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Zuleika holds a BS and MS degree in Biochemistry, from the University of Indiana, Bloomington, a Master's degree in Research Management from the Universidad de Alcalá de Henares-UNED and a PhD in Public Health from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

She worked for over 12 years in the Spanish Health Technology Assessment Agency in Madrid carrying out health technology assessments (HTA), including systematic reviews, for the Spanish Ministry of Health to provide sound and independent technical scientific advice to be used by the Ministry of Health in their decision-making process to incorporate health technologies into the Spanish National Health System. During that time she also worked on several national and international research projects on methods for evaluating disease management programmes, methodological adaptation of HTA evaluation processes, procedures of HTA applied to the health administration and developing monitoring use programmes in the Spanish NHS. During most of her time at the HTA agency she was also Spain's representative in the OECD Working Group on Biotechnology.

From 2015-2020 she worked at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre coordinating the development of the European Guidelines on Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis, using GRADE methodology and participated in the work for integrating guidelines and quality assurance. She also participated in several methodological projects including development of health outcome descriptors, good practice statements and multiple comparison evidence to decision frameworks.

In the last two years she has participated as methodology expert in several guideline panels.

She is a member of the GRADE Working Group and is very interested in methodology, transparency in decision making processes as well as chronic diseases.