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PERSONAL INFORMATIONS      Marta Marzullo

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Dates (from – to)                    | <b>July 2023 – July 2024</b><br><b>Postdoc fellowship + pre-starting grant BE-FOR-ERC, Sapienza, University of Rome</b>   |
| Name and address of employer         | Department of Biology and Biotechnology "C. Darwin," Sapienza, University of Rome, p.le Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Rome, Italy  |
| Type of business or sector           | Research title: DysMyAge, Understanding the role of CNBP and polyamine metabolism in Myotonic Dystrophy Type 2 (DM2) and aging  |
| Position held                        | Postdoctoral Researcher   |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Project manager, planning and execution of experiments. Paper and Grant writing. Student co-supervision and training. Young scientist committee member.<br>Techniques: general genetic, and molecular biology techniques, cell culture and transfection, biochemistry and cytology techniques using <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> as a model system. Cytology, immunofluorescence and locomotion techniques for studying neuromuscular phenotypes. Dissection and analysis of <i>Drosophila</i> muscle fillet. |
| Dates (from – to)                    | <b>July 2019 – July 2023</b><br><b>Postdoc fellowship IBPM, Rome</b>  |
| Name and address of employer         | Istituto di Biologia Molecolare e Patologia (IBPM), CNR, Rome, p.le Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma, Italy.   |
| Type of business or sector           | Research title : "The role of the <i>pendolino</i> gene in epigenetic telomere maintenance and its interaction with PEV(Position Effect Veriegation) modifiers "  |
| Position held                        | Postdoctoral Researcher   |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Project manager, planning and execution of experiments. Paper writing. Student co-supervision and training.<br>Techniques: general genetics, epigenetics and molecular biology techniques, cell culture and transfection, biochemistry and cytology techniques, using <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> as a model system. <i>Drosophila</i> muscle fillet dissection and analysis.  |
| Dates (from – to)                    | <b>January 2018-June 2019</b><br><b>Postdoc fellowship IGC, Oeiras, PT</b>  |
| Name and address of employer         | Institute Gulbenkian de Ciência, Rua da Quinta Grande, 5, 2780-156, Oeiras, PT  |

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| Type of business or sector           | Research title: "Age as a Carcinogen - are Telomeres the culprit?"  |
| Position held                        | Post-doctoral Researcher  |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Responsible for design, planning and execution of experiments. Paper writing and Grant writing. Postdoc committee member.<br>Techniques: general molecular biology techniques, biochemistry and cytology techniques, using Zebrafish as a model system. |

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| Dates (from – to)                    | <b>November 2016 – November 2017</b><br><b>Postdoc fellowship at IBPM, Rome</b>  |
| Name and address of employer         | Institute of Molecular Biology and Pathology (IBPM), CNR, Rome", p.le Aldo Moro, 5 00185 Roma, Italy   |
| Type of business or sector           | Research title: "Exploiting the Drosophila model system to investigate the function of human proteins involved in telomere maintenance"  |
| Position held                        | Postdoctoral Researcher  |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Responsible for project, planning and execution of experiments.<br>Techniques: general genetics, epigenetics and molecular biology techniques, cell culture and transfection, biochemistry and cytology techniques, using Drosophila melanogaster as a model system. |

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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| Dates (from – to)  | <b>24/02/2017 PhD in Genetics and Molecular Biology, University "La Sapienza", Rome</b>  |
| Name and type of organization providing education and training | <b>University "La Sapienza", Roma</b>  |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | PhD<br>Classification: excellent<br>Supervisor: Laura Ciapponi<br>Thesis title: <i>pendolino (peo)</i> , a <i>Drosophila</i> gene preferentially required for "heterochromatic telomeres" protection |

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| Dates (from – to)  | <b>25/07/2013: Laurea in Genetics and Molecular Biology (master degree), University "La Sapienza", Rome</b>   |
| Name and type of organization providing education and training | <b>University "La Sapienza", Rome</b>   |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | Laurea magistrale in Genetica e Biologia Molecolare<br>110/110 cum laude<br>Supervisor: Laura Ciapponi<br>Thesis title: Role of <i>pendolino</i> gene in the heterochromatic telomere stability in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> |
| Level in National classification                               |   |

