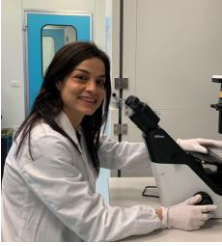


CURRICULUM VITAE MELAIU OMBRETTA



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WORK EXPERIENCES

February 2025– now:

Associate Professor in Clinal Pathology at University of Rome Tor Vergata.

February 2022– January 2025:

RTDB in Clinal Pathology at University of Rome Tor Vergata.

June 2020– January 2022:

Research Fellowship at Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital (Rome).

June 2017– May 2020:

- 1) RTDA at University of Pisa.
- 2) Affiliated researcher at Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital (Rome).

January 2017– May 2017:

Research Fellowship Fondazione Umberto Veronesi at Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital, Oncohematology Department. **Activities:** Dissecting the immune heterogeneity of neuroblastoma microenvironment to improve patient risk stratification and therapy.

May 2015– December 2016:

Research Fellowship at Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital, Oncohematology Department. **Activities:** Characterization of tumor-infiltrating T lymphocytes in therapy-resistant neuroblastoma patients.

April 2013–April 2015:

Research Fellowship at Pisa University, Department of Biology, Genetics; **Activities:** Study of new biomarkers for the clinical surveillance of workers previously exposed to asbestos.

April 2012–December 2012:

Visiting scientist at Imperial College, Oncology and Surgery Department., London, UK; **Activities:** Identification and characterization of genes involved in the malignant pleural mesothelioma.

EDUCATION

September 2013–November 2017:

Specialization in Pathology and Clinical Biochemistry, Roma Tor Vergata University. Title of thesis: “Significato clinico delle cellule immunitarie infiltranti tessuti di neuroblastoma. Mark: 50/50 with Honours. Tutors: Prof. Sergio Bernardini/Doriana Fruci.

January 2010–April 2013:

Research Doctorate School in Biological and Molecular Sciences, Pisa University. Title of thesis: “Identification and characterization of genes involved in the malignant pleural mesothelioma”. Tutor: Prof. Landi.

October 2010–November 2010:

Qualification as Professional Biologist (Registration Number: 064338)

October 2007- October 2009:

Master degree in General Physiopathological Sciences - Biology 6/S; Pisa University; Title of thesis: "Cardio-metabolic biomarkers and myocardial infarction: study in an experimental animal model". Mark: 110/110 with Honours. Tutor: Dr. Giannessi.

October 2004- October 2007:

Bachelor of Biological and Molecular Science, Pisa University; Title of thesis: "Adiponectin: a new indicator of cardiovascular risk". Mark: 110/110 with Honours; Tutor: Dr. Giannessi.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) The Medicine and Technological Singularity 4th International Symposium on the Advances on Regenerative Medicine. September 2023. **Title:** Organoids and organs-on-a-chip: new frontiers for predicting response and resistance to immunotherapy in cancer patients. **Melaiu O.**
- 2) 17th international conference on computational intelligence methods for bioinformatics and biostatistics CIBB. February 2021: **Title:** Cellular and gene signatures of tumor-infiltrating dendritic cells and natural killer cells predict favorable clinical outcome of neuroblastoma. **Melaiu O.**
- 3) ANR webinars January 25- 26-27, 2021. **Title:** Cellular and gene signatures of tumor-infiltrating dendritic cells and natural killer cells predict favorable clinical outcome of neuroblastoma. **Melaiu O.**

- 4) Giornata Romana di Immunologia. 2017. Roma. **Title:** "Dissecting the tumor immune microenvironment in neuroblastoma" **Melaiu O.**
- 5) IV Workshop AIEOP in lab. 2015, Napoli. **Title:** "Ruolo dei linfociti T infiltranti il tumore come potenziali marcatori prognostici e terapeutici in pazienti affetti da forme aggressive di neuroblastoma." **Melaiu O.**
- 6) Osservatorio Nazionale Amianto (ONA) Convegno giuridico-scientifico, 2013 Pisa. **Title:** "Le ultime acquisizioni scientifiche in materia di mesotelioma." **Melaiu O.**
- 7) Società Italiana di Mutagenesi Ambientale (S.I.M.A.) 2013 Padova. **Title:** "Comparative Genomic Hybridization Studies on Mesothelioma show a Parallel Fate of 1p21-1p22 and 9p21 Bands and a Chromosomally Stable Sub-Group." **Melaiu O.**
- 8) Società Italiana di Mutagenesi Ambientale (S.I.M.A.) 2011, Parma. **Title:** "Identification and characterization of genes involved in the malignant pleural mesothelioma." **Melaiu O.**

AWARDS:

