

Curriculum vitae of Mario Romano, M.D.

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Education

1984	Fellowship in Hematology with honors	University of Catania
1982	Short Course in Hematology	R.P.M.D. London
1981	Fellowship in Lung Diseases with honors	University of Messina
1978	Degree in Medicine with honors	University of Messina

Employment and Academic Ranks

2018-to date	Full Professor of Laboratory Medicine	“G. d’Annunzio” University, Chieti-Pescara, Italy
2003-2018	Associate Professor of Laboratory Medicine	“G. d’Annunzio” University, Chieti-Pescara, Italy

2002-to date	Director Molecular Medicine	"G. d'Annunzio" University, Chieti-Pescara, Italy
2002-2003	Assistant Professor	"G. d'Annunzio" University, Chieti-Pescara, Italy
1990-'94	Research Associate in Medicine	Harvard Medical School, Boston MA, USA
1988-1990	Visiting Scientist	Mario Negri Sud, S. Maria Imbaro, Italy
1986-1988	Research Associate	Harvard Medical School, Boston MA, USA
1984	Visiting Scientist	I.N.S.E.R.M.-U.91, Créteil, France
1983-1986	Visiting Scientist	Mario Negri Institute, Milan
1982-2001	Assistant Professor	University of Messina, Italy
1978-1982	Internship in Medical Pathology	University of Messina, Italy

Institutional Responsibilities

2019-to date	Member of the Research Commission of the Department of Medical, Oral e Biotechnological Sciences, "G. d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara.
2014-2019	Referent for the "G. d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara of the WHRI-Academy program (http://whri-academy.eu).
2013-to date	Member of the Inter-Institutional Ethical Committee for Animal Studies, "G. d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara.

Honors and Awards

- 2017. Prize from the Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for innovative research in the Cystic Fibrosis field.
- 2009. Invitation as opponent in the PhD thesis dissertation "Studies on coactosin-like protein interaction with 5-Lipoxygenase" at the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.

Advisory Boards

2012- to date Editor, *Frontiers in Pharmacology – Respiratory Pharmacology*

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Pharmacol., Med. Chem. Commun., Tumor Biol., Lett. Drug Des. Discov., Environ. Tox. Pharmacol., Platelets. Vasc. Pharmacol., Biochem. J., Eur. Heart J., Curr. Rheumatol. Rev., PNAS, Nutrition Res., Am. J. Biotechnol., Oncotarget, BBADIS, BBAGRM, Curr. Rheumatol. Rev., PlosOne, Eur. J. Pharmacol., POLM, J. Biom. Sci., Sci. Rep., Clin. Immunol. End. Met. Drugs, Stem Cell Intern., Mediat. Inflamm. Cell. Physiol. Biochem., Frontiers Pharmacol., Frontiers Immunol., Trends Immunol., J. Immunol., Stem Cell Transl. Med.

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HRB, FCT, BSF, ANR, Barts Charity, Cystic Fibrosis Trust

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Scientific Achievements

Mario Romano first studies concerned important non-haemostatic aspects of platelet function and were communicated by prof. Romano at U.C.L.A. Conference of Park City of 1984 and then published in the form of a letter in *The Lancet* 2 (8502): 345, 1986 and as an editorial in *Haematologica* 71: 359-361, 1986. Studies on platelets continued during the first stay of prof. Romano in Boston at Harvard University. During this period prof. Romano identified an intracellular signaling pathway activated in platelets by the bacterial lipopolysaccharide. The results of these studies were communicated by prof. Romano with an oral report to the American Society for Clinical Investigation held in Washington D.C. in 1988 and then published (*J. Biol. Chem.* 265: 1765-1770, 1990). An extension of these studies carried out in the laboratories of the Mario Negri Sud Consortium, where prof. Romano spent some periods between 1988 and 1990, lead to the identification of additional signal pathways triggered by lipopolysaccharide in platelets (*Biochem. J.* 278: 75-80).

His knowledge of platelet pathophysiology earned him the invitation from prof. Charles Serhan, the undisputed world leader in the field of lipid mediators in inflammation resolution to join his laboratory at Harvard University. During the period spent in prof. Serhan Laboratory (1990-1994), prof. Romano discovered some of the platelet-dependent molecular mechanisms of lipoxin biosynthesis and signaling, while contributing to the initial characterization of the lipoxin A₄ receptor (*Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1133: 224-234, 1992; *Biochemistry* 31: 8269-8277, 1992; *Biochem. J.* 296: 127-133, 1993; *J. Clin. Invest.* 92: 1572-1579, 1993; *Blood* 81: 3395-3403, 1993; *J. Immunol.* 157: 2149 -2154, 1996).

