## Short CV:

'Maria João Marques is a passionate qualified clinical research manager, skilled in the establishment of patient-centred environments focused on compassion, evidence-based practice and continuous delivery of healthcare excellence.

Holds a Masters in Nursing Studies, directed to Leadership in Clinical Research, by Oxford Brooks University. Has worked internationally and pioneered the conception of a Research Department at both Cleveland Clinic London and Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi while maintaining a robust Research Ethics Committee. Contributed to the planning, execution and monitoring of a wide range of clinical trials portfolios, being responsible for the oversight of day-to-day clinical research operations in all Clinical Institutes, including the establishment of the following committees: regulatory, finance & accounting, governance & ethics, scientific approvals, and internal grants.

Maria is a ACRP-CP certified professional (USA) as well as a certified Clinical Project Manager. Currently, Maria is a Clinical Research & Development Project Manager at the Clinical Academic Center-Braga (2CA-Braga), where she coordinates one vertical from the HealthfromPT project, Clinical Trials, with the aim to capacitate other clinical research institutions to develop their competences and structure to promote clinical research of high-quality.'