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## **Manuel Irimia**

Manuel Irimia obtained his PhD in 2010 at University of Barcelona investigating the origin of vertebrates at a genomic level. After two postdocs at Stanford University and University of Toronto, he started his laboratory at the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) in June 2014. He is an ICREA Research Professor since December 2018, and in October 2023 his lab moved to the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, with dual affiliation with the CRG. Since 2024, he is the coordinator of the CRG-UPF-IBE Joint Program on Evolutionary Medical Genomics.

His lab is interested in understanding the roles that transcriptomic diversification, especially through alternative splicing and gene duplication, plays on vertebrate development and evolution. He has been elected EMBO Young Investigator (2018) and he obtained an ERC Starting Grant in 2014 and an ERC Consolidator Grant (2020), among other competitive international grants.