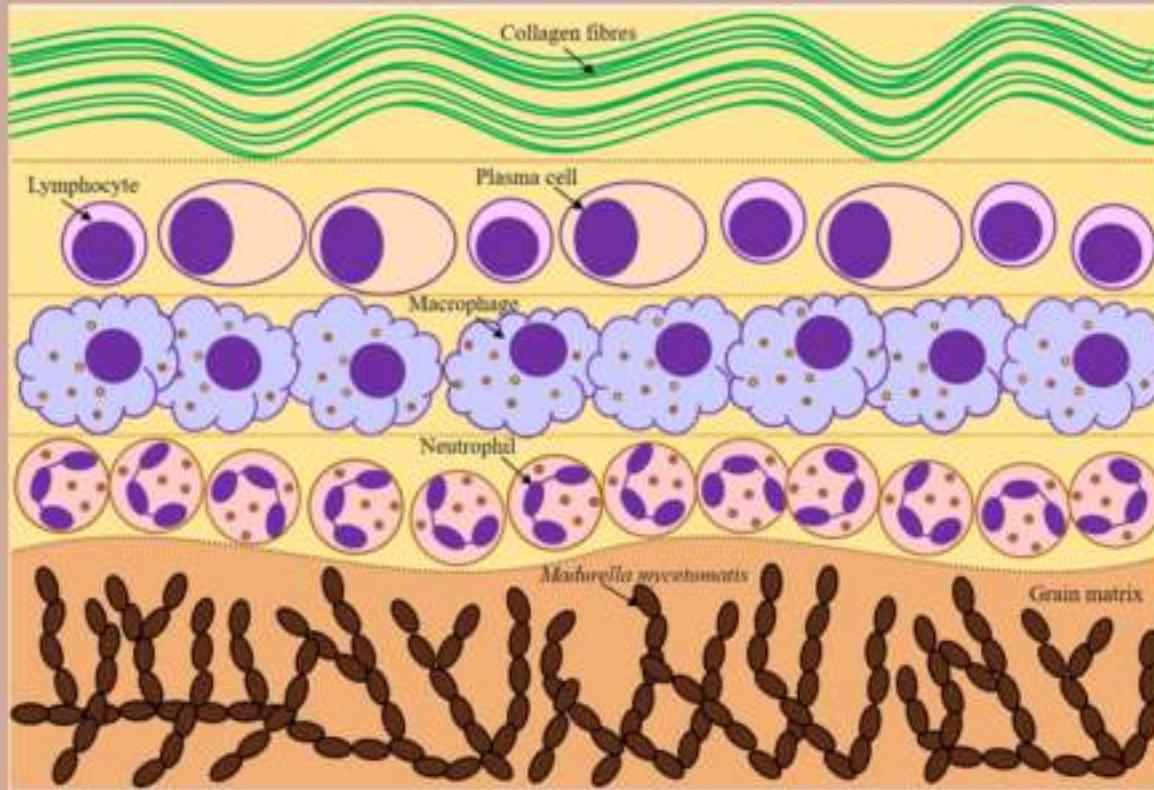
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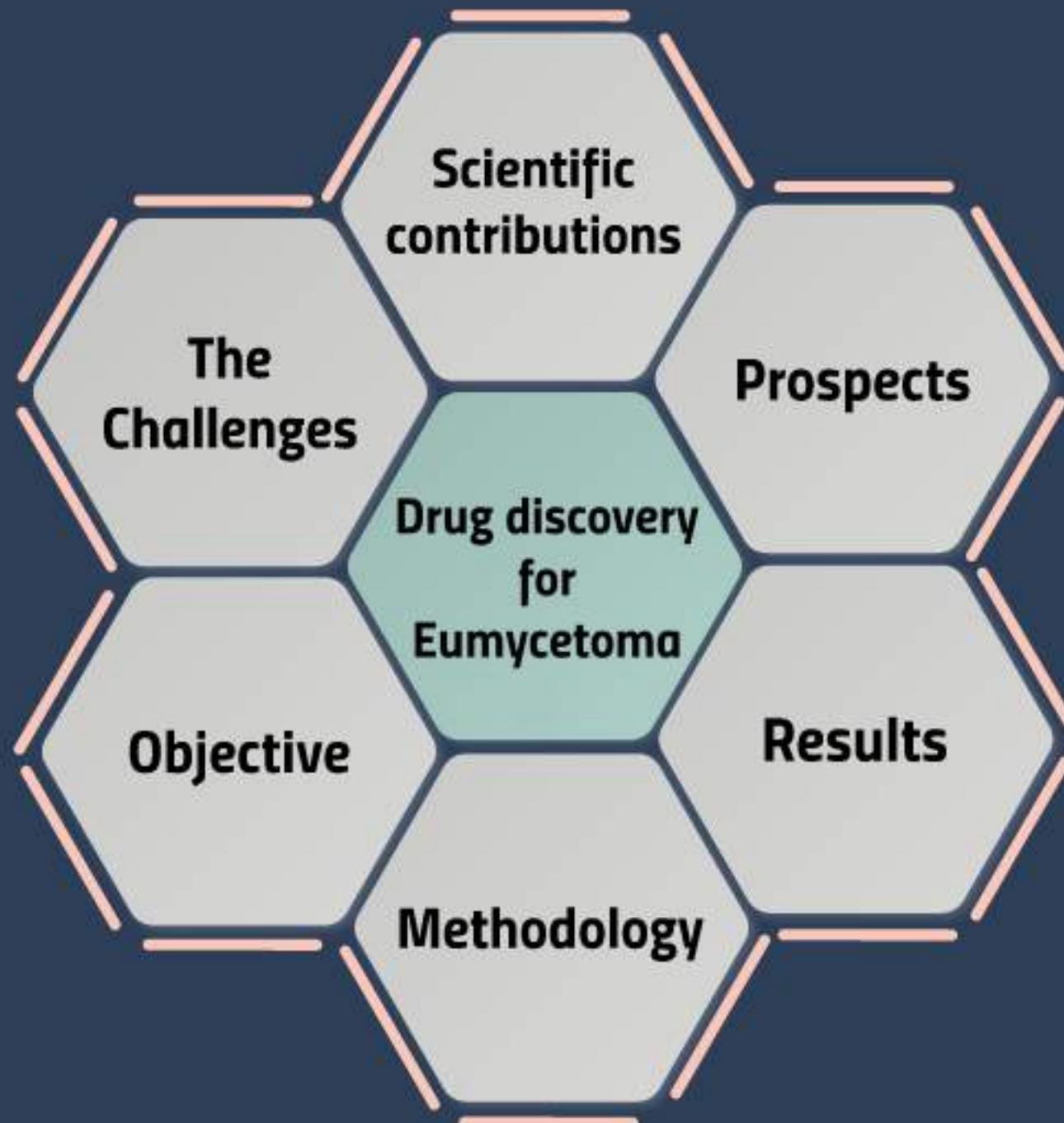
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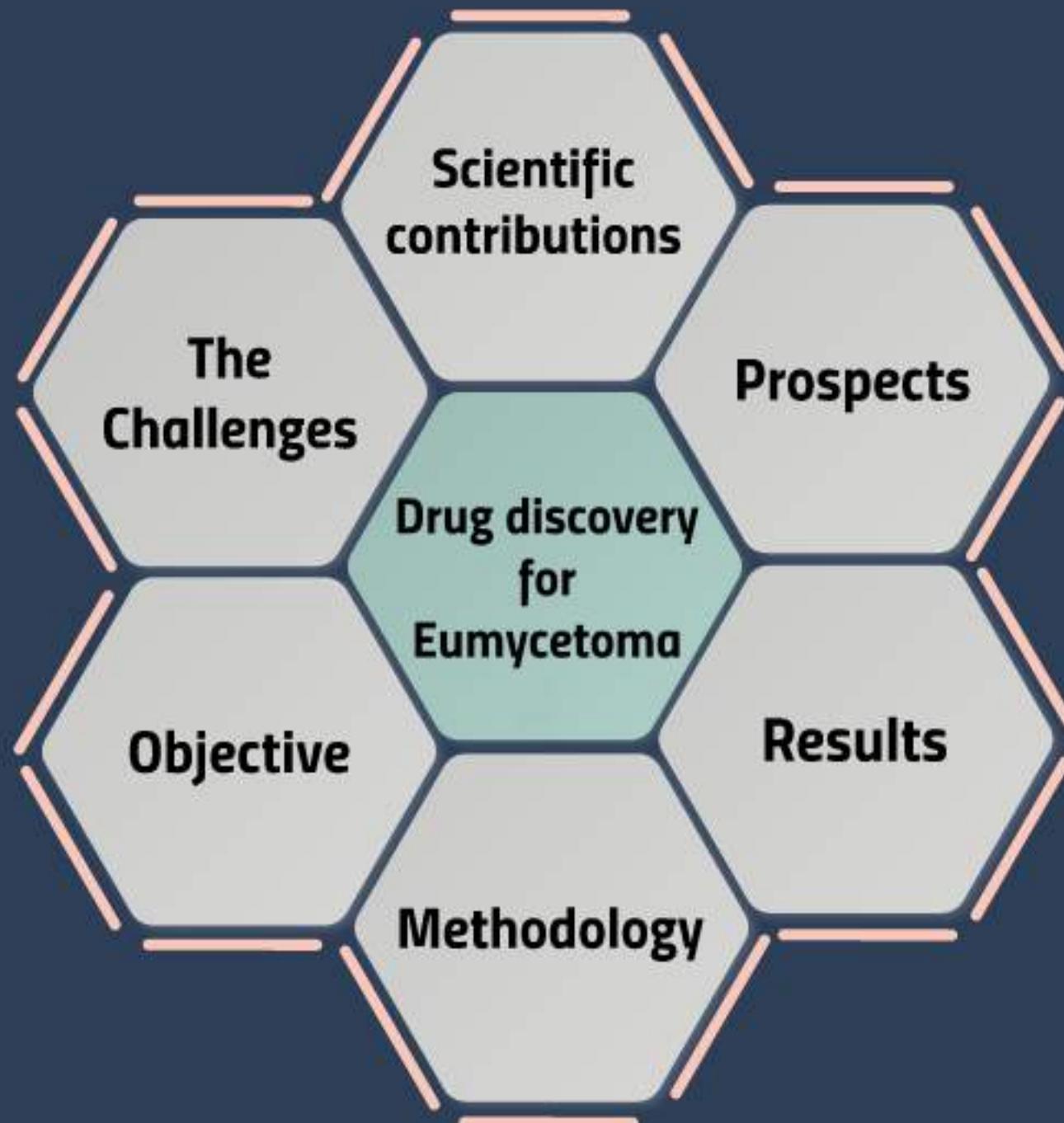
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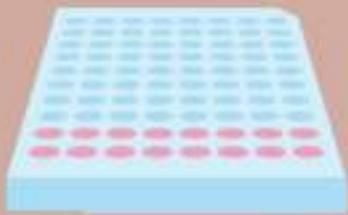


