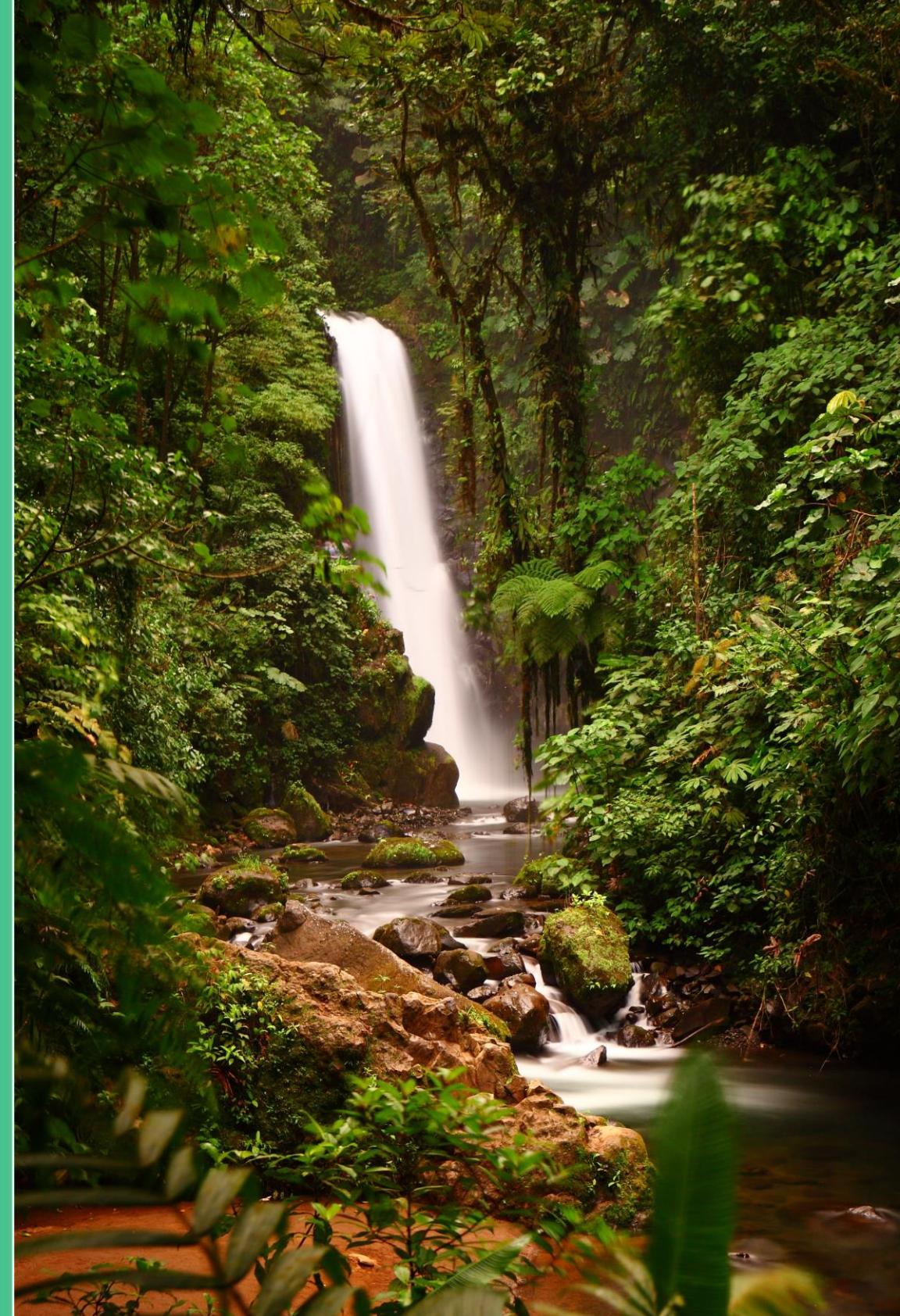




# Aplicaciones de la IA en Investigación: Ciencias Biomédicas

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Noviembre 2025



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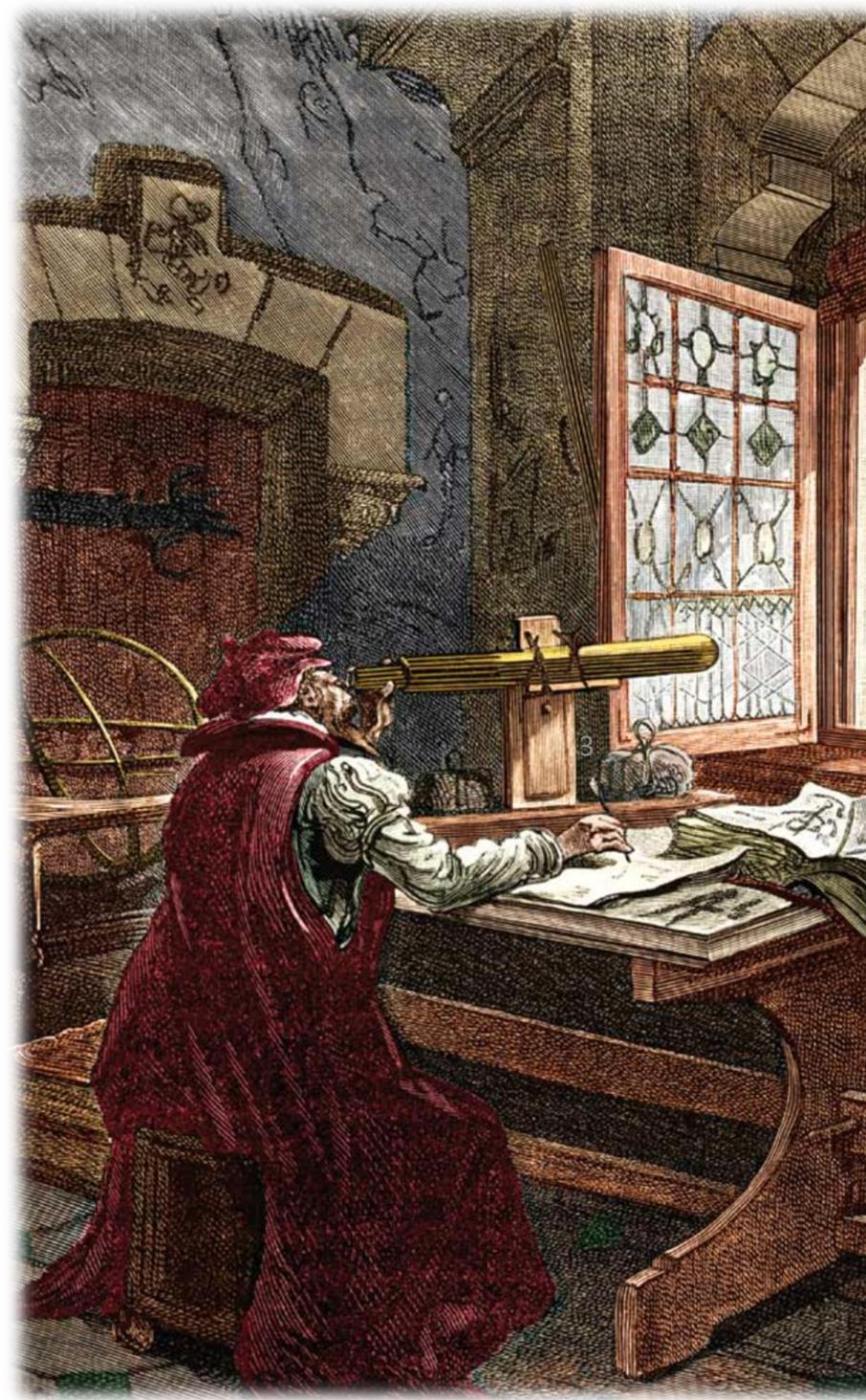
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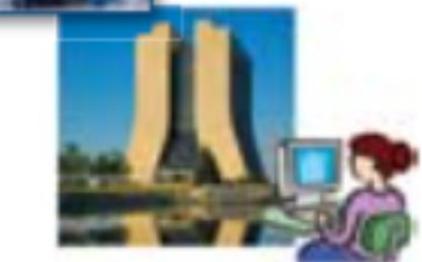
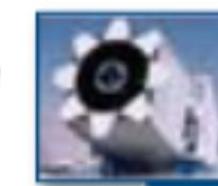
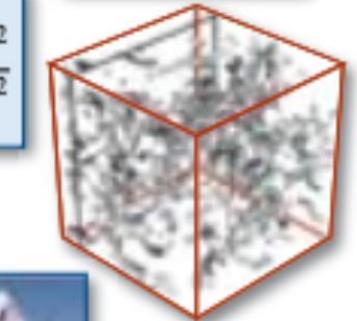
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## Science Paradigms

- Thousand years ago:  
**science was empirical**  
*describing natural phenomena*
- Last few hundred years:  
**theoretical branch**  
*using models, generalizations*
- Last few decades:  
**a computational branch**  
*simulating complex phenomena*
- Today: **data exploration (eScience)**  
*unify theory, experiment, and simulation*
  - Data captured by instruments or generated by simulator
  - Processed by software
  - Information/knowledge stored in computer
  - Scientist analyzes database/files using data management and statistics

