



**Dr. José Luis Aceña Bonilla.** *Organic Chemistry Advisor.* After studying Chemistry at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, he received his PhD from the same university with a thesis entitled "Synthesis of natural cyclitols and related compounds from 7-oxanorbornes". He then carried out a postdoctoral stay for two and a half years at the University of Cambridge, in the group of Prof. Ian Paterson. Back in Spain in 2000, he acquired professional experience within the pharmaceutical industry, and in 2005 he returned to the academic context, working successively in the groups of Prof. Santos Fustero at the Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe de Valencia

(funded by the Ramón y Cajal programme), and Prof. Vadim Soloshonok at the Universidad del País Vasco. Simultaneously, from September 2012 onwards, he has been teaching as a part-time Professor at the Universidad de Valencia. In the academic year 2014/2015 he was awarded a position as Interim Professor at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, and in October 2016 he was awarded a position as Assistant Professor at the Universidad de Alcalá (UAH). He is currently an Associate Professor at UAH, and from October 2022 he served as Head of the Department of Organic and Inorganic Chemistry. Overall, his research at the pre- and post-doctoral levels has been focused on synthetic organic chemistry, with a clear trend towards the search and development of new compounds with biological activity. This has been translated into a considerable scientific productivity: more than 80 publications, two patents and more than 30 communications in congresses. In addition, he has participated in 25 research projects financed in public calls, being the main researcher in seven of them. He has co-directed three Doctoral Thesis and twelve Master Thesis.