

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name **Guglielmo Verona**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to) May 2022 – to date
- Name and address of employer **University College London, Centre for Amyloidosis**
- Type of business or sector Research/Teaching
- Occupation or position held **Lecturer**
- Main activities and responsibilities Teaching activity for the BsC (Molecular Mechanism of the Disease) and MsC (Drug Discovery) in Applied Medical Sciences.

- Dates (from – to) October 2020 – to date
- Name and address of employer **University of Pavia**
- Type of business or sector Teaching
- Occupation or position held **Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry**
- Main activities and responsibilities Teaching activity for the module of Biochemistry for the Master Degree in Medicine and Surgery, University of Pavia, Italy.

- Dates (from – to) February 2019 – to date
- Name and address of employer **University College London, Centre for Amyloidosis and Acute Phase Proteins**
- Type of business or sector Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, NMR, Drug Discovery
- Occupation or position held **Research Associate (MRC funded)**
- Main activities and responsibilities Research activity on the mechanism of transthyretin amyloidogenesis and investigation of the stability of *in vitro* and *ex vivo* transthyretin amyloid fibrils. Development and evaluation of innovative drugs for the treatment of ATTR amyloidosis developed following funding from the UCL Technology Fund. Collaboration with national and international groups researching on α -synuclein.

- Dates (from – to) March 2016 – December 2021
- Name and address of employer **Polymerix s.r.l. (Academic spin-off)**
- Type of business or sector Biotech/Pharmaceutical company
- Occupation or position held **Co-founder and director**
- Main activities and responsibilities Polymerix is an entrepreneurial project born from the scientific research expertises in the biochemistry, biology, biotechnology and pharmaceutical areas developed within research groups of the University of Pavia with the goal of developing new health products. Polymerix activities have been focused towards the structural and functional characterization of complex polymers of natural and synthetic origin and towards the design and development of innovative drug delivery systems and medical devices.

- Dates (from – to) September 2014 - February 2019
- Name and address of employer **University College London, Centre for Amyloidosis and Acute Phase Proteins**
- Type of business or sector Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, NMR, Drug Discovery
- Occupation or position held **PhD student (Rosetrees Trust/Royal Free Charity funded)**
- Main activities and responsibilities Research activity on the characterization of the molecular mechanism of transthyretin amyloidosis and identification of the putative proteolytic enzyme involved in the priming of the disease. Evaluation of the efficacy of drugs for the treatment of ATTR amyloidosis. NMR investigation of transthyretin dynamics and protein – drugs interactions (Prof. John Christodoulou's UCL NMR facility)

- Dates (from – to) 20 September 2015 - 24 September 2015
- Name and address of employer **Department of Medical Biosciences, University of Umea, Sweden**
- Type of business or sector Biochemistry
- Occupation or position held **Visiting PhD student**
- Main activities and responsibilities Biochemistry. Investigation of lipoprotein lipase inhibition by apolipoprotein C3.

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 - Occupation or position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

April 2014 – June 2014
Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Pavia, Italy
 Laboratory classes assistance
Tutor for Pharmacy undergraduates
 Tutoring students during their practical biochemistry classes.

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 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

October 2012 – March 2014
Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Pavia, Italy (seconded to UCL Centre for Amyloidosis and Acute Phase Proteins)
 Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, NMR
Visiting Researcher
 Research activity on the structural characterization of recombinant wild-type and Asp25Val apolipoprotein C3, including NMR characterization. Investigation of *in vitro* aggregation of different transthyretin variants. Screening of potential drugs for the treatment of ATTR amyloidosis. *In vitro* studies of potential inhibitors of β 2-microglobulin fibrillogenesis.

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- Main activities and responsibilities

September 2012
Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Pavia, Italy (seconded to UCL Centre for Cardiovascular Genetics)
 Biochemistry, Molecular Biology
Visiting Researcher
 Purification and expression of recombinant apolipoprotein C3.

