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During the last decade I spent great part of my scientific efforts on the comprehension of skin diseases, with special attention to psoriasis from a clinical, histological and molecular point of view. Psoriasis represents an excellent model of chronic immune-mediated inflammatory disease, having delicate implications on patients' physical and psychological wellbeing.

As a result of my activity I am author or co-author of many papers, both for national and international peer-reviewed journals, chapters for textbooks of dermatology and speaker at national and international congresses. I took part and organized several national and international advisory boards. I have been also coordinator of many national and international research projects on psoriasis.

Our questionnaire was valid in assessing patient awareness in five relevant area of psoriasis, and can be useful in both the clinical setting and research studies to evaluate patients' knowledge of psoriasis better, with the final aim of reducing the burden of this chronic condition. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all these studies.

During last years I also examined in depth psoriasis' comorbidities to find the molecular and genetic subset that links psoriasis to metabolic syndrome, inflammatory bowel diseases, celiac disease and cardiovascular disorders.