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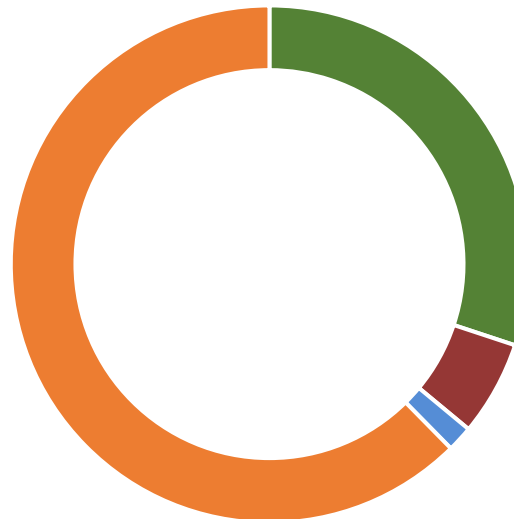
## Global fiber production (2021)

### Synthetic fibers 62.0%

- **Polyester 52.0%**
- Polyamide 5%
- Polypropylene 2.7%
- Acrylics 1.6%
- Elastane 1.0%

### Animal fibers 1.6%

- **Wool-sheep 1.0%**
- Other wool 0.05%
- Down 0.5%
- Silk 0.1%



### Plant fibers 29.9%

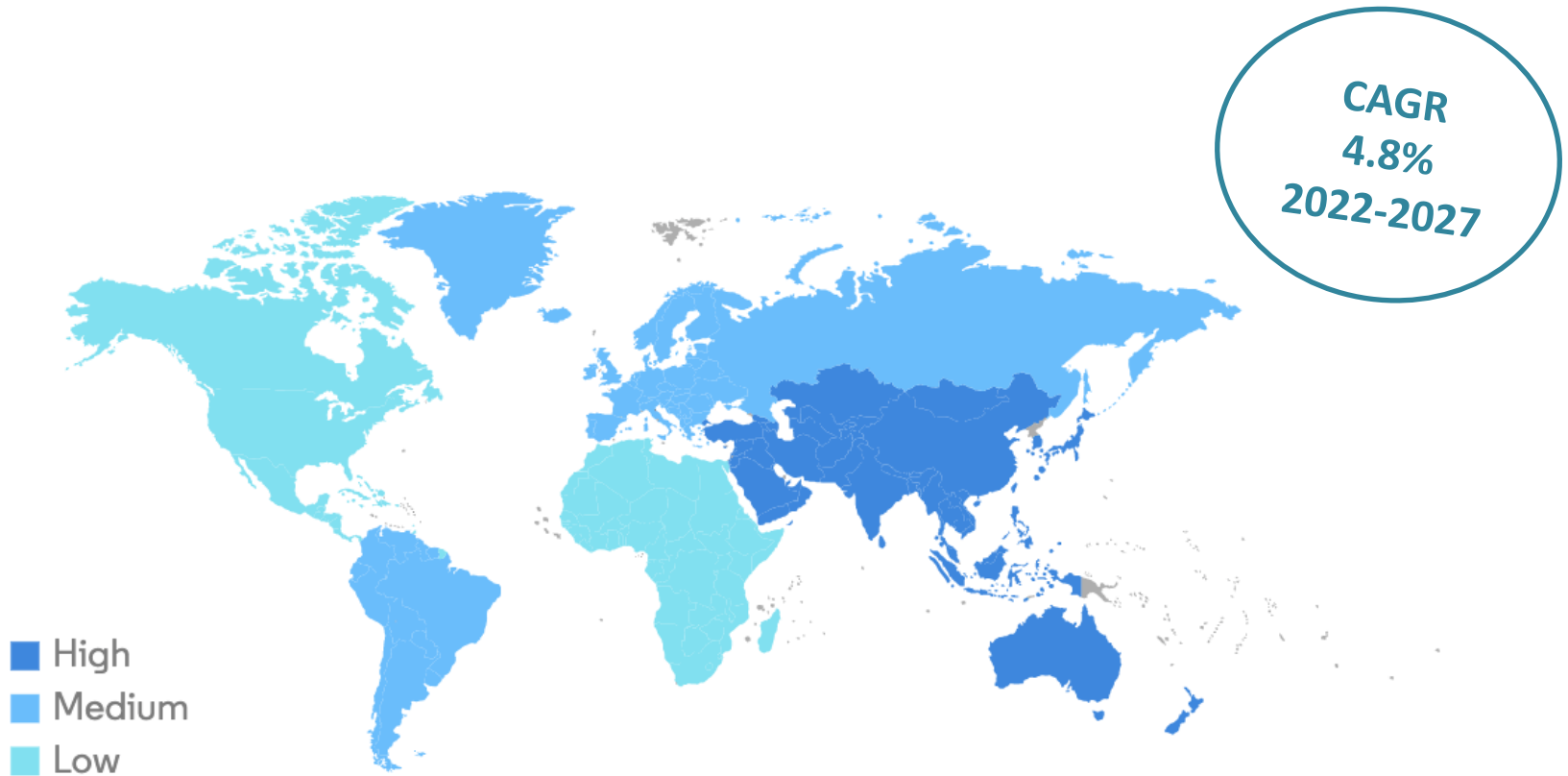
- Other plant-based 5.9%
- **Cotton 24.2%**

