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After medical graduation and a year in clinical practice, I went on to do a MD in pharmacology in pursuit of my interest in the development of medicines.

Subsequently, I worked for a generic pharmaceutical company in clinical development and was involved in successful development of around 15 products for different regulatory regions. Following this, I moved to a global CRO in the UK, where I was an investigator for more than 15 clinical studies mainly with novel products, including Phase II/III studies in asthma and COPD.

Since 2008, I am a medical assessor at MHRA, where I have assessed a number of clinical dossiers of medicinal products, mainly in respiratory medicine and dermatology. These include dossiers of novel inhaled products for the treatment of asthma and COPD. Some of my recent assessments include generic and novel inhaled medicines including fixed dose combination inhalers for asthma and COPD. Since Feb 2013, I am an alternate member to the Scientific Advice Working Party at the EMA, where I co-ordinate and contribute to CHMP scientific advice procedures.