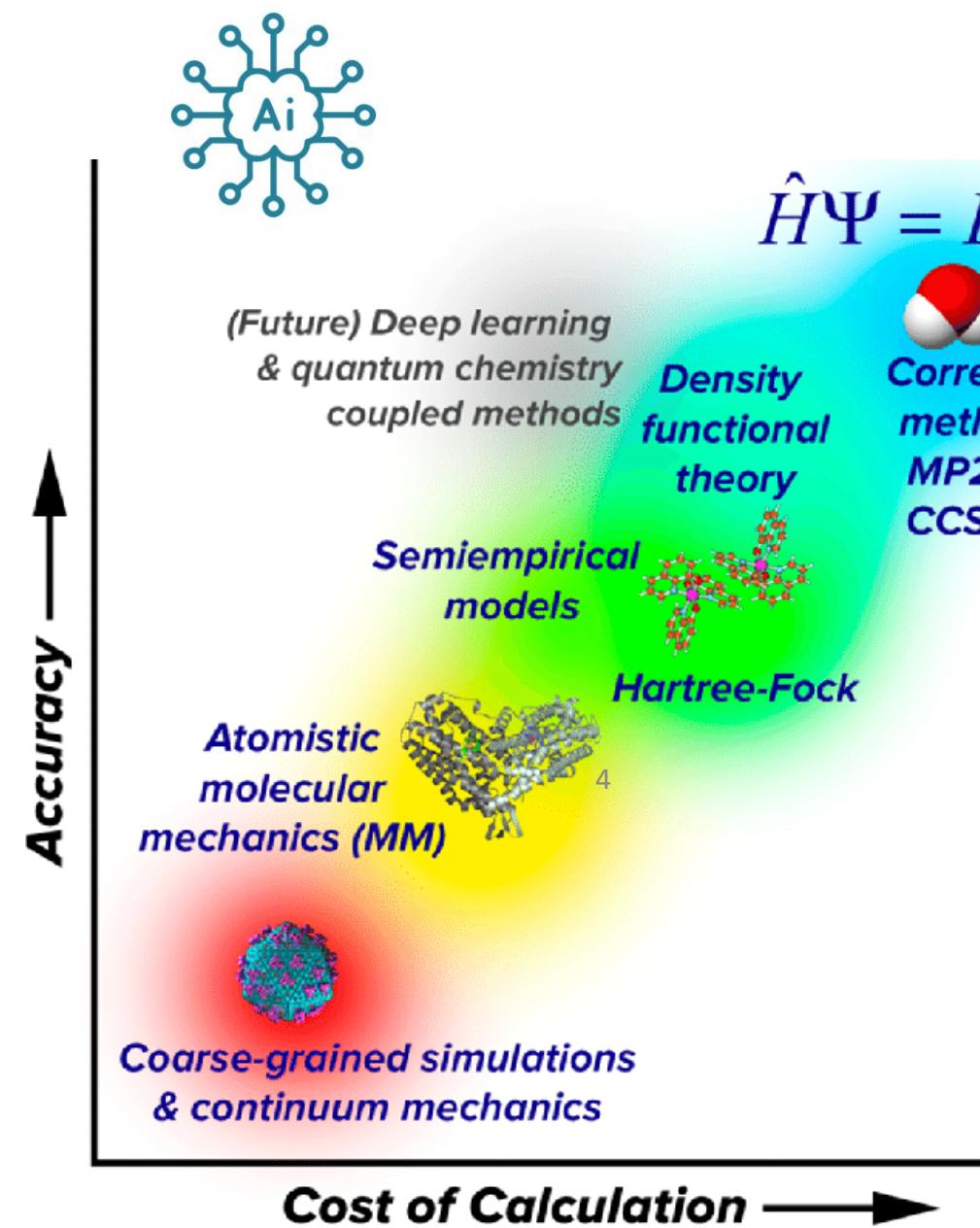
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Usar teoría para obtener conclusiones

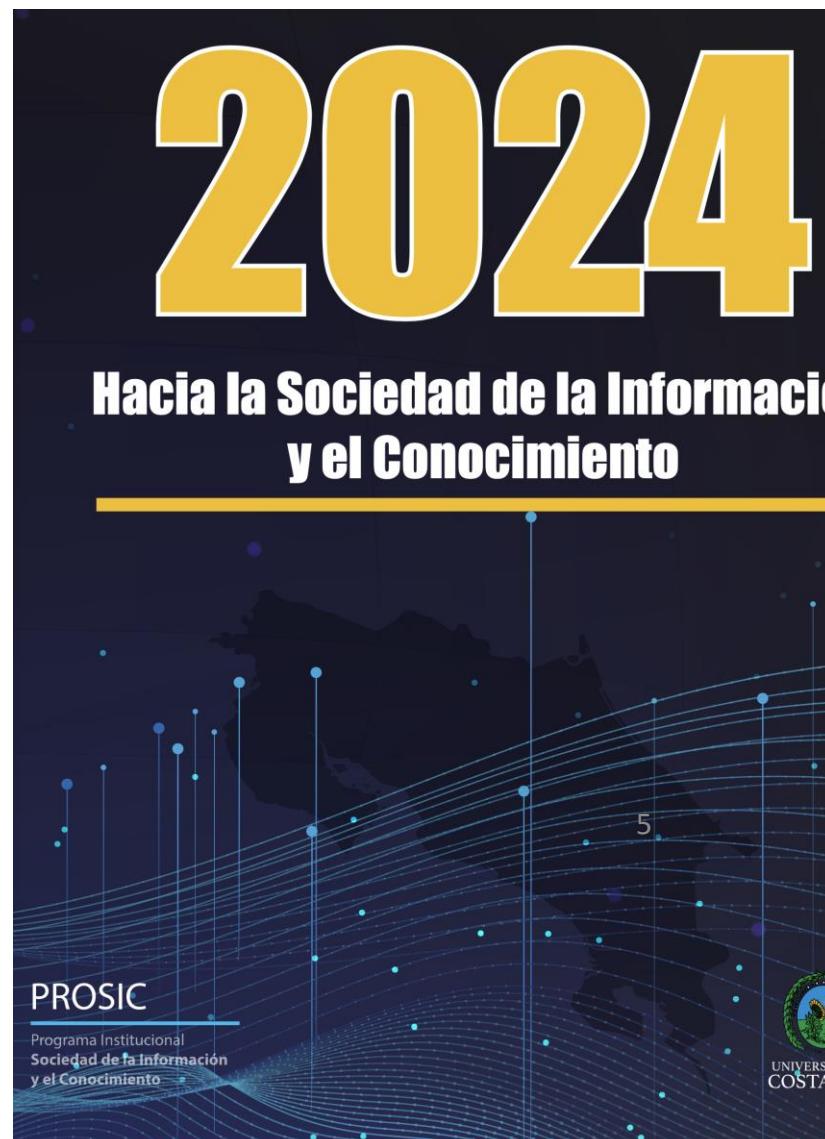
Inteligencia Artificial

**Conocimiento Inductivo**

Aprender de los datos para obtener conclusiones

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Presente y perspectivas  
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Artificial en Costa Rica

Silvana De Souza Pinheiro, Esteban Meneses,  
Antonio Piedra y William J. Zamora Ramírez

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Figura 7.1. Documentos relacionados con IA o aprendizaje automático según la base de datos de Scopus (2000-2023)

