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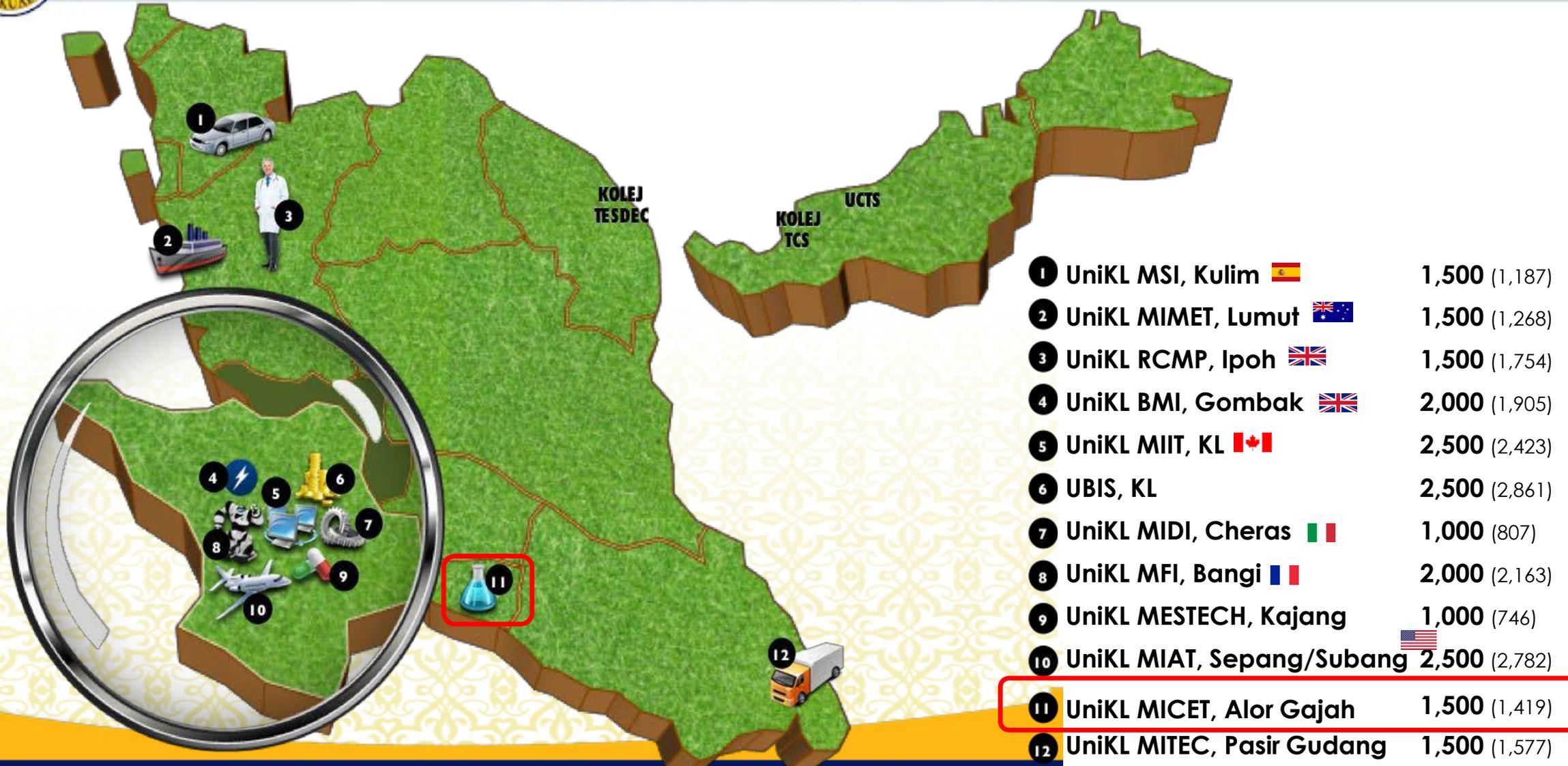
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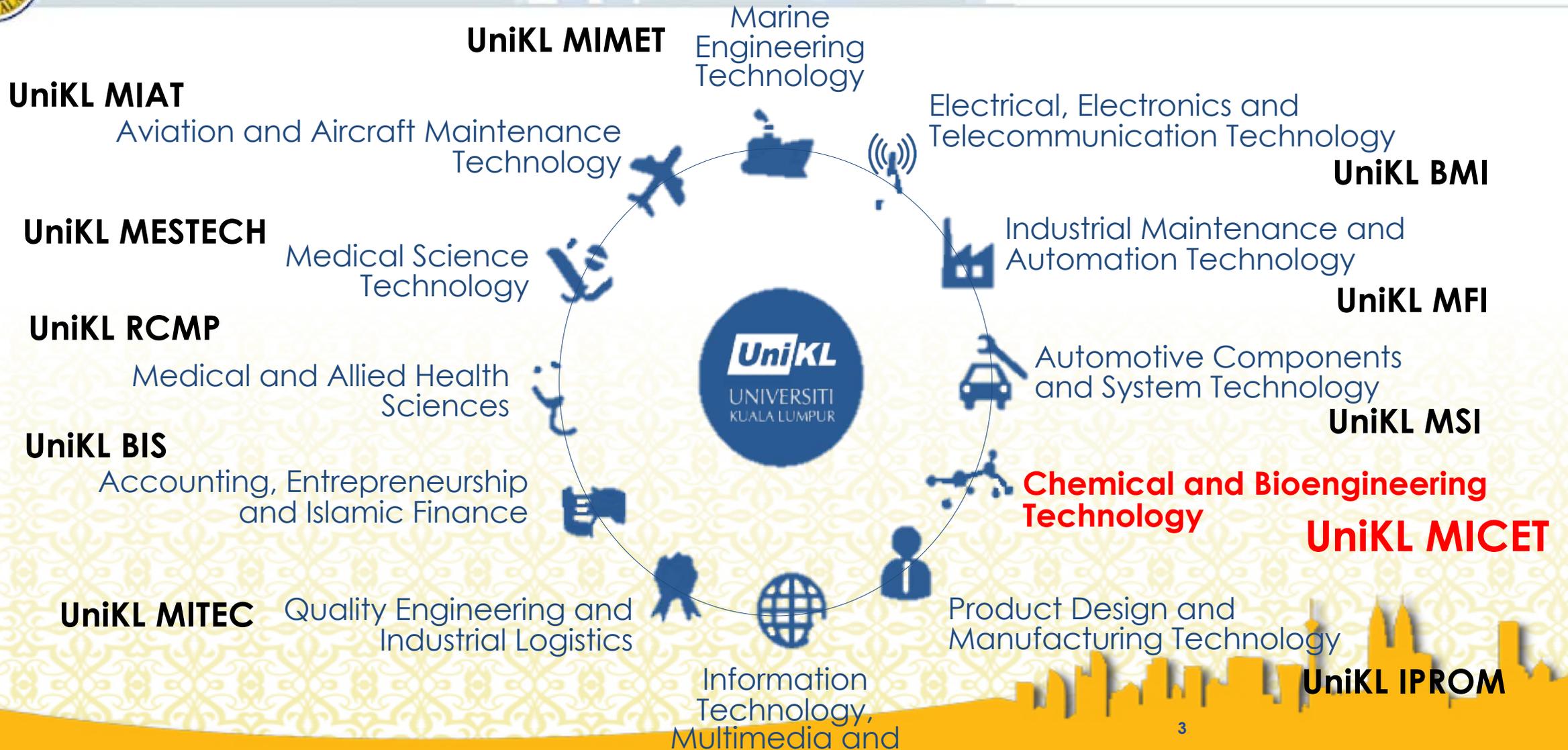
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# UniKL Physical Footprint