- 1) 2023: Research merit mention awarded by the Aiace Foundation
- 2) 2022: Award "Contributi premiali per i ricercatori e assegnisti di ricerca per rafforzarne la condizione professionale e potenziare il sistema della ricerca del Lazio - Obiettivo di Policy 4 "Un'Europa più sociale"
- 3) Qualification for second class professor: From 31/01/2022 to 31/01/2031 SSD 06/N1 - Scienze Delle Professioni Sanitarie E Delle Tecnologie Mediche Applicate (ASN session 2021/2023);
From 31/01/2022 to 31/01/2031 SSD 06/A2 Patologia Generale E Patologia Clinica (ASN session 2021/2023);
From 31/01/2022 to 31/01/2031 SSD 05/I1 Genetica (ASN session 2021/2023).
- 4) 2021: Competition winner as Assistant Professor (RTDB) at Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy, SSD 06/N1.
- 5) 2021: Fondazione Umberto Veronesi Award.
- 6) 2018: TRAVEL GRANT to European Congress of Immunology 2018 (Amsterdam).
- 7) 2014: Award for Best poster presentation at the XIII Congress of the Italian Federation of Life Sciences (Pisa Italy). Title: Are MSLN, CFB and CCNO cancer genes of mesothelioma?.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

- 1) Editor of Special Topic "Cell network in antitumor immunity of pediatric and adult solid tumors?" (Frontiers in Immunology 2022);
- 2) Editor of Special Topic "Cell network in antitumor immunity of pediatric and adult solid tumors? Volume II" (Frontiers in Immunology 2023);
- 3) Reviewer since 2020 of International Peer Review Journals (Cancers, Diagnostics, Mutagenesis, International Journal of Molecular Science.)

MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Member of SIICA (Società Italiana di Immunologia e Allergologia) since 2018.
Ordinary member of SIOOC (Organs on Chip Italian Society) since 2022.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

1. Ielpo S, Barberini F, Dabbagh Moghaddam F, Pesce S, Cencioni C, Spallotta F, De Ninno A, Businaro L, Marcenaro E, Bei R, Cifaldi L, Barillari G, **Melaiu O.** Crosstalk and communication of cancer-associated fibroblasts with natural killer and dendritic cells: New frontiers and unveiled opportunities for cancer immunotherapy. *Cancer Treat Rev.* 2024 Dec;131:102843.
2. Tempora P, D'Amico S, Gragera P, Damiani V, Krol K, Scaldaferrri V, Pandey K, Chung S, Lucarini V, Giorda E, Scarsella M, Volpe G, Pezzullo M, De Stefanis C, D'Oria V, De Angelis L, Giovannoni R, De Ioris MA, **Melaiu O**, Purcell AW, Locatelli F, Fruci D. Combining ERAP1 silencing and entinostat therapy to overcome resistance to cancer immunotherapy in neuroblastoma. *J Exp Clin Cancer Res.* 2024 Oct 22;43(1):292.
3. Rebaudi F, De Franco F, Goda R, Obino V, Vita G, Baronti C, Iannone E, Pitto F, Massa B, Fenoglio D, Jandus C, Poggio F, Fregatti P, **Melaiu O**, Bozzo M, Candiani S, Papaccio F, Greppi M, Pesce S, Marcenaro E. The landscape of combining immune checkpoint inhibitors with novel Therapies: Secret alliances against breast cancer. *Cancer Treat Rev.* 2024 Nov;130:102831.
4. Greppi M, De Franco F, Obino V, Rebaudi F, Goda R, Frumento D, Vita G, Baronti C, Melaiu O, Bozzo M, Candiani S, Vellone VG, Papaccio F, Pesce S, Marcenaro E. NK cell receptors in anti-tumor and healthy tissue protection: Mechanisms and therapeutic advances. *Immunol Lett.* 2024 Dec;270:106932.
5. Pomella S*, **Melaiu O***, Cifaldi L, Bei R, Gargari M, Campanella V, Barillari G. Biomarkers Identification in the Microenvironment of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma: A Systematic Review of Proteomic Studies. *Int J Mol Sci.* 2024 Aug 16;25(16):8929. ***first authors**
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9. D'Amico S, Tempora P, Gragera P, Król K, **Melaiu O**, De Ioris MA, Locatelli F, Fruci D. Two bullets in the gun: combining immunotherapy with chemotherapy to defeat neuroblastoma by targeting adrenergic-mesenchymal plasticity. *Front Immunol.* 2023 Oct 2;14:1268645.
10. Pesce S, **Melaiu O**. Editorial: Cell network in antitumor immunity of pediatric and adult solid tumors. *Front Immunol.* 2023 Jul 6;14:1246695. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2023.1246695.
11. Cifaldi L, **Melaiu O**, Giovannoni R, Benvenuto M, Focaccetti C, Nardozi D, Barillari G, Bei R. DNAM-1 chimeric receptor-engineered NK cells: a new frontier for CAR-NK cell-based immunotherapy. *Front Immunol.* 2023 Jun 8;14:1197053.
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