



# Sharon Spizzichino

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## ● ESPERIENZA LAVORATIVA

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01/12/2021 – 30/04/2023

**ASSEGNISTA DI RICERCA** UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA "LA SAPIENZA"

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Espressione e purificazione di proteine ricombinanti, Saggi di attività enzimatica, Saggi di binding ad acidi nucleici (EMSA), Preparazione di griglie per la Cryo-EM, Pre e post processing.

## ● ISTRUZIONE E FORMAZIONE

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01/11/2018 – 28/01/2022 ROMA, Italia

**DOTTORATO DI RICERCA** Sapienza University of Rome

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**Indirizzo** PIAZZALE ALDO MORO 5, 00152, ROMA, Italia | **Voto finale** Ottimo con Lode

01/09/2011 – 23/01/2018 ROMA, Italia

**LAUREA IN CHIMICA E TECNOLOGIA FARMACEUTICHE** Sapienza University of Rome

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**Indirizzo** PIAZZALE ALDO MORO 5, 00152, ROMA, Italia | **Voto finale** 110/110 con lode

## ● PUBBLICAZIONI

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2021

[Cutruzzolà, F., Paiardini, A., Scribani Rossi, C., Spizzichino, S., Paone, A., Giardina, G., & Rinaldo, S. \(2021\). A conserved scaffold with heterogeneous metal ion binding site: the multifaceted example of HD-GYP proteins. COORDINATION CHEMISTRY REVIEWS, 450.](#)

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Scrivi qui la descrizione...

2021

[Spizzichino, S., Pampalone, G., Dindo, M., Bruno, A., Romani, L., Cutruzzolà, F., Zelante, T., Pieroni, M., Cellini, B., & Giardina, G. \(2021\). Crystal structure of Aspergillus fumigatus AroH, an aromatic amino acid aminotransferase. PROTEINS.](#)

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<https://doi.org/10.1002/prot.26234>

2021

[Cutruzzolà, F., Bouzidi, A., Liberati, F. R., Spizzichino, S., Boumis, G., Macone, A., Rinaldo, S., Giardina, G., & Paone, A. \(2021\). The emerging role of amino acids of the brain microenvironment in the process of metastasis formation. Cancers, 13\(12\).](#)

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<https://doi.org/10.3390/CANCERS13122891>

2019

[Spizzichino, S., Mattedi, G., Lauder, K., Valle, C., Aouadi, W., Canard, B., Decroly, E., Kaptein, S. J. F., Neyts, J., Graham, C., Sule, Z., Barlow, D. J., Silvestri, R., & Castagnolo, D. \(2020\). Design, Synthesis and Discovery of N,N'-Carbazoyl-aryl-urea Inhibitors of Zika NS5 Methyltransferase and Virus Replication. ChemMedChem, 15\(4\), 385–390.](#)

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<https://doi.org/10.1002/CMDC.201900533>

2021

[S. Spizzichino, D. Boi, G. Boumis, R. Lucchi, F.R. Liberati, D. Capelli, R. Montanari, G. Pochetti, R. Piacentini, G. Parisi, A. Paone, S. Rinaldo, R. Contestabile, A. Tramonti, A. Paiardini, G. Giardina, F. Cutruzzolà, Cytosolic localization and in vitro assembly of human de novo thymidylate synthesis complex, FEBS J. \(2021\).](#)

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<https://doi.org/10.1111/FEBS.16248>

2023

[THE RIBOREGULATION MECHANISM OF HUMAN SERINE HYDROXYMETHYLTRANSFERASE IS ROOTED IN AN ALLOSTERIC SWITCH](#)

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RNA can directly control protein activity in a process called riboregulation; only a few mechanisms of riboregulation have been described in detail, none of these being characterized on structural grounds. Here we present a comprehensive structural, functional, and phylogenetic analysis of riboregulation of cytosolic serine hydroxymethyltransferase (SHMT1), the enzyme interconverting serine and glycine in one-carbon metabolism. We show that the RNA modulator competes with polyglutamylated folates and acts as an allosteric switch, selectively altering the enzyme's reactivity vs. serine. In addition, we identify the tetrameric assembly and a flap structural motif as key structural elements necessary for binding of RNA to eukaryotic SHMT1. The results presented here suggest that riboregulation may have played a role in the evolution of eukaryotic SHMT1 and the compartmentalization of one-carbon metabolism. The findings also provide insights for RNA-based therapeutic strategies targeting this cancer-linked metabolic pathway.

<https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.03.17.532973>

## ● **COMPETENZE LINGUISTICHE**

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Lingua madre: **ITALIANO**

Altre lingue:

	COMPRESIONE		ESPRESSIONE ORALE		SCRITTURA
	Ascolto	Lettura	Produzione orale	Interazione orale	
<b>INGLESE</b>	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
<b>SPAGNOLO</b>	B1	B1	B1	B1	A2

*Livelli: A1 e A2: Livello elementare B1 e B2: Livello intermedio C1 e C2: Livello avanzato*

## ● **COMPETENZE DIGITALI**

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## ● **ABSTRACT CONGRESSI**

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07/09/2021 – 09/09/2021

**Structural clues of Serine hidroxymethyltransferase (SHMT) riboregulation. 2nd Italian Crystallographic Association Biological MacroMolecules Group Meeting.**

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07/06/2021 – 10/06/2021

**Cytosolic localization and in vitro assembly of human de novo thymidylate synthesis complex. 16th SIBBM Seminar Frontiers in Molecular Biology Frontiers in Metabolic Research Abstracts.**

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Spizzichino, S., Boi, D., Boumis, G., Tramonti, A., Paiardini, A., Contestabile, R., Pochetti, G., Rinaldo, S., Paone, A., Giardina, G., & Cutruzzola', F. (2021)

18/04/2023 – 21/04/2023

**Structural clues of Serine hidroxymethyltransferase (SHMT) riboregulation**

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- **GRANTS**

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### **Bando Avvio alla ricerca 2022**

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Vincitrice dei fondi del Bando di Avvio alla ricerca 2022

- **ONORIFICENZE E RICONOSCIMENTI**

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07/09/2021

**Best oral presentation at 2nd Italian Crystallographic Association Biological MacroMolecules Group Meeting – Italian Crystallographic Association**

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*Autorizzo il trattamento dei miei dati personali presenti nel CV ai sensi dell'art. 13 d. lgs. 30 giugno 2003 n. 196 - "Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali" e dell'art. 13 GDPR 679/16 - "Regolamento europeo sulla protezione dei dati personali".*