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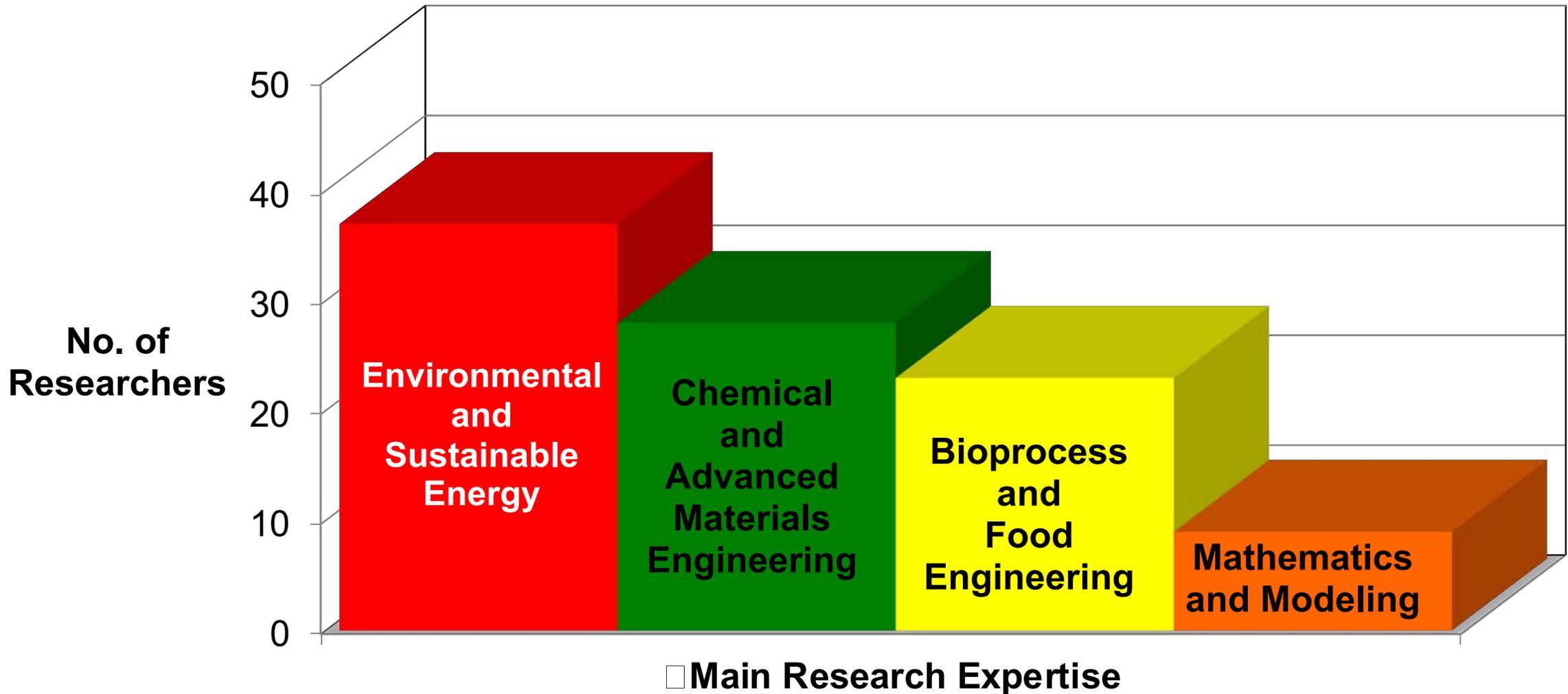
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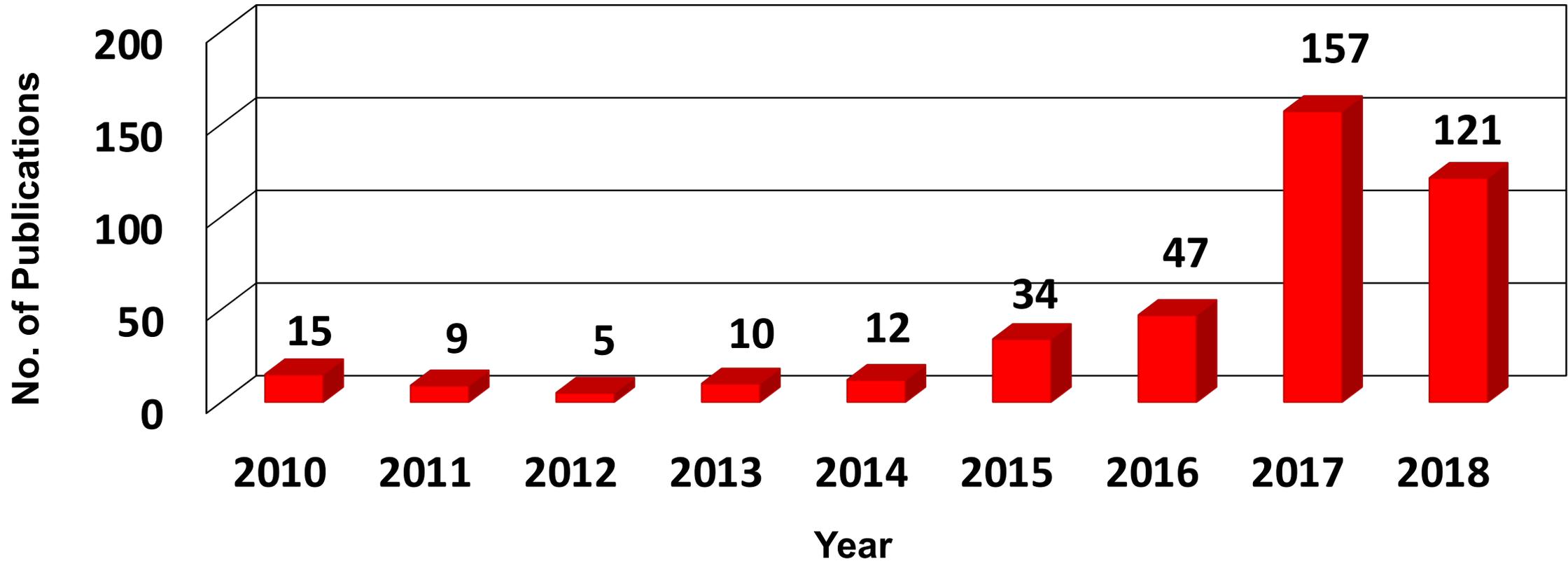


