



## ALESSANDRA TESSITORE CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>2012-2021</b> Assistant Professor SSD MED/46, Technical Sciences of Laboratory Medicine <b>2012</b> Senior Research Associate (CoCoCo, research collaboration contract), Department of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences, University of L'Aquila <u>Research topic:</u> "Analysis of mouse miRNome and bioinformatics data elaboration" <b>1999-2001/2009/2011</b> Research Associate (Assegni di ricerca, 4 years, SSD MED/04, Pathology), University of L'Aquila <u>Research topics:</u> "Development of a semi-automated scanning technology for mutation analysis of genes involved in cancer pathogenesis (tp53 and BRCA-1)". "Set-up of a bioinformatics platform to make easier the use of nucleotide banks". "Bioinformatics approaches for cancer analysis: miRNome analysis in hepatocarcinogenesis mouse models" <b>2006</b> Research fellowship (2 years) within the ITALIA-USA agreement "Cancer pharmacogenomics and oncoproteomics", coordinated by the Italian National Institute of Health. The research activity was performed at the Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine, co-directed by Dr. Lance Liotta and Emanuel Petricoin, George Mason University, Prince William Campus, Virginia, USA (Nov 2006-Nov 2007), and at the Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata, Rome, under the supervision of Prof. Paolo Marchetti (Lug 2008-Lug 2009). <u>Research topic:</u> "Identification of serum cancer biomarkers by proteomics approaches, LC-MS/MS and RPPMA". <b>2004-2005</b> Senior Research Associate (CoCoCo, research collaboration contract), Department of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila



