



Europass Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **SPIZZO, Riccardo MD PhD**

Occupational field

Cancer Genomics, Project Management

Work experience

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| Dates | March 2023 – present |
| Occupation or position held | Researcher, permanent position |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Cancer Genomics in Epithelial Ovarian predisposition and chemoresistance. Grant writing. Manuscript preparation, lab management, graduate and undergraduate student mentoring. Setting up an IT platform for clinical studies. |
| Name and address of employer | National Cancer Institute C.R.O. Aviano Via Franco Gallini 2, 33081 Aviano, Italy |
| Type of business or sector | Comprehensive Cancer Center |
| Dates | April 2019 – February 2023 |
| Occupation or position held | Project Manager, permanent position |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Scientific Direction, Patient Education program and Accreditation Program. Setting up an IT platform for clinical studies. |
| Name and address of employer | National Cancer Institute C.R.O. Aviano Via Franco Gallini 2, 33081 Aviano, Italy |
| Type of business or sector | Comprehensive Cancer Center |
| Dates | March 2018 – April 2019 |
| Occupation or position held | Project Manager, temporary position |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Patient Education program and Accreditation Program. |
| Name and address of employer | National Cancer Institute C.R.O. Aviano Via Franco Gallini 2, 33081 Aviano, Italy |
| Type of business or sector | Comprehensive Cancer Center |
| Dates | March 2011 – March 2018 |
| Occupation or position held | Junior Principal Investigator, temporary position |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Identification of novel transcripts involved in Epithelial Ovarian predisposition. Grant writing. Manuscript preparation, lab management, graduate and undergraduate student mentoring. |
| Name and address of employer | National Cancer Institute C.R.O. Aviano Via Franco Gallini 2, 33081 Aviano, Italy |
| Type of business or sector | Comprehensive Cancer Center |
| Dates | June 2007 – December 2010 |
| Occupation or position held | Research Investigator, permanent position |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Identification of novel non-coding RNAs involved in colon cancer predisposition. Manuscript preparation, lab management, graduate and undergraduate student mentoring. |

Name and address of employer The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas Medical Center
1515 Holcombe blvd Houston, TX, USA
Contact: Dr. George Calin (GCalin@mdanderson.org)

Type of business or sector Comprehensive Cancer Center

Dates **January 2006 - June 2007**

Occupation or position held Visiting PhD student

Main activities and responsibilities Identification of novel non-coding RNAs that are located in highly conserved regions of human genome.
Manuscript preparation.

Name and address of employer The Ohio State University
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Contact: Prof. Carlo M. Croce (croce.5@osu.edu)

Type of business or sector Comprehensive Cancer Center

Education and training

Dates **November 2005 - March 2009**

Title of qualification awarded PhD in Oncology and Pharmacology

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Molecular Biology and Cellular Biology of small non coding RNAs (i.e. microRNA and siRNA)
Contact: Dr. Massimo Negrini (massimo.negrini@unife.it)

Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Ferrara, academia
Via Savonarola 9, Ferrara 44121 Italy

Dates **November 2000 – November 2004**

Title of qualification awarded Clinical Fellowship in Oncology

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Research on micrometastasis in bone marrow of cancer patients.
Contact: Prof. Carlo Alberto Beltrami (Beltrami@uniud.it)
Research on siRNAs targeting HER-2 protein in breast cancer cell lines.
Prof. Pietro Musiani (musiani@unich.it)

Name and type of organisation providing education and training Medical School, University of Udine, academia
Via Colugna, 50 - 33100 Udine Italy July

Dates **September 1994 – October 2000**

Title of qualification awarded Medical Degree

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Research on haematopoietic stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood
Contact: Dr. Alberto Degrassi (alberto.degrassi@uniud.it)

Name and type of organisation providing education and training Medical School, University of Udine,
Via Colugna, 50 - 33100 Udine Italy July

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Italian**

Other language(s) **English**

Self-assessment

European level (*)