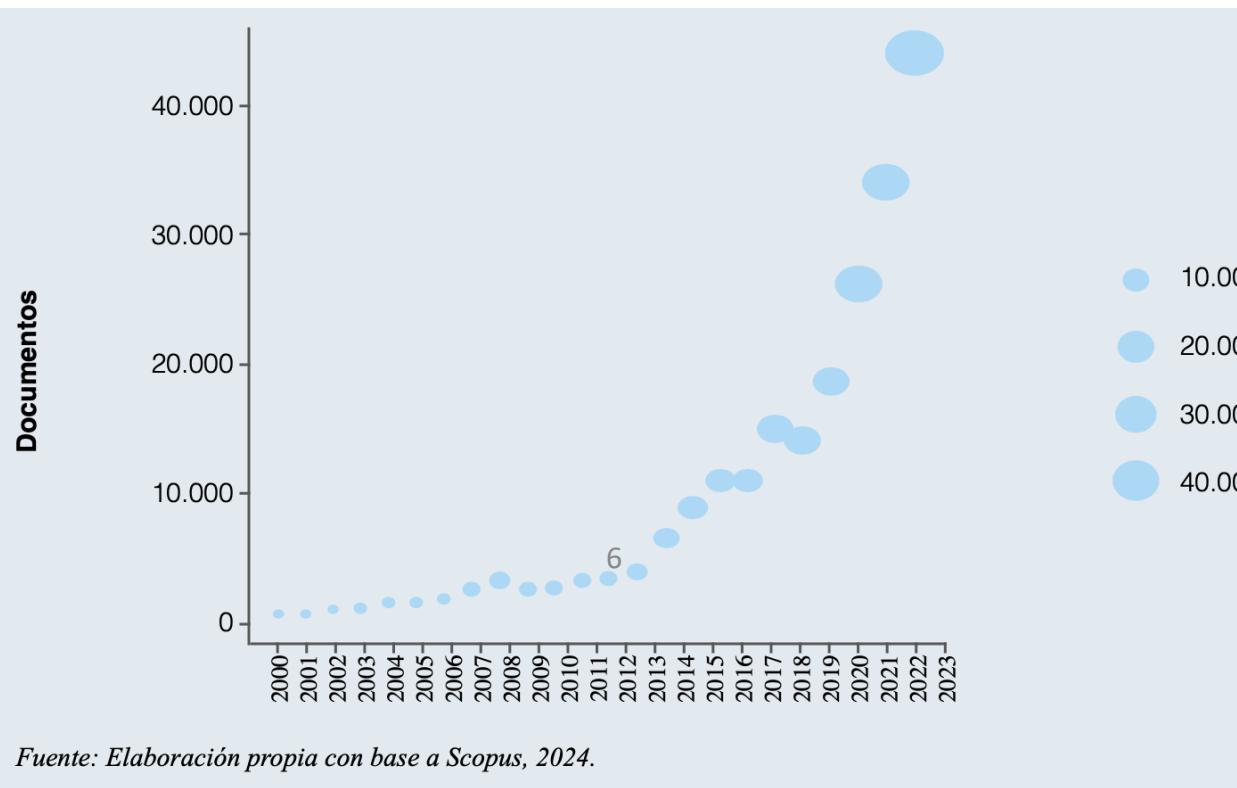
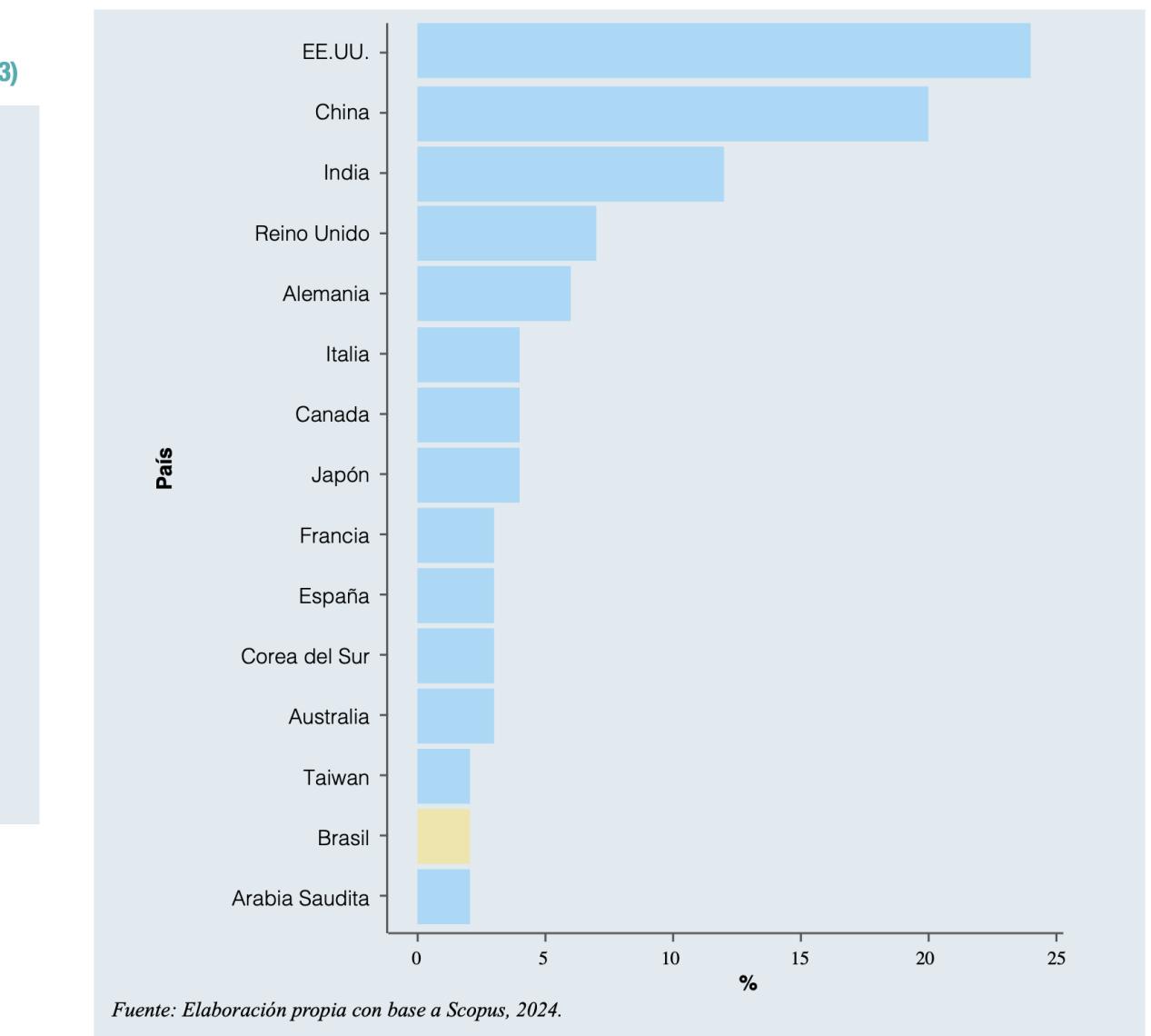


Figura 7.2. Porcentaje de trabajos relacionados con IA o aprendizaje automático de los principales 15 países según base de datos de Scopus (2000-2023)



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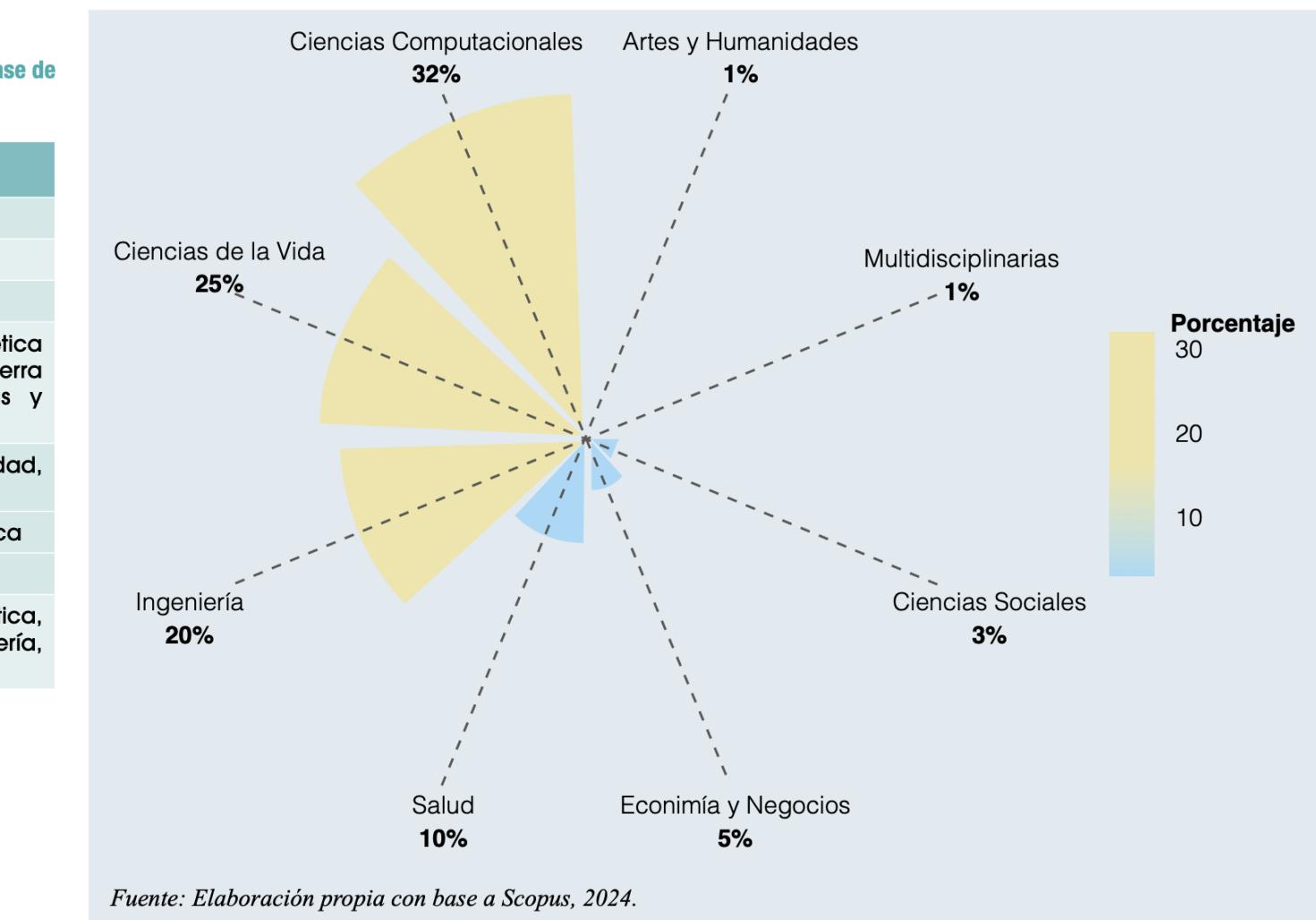
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Tabla 7.1. Áreas de conocimiento a nivel global relacionados con IA o aprendizaje automático según la base de datos de Scopus (2000-2023)

Área del saber	Tópicos incluidos según clasificación de Scopus
Artes y Humanidades	Artes y Humanidades
Ciencias Computacionales	Ciencias Computacionales
Ciencias Sociales	Ciencias Sociales
Ciencias de la Vida	Química, Matemáticas, Neurociencia, Bioquímica, Genética y Biología Molecular, Física y Astronomía, Ciencias de la Tierra y Planetarias, Ciencias Ambientales, Ciencias Agrícolas y Biológicas
Economía y Negocios	Ciencias de la Decisión, Negocios, Gestión y Contabilidad, Economía, Econometría y Finanzas
Ingeniería	Ingeniería, Ciencia de Materiales, Energía, Ingeniería Química
Multidisciplinarias	Multidisciplinarias
Salud	Salud, Medicina, Farmacología, Toxicología, Farmacéutica, Psicología, Inmunología y Microbiología, Enfermería, Odontología, Veterinaria

Fuente: Elaboración propia con base a Scopus, 2024.