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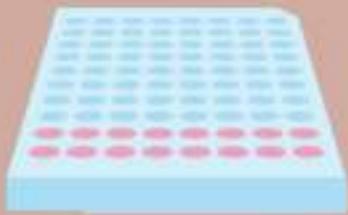
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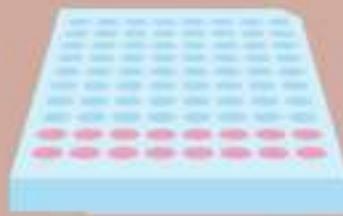
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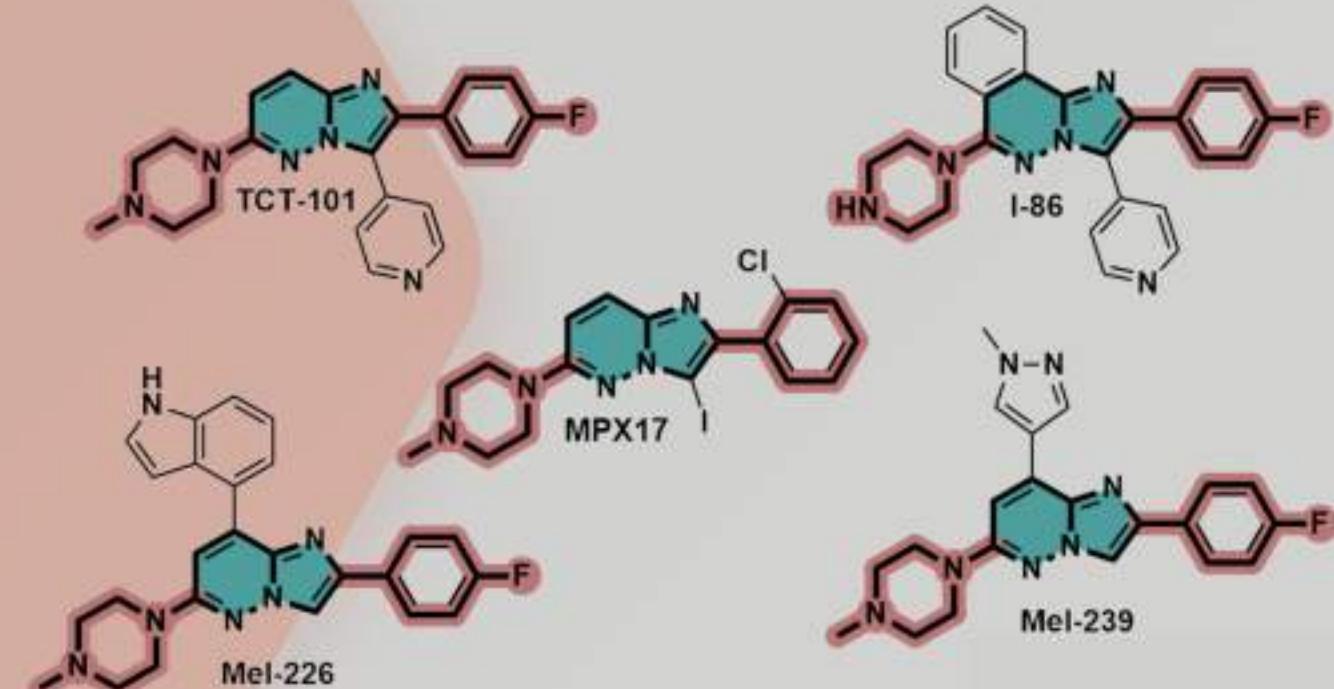
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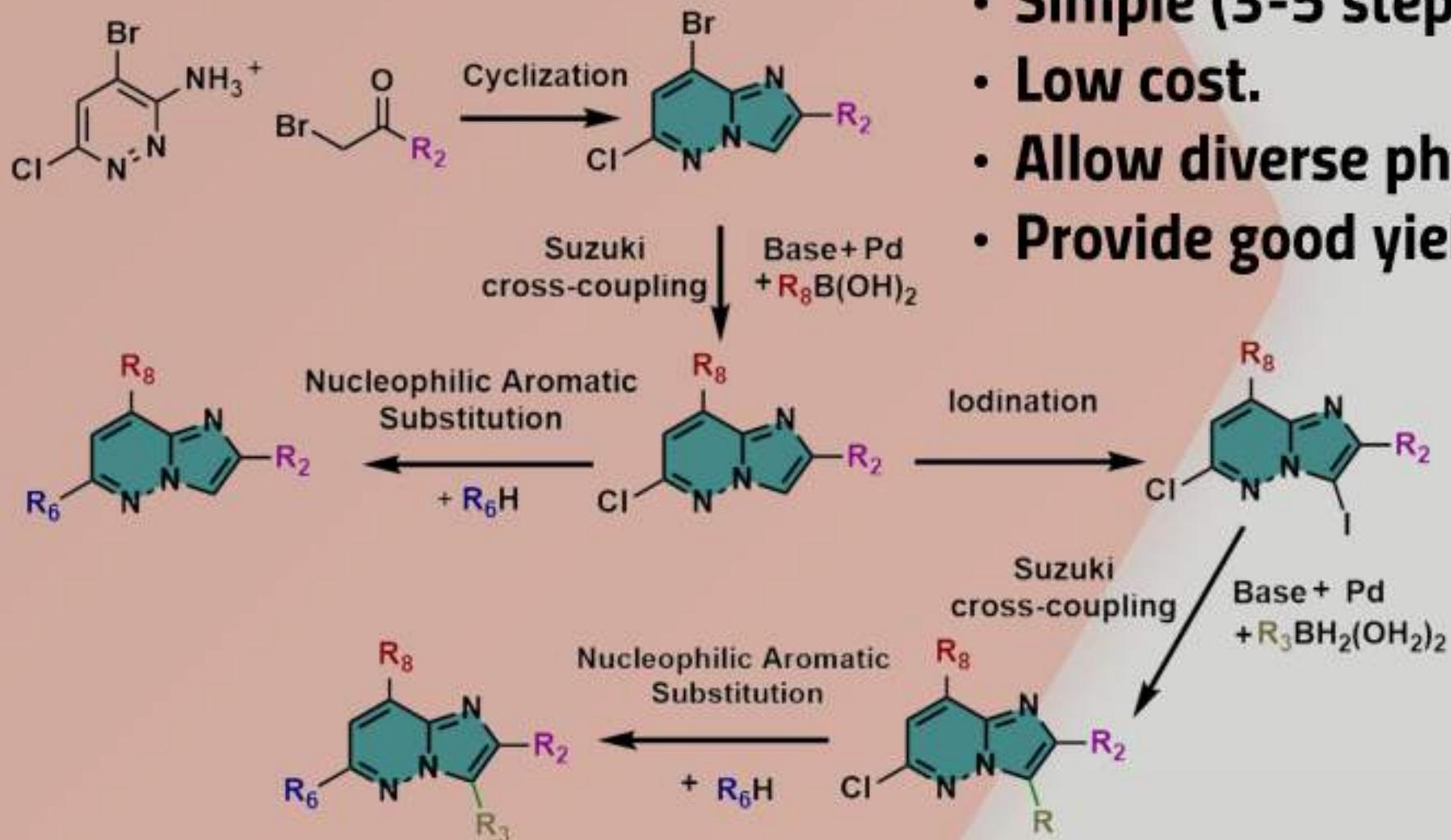
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Developing a synthetic route



- Simple (3-5 steps).
- Low cost.
- Allow diverse pharmacomodulations.
- Provide good yields.

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NIH-3T3 Fibroblasts

**Our products
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OPEN SwissADME: a free web tool to evaluate pharmacokinetics, drug-likeness and medicinal chemistry friendliness of small molecules

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To be effective as a drug, a potent molecule must reach its target in the body in sufficient concentration, and stay there in a bioactive form long enough for the expected biologic events to occur. Drug development involves assessment of absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) increasingly earlier in the discovery process, at a stage when considered compounds are numerous but access to the physical samples is limited. In that context, computer models constitute valid alternatives to experiments. Here, we present the new SwissADME web tool that gives free access to a pool of fast yet robust predictive models for physicochemical properties, pharmacokinetics, drug-likeness and medicinal chemistry friendliness, among which in-house proficient methods such as the BOILED-Egg, iLOGP and Bioavailability Radar. Easy efficient input and interpretation are ensured thanks to a user-friendly interface through the login-free website <http://www.swissadme.ch>. Specialists, but also nonexpert in cheminformatics or computational chemistry can predict rapidly key parameters for a collection of molecules to support their drug discovery endeavours.