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| Dates (from – to)  | <b>28/10/2011 Laurea in Biology, University “La Sapienza”, Rome</b>   |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | University “La Sapienza”, Rome  |
| Title of qualification awarded                                 | Laurea in Biology   |
| Level in National classification                               | 110/110 cum laude<br>Thesis title: Identification of mutations in mitotic and telomere genes associated to <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> chromosome II<br>Supervisor: Laura Ciapponi |

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **Marzullo M.\***, Romano G.\*, Pellacani C., Riccardi F., Ciapponi L., Feiguin F. Su(var)3-9 mediates age-dependent increase in H3K9 methylation on TDP-43 promoter triggering neurodegeneration. **Cell Death and Dis** 2023 doi: 10.1038/s41420-023-01643-3 **\*equal contribution co-first author;**
2. **Marzullo M.**; Coni S.; De Simone A.; Canettieri G.; Ciapponi L. Modeling Myotonic Dystrophy Type 2 Using *Drosophila melanogaster*. **Int J Mol Sci** 2023, *24*, 14182. doi: 10.3390/ijms241814182;
3. D'Ercole C., D'Angelo P., Ruggieri V., Proietti D., Virtanen L., Parisi C., Riera CS., Renzini A., Macone A., **Marzullo M.**, Ciapponi L., Bonvissuto D. Sette C., Giordani L., Madaro L. Spatially resolved transcriptomics reveals innervation-responsive functional clusters in skeletal muscle. **Cell Rep.** 2022 Dec 20;41(12):111861. doi: 10.1016/j.celrep.2022.111861.
4. **Marzullo M.\***, El Maï M.\*, Ferreira M.G. Whole-mount Senescence-Associated Beta-Galactosidase (SA-  $\beta$ -GAL) activity detection protocol for adult zebrafish. **Bio Protoc** 2022 Jul 5;12(13):e4457. doi: 10.21769/BioProtoc.4457. **\*equal contribution and co-corresponding.**
5. Coni S.\*, Falconio F.A.\*, **Marzullo M.\***, Munafò M., Zuliani B., Mosti F., Fatica A., Ianniello Z., Bordone R., Macone A., Agostinelli E., Perna A., Matkovic T., Sigrist S., Silvestri G., Canettieri G., Ciapponi L. Translational control of polyamine metabolism by CNBP is required for *Drosophila* locomotor function. **Elife.** 2021 Sep 14;10:e69269. doi: 10.7554/eLife.69269. **\*equal contribution;**
6. Lex K., Gil M., Lopes-Bastos B., Figueira M., **Marzullo M.**, Giannetti K., Carvalho T, Ferreira M.G. Telomere shortening produces an inflammatory environment that increases tumor incidence in zebrafish. **Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A.** 2020 Jun 17:201920049. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1920049117;
7. El Maï M.\*, **Marzullo M.\***, Pimenta de Castro I\*. and Ferreira M.G. Opposing p53 and mTOR/AKT promote an in vivo switch from apoptosis to senescence upon telomere shortening in zebrafish. **Elife.** 2020 May 19;9:e54935. doi: 10.7554/eLife.54935. **\*equal contribution;**
8. Strah N, Romano G, Introna C, Klima R, **Marzullo M**, Ciapponi L, Megighian A, Nizzardo M, Feiguin F. TDP-43 promotes the formation of neuromuscular synapses through the regulation of Disc-large expression in *Drosophila* skeletal muscles. **BMC Biol.** 2020 Mar 26;18(1):34. doi: 10.1186/s12915-020-00767-7;
9. Razzoli M., Dufe K., Gurney A., Erickson C., McCallum J., Spielman N., **Marzullo M.**, Patricelli J., Kurata M., Touma C., Palme R., Largaespada D., Allison D.B.,

Bartolomucci A. Social Stress Regulates Lifespan in Mice. **Aging Cell**. 2018 May 28:e12778. doi: 10.1111/accel.12778;

