

## Short CV Matthias Rombaut

Matthias Rombaut graduated in 2017 as a Master in Pharmaceutical Care and in 2018 as a Master of Science in Drug Development at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). In 2019, he obtained a personal strategic basic research mandate of the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) for his project entitled *“Improve the reprogramming of human adult skin-derived fibroblasts into functional hepatocytes by directed evolution of hepatocyte nuclear factors”*. He is affiliated to the VUB, Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy at the research group *In Vitro* Toxicology and Dermato-Cosmetology (IVTD). Under the mentorship of Prof. Joery De Kock, Matthias became passionate in different techniques to generate surrogate hepatocytes for pharmaceutical (and medical) application, and acquired expertise in directed protein evolution technology and transcription factor-mediated cell conversion.