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Participation in projects in last 5 years (chronological; with distinction into PI (kierownik) and RF (wykonawca))	lack
Do you plan to engage support of second supervisor or auxiliary supervisor?	YES
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PhD topic	The phenomenon of synergism as a factor limiting drug resistance of microorganisms.
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