

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Enterprise	University	EPR
<input type="checkbox"/> Management Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Full professor	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Director and 1st level Technologist / First Researcher and 2nd level Technologist / Principal Investigator
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Management Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Professor	<input type="checkbox"/> Level III Researcher and Technologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Employee / worker level	<input type="checkbox"/> Researcher and Technologist of IV, V, VI and VII level / Technical collaborator	<input type="checkbox"/> Researcher and Technologist of IV, V, VI and VII level / Technical collaborator

WORK EXPERIENCE

From 2020 – to date	Member of the Board of the PhD Course in Pharmaceutical Sciences University of Naples Federico II
From 2019 – to date	Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry Department of Pharmacy, University of Naples Federico II
From 2018 – to date	Member of the Steering Committee of the Division of Chemistry of Biological Systems of the Italian Chemical Society
From 2011 – to 2019	Research activity as Chemical Technologist University of Naples Federico II
From 2010 – to date	Member of the Italian Chemical Society (SCI)
From 2009 – to 2011	Postdoc Department of Chemistry of Natural Substances, University of Naples Federico II
From Aug. 2009 – to Sept. 2009	Visiting Scientist, short-term scientific mission in the frame of the COST Action MP0802 Department of Chemistry, University of Liège, Belgium
From Jan. 2008 – to Jun. 2008	Visiting Scientist Department of Chemistry, University of Liège, Belgium
From 2006 – to 2007	Postdoc Department of Chemistry of Natural Substances, University of Naples Federico II

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2011	2 nd level professional master (2-year) in “Cosmetic Science and Technology”, with top marks and honours University of Naples Federico II
2007	High formation school (1-year) in the field of “Advanced Biology and its applications: formation of professional profiles in the field of Molecular Diagnostics and Pharmaceutics” Centro di Competenza Regionale - Campania Region

- 2006 PhD in Biotechnological Sciences
University of Naples Federico II
- 2003 Degree (M.Sc. equivalent) in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and
Technology, with top marks and honours
University of Naples Federico II

WORK ACTIVITIES

- Honours and awards
- 2015 - "Gastone De Santis" Award from the Italian Chemical Society and Italfarmaco Spa.
- Funded projects as PI
- 2021 - Project title: "G-quadruplex structures in SARS-CoV-2 genome: a new target in antiviral therapy - G4antiCoV" (FISR2020IP_04932). Funding organization: Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR).
 - 2021 - Project title: "COVID-19 - Targeting G-quadruplex structures in SARS-CoV-2 genome" (n. 20217014). Funding organization: Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CERIC).
 - 2021 - Project title: "Ligand interaction with G-quadruplex and i-motif DNA by means of UV Resonant Raman spectroscopy" (n. 20202166). Funding organization: Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CERIC).
 - 2019 - Project title: "Investigation of i- motif/hairpin equilibrium by means of UV Resonant Raman Spectroscopy" (n.20192149). Funding organization: Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CERIC).
 - 2018 - Project title: "Ligand interaction with different topology structures of G-quadruplex DNA by means of UV Resonant Raman Spectroscopy" (n. 20182116). Funding organization: Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CERIC).
 - 2017 - Co-PI, Project title: Discovery of new ligands, specifically targeting bile acid receptors, for the treatment of liver and metabolic disorders - BARLIG" (DR/2017/409, 07/02/2017). Funding organization: University of Naples Federico II.
- Editorial activity
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Molecules*.
 - Associate Editor of *Frontiers in Chemistry*.
 - Guest Editor of *Pharmaceuticals*, Special Issue "Nucleic Acids in Medicinal Chemistry".
 - Guest Editor of *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, Special Issue "Chemistry and Biology of Noncanonical Nucleic Acid Structures: From Physicochemical Properties to Therapeutic Applications".
 - Guest Editor of *Molecules*. Special Issue "Targeting Innovation in Medicinal Chemistry".
- Presentations
- Speaker at several national and international conferences. Selected lectures in the last 5 years:
- 2023 - "Ultraviolet resonance Raman spectroscopy to study noncanonical DNA structures and their drug targeting". Innovative therapeutic targets in non-canonical nucleic acids structures - Winter International School 2023 (INTERACTION WINS 2023).
 - 2022 - "Studying noncanonical DNA structures and their drug targeting: new insights from ultraviolet resonance Raman spectroscopy". Advances in Noncanonical Nucleic Acids – ANNA 2022, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
 - 2022 - "Nucleic acid aptamers: potential therapeutic agents for cancer and neurodegenerative disorders". XXVII National Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry (NMMC27), University of Bari, Bari, Italy.
 - 2022 - "Studying Anticancer activity of G-quadruplex DNA-targeting monohydrazone based compounds". 3rd Molecules Medicinal Chemistry Symposium – Shaping Medicinal Chemistry for the New Decade (MMCS 2022). Sapienza University, Rome, Italy.
 - 2018 - "Development and application of high throughput screening methods for the identification of conformation-selective nucleic acids ligands". XXIII International Roundtable on Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids, La Jolla, CA, USA.
- Conferences
- Chair of the Organizing Committee of "National Conference of the Division of Chemistry of Biological Systems" of the Italian Chemical Society, Naples, Italy (2022).
 - Delegate of the Division of Chemistry of Biological Systems for the XXVII National Meeting of the Italian Chemical Society - SCI2021.
 - Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Congress of the Division of Chemistry of Biological Systems of the Italian Chemical Society, Siena, Italy (2019).
 - Member of the Scientific Committee National Congress of the Division of Chemistry of Biological Systems of the Italian Chemical Society, Caserta, Italy (2018).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

