

CV Elena Sancho

Elena Sancho (Madrid, 1966) has a degree in Biological Sciences from the Autonomous University of Madrid and a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Sancho is a scientist with ample experience and a long career dedicated to cancer research. She was a member of the panel for the Banc Sabadell Biomedicine Award from 2011 to 2017.

Sancho began her work by researching colorectal cancer at the Antonio García de Herreros laboratory of Barcelona's IMIM, and since then this has remained the focal point of her career. She later trained at the Hubrecht Laboratorium (Utrecht, Netherlands), under the supervision of renowned scientist Hans Clevers, consolidating her knowledge and passion for the biology of cancer. The discoveries made during these phases of her career laid the foundations for her return to Barcelona in 2004, where she set up her own laboratory at the Instituto de Investigación Biomédica (IRB Barcelona) alongside Eduard Batlle. Since then, she has spearheaded groundbreaking research, focusing on metastatic disease in colorectal cancer. Her contributions have been vital for advances in how these processes are understood and they have given rise to new therapeutic approaches that are currently undergoing clinical development.