10. Blum J.A., Bonaccorsi S., **Marzullo M.**, Palumbo V., Barbash D.A. and Gatti M. The Lhr-Hmr complex is required for sister chromatid separation during anaphase but not for centromere/kinetochore function. *Genetics*. 2017;207: 1457–1472. doi:10.1534/genetics.117.300390;
11. **Marzullo M.**, Gatti M. Telomere fusion in *Drosophila*: The role of subtelomeric chromatin. *Fly (Austin)*. 2015 Jul 3;9(3):121-5. doi:10.1080/19336934.2015.1131882. *Review*;
12. Cenci G., Ciapponi L., **Marzullo M.**, Raffa G.D., Morciano P., Raimondo D., Burla R., Saggio I., Gatti M. The Analysis of Pendolino (peo) Mutants Reveals Differences in the Fusigenic Potential among *Drosophila* Telomeres. *PLoS Genet*. 2015 Jun 25;11(6):e1005260. doi: 10.1371/journal.pgen.1005260. eCollection 2015 Jun;

## TECNICAL SKILLS

### Lab Techniques

#### Genetics, cytology and movement:

- **Zebrafish** --> Maintaining Zebrafish stock (stocks maintenance, genotyping, crosses, mutant analysis). Genetic screening. Fish organs dissection and fixation. Histopathological analysis of specific tissues and cells (Beta-Gal assay, H&E, IF, etc). Induction of enterocolitis (through anal injection or oral gavage). Analysis of the main inflammatory pathways. Analysis of the consequences of telomere shortening. Life span and aging/senescence essays.
- **Drosophila** --> Genetic screening. Culturing of *Drosophila* stocks, formal genetics analysis (stocks maintenance, mutant analysis, recombination, mutation induction). Mitotic and Polytene Chromosome analysis, direct and indirect immunofluorescence on fixed, squashed and whole mount tissues. Mitosis and Meiosis analysis. Life span and senescence assays.  
Analysis of neuromuscular phenotypes through:
  - - Movement assays (larval peristalsis analysis, adult climbing activity)
  - - Dissection of muscle fillet from L3 larvae for immunofluorescence analysis
  - - Analysis of muscle morphology in larval body wall and adult thoracic muscles
  - - Analysis of Neuromuscular Junction (NMJ) morphology and synaptic markers

#### Cell biology:

- *Drosophila* cell cultures maintenance, transfection and manipulation.
- Human cell cultures (HeLa, Hap1, HaCat, 293T) maintenance, transfection and manipulation for molecular biology, biochemical and cytological techniques.

#### Molecular Biology and Biochemistry:

Standard molecular biology techniques to analyze nucleic acids and proteins; DNA and RNA extraction, PCR, RT-PCR, Real-Time PCR, cloning, sequencing analysis, western blotting, protein purification, Co-Immunoprecipitation, GST-pulldown, Chromatin-IP, RNA-IP, induction of CRISPR-Cas9 mutation.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022** Contributi premiali per i ricercatori e assegnisti di ricerca per rafforzare la condizione professionale e potenziare il sistema della ricerca del Lazio, by Regione Lazio. Prize: 2000€
- 2021** “**Vitamina G Bando delle Idee**”- Call for under 35 young innovators, awarded by Regione Lazio. Project name: Molecole, exposition of scientific images. Prize: 26.000 €.
- 2017 Best PhD thesis prize** “Ferruccio Ritossa” for the years 2015-2017, awarded by AGI (Associazione Genetica Italiana). Thesis title: *pendolino (peo)*, a *Drosophila* gene preferentially required for “heterochromatic telomeres” protection. Prize: 1000€
- 2015 Best poster prize** awarded by VI BEMM (Biology and Molecular Medicine PhD School) symposium, Rome 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Annual meeting)

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

*Selected speaker in national/international conferences*

- 2023** **Joint meeting AGI – SIMAG**, Cortona (IT) 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Title: Epigenetic of aging: a new role of Suv39 in the regulation of TDP-43 and locomotor senescence. *National conference.*
- 2018** **EMBO Workshop** “Telomeres in Health and Human disease” Troia (PT) 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.  
Title: Interactions between *pendolino* and histone modifiers reveal an epigenetic regulation of *Drosophila* telomere stability. *International conference.*
- 2016** **I EMBL-SAPIENZA PhD meeting** “Chromatin and Epigenetics”, Rome (IT) 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Title: The role of *pendolino* in epigenetic regulation of *Drosophila* telomere capping. *International conference.*
- 2016** **XVIII Italian Drosophila Research Conference (IDRC)**, Bologna (IT) 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Title: Functional characterization of *pendolino*, a *Drosophila* gene required for telomere protection and DNA replication. *National conference.*

