

**Interview with Xabier Osteikoetxea Veleze
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I am Spanish and Mexican and I have studied a Bachelor of Sciences in Microbiology and Cell Sciences at the University of Florida, USA and a Masters of Sciences in Biomedical Research at the Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain.



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What is your PhD project about? What objectives do you have to reach?

My PhD project is about the characterization and isolation of Extracellular Vesicles. The goals are to improve the existing methods for extracellular vesicle characterization and isolation.



What is the best thing about taking a PhD in the framework of an ITN European Project? What is challenging?

The best thing about an ITN European network is the amazing opportunity to interact with other scientists that are specialist in diverse fields; however it can sometimes be challenging harmonizing different approaches to solve problems.

Do you have some advice to master/engineer students considering taking a PhD?

Doing a PhD can be very demanding but it is extremely rewarding. It is important to be motivated about the project to be able to accomplish a PhD as it can be hard to put in the amount of work needed without motivation.

What did you learn your participation to national/international events during your PhD?

It became clear with the very positive response to our project that better characterization methods are desperately needed in the extracellular vesicle field. From the response we have had in different national and international events it would seem that hopefully the method we have developed will be adopted by many laboratories in the field.

What are your plans after completing the PhD?

After completing my PhD I would love to incorporate into a Postdoctorate position at a laboratory that can help me continue pursuing my scientific interests and projects in the extracellular vesicle field.

Thank you Xabier and all the best for DYNANO.

Interviewed by Sadika Guedidi



DYNANO in brief

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