

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education and training Dr. in Biological Sciences at the University of Naples "Federico II", Italy;  
PhD in General Biology and Pathophysiology at the University of Siena, Italy.

**CURRENT POSITION** Scientist with a tenured position ISTITUTO DI SCIENZE DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE -CNR

**RESEARCH ACTIVITIES** Study of structural and functional properties of proteins and enzymes. Advanced biotechnological applications of proteins and enzymes for the design of innovative biosensors for food safety, homeland security and medical applications.

### Work experience

**International Projects** European Program Horizon 2020 Grant N° n. 101000216  
"CODE-REFARM (January 2021-2024)

European Program Horizon 2020 Grant N° n. 101007448 “-GRACED (January 2021-2024)

ENI CBC MED Project TRANSDAIRY (2020-2023)

European Program Horizon 2020 Grant N. 812661  
“ENDONANO” – (January 2019)

European Program FP7 Project Grant N 614088 “MARIABOX”  
(2014-2018);

European Program Horizon 2020 – Grant N 771649  
“SWINOSTICS” (2017-2020);

European Program Horizon 2020 Grant N. 731778  
“WATERSPY” (2016-2020);

“BIOTYPE EDA” biosensors for microorganism detection;  
European Defence Agency; (2013)

Participant European Defence Agency “NANOCAP” Project.  
(2010-2012)

FP7 Project “CUSTOM”. (2009-2014)

Principal Investigator NATO Project between Istituto di Biochimica delle Proteine CNR, Napoli and Russian Academy of Science, San Petersburg Russia. (2009-2010)

## National Projects

E-CROPS-TECNOLOGIE PER L'AGRICOLTURA DIGITALE SOSTENIBILE (Progetto PON Ricerca e Innovazione 2014-2020)

Fondo per la Crescita Sostenibile – Bando “Progetti di ricerca e sviluppo negli ambiti tecnologici identificati dal Programma Quadro Horizon 2020” Progetto Pisa (2016-2019)

Project PONTI (2015-2016)

Nuove tecnologie abilitanti per il food safety e l'integrità delle filiere agro-alimentari in uno scenario globale (SAFE&SMART). Progetto Nazionale CLAN (Cluster Agroalimentare Nazionale CTN01\_00230\_248064) (2014-2017)

Formazione PON a3\_0025 BIOforIU-MIUR (2013)

Formazione PON 001585-Biodefensor BIOforIU-MIUR (2013)

Progetto Regionale Agroalimentare “CAMPUS -QUARK” (2012)

Progetto AgroAlimentare “CISIA” CNR (2011-2013)

Progetto Agroalimentare “Innovative biosensors for the detection of the aflatoxin M1 in milk”. Granarolo Spa (2010-2011)

Comessa del Dipartimento CNR Bio/Agroalimentare “Progettazione e Realizzazione di avanzati biochip per analisi di interesse alimentare”. (2009-2014)

**Academic Achievements**

Member of the PhD School Applied Biology and Environmental Safeguard, University of Basilicata Italy

**Principal subjects  
occupational skills  
covered**

Associate Editor presso la rivista BMC Biochemistry  
Editorial Board Member della rivista Protein & Peptide Letters.

## **Books and Articles**

Emergent Biosensing Technologies Based on Fluorescence Spectroscopy and Surface Plasmon Resonance.

A. Camarca, A. Varriale, A. Capo, A. Pennacchio, A. Calabrese, C. Giannattasio, C. Murillo Almuzara, S. D'Auria, Maria Staiano. Sensors (2021) 21, 906.

Spectroscopic Properties of Two 5'-(4-Dimethylamino) Azobenzene Conjugated G-Quadruplex Forming Oligonucleotides

C. Imperatore, A. Varriale, E. Rivieccio, A. Pennacchio, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria, M. Casertano, C. Altucci, M. Valadan, M. Singh, M. Menna, M. Varra.

Int J Mol Sci (2020) Sep 26;21(19):7103.

Structural features of the glutamate-binding protein from *Corynebacterium glutamicum*

A. Capo, A. Natalello, J. Marienhagen, A. Pennacchio, A. Camarca, S. Di Giovanni, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria, A. Varriale Int J Biol Macromol (2020) Nov 1; 162:903-912.

Fluorescence polarization assay to detect the presence of traces of ciprofloxacin

H. El Kojok , N. El Darra, M. Khalil, A. Capo , A. Pennacchio, Maria Staiano, A. Camarca, S. D'Auria, A. Varriale . Sci Rep (2020) Mar 12;10(1):4550.