<p><b>Research topic:</b> "Mutation analysis of genes involved in breast cancer pathogenesis".</p> <p><b>2004</b> Senior Research Associate (CoCoCo, research collaboration contract), Department of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Mutation analysis of genes involved in breast and colorectal cancer pathogenesis. Analysis of fluorescent DNA fragments and automated sequencing"</p> <p><b>2004</b> Senior Research Associate (CoCoCo, research collaboration contract), Department of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Development and application of advanced molecular diagnostics technologies to tumor samples' analysis"</p> <p><b>2003-2004</b> Senior Research Associate (CoCoCo, research collaboration contract), Department of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Analysis of heavy metals toxicity"</p> <p><b>2002</b> Research Associate (research collaboration contract), Department of Oncology and Neurosciences, University of Chieti</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Analysis of genomic stability"</p> <p><b>2001-2002</b> Research Associate (professional collaboration contract), Department of Experimental Medicine and Pathology, University of Rome La Sapienza</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Identification of genetic programs involved in neuroblastoma cell differentiation"</p> <p><b>1997-1998</b> Research activity and project funded by Regione Abruzzo, F.S.E., Department of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Characterization of genetic lesions of BRCA1 and TP53 in hormone-dependent tumors"</p> <p><b>1997</b> Professional collaboration contract, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome (ref art 2 law 7-8-1973, n.519)</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "Prenatal diagnosis of beta thalassemia"</p> <p><b>1991-1993</b> National Research Council fellowship (two-years), Institute of Tissue Typing, L'Aquila</p> <p><b>Research topic:</b> "HLA typing in kidney and bone marrow transplantation"</p> <p><b>RESEARCH ACTIVITY ABROAD</b></p> <p><b>Nov 2006-Nov 2007</b> Research fellowship within the cancer pharmacogenomics and oncoproteomics ITALIA-USA agreement, coordinated by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità. The activity was carried out at the Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine, Prince William Campus, Manassas, Virginia, USA, co-directed by Dr. Lance Liotta and Emanuel Petricoin, George Mason University</p> <p><b>Dic 1997-Feb 1998</b> Visiting Scientist, laboratory directed by Prof Riccardo Dalla Favera, Department of Pathology, Columbia University, New York NY USA</p> <p>Project: in house set-up of an innovative scanning method aimed at the mutation analysis of the 13q14 genomic region in CLL patients.</p>
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<p><b>RESEARCH ACTIVITIES</b></p>	<p><b>2011-to date</b> MicroRNA expression profiling for the study of regulatory epigenetic mechanisms and the identification of diagnostic/predictive biomarkers.  Characterization of novel microRNAs and genes involved in pathological processes.  Use of pre-clinical mouse models.  Use of high-throughput real-time PCR and bioinformatics tools.  Studies were performed on <i>in vitro</i> (corneal and retinal cells, in response to neurotrophic factors; amniocytes, in ischemia/reperfusion models), pre-clinical <i>in vivo</i> models (mouse models of diet-induced NAFL-NASH-HCC liver damage progression and mouse models of chemically-induced hepatocarcinogenesis) and human samples (systemic sclerosis patients).  -Dept. of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>2018-to date</b> Coordinating role, organization and management of the genetic molecular oncology laboratory of the Molecular Diagnostic and Advanced Therapies research Center. Mutation analysis and genotyping of biomarkers of clinical value for precision medicine in cancer patients (e.g. RAS, BRAF, BRCA1/2, PI3KCA)  -Inter-Department Center for Molecular Diagnostics and Advanced Therapies, University of L'Aquila  -Dept. of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>2007-2009</b> Serum peptidome analysis. Identification of circulating biomarkers in cancer patients by protein fractionation, high-throughput mass spectrometry and reverse phase protein microarray  - Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine, George Mason University, Prince William Campus, Virginia, USA  - Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata, Rome</p> <p><b>2003-2006/2009-to date</b> Biomolecular analysis of genes involved in oncogenesis (e.g. tp53, BRCA1, TrkA, KCTD11, PI3KCA)  -Dept. of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila  -Dept. of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>2000-2003</b> Analysis and identification of new gene and protein variants (NBS1, MRE11, Rad50) involved in the control of genomic stability. Study on <i>in vitro</i> tumor cell models.  -Dept. of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>1997-2006</b> Development of highly sensitive automated technologies (fluorescent DNA fragments' analysis, FAMA), aimed at implementing molecular diagnostics. Somatic mutation analysis of genes involved in solid tumors (tp53, breast and colorectal tumors) and in genetic hereditary diseases (Rho, beta-thalassemia)  -Dept. of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>1993-1999</b> Analysis of gene (ICAM1) transcriptional regulation in <i>in vitro</i> models  -Dept. of Experimental Medicine, University of L'Aquila</p> <p><b>1991-2015</b> Study of HLA, molecular typing and identification of new allelic variants, with regard to kidney and bone marrow transplantation</p>
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RESPONSIBILITY IN ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	<p><b>2021-to date</b> Head of the Sciences of technical diagnostic health professions MD Course.</p> <p><b>2021-to date:</b> Member of the Promoting Committee for the institution of Applied Data Science MD (LM-DATA)</p> <p><b>2021-to date:</b> Member of the Dept. of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences Teaching Committee</p> <p><b>2020-to date –</b> DISCAB delegate, responsible for the “Instruments for Biological and Biotechnological Sciences” collection, L’Aquila University POMAQ museum exhibition</p> <p><b>2018-to date –</b> Delegate, responsible for genetic molecular oncology (colorectal cancer) diagnostic activity within the agreement “Biomarkers of clinical relevance in oncology and hematology” between the University of L’Aquila (Center for Molecular Diagnostics and Advanced Therapies) and ASL1 Abruzzo</p> <p><b>2013-to date:</b> Member of the Academic Board, Experimental Medicine PhD Programme, Department of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences, University of L’Aquila</p> <p><b>2013-to date -</b> Member of the L’Aquila University Guidance and Tutoring Board, as delegate of the Dept. of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences</p> <p><b>2014/2015/2017 -</b> Delegate of the Dept. of Biotechnological and Applied Clinical Sciences to the organization of Sharper and Street Science Researchers’ Night.</p>
EDITORIAL BOARD, EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES, SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP	<p>Editor GENES Journal (Special Issue, MDPI Editorial Group)</p> <p>Review Editor, Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology</p> <p>Member of SIRTEPS (Società Italiana Ricerca Traslazionale e Professioni Sanitarie)</p> <p>Member of AICC (Cell Culture Italian Association)</p>
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	<p>1) Canossi A, Iesari S, Lai Q, Ciavatta S, Del Beato T, Panarese A, Binda B, Tessitore A, Papola F, Pisani F. Longitudinal monitoring of mRNA levels of regulatory T cell biomarkers by using non-invasive strategies to predict outcome in renal transplantation. <i>BMC Nephrol.</i> 2022 Feb;23(1):51.</p> <p>2) Cornice J, Capece D, Di Vito Nolfi M, Di Padova M, Compagnoni C, Verzella D, Di Francesco B, Vecchiotti D, Flati I, Tessitore A, Alesse E, Barbato G, Zazzeroni F. Ultrasound-Based Method for the Identification of Novel MicroRNA Biomarkers in Prostate Cancer. <i>Genes (Basel).</i> 2021 Oct;28(12):1726.</p>



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