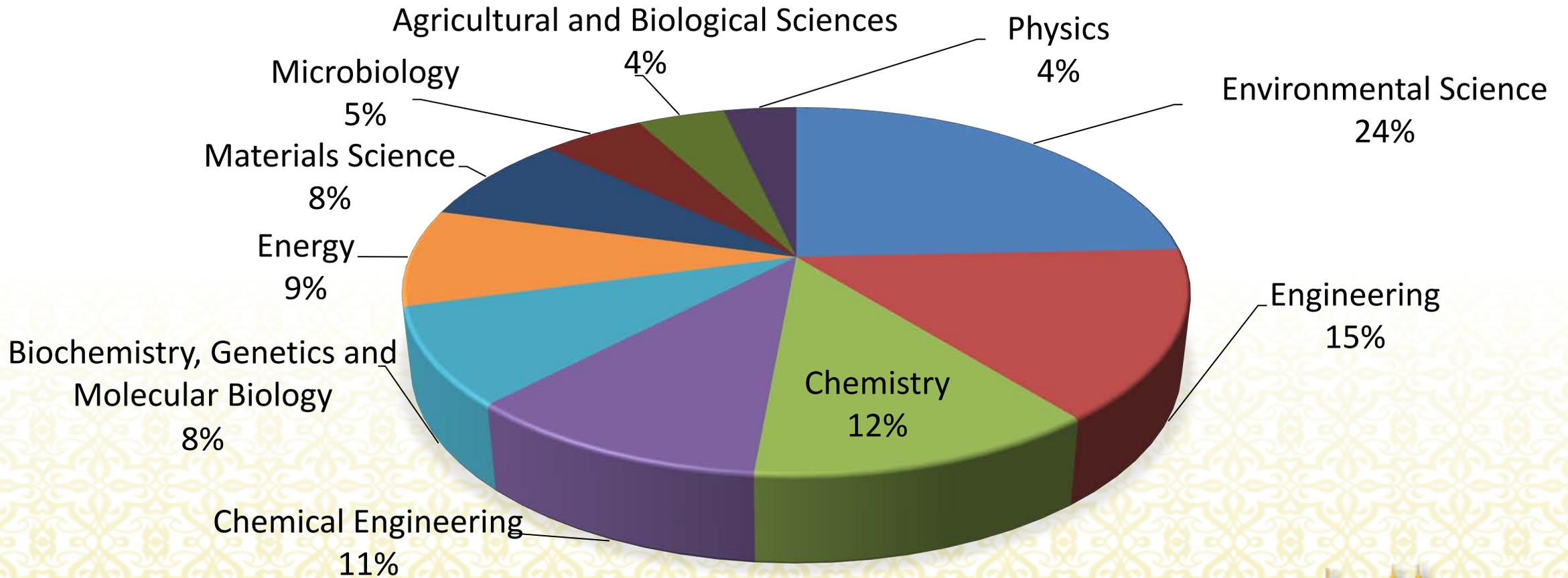
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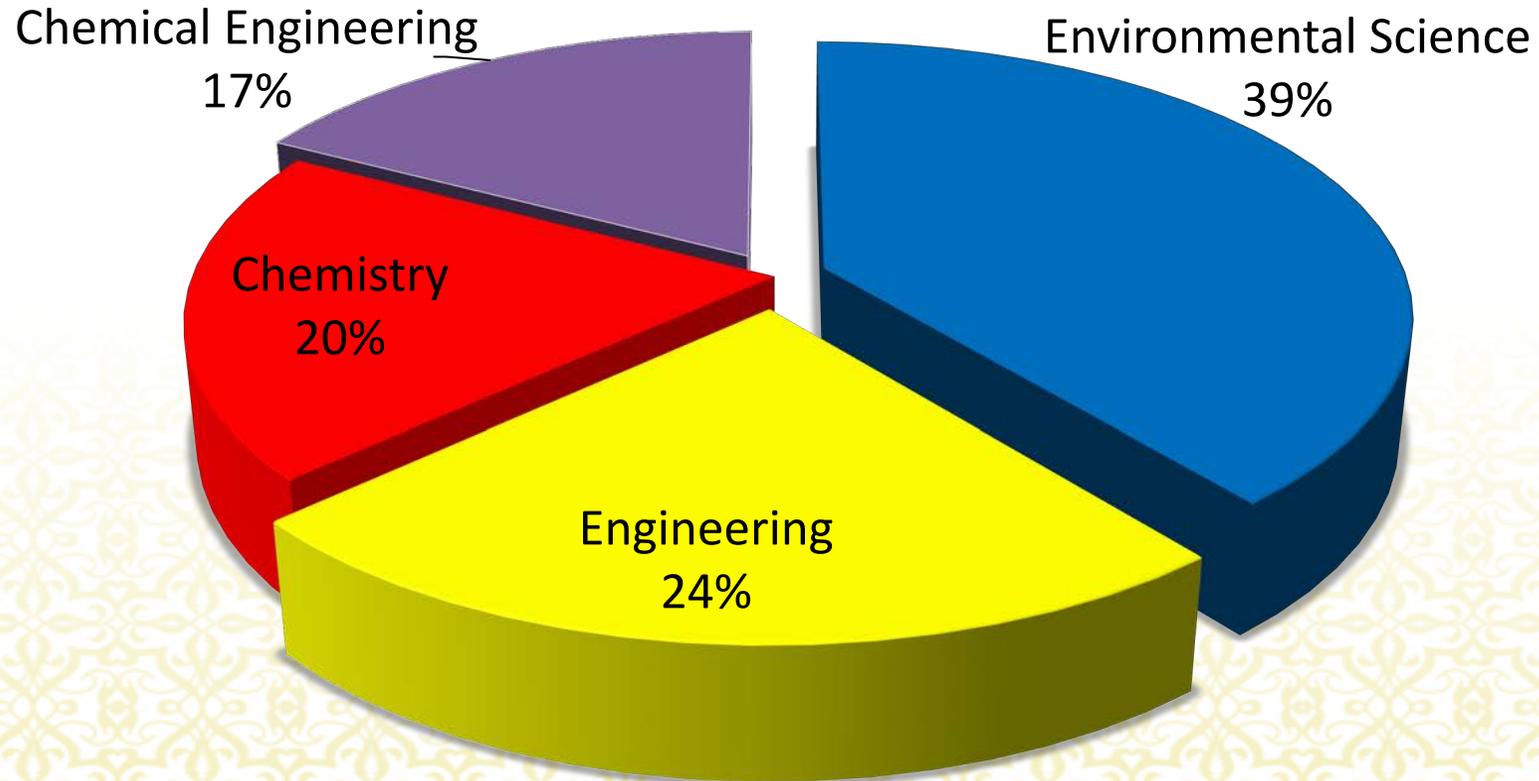




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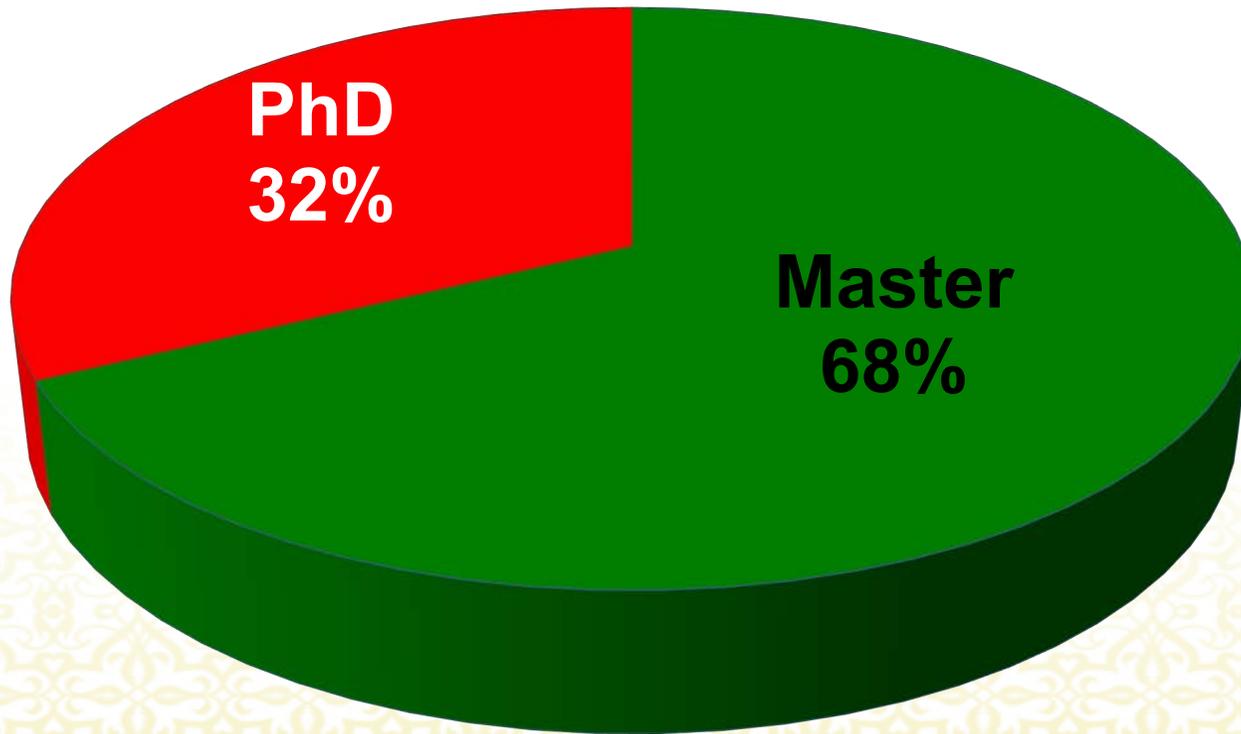
# Research Grants



YEAR	AMOUNT (RM)
2015	313K
2016	390K
2017	796K
2018	1047K

Grants  
SGPIM  
STRG  
FRGS  
PPRN

MTSF  
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Masters	66 students
PhD	30 students

### Program Offered:

1. Master of Engineering Technology (Chemical Engineering)
2. PhD in Engineering Technology (Chemical Engineering)



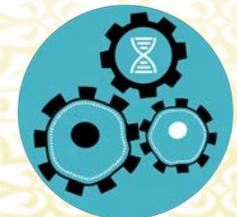
## GREEN CHEMISTRY

**33 SCOPUS PUBLICATIONS | TOTAL GRANTS: RM162,500**



## BIOMATERIALS

**30 SCOPUS PUBLICATIONS | TOTAL GRANTS: RM59,960**



## BIDENGINEERING

**27 SCOPUS PUBLICATIONS | TOTAL GRANTS: RM101,000**



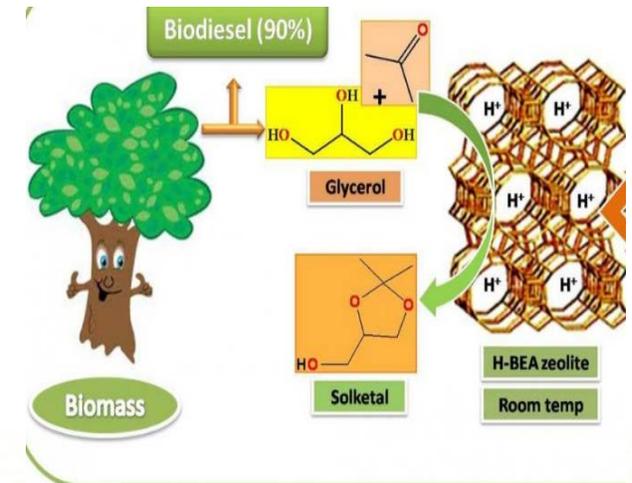
Conduct innovative research following to the **GREEN CHEMISTRY** concept related to the Malaysian industrial demand and by complying with the guidelines of the Department of Environment (DoE), Malaysia legislation to reduce

- Waste generation,
- Wastewater generation
- Minimize the used chemical
- Hazard
- Cost

- ✓ Using Renewable Materials
- ✓ Utilizing Green Technology
- ✓ Reuse/Recycle of the Chemicals



1. Environmentally benign chemical synthesis and processes:  
Green catalysis, green solvents and reagents, synthetic methods etc.
2. Green energy from renewable resources:  
biofuel, bio-hydrogen, bio-diesel production from agricultural biomass, food waste and agro-industrial biomass.
3. Green chemical engineering processes:  
bio-sensor, waste minimization, efficient separation processes, wastewater treatment.
4. Green technologies for environmental sustainability:  
hazardous waste and harmful chemicals treatment, pollution prevention, environmental redemption, zero waste technology.





