



# Bridge to Industry

## Complementary Skills in Drug Development

A **round-table** event that embraces the philosophy of ENABLECARES - a project promoting training in entrepreneurship & complementary skills for young researchers working in the **life sciences**.

This event will provide an overview of diverse disciplines of the drug development process as well as an outline of **different career paths** beyond the bench. The latter will be presented by IRB Barcelona alumni, who will inspire scientists wishing to **pursue careers outside academia**.

### Programme:

10:00-10:15

Welcome & brief introduction by the moderator, **Cristina Horcajada**, PhD

10:15-11:15

Bridge to Industry Round table:

- **Jessica Vitos**, PhD, Senior Manager at Grifols
- **Gonzalo F. Miranda**, PhD, CSO & Co-Founder Ninevah Tx
- **Daniele Lo Re**, PhD, Scientific Services Manager at Chiesi España
- **Lorena Gonzalez**, PhD, Business Developer in Clinical Trials, MEDSIR

Moderator: Cristina Horcajada, PhD, Head of Innovation at IRB Barcelona

11.15-12:00

Coffee Networking Session



16th February 2023



Dolors Aleu Room, Parc Científic de Barcelona,  
Baldiri Reixac, 4-10, Barcelona



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# Speakers:



## **Jessica Vitos, PhD, Senior Manager at Grifols**

Jessica Vitos works as a biotech investor. She is a Senior Manager at Grifols' corporate venture arm, named GIANT (Grifols Innovation and New Technologies), where she is responsible for sourcing strategic deals, evaluating and selecting new investment opportunities. Here, she also works closely with invested companies and supports internal business development activities. Prior to joining Grifols, she worked at Ysios Capital, evaluating the scientific foundations and the business proposals of early and clinical-stage biotech companies, as well as serving in the Board of Synendos Therapeutics as an observer. Jessica holds a PhD in Biomedicine from the University of Barcelona and it was while working at IRB Barcelona that she got her first contact with entrepreneurship in biotech from ESADE.



## **Gonzalo F. Miranda, PhD, CSO & Co-Founder Ninevah Therapeutics**

Gonzalo is the CSO & Co-Founder of Ninevah Therapeutics and a Partner at Chasing Science, a biomedical venture builder. His passion is building life science companies to bring research closer to patients. In the last three years, he has been involved in creating and managing companies that develop RNA and gene therapies. Gonzalo holds a PhD in Molecular Biology from the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. Before dedicating himself to entrepreneurship in life sciences, he was a Research Associate at IRB Barcelona.



## **Daniele Lo Re, PhD, Scientific Services Manager at Chiesi España**

Daniele holds a degree in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies from the University of Ferrara, a PhD in Biomedicine from the University of Granada, and an MBA in Pharma & Biotech from the ESAME school. Daniele worked in basic research for more than 10 years as a Marie Curie Fellow at the National University of Ireland, Galway, and at IRB Barcelona. He is currently the Scientific Services Manager of Chiesi Spain, where he is involved in Medical Governance and Scientific Communication. Daniele is also the coordinator of the Medical Information Working Group of AMIFE and professor of the "Expert Course in Medical Information in the Pharmaceutical Industry" at San Pablo CEU University (Madrid).



## **Lorena Gonzalez, PhD, Strategic Research Development Specialist at MEDSIR**

Lorena is a Business Developer in Clinical Trials. She is an enthusiastic and proactive scientist with expertise in drug discovery, innovation, and clinical development within the fields of Oncology and Cardiovascular therapies. She is passionate about boosting strategic collaborative projects that seek to enhance the treatments available to cancer patients and improve their quality of life. Lorena holds a PhD in Biomedicine from the University of Barcelona. During her PhD, she had the opportunity to collaborate with the Innovation Department at IRB Barcelona. This experience led her to network with clinicians and patients' associations and to learn about intellectual property, entrepreneurship, and business development by attending courses held by different business schools. In January 2022, she took up the post of "Strategic Research Development Specialist" in the Business Development Department at MEDSIR, where she establishes and maintains relationships with an extended network of clinical investigators and Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) in oncology research with the aim to develop strategic investigator-initiated trials (IITs) and translational studies.



## **Cristina Horcajada, PhD, Head of Innovation at IRB Barcelona**

Cristina is responsible for the leadership and coordination of the technology transfer activities at IRB Barcelona, which include the implementation and development of its innovation-related Strategic Plan, as well as the promotion of technology transfer activities. She holds a PhD in Biotechnology from the University of Barcelona. In addition, she has completed specialised courses in business, innovation, leadership, and management. She has held previous positions in the public and private sectors and has more than 10 years of experience in Innovation.