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Sex Female | Date of birth 20/12/1980 | Nationality Italian

POSITION Associate Professor, SSD CHIM/08

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/10/2021–present Associate Professor

# Università degli Studi di Salerno, Fisciano (SA) (Italy)

Professor of the course of medicinal chemistru. Head of the peptide synthesis laboratory

01/10/2018–30/09/2021 Assistant Professor L.240/10 tipo B

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03/11/2014–30/09/2018 Assistant Professor L.240/10 tipo A

# Università degli Studi di Salerno, Fisciano (SA) (Italy)

Professor of the course of Complements of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Head of the peptide synthesis laboratory

01/02/2013–31/10/2014 Research fellow

# Università degli Studi di Salerno, Fisciano (SA) (Italy)

Project: "Synthesis of bioactive molecules from waste products from the milk, oil and citrus fruit supply chain". Head Prof. Pietro Campiglia.

13/09/2013–13/12/2013 Research Internship

# Dipartimento di Chimica dell’ Università di Copenhagen

Ottimizzazione delle procedure *di sintesi peptidica mediante l'ausilio delle microonde.* Tutor: Prof. Knud J.Jensen.

01/11/2010–31/10/2012 Research fellow

# Università degli Studi di Salerno, Fisciano (SA) (Italy)

Project: "synthesis, characterization and biological activity of polycyclic compounds". Head Prof. Carmela Saturnino.

01/05/2009–30/04/2010 Scholarship

# dipartimento di scienze Farmaceutiche, Università degli Studi di Salerno, Fisciano (SA) (Italy)

Project "Synthesis of New Peptide Inhibitors of Metalloproteases"

01/10/2007–30/09/2008 Scholarship

# Dipartimento di Chimica Farmaceutica e Tossicologica della Facoltà di Farmacia, Università Degli Studi di Napoli “Federico II”, Napoli (Italy)

Project "Synthesis of peptides and peptidomimetic inhibitors of metalloenzymes involved in neurodegenerative diseases."

01/05/2006–30/04/2007 Research fellow

# “Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Istituto di Biostrutture e Bioimmagini – Napoli, Napoli (Italy)

Training project "Experts in the fields of molecular diagnostics and pharmaceuticals".

01/04/2005–31/03/2006 Scholarship

# Dipartimento di Chimica Farmaceutica e Tossicologica della Facoltà di Farmacia, Università Degli Studi di Napoli “Federico II, Napoli (Italy)

Project: "Design, synthesis and biomolecular evaluation of melanocortinic peptides and peptidomimetics with antifungal activity"

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

04/2018 Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale per professore di 2 fascia per il settore concorsuale 03/D1 (chimica e tecnologie farmaceutiche, tossicologiche e nutraceutico-alimentari).

02/01/2008–30/10/2010 Master degree in Hospital Pharmacy EQF level 8

# Università degli Studi di Napoli “Federico II”, Napoli (Italy)

Thesis title: ”Ropinirole (REQUIP) with prolonged release: continuous dopaminergic stimulation in the treatment of Parkinson's disease, supervisor Prof. Paolo Grieco. 46/50.

01/11/2004–20/12/2007 Ph.D Pharmaceutical Science EQF level 8

# Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II", Napoli (Italy)

Thesis entitled: "Synthesis of new analogues of Urotensin II", tutor Prof. Paolo Grieco.

08/07/2004 Degree in pharmacy, class 14 / S EQF level 7

# Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II", Napoli (Italy)

Thesis title: "Solid phase synthesis of the aminomethylene bond". Speaker: Prof. Paolo Grieco.

110/110 cum laude

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Foreign language(s)

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| UNDERSTANDING | SPEAKING | WRITING |
| Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production |  |

English B2 C1 B2 B2

Trinity College livello B2

French B1 B1 B1 B1 B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr)

Job-related skills Expert in organic peptide and peptidomimetic synthesis through the application of innovative synthesis methods such as the use of microwaves and combinatorial synthesis for the creation of small libraries of biologically active compounds.

Expert in solution synthesis techniques and peptide synthesis, purification and characterization of

compounds: use of chromatographic techniques (analytical and preparative TLC, analytical and preparative HPLC, column chromatography,), UV, mass spectra interpretation (MS), and protons (1HNMR), circular dichroism, bianding assays using SPR and MST assays. Acquired skills in the use of instruments such as UV spectrophotometer, analytical and preparative HPLC Waters, Shimadzu and Beckmann, API 2000 mass spectrometer, LCQ-DECA Finnigan, LCQ Advantage, LTQ, MALDI- TOF Waters and Varian, NMR 400 spectrometer MHz Varian, NMR 300 MHz BruKer, use of strymentations such as Biacore 3000, T200, Nanotemper Monolith NT 115 pico. Use of parallel and microwave synthesizers.

The scientific activity is mainly addressed to Pharmaceutical Chemistry topics studied on chemical- organic, chemical-physical and chemical-analytical bases. The main research topics dealt with are the synthesis and characterization of biologically active products.

This activity takes the form of 47 publications in international journals, to which must be added 3 Communications to Congresses.

Digital skills SELF-ASSESSMENT

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| Information processing | Communication | Content creation | Safety | Problem- solving |
| Independent user | Independent user | Independent user | Independent user | Independent user |

[Digital skills - Self-assessment grid](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/digital-competences)

Other skills

TEACHING ACTIVITY

A.A. 2015 to date: Holder of the course in Pharmaceutical Chemistry (5 CFU), Degree Course in Pharmacy, University of Salerno, Department of Pharmacy

Participation in Degree Exam Commissions in Pharmacy and Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies.