### Manmade cellulosic fibers 5.9%

- Viscose 4.7%
- Acetate 0.8%
- Lyocell 0.3%
- Modal 0.2%
- Cupro 0.01%

# Introduction

## Market size of Wool by region (2021)



## Wool properties and Benefits



100% natural



100% biodegradable



100% renewable



Wrinkle resistant



Naturally breathable



Warm and cool



Odour resistant



Easy to care for



Soft on skin



Innovative



Stain resistant



Naturally elastic



Fire resistant



Reusable and recyclable



UV resistant

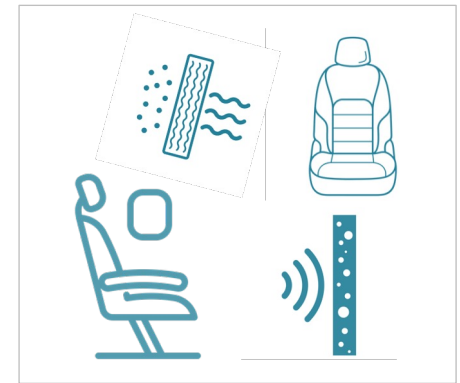
## Applications of Wool



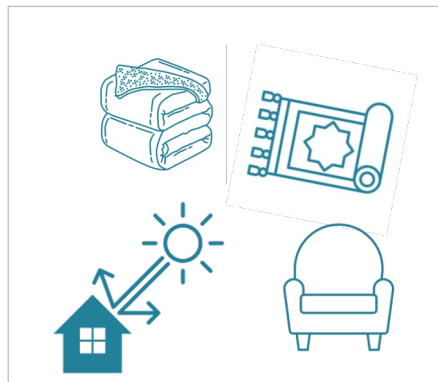
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**Architecture and Design**