Italian

English

| Understanding | | | | Speaking | | | | Writing | |
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| Listening | | Reading | | Spoken interaction | | Spoken production | | | |
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| (B2) | Independent User | (C1) | Proficient User | (B2) | Independent User | (B2) | Independent User | (B2) | Independent User |

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| Social skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good ability to adapt to multicultural environments. - Good communication skills gained through my oral communications at meetings. - Good people networking. |
| Organisational skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership (responsible for team of 5 people) - Designing and conducting projects in an independent way. - Analyzing and interpreting results, and when necessary shifting the project to new directions. - Laboratory management (order supplies, safety organization, space organization) |
| Technical skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Molecular biology: RT-PCR, quantitative RT-PCR, Northern blotting for long and short RNAs, Southern blotting, plasmid preparations, nucleic acid purification, cloning. - Biochemistry: Western blotting, Protein and Chromatin immuno precipitation, caspase assays. - Cellular Biology: cell transfection, retroviral and adenoviral transduction, flow cytometry (sample preparation, acquisition, and analysis), immunofluorescence, karyotyping, cell proliferation assays (MTT, BrdU incorporation), cell culture on polyhema, colony assay, cell cycle synchronization. |
| Computer skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office™ tools (Word™, Excel™, and PowerPoint™). - Basic knowledge of graphic design applications (Adobe Illustrator, and ImageJ). - Good Knowledge of Sequence Software Analysis (Lasergene package, Sequencer, ApE). |
| Awards | <p>2007 Award for most innovative abstract: "UCRs are transcribed and differentially expressed in cancer" In the Forefront of Basic and Translational Cancer Research 7th AACR-JCA Joint International Conference - Waikoloa, Hawaii.</p> <p>2009 Best Employee of Experimental Therapeutics Department of MD Anderson Cancer Center.</p> |
| Personal Research Support | <p>GR-2010- 2319387, Spizzo (PI) 12/14/2012 – 12/13/2016 Italian Ministry of Health</p> <p>"Impact of lincRNAs on high grade serous ovarian cancer"</p> <p>This goal of this study was to investigate the impact of non coding transcripts which also foster the study on genetic predisposition in ovarian cancer in Epithelial Ovarian Cancer.</p> <p>Role: PI</p> |
| Peer Reviewer Activity | <p>Since 2011, I was involved as external Reviewer by several research journal in the area of oncology including: Oncogene, Cell Death & Disease, Cancer Letters, Molecular Cancer, The International Journal of Biological Markers, Journal_of_Cellular and Molecular_Medicine, Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology, Cellular Physiology and Biochemistry, Conference papers in molecular biology</p> |
| List of Publications | <p>Scopus H-index = 30</p> <p>Cordani M, Butera G, Dando I, Torrens-Mas M, Butturini E, Pacchiana R, Oppici E, Cavallini C, Gasperini S, Tamassia N, Nadal-Serrano M, Coan M, Rossi D, Gaidano G, Caraglia M, Mariotto S, Spizzo R, Roca P, Oliver J, Scupoli MT, Donadelli M. Mutant p53 blocks SESN1/AMPK/PGC-1α/UCP2 axis increasing mitochondrial O(2-): production in cancer cells. Br J Cancer. 2018 Oct;119(8):994-1008.</p> <p>Coan M, Rampioni Vinciguerra GL, Cesaratto L, Gardenal E, Bianchet R, Dassi E, Vecchione A, Baldassarre G, Spizzo R, Nicoloso MS. Exploring the Role of Fallopiian Ciliated Cells in the Pathogenesis of High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer. Int J Mol Sci. 2018 Aug 24;19(9). pii: E2512. doi: 10.3390/ijms19092512.</p> <p>Rigoutsos I, Lee SK, Nam SY, Anfossi S, Pasculli B, Pichler M, Jing Y, Rodriguez-Aguayo C,</p> |

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