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Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Rome), Dipartimento di Microbiologia.
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Laboratorio di Biologia Molecolare Europea (Heidelberg), Gene Structure and Regulation Programme.
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INTERESSI SCIENTIFICI

- Meccanismo di integrazione del genoma del batteriogafa nella cellula ospite.
- Struttura, funzione e regolazione delle tossine batteriche.
- Regolazione trascrizionale tessuto specifica in cellule di mammifero; relazioni di struttura e funzione di fattori trascrizionali eucariotici.
- Phage display di peptide e protein dei faggi M13 e Lambda; studio di antigeni patologia specifici attraverso il phage displayed peptide.
- Genomica funzionale: identificazione di protein coinvolte nelle interazioni proteina/proteina e proteina/DNA.
- Antibody phage display; identificazione e caratterizzazione di anticorpi da librerie phage displayed scFv.
- Generazione di anticorpi monoclonali per vaccini genetici.
- Anticorpi terapeutici contro agenti infettivi e cancro.
- Meccanismi della risposta immunitaria B e T-cell mediate all'infezione virale; antigen delivery attraverso vettori virali ricombinanti e DNA nudo.
- Vaccini genetici contro malattie infettive (HIV, HCV, Malaria, Ebola, RSV, Influenza) e cancro.

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