

VALENTINA GATTA

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Current position

2011- present : Associate Professor of Medical Genetics (Area A1/06- SSD MED03), University of Chieti-Pescara Italy

On April 2017, VG obtained the National Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Medical Genetics (SSD MED/03)

Previous positions

2005-2011: University Researcher (Medical Genetics - MED 03) University of Chieti-Pescara (Italy)
2002-2005: Post-Phd Fellowship supported by University of Chieti. 1995- Fellowship supported by European Structural Funds. Research area: Biological and Medical Science carried out at the Centro di Genetica Evoluzionistica- CNR Rome

Education and training

2004: Postgraduate Specialization in Medical Genetics - University of Chieti- Italy

2001: PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Citogenetics - University of Chieti- Italy

12/95-12/1997: Professional Training Course for Technicians in Biomedical Technologies and their Clinical Applications at the Institute of Advanced Biomedical Technologies (ITAB) University of Chieti.

1993- Degree in Biological Science - "La Sapienza" University of Rome

Memberships in Scientific Societies

from 1990 - Associazione Italiana di Genetica Medica, presently Società Italiana di Genetica Umana (S.I.G.U)

From 2010 Società Italiana di Embriologia Riproduzione e Ricerca (SIERR)

From 2014: European Society of Human Reproduction (ESHRE)

Advisory board

2012-2013 /2018-2019 Member of the Scientific Committee of the Italian Society for Embriology, Reproduction and Research (SIERR)

From 2017- : PhD School, Molecular and Cellular Biotechnology", University of Teramo.

18-09-2013 / 17-09-2015 : PhD School Neuroimaging , Clinica e Fisiopatologia Cellulare, University of Chieti

28-10-2010 / 27-10-2013: PhD School Medicina sperimentale , Clinica e Fisiopatologia Cellulare, Catania

Editorial Board Member

Editorial Board Member of Genetics and Gene Therapy journal From 14-10-2015

Editorial Board Member of Gynecological Endocrinology journal genetics section (TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD Publisher; ISSN 0951-3590) From 05-05-2016

Editorial Board Member OF SciTz Gynecology & Reproductive Medicine from 13-05-2016

National and International grants

PRIN 2017: Title " Clinical management of Gender Dysphoria: hormone therapy response versus individual's genetic and epigenetic profile "

- Period: 36 months (FROM 03/04/2019)
- Role: National coordinator
- Funding: 572.165 €

FISM Call 2013 : Relationship between cholinergic disfunction and inflammation: study in multiple sclerosis: studies in EAE mice and RRMS patients.

- Period :24 months (FROM 1/03/2014)
- Role : Unit Principal investigator
- Funding 133.000 €

NON COMPETITIVE FUNDING

Merck- Serono research grant: "Analisi di metilazione di geni target su DNA estratto da spermatozoi di pazienti Oligoastenoteratspermici" (2013)

- Period : 24 months
- Role : Principal investigator
- Funding: 40.000€

As collaborator - GRANTS

Call for Finalized Research 2013 of the Ministry of Health: CODE- 2013-02358785

Title: Effect of multimodal training on cognition, biomarkers, rs-FMRI and brain structural integrity activity within in MCI patients.

Duration: three years (2015-2018) Funding: € 431,600

PRIN 2010-11 : "Ioni Metallici nelle Patologie da Invecchiamento: Interplay tra Metallostasi e Proteostasi nella Neurodegenerazione"

- Period : 24 months
- Role: partecipant

Telethon: Fiber-fish analysis of the deleted in azoospermia (daz) gene cluster in patients affected by idiopathic azoospermia (1999)

- Period: 12 Months

- Role: participant

Telethon: Identification of an oligozoospermia related region within the distal part of interval 6 of the human y chromosome (1998)

- Period: 12 months
- Role: participant

Grant Reviewer Invited

2015: Rewier : Grant proposal of the Research and Development Council of the Government of the Czech Republic

2016: Rewier : Grant proposal of the Research and Development Council of the Government of the Czech Republic

2019: Rewier: Grant proposal of the Estonian Research Council (ETAg - <http://www.etag.ee/en/>).

Research Interests

The primary interest of Valentina Gatta is the study of the molecular basis of human reproduction and she is currently investigating molecular and epigenetic mechanisms involved in oocyte competence.

In the last few years, she has also investigated the modulation of gene expression profile in different models and SNPs (oocyte mitochondrial DNA, Transgenic Mouse Models of AD, stem cells).

During the course of her scientific activity, VG worked in the field of molecular genetics, using the most recent techniques for the study of gene mutations causing pathologies such as male infertility, short stature (linked to mutations of the SHOX gene), familiar breast cancer (due to mutations of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes), Van Der Woude syndrome (IRF6 gene), and several neuromuscular diseases (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, distal SMA, and others).

These studies have been carried out by VG using a variety of molecular genetic methods like PCR, Southern Blot, DNA sequencing Real Time, microarray, HRM, pyrosequencing and NGS.

Scopus Parameters with date (at 03/06/2020):

Numbers of publications = 96

H-index= 27

Citations = 2170

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Documents

Export Date: 26 Apr 2020

- 1) Fairfield, B., Mammarella, N., Fontanella, L., Sarra, A., D'Aurora, M., Stuppia, L., Gatta, V. Aging and the Combined effects of ADRA2B and CB1 deletions on Affective Working Memory (2019) Scientific Reports, 9 (1), art. no. 4081, .

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Pre-conceptional maternal exposure to cyclophosphamide results in modifications of DNA methylation in F1 and F2 mouse oocytes: evidence for transgenerational effects
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Whole-body exposure to cigarette smoke alters oocyte miRNAs expression in C57BL/6 mice
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Curcumin/liposome nanotechnology as delivery platform for anti-inflammatory activities via NFkB/ERK/pERK pathway in human dental pulp treated with 2-HydroxyEthyl MethAcrylate (HEMA)
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- 8) Granzotto, A., Bomba, M., Castelli, V., Navarra, R., Massetti, N., d'Aurora, M., Onofrj, M., Cicalini, I., Boccio, P., Gatta, V., Cimini, A., Piomelli, D., Sensi, S.L.
Inhibition of de novo ceramide biosynthesis affects aging phenotype in an in vitro model of neuronal senescence
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- 9) Frazzini, V., Granzotto, A., Bomba, M., Massetti, N., Castelli, V., D'Aurora, M., Punzi, M., Iorio, M., Mosca, A., Delli Pizzi, S., Gatta, V., Cimini, A., Sensi, S.L.
The pharmacological perturbation of brain zinc impairs BDNF-related signaling and the cognitive performances of young mice
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- 10) Reale, M., Costantini, E., Di Nicola, M., D'Angelo, C., Franchi, S., D'Aurora, M., Di Bari, M., Orlando, V., Galizia, S., Ruggieri, S., Stuppia, L., Gasperini, C., Tata, A.M., Gatta, V.
Butyrylcholinesterase and Acetylcholinesterase polymorphisms in Multiple Sclerosis patients: Implication in peripheral inflammation
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