Returning to Italy, prof. Romano was offered the opportunity to organize a research laboratory at the G. d'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara. Over the years, this laboratory has become a national and international reference for its contribution to the knowledge of the mechanisms, in particular those related to the metabolism of arachidonic acid, of the inflammatory response in different pathophysiological contexts. The laboratory of prof. Romano has developed a new methodology for measuring lipoxin A₄ in biological fluids (*Lab. Invest.* 82: 1253-1254, 2002). This method has been successfully used in various preclinical and clinical studies (*Am. J. Physiol.* 277 (46): C870-C877, 1999; *J. Appl. Physiol.* 94: 2237-2240, 2003; *Exp. Gerontol.* 40: 612-614, 2005; *Ann. Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 109: 226-227, 2012; *Br. J. Clin. Pharmacol.* 69: 303-306, 2010; *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 100: 10937-10941, 2003). In the latter study, the contribution of prof. Romano laboratory was instrumental in measuring the urinary excretion levels of 15-epi-lipoxin A₄ for the first time in vivo, thus allowing useful information to be obtained regarding the involvement of this lipid mediator in specific pathophysiological conditions. The technical skills of prof. Romano laboratory have been of significant importance for determining the biosynthesis of 15-epi-lipoxin A₄ in animal models of gastric resistance to aspirin (*Gastroenterology* 123: 1598-1606, 2002; *FASEB J.* 17: 1171-1173, 2003).

The laboratory of prof. Romano contributed significantly to the identification of the lipoxin A₄ lipoxin receptor (initially defined FPRL-1, recently renamed ALX/FPR2) as a signal transducer triggered by the urokinase-type plasminogen activator receptor (uPAR) (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 99: 1359-1364, 2002). Moreover, it mapped and functionally characterized the promoter region of the ALX/FPR2 gene, which seems to be of primary importance in controlling the inflammatory response and its resolution, and to discover in a patient with a history of myocardial infarction and metabolic syndrome, as well as in his two daughters, both suffering from juvenile hypertension and metabolic syndrome, a gene variant of this promoter which strongly reduces its transcriptional activity (*FASEB J.* 26: 1323-1333, 2012). These studies, which led to the issue of a European and a North American Patent which see prof. Romano holder of 70% of the intellectual property of the invention, open interesting scenarios for understanding the role of inflammation resolution in vascular and metabolic diseases, as well as in the field of drug discovery for personalized medicine. A project related to this topic that sees prof. Romano as head of one of the participating units, was funded by MIUR in 2011. Additional funding for the studies on ALX/FPR2 receptor was provided by the Swiss pharmaceutical industry Actelion and the Fondazione Bancaria Carichieti during 2012. More recently, the laboratory of Prof. Romano characterized a series of epigenetic regulatory mechanisms of the expression of the ALX/FPR2 gene, identifying elements of particular relevance in microRNA-181b and in post translational modifications of histones (*J. Biol. Chem.* 290: 3592-3600, 2015; *BBAGRM* 859: 1252-1258, 2016).

Further studies on the relationship between inflammation, platelet activation, endothelial dysfunction, dysmetabolisms and vascular diseases have been published by prof. Romano (*Circulation* 92: 3304-3311, 1995; *Circulation* 97: 953-957, 1998; *Diabetes Care* 24: 1674-1678, 2001; *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* 88: 5321-5326, 2003; *J. Thromb. Haemost* 11: 2330-2334, 2003; *J. Am. Coll. Cardiol.* 49: 2182-2190, 2007; *Thromb. Haemost.* 101: 687-690, 2009; *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* 97: E1726-1730, 2012; *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* 97: E1726-1730, 2012).

More recently the laboratory of prof. Romano has contributed significantly to the development of methods for the evaluation of circulating endothelial events (mature cells, precursors, extracellular vesicles) (*Blood* 112: 1085-1090, 2008; *J. Immunol. Methods* 380: 16-22, 2012). These studies represent an important basis for the correct execution of clinical studies aimed at assessing the involvement of the endothelium during pathological events. These methods have been used as part of a series of projects concerning the role of the endothelium in the inflammation of cystic fibrosis, funded from 2012 to 2016 by the Italian Foundation for the study of Cystic Fibrosis.

The laboratory of prof. Romano has also provided important contributions for understanding the relationship between the inflammatory response, in particular the lipoxygenase metabolism of arachidonic acid and tumors. It was in fact the first to demonstrate that 5-lipoxygenase regulates the release of VEGF, as well as the p53-dependent chemosensitivity of neoplastic cells (*FASEB J.* 15: 2326-2336, 2001; *FASEB J.* 18: 1740-1742, 2004). Prof. Romano's vision of these phenomena was reported in two highly cited reviews (*FASEB J.* 17: 1986-1995, 2003; *Curr. Pharm. Design* 11: 3431-3447, 2005). Cancer studies also covered other aspects related to the role of oncogenic viruses (*Oncogene* 21: 2896-2900, 2002) and telomerase activity (*Am. J. Pathol.* 159: 721-731, 2001). Studies in the field of cancer have been supported by public (FIRB 2001-2004; PRIN 2002-204; Ministry of Health (2003-2005); and private grants (Alfa Wassermann 2003-2005).

