

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex female | Date of birth 14/02/1964 | Nationality Italian

Enterprise	University	EPR
<input type="checkbox"/> Management Level	<input checked="" 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 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

2019 – ongoing	Full Professor in Medicinal Chemistry (SSD CHIM/08) Department of drug Sciences, University of Pavia Lecturing, research, project preparation and management.
2021-ongoing	Local Coordinator of Paul Ehrlich MedChem Euro-PhD Network Guide and organisation of the PhD Network@UniPV
2019 – ongoing	Dean of five-year master's degree courses in Pharmacy and Industrial Pharmacy (LM13) Coordination and Management of the Courses
2013 – ongoing	Member of Teaching Staff of the PhD Course in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Industrial Innovation (ex PhD Course in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences)
2013 – 2019	Vice-dean of two-year master's degree course in Medical and Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies Coordination of the Pharmaceutical curriculum
2006 – ongoing	Tutoring of PhD Students
2009 – ongoing	Head of the MedChemLab , Dept of Drug Sciences, University of Pavia Group coordination, and management
2009 – ongoing	Coordinator of post-graduated Master Course in Drug Design and Development Coordination and Management of the Courses- Networking activities.
2001 – 2019	Associate Professor in Medicinal Chemistry (SSD CHIM/08) Department of Drug Sciences, University of Pavia Lecturing, research, project preparation and management
1992 – 2001	Assistant Professor in Medicinal Chemistry (SSD CHIM/08), Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Pavia Lecturing, research
1989 – 1992	Researcher at the laboratory "Drug analysis development" of SPA (Società Prodotti Antibiotici) Milan

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1989	graduation cum laude in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, University of Pavia, Italy.
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WORK ACTIVITIES

- Editorial activity** Associate Editor of Chirality (Wiley),
Member of the Editorial Board of Molecules (MDPI), Section of Medicinal Chemistry
Guest Editor of Special Issues, Collections and Topics in MDPI journals (Special Issues in Pharmaceuticals, Separations, and Molecules)
- Project Reviewer** External reviewer for University of Padova projects
External reviewer for University of Trieste projects
Member of "Virtual Panel review of the Science Foundation Ireland Career Development Award (CDA) Programme Call 2015 (SFI panel)." Science Foundation Ireland
Member of Panel Reviewer of government agency of National Science Centre (Narodowe Centrum Nauki), Poland, Call 2018
Evaluation of "Vinci 2021" projects (Italo-French University/French-Italian University)
- Cooperations** In the last fifteen years, Collina has started several co-operation with international research groups, believing that the success of drug discovery process depends on the cross-connection between various areas of knowledge, to generate **active interdisciplinarity**. In such a way, specific knowledge to resolve the problem have been produced, as evidenced by her scientific production.
Moreover, Collina has gained research contracts with important Pharmaceutical Industries for the identification of biologically active compounds.
- Patents**
- 1) **Collina S.**, Rossi D., Marra A., Peviani M., Curti D. (2015). Use of arylalkanolamines as sigma-1 receptor antagonists. WO2015132733 A1; EP3113768A1; US20170015640
 - 2) **Collina S.**, Rossi D., Linciano P., Rossino G., Listro R., Peviani M., Rossi S., Viganì B. (2021). Substituted vinyl piperazine-piperidine urea derivatives as anticancer agents. EP21201359
- Both patents testify the ability to obtain protection for compounds useful to the treatment or prevention of a particular disease or condition.

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Job-related skills** Coordination skills (time management, organization, teamwork, communication). Planning and organization of the MedChemLab team activities.
Skills in planning and writing scientific papers and proposals
Drug discovery, adopting different strategies (ligand-based, target-based or rational design) focused on biologically relevant, often underexplored targets. More in details, Collina research group possess -skills in drug discovery process: design and synthesis of small molecules, peptides, and peptidomimetics and focus of their therapeutic application
-skills in preparation and analysis of chiral compounds and in studying the relationship between absolute configuration and biological activity. Efficient production of single enantiomers from small to large scale, throughout Drug Discovery (DD) programs, as well as efficient analytical methods for evaluating the enantiomeric excess and for determining the absolute configuration of homochiral compounds have become of great interest and a fundamental challenge for medicinal chemists.
-skills in Nature Aided Drug Discovery

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Statement of Research Interests

- Medicinal chemistry to
- 1) design, synthesize and identify high-quality hits and hit series
 - 2) select the most promising series through focused structure–activity relationship studies.

Proven expertise in identifying and advancing small molecule drug candidates into preclinical studies. Modulators of targets involved in several pathologies (infectious diseases, cancer, neurodegeneration) have been identified. The inter-disciplinary approach is the driving force of the research activity, ensuring project advances through the stages of drug discovery. Over the years, more than 1500 molecules with drug-like properties have been prepared. Biological investigations are carried out with national and international collaborations.

Publications

total number of publications in peer-review journals: 165 (110 as corresponding Authors)
total number of citations: 2755
H index (Scopus): 28
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