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**María Laura García Bermejo** is PhD in Cell Biology and Genetics, Professor of Physiology at Alcala University and Head of Biomarkers and Therapeutic Targets Group. She is the Scientific Director of the Ramon y Cajal Institute for Health Research IRYCIS and co-Chair of the Biomarkers Platform of The European Advanced Translational Research Infrastructure in Medicine (EATRIS).

During their last 10 years, Dr. García Bermejo has worked in the study of pathophysiological mechanisms responsible in several diseases including nephropathies, cardiovascular diseases, infectious diseases and cancer, establishing new in vitro and in vivo models that reproduce the clinical context. She is currently working on the identification and validation of new biomarkers and therapeutic targets based on miRNAs, in different pathologies. It has generated 12 patents already granted in Spain, Europe, Mexico, China and others in PCT extension. These patents have been licensed and are the basis of a validation clinical trial with funding from a R & D & I Investment Fund. The entrepreneurial profile of Dr. García Bermejo is complemented by several awards. Dr. García Bermejo has already directed 10 doctoral theses and is directing 5 more.

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