**Protective Apparel**

## Functional dyes

- Combination of both conventional textile dyeing and functional finishes



UV-Protective



Antimicrobial



Water Repellent

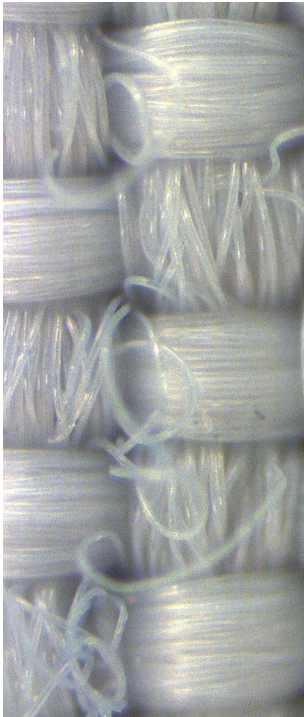


Moth Repellent



## Smart dyes - Chromism

- Chromism is a change in color caused by external factors



Photochromism



Thermochromism



Electrochromism



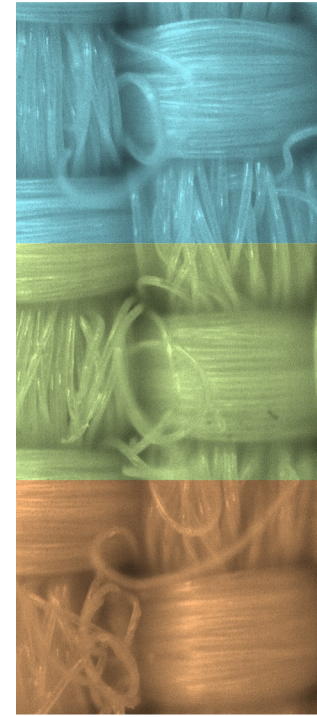
Solvatochromism



Ionochromism

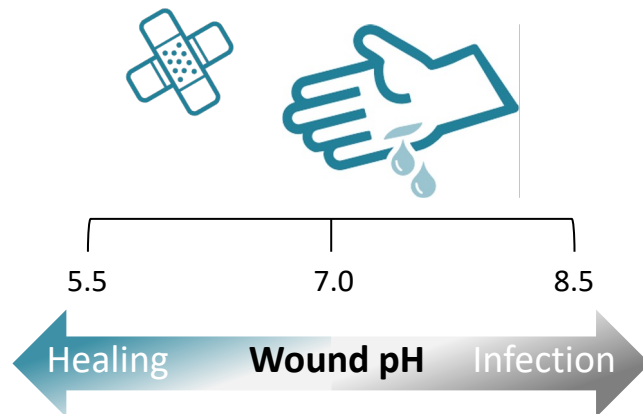


Halochromism



## Halochromism

- pH plays an important role in the human body
- The colour change remains one of the most cost-effective methods for real-time monitoring of the pH



### pH of Sweat to Detect Skin Diseases

Irritant contact dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, ichthyosis, acne vulgaris and *Candida albicans* infections





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## Synthesis and antimicrobial activity of novel 5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamidrazones

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### Antimicrobial action against:

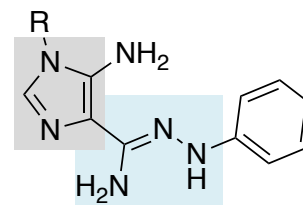
*Candida albicans*

*Candida krusei*

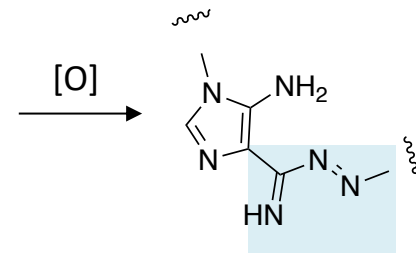
*Candida parapsilosis*

*Cryptococcus neoformans*

## Imidazole

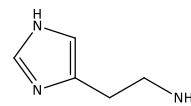


Amidrazone



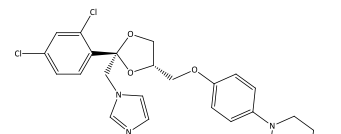
Azo Group

- Important component of various natural molecules
- Extensive pharmacological potential



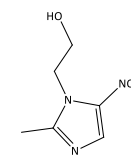
Histamine

Immune response and neurotransmitter



Ketoconazole

Antifungal



Metronidazole

Antibiotic

- Extensively used as intermediates of compounds with biological activities due to its high reactivity

# Objective and Procedure

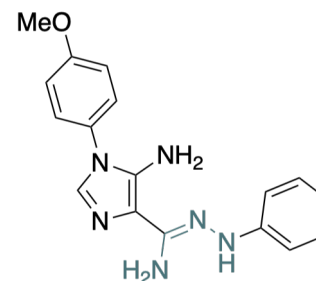
The halochromic properties of a 5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamidrazone were studied, and the first attempt to dye wool with this amidrazone at a low temperature was performed.