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# Collaborations (Polymer)

<b>PARTNER</b>	<b>TYPE OF COLLABORATION</b>	<b>EXPIRY DATE</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Ansell	University-Industry Linkages	Jul-21	NDA
Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council	University-Industry Linkages	Sep-20	MoA (PGRT)
Malaysian Rubber Board	Human Capital Development (Training/Education) R&D, Consultancy & Commercialization	Feb-22	NDA (PhD & FYP)
Kilang Sawit Meru, Klang	Research Collaboration	-	Collecting samples for research
Tan Sin Lian Industries Sdn Bhd	Research Collaboration	-	Collecting samples for research
JPS Partners/ RICS Sdn. Bhd.	Research Collaboration	-	FYP



# Analysis on Cure Behaviour via Arrhenius Equation

## Findings on Effect of Carbon Black Structure

Carbon Black	N326 (Low Structure)	N330 (Medium Structure)	N339 (High Structure)
$t_{90}$ (minutes)	8.37	8.98	9.85
$t_{s2}$ (minutes)	2.22	2.06	2.40
TS (MPa)	17.64	18.75	19.61
EB (%)	1702.56	1505.69	1455.02
M100 (MPa)	0.80	0.86	0.89
M300 (MPa)	1.90	2.13	2.40
Hardness (Shore A)	51.9	53.9	54.7
Abrasion Resistance (% wt loss)	0.43	0.26	0.23

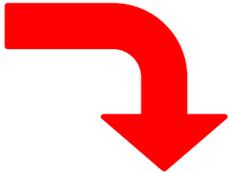
Carbon black structure affects  $t_{s2}$  &  $t_{90}$

No data on correlation of carbon black structure on the optimum cure time

**Potential research:**  
Effect of Carbon Black Structure on the Cure Behaviour of Filled NR Vulcanizates via Arrhenius Equation



## Findings on Modified Natural Rubber (Uncured)



Newsletter of the Rubber Foundation Information Center for Natural Rubber

## Special on the Future Replacement of Synthetic Rubber by Modified Natural Rubber

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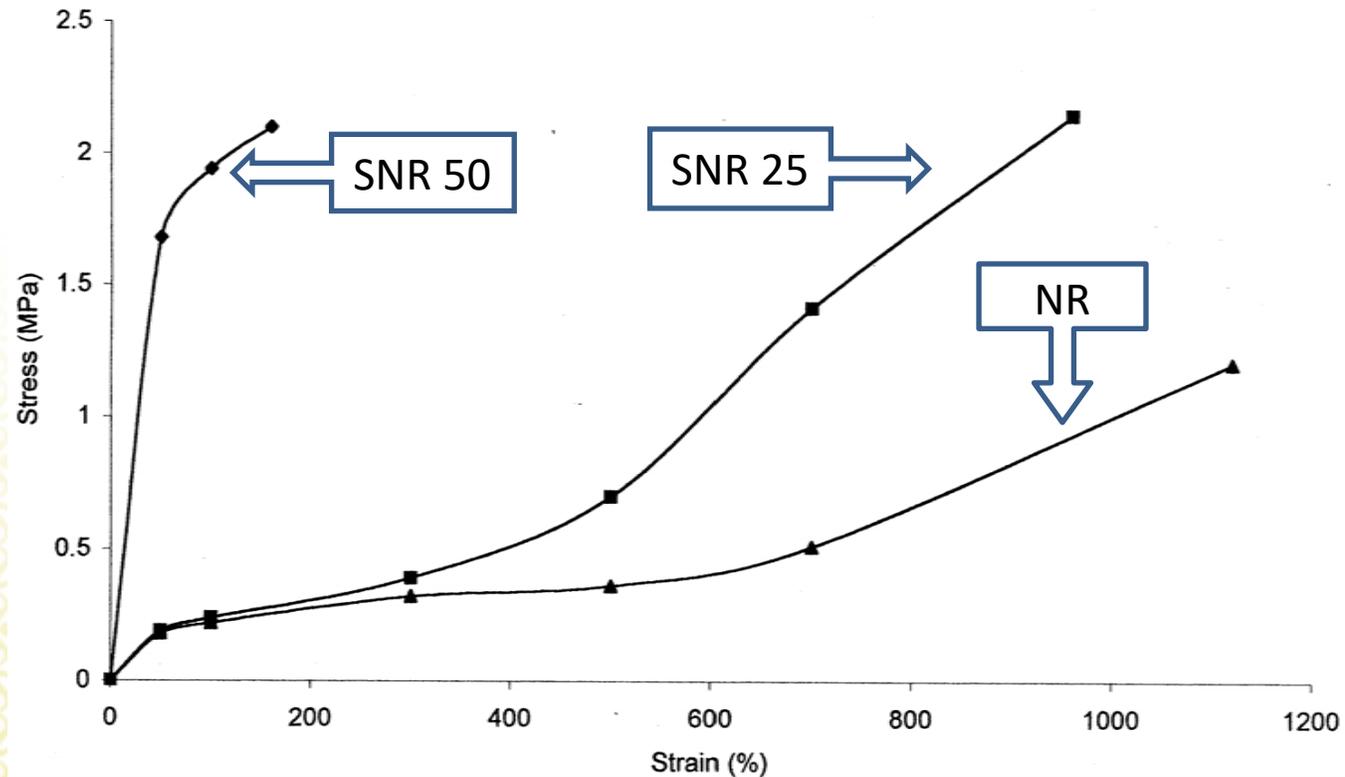
	SNR 25	SNR 50	NR
Styrene: Rubber (wt)	25: 75	50: 50	N/A
Actual of PS grafted (wt)	20.0	13.2	N/A
PS grafted: rubber (mole)	0.19: 1.10 (1.0: 5.7)	0.09: 0.74 (1.0: 5.9)	N/A
Tg of NR (°C)	-63.5	-61.5	-64.3
Tg of PS (°C)	106	91.5	N/A
Intermediate Tg (°C)	65.5	-	N/A
M100 (MPa)	0.25	1.94	0.24
M300 (MPa)	0.40	-	0.32
TS (MPa)	2.14	2.10	1.20
EB (%)	980	160	1120



## Findings on Modified Natural Rubber (Gum Vulcanizates)

	SNR 25	SNR 50	NR
$t_{s2}$ (min)	11.1	13	10.2
$t_{90}$ (min)	17	19	15.5
$T_{max} - T_{min}$ (dNm)	4.6	3.2	4.9
M100 (MPa)	0.9	7.2	0.5
M300 (MPa)	3.1	-	1.1
TS (MPa)	18.1	8.6	18.3
EB (%)	780	160	1090
Tear Strength (kgf/cm)	23.9	61.3	34.7

Recipe: 100 phr rubber; 5.0 phr Zinc Oxide; 2.0 phr stearic acid; 2.0 phr IPPD; 1.5 phr MBTS; 1.5 phr Sulphur





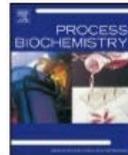
Findings on Water treatment using Natural Coagulant

