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Pedro Ballester is a Royal Society Wolfson Fellow and Associate Professor at Imperial College London (<https://profiles.imperial.ac.uk/p.ballester/>). Pedro began his academic journey in Spain with an undergraduate degree in Astrophysics at the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias. He then moved to the UK to carry out an MSc in Information Processing and Neural Networks at King's College London (at a time when AI was far from fashionable) and a PhD in geophysical data inference and mining at Imperial College London. This was followed by Junior Research Fellowships at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, as well as an MRC Methodology Research Fellowship at the EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute. During this postdoctoral stage, he initiated interdisciplinary research leading to his current focus on applying novel and improved computational methods to guide drug discovery. Prior to rejoining Imperial in 2022, he started his first research group as an Assistant Professor at INSERM in France.