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Nationality: Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE

05/2022 – CURRENT
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER – UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI “MAGNA GRAECIA” DI CATANZARO

05/2021 – 30/04/2022
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER – UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI “MAGNA GRAECIA” DI CATANZARO

04/2020 – 03/2021 – Catanzaro, Italy
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER – UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI “MAGNA GRAECIA” DI CATANZARO

01/2020 – 03/2020 – Catanzaro, Italy
RESEARCHER – NET4SCIENCE SRL

Researcher in medicinal chemistry

2020 – 2021 – Cosenza, Italy
LECTURER IN "ASPETTI STRUTTURALI E MOLECOLARI DEI NUTRACEUTICI" FOR THE SECOND LEVEL MASTER "NUTRIZIONE ED INTEGRAZIONE NUTRACEUTICA" – DIPARTIMENTO DI FARMACIA E SCIENZE DELLA SALUTE E DELLA NUTRIZIONE DELL'UNIVERSITÀ DELLA CALABRIA

2019 – 2020 – Catanzaro, Italy
TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR THE DISCIPLINES RELATED TO THE SCIENTIFIC-DISCIPLINARY SECTOR OF PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY – UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI “MAGNA GRAECIA” DI CATANZARO

2018 – CURRENT – Catanzaro, Italy
APPOINTMENT OF SUBJECT EXPERT FOR SSD CHIM/08, PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY; CHIM/10, FOOD CHEMISTRY; AND CHIM/11, FERMENTATION CHEMISTRY – UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI “MAGNA GRAECIA” DI CATANZARO

08/2015 – 03/2016
PHARMACIST – “PARAFARMACIA SASCAL”, AEROPORTO INTERNAZIONALE OF LAMEZIA TERME

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

31/01/2020
TRAINING COURSE “NUTRIZIONE ED INTEGRAZIONE NUTRACEUTICA” – Dipartimento di Farmacia e Scienze della Salute e della Nutrizione dell'Università della Calabria

03/10/2019
PHD IN LIFE SCIENCES – Università degli Studi “Magna Graecia” di Catanzaro

08/2018 – 12/2018
VISITING PHD STUDENT – Scripps Research Institute North Torrey Pines Road, California (Stati Uniti)

05/2017 – Certosa di Pontignano, Siena, Italy
11TH EUROPEAN WORKSHOP IN DRUG DESIGN AND MU.TA.LIG. TRAINING SCHOOL

02/2017 – Vienna, Austria
1ST TRAINING SCHOOL – MUTALIG COST ACTION – Universitat Wien

26/06/2015 – Catanzaro, Italy
ENROLMENT IN THE PHARMACIST PROFESSIONAL REGISTER

31/03/2015
DEGREE IN PHARMACY WITH VOTE 110/110 – Università degli Studi “Magna Graecia” di Catanzaro

06/2014 – 03/2015
EXPERIMENTAL THESIS AT THE COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY (CCLAB) – Università degli Studi “Magna Graecia” di Catanzaro

07/2014 – 03/2015
PHARMACY PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

PUBLICATIONS

Alkhatib, M.; Salpini, R.; Carioti, L.; Ambrosio, F.A.; D’Anna, S.; Duca, L.; Costa, G.; Bellocchi, M.C.; Piermatteo, L.; Artese, A.; Santoro, M.M.; Alcaro, S.; Svicher, V.; Ceccherini-Silbersteina, F. Update on SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant of Concern and Its Peculiar Mutational Profile, Microbiology Spectrum, 2022, 10.

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Costa, G.; Maruca, A.; Rocca, R.; Ambrosio, F.A.; Berrino, E.; Carta, F.; Mesiti, F.; Salatino, A.; Trapasso, F.; Artese, A.; Alcaro, S.; Supuran, C.T. In Silico Identification and Biological Evaluation of Antioxidant Food Components Endowed with Human Carbonic Anhydrase IX and XII Inhibition. Antioxidants, 2020, 9, 775.

Scumaci, D.; Olivo, E.; Fiumara, C.V.; La Chimia, M.; De Angelis, M.T.; Mauro, S.; Costa, G.; Ambrosio, F.A.; Alcaro, S.; Agosti, V.; Costanzo, F.S.; Cuda, G. Dj-1 Proteoforms in Breast Cancer Cells: The Escape of Metabolic Epigenetic Misregulation. Cells, 2020, 9,1968.

Della Volpe, S.; Listro, R.; Parafioriti, M.; Di Giacomo, M.; Rossi, D.; Ambrosio, F.A.; Costa, G.; Alcaro, S.; Ortuso, F.; Hirsch, A.K.H.; Vasile, F.; Collina, S.BOPC1 enantiomers preparation and HuR interaction study. From molecular modeling to a curious DEEP-STD NMR application. ACS Medicinal Chemistry Letters, 2020,11(5): 883–888.

