

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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### EMPLOYMENT/PROFESSIONAL SECTOR

**Associate Professor, Disciplinary Sector BIO/14**

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001 – DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY IN CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNOLOGIES  
2003 – Specialization in Pharmacology  
2005 - Visiting Scientist at the Center for Drug Discovery, Dept. of Pharmacology, University of California, Irvine.  
2006 – PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences  
2008 – Researcher at the Department of Experimental Pharmacology of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Naples Federico II  
2018- Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Naples Federico II  
2018 - Visiting Scientist at the ISID research institute, University of Santiago de Compostela  
2022 – Scientific qualification for Full Professor  
**Memberships:** Italian Society of Pharmacology (SIF), and of the Italian Society of Toxicology (SITOX).

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- His scientific production is validated by several national and international cooperation with Italian and foreign researchers, and by several participations as speaker to national and international conferences and meetings.
- Reviewer for numerous scientific journals, including: Biochemical Pharmacology, Drugs, Expert Opinion on Investigational Drugs, Journal of Neurochemistry, Frontiers, Pharmacological Research, Journal, Brain and behavior, cells, current

neuropharmacology, pharmacological reports, British Journal of Pharmacology.

- Editor for the "Newsletter" present on the site of the Italian Society of Pharmacology in the "publications" section, a scientific monthly for the dissemination of preclinical studies with high scientific impact.
- Associate Editor Board of the journal "Experimental Pharmacology and Drug Discovery", special section of Frontiers in Pharmacology. Associate Editor Board of the journal "Journal of Integrative Neuroscience",

#### Patent

Italian (MI2012A002127) USA (US20150157733A1) Canada (CA2836069A1) Europe (EP2742957A1) Title: Polyethylene glycol derivatives of palmitoylethanolamide and analogous acylethanolamides from 01-06-2014 to today.

Italian : n° NA2008A000047 Abignente E., Boatto G., Calignano A., Curcio A., De Lucia S., La Rana G., Russo R., Melisi D., Nieddu M., Rimoli M.G., Sasso O. Profarmaco galattosilato del ketorolac ad uso analgesico e antinfiammatorio con migliori caratteristiche farmacocinetiche e profilo tossicologico del farmaco di partenza.

#### Grants

Her research has been supported by the Ministero della Università e della Ricerca (MIUR) with PRIN grants as principal investigator or participant in 2012, 2017, 2020

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#### Collaborations

- Prof. Daniele Piomelli** (Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Gillespie Neuroscience Research Facility, University of California, IRVINE, USA)
- Prof. Roberto Berni Canani** (Department of Translational Medical Science and European Laboratory for Investigation of Food Induced Diseases, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy)
- Dr Oreste Gualillo**, PharmD, PhD, Santiago University Clinical Hospital NEIRID Lab, NeuroEndocrine Interactions in Rheumatology and Inflammatory Diseases, Santiago de Compostela SPAIN)
- Prof. Emilio Russo** (Science of Health Department, School of Medicine, University "Magna Graecia" of Catanzaro, Italy)

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- **H-index** (Scopus – December 2022): 33
- **Total citations** (Scopus – December 2022): 4115

### Some papers of last 5 years

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3. De Caro C, Russo R, Avagliano C, Cristiano C, Calignano A, Aramini A, Bianchini G, Allegretti M, Brandolini L. Antinociceptive effect of two novel transient receptor potential melastatin 8 antagonists in acute and chronic pain models in rat. *Br J Pharmacol.* 2018 May;175(10):1691-1706. doi: 10.1111/bph.14177 (IF8.314).
4. Aponte M, Ungaro F, d'Angelo I, De Caro C, Russo R, Blaiotta G, Dal Piaz F, Calignano A, Miro A. Improving in vivo conversion of oleuropein into hydroxytyrosol by oral granules containing probiotic Lactobacillus plantarum 299v and an Olea europaea standardized extract. *Int J Pharm.* 2018 May 30;543(1-2):73-82. doi: 10.1016/j.ijpharm.2018.03.013. Epub 2018 Mar 8. PMID: 29526619.
5. Russo R, Cattaneo F, Lippiello P, Cristiano C, Zurlo F, Castaldo M, Irace C, Borsello T, Santamaria R, Ammendola R, Calignano A, Miniaci MC. Motor coordination and synaptic plasticity deficits are associated with increased cerebellar activity of NADPH oxidase, CAMKII, and PKC at preplaque stage in the TgCRND8 mouse model of Alzheimer's disease. *Neurobiol Aging.* 2018 Aug;68:123-133. doi: 10.1016/j.neurobiolaging.2018.02.025 (IF:4.673).
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7. Magliocca S, De Caro C, Lazzarato L, Russo R, Rolando B, Chegaev K, Marini E, Nieddu M, Burrai L, Boatto G, Cristiano C, Marabellino D, Gazzano E, Riganti C, Sodano F, Rimoli MG. Aceclofenac-Galactose Conjugate: Design, Synthesis, Characterization, and Pharmacological and Toxicological Evaluations. *Mol Pharm.* 2018 Aug 6;15(8):3101-3110. doi: 10.1021/acs.molpharmaceut.8b00195.
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9. Sodano F, Lazzarato L, Rolando B, Spyarakis F, De Caro C, Magliocca S, Marabellino D, Chegaev K, Gazzano E, Riganti C, Calignano A, Russo R, Rimoli MG. Paracetamol-Galactose Conjugate: A Novel Prodrug for an Old Analgesic Drug. *Mol Pharm.* 2019 Oct 7;16(10):4181-4189. doi: 10.1021/acs.molpharmaceut.9b00508.
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