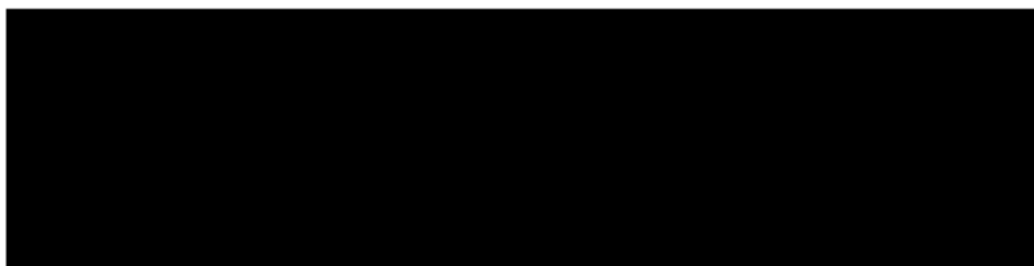




PERSONAL INFORMATION Paola Barraja



Current Position: Full Professor (SSD CHI/M08)

Scientific Profile: Prof. Paola Barraja, is a medicinal chemist with large experience in synthesis of several classes of heterocyclic compounds, as bioactive molecules, with large variability on chemical scaffolds. Her skills are also documented by a high technological transfer activity consisting of 8 patents including Italian and international ones. In conjunction with Prof. Galletta from Telethon Institute (TIGEM), Pozzuoli she has recently explored the therapeutic use in CF leading to highly effective F508del correctors, capable to synergize with benchmark modulators in the functional rescue of F508del-CFTR (PCT Int. Appl. (2020), Preparation of heterocyclic compounds for medical use WO 2020104558 A1 20200528, Telethon-UniPa-FFC; PCT/EP2019/081988; estensione della domanda dal 2021 con i seguenti numeri di deposito UNITED STATES N°17295728, CANADA N°3120739, AUSTRALIA N° 2019382862, ISRAEL N° 283315, EPO N°198087553) Personal bibliography. Today the scientific production of Prof. Paola Barraja consists of 120 peer-reviewed publications; 11 International and Italian patents; H-index: 37, total citations 3254 (Scopus 23/02/2022).

Bibliometric Indicators:

Publications: 139; # Citations 4485; H index 41

WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 – Current

Full professor SSD-CHIM/08, University of Palermo

Main duties/responsibilities: Research activities, Teachings

Sector: Academic sector

2002 – 2020

Associate professor SSD-CHIM/08, University of Palermo

Main duties/responsibilities: Research activities, Teachings

Sector: Academic sector

1996 – 2002

Researcher SSD-CHIM/08 University of Palermo

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Main duties/responsibilities: Research activities

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1998-1999

Marie Curie fellow- European Community Framework Programm for research and development,
Department of Chemistry
University of Exeter, UK (supervisor Prof. C. J. Moody).

1992 (4 months)

Cancer Research Campaign (C.R.C. Laboratories) research fellow
University of Nottingham Exeter, UK (supervisor Prof. M. Stevens).

1992-1994

C.N.R. Research fellow in chemistry,
University of Palermo, ITALY

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PERSONAL SKILLS

Organisational / managerial skills

- Selected member from Ministry of Instruction of ASN committee 2021-2023
- Group leader (currently responsible for a team of about 10 people)
- Scientific coordination of RTDA-PON (REACT-EU Azione IV.4 - tematiche dell'innovazione)

Expert of drug discovery, collaborating within network for the medicinal chemistry unit. Paola Barraja will guide the investigation of compounds properly synthesizing modulators aiming to the identification of the structural requirements correlated with the optimal efficacy on the target proteins. After validating the mechanism, a hit to lead phase will be based on structure-activity relationship (SAR) studies and the pharmacological insight will inspire the synthesis of new scaffolds. Structural changes will be introduced in the points of diversity of the hit scaffolds to explore the role of specific positions with respect to the activity thus providing new libraries of compounds. Several rounds of synthesis and biological testings, will drive to analogues with improved features leading to modulators with optimized efficacy and potency to maximize the effect and at the same time to develop candidates with optimal drug-like properties.

