

Short Bio- Rocío Gallego Durán

Rocío Gallego Durán (MSci, PhD) currently holds a post-doctoral position in the Institute of Biomedicine of Seville (IBiS) in the SeLiver group led by Prof. Romero-Gómez. She graduated from the University of Seville (US) with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. In 2017, she completed her Ph.D. from US in Molecular Biology and Clinical Research *cum laude* with an International Mention.

Rocío has had a longstanding research interest in the development of novel non-invasive biomarkers for the diagnosis of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD), focusing on imaging biomarkers (with a patent in computerised optical analysis of magnetic resonance for liver lesions) as well as the role of epigenetics in NAFLD. She has been an honorary research associate for nine months in the Liver Failure Group led by Professor Rajiv Jalan at the Royal Free Hospital (London) which was funded by three different competitive scholarships. Rocío became a principal investigator of two funded projects concerning biomarker discovery and novel therapies for NAFLD in human and animal models. In addition, she is a co-investigator in more than ten national projects and a participant in the LITMUS Project (H2020 funded).

Outside of a laboratory setting, Rocío is the coordinator of the Spanish Registry for NAFLD (HEPAmet) supported by the Spanish Association for the Study of the Liver (AEEH). She is an active member of several scientific associations (EASL, AEEH, CIBERehd) as well as a referee for a number of six peer-reviewed journals.