

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Education**

1991-1996: classical high school studies (final marks: 60 out of 60), Liceo Classico “C.Cavour”, Torino, Italy.

1996-2001: graduation studies at the School of Biotechnology, University of Torino and achievement of the Graduate Degree in Medical Biotechnology (final marks: 110 out of 110, with honors and print dignity). Title of the final dissertation: “Anti-angiogenic role of IL12: *in vitro* study of the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) activity”, performed at the Molecular Angiogenesis Division of the Institute for Research and Therapy of Cancer of Candiolo, Torino, Italy.

2001-2005: PhD studies in Biochemistry and Cellular Biotechnology, University of Torino and achievement of the PhD Degree in Biochemistry and Cellular Biotechnology. Title of the final dissertation: “Involvement of matrix metalloproteinases in malaria pathology; study of the MMP-9-mediated regulation of TNF $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  in human monocytes and their environment after phagocytosis of hemozoin”, performed at the Biochemistry Division of the Department of Genetics, Biology and Biochemistry, Torino Medical School, University of Torino, Italy.

### **Career**

1997-2001: undergraduate student, Biology division, Dept. of Genetics, Biology and Biochemistry, Torino Medical School, University of Torino, Italy (1997); Oncology Division, Institute for Research and Therapy of Cancer of Candiolo, Torino, Italy (1998); Molecular Angiogenesis Division, Institute for Research and Therapy of Cancer of Candiolo, Torino, Italy (1999-2001).

2001-2012: PhD student (2001-2005) and post-Doc researcher (2005-2012), Biochemistry Division, Dept. of Genetics, Biology and Biochemistry, Torino Medical School, University of Torino, Italy.

2003-present day: lecturer of Biochemistry, Torino Medical School, University of Torino, Italy (schools of Nursing, Paediatric Nursing, Obstetrics, Radiology Techniques, Audiometry Techniques, Audioprothesis Techniques, Neurophysiopathology Techniques, Biomedical Laboratory Techniques).

2008-present day: adjunct Professor of Biochemistry, Dept. of Public Health and Pediatrics, University of Torino, Italy (school of Nursing, displaced branch of Asti).

2009, 2012: visiting researcher, Laboratory of Immunobiology, Rega Institute, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

2012, 2013: visiting researcher, Laboratory of Photoacoustics, FujiFilm VisualSonics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

2012-2015: post-Doc researcher, Physiology Division, Dept. of Neuroscience, University of Torino, Italy.

2014, 2017: high school teacher of Natural Sciences, Liceo Scientifico “C. Cattaneo”, Torino, Italy.

2015-16: post-Doc researcher, Microbiology Division, Dept. of Public Health and Pediatrics, University of Torino, Italy.

2016-18: Principal Investigator, Dept. of Neuroscience, University of Torino, Italy.

### **Main Research Interests**

1999-2001: Role of human MMPs in angiogenesis

2001-present day: Role of human MMPs in *falciparum* malaria (HZ-dependent regulation of MMPs and related molecules, including tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases (TIMPs), cytokines and chemokines in mononuclear and endothelial cells; signal transduction; biological effects; pharmacological implications; blood-brain barrier models)

2012-present day: Oxygen-loaded nanobubbles and nanodroplets as therapeutic tools for hypoxia-related diseases (complicated malaria, preeclampsia, cancer, chronic wounds)

### **Early Achievement-Track-Record**

No. International patents: 1.

No. papers in peer-reviewed international journals with ISSN: 51. As first/last author: 37. As corresponding author: 31.

No. peer-reviewed international books with ISBN: 1.

No. chapters in peer-reviewed international books with ISBN: 10. As first/last author: 7. As corresponding author: 6.

No. communications in national/international conferences/schools: 121 (oral:44; poster:75). As first/last author:94; as presenter:73.

Total Impact Factor: 143.638. *h* index: 12. No. Citations: 439. Year range: 2003-present.

### **Representative Publications**

1. [Prato M, Magnetto C, Jose J, Khadjavi A, Cavallo F, Quaglino E, Panariti A, Rivolta I, Benintende E, Varetto G, Argenziano M, Troia A, Cavalli R, and Guiot C. 2H,3H-decafluoropentane-based nanodroplets: new perspectives for oxygen delivery to hypoxic cutaneous tissues. PLoS One. 2015 Mar 17;10\(3\):e0119769.](#)
2. [Khadjavi A, Magnetto C, Panariti A, Argenziano M, Gulino GR, Rivolta I, Cavalli R, Giribaldi G, Guiot C, and Prato M. Chitosan-shelled oxygen-loaded nanodroplets abrogate hypoxia dysregulation of human keratinocyte gelatinases and inhibitors: New insights for chronic wound healing. Toxicol Appl Pharmacol. 2015 Aug 1;286\(3\):198-206.](#)
3. [Gulino GR, Magnetto C, Khadjavi A, Panariti A, Rivolta I, Soster M, Argenziano M, Cavalli R, Giribaldi G, Guiot C, and Prato M. Oxygen-Loaded Nanodroplets Effectively Abrogate Hypoxia Dysregulating Effects on Secretion of MMP-9 and TIMP-1 by Human Monocytes. Mediators Inflamm. 2015;2015:964838.](#)
4. [Basilico N, Magnetto C, D'Alessandro S, Panariti A, Rivolta I, Genova T, Khadjavi A, Gulino GR, Argenziano M, Soster M, Cavalli R, Giribaldi G, Guiot C, and Prato M. Dextran-shelled oxygen-loaded nanodroplets reestablish a normoxia-like pro-angiogenic phenotype and behavior in hypoxic human dermal microvascular endothelium. Toxicol Appl Pharmacol. 2015 Nov 1;288\(3\):330-8.](#)
5. [Argenziano M, Banche G, Luganini A, Finesso N, Allizond V, Gulino GR, Khadjavi A, Spagnolo R, Tullio V, Giribaldi G, Guiot C, Cuffini AM, Prato M\\*, and Cavalli R\\*. Vancomycin-loaded nanobubbles: A new platform for controlled](#)

[antibiotic delivery against methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infections. Int J Pharm. 2017 May 15;523\(1\):176-188. \\*equal contribution.](#)