Figura 7.3. Porcentaje de 8 distintas áreas del saber relacionados con los documentos publicados en IA aprendizaje automático según la base de datos de Scopus (2000 a 2023)



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Figura 7.4. Representación de los documentos publicados per capita relacionados con la IA o aprendizaje automático según la base de datos de Scopus (2000-2023) en los países de la región ALC

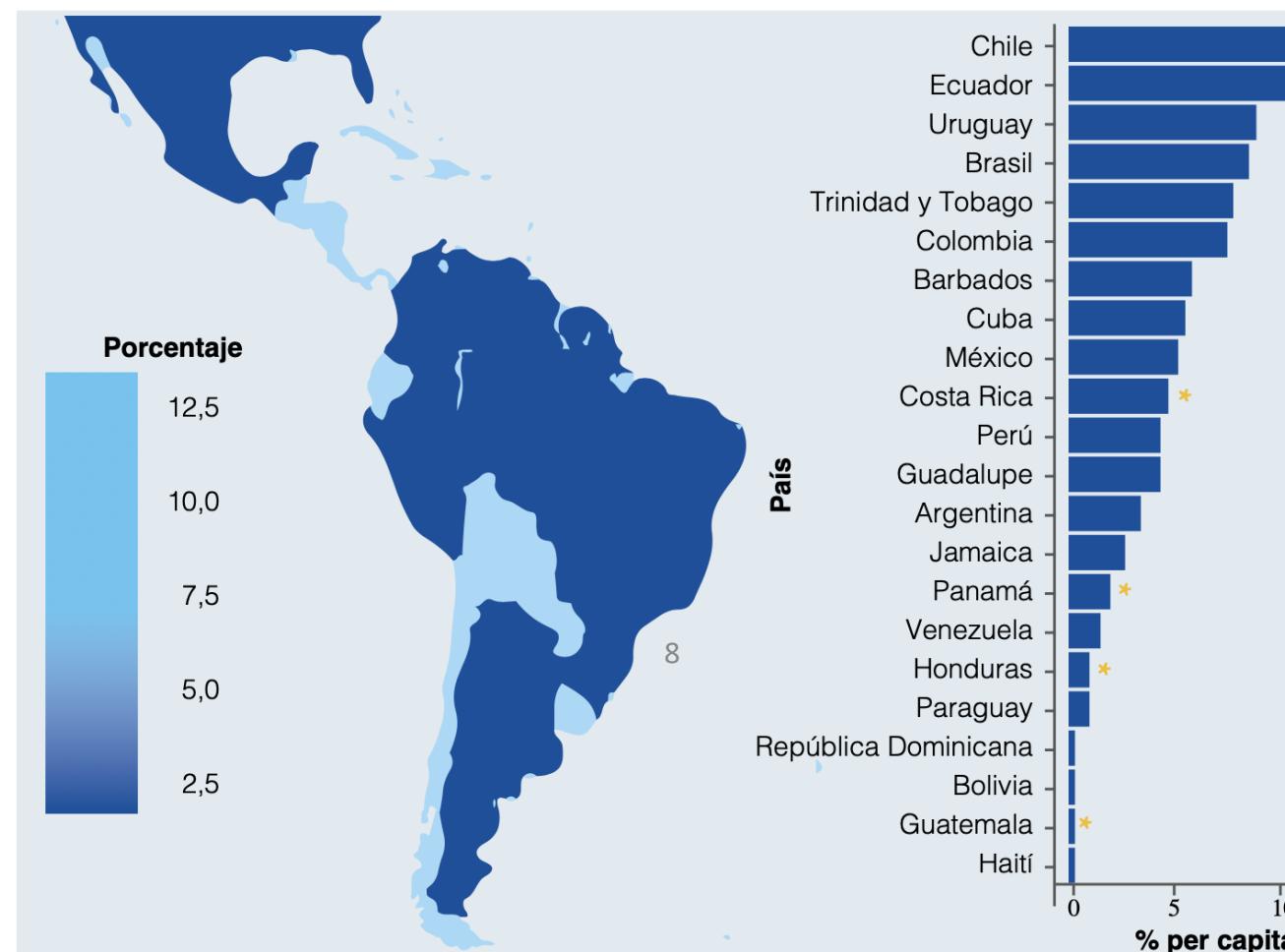
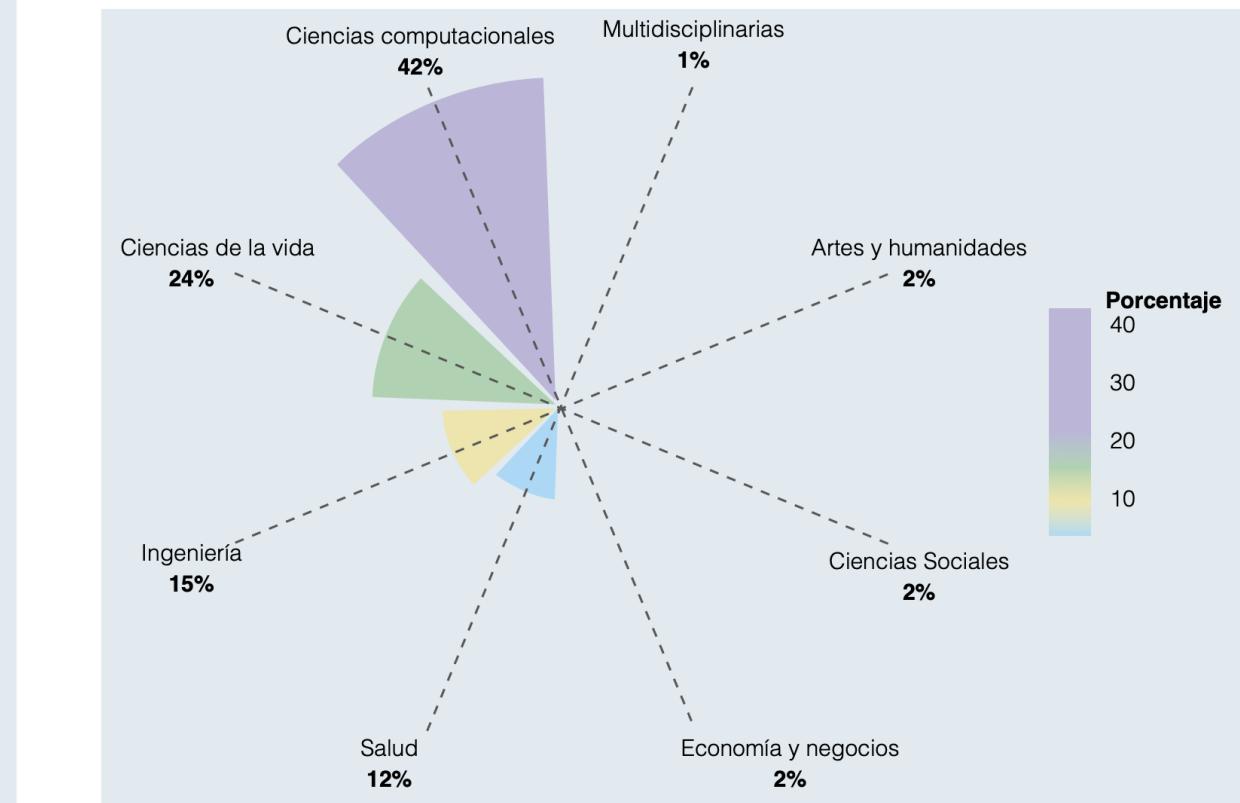


Figura 7.5. Porcentaje de 8 distintas áreas del saber relacionados con los documentos publicados en Costa Rica sobre IA o aprendizaje automático según la base de datos de Scopus (2000-2023)



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### Trends and challenges in chemoinformatics research in Latin America