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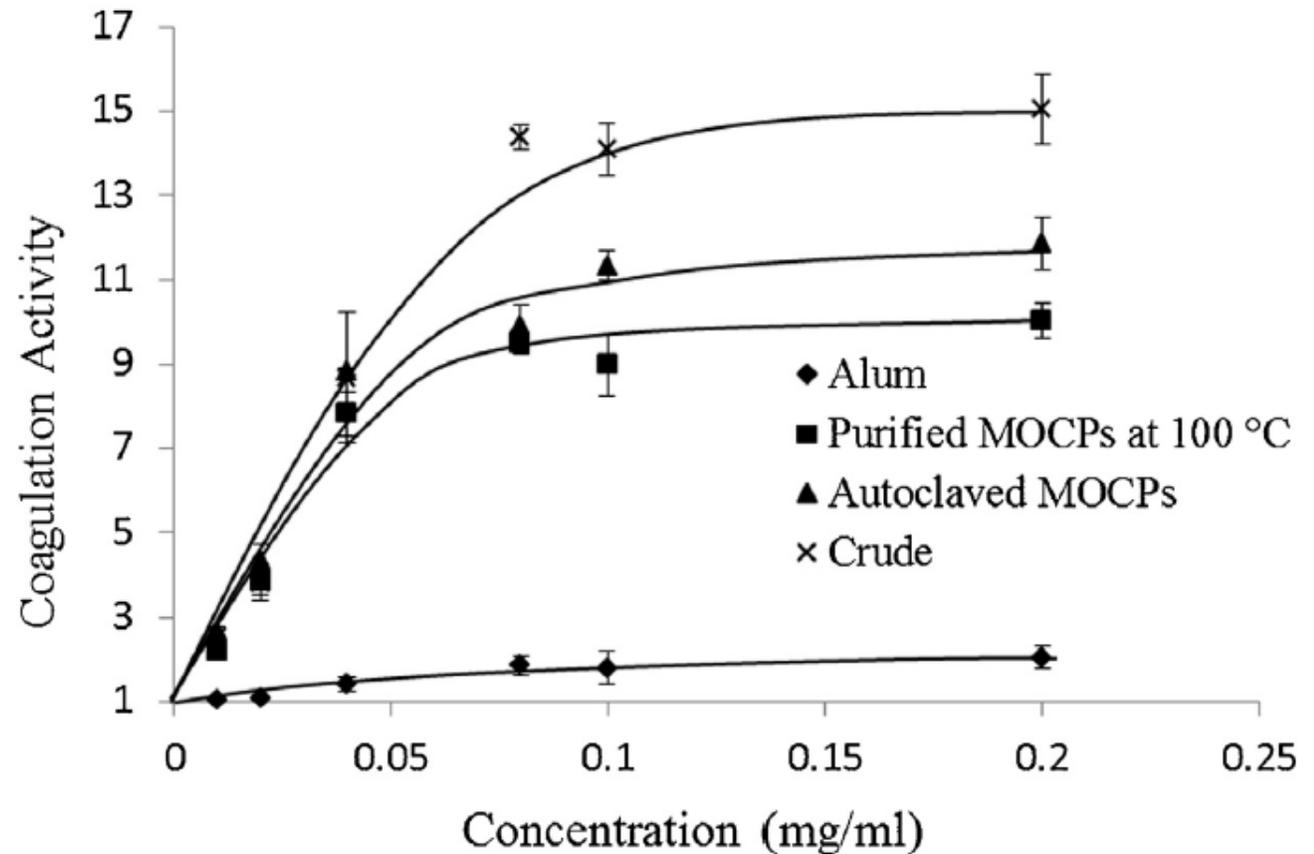
A simplified method for the purification of an intrinsically disordered coagulant protein from defatted *Moringa oleifera* seeds

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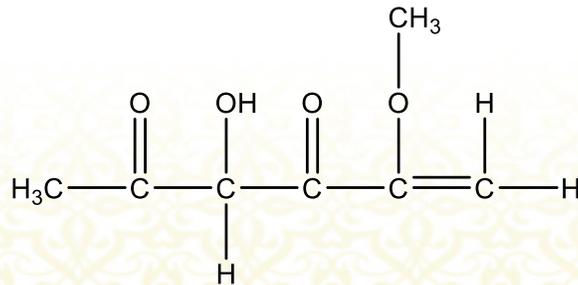


Tong et al. (2017)  
Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology

- A novel compound isolated from the leaf of medicinal herb *Orthosiphon stamineus* Benth.
- Exhibited significant antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activity.



*Diaporthe* sp. ED2



**PHOMOPSIDIONE**

(5-hydroxy-5-methoxyhex-5-ene-2,4-dione)

*C. albicans*



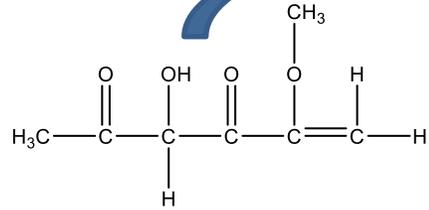
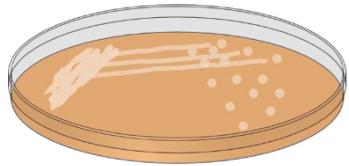
Formation of clear zone indicates inhibition of bacterial growth.

**TABLE 1:** Inhibitory activity of phomopsidione on clinical isolate of *C. albicans*.

Test substance	Antimicrobial efficiency on <i>C. albicans</i>		
	Diameter of clear zone (mm)	MIC (µg/ml)	MFC (µg/ml)
Phomopsidione	14.7 ± 0.8	3.1	12.5
Fluconazole	9.4 ± 0.6	25	50
Voriconazole	14.2 ± 0.6	12.5	25



# Phomopsidione inhibits Gram negative bacteria



Phomopsidione

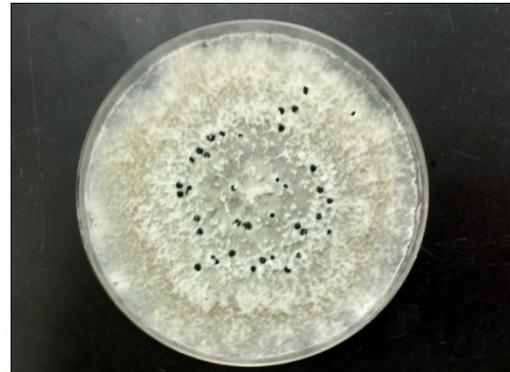
Extensively drug resistant (XDR)  
*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* from cystic fibrosis patient

## OUR FINDINGS:

- The compound also exhibited significant antimicrobial activity on several Gram negative bacteria such as *Klebsiella*, *Escherichia*, *Pseudomonas* and *Acinetobacter*.
- Phomopsidione has low toxicity (50% lethal dose [LD<sub>50</sub>] of 1,611 mg/kg of body weight/day).

Test Compound	Minimal inhibitory concentration (µg/ml)	Minimal bactericidal concentration (µg/ml)
Phomopsidione	25	50
Polymyxin E	15	35
Gentamicin		Resistant
Piperacillin		Resistant
Ticarcilin		Resistant

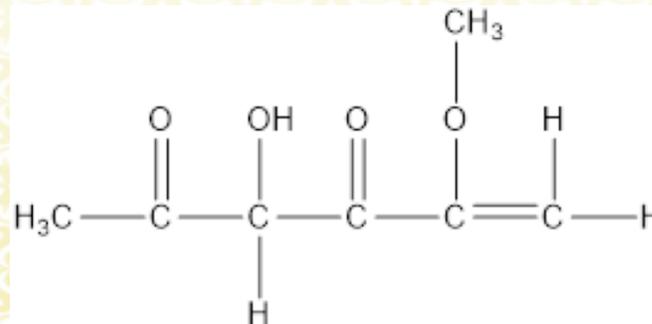
MODE OF ACTION ???



*Diaporthe flaxinii* ED2

## Microbial keratitis

- Infection occurs among contact lens wearers
- Severe infection can cause blindness

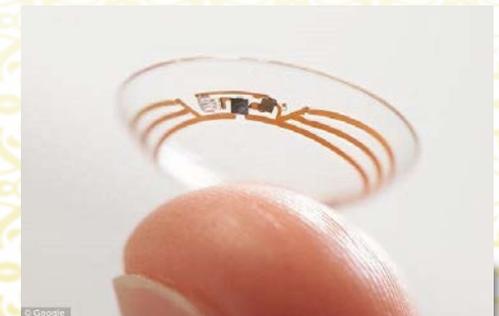
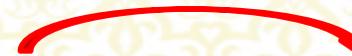


Phomopsidione

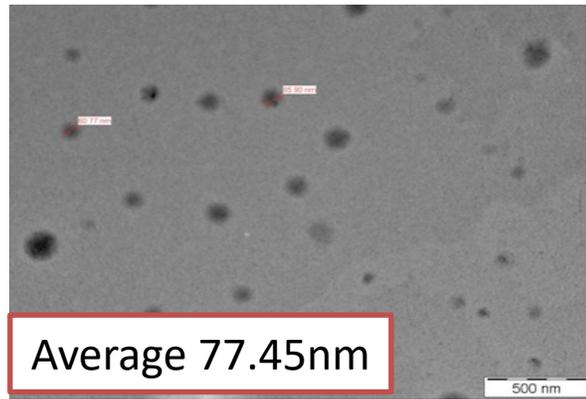
## Phomopsidione nanoparticles coated contact lenses reduce microbial keratitis causing pathogens

