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How the immune system detects lipids

Our research aims to understand the cellular and molecular mechanisms that underlie the initiation of immunity and how those contribute to human health and disease. We specifically focus on immune responses to lipids (both endogenous and from microbes) exploring how the immune system handles lipids, which are the mechanisms that mediate lipid recognition by immune cells and which are the consequences for human health when these processes are dysregulated.

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- September-December 2002: **Visitor PhD Student.** Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department. Queen's Medical Centre (Nottingham, UK).
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- Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Spanish Ministry of Education (September 2007-January 2009)
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PATENTS

- Products and methods for stimulating an immune response. (US61/049814). Pub no. WO/2009/133378 (05.11.2009). Inventors: Batista FD, Cerundolo V, Eckl-Dorna J, **Barral P.**

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

- *Gordon Research Conference in Immunochemistry & Immunobiology.* Les Diablerets (Switzerland) 2012.
- *Keystone Symposia: NK and NKT cell Biology.* Breckenridge (Colorado, USA). 2011.
- *Gordon Research Conference in Immunochemistry & Immunobiology.* Les Diablerets (Switzerland) 2010.
- *Gordon Research Conference in Immunochemistry & Immunobiology.* Oxford (UK) 2008.
- *XXIV European Congress of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.* Munich (Germany). 2005.
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- Cerundolo V, **Barral P**, Batista FD. Synthetic iNKT cell-agonists as vaccine adjuvants - finding the balance. **Curr Opin Immunol** 22:417 (2010). Review
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