

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of birth: March 16, 1958
Place of birth: Cagliari, Italy

Education

July 1976	Graduated from Classic Lyceum (B. A.)
March 1985	M.D., summa cum laude, University of Cagliari, Italy
April 1992	Ph. D. in Neuroscience, University of Cagliari, Italy

Pre- and post-doctoral training

1985-1988	Postdoctoral Fellow, "Neuropsychopharmacology Unit", Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A.
1989-1991	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pharmacology, School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, U.S.A.
1994-1996	Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, Department of Neuroscience, University of Cagliari

Professional Appointments

April 1998	Assistant professor in Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Siena
January 2002-present	Assistant professor in Pharmacology, Department of Neuroscience (now Department of Molecular and Developmental Medicine), University of Siena

Faculty member of the Ph.D. program in Molecular Medicine, University of Siena.

Research topics

- 1) Neurobiological basis of symptoms of mood disorders in animal models
- 2) Neurobiology of motivational anhedonia in animal models of psychiatric disorders

Summary of scientific activity

She has always worked on the field of Neuroscience, in particular in Psychopharmacology.

After obtaining her M.D. degree, she spent three years at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A., where she studied the modifications in central nervous system beta adrenergic receptors induced by long-term exposure to antidepressant drugs or beta adrenergic agonists.

From 1989 to 1991 she was a post-doctoral fellow at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, U.S.A., where she studied the expression of GABA_A receptor subunits during pre- and post-natal development.

In 1992 she moved back to Italy joining the research group lead by Prof. Alessandro Tagliamonte at the University of Siena. The focus of the research activity was the study of the effects induced by long-term treatments with psychoactive drugs and the biological basis of symptoms of psychiatric disorders in animal models, that still are the objects of her projects.

Publications

Peer-review articles: 66

Book chapters: 2

Memberships

- Società Italiana di Farmacologia (SIF)
- Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
- International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN)
- Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CINP)

Reviewer activity

- Brain Research,
- International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology,
- Journal of Neurochemistry,
- Neuropsychopharmacology,
- Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior,
- Progress Neuropsychopharmacology & Psychiatry,
- Psychopharmacology

Dal 2004 member of the Editorial Board of *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*, where she serves as Field Editor.