

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1974: Medical Degree, University of Turin, Italy

1978: Ph.D. in Microbiology

1975-1978: Visiting Fellow, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, with a project addressed to study the role of a cytokines in the immunity against tumors induced by murine retroviruses (MSV, MLV).

1978-1980: Fellowship of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) to continue the project on the immunity against tumors induced by MSV.

1980-1982: Visiting Associate at the German National Research Institute, DKFZ, Heidelberg, with a research program addressed to explore the mechanisms of IFN-production by cells of the immune system and the mechanism responsible for IFN-antiproliferative activity.

1982-1985: Assistant Professor, Medical School, Turin. During this period the proponent defined the molecular structure of IFN- γ and demonstrate that IFN- γ is one of the main mediators of allograft rejection. Moreover, he clarified some aspects of the molecular mechanisms exploited by IFN-g to control replication of riboviruses.

1985-2004: Full Professor of Microbiology, Medical School of Turin. The main accomplishments achieved by its laboratory may be summarized as follows:

A) Human (HCMV) and mouse (MCMV) cytomegalovirus. To replicate in the infected cells HCMV and MCMV need to inhibit cell cycle progression and activate a set of cellular genes involved in the viral DNA synthesis. The results achieved have demonstrated that at the early phase of infection the two main proteins encoded by the Immediate Early (IE) genes, IE1-72 and IE2-86, behave as potent promiscuous transactivators inducing i) the expression of genes involved in the arrest of the cell cycle (p16INK4a) and the senescence process of the infected cells, and ii) activation of enzymes involved in the synthesis of the viral DNA (DHFR, TS, RNR). The outcome of this infection is the uncoupling of the cell cycle progression (cells arrested in late G1) from the process of the DNA synthesis.

B) Characterization of the mouse IFN-inducible *lfi200* gene family. In particular the mechanisms responsible for *lfi200* induction by IFNs have been clarified by demonstrating that *lfi200* gene transcription depends on STAT1 activation and ISGF3 formation. Biochemical studies have shown that *lfi204* undergoes phosphorylation and translocated into the nucleus upon IFN-treatment. Genetic studies using Rb^{-/-} mice demonstrated that the *lfi204* exerts a significant antiproliferative activity towards normal or tumor cells by interacting with the Rb system. More recently these studies have been extended to the human *lfi16* gene, the homologue of the *lfi204* gene.

1997-2002: Director of the Immunogenetic and Experimental Oncology Center, CNR, Turin.

Awards :

1982: Premio “Baldi e Riberi”, Military Hospital, Turin, for his studies on antiviral activity mediated by Interferons.

2003: International Award of Virology “Lenghi-Magrassi”, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome, for his studies on infections by Human Cytomegalovirus.

Societies:

American Society of Microbiology
International Society for Interferon and Cytokine Research
Italian Society for Medical Virology
Italian Society of Microbiology

Collaborations:

1985-1990 Hoffman-La Roche, Basel: project addressed to define the signal transduction pathway of IFN- γ .

20001-2004 Serono, Geneva: project addressed to clarify the nature and the mechanisms induced by HCMV to activate transcription factors (NF-kB) involved in viral replication.

Seminars and Congress (2002-03)

-) “The Human Cytomegalovirus”, Accademia Nazionale di Medicina, Rome, Italy, April 2002.
-) “Cell Cycle Regulation by the Human Cytomegalovirus”, Dept. of Immunology and Microbiology, Stanford University, June 2002.
-) “Activation of IFN-inducible genes by the Human Papillomavirus”, DKFZ, Heidelberg, September 2002.
-) “International Congress on Cytokines”, President of the Organizing Committee, Turin, Italy, October 2002.
-) “Activation of the IFN-pathway by the HCMV”, XII International Congress on CMB, Maastricht, May 2003.
-) “HPV in the Head and Neck tumor development”, International Congress on HPV, ISS, Rome, June 2003.
-) “The Human Papillomavirus: from the laboratory to the clinics”, Residential Course, Accademia Nazionale di Medicina, Turin, October 2003.
-) “The HCMV as activator of cellular genes”, XXII Congress of the Italian Society of Microbiology, Rome, October 2003.

Financial Support (2002/04)

-) “Characterization of viral proteins as target in the anti-HCMV therapy”, V° AIDS Project, ISS, Rome, Italy.
-) “IFN-inducible genes as prognostic markers of Head and Neck SCC progression”, Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro, Milan, Italy.
-) “The NF-kB complex as target for anti-HCMV therapy”, FIRB, MIUR, Rome, Italy.
-) “The IFN-inducible IFI16 gene in the control of angiogenesis”, Compagnia San Paolo, Turin, Italy.
-) “Activation of the NF-kB complex by HCMV”, Project 40%, MIUR, Rome, Italy.

Most relevant publications from 1999 to 2004 (Santo Landolfo)

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7. Lembo D., Donalisio M., Hofer A., Cornaglia M., Brune W., Koszinowski U., Thelander L., and Landolfo S. The ribonucleotide reductase R1 homolog of murine cytomegalovirus is not a functional enzyme subunit but is required for pathogenesis.
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12. Noris E., Zannetti C., Demurtas A., Sinclair J., De Andrea M., Gariglio M., and Landolfo S. Cell Cycle Arrest by Human Cytomegalovirus 86-kDa IE2 Protein Resembles Premature Senescence.
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