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Dr María Luisa del Moral Leal is currently Deputy Regional Minister for Health and Consumer Affairs of the Andalusian Government (Andalusia, Spain), where she holds the highest leadership position in the Regional Ministry after the head of the Ministry. She executes and implements functions assigned (overall coordination, economic and strategic planning, definition and evaluation of healthcare services in Andalusia and coordination with the National Health System, among others), as well as monitors the relations and participation of the Regional Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs and its dependent entities in European Programs and Initiatives or in initiatives with third countries. She previously served as Secretary-General for Humanisation, Planning, Social and Health Care, and Consumer Affairs of Andalusia (2022-2023), and as a Member of the Spanish Parliament representing the province of Jaén (2019), where she acted as Spokesperson of the Health Committee.

Dr Moral Leal holds a degree in Medicine and Surgery from the Complutense University of Madrid and a PhD in Medicine from the University of Granada. After working as a physician, she began her academic career at the University of Jaén as Associate Professor of Cell Biology. She has a distinguished academic trajectory, having participated in 20 research projects and having led three of them as Principal Investigator. Her work has resulted in numerous scientific publications. She also serves as a reviewer for several international journals and as Review Editor for *Frontiers in Pharmacology of Natural Products*.

She has also held a number of academic management positions, including serving as a member of the Governing Council representing Department Chairs (2014-2015) and as Vice-Rector for Students at the University of Jaén (2015-2019).