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**IRB LLEIDA DIRECTOR**

Dr. Diego Arango graduated in Biological Sciences in 1994 at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain) and obtained his PhD in 1998 at the University College Dublin (Ireland), where he became familiar with the anatomy and physiology of the intestine, and studied different ways of manipulating the cell cycle of intestinal stem cells in an attempt to minimize the side effects of radiotherapy in the abdominal and pelvic region. From 1999 to 2003, Dr. Arango was a Postdoctoral Fellow and an Instructor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein Cancer Center in New York (USA), where he gained extensive knowledge on the different genomic approaches to understand the molecular differences between normal and tumor tissue as well as between tumors from patients with good and bad prognosis or response to treatment. Dr. Arango moved in 2003 to the Center of Excellence in Disease Genetics at Biomedicum Helsinki (Finland) as a Visiting Scientist, where he began different lines of independent research aimed at the molecular classification of colorectal cancer.

In 2005, Dr. Arango became the Leader of the Molecular Oncology Group at Vall d'Hebron Hospital Research Institute in Barcelona. In 2020, became the IRB Lleida Director and the Leader of the Molecular Oncology Group at the IRB Lleida Institute.

Dr. Arango has over 60 publications in leading peer-reviewed journals and several patents for biomarkers of prognosis and response to treatment for cancer (PCT/ES2006/000704, PCT/EP2007/05622, PCT/ES2010/070576 and EP15382184). He is also a regular reviewer for over 30 leading journals in his field (including Nature Communications, Gastroenterology, Cancer Research, Oncogene, Clinical Cancer Research and Gut) and participates in the evaluation of projects submitted for funding by his peers to national and international funding agencies (European Union FP7; Cancer Research UK; National Cancer Institute, France; Irish Health Research Board, Ireland; South African Research Council, South Africa; and Spanish National Evaluation Agency among others).

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