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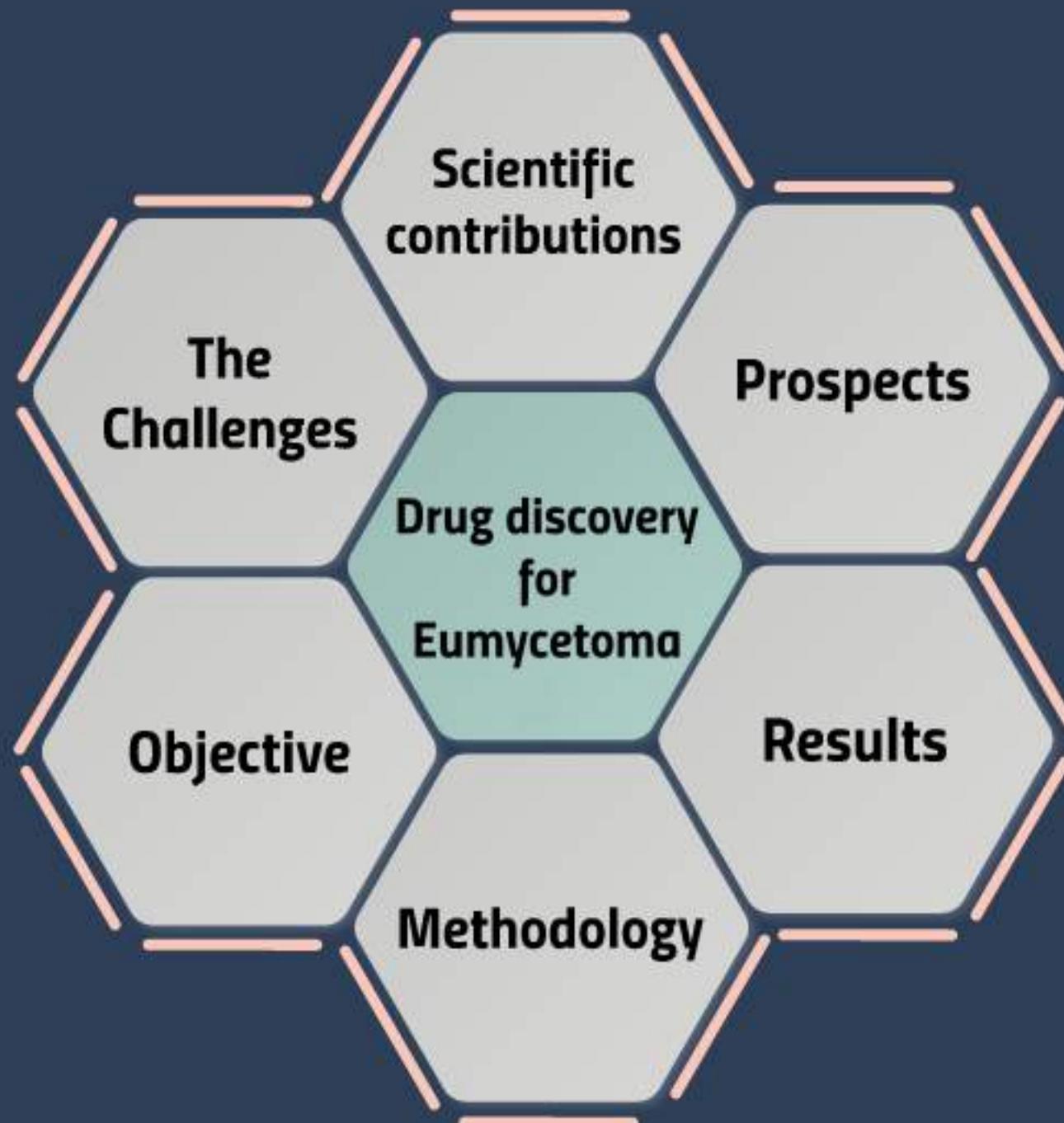
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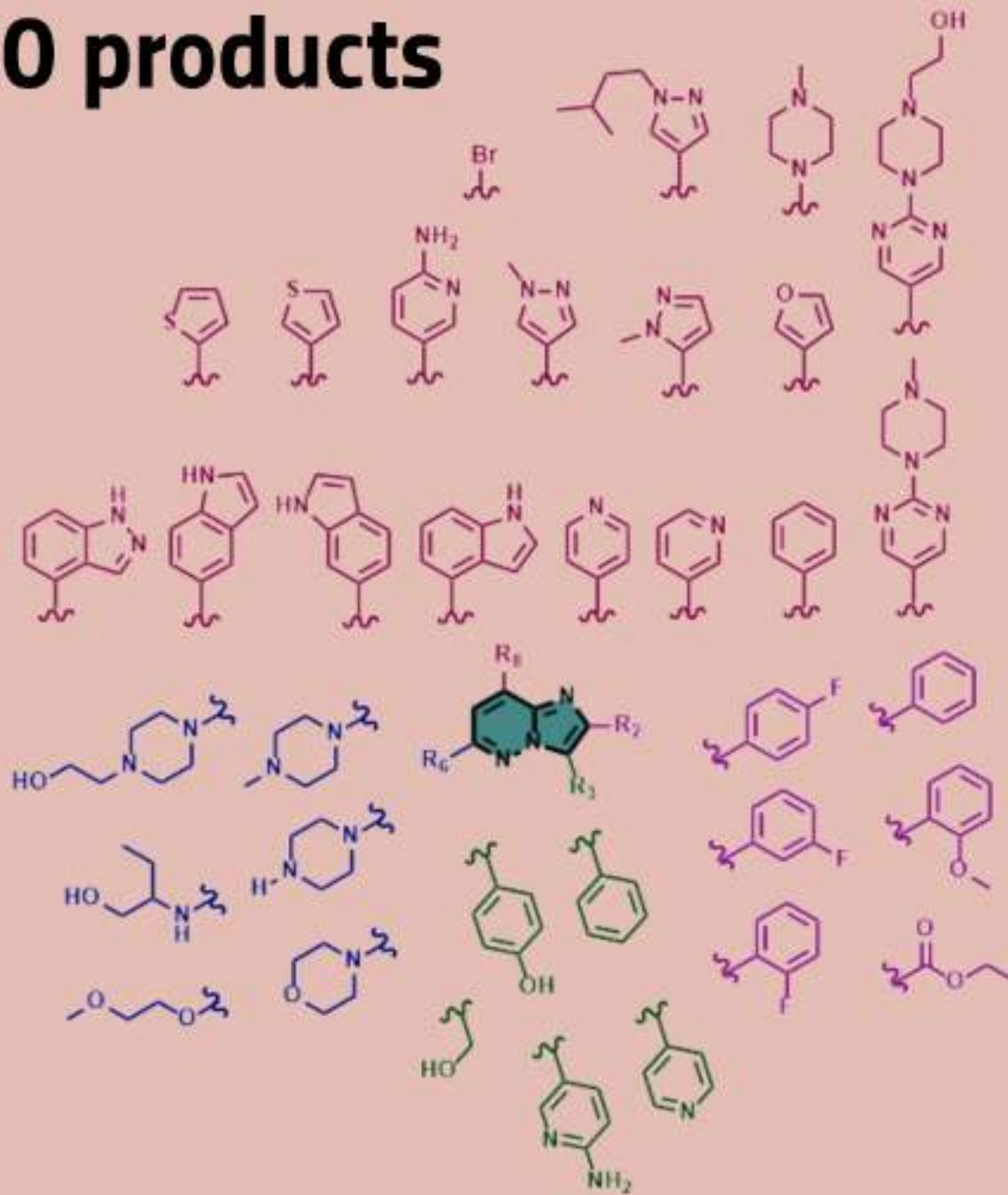