## FUNDING INFORMATION

**Grants as Principal Investigator (PI)**

| Year | Title  | Program   | Grant value |
|------|--|---|-------------|
| 2024 | SuvAGE, Dissecting the epigenetic control of TDP-43 expression during aging  | International Trampoline Grant funded by AFM Téléthon #28731                  | 49.900€     |
| 2022 | DysMyAge, Understanding the role of CNBP and polyamine metabolism in Myotonic Dystrophy Type 2 (DM2) and aging                     | Be-For-ERC funded by Sapienza, University of Rome n. 54/2023 Prot. n. 0001949 | 50.000€     |
| 2016 | <i>pendolino (peo)</i> , a <i>Drosophila</i> gene preferentially required for heterochromatic telomeres protection                 | Avvio alla ricerca 2016. Funded by Sapienza, University of Rome               | 1.000€      |
| 2015 | Functional characterization of <i>pendolino</i> a <i>Drosophila</i> gene required for both telomere protection and DNA replication | Avvio alla ricerca 2015. Funded by Sapienza, University of Rome               | 1.000€      |

**Grants as Investigator (I)**

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| 2023 | Understanding the role of CNBP-eIF5A polyamine metabolism in DM2 pathogenesis.<br>Principal Investigator: Gianluca Canettieri   | Funded by Fondazione Telethon #GMR22T1027                                    | 159.940€  |
| 2019 | The gut as an aging initiator organ of zebrafish.<br>Principal Investigator: Miguel Godinho Ferreira.   | Funded by <u>Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale</u> (FRM) #EQU201903007804 | 400.000 € |
| 2017 | Exploiting the <i>Drosophila</i> model system to investigate the function of human proteins involved in telomere maintenance.<br>Principal Investigator: Maurizio Gatti | Funded by AIRC IG #20528   | 702.975€  |

2015  
 Protein ubiquitination is required for *Drosophila* telomere maintenance.  
 Principal Investigator: Laura Ciapponi  
 Progetti Medi  
 Funded by Sapienza, University of Rome  
 20.000 €

**Travel Grant**

- SIBBM Travel Grant** to attend the ABCAM meeting "*Chromatin and Epigenetics: from mechanism to function*", 5-7 April 2017, Munich, Germany.
- SIBBM Travel Grant** to attend the EMBO lecture Course: "Chromatin and the environment", 8 – 14 August 2016, Spetses, Greece

**COMPETENZE PERSONALI**

Mother tongue Italian

| Other languages | COMPRISING |         | SPEAKING    |                 | WRITING |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
|                 | Listening  | Reading | Interaction | Oral production |         |
| English         | B2         | C1      | B2          | B2              | B2      |
| Portuguese      | A1         | A1      | A1          | A1              | A1      |

Levels: A1/A2: Basic User - B1/B2: Intermediate User - C1/C2: Advanced User  
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills I possess excellent communication skills acquired during my experience as a postdoc researcher

- Organizational and management skills
- strong aptitude for teamwork
  - good ability to adapt to multicultural environments
  - good communication skills
  - good ability to write a project proposal
  - good competence in teaching and supervising students +
  - good aptitude for problem solving

| Digital skills | SELF-ASSESSMENT        |               |                  |               |                 |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                | Information processing | Communication | Content creation | Security      | Troubleshooting |
|                | Advanced User          | Advanced User | Advanced User    | Advanced User | Advanced User   |

Levels: Basic User - Intermediate User - Advanced User  
 Digital skills - Self-assessment form

Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Photoshop, Image J, FIJI, Image Lab, Sequencer, Prism, SnapGene

Driver Licence B

**Dati personali** Autorizzo il trattamento dei miei dati personali ai sensi del Decreto Legislativo 30 giugno 2003, n. 196 "Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali".

La sottoscritta dichiara di essere consapevole che il presente *curriculum vitae* sarà pubblicato sul sito istituzionale dell'Ateneo, nella Sezione "Amministrazione trasparente", nelle modalità e per la durata prevista dal d.lgs. n. 33/2013, art. 15.

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