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Dr Juan Alejandro Peña Palacio, as head of the research group, is responsible for the orientation and projection of the group's growth in the institutional framework. Currently, the GIICA group was recognized in 2019 by Minciencias as an A category group, according to the National Call for the Recognition and Measurement Groups of Research, Technological Development or Innovation for Recognition of Researchers of the National System of Science, Technology and Innovation (ScienTI), 2018 issued on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (<https://minciencias.gov.co/convocatorias/investigacion/convocatoria-nacional-para-el-reconocimiento-y-medicion-grupos-0>).

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