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Ana M. García has a B.Sc. in Biological Sciences from the *Universidad Complutense de Madrid* (1999). She began her research activity in September 1999 at the Pharmacology and Therapeutics Department of the Faculty of Medicine of the *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*, where she began her work using microscopy, electrophysiological and flow cytometry techniques to study the cytoprotector effects of a drug on bovine chromaffin cells. In October 2000, she joined the Department of Engineering and Materials Science of the *Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros Industriales* at the *Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*, where she continues to do research. She began to carry out studies related to her main line of research, the behaviour of materials in use and their interaction in industrial and environmental surroundings in the presence of living matter. She did her Ph.D. thanks to an FPU grant from the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, obtaining the mention of "European Doctor" and the "Extraordinary Doctorate Award." During her doctoral studies, she collaborated at the *Microbiology Research Laboratory* at the *School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences* (*University of Portsmouth*, *England*). After her dissertation, she obtained a Specialist Laboratory Technician position followed by an Assistant Professor position, before becoming an a Tenured Professor at the UPM.

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