In the last 15 years the laboratory of prof. Romano has actively studied the pathogenetic mechanisms of inflammation in cystic fibrosis. These studies, funded by the Italian Foundation for the Study of Cystic Fibrosis (2005-2016), led to the first identification of the expression and activity of the CFTR ion channel in human platelets and to the discovery that this channel controls the production of endogenous lipoxin anti-inflammatory mediators, which is deficient in cystic fibrosis (*FASEB J.* 24: 3970-3980, 2010). A proteome analysis also revealed abnormalities in platelets of from patient with cystic fibrosis, compatible with a pro-inflammatory state (*Mol. Biosyst.* 7: 630-639, 2010).

Subsequent studies, starting from an early clinical observation (*Thromb. Haemost.* 86: 1363-1367, 2001) led the laboratory of prof. Romano to develop a new method to isolate, purify and immortalize endothelial cells from cystic fibrosis patients for the first time (*Lab. Invest.* 97: 1375-1384, 2017) and to characterize a series of CFTR functions in these cells, identifying new pharmacological strategies for the control of endothelial dysfunction in cystic fibrosis (*Biochim Biophys Acta.* 1863:3243-3253, 2017).

Very recently the laboratory of prof. Romano has shown that the control circuit of the expression of the anti-inflammatory receptor ALX/FPR2 regulated by the microRNA-181b is altered in the macrophages of volunteers with cystic fibrosis, as well as in the respiratory epithelial cells that express the mutated genotype F508del/F508del (*Sci. Rep. Oct* 18; 7 (1): 13519. Doi: 10.1038 / s41598-017-14055-y, 2017). These results with confirm that cystic fibrosis has defects in the mechanisms of resolution of the inflammatory response and that the correction of these mechanisms may represent a new strategy to combat chronic inflammation of this pathology.

Along these lines, studies coordinated by Dr. Antonio Recchiuti, leader for Experimental and Translational Pharmacology of Resolution Unit within Prof. Romano laboratory, have highlighted the anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial activities at lung level of resolvin D1, an endogenous anti-inflammatory lipid which, like lipoxin A₄, activates the ALX/FPR2 receptor, in health (*FASEB J.* 28: 3090-3102, 2014; *Mucosal Immunol.* 11:35-49, 2018) as well cystic fibrosis state (*Frontiers Pharmacol.* 2020, *in press*).

Overall, these studies have helped to critically review the epithelial-centric view of the pathogenesis of inflammation in cystic fibrosis, providing evidence of new pathophysiological functions of the CFTR channel in the different cell types and therapeutic alternatives to combat lung inflammation in cystic fibrosis.

In view of the development of new therapeutic approaches towards inflammatory diseases, very recently the laboratory of prof. Romano, in collaboration with colleagues from the Department of Medical, Oral and Biotechnological Sciences and from the School of Pharmacy of the G. d'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara, has developed, using electrospinning technology, a lipoxin A₄-releasing biomembrane (*Int. J. Pharm.* 515: 254-261, 2016). These studies led to the filing of an Italian and European patent application, of which prof. Romano holds 20% of intellectual property.

The initial studies on transcellular metabolism that led to the discovery of lipoxins in the 1980s were recently taken up by the laboratory of prof. Romano, analyzing a new paradigm: the transfer of microRNAs through the release of micro-vesicles. The laboratory of prof. Romano has shown for the first time that the endogenous anti-inflammatory lipid lipoxin A₄ can condition the release of micro-vesicles by endothelial cells, modifying the content of specific microRNAs, in order to promote the resolution of the inflammatory response (*FASEB J.* 31: 1856-1866, 2017). These observations open interesting scenarios for understanding the pathophysiology of the inflammatory response and its resolution and in this direction go the studies conducted by the laboratory of prof. Romano on stem cells. In particular, it has been shown for the first time that stem cells isolated from the periodontal ligament produce and release lipid mediators that promote the resolution of the inflammatory response, indicating that the release of these mediators could be the basis of stem cell immunomodulatory activities (*Stem Cell Transl. Med.* 5: 20.32, 2016). On the basis of evidence from this study and others not yet published on stem cells of patients with cystic fibrosis, an Italian patent application was filed, of which prof. Romano holds 50% intellectual property.