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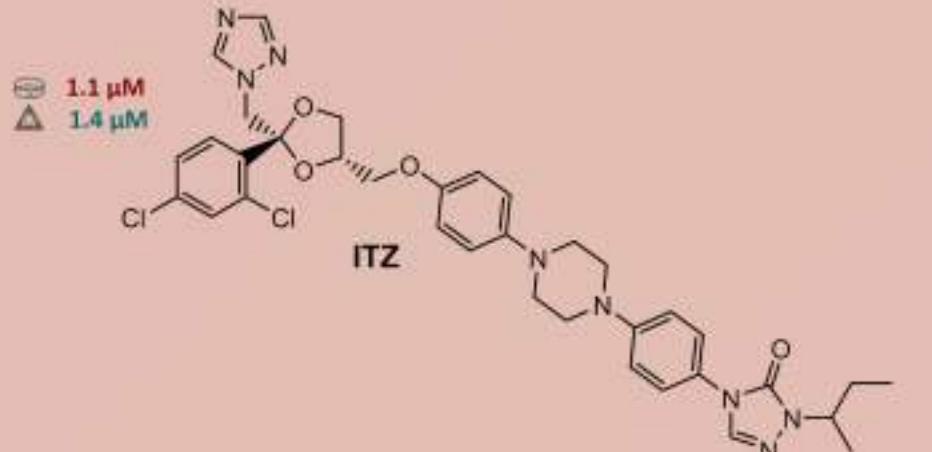
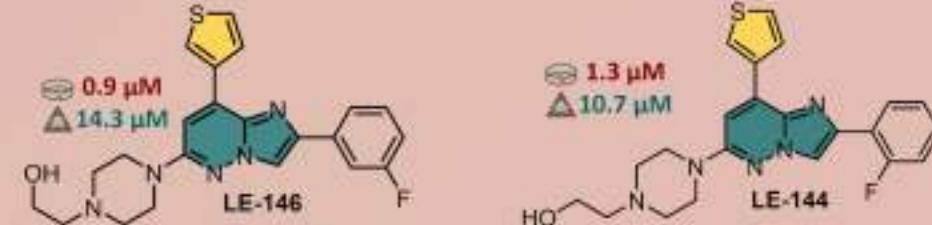
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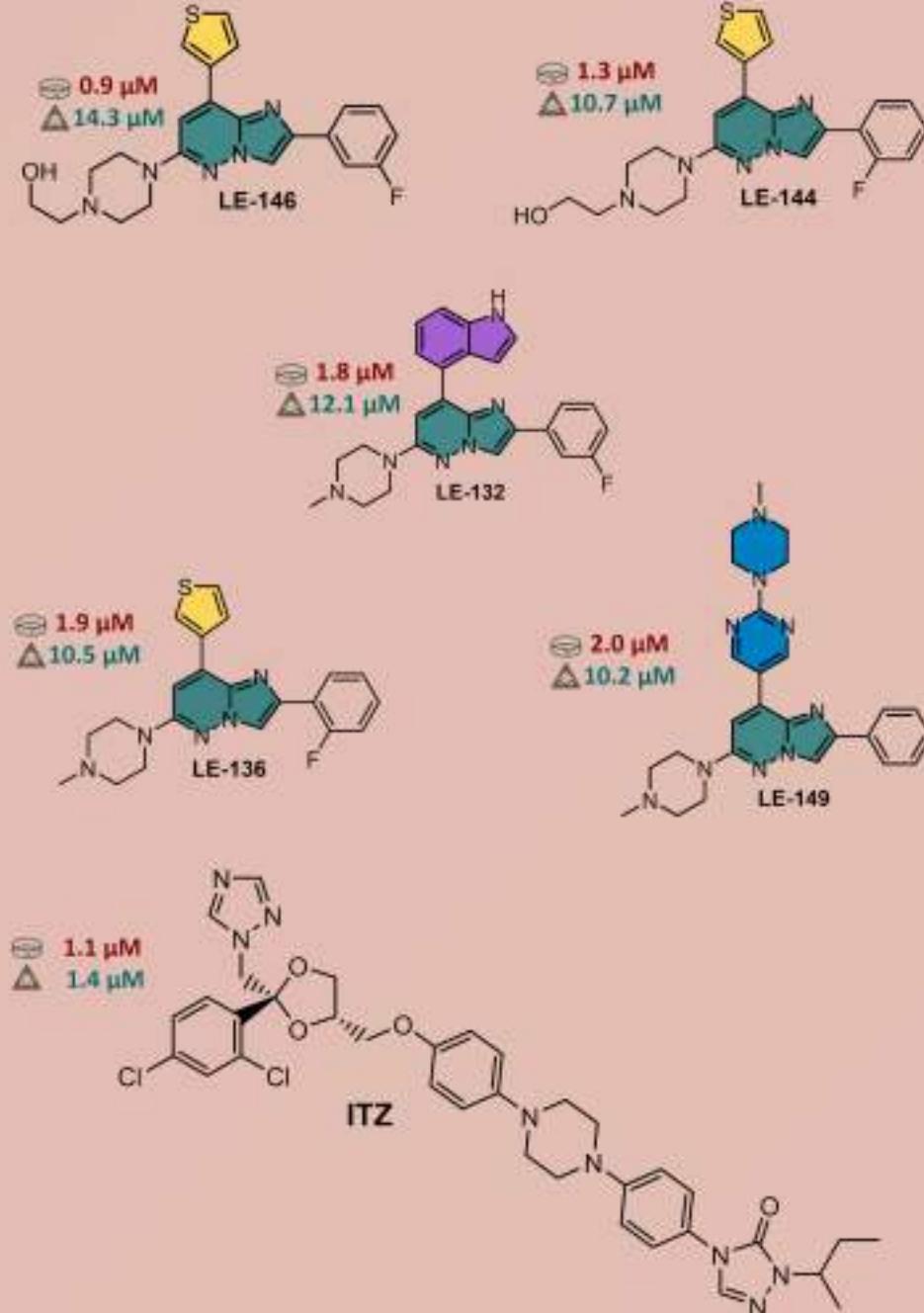
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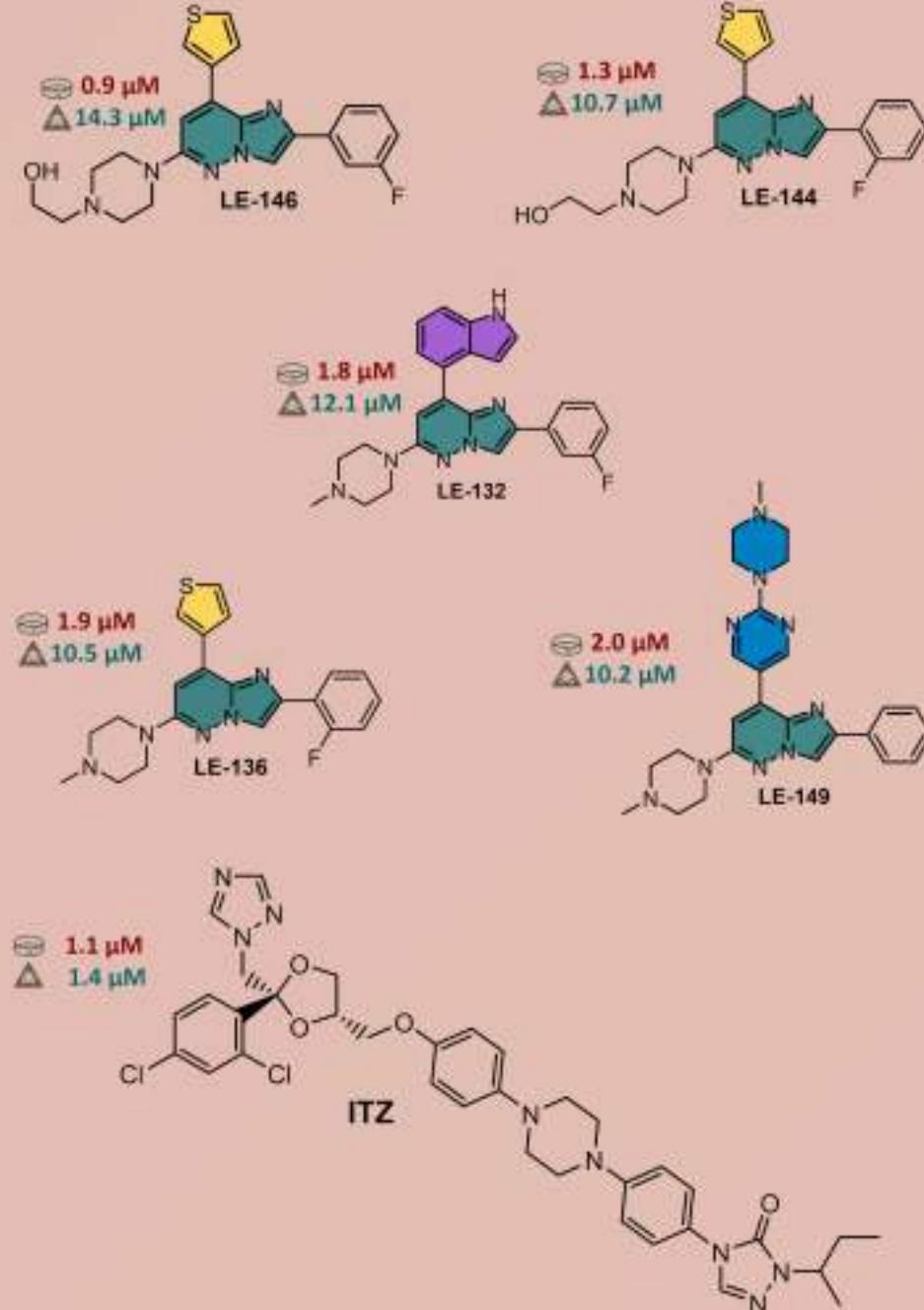
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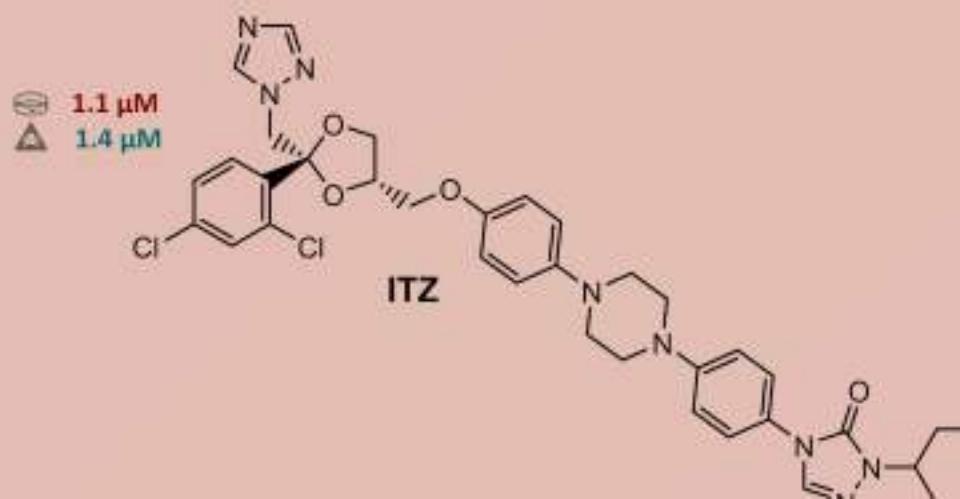
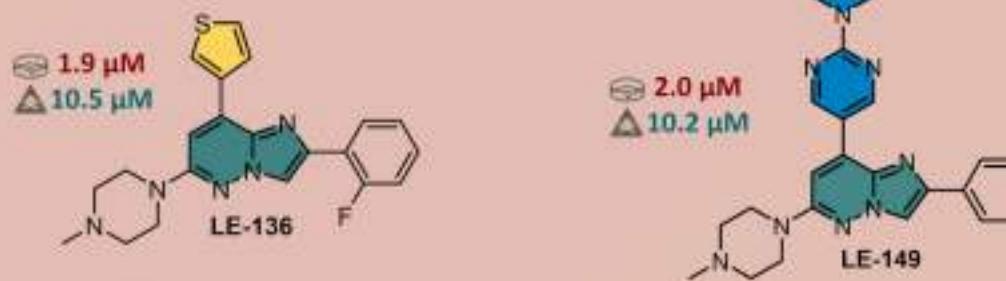
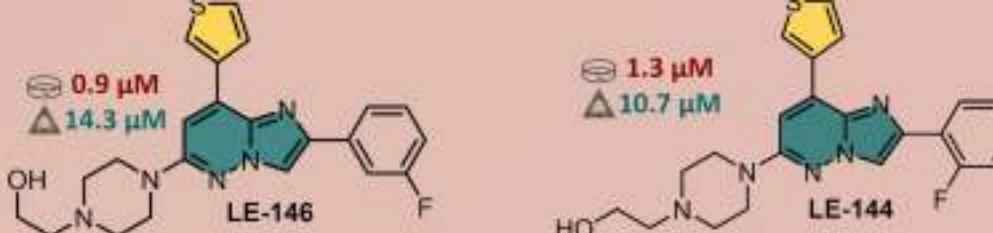


