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Virginia G. de Yébenes (Detroit, USA 1972) obtained her BS degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in 1995. De Yébenes received her PhD and First Class Honours distinction from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in 2002. Dr. de Yébenes joined Almudena R. Ramiro's group at the Spanish National Research Center (Madrid) as a postdoctoral fellow.

In 2009 de Yébenes was awarded a Ramon y Cajal research position and her scientific career has been acknowledged as with an outstanding research trajectory certificate from the Spanish National Evaluation Agency in 2014.

She joined the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares in 2011 where she works as a Research Associate in the B Cell Biology Lab. She focused her work in the characterization of the role of microRNAs in the regulation of mature B cell biology and oncogenic transformation processes. She has published 6 highly cited articles in this topic in the most important journals of the field (Journal of Experimental Medicine IF: 15.5-cited 153 times, Immunity IF: 24.2, Immunol Rev IF: 12.2, Blood IF: 10.5, Blood IF: 13.2 and a book chapter in Methods in Molecular Biology). Dr. de Yébenes has directly contributed to the scientific mentoring of students in the laboratory, and has codirected the PhD work of Nahikari Bartolomé Izquierdo (UAM 2016) and the Master experimental work of Teresa Fuertes Novella (UAM 2017) about the role of microRNAs in oncogenic transformation and the clinical applications of microRNA restoration in non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The applications of results of these works have been patented.

During her research career Dr. de Yébenes has published 22 scientific articles, 10 as principal author and 2 as corresponding author. These articles have been published in high-impact journals (20 of them in First Quartile and 15 of them in First Decil) and have had a relevant contribution in the field, as shown by different bibliometric parameters 772 total citations, 68 average citations/year in the last 5 years, high citation percentile in recent publications, and a h index of 17.