Professor Romano is the author of numerous reviews by invitation (*J. Lipid Mediators Cell Signaling* 12: 293-306, 1995; *Prostag. Leukotr. Ess* 73: 239-243, 2005; *Inflammation & Allergy - Drug Targets* 5: 81-90, 2006; *The Scientific World Journal* 7: 1393-412, 2007; *Curr. Ped. Rev* 5: 8-27, 2009; *The Scientific World Journal* 10: 1048-1064, 2010; *Eur. J. Pharmacol.* 760: 49-63, 2015; *Stem Cells Transl Med.* 8:992-998, 2019) and a chapter in the book: Lipoxin, Resolvins and the Resolution of Inflammation. In Lipoxigenases in Inflammation, Dieter Steinhilber, Editor, p. 211-240. Progress in Inflammation Research, Springer, 2016.

Funded Projects

- 2019-2021 American Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2018 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research FFABRA 2018
- 2018-2020 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2017-2020 Italian Ministry of Health L. 548/93 Program - P.I.
- 2014-2019 UE – WHRI Academy. “G. d’Annunzio” University Coordinator
- 2014-2016 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2012-2013 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2011-2014 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research (PRIN) - Unit Coordinator
- 2011-2013 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Co-investigator
- 2010-2012 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2007-2009 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2006-2010 UE VI Framework program – EICOSANOX - Unit Coordinator
- 2005-2007 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research (PRIN program) - Unit Coordinator
- 2005-2007 Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - P.I.
- 2003-2005 Italian Ministry of Health. Finalized Research - Unit Coordinator
- 2002-2004 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research (PRIN program) - Unit Coordinator
- 2001-2004 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research (Firb) - P.I.
- 1998 Italian Foreign Ministry - Spain-Italy integrated actions - P.I.
- 1997 National Research Council - P.I.
- 1991 National Research Council - P.I.

Other Source of Funding

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| 2011-2012 | Actelion Pharmaceutical Ltd. “Evaluation of a FPR2/ALX agonist on inflammatory responses in Cystic Fibrosis. |
| 2003-2005 | AlfaWassermann S.p.A. “Effect of Licofelone on cancer cell proliferation and survival and on mechanisms of neoangiogenesis” |

Patents

European Patent No. EP2597160 - 23.09.2015. Screening tool for anti-inflammatory drug discovery comprising the FPR2/ALX gene promoter.

USA Patent No 9,234,231 B2 - 12.01.2016. Screening tool for anti-inflammatory drug discovery comprising the FPR2/ALX gene promoter.

Italian Patent n. 102016000051449 – 19.11.2018 “Sistema di rilascio della lipossina A₄ mediante membrana polimerica porosa ottenuta con elettrofilatura” (Release system of lipoxin A₄ using porous polymeric membrane obtained by electrospinning).

Italian Patent n. 102017000025741 – 27.06.2019 “Saggi farmacologici per la fibrosi cistica” (Pharmacological assays for cystic fibrosis).

Original Peer-Reviewed Publications

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2. **Romano, M.**, Poggi, A. 1986. Myelofibrosis: A role for Platelet Derived Growth Factor (PDGF)? *Haematologica*. 71: 359-361.
3. **Romano, M.**, Hawiger, J. 1990. Interaction of endotoxic lipid A and lipid X with purified human platelet protein kinase C. *J. Biol. Chem.* 265: 1765-1770.
4. **Romano, M.**, Viero, P., Cortellazzo, S., Barbui, T., Donati, M. B., Poggi, A. 1990. Reduced platelet derived mitogenic activity in patients with Myeloproliferative Diseases. *Haemostasis*. 20: 162-168.
5. **Romano, M.**, Molino, M., Cerletti, C. 1991. Endotoxic Lipid A induces intracellular Ca²⁺ increase in human platelets. *Biochem. J.* 278: 75-80.
6. Fiore, S., **Romano, M.**, Serhan, C.N. 1991. Lipoxin and leukotriene production during receptor-activated interactions between human platelets and cytokine-primed neutrophils. *Adv Prostaglandin Thromboxane Leukot Res.* 21A:93-96.
7. Sheppard, K.-A., Greenberg, S. M., Funk, C. D., **Romano, M.**, Serhan, C. N. 1992. Lipoxin generation by human magakaryocyte-induced 12-lipoxygenase. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 1133:223-234.
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10. Levy, B. D., **Romano, M.**, Reilly, J. J., Drazen, J., Serhan, C. N. 1993. Human alveolar macrophages generate 15-HETE and can produce lipoxins. *J. Clin. Invest.* 92:1572-1579.
11. **Romano, M.**, Chen, X-S., Takahashi, Y., Yamamoto, S., Serhan, C.N. 1993. Lipoxin synthase activity of human platelet 12-Lipoxygenase. *Biochem. J.* 296:127-133.
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13. Serhan, C. N., **Romano, M.** 1995. Lipoxin biosynthesis and actions: role of the human platelet LX-Synthase. *J Lipid Mediators Cell Signalling*. 12:293-306.
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