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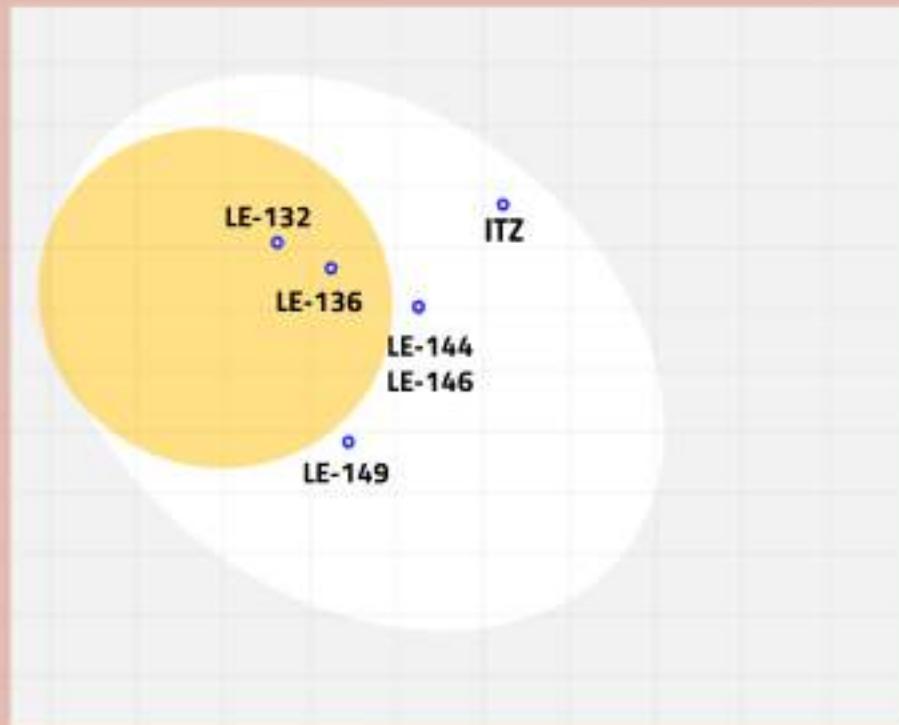
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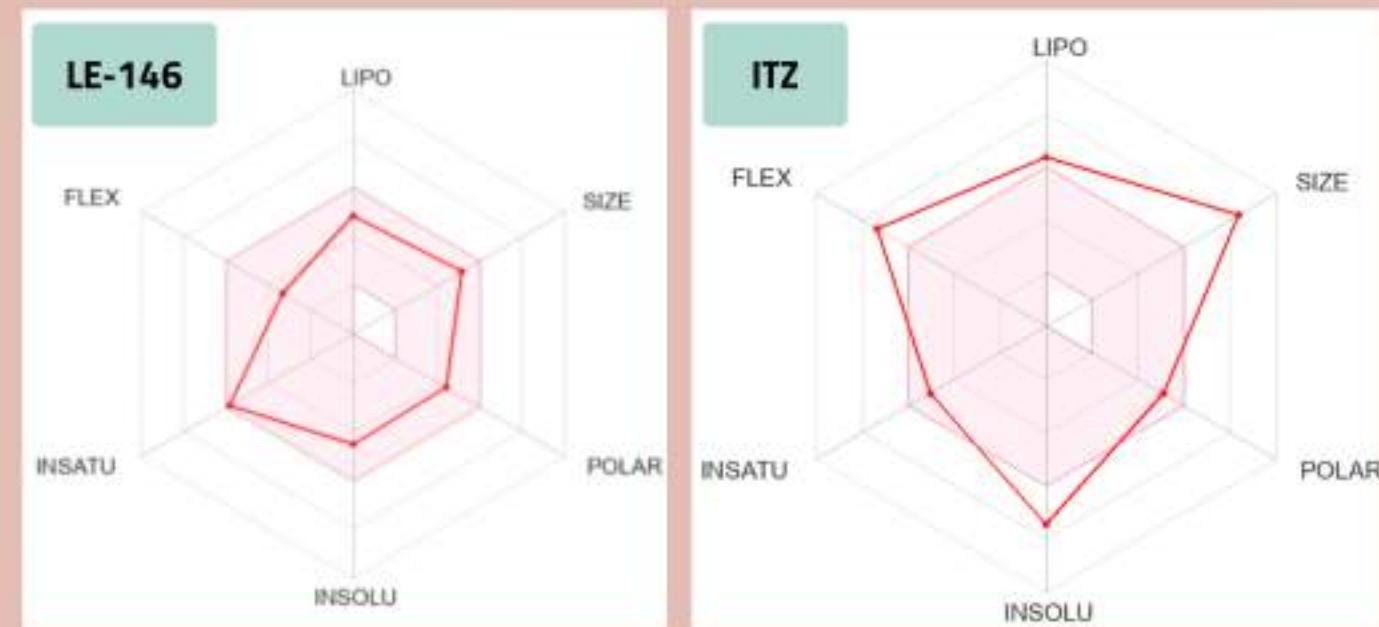
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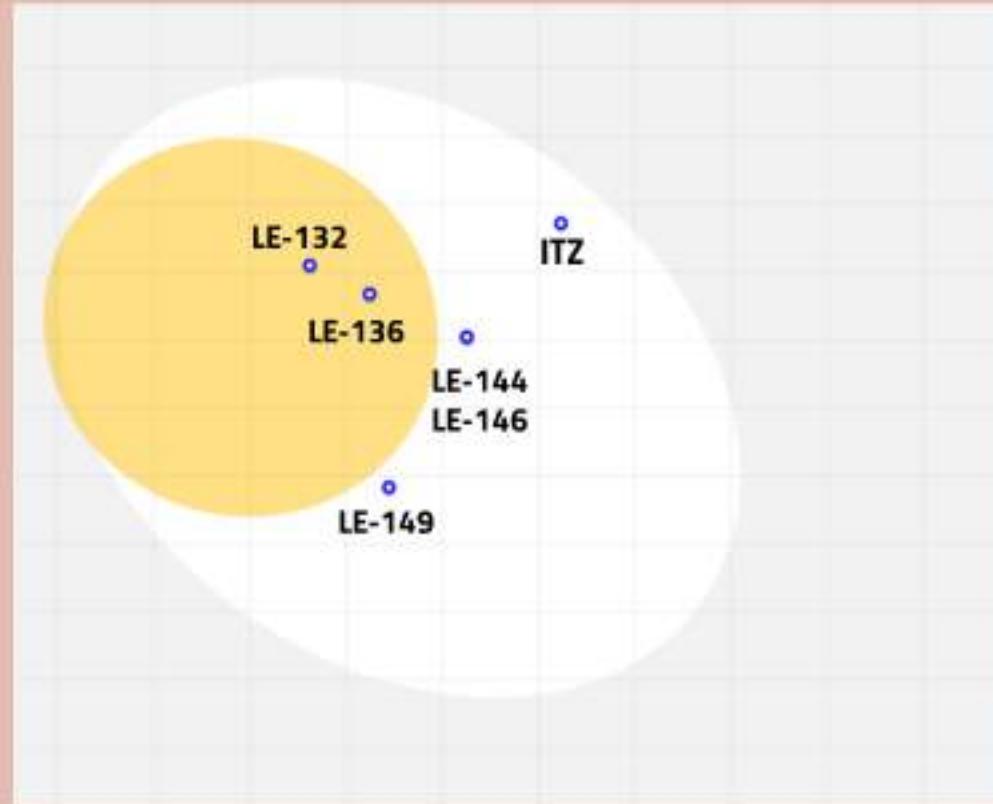
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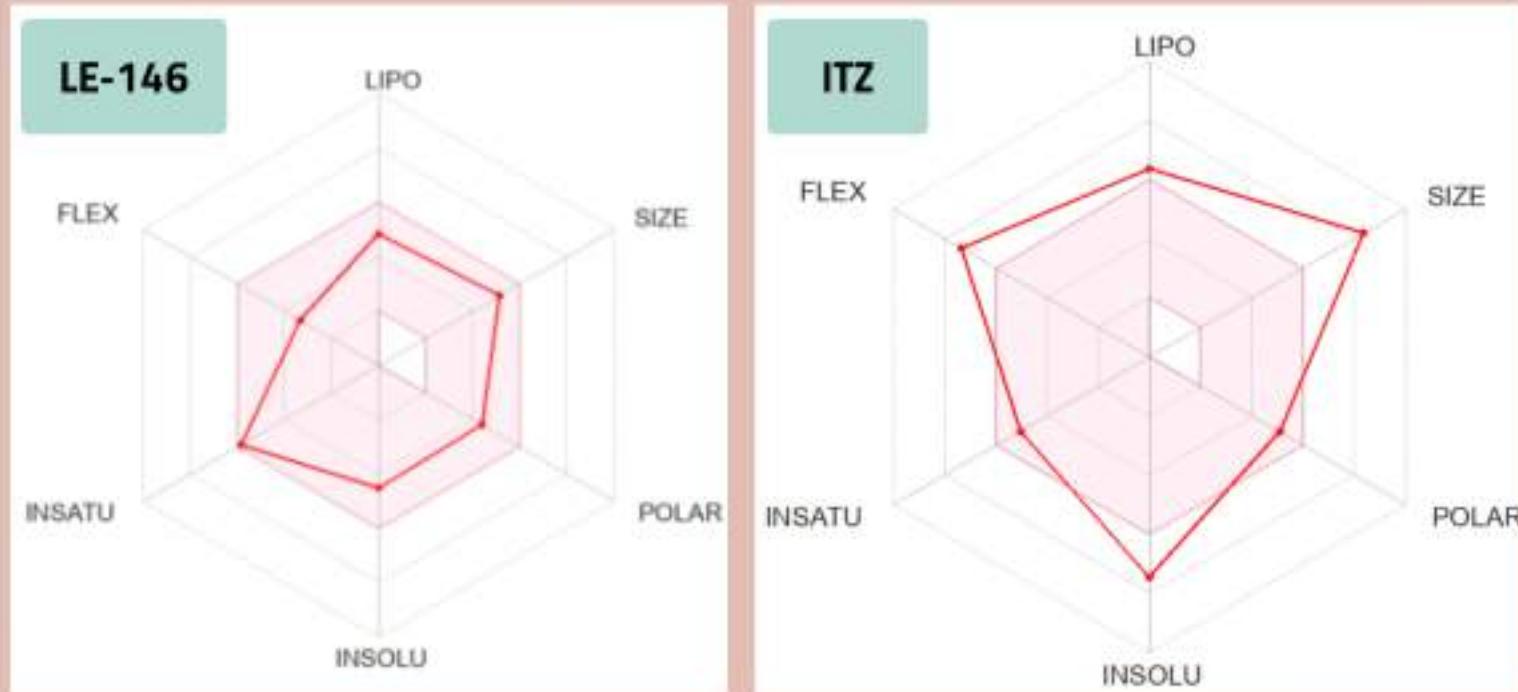
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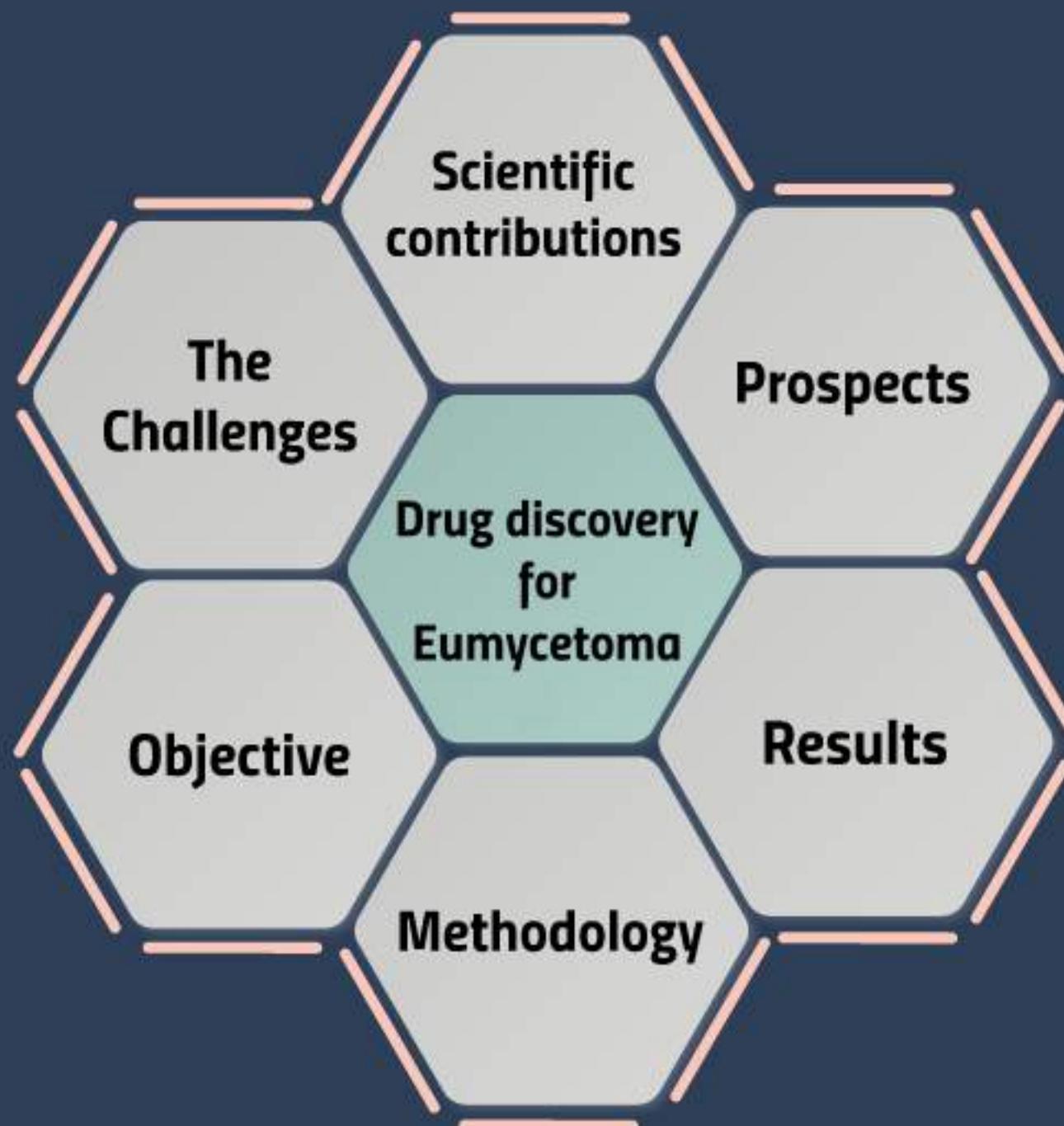
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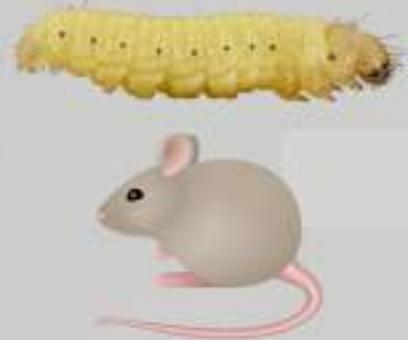


