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### ABOUT ME

I hold a degree in Biochemistry (2014) from the University of Granada (UGR) and I obtained a Master's degree in **Neurosciences and Pain** (2016), also from the UGR. I defended my **PhD Thesis** (2023) in the **Department of Pharmacology** and Neurosciences Institute of the University of Granada (UGR), funded by the FPU program (MEC). I have authored 11 research articles indexed in the JCR ([link](#)), **three of them as first author**. Several of these articles have been **published in journals in the first decile** of their area of expertise, **such as Br J Pharmacol, Pharmacol Res. or PNAS**, and have been commented on editorials or highlighted by the journals in which they have been published, as well as in other dissemination or scientific media ([link](#)). I have also authored 3 book chapters in various editions of the book 'Encuentro en Neurociencias'. I have attended several congresses to present my data as oral communications or posters. **I have received the award for one of the best communications in six of those congresses**. Also, I have participated as **invited speaker** in congresses, such as the XVIII Congress **Spanish Society of Pain**, which will take place in Valencia at the end of October ([link](#)). I recently completed a **3-month research stay at Harvard Medical School/Boston Children's Hospital**, in the laboratory of Prof. Clifford J. Woolf, one of the world's leading authorities in the field of pain research. I believe that science must be brought closer to the society, and I have taken part in different **scientific dissemination activities** for this purpose.

I have participated in several research grants funded by public institutions, and I have lead as **principal investigator** one project for young researchers, funded by the University of Granada. Moreover, I am project leader of a CaixaResearch Consolidate award to help our innovations reach the market and society as a whole. Besides, I have participated in several **service and transfer projects with public institutions** (Fundació Bosch i Gimpera) and **pharmaceutical companies** (Esteve). My interest in transference and entrepreneurship is parallel to my scientific interests, and proof of this is the **220-hours entrepreneurship course** and the participation as an inventor of a **patent application** presented at the European Patent Office.

Finally, in addition to my research and transfer activities, I have also participated in the teaching of pharmacology in the Faculties of Medicine and Nursing.