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Projects/Grants

2023-2025

Molecules 3.0 for cystic fibrosis. New generation of pharmacological modulators to rescue mutant CFTR protein. Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (FFC), P.I. in collaboration with the Telethon Institute (TIGEM)
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2021-2023

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2020-2022

FFC#3/2020
Small nitrogen heterocycles as correctors of the mutant CFTR protein in cystic fibrosis (Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation FFC Grant 2020, P.I.)
92.000 EUROS

2019-2023

PRIN 2018 2017XZ7A37 Selective mGlu3 metabotropic glutamate receptor ligands as new potential therapeutic agents in experimental models of parkinsonism.
106.000 EUROS

2018-2020

FFC#4/2018
Towards the discovery of new correctors based on nitrogen heterocyclic systems (Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation FFC Grant 2020, P.I.)
82.000 EUROS

2017

PJ_005042_LIFC
Donazione dalla Lega Italiana Fibrosi Cistica ONLUS
17.000 EUROS

2013-2015

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Valorizzazione di prodotti tipici della Dieta Mediterranea e loro impiego a fini salutistici e nutraceutici
240.390 EUROS

Patents

- Italian Patent (2009), IT 1395194 (PD2009A000224) "Sintesi chimica di nuovi agenti fotochemioterapici eterociclici, con attività antiproliferativa compresa quella di natura neoplastica"
- PCT Int. Appl. (2011), WO 2011013159 "Pyrrolo[3,2-h]quinoline derivatives as photochemotherapeutic heterocyclic having antiproliferative and antineoplastic activity"
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- Italian Patent (2015), IT 2015-RM210 "Composti a struttura ossazolica, procedimenti per la loro produzione e loro impiego per la cura di patologie a carattere iperproliferativo"
- Italian Patent (2015), IT 2015-RM212 "4,5,6,9-Tetraidropirrolo[2',3':3,4] ciclohepta[1,2-d]isossazoli, procedimento per la loro preparazione e loro uso come agenti antitumorali"
- PCT Int. Appl. (2016), WO 2016185348 (PCTIB2016052788) "4,5,6,9-tetrahydropyrrolo[2',3':3,4]cyclohepta[1,2-d]isoxazole, process for their preparation production and their uses as antitumor agents"
- Italian Patent (2018), Fondazione Telethon-UniPa- IT 102018000010466 - Rif. A 137726 "Sistemi Eterociclici azotati e loro uso medico"
- Italian Patent (2019), UniPa N. 102019000015030 (26/08/2019) "Nuovi agenti terapeutici per il trattamento di patologie ematologiche"
- PCT Int. Appl. (2021), WO2021/038452 "New therapeutic agents for the treatment of haematological pathologies"
- PCT Int. Appl. (2020), Preparation of heterocyclic compounds for medical use WO 2020104558 A1 20200528, Telethon-UniPa-FFC; PCT/EP2019/081988; estensione della domanda dal 2021 con i seguenti numeri di deposito UNITED STATES N°17295728, CANADA N°3120739, AUSTRALIA N° 2019382862, ISRAEL N° 283315, EPO N°198087553.

Conferences

Invited Lectures

- 22th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2024 Verona
- 19th Congresso nazionale SIFC, 2023 Palermo
- 21th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2023 Verona
- XX SEMINARIO DI PRIMAVERAFFC ricerca 18 giugno 2022, Jesolo (VE)
- 20th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2022 Verona
- 19th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2021 Verona
- 18th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2020 Verona
- 17th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2019 Verona
- 16th Convention FFC Investigators in Cystic Fibrosis November, 2018 Verona
- MuTaLig COST ACTION CA15135 2018 - 2018 Valletta (Malta)
- XXIV National Meeting in Med. Chem. 2016, Perugia
- 21st National Meeting on Med. Chem. 2012, Palermo
- European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Bruxelles - "Pharmacology and Molecular Mechanisms" (PAMM) 03-2009
- Regional meeting on Medicinal Chemistry 12-2005, Catania
- XVI National meeting on Medicinal Chemistry 2002
- IX Meeting on Heterocyclic Structures 2000, Palermo.

Honours and awards

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- Editor in Chief from January 2025 of EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY **Q1 Chemistry, Medicinal**, Clarivate Analytics (JCR, Web of Science 2024);
- Associate editor from 2018 of EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY **Q1 Chemistry, Medicinal**, Clarivate Analytics (JCR, Web of Science 2024);
- Section Board Member MARINE DRUGS **Q1 Chemistry, Medicinal**, Clarivate Analytics (JCR, Web of Science 2022)
- Invited guest editor (2017) for a special issue of EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY Q1 Chemistry, Medicinal, Clarivate Analytics (JCR, Web of Science 2022);
- Invited guest editor (2023) for a special issue of EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY Q1 Chemistry, Medicinal, Clarivate Analytics (JCR, Web of Science 2022);
- Invited guest editor (2023) for a special issue MARINE DRUGS Q1 Chemistry, Medicinal, Clarivate Analytics (JCR, Web of Science 2022) ongoing.