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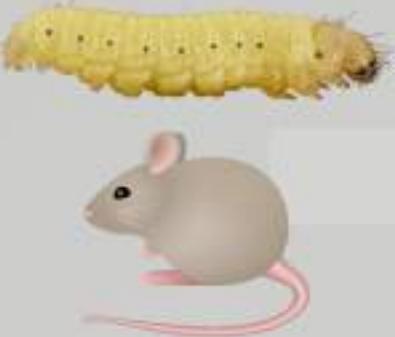


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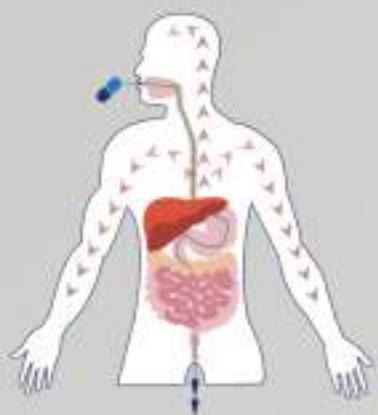
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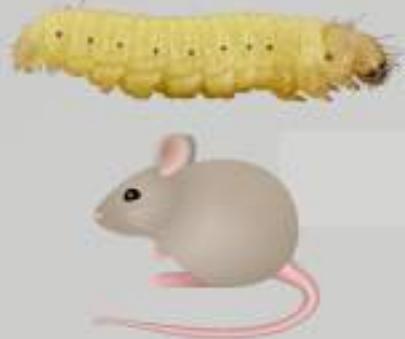


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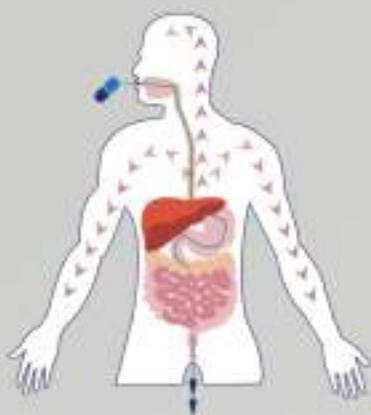


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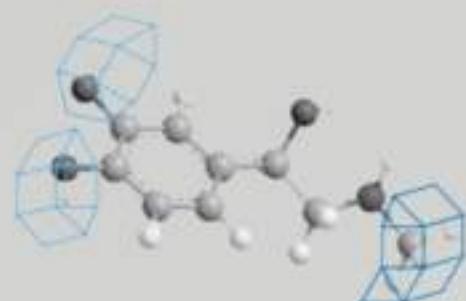
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THE DISEASE

- Eumycetoma** is a subacute fungal infection that can affect humans and animals.
- It is listed as the 10th in a neglected tropical disease.
- It is believed that the causative agent(s) are soil and/or animal born.
- The most common location reported is tropical rainforests.
- Madurella mycetomatis is the most well known of eumycetoma agent, with many other species described.
- It is a highly virulent pathogen that could contribute to increased antibiotic resistance and antibiotic resistance to the treatment of eumycetoma patients.



Chemical structure of *Madurella mycetomatis*

It is an obligate, dimorphic, filamentous fungus of the genus *Madurella* and is closely related to the *Candida* genus. It has a yeast form and a filamentous form. The yeast form is used for the production of enzymes that can break down the cellulose of the host and therefore it is a pathogenic agent.

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CURRENT TREATMENT

- Antibiotic administration of antibiotic drugs for 12 months – typical survival of 10 years, cure rate 50%.
- Amphotericin B (antifungal drug) administered intravenously, yet, with very high toxicity, 10% death rate.
- No drug currently being developed.

AIM OF OUR PROJECT

To design and synthesize a new class of antimicrobials that could potentially be substituted for existing antifungal drugs for the treatment of eumycetoma caused by *Madurella mycetomatis*.

PRELIMINARY SCREENING

- A library of 40 compounds with diverse chemical structures was synthesized and screened against *Madurella mycetomatis* (minimum inhibitory concentration = 25 µM and 100 µM).
- Four compounds with an amidino(1,2-dipyridazine) showed inhibition of the growth of *Madurella mycetomatis*.