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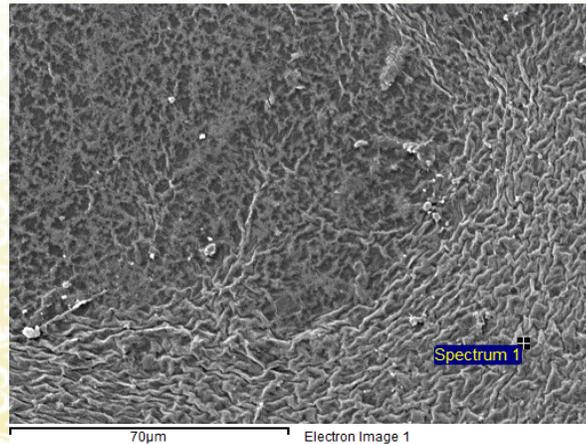
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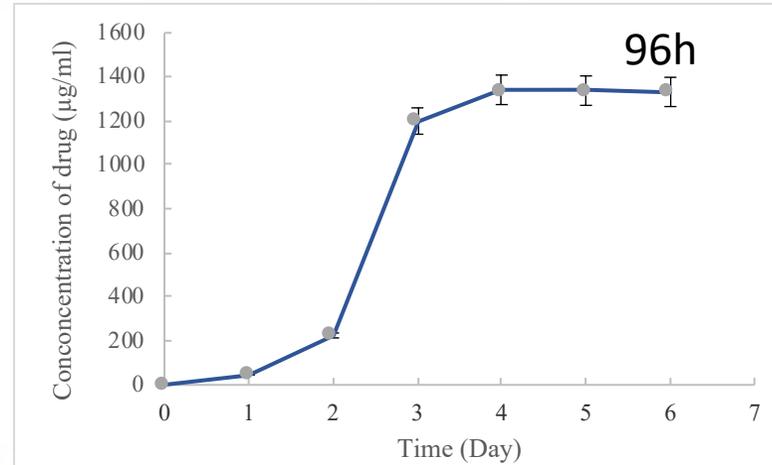
Infection can be prevented by coating antimicrobial agent on contact lenses.



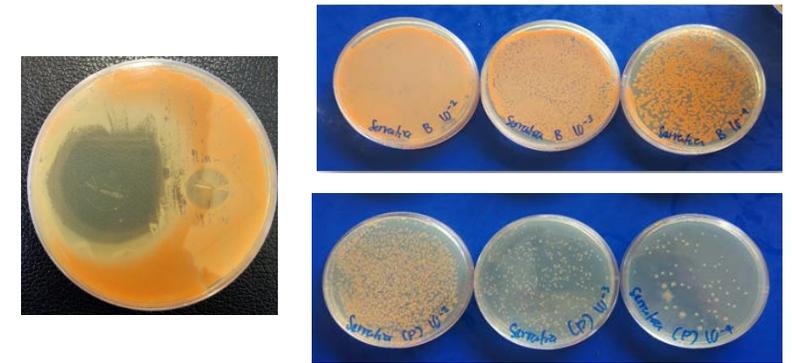
**Figure 1:** TEM micrograph of phomopsidione nanoparticle.



**Figure 2:** SEM micrograph of contact lens coated with phomopsidione nanoparticles.



**Figure 3:** The drug release behaviour of phomopsidione from the nanoparticles.



**Figure 4:** Inhibition on *S. marcescens*.

**Table 1:** Antimicrobial activity of phomopsidione-NP coated lenses on keratitis –causing microorganisms.

Test microorganisms	Diameter of clear zone (mm)		% of growth reduction
	Lens with P-NP	Control	
<i>S. marcescens</i>	41.6 ± 3.2	-	99.9
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	51.3 ± 2.9	-	99.9
MRSA	24.0 ± 4.0	-	99.34
<i>P. mirabilis</i>	-	-	-
<i>C. utilis</i>	-	-	-



- Curcumin is the active constituent of the Indian spice turmeric.
- Multi-functional compounds with anti-bacterial properties

### Limitation of curcumin

- Low solubility in aqueous solution
- Low bioavailability
- Rapid degradation

Cellulose  
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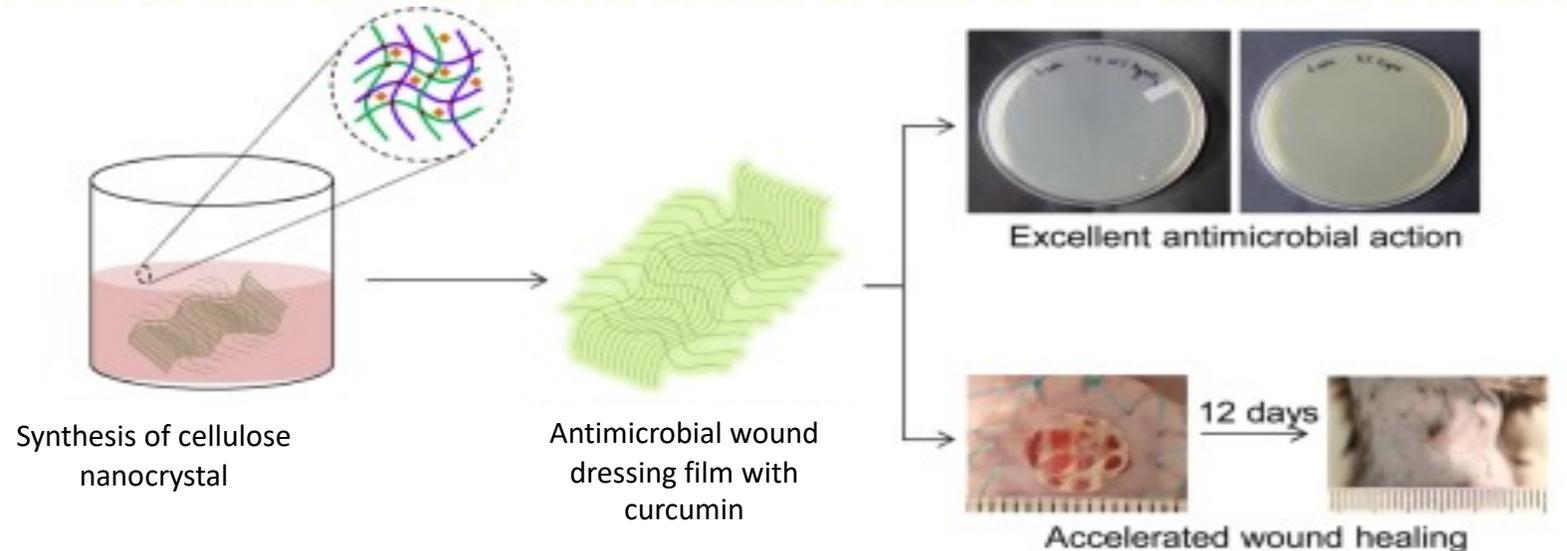


ORIGINAL PAPER

## Antimicrobial wound dressing film utilizing cellulose nanocrystal as drug delivery system for curcumin

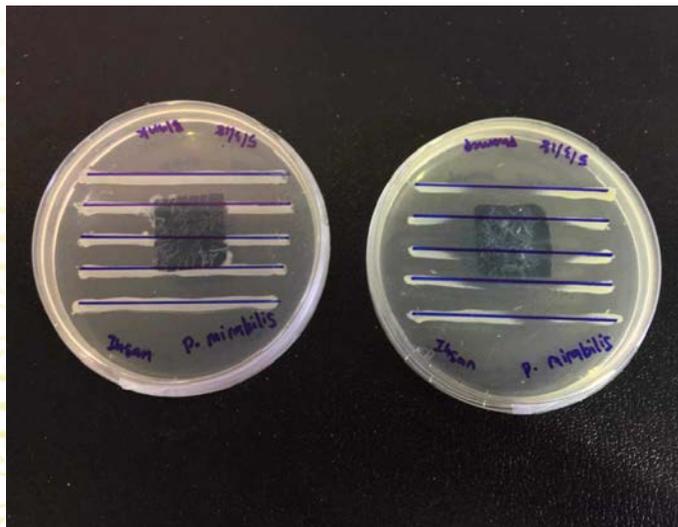
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### The research idea





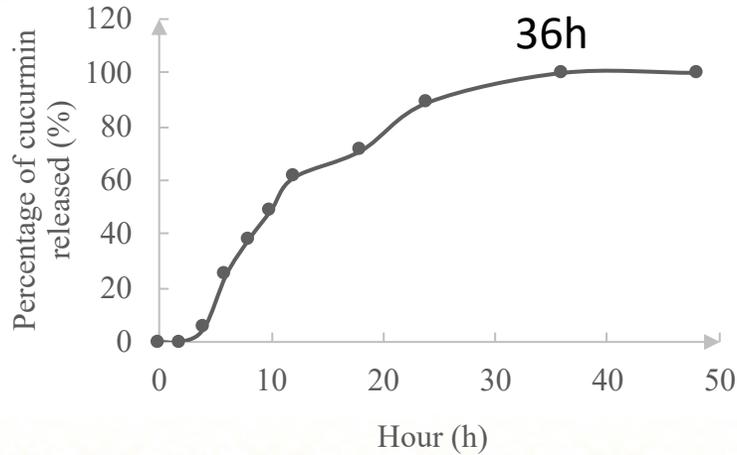
**Figure 5:** TEM micrograph of cellulose nanocrystal.