Detection of naphthalene in sea-water by a novel optical biosensor

N. Cennamo, L. Zeni, E. Ricca, R. Istituto, VM. Marzullo; A. Capo, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria, A. Varriale Talanta (2019) 194:289-297

The porcine odorant-binding protein as molecular probe for benzene detection

A. Capo, A. Pennacchio, A. Varriale, S. D'Auria, Maria Staiano PLOS ONE (2018) Sep 5;13(9): e0202630.

Cloning and bacterial expression systems for recombinant human heparanase production. Substrate specificity investigation by docking of a putative heparanase substrate A. Pennacchio, A. Capo, S. Caira, A. Tramice, A. Varriale, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria

Biotech Applied Biochem. (2018) 65(1):89-98.

A High Sensitivity Biosensor to detect the presence of perfluorinated compounds in environment

N. Cennamo, L. Zeni, P. Tortora, ME. Regonesi, A. Giusti, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria, A. Varriale Talanta (2018) 178:955-961.

Osmolyte-like effect of low GdnHCl concentrations on D-glucose/D-galactose-binding protein  
AV. Fonin, AD. Golikova, IA. Zvereva, S. D'Auria, Maria Staiano, VN. Uversky, IM. Kuznetsova, KK. Turoverov  
Int. J. Mol. Sci. (2017) 18, 2008

Modern concepts to study molecular interactions  
M. Strianese, Maria Staiano, A. Capo, G. Pinto, C. Pellecchia, S. D'Auria  
Molecular Systems Design & Engineering (2017), 2, 123–132

Enzymes as Sensors  
Maria Staiano, A. Pennacchio, A. Varriale, A. Capo, A. Majoli, C. Capacchione, S. D'Auria  
Methods Enzymol. (2017); 589:115-131

High pressure effect on structure and stability of the fluorescent protein monomeric Kusabira Orange  
LP. Palmade, DC. Lucia, R. Lange, A. Facchiano, A. Pennacchio, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria  
Biochemistry and Biophysics Reports (2016) 7-138-143

On the possibility of ephedrine detection: A Time-Resolved Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET)-based approach  
A. Varriale, VM. Marzullo, S. Di Giovanni, A. Scala, A. Capo, A. Majoli, A. Pennacchio, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria  
Analytical Bio/analytical Chemistry (2016) 408(23):6329-36.

A Shear horizontal surface acoustic wave biosensor for a rapid and specific detection of d-serine  
F. Di Pietrantonio, M. Benetti, D. Cannatà, E. Verona, M. Girasole, M. Fosca, S. Dinarelli, Maria Staiano, V.M. Marzullo, A. Varriale, S. D'Auria  
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A novel fluorescence polarization assay for determination of penicillin G in milk.  
Pennacchio A, Varriale A, Scala A, Marzullo VM, Staiano Maria, S. D'Auria  
Food Chem. (2016) 190:381-5.

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Varriale A, Pennacchio A, Pinto G, Oliviero G, D'Errico S, Majoli A, Scala A, Capo A, Pennacchio A, Di Giovanni S, Staiano Maria, Sabato D'Auria  
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A. Pennacchio, A. Varriale, M.G. Esposito, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria  
PLOS ONE (2015) 10(7): e0132396.

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A. Pennacchio, A. Varriale, MG. Esposito, Maria Staiano, Sabato D'Auria  
Analytical Biochemistry (2015) 481:55-9

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OV. Stepanenko, AV. Fonin, OV. Stepanenko, Maria Staiano, S. D'Auria, IM. Kuznetsova, KK. Turoverov  
Journal of Fluorescence (2015) (1):87-94

Easy to use plastic optical fiber-based biosensor for detection of butanal.  
N. Cennamo, S. Di Giovanni, A. Varriale, Maria Staiano, F. Di Pietrantonio, A. Notargiacomo, L. Zeni. S. D'Auria  
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A surface acoustic wave bio-nose for detection of volatile odorant molecules.  
F. Di Pietrantonio, M. Benetti, D. Cannatà, E. Verona, A. Palla-Papavlu, J.-M. Fernández-Pradas, P. Serra, Maria Staiano, A. Varriale, S. D'Auria  
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A. Pennacchio, G. Ruggiero, Maria Staiano, G. Piccialli, G. Oliviero, A. Lewkowicz, A. Synak, S. D'Auria  
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The trehalose/maltose-binding protein as a sensitive element of a glucose biosensor.  
A.V. Fonin, O.I. Povarova, M. Staiano, S. D'Auria, K. K. Turoverov I.M. Kuznetsova  
Optical Materials (2014) Vol. 36,10, 1676-1679.

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orange-emitting GFP-like protein, monomeric Kusabira Orange.

J Photochem Photobiol B. (2014) May 15;138C:223-229.

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Sensors and Actuators. B, (2013)176 ; 1008-1014

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Biosensor & Bioelectronics (2013) Mar 15 ;41 :328-34.

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