Synthetic method

PRODUCTS LIBRARY

Using chemical synthesis to build up a library of compounds with high activity and specificity.

TESTING AGAINST BIRDS

- Using an IFT assay, 10 of the synthesized compounds were tested against avian pox virus at concentrations ranging from 2.50 to 10 µM.
- Two compounds, using monosodium salt of potassium ferricyanide, had a 50% reduction (EC₅₀) and one compound was completely killed.

SYNTHESIS

IC₅₀

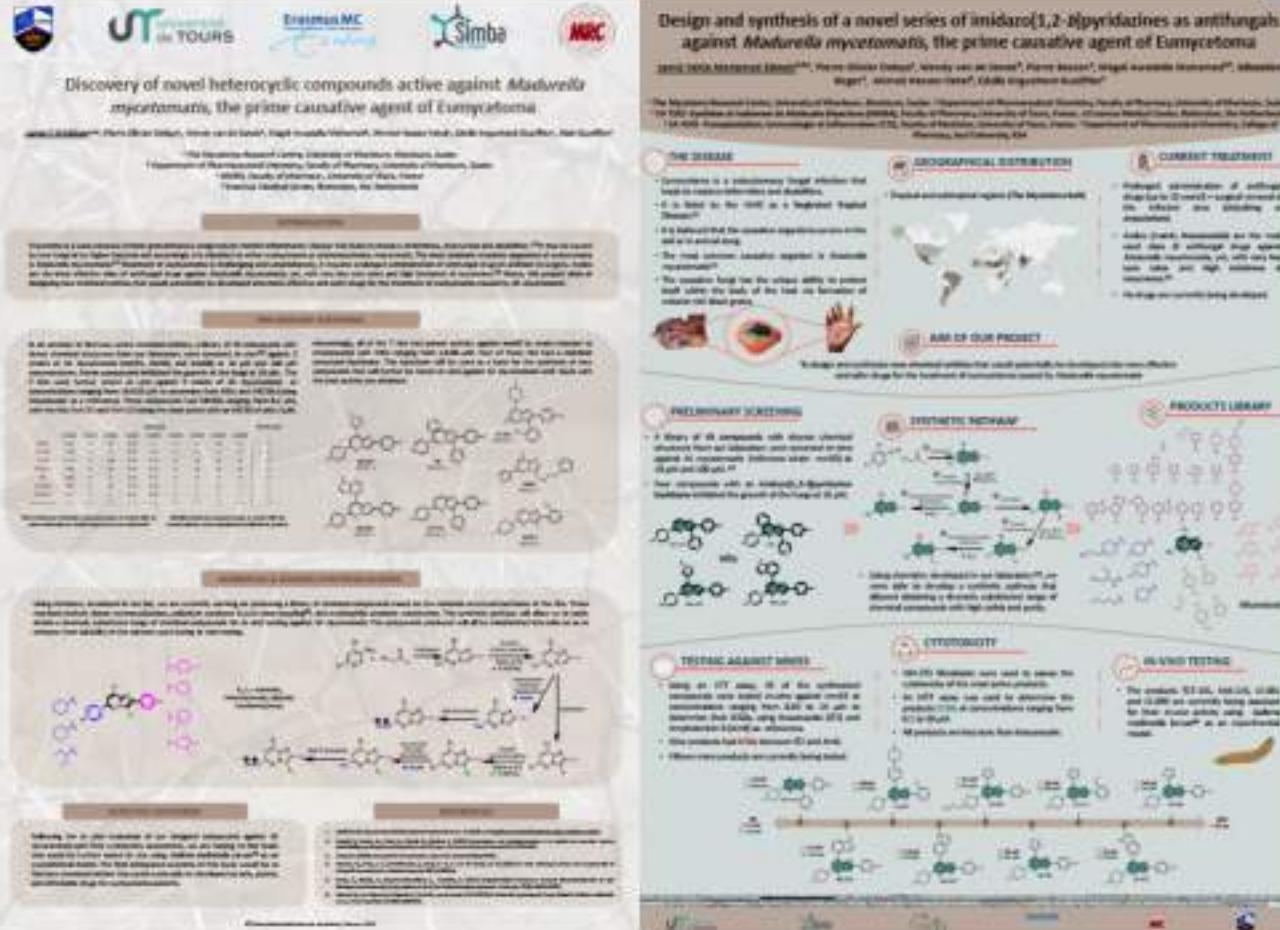
- 10 µM Monosodium salt used to reduce the infectivity of the avian pox virus.
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IN-VIVO TESTING

- The products IC₅₀ are used to determine their activity against *Madurella mycetomatis* as an antifungal agent.

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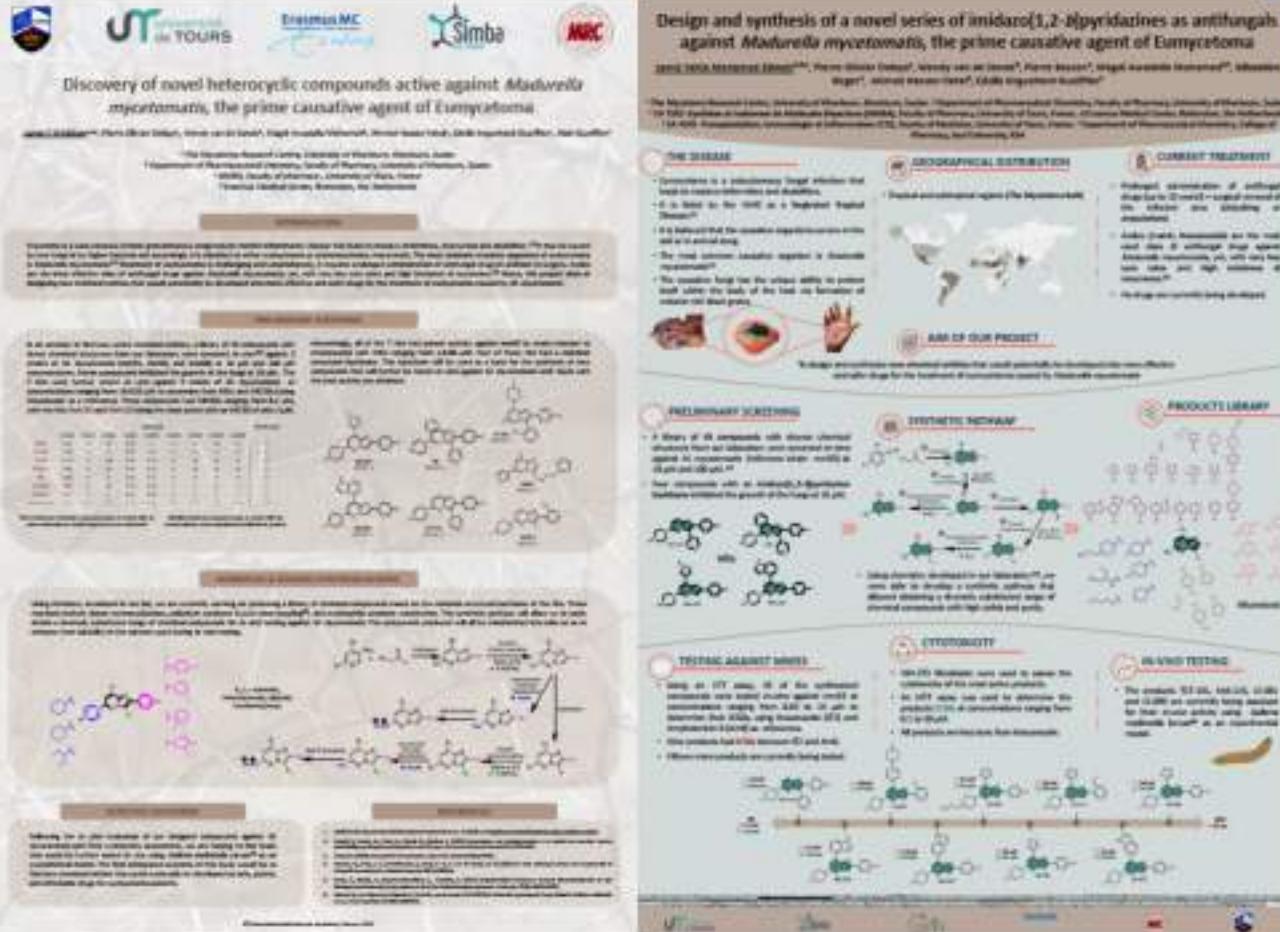
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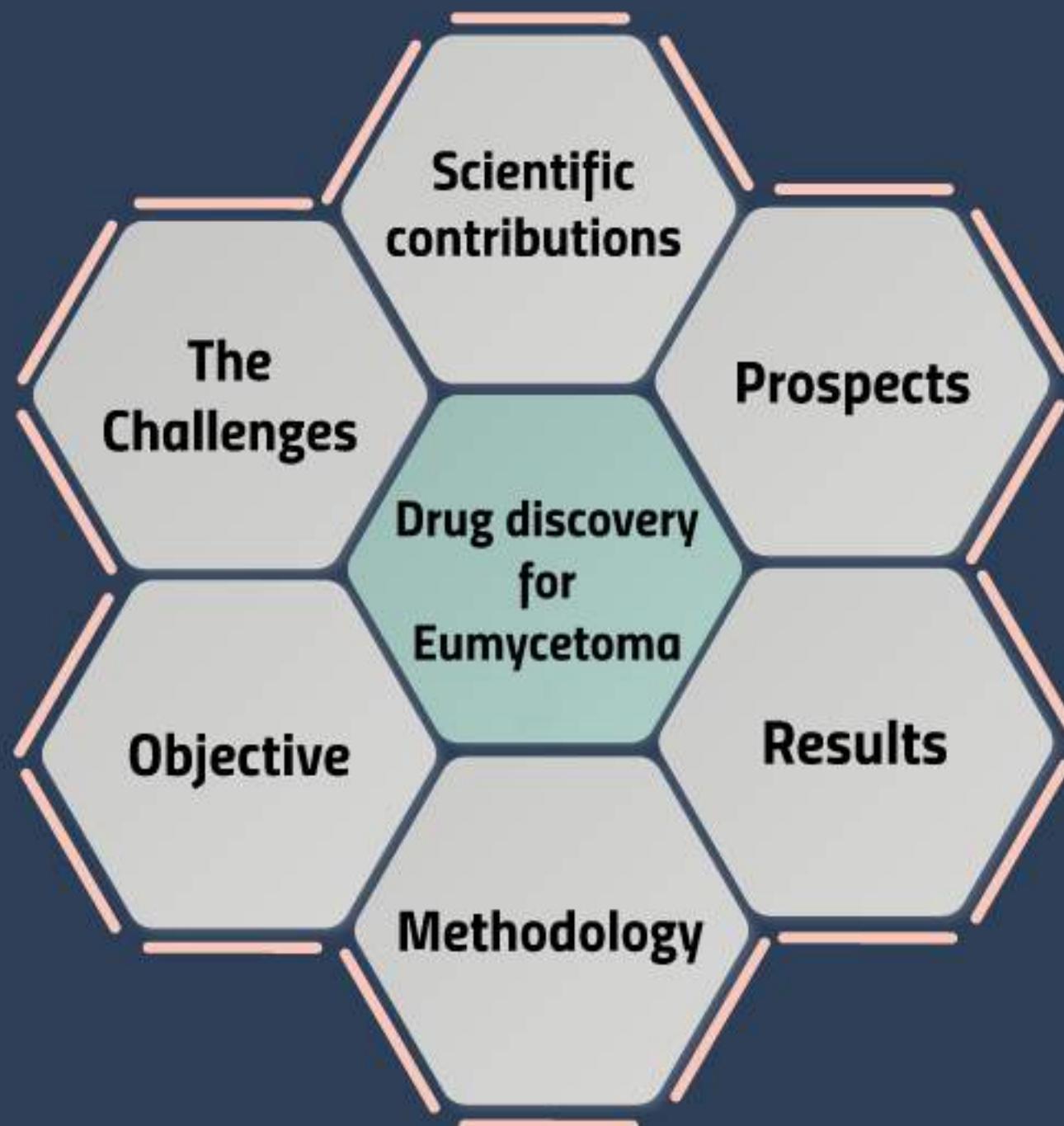