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Della Volpe S.; Nasti R.; Queirolo M.; Unver M.Y.; Jumde V.K.; Domling A.; Vasile F.; Potenza D.; Ambrosio F.A.; Costa G.; Alcaro S.; Zucca C.; Provenzani A.; Di Giacomo M.; Rossi D.; Hirsch A.K.H.; Collina S. Novel Compounds Targeting the RNA-Binding Protein HuR. Structure- Based Design, Synthesis, and Interaction Studies. ACS Medicinal Chemistry Letters, 2019, 10(4), 615-620

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NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

13/06/2019 – 15/06/2019
Member of Organizing Committee for Paul Ehrlich Euro-PhD Network & MuTaLig COST Action meeting 2019

Catanzaro

HONOURS AND AWARDS

26/07/2021
PhD Award of excellence - Paul Ehrlich Award

28/07/2021
Runner-Up best oral Communication

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Windows, MacOs, Linux, Unix

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: B

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

18th Hellenic Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry, 25-27 February 2021, online symposium.

Identification of natural antioxidants endowed with human carbonic anhydrase IX and XII inhibition.

Italian young medinal chemistry virtual meeting, 22-24 July 2020.

Preparation and HuR interaction studies of BOPC1 enantiomers combining deep-STD NMR and molecular modeling analysis

Carbonic anhydrases 2019 - the IV satellite meeting, 14- 17 November 2019, Parma, Italy.

In-silico approaches for anticancer multi-target drug discovery.

Paul Ehrlich Euro-PhD Network & Mutalig Cost Action Meeting 2019, 13th 15th June 2019, Catanzaro, Italy.

Compounds targeting the RNA-binding protein HuR. Structure-based design, synthesis and interaction studies

Mutalig cost action, 3rd WG-Meeting 2019. 23-24 February 2019, Paris, France

Exploration of ligand binding modes towards the identification of compounds targeting HuR: a combined STD-NMR and molecular modelling approach.

2nd WG Meeting – status of WG activities of the Mutalig Cost action. 15-16 March 2018, Tenerife, Spain

In silico approaches for antiviral multi-target drugs discovery.

International workshop CAT-ICBCS 2017 catalysis with ions, complexes, biological systems, clusters and surfaces. 3-4 November 2017, Cosenza, Italy

Dynophores: a molecular dynamics pharmacophore approach to identify telomerase ten domain promising binders.

International workshop CAT-ICBCS 2017 catalysis with ions, complexes, biological systems, clusters and surfaces. 3-4 November 2017, Cosenza, Italy

In silico identification of chikungunya virus nsp2 protease inhibitors from natural sources.

Epichembio (cm1406) and Mutalig cost (ca15135) actions joint meeting university of porto. 22-24 September 2017, Porto, Portugal

Cabotegravir, a new integrase inhibitor: drug stability evaluation

11th EWDD European workshop in drug design & Mu.Ta.Lig training school (XI EWDD). 21-26 May 2017, Siena, Italy

Analysis of new allosteric pockets on the HIV-1 integrase and hit identification of novel selective ligands by virtual screening techniques.

3rd innovative approaches for novel antiviral agents summer school. September 28th-October 3rd 2016, Pula, CA, Italy.

In silico identification of new natural ligands as potential HIV-1 integrase agents.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Targeting HuD with Natural Compounds - Invited Speaker

NANOINNOVATION 2021, 21-24 September 2021, Rome.

Molecular modeling studies on antiviral targets: drug resistance mechanisms and rational drug design

MedChem 2021 - PaulErlich Virtual Meeting, July 26th-28th, 2021.

A computer-assisted discovery of novel potential anti-obesity compounds as selective carbonic anhydrase va inhibitors.

VI Congresso della Divisione di ChimicaTeorica e Computazionale della Società Chimica Italiana. 19-20 September 2019, Università della Calabria, Cosenza, Italy.

Induced fit docking protocol applied to the in silico evaluation of antiviral hiv-1 integrase resistance

2nd WG meeting – Status of WG actvities of the MuTaLig COST Action. 15- 16 March 2018, Instituto Universitario de Bio-Orgánica “Antonio González”, Universidad de La Laguna, Tenerife-Spain.

Pathway involving the n155h mutation in hiv-1 integrase leads to dolutegravir resistance.

7th meeting of the Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network. 25-27, August 2017 Vienna, University of Technology, Vienna-Austria

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Excellent communicative skills. I work very well in team