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- Name and address of employer
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

May 2012 – September 2012
Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Pavia, Italy
 Biochemistry, Molecular Biology
Research Fellow
 Research activity on the mechanism of fibrillogenesis of the first natural amyloidogenic variant of β 2-microglobulin

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- Name and address of employer
 - Type of business or sector
 - Occupation or position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

January 2011 – May 2012
Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Pavia, Italy
 Biochemistry, Molecular Biology
Undergraduate student
 Characterization of the first natural amyloidogenic variant of β 2-microglobulin

EDUCATION

- Date
- Name and type of organization providing education and training
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
- Title of qualification

February 2019
University College London (UCL)
 Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, NMR, Drug Discovery
 PhD in Amyloidosis. Title of the project: "Towards the elucidation of pathophysiology of amyloid conversion of globular proteins"

- Date
- Name and type of organization providing education and training

February 2016
University of Pavia

• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, NMR, Drug Discovery
• Title of qualification	PhD in Biomedical Sciences XXVIII cycle. Title of the project: "Ruolo di forze biomeccaniche nella fisiopatologia dell'amiloidosi"
• Date	May 2012
• Name and type of organization providing education and training	University of Pavia
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Biochemistry, Molecular Biology
• Title of qualification awarded	Master's Degree in Pharmacy. Thesis title: " <i>β2-microglobulin amyloidosis: a discovery which determines a shift of a scientific paradigm</i> "
• Level in national classification	110/110 <i>cum laude</i> and <i>encomium</i>
• Dates	July 2007
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	High School "Torquato Taramelli"
• Title of qualification awarded	High School Diploma
• Level in national classification	100/100

PUBLICATIONS

1. Lavatelli F, Natalello A, Marchese L, Ami D, Corazza A, Raimondi S, Mimmi MC, Malinverni S, Mangione PP, Palmer MT, Lampis A, Concardi M, Verona G, Canetti D, Arbustini E, Bellotti V, Giorgetti S. Truncation of the constant domain drives amyloid formation by immunoglobulin light chains (2024). *J Biol Chem.* 300(4):107174. doi: 10.1016/j.jbc.2024.107174.
2. Verona G, Raimondi S, Canetti D, Mangione PP, Marchese L, Corazza A, Lavatelli F, Gillmore JD, Taylor GW, Bellotti V, Giorgetti S. Degradation versus fibrillogenesis, two alternative pathways modulated by seeds and glycosaminoglycans (2024). *Protein Sci.* 33(3):e4931. doi: 10.1002/pro.4931
3. Raimondi S, Faravelli G, Nocerino P, Mondani V, Baruffaldi A, Marchese L, Mimmi MC, Canetti D, Verona G, Caterino M, Ruoppolo M, Mangione PP, Bellotti V, Lavatelli F, Giorgetti S. Human wild-type and D76N β2-microglobulin variants are significant proteotoxic and metabolic stressors for transgenic *C. elegans* (2023). *FASEB Bioadv.* 5(11):484-505. doi: 10.1096/fba.2023-00073.
4. Fontana M, Gilbertson J, Verona G, Riefolo M, Slamova I, Leone O, Rowczenio D, Botcher N, Ioannou A, Patel RK, Razvi Y, Martinez-Naharro A, Whelan CJ, Venneri L, Duhlin A, Canetti D, Ellmerich S, Moon JC, Kellman P, Al-Shawi R, McCoy L, Simons JP, Hawkins PN, Gillmore JD. Antibody-Associated Reversal of ATTR Amyloidosis-Related Cardiomyopathy (2023). *N Engl J Med.* 388(23):2199-2201. doi: 10.1056/NEJMc2304584.
5. Izco M, Schleaf M, Schmeer M, Carlos E, Verona G, Alvarez-Erviti L. Targeted Extracellular Vesicle Gene Therapy for Modulating Alpha-Synuclein Expression in Gut and Spinal Cord (2023). *Pharmaceutics* 15(4):1230. doi: 10.3390/pharmaceutics15041230.
6. Cantarutti C, Mimmi MC, Verona G, Mandaliti W, Taylor GW, Mangione PP, Giorgetti S, Bellotti V, Corazza A. Calcium Binds to Transthyretin with Low Affinity. *Biomolecules.* (2022) 12(8):1066. doi: 10.3390/biom12081066.
7. Faravelli G, Mondani V, Mangione PP, Raimondi S, Marchese L, Lavatelli F, Stoppini M, Corazza A, Canetti D, Verona G, Obici L, Taylor GW, Gillmore JD, Giorgetti S, Bellotti V. Amyloid Formation by Globular Proteins: The Need to Narrow the Gap Between in Vitro and in Vivo Mechanisms. *Front Mol Biosci.* (2022) 9:830006. doi: 10.3389/fmolb.2022.830006.
8. Slamova I, Adib R, Ellmerich S, Golos MR, Gilbertson JA, Botcher N, Canetti D, Taylor GW, Rendell N, Tennent GA, Verona G, Porcari R, Mangione PP, Gillmore JD, Pepys MB, Bellotti V, Hawkins PN, Al-Shawi R, Simons JP. Plasmin activity promotes amyloid deposition in a transgenic model of human transthyretin amyloidosis. *Nat Commun.* (2021) 12(1):7112,. doi: 10.1038/s41467-021-27416-z.

