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Professional goal. To develop a career in a solid institution that allows me to contribute to the achievement of the aim of the research group, by working as a team, putting my knowledge into practice, and through the encouragement of improving my research skills.

Research summary

- Interests Signal transduction, cancer genetics, cancer therapeutics
- Keywords Cancer, Melanoma, colorectal cancer, Oncogenetics, Immunology, Chemotherapy, Immunotherapy, ATC therapy, Targeted therapy, Nanotechnology, Pharmacokinetics (PK), Pharmacodynamics (PD), Pre-clinical models, Flow cytometry (FACS), immuneassays, Sleeping Beauty, Transposon mutagenesis, Sequencing.

Education

- **2017 Doctorate Degree.** Medicines and Health. Universidad de Navarra, Spain.
- 2012 Master Degree. Medicines Design and Biopharmacy. Universidad de Navarra, Spain.
- **2009 University Degree.** Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Academic distinction: *Cum Laude*). Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. Guatemala
- 2009 Bachelor's Degree. Baccalauratus in Scientiis. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. Guatemala

Publications and scientific papers

- 2016 Correlation between anti-PD-L1 tumor concentrations and tumor-specific and nonspecific biomarkers in a melanoma mouse model. Oncotarget. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.12727.
- **2016 EGF-liposomes promote efficient EGFR targeting in xenograft colocarcinoma model.** Nanomedicine (Lond). doi: 10.2217/nnm.15.208.
- 2015 Cetuximab-oxaliplatin-liposomes for epidermal growth factor receptor targeted chemotherapy of colorectal cancer. J Control Release. doi: 10.1016/j.jconrel.2015.05.271.

International placements

2016 Dr. Reno Debets Lab. of Tumor Immunology. Department of Medical Oncology, Erasmus MC – Cancer Institute. Rotterdam, The Netherlands. *Topic:* Combinatory immunotherapy against cancer

Conferences and congresses

- **2016** *Poster:* **Understanding the effect mechanism through the good biomarker: Anti-PD-L1 immunotherapy.** 3rd Immunotherapy of Cancer Conference. Münich, Germany
- 2016 *Poster:* Immune checkpoint blockade in melanoma by new targeted Doxorubicin immunoliposomes. XI Spanish-Portuguese Conference on Controlled Drug Delivery. Granada, Spain
- 2015 Poster: Towards a platform PK/PD model for an anti-PD-L1 monoclonal antibody through a preclinical syngeneic melanoma mouse model. 24th Meeting of the Population Approach Group of Europe (PAGE). Greta, Grace

Honors and Scholarships

- **2016 Grant for internship performance.** Universidad de Navarra (Asociación de Amigos). Spain
- **2012-2016 Scholarship Program for Initiation in Research and University Teaching.** Universidad de Navarra (Asociación de Amigos). Spain
 - 2011 Scholarship Program "Convocatoria Navarra Talento Internacional, 2011" (Place 23 of 40 given grants).
 Navarra Government. Spain
 - 2011 Scholarship Program "Convocatoria Grupo Santander-Universidad de Navarra" for Master's degree.
 University of Navarra. Spain
 - 2009 Honorific Mention for graduation work. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. Guatemala
- 2006-2008 Distinguished student UVG (Average higher than 80 points). Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. Guatemala