

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex Female | Date of birth 28/07/1974 | Nationality Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE

1999-2000 **Research fellowship**

Synthesis of selective Adenosine2B receptor antagonists for the treatment of Asthma". Prof. Ravina, University of Santiago de Compostela Spain.

2009- present **Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry** in the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Bari

RESEARCH FOCUS The design and synthesis of small molecule through parallel organic synthesis, both on solid phase and in solution, with potential pharmacological activity toward pathologies such as cancer (Aromatase, Protein Kinases (JNK), MDR and HDAC inhibitors).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2016-present **Teacher of Analisi chimica farmaceutica e tossicologica II**" Department: Farmacia-Scienze del Farmaco, Università degli studi di Bari "Aldo Moro".

2018-2019, 2020-to present **Teacher of "Analisi II"** Faculty of Pharmacy, Università Cattolica "Nostra Signora del Buon Consiglio" Kompleksi Spitalor Universitar "Zoja e Këshillit të Mirë" Rruga "Dritan Hoxha", Tirana, Albania

2006-present **Laboratory tutor** in the "Analisi chimica farmaceutica e tossicologica II" course, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Bari

2016- present: **Erasmus Coordinator** of Dipartimento Di Farmacia Dell'università Degli Studi Di Bari "Aldo Moro" and the Department of Pharmacy of Saarbrueken University, Saarlandes. (coordinators: PROF R.W. HARTMANN and PROF. A.HIRSCH (Head, Department of Drug Design and Optimization (DDOP) Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland).

2016-present: **Global Thesis Coordinator** of Dipartimento di Farmacia dell'Università Degli Studi Di Bari "Aldo Moro" and the Facultad de Farmacia and CIQUS de la Universidad de Santiago de Compostela. SPAIN (coordinator prof Eddy Sotelo).

2006-present Supervisor of student during their pregraduation experimental thesis training in medicinal chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Bari "Aldo Moro".

2009-2013 **Committee Member for the PhD Course "Medicinal Chemistry "**, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Bari

2014-present **Committee Member for the PhD Course" Biomolecular, Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences"**, University of Bari.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1998 Degree in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology,
Grade: Cum Laude, University
- 1999 Qualification as Pharmacist,
University of Bari, Italy.
- 2004 PhD in "Medicinal Chemistry",
awarded to Italian Ministry of University and Research
- 2004-2008 **Post-doc fellowship**
on "The synthesis of AChE-BChE and A β 1-40 aggregation inhibitors for the
treatment of neurodegenerative diseases" University of Bari, Italy.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) ITALIAN

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2
Spanish	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2	B1/2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills ▪ good communication skills gained through my experience as university teacher

Organisational / managerial skills ▪ Leadership (currently responsible for a team of 4 people)

Computer skills good command of Microsoft Office™ tools, Chem Draw, Prism Graph Pad, Pymol.

Driving licence B

PUBLICATIONS

Co-authored 43 publications

- Iacobazzi, R.M., Cutrignelli, A., Stefanachi, A., Porcelli, L., Lopodota, A.A., Di Fonte, R., Lopalco, A., Serrati, S., Laquintana, V., Silvestris, N., Franco, M., Cellamare, S., Leonetti, F., Azzariti, A., Denora, N. Hydroxy-propyl- β -cyclodextrin inclusion complexes of two biphenylnicotinamide derivatives: Formulation and anti-proliferative activity evaluation in pancreatic cancer cell models. (2020) *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, 21 (18), art. no. 6545, pp. 1-14. DOI: 10.3390/ijms21186545
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- Cavalluzzi, M.M., Imbrici, P., Gualdani, R., Stefanachi, A., Mangiatordi, G.F., Lentini, G., Nicolotti, O. Human ether-à-go-go-related potassium channel: exploring SAR to improve drug design (2020) *Drug Discovery Today*, 25 (2), pp. 344-366. DOI: 10.1016/j.drudis.2019.11.005
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- Stefanachi, A., Leonetti, F., Pisani, L., Catto, M., Carotti, A. Coumarin: A natural, privileged and versatile scaffold for bioactive compounds (2018) *Molecules*, 23 (2), art. no. 250. DOI: 10.3390/molecules23020250
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- Stefanachi, A., Hanke, N., Pisani, L., Leonetti, F., Nicolotti, O., Catto, M., Cellamare, S., Hartmann, R.W., Carotti, A. Discovery of new 7-substituted-4-imidazolylmethyl coumarins and 4' -substituted-2-imidazolyl acetophenones open analogues as potent and selective inhibitors of steroid-11 β -hydroxylase (2015) *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, 89, pp. 106-114. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejmech.2014.10.021
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- Cellamare, S., Stefanachi, A., Stofa, D.A., Basile, T., Catto, M., Campagna, F., Sotelo, E., Acquafredda, P., Carotti, A. Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of glycine-based molecular tongs as inhibitors of A β 1-40 aggregation in vitro (2008) *Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry*, 16 (9), pp. 4810-4822. DOI: 10.1016/j.bmc.2008.03.052
- Stefanachi, A., Brea, J.M., Cadavid, M.I., Centeno, N.B., Esteve, C., Loza, M.I., Martinez, A., Nieto, R., Raviña, E., Sanz, F., Segarra, V., Sotelo, E., Vidal, B., Carotti, A. 1-, 3- and 8-substituted-9-deazaxanthines as potent and selective antagonists at the human A2B adenosine receptor (2008) *Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry*, 16 (6), pp. 2852-2869. DOI: 10.1016/j.bmc.2008.01.002
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