## 1. Synthesis of the amidrazone

- FTIR
- $^1\text{H}$  NMR

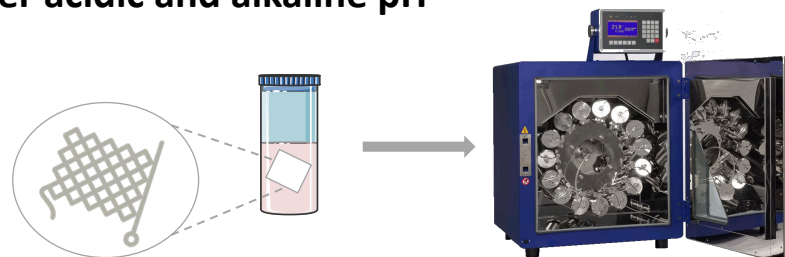
## 2. Buffered solutions from pH 3 to 12

- acetate,
  - phosphate,
  - Britton-Robinson,
  - Artificial sweat
  - artificial wound exudate
- UV-Vis



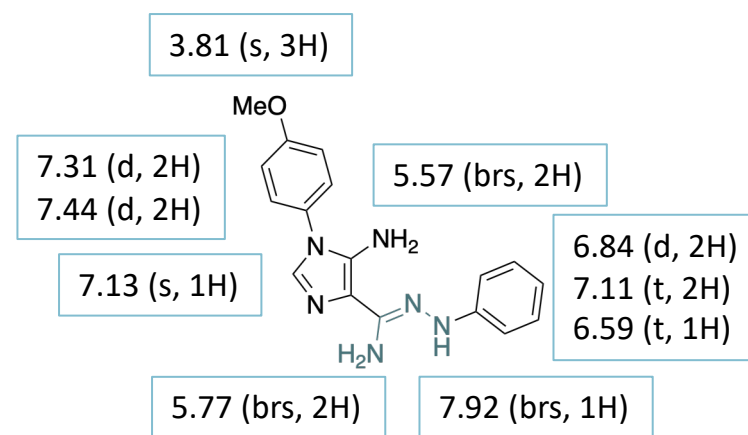
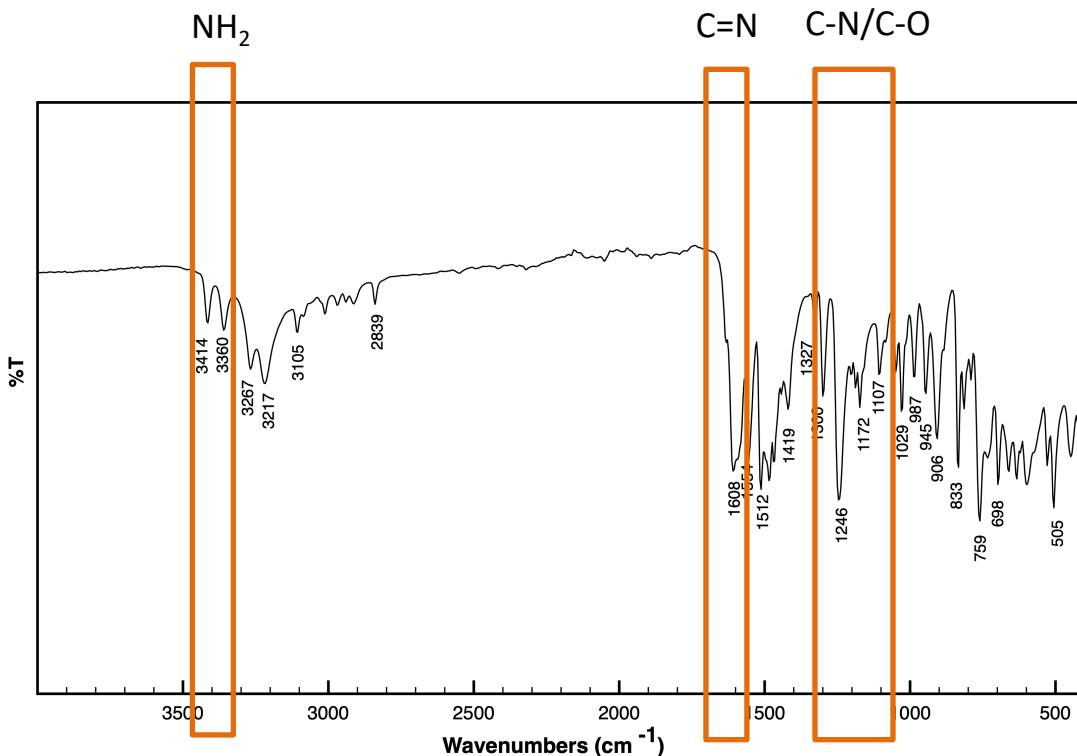
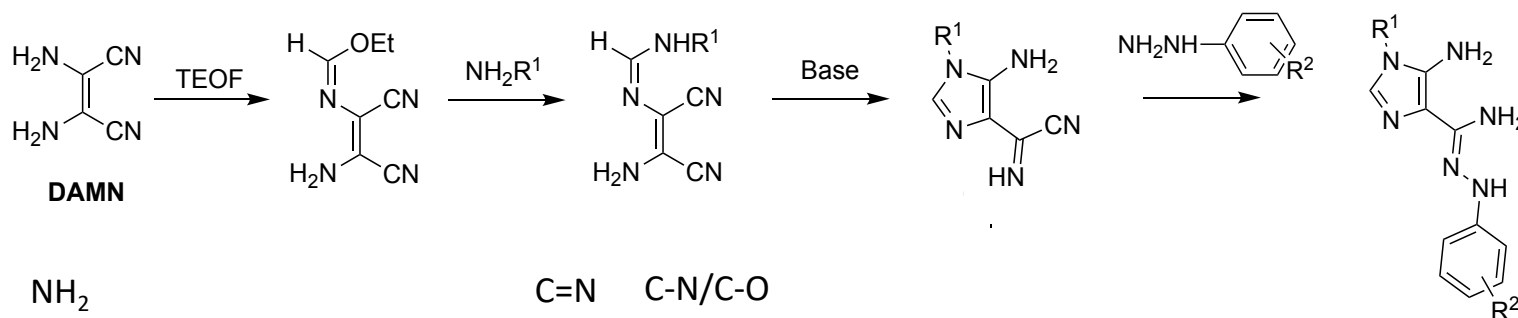
## 3. Dyeing of wool by exhaustion at 40°C under acidic and alkaline pH