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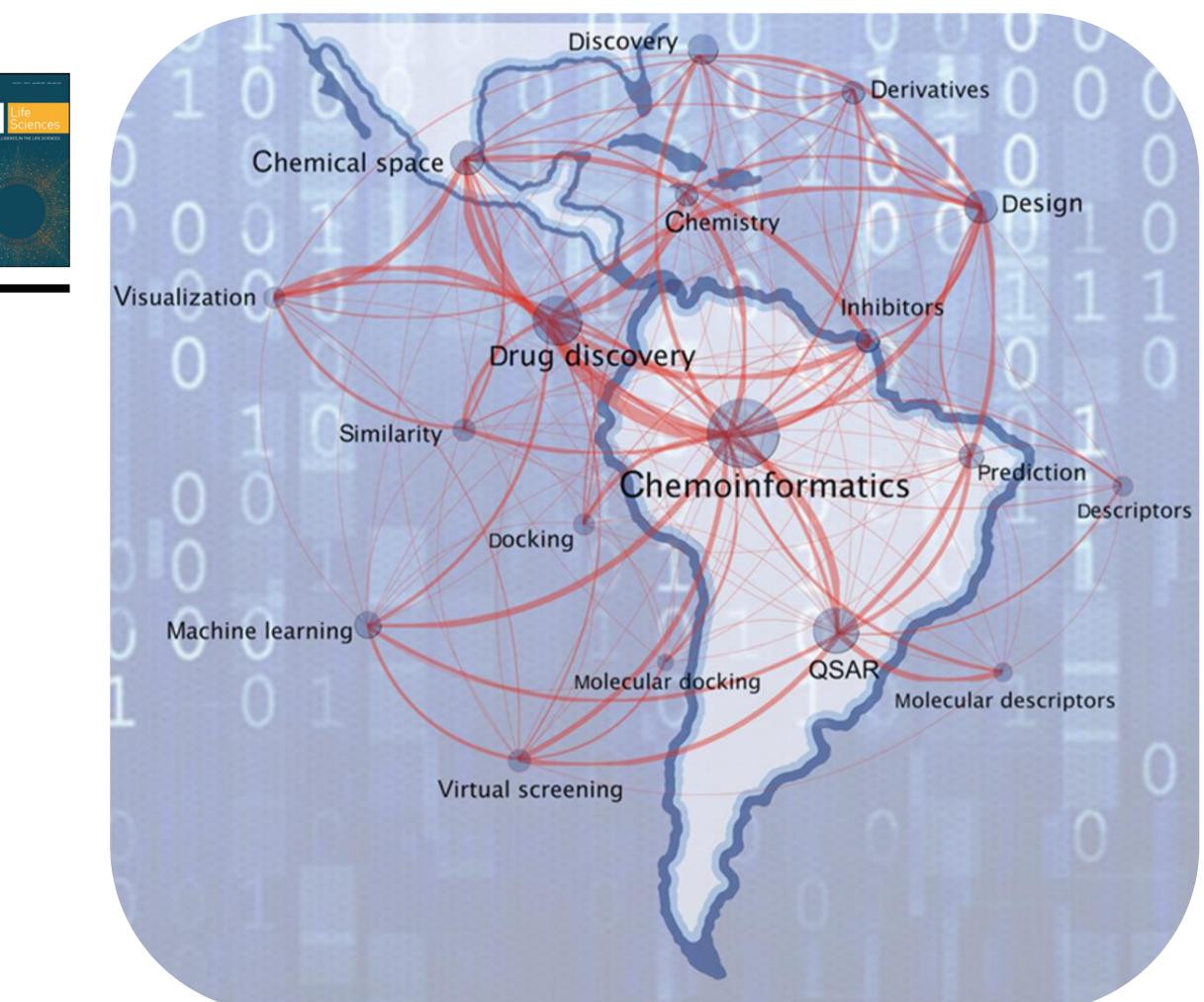
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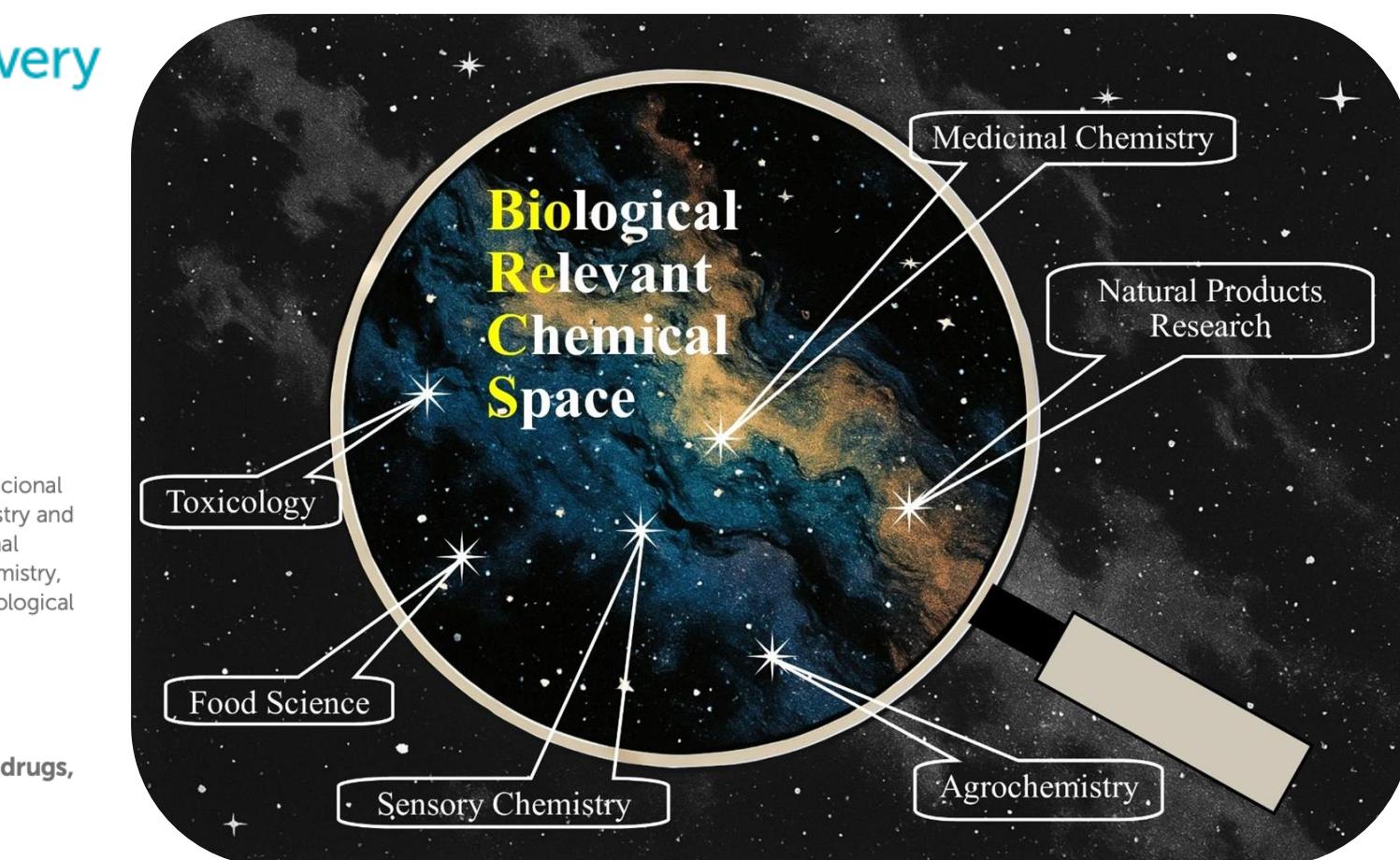
### On the biologically relevant chemical space: BioReCS

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KEYWORDS

chemoinformatics, dark chemical matter, de novo design, food chemicals, metallodrugs, natural products, odor chemicals, peptides



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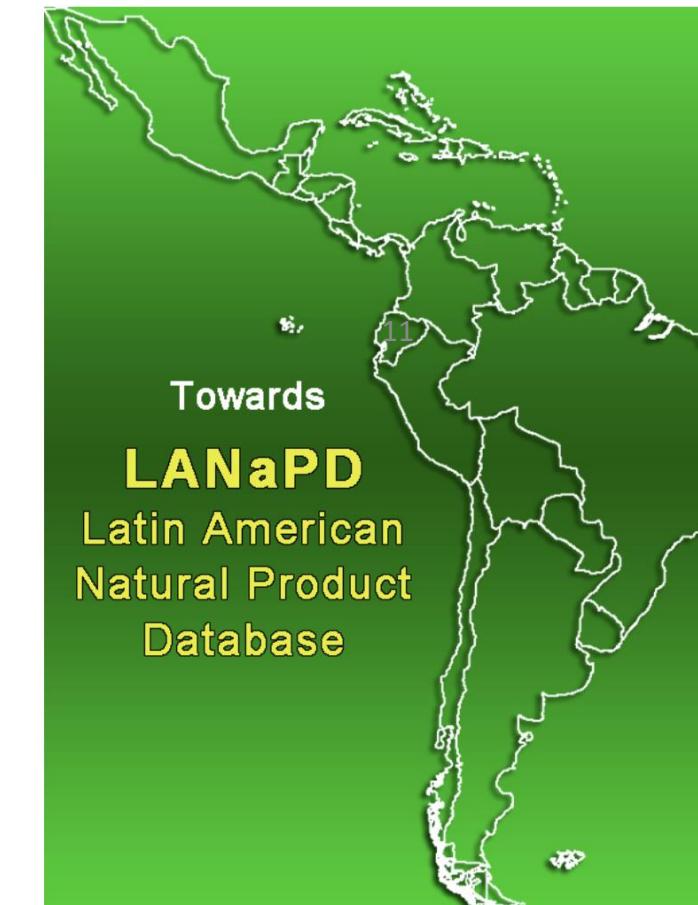
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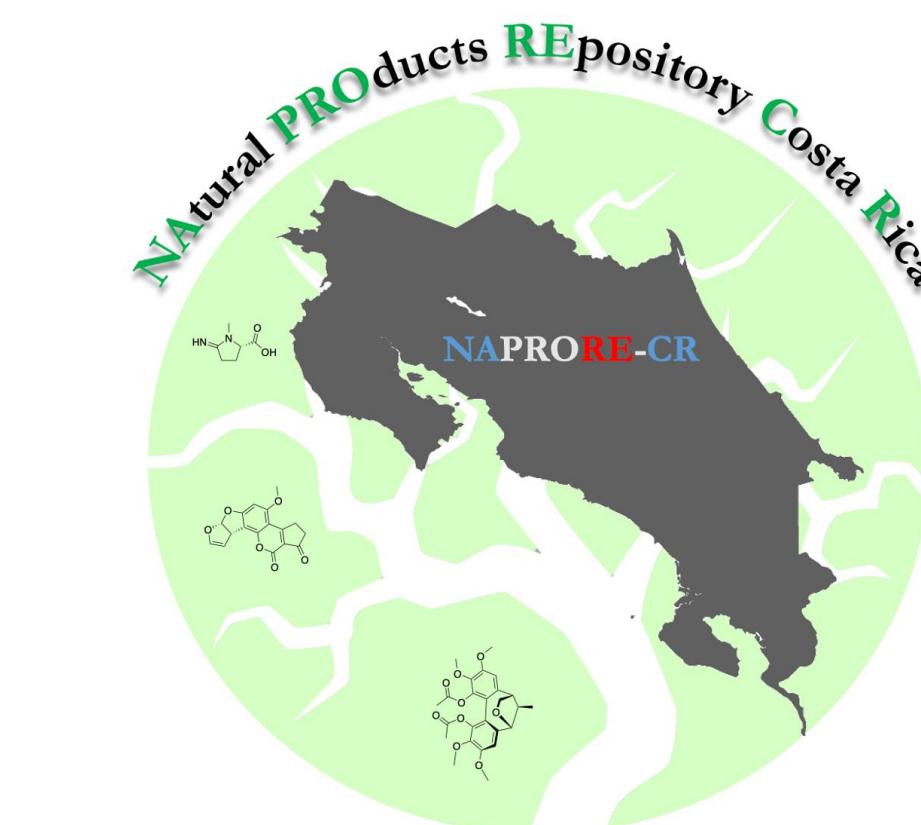
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### Natural Products Repository of Costa Rica (NAPRORE-CR): An Open-Access Database

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Daniel A. Acuña-Jiménez, Jose Rodríguez-Zúñiga, Daniela Gutiérrez-Ramírez, Ricardo Quesada-Grosso, Valery Conejo-López, Kelvin Arce-Villalobos, William J. Zamora,\* and José L. Medina-Franco\*