**Figure 6:** Cross streak test (ASTM).

**Table 2:** Antimicrobial activity of curcumin nanocellulose film on ASTM cross streak test.

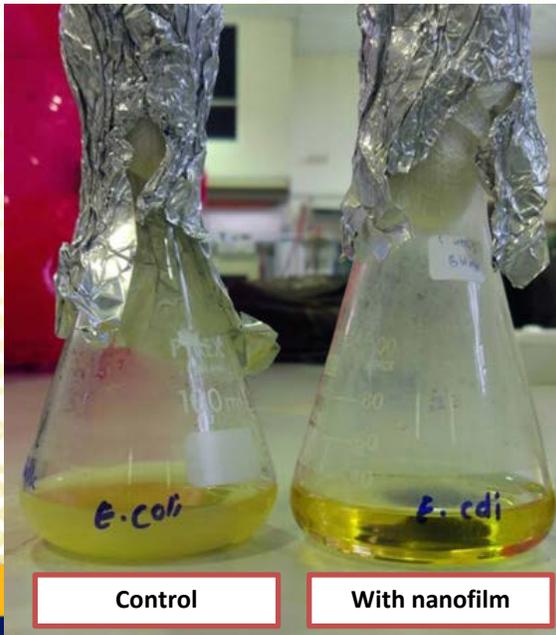
Test bacteria	Diameter of inhibition zone (mm)	
	Curcumin loaded film	Negative control
<b>Gram positive bacteria</b>		
MRSA	42.0 ± 2.7	-
<i>Streptococcus sp.</i>	49.0 ± 9.5	-
<i>B. cereus</i>	-	-
<i>B. coagulans</i>	67.0 ± 4.4	-
<b>Gram negative bacteria</b>		
<i>E. coli</i>	53.7 ± 3.5	-
<i>P. mirabilis</i>	62.3 ± 2.5	-
<i>Yersinia sp.</i>	-	-
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	-	-
<b>Yeasts</b>		
<i>C. albicans</i>	25.7 ± 1.2	-
<i>C. utilis</i>	-	-



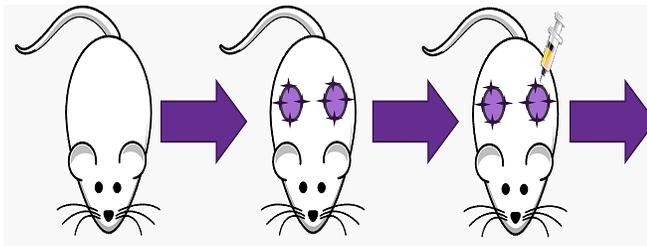
**Figure 7:** Curcumin release profile from the developed nanocellulose film.

**Table 3:** The % of growth reduction of test microorganisms with the treatment of nanocellulose film.

Test bacteria	% of growth reduction		
	0 wash	5 washes	15 washes
MRSA	99	99	99
<i>Streptococcus sp.</i>	88.4	86.5	85.3
<i>B. coagulans</i>	99	99	97
<i>E. coli</i>	99	99	99
<i>P. mirabilis</i>	99	99	99
<i>C. albicans</i>	99	99	98

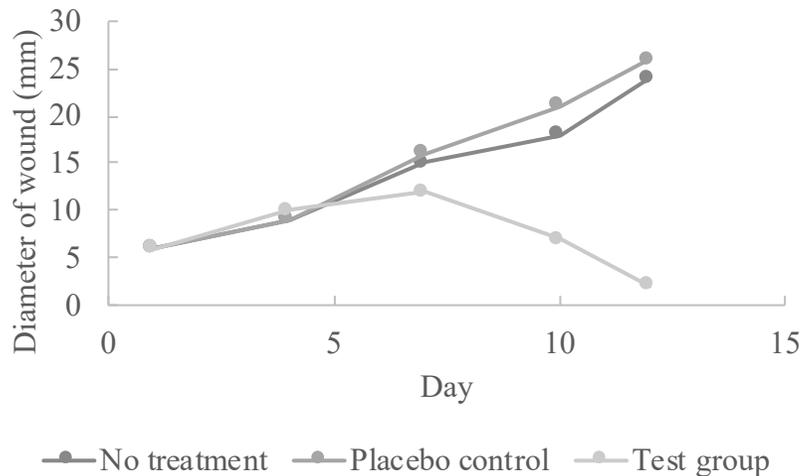


**Figure 8:** *E. coli* culture treated with nanocellulose film showed no bacterial growth.



1. Measurement of wound size
2. Bacterial load of wound

Diabetic rat models    Derma wound incision    Treatment with wound dressing



**Table 4:** The bacteria load of the skin sample excised from the diabetic rat models.

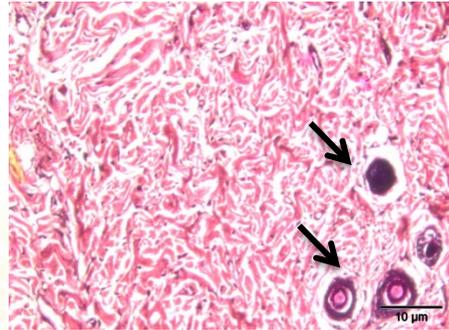
Group	Bacterial load (CFU/ml)
No treatment	$7.23 \times 10^7$
Placebo control	$6.48 \times 10^7$
Test group (Curcumin loaded film)	$1.24 \times 10^2$

**Figure 9:** The diameter of wound recorded for the diabetic rat models for a duration of 12 days.

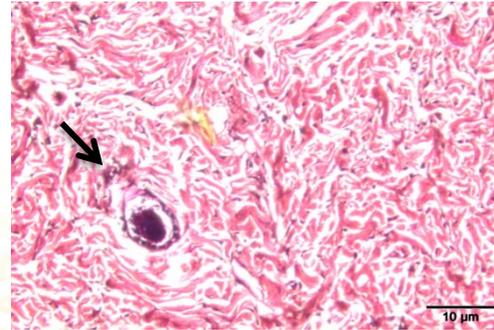




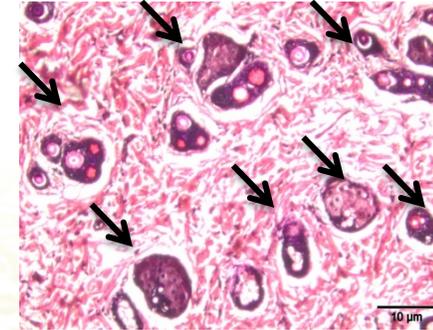
The histological examination of the skin sample excised from diabetic rats



No treatment



Placebo control



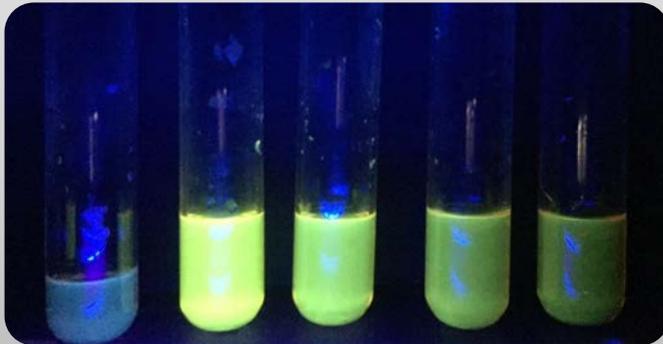
Test group with  
curcumin loaded film

**The results showed that curcumin loaded film significantly improved the regeneration of hair follicles, blood vessels and sebaceous glands of the skin, by inhibiting the growth of bacteria.**

