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My name is Clara Franco-Jarava, I am 34 years old and I have been working in the field of Immunology for ten years now. I graduated in Biotechnology in my hometown university (Tarragona, Spain) and spent the last year abroad as Erasmus, in FH Campus Wien (Austria). I speak fluent Spanish, Catalan and English, and also some German.

After graduating I passed a very competitive national examination for a four-year internship in Immunology, which I chose to spend at the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital in Barcelona (Spain). One of the Immunology Department priorities are Inborn errors of Immunity, which I found fascinating from the beginning, thus I did research in complement deficiencies and obtained my PhD on July 2017. I was then hired to head the PID advanced diagnostic lab.

I combine the work in the hospital laboratory with the research at Vall d'Hebron Research Institute. There, I am PI with a current project entitled *"Integrating genome and transcriptome profiling for the identification of novel genetic basis of primary immunodeficiencies"*.

In regards to education, I am the coordinator of Immunology course at Translational Biomedical Research Master, from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. I am also professor at Advanced Immunology Master. I supervise master project students from both masters and this year I have started the supervision of my first PhD Student.

From 2018 to 2022 I have been part of ESID Board as Chair of the ESID Junior's Working party. For the same period of time I have been part of Catalan Immunology Society Board as Secretary and member of Education Steering Committee.