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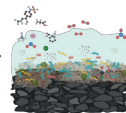
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- *Exploring the potential of a bioprocess for the simultaneous removal of organics, metals, and micropollutants in wastewater reclamation practice*



1. Multidisciplinary research, especially one involving micropollutants and Microbiology, is exciting but also laborious, costly, and time-consuming (*This thesis*).
2. In scientific publications, the materials and methods section should be regarded as equally important as the results and discussion section (*This thesis*).
3. Having a lot of data is important, but context and appropriate data processing are also necessary to convert data into insightful information (*This thesis*).
4. “Negative” results mean “reject the null hypothesis” and not “bad” results (*This thesis*).
5. Properly learning Chemistry in high school and Statistics at any educational level is one of the best time investments to pursue a STEM career (*This thesis*).
6. Luck also plays a vital role in scientific discovery (*This thesis*).
7. Open science does not equal open-access publications. Besides scientific integrity, scientists should understand what encompasses open science practice.
8. One hobby a day keeps the burnout at bay.
9. Miscommunication often occurs not due to the lack of effort to communicate but lack of comprehension.
10. When doing a PhD, the main focus should be building competence, character, and commitment. The PhD candidate, as a person, should be the most valuable output of the PhD and worth more than just their project.
11. Work hard for your satisfaction and be the first to respect your hard work regardless of the results and others’ opinions.
12. PhDs in their 2nd and 3rd year should be given priority for a contract extension in the face of calamities, especially those that resulted in prolonged lab closure (i.e., hacking, pandemic, explosions, etc.).
13. Do not overstay in a place where your presence and contribution are not appreciated. When a flower does not bloom, you need to fix its environment, not change the flower (Alexander Den Heijer).