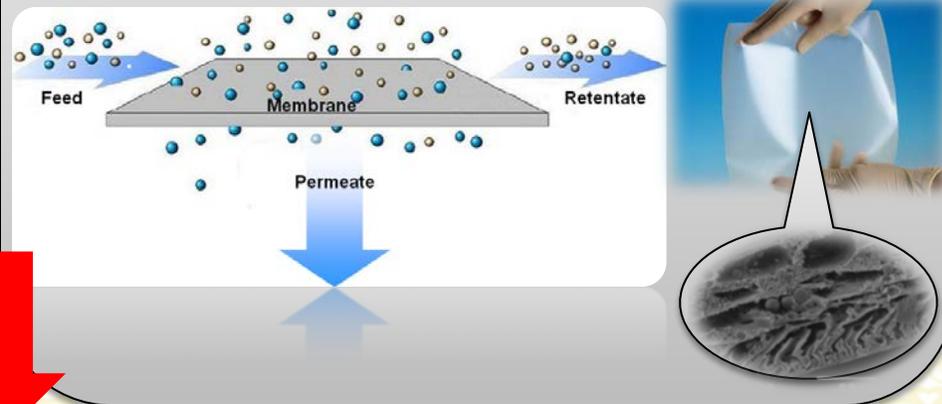


# A New Generation of Selective Extraction

## Fluoro-Chemosensor Selectivity



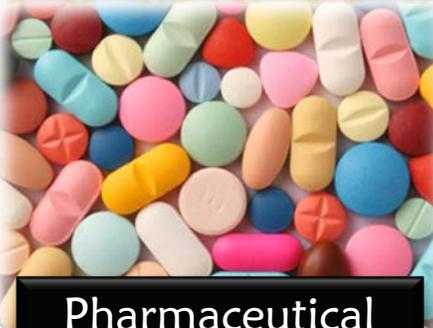
## Membrane Separation Technology



Food technology



Biotechnology



Pharmaceutical Industry

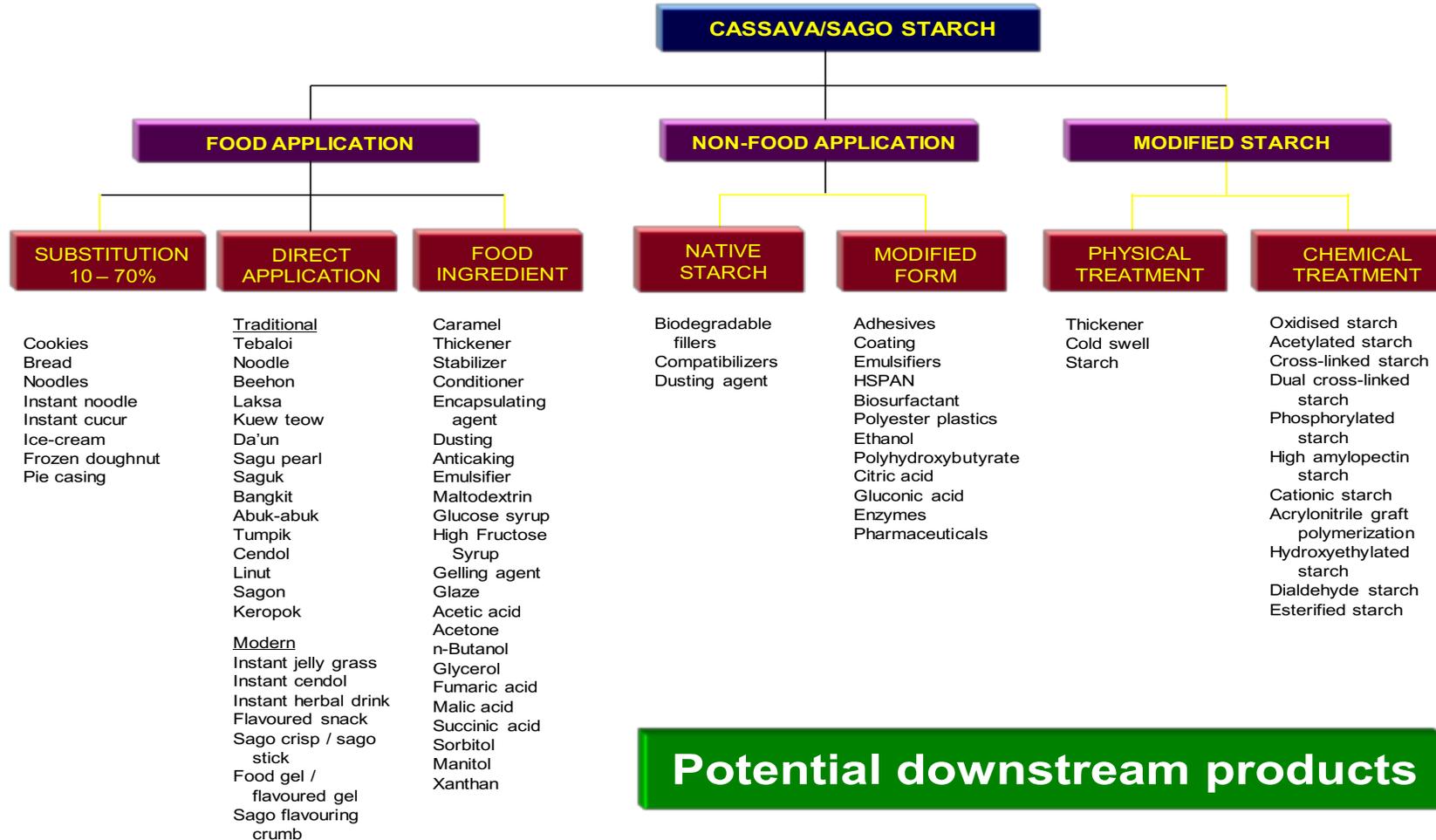


Waste water treatment





- Focused on development of **ADVANCED STARCH TECHNOLOGY** in particular, local starches namely sago and cassava. It is an effort to value-add starch-based products and diversify its utilisation while improving the quality and quantity of indigenous starch.
- Also active in developing **INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES** to facilitate the establishment of **VALUE-ADDED HALAL FOOD AND INGREDIENTS** such as prebiotics, gelatin replacement and modified starches.



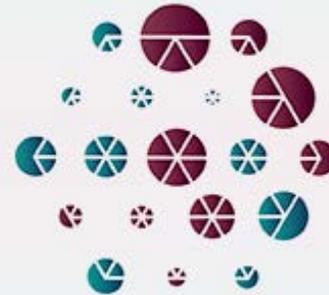
Potential downstream products



No.	Name	Role	Area of Specialization
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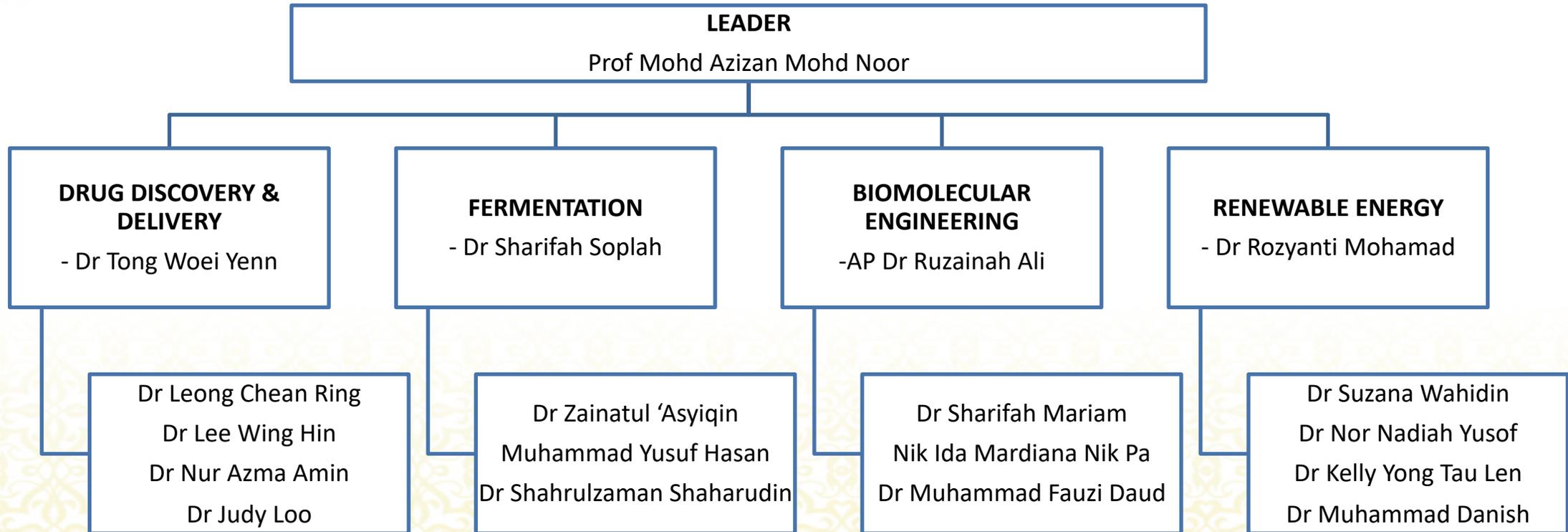
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