

Santiago Grijalvo was born and grew up in Madrid. In 2000 he received his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry (with an emphasis in Organic Chemistry) from the Autonomous University of Madrid. After finishing his studies, he was hired as an intern at GlaxoSmithKline for one year. He has always been interested in the industry as well as research. In 2002 he moved to Barcelona to join Dr. Antonio Delgado's research group to do his PhD focusing on the synthesis of modified sphingolipids combinatorial libraries at the Institute of Research Chemistry (IIQAB-CSIC). In 2006 he started working at Enantia as a researcher to develop different projects in drug discovery. In 2007 he joined Ramon Eritja's research group as a post-doctoral researcher at the Institute of Advanced Chemistry (IQAC). Since then, he has participated in several research projects focusing on improving the cellular uptake of nucleic acids using either covalent or electrostatic strategies.

He did a Postdoctoral stay in the group of Prof. Díaz at the University of Regensburg (Germany) working on the encapsulation and controlled release of oligonucleotides in hydrogels.

He is an avid animal lover and a volunteer at 2 animal shelters for abandoned cats and dogs in Barcelona in his free time. He lives with his wife and five cats in Barcelona.