

CURRICULUM VITAE

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	Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biotechnologies
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	Master's Degree in Industrial Biotechnologies
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	PhD in Life and Biomolecular Sciences

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Member of the Italian Association for Research on Brain Aging (AIRIC)

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Years within the organisation: 3 years

Key qualifications:

Responsible of molecular and genetic epidemiology in two main research projects:

- "InveCe.Ab" Study: a prospective population-based study on health and aging in elderly individuals (NCT01345110 ClinicalTrial.gov). Role: search for risk factors and biomarkers for age-related diseases, with a special focus on cognitive decline and dementia onset.

- "Allena-Mente" Study: a randomized controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of cognitive stimulation (CS), vs a "sham" intervention, in elderly participants at risk to develop dementia (NCT01793493 ClinicalTrial.gov). Role: investigate the influence of genetic variants on CS efficacy.

Letizia Polito is the author of 32 publications in peer-reviewed journals with a current citation record of more than 500 and an H index of 11

Professional Experience Record:

Date:	From 01/2007 to 09/2007
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Publication record (selected 2009-2015)

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