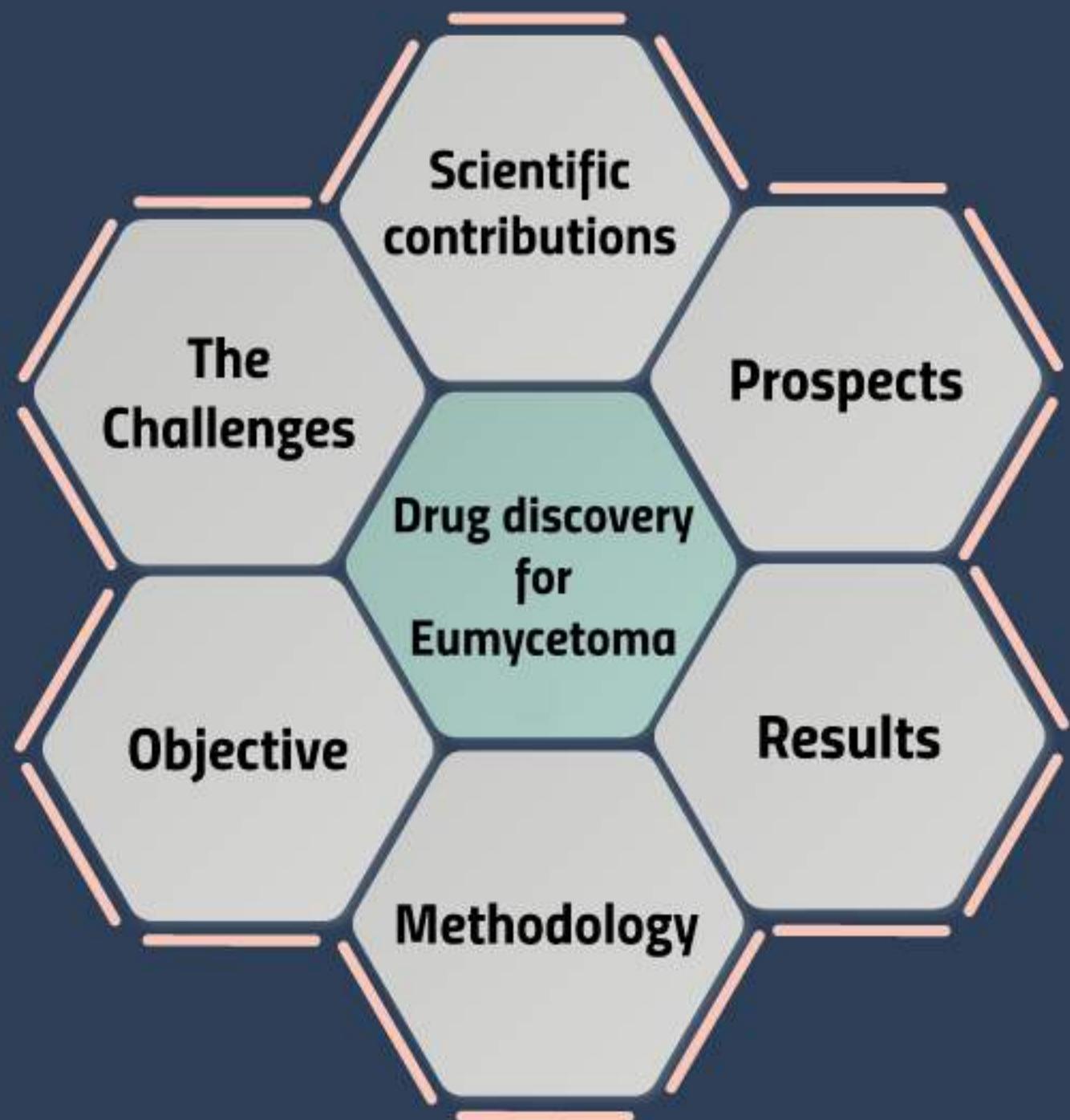
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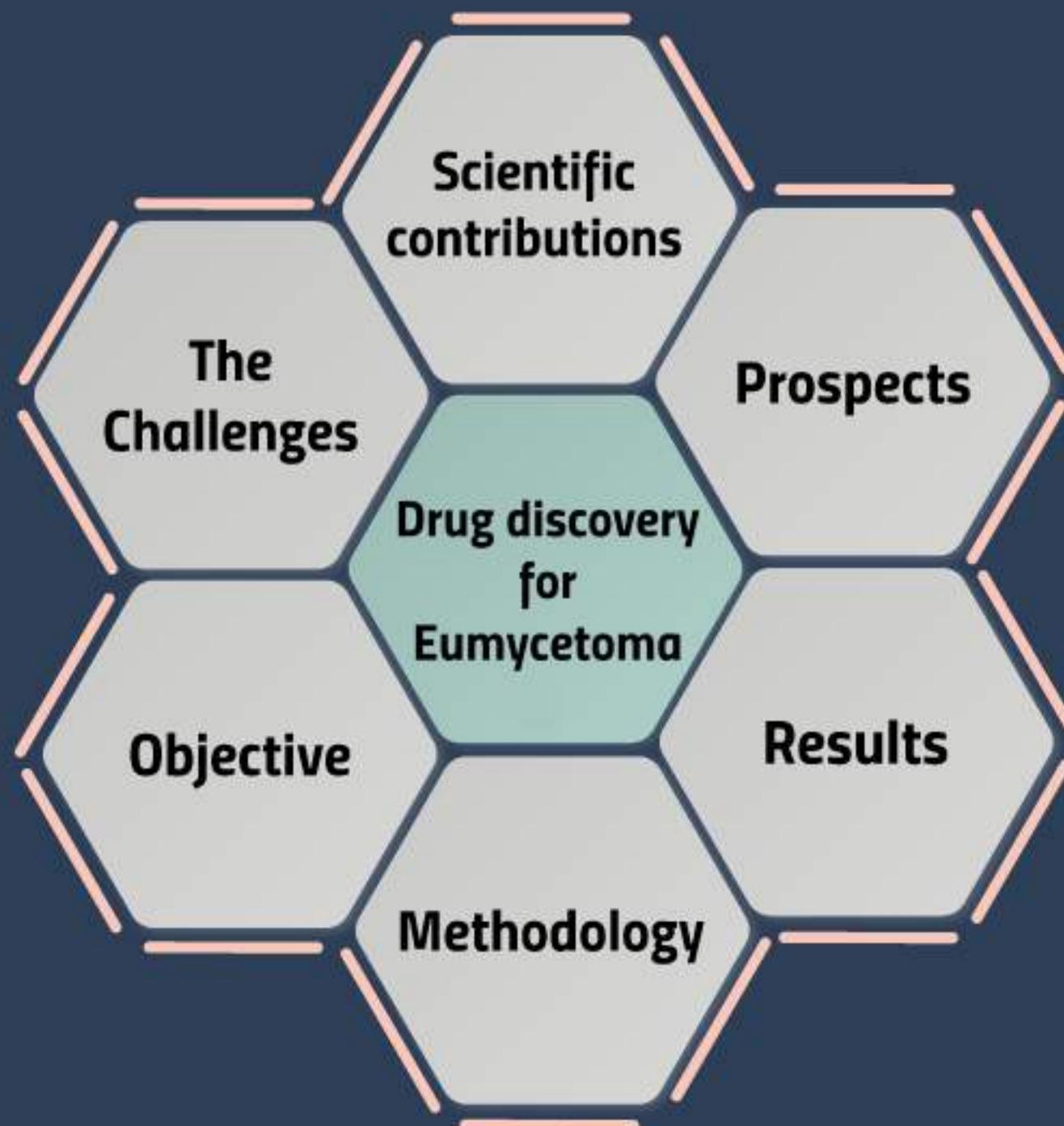
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