- Color coordinates
- UPF



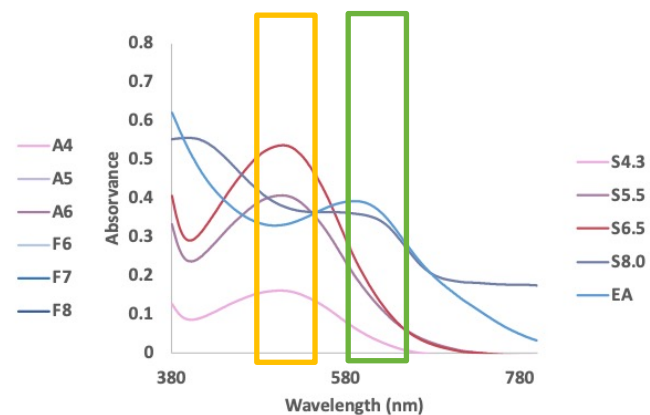
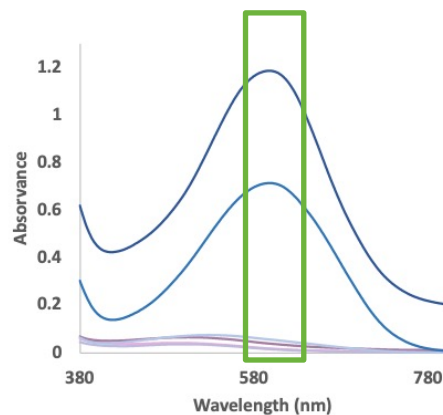
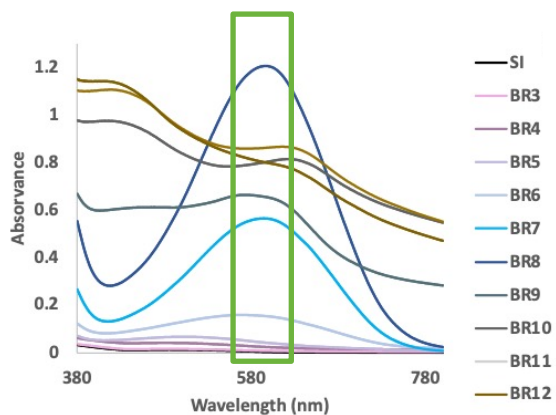
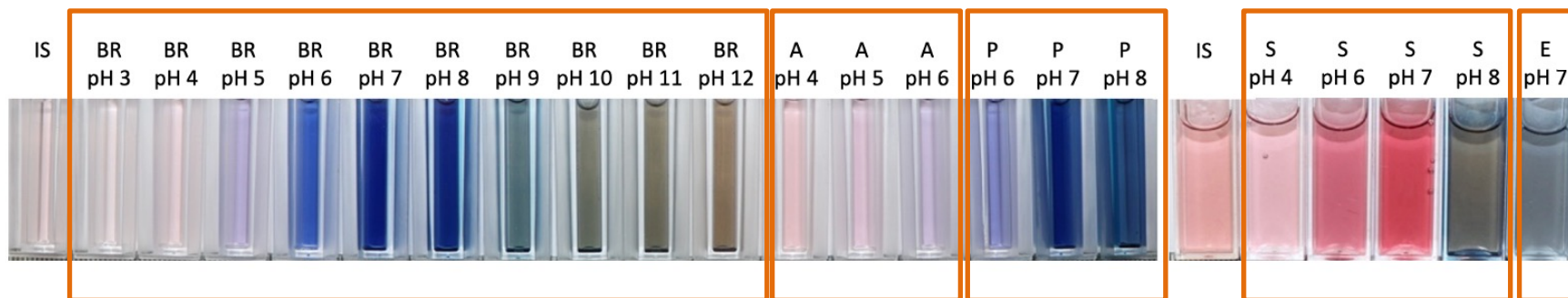
# Results