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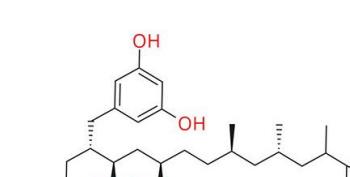
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Database	Number of compounds	Source	General description	References	
NuBBE <sub>DB</sub> (Brazil)	2223	plants, microorganisms, terrestrial and marine animals	Natural products of Brazilian biodiversity. Developed by the São Paulo State University and the University of São Paulo.	<sup>53,54</sup>	
SistematX (Brazil)	9514	plants	Database composed of secondary metabolites and developed at the Federal University of Paraíba.	<sup>55,56</sup>	
UEFS (Brazil)	503	plants	Natural products that have been separately published, but there is no common publication or public database for it. Developed at the State University of Feira de Santana.	<sup>57</sup>	
NPDB EjeCol (Colombia)	236	plants, plants-derived food	Natural products and foods derived from plants present in the Eje Cafetero Región of Colombia, database created and curated at the Technological University of Pereira.	<sup>25</sup>	
NAPRORE-CR (Costa Rica)	~1600	plants, microorganisms	Developed in the CBio3 and LaToxCIA Laboratories of the University of Costa Rica.	<sup>a</sup>	
LAIPNUDELSAV (El Salvador)	214	plants	Developed by the Research Laboratory in Natural Products of the University of El Salvador.	<sup>a</sup>	
UNIIQUIM (Mexico)	1112	plants	Natural products isolated and characterized at the Institute of Chemistry of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.	<sup>58</sup>	
BIOFACQUIM (Mexico)	750	plants, fungus <i>Propolis</i> , marine animals	Natural products isolated and characterized in Mexico at the School of Chemistry of the National Autonomous University of Mexico and other Mexican institutions.	<sup>59,60</sup>	
CIFPMA (Panama)	363	plants	Natural products that have been tested in over 25 in vitro and in vivo bioassays for 12 different therapeutic targets, developed at the University of Panama.	<sup>61,62</sup>	
PeruNPDB (Peru)	280	animals, plants	Natural products representative of Peruvian biodiversity. Created and curated at the Catholic University of Santa María.	<sup>63</sup>	

<sup>a</sup>The database has not been published yet.

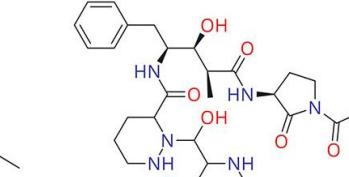


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**Baulamycin A**

*Streptomyces tempisqueensis*

In vitro activity against SbnE ( $IC_{50} = 4.8 \mu M$ ) and AsbA ( $IC_{50} = 180 \mu M$ )

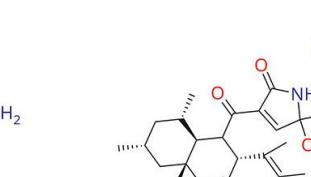


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**Actinoramide A**

*Streptomyces ballaeensis*

Antimalarial activity ( $EC_{50} = \sim 200 nM$ ) in five tested parasite lines (Dd2, HB3, 7G8, GB4, cp250)

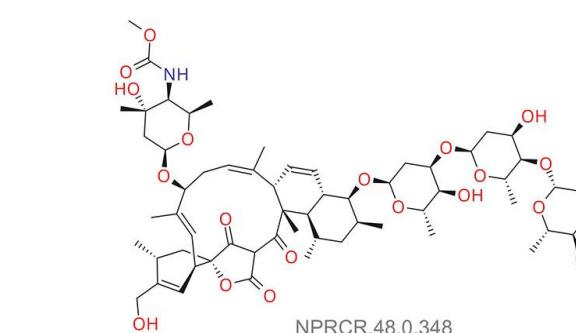


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**Codinaeopsin**

*Codinaeopsis* sp.

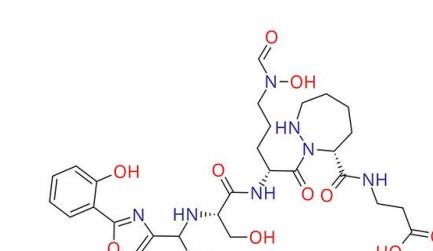
Antimalarial activity against *Plasmodium falciparum* ( $IC_{50} = 4.7 \mu M$ )



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**Lobophorin CR1**

Undefined marine/terrestrial microorganisms  
Inhibitor of OSCC cell lines UMSCC1 and UMSCC14 A growth (1.25-80  $\mu M$ )



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**Cahuitamycin C**

*Streptomyces gandocaensis*

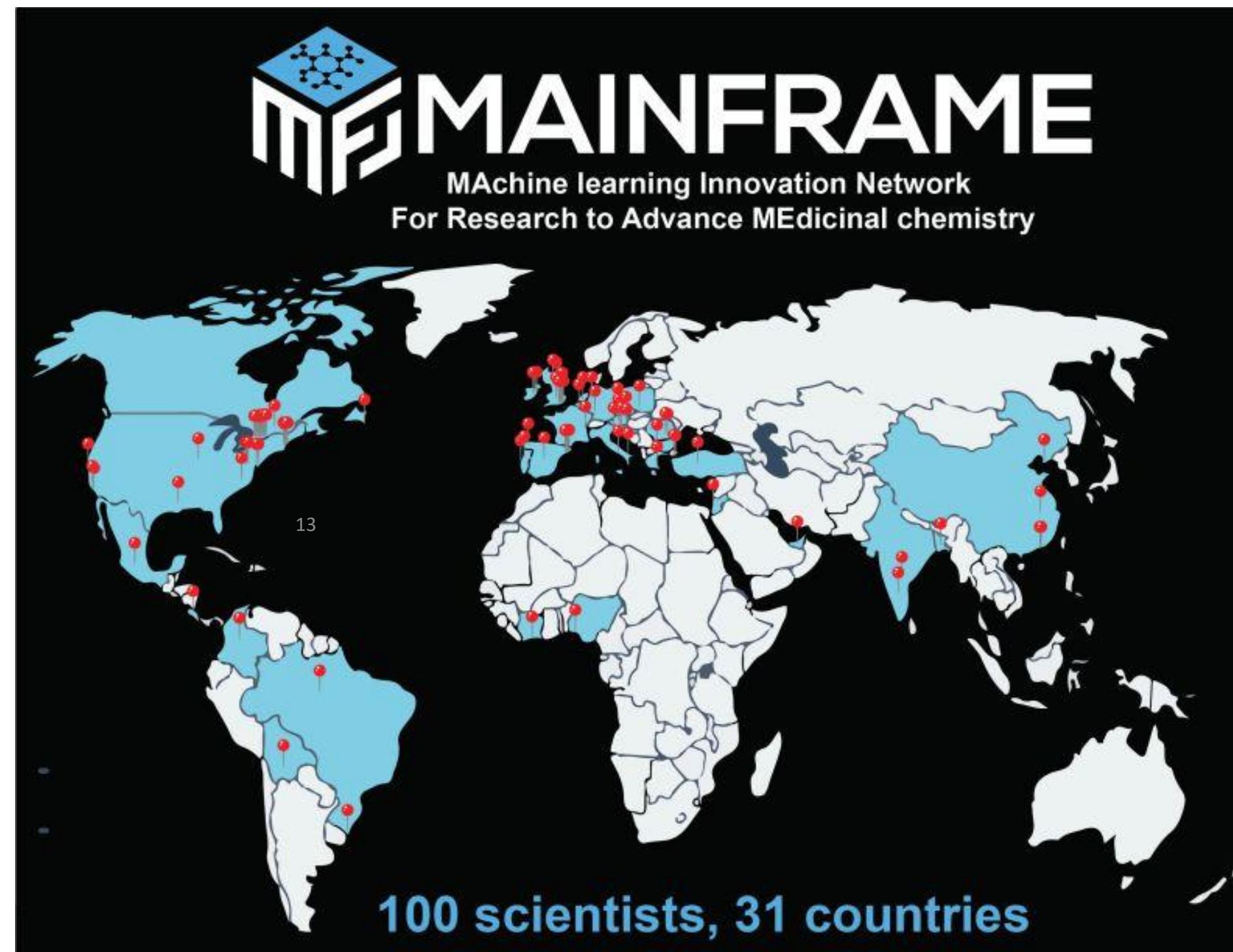
*Acinetobacter baumannii* biofilm inhibitor ( $IC_{50} = 14.5 \mu M$ )

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> \$6M en Fondos para el Programa



