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From 1991 to 2007 he worked in Research in the area of Zoonoses and Public Health, first as a postgraduate student in the Complutense University of Madrid, and then postdoctoral scientist in the Veterinary Sciences Division (Department of Agriculture Northern Ireland) and as a Senior Veterinary Research Officer in the Departments of Food and Environmental Safety, and Pathology in the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, UK where he had primary responsibility over the molecular typing and detection group. My research interests have been focused on Mycobacterium bovis, Salmonella, E. coli, Enterococci, and Campylobacter infections, as well as in the development of antimicrobial resistance in these organisms. As a result of his work over the last years he has published over 90 peer reviewed papers in internationally recognised Journals. He has also published several Book Chapters, and has presented numerous communications at international conferences.

In 2007 he joined the European Food Safety Authority as a Senior Scientific Officer, where he was dedicated to the scientific coordination of risk assessment activities in the area of biological hazards. From September 2013 to November 2015 he took the role of ad Head of the Biological Hazards and Contaminants (BIOCONTAM) Unit, From Nov 2015 to October 2017 he was BIOHAZ Team leader and Panel coordinator. He is currently Head of the BIOCONTAM Unit.

In addition to his research work, he has been involved in a variety of university teaching activities. From lecturing and laboratory demonstrations to veterinary undergraduate students in the area of Microbiology (Universidad Complutense, Spain), to lecturing for MSc programs in Food Safety (University of Surrey, UK; University of Parma, Italy), and supervision of MSc and PhD students (Kingston University, and Liverpool University, UK). He was Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Genitourinary Surgery, University of Liverpool, and Associated Invited Lecturer for the Doctorate Program "Ciencias Veterinarias" Veterinary School of Madrid, Universidad Complutense, Spain.