

Elisabetta Gabano

Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL DATA

Born in Casale Monferrato (Alessandria, Italy) on 17th May 1978.

Resident in Novara (Italy).

BIO AND EDUCATION

1997: Diploma degree (Liceo Scientifico, Casale Monferrato, Alessandria, Italy)

2002: Laurea degree in Chemistry cum laude from the Università del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro", under the guidance of prof. D. Osella, Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Avanzate (UPO) and prof. G. Cravotto, Dipartimento di Scienza e Tecnologia del Farmaco, Università di Torino.

2003: Qualification to practice the profession of Chemist, University of Pavia.

2005: PhD degree in Chemical Sciences, Dipartimento di Scienze dell'Ambiente e della Vita, Università del Piemonte Orientale; advisor: Prof. D. Osella.

UNIVERSITY CAREER

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| 2021-to date | Associate Professor (General and Inorganic Chemistry), Università del Piemonte Orientale |
| 2010-2021 | Assistant Professor (General and Inorganic Chemistry), Università del Piemonte Orientale |
| 2005-2010 | Research fellow, Università del Piemonte Orientale |

UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

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| 2020-to date | Member of the Quality Assurance group of the Master of Science in Chemical Sciences, Dipartimento di Scienze e Innovazione Tecnologica, Università del Piemonte Orientale |
| 2020-to date | Member of the Didactic Commission of the Degree Course in Chemistry, Dipartimento di Scienze e Innovazione Tecnologica, Università del Piemonte Orientale |
| 2015-2020 | Member of the students-professors joint Commission, Dipartimento di Scienze e Innovazione Tecnologica, Università del Piemonte Orientale |

SCIENTIFIC POSITIONS

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| 2002-to date | Member of the <i>Consorzio Interuniversitario di Ricerca in Chimica dei Metalli nei Sistemi Biologici (CIRCMSB)</i> |
| 2003- to date | Member of the <i>Società Chimica Italiana</i> |

MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

1. Coordination complexes
2. Synthesis and characterisation of Pt(II) complexes as potential antitumor drugs.
3. Synthesis and characterisation of Pt(IV) complexes as potential antitumor prodrugs
4. Quantitative structure-activity (QSAR) and structure-property (QSPR) study of Pt(IV) complexes
5. Drug targeting and delivery strategies for Pt(II) and Pt(IV) complexes

CURRENT ISSUES OF RESEARCH

1. *Drug targeting and delivery of platinum complexes*

In order to improve the selectivity of the platinum complexes employed as antitumor drugs, biologically active or macromolecular vectors are used to selectively reach the tumor tissue and to deliver and accumulate the drug there. For this purpose, suitably designed platinum-vectors conjugates are synthesized, characterized and biochemically/biologically tested.

2. **Bifunctional platinum complexes**

When two drugs contemporarily administered are effective at similar doses, they can be substituted by a single “bifunctional” molecule to increase their activity. Therefore, such a molecule, which is constituted by a Pt(II) or Pt(IV) complex (as potential antitumor drug or prodrug) with one or two molecules of a second adjuvant drug linked to it, is synthesised, characterised and biochemically/biologically tested.

3. **Properties of Pt(IV) complexes**

The Pt(IV) complexes are considered antitumor prodrugs, that are reduced to the corresponding active Pt(II) metabolites in the hypoxic tumor environment. The choice of the coordinated ligands affects the chemico-physical properties and the antiproliferative activity of the resulting complexes. Therefore, upon suitable design of the ligands, different complexes are synthesised and characterised and their properties such as lipophilicity, reduction kinetics, reduction potential, etc. are studied.

CURRENT FUNDED PROJECTS

| PROGRAMME | FUNDED PROJECT |
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| Project funded by the offer of compensation to the inhabitants of Casale Monferrato deceased or suffering from mesothelioma (2019-20) | “Hereditary risk in mesothelioma” (HERMES), (PI: Proff. I. Dianzani e C. Magnani). |

TOP FIVE PAPERS

1. E. Monti, M. Gariboldi, A. Maiocchi, E. Marengo, C. Cassino, E. Gabano, D. Osella, Cytotoxicity of cis-Platinum(II) Conjugate Models. The Effect of Chelating Arms and Leaving Groups on Cytotoxicity: A Quantitative Structure–Activity Relationship Approach, *J. Med. Chem.*, 48 (2005) 857-866.
2. J.A. Platts, S.P. Oldfield, M.M. Reif, A. Palmucci, E. Gabano, D. Osella, The RP-HPLC measurement and QSPR analysis of log Po/w values of several Pt(II) complexes, *J. Inorg. Biochem.*, 100 (2006) 1199-1207.
3. P. Gramatica, E. Papa, M. Luini, E. Monti, M. B. Gariboldi, M. Ravera, E. Gabano, L. Gaviglio, D. Osella, Antiproliferative Pt(IV) complexes: synthesis, biological activity, and quantitative structure-activity relationship modeling, *J. Biol. Inorg. Chem.*, 15 (2010) 1157–1169.
4. M. Ravera, E. Gabano, G. Pelosi, F. Fregonese, S. Tinello, D. Osella, A New Entry to Asymmetric Platinum(IV) Complexes via Oxidative Chlorination, *Inorg. Chem.* 53 (2014) 9326–9335.
5. E. Gabano, M. Ravera, I. Zanellato, S. Tinello, A. Gallina, B. Rangone, V. Gandin, C. Marzano, M.G. Bottone, D. Osella, An unsymmetric cisplatin-based Pt(IV) derivative containing 2-(2-propynyl)octanoate: a very efficient multi-action antitumor prodrug candidate, *Dalton Trans.*, 46 (2017) 14174-14185.

AWARDS

1. The youngest researcher with the best impact factor in scientific field – academic year 2011-12, Università del Piemonte Orientale, 2013