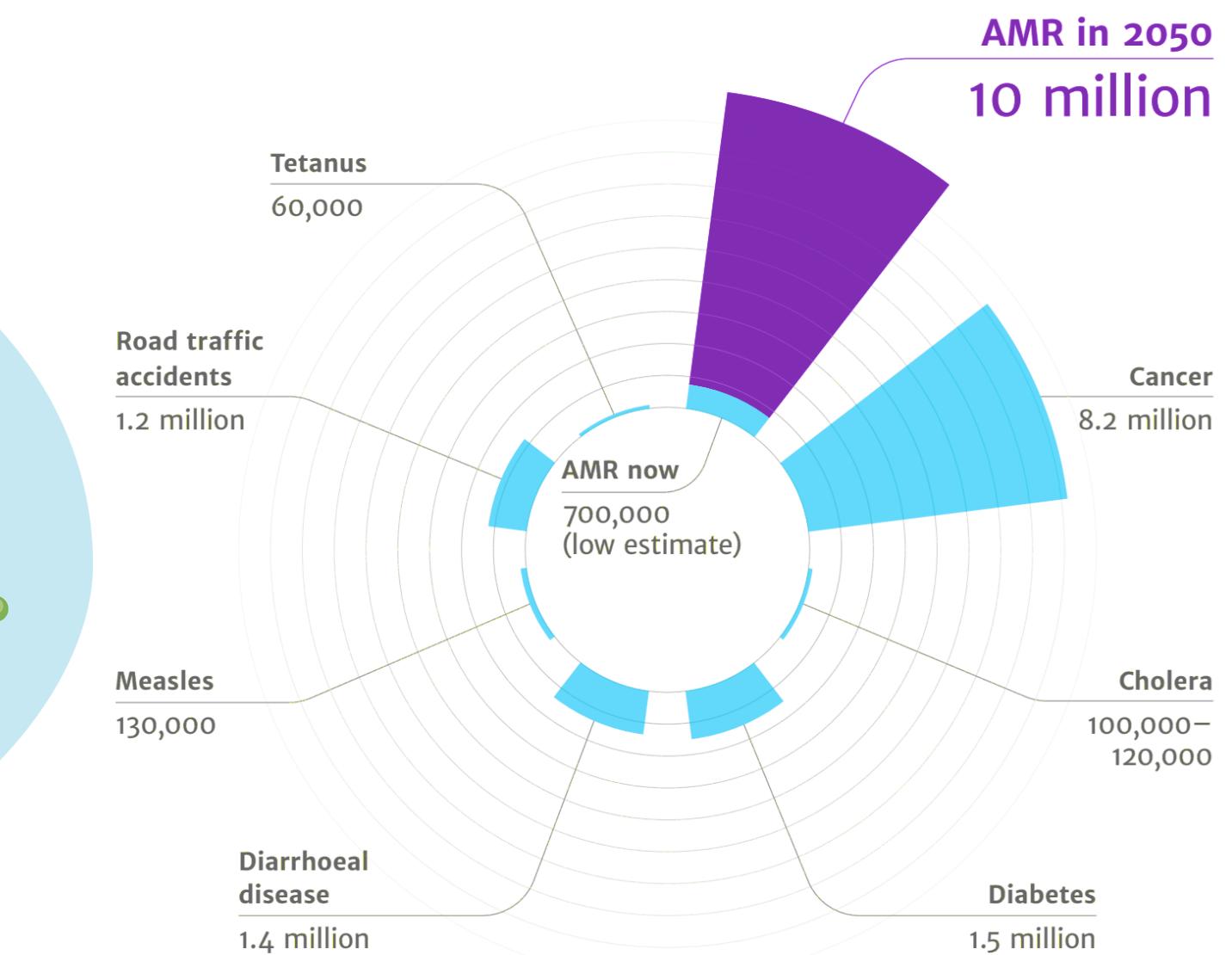
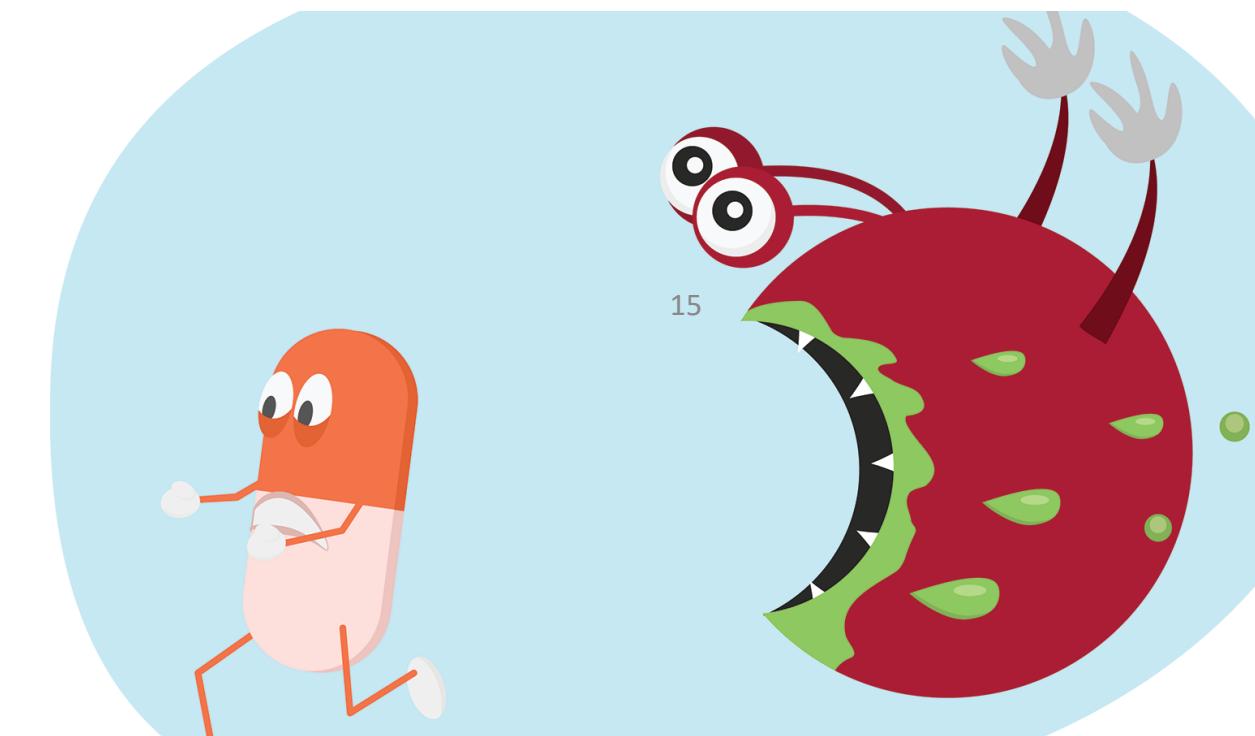
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> Resistencia Antimicrobiana (AMR)



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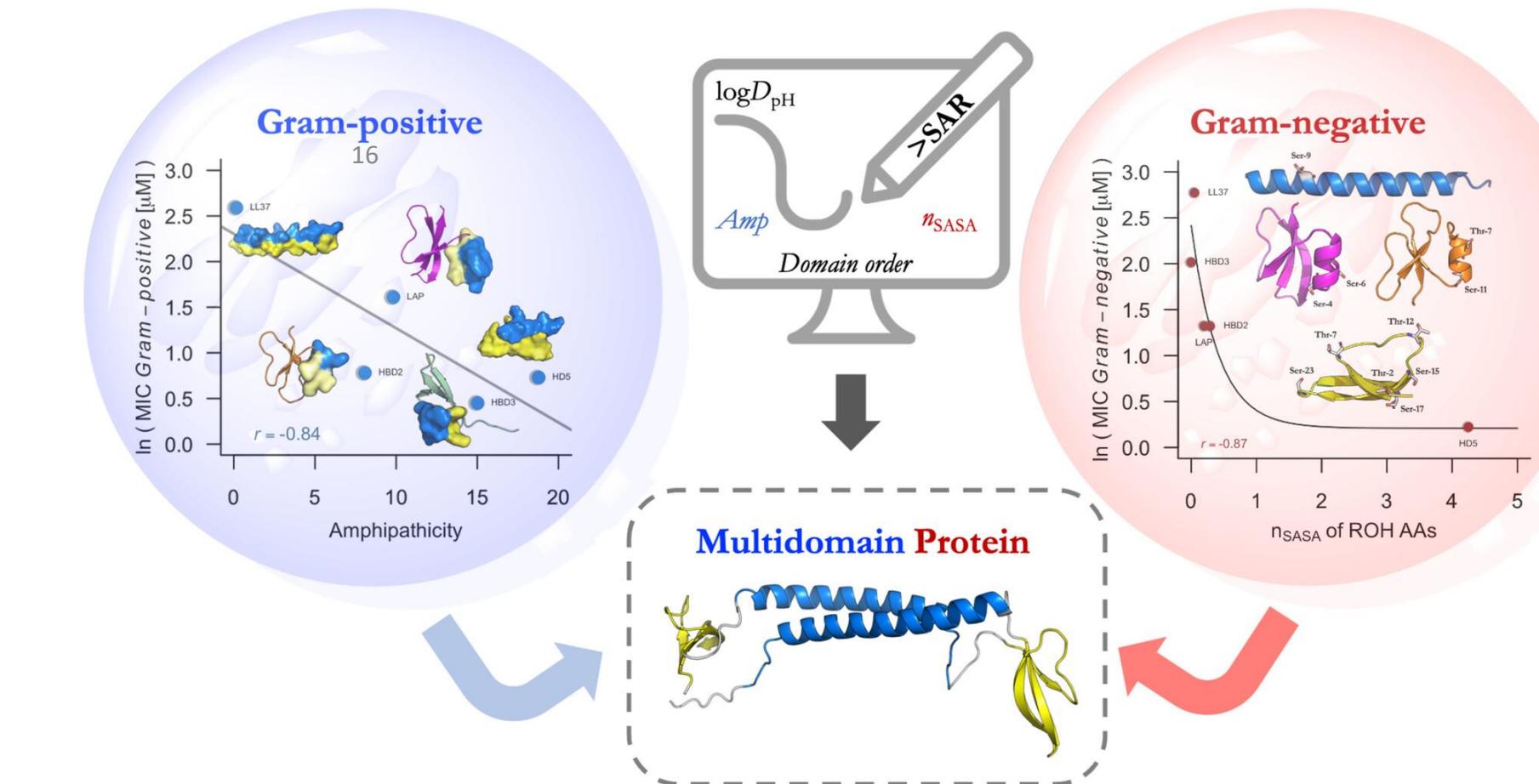
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### Structure–Antimicrobial Activity Relationships of Recombinant Host Defence Peptides Against Drug-Resistant Bacteria

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## Toxicología Computacional

