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Innovative tools,  
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Pilar holds degrees in Pharmacy and Food Science and Technology with additional studies in Toxicology. She also is recognised as Pharmacist “Specialised in pharmaceuticals and drug analysis” and “Specialised in pharmaceutical industry” by the Spanish Ministry of Health.

Currently working as the Head of the Unit responsible for research on health and environment, replacement of animal testing and gen and cell therapies, among other.

An official since 2001 she has also worked in DG SANTE dealing with food safety and scientific advice and in the Joint Research Centre in charge of nanotechnology, consumer products and medical devices.

Previously she worked for over 10 years for the Spanish Ministry of Health, as inspector and as Head of Official Control Laboratories.