International agreements

- Member of the Joint Committee of the International agreement between the University of Naples Federico II and the Urmia University, Iran (2022-today).
- Member of the Joint Committee of the International agreement between the University of Naples Federico II and the University of Lodz, Poland (2018-today).

Reviewer activity

Reviewer for the following Journals: *Analyst* (Royal Society of Chemistry); *Analytical Chemistry* (ACS Publications); *Antiviral Research* (Elsevier); *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA) - General Subjects* (Elsevier); *Biochimie* (Elsevier); *Biologics* (MDPI); *Biomaterials* (Elsevier); *Bioorganic Chemistry* (Elsevier); *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* (Elsevier); *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters* (Elsevier); *ChemBioChem* (Wiley); *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal* (Elsevier); *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* (Elsevier); *European Journal of Pharmacology* (Elsevier); *Genes* (MDPI); *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules* (Elsevier); *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* (MDPI); *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* (ACS Publications); *Journal of Molecular Liquids* (Elsevier); *Journal of Molecular Structure* (Elsevier); *Mammalian Genome* (Springer); *Marine Drugs* (MDPI); *Metabolites* (MDPI); *Molecules* (MDPI); *Nucleic Acids Research* (Oxford University Press); *Nucleic Acid Therapeutics* (Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. publishers); *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry* (Royal Society of Chemistry); *Pharmaceuticals* (MDPI); *Pharmacological Research* (Elsevier); *RSC Advances* (Royal Society of Chemistry); *Scientific Reports* (Nature Research); *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy* (Elsevier).

Publications

H-index*: **30**
 Total number of publications in peer-reviewed journals*: **103**
 Number of publications in the last 10 years*: **71**
 Total number of citations*: **1992**
 *Source Scopus

Selected publications in the last 5 years:

- *Ligand-based drug repurposing strategy identified SARS-CoV-2 RNA G-quadruplex binders* (2022) *Chemical Communications*, 58 (85), 11913-11916.
- *Balancing Affinity, Selectivity, and Cytotoxicity of Hydrazone-Based G-Quadruplex Ligands for Activation of Interferon β Genes in Cancer Cells* (2022) *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, 65 (18), 12055-12067.
- *Monohydrazone Based G-Quadruplex Selective Ligands Induce DNA Damage and Genome Instability in Human Cancer Cells* (2020) *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, 63 (6), 3090-3103.
- *Bio-inspired dual-selective BCL-2/c-MYC G-quadruplex binders: Design, synthesis, and anticancer activity of drug-like imidazo[2,1-*i*]purine derivatives* (2020) *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, 63 (5), 2035-2050.
- *Insights into telomeric G-quadruplex DNA recognition by HMGB1 protein* (2019) *Nucleic Acids Research*, 47 (18), 9950-9966.
- *Targeting multiple G-quadruplex-forming DNA sequences: Design, biophysical and biological evaluations of indolo-naphthyridine scaffold derivatives* (2019) *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, 182, 111627.
- *Screening of DNA G-quadruplex stabilizing ligands by nano differential scanning fluorimetry* (2019) *Analyst*, 144 (22), 6512-6516.

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