9. Canetti D., Nocerino P., Rendell N.B., Botcher N., Gilbertson J.A., Blanco A., Rowczenio D., Morelli A., Mangione P.P., Corazza A., Verona G., Giorgetti S., Marchese L., Westermarck P., Hawkins P.N., Gillmore J.D., Bellotti V., Taylor G.W. Clinical ApoA-IV amyloid is associated with fibrillogenic signal sequence. *J Pathol.* (2021); 255(3):311-318
10. Izco M., Blesa J., Verona G., Cooper J.M., Alvarez-Erviti L. Glial activation precedes alpha-synuclein pathology in a mouse model of Parkinson's disease. *Neurosci Res.* (2020); 11:S0168-0102(20)30484-3.
11. Migdalska-Richards A., Wegrzynowicz M., Harrison I.F., Verona G., Bellotti V., Spillantini M.G., Schapira A.H.V. L444P Gba1 mutation increases formation and spread of α -synuclein deposits in mice injected with mouse α -synuclein pre-formed fibrils. *PLoS One.* (2020); 15:e0238075.
12. Raimondi S., Mangione P.P., Verona G., Canetti D., Nocerino P., Marchese L., Piccarducci R., Mondani V., Faravelli G., Taylor G.W., Gillmore J.D., Corazza A., Pepys M.B., Giorgetti S., Bellotti V. Comparative study of the stabilities of synthetic in vitro and natural ex vivo transthyretin amyloid fibrils. *J Biol Chem.* (2020); 295:11379-11387.
13. Gegg M.E., Verona G., Schapira A.H.V. Glucocerebrosidase deficiency promotes release of α -synuclein fibrils from cultured neurons. *Hum Mol Genet.* (2020); 29:1716-1728.
14. Canetti D, Rendell NB, Gilbertson JA, Botcher N, Nocerino P, Blanco A, Di Vagno L, Rowczenio D, Verona G, Mangione PP, Bellotti V, Hawkins PN, Gillmore JD, Taylor GW. Diagnostic amyloid proteomics: experience of the UK National Amyloidosis Centre. *Clin Chem Lab Med.* (2020); 58(6):948-957.
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20. Verona G, Mangione PP, Raimondi S, Giorgetti S, Faravelli G, Porcari R, Corazza A, Gillmore JD, Hawkins PN, Pepys MB, Taylor GW, Bellotti V. (2017) Inhibition of the mechano-enzymatic amyloidogenesis of transthyretin: role of ligand affinity, binding cooperativity and occupancy of the inner channel. *Sci. Rep.*, 7:182.
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