### The 3 R's of Animal Research

#### Reduce



Reduce the number of animals used

#### Refine



Refine tests to cause animals less stress

#### Replace



Replace animal studies with other methods

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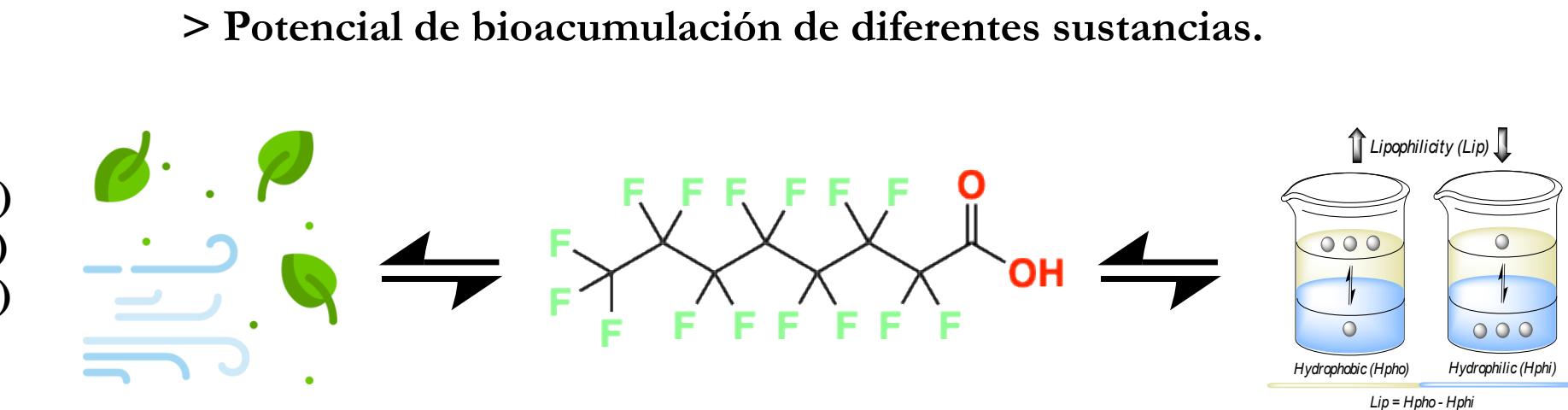
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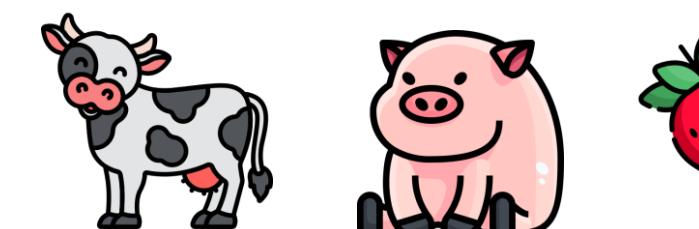
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- Factor Bio-accumulación (BAF)
- Factor Biomagnificación (BMF)



"Air"

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"n-octanol"

$$\log P_{o/w}$$



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**NOTICIAS**

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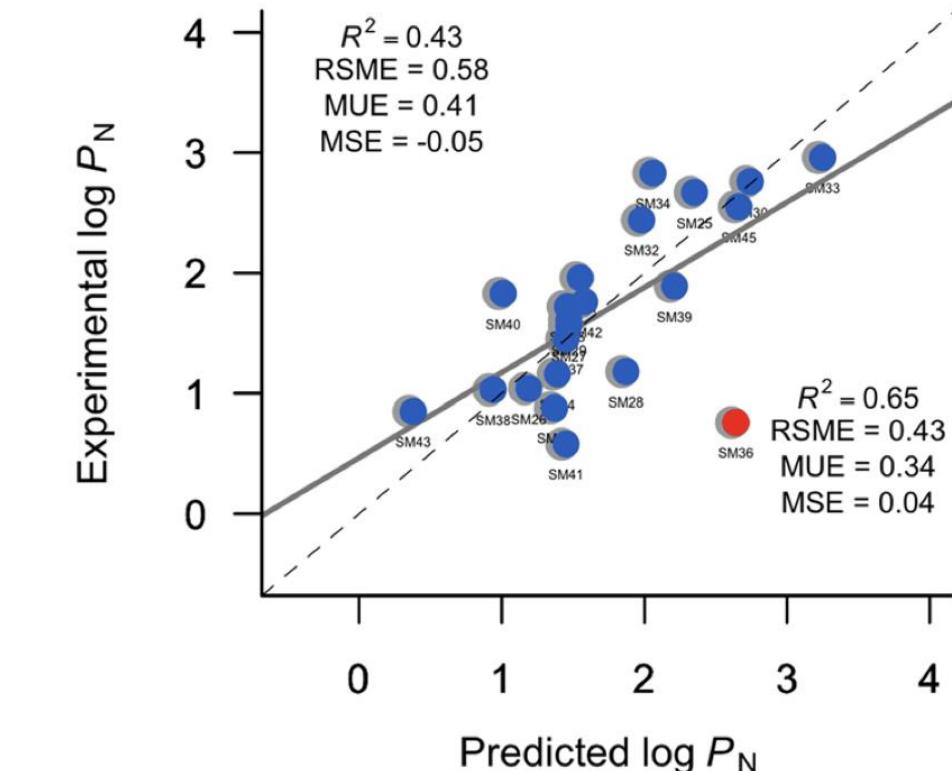
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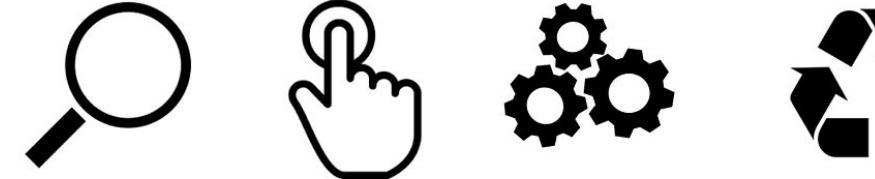


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## Toxicología Computacional

Findable Acessible Interoperable Reusable



Koala: A FAIR ML model to predict KoA

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### Koala

This model will help you predict the octanol/air partition coefficient ( $\log K_{O/A}$ ) in organic molecules.

1. Tools instalation

The following blocks install the required tools and libraries to calculate the descriptors for the prediction models.

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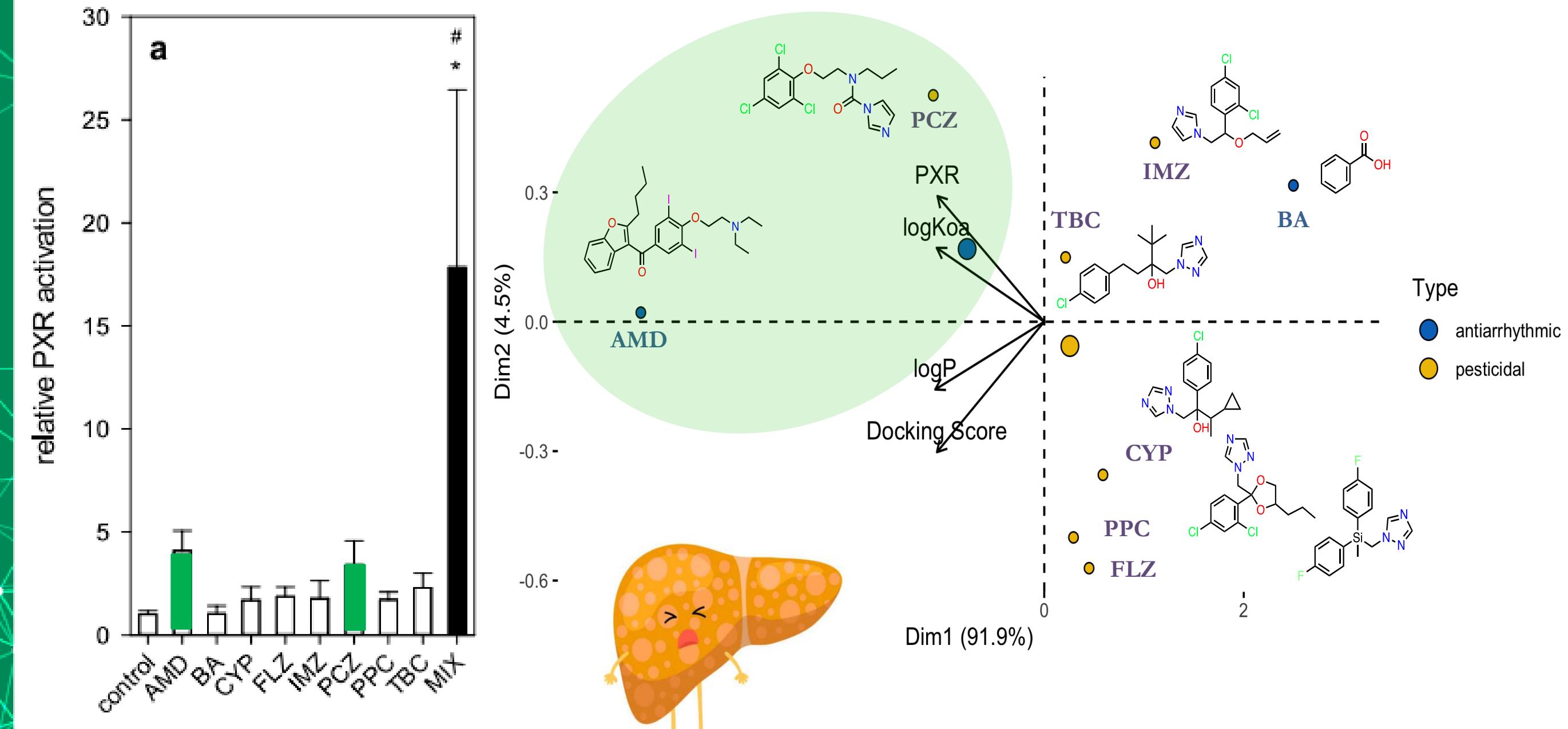


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