## Synthesis of the amidrazone – FTIR and <sup>1</sup>H RMN



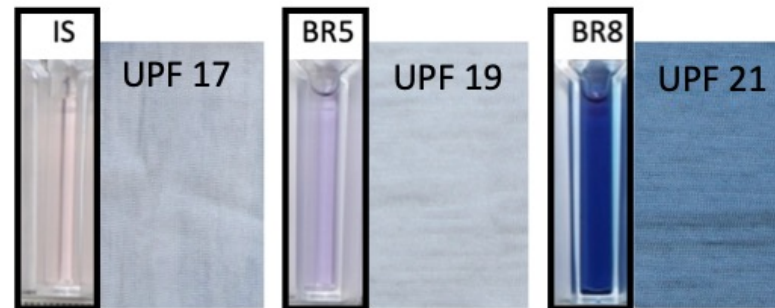
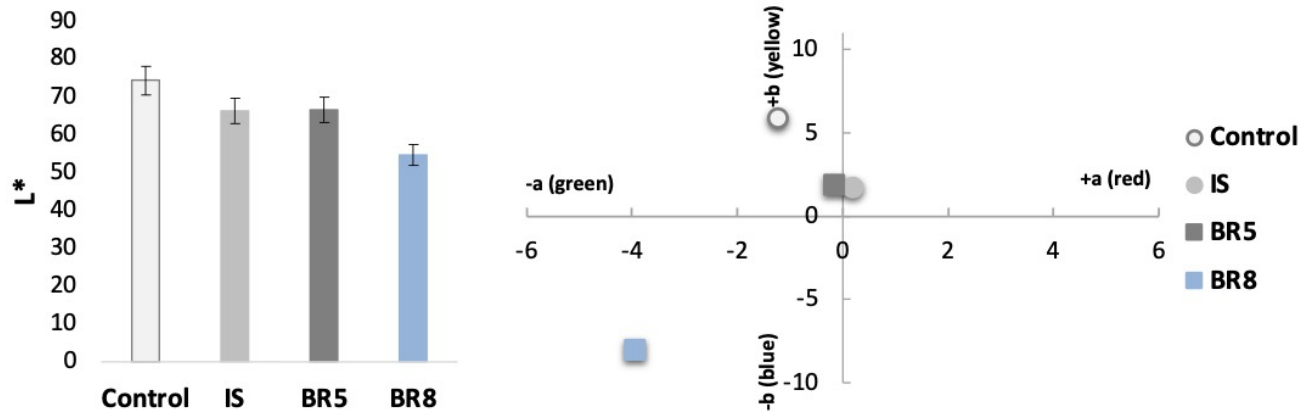
$\eta = 94\%$

## Buffered solutions from pH 3 to 12 – UV-Vis



# Results

## Dyeing of wool by exhaustion at 40° C under acidic and alkaline pH



# Conclusion and Prospective work



- The amidrazone was successfully applied on wool knitted fabric and showed interesting halochromic properties in acidic and alkaline conditions.
- The exhaustion process displayed good results at low temperature (40 ° C).
- The functionalization also increased the UPF value of the wool from good to very good.
- This compound present high potential to be used as halochromic dyes for wool in functional textiles for sports, healthcare and sensors.

- Fastness tests
- Reversibility evaluation
- Mechanism of dyeing process
- Antimicrobial action of the fabrics against bacteria and fungi
- Cytotoxicity tests

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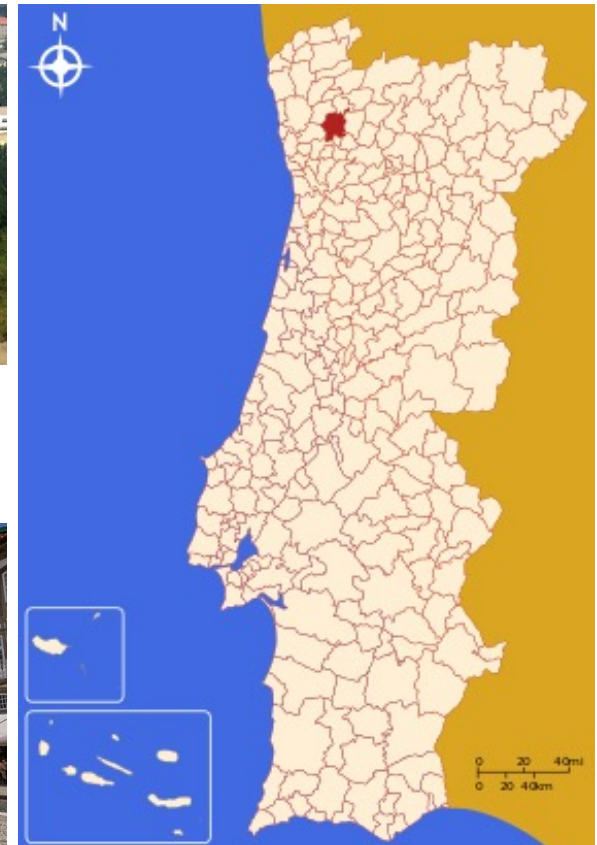
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