Supervision of research activities for students and doctoral students.

Thesis supervisor (experimental and compilation) in Pharmacy and Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies.

Counter thesis supervisor (experimental and compilative) in Pharmacy and Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies.

OFFICES IN OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONAL TASKS

From November 2014 to today he is a member of the Logistics Commission of the Pharmacy Department of the University of Salerno. Coordinator Prof. Annalisa Piccinelli.

From July 2015 to today. member of the Chemical Biology Commission of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Salerno. Coordinator Prof. Gianluca Sbardella.

From June 2016 to May 2020: member of the Didactic Commission of the Pharmacy Department of the University of Salerno. Coordinator Prof. Maria Pascale.

From October 2019 to today: member of the Orientation and tutoring committee. Coordinator Prof. Amalia Porta

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

1. Agamennone M, Fantacuzzi M, Vivenzio G, Scala MC, Campiglia P, Superti F, **Sala M.** [Antiviral Peptides as Anti-Influenza Agents.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36232735/) Int J Mol Sci. 2022 Sep 28;23(19):11433. doi: 10.3390/ijms231911433.
2. Squeglia F, Romano M, Esposito L, Barra G, Campiglia P, **Sala M**, Scala MC, Ruggiero A, Berisio R. [Structure-Based Development of SARS-CoV-2 Spike Interactors.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35628409/) Int J Mol Sci. 2022 May 17;23(10):5601. doi: 10.3390/ijms23105601.
3. Scala MC, Di Micco S, Lanzillotta D, Musella S, Di Sarno V, Parrino B, Cascioferro SM, Bifulco G, Trapasso F, Campiglia P, **Sala M.** [Corrigendum: Overcome Chemoresistance: Biophysical and Structural Analysis of Synthetic FHIT-Derived Peptides.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35573730/) Front Mol Biosci. 2022 Apr 29;9:915838. doi: 10.3389/fmolb.2022.915838. eCollection 2022.
4. Scala MC, Di Micco S, Lanzillotta D, Musella S, Di Sarno V, Parrino B, Casciofierro SM, Bifulco G, Trapasso F, Campiglia P, **Sala M.** [Overcome Chemoresistance: Biophysical and Structural Analysis of Synthetic FHIT-Derived Peptides.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34901149/) Front Mol Biosci. 2021 Nov 25;8:715263. doi: 10.3389/fmolb.2021.715263. eCollection 2021.
5. Scala MC, Agamennone M, Pietrantoni A, Di Sarno V, Bertamino A, Superti F, Campiglia P, **Sala M.** [Discovery of a Novel Tetrapeptide against Influenza A Virus: Rational Design, Synthesis, Bioactivity Evaluation and Computational Studies.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34681184/) Pharmaceuticals (Basel). 2021 Sep 23;14(10):959. doi: 10.3390/ph14100959.
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7. Di Micco S, Musella S, **Sala M**, Scala MC, Andrei G, Snoeck R, Bifulco G, Campiglia P, Fasano A. [Peptide Derivatives of the Zonulin Inhibitor Larazotide (AT1001) as Potential Anti SARS-CoV-2: Molecular Modelling, Synthesis and Bioactivity Evaluation.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34502335/) Int J Mol Sci. 2021 Aug 30;22(17):9427. doi: 10.3390/ijms22179427.
8. Di Micco S, Musella S, Scala MC, **Sala M**, Campiglia P, Bifulco G, Fasano A. [*In silico* Analysis Revealed Potential Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Main Protease Activity by the Zonulin Inhibitor Larazotide Acetate.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33520943/) Front Chem. 2021 Jan 15;8:628609. doi: 10.3389/fchem.2020.628609.
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10. Gambardella J, Sorriento D, Bova M, Rusciano M, Loffredo S, Wang X, Petraroli A, Carucci L, Mormile I, Oliveti M, Bruno Morelli M, Fiordelisi A, Spadaro G, Campiglia P, **Sala M**, Trimarco B, Iaccarino G, Santulli G, Ciccarelli M. [Role of Endothelial G Protein-Coupled Receptor Kinase 2 in Angioedema.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32895019/) Hypertension. 2020 Nov;76(5):1625-1636. doi: 10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.120.15130.
11. Pescina S, **Sala M**, Scala MC, Santi P, Padula C, Campiglia P, Ostacolo C, Nicoli S. [Synthesis and Ex Vivo Trans-Corneal Permeation of Penetratin Analogues as Ophthalmic Carriers: Preliminary Results.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32756470/) Pharmaceutics. 2020 Aug 3;12(8):728. doi:10.3390/pharmaceutics12080728.
12. Ciccarelli M, Sorriento D, Fiordelisi A, Gambardella J, Franco , Del Giudice C, **Sala M**, Monti MG, Bertamino A, Campiglia P, Oliveti M, Poggio P, Trinchese G, Cavaliere G, Cipolletta E, Mollica MP, Bonaduce D, Trimarco B, Iaccarino G. Pharmacological inhibition of GRK2 improves cardiac metabolism and function in experimental heart failure. *ESC Heart Fail*. 2020 Apr 30. doi: 10.1002/ehf2.12706.
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