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ANALYSIS OF METHODOLOGIES TO EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF BOGOTA

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Population growth associated with population migration to urban areas and industrial development have led to a critical concern is the lack of control and the inadequate management of the solid waste generated in urban centers (Vitorino de Souza Melaré et al.,2017).

One of the main environmental issues to address in the Capital City of Bogotá (Colombia) is the increasing production of solid waste. Despite significant efforts have been made to implement an integral solid waste system management, the current management methods do not provide a permanent alternative to minimize waste production (Solano et al.,2017).





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Current solid waste management in megacities is being transformed from a linear treatment scheme, towards waste management which incorporates the guidelines of the circular economy model, in particular: waste reduction, reuse and recycling.



Comprehensive waste management must consider the environmental impacts generated throughout the life cycle of waste and integrate ways to address these impacts in comprehensive waste management plans.



Health and environmental impacts that will result from new forms of waste use or mismanagement must be considered, in particular; mitigating climate change by diverting waste that would potentially go to landfills.



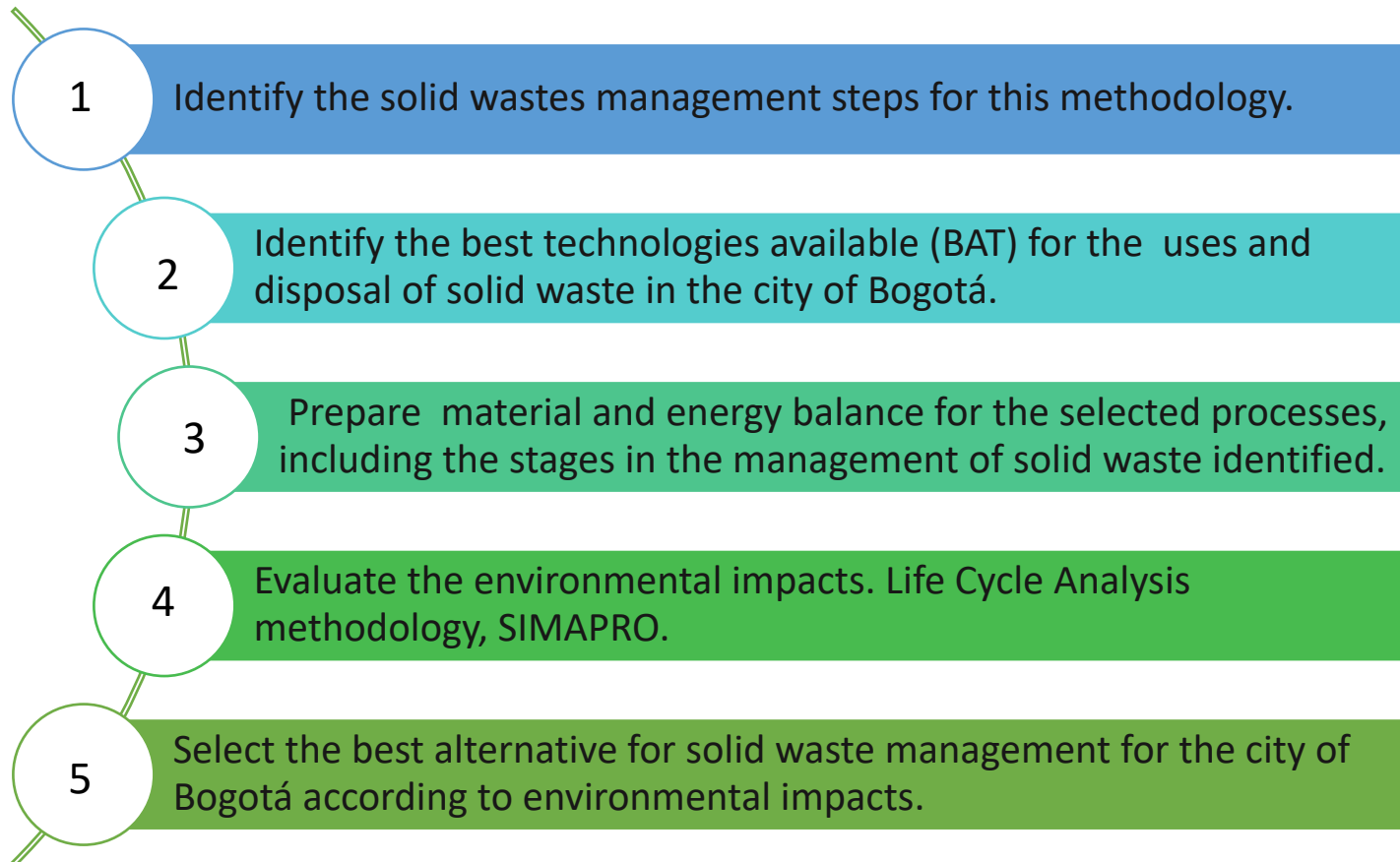


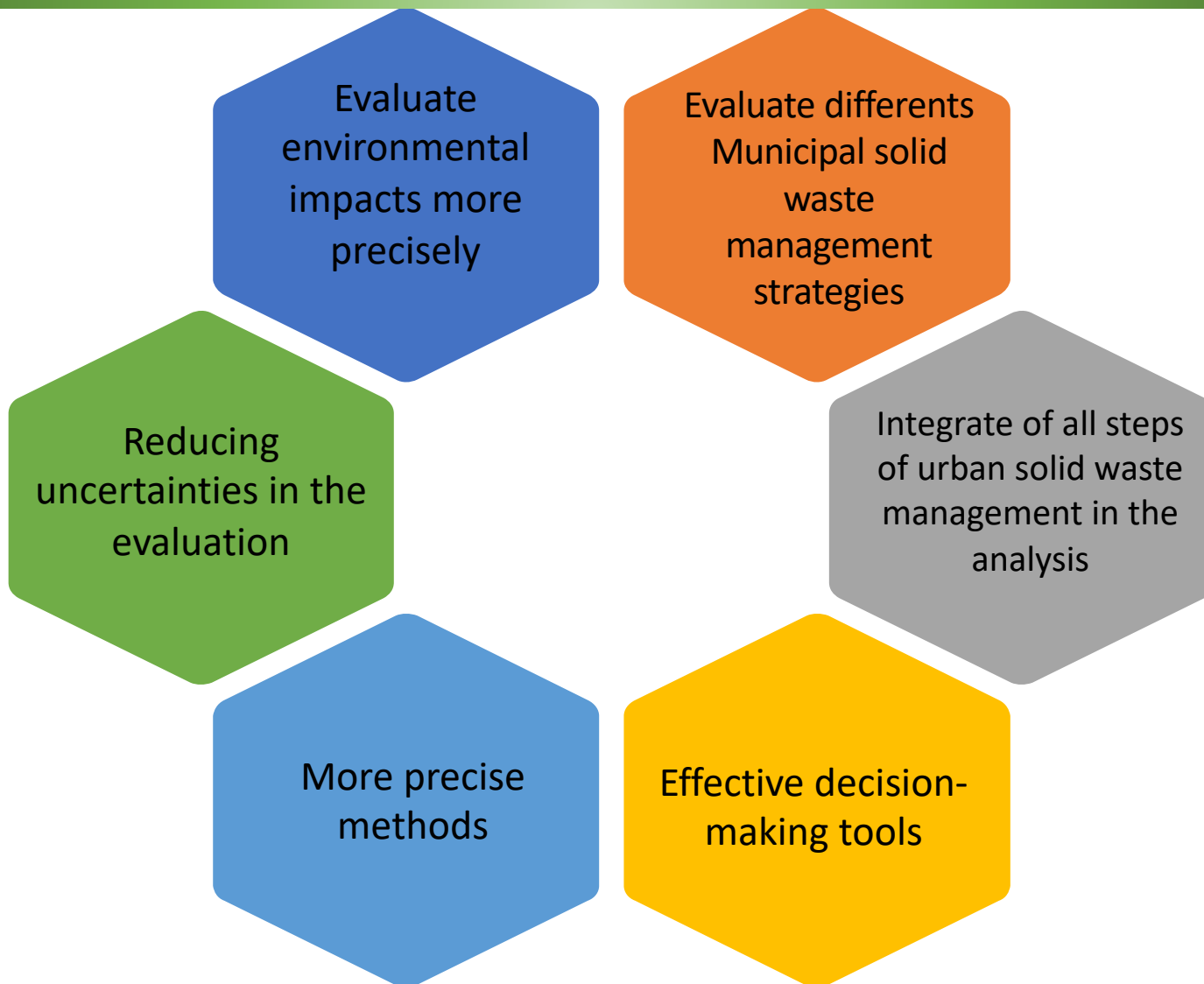
The methodologies used to evaluate the environmental impacts generated by solid waste have generally been qualitative.

These methodologies have been selected based on the availability of information, ease of calculation, and the physical and technical infrastructure available.

The most prominent methodologies being checklists, double-entry matrices, establishing indicators, and problem trees.

METHODOLOGY TO EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT





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