

Dr. Sara Bruzzaniti, Research Fellow

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name: Dr. Sara Bruzzaniti

Position/Title:
Phd student, Research fellow

Education

| Institution and Location | Degree | Year Conferred | Field of Study |
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| Liceo Scientifico (High School), G. Mazzini, Naples, Italy. | Baccalaureate | 2006 | |
| Biology Degree, University of Naples "Federico II", Naples, Italy. | Bachelor Degree | 2016 | Immunology |
| Research fellow at Institute of Endocrinology and Experimental Oncology (IEOS-CNR), Naples, Italy | | 2017-present | Immunology |
| PhD student, Biology, University of Naples "Federico II", Naples, Italy. | | 2019-present | Biology |

Research and Professional Experience

Positions and Employment:

- 17/11/2016 Degree in "Biology", defending her thesis in Immunology.
Supervisor: Prof. O. Picariello and Dr. M. Galgani
- 2017-present Research fellow at Institute of Endocrinology and Experimental Oncology (IEOS-CNR), Naples, Italy.
Supervisor: Dr. Mario Galgani
- 2019-present PhD program in Biology, University of Naples "Federico II", Naples, Italy.

Research Experience:

(2015 - present)

Dr. Bruzzaniti Sara started her training in 2015 as internal student in Immunology, School of "Biology", University of Naples "Federico II", working in the Laboratory of Immunology, at the Institute of Endocrinology and Experimental Oncology, (IEOS-CNR), Naples, Italy, under the supervision of Dr. Mario Galgani. During that period of training, Dr. Bruzzaniti worked on her graduation thesis in Immunology entitled "*CD3⁺CD56⁺ lymphocytes: novel regulatory cells in the immunopathogenesis of Type 1 Diabetes*". The research field of the study has been the dysregulation of the immune tolerance in autoimmune disease, such as Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Specifically, she investigated on the immune-regulatory role of a novel regulatory T cell subset (CD3⁺CD56⁺) in T1D pathogenesis.

Furthermore, Dr. Bruzzaniti studied also the role of CD4⁺CD25⁺FoxP3⁺ regulatory T cells (Treg) in the maintenance of peripheral immune tolerance and in the control of human diseases, such as T1D, MS and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). In particular, she studied the expression of the transcription factor FoxP3 and its splicing variant containing Exon 2 (FoxP3E2), necessary for the suppressive function of Treg cells, both in healthy, T1D and multiple sclerosis (MS) subjects. In May 2017, she won a research fellow at IEOS-CNR, as part of the EFSD-funded project "*CD3⁺CD56⁺ cells a*

novel human regulatory population: function and molecular mechanism in Type 1 Diabetes" (Supervisor Dr. Mario Galgani). The aim of the research was to study the regulatory role of CD3⁺CD56⁺ lymphocytes in relation to the cytotoxic functions of CD8⁺ T lymphocytes in children affected by T1D compared to healthy subjects. During this period, she also began to study the role of CD3⁺CD56⁺ cells in another autoimmune condition, such as MS. In May 2018 and May 2019, the research fellow at IEOS-CNR was renewed, funded by JDRF-funded project "*The novel CD3⁺CD56⁺ lymphocyte population: from T1D biomarkers to disease pathogenesis*" (Supervisor Dr. Mario Galgani), continuing the study of the regulatory CD3⁺CD56⁺ cells and their involvement in the progression of autoimmune disorders. In October 2019, Dr. Bruzzaniti started her PhD program in Biology at the University of Naples "Federico II". She continued to investigate on the phenotypical and molecular alterations of CD3⁺CD56⁺ cells in T1D and MS subjects; at the same time she also began to study the molecular modifications of the FoxP3 in COPD subjects. In May 2020, she won a research fellow at IEOS-CNR, as part of the EFSD-funded project.

Professional Memberships:

- Associazione Italiana NeuroImmunologia (AINI), 2018-present
- Società Italiana di Immunologia Clinica e Allergologica (SIICA), 2018-present
- European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), 2017-present.

Meetings:

- Cancer Metastasis: The Role of Metabolism, Immunity and the Microenvironment. Keystone Symposia, Florence, Italy. (2019). Poster Presentation.
- 5th European Congress of Immunology (ECI), Amsterdam, Netherland (2018). Poster Presentation.
- 27th AINI Meeting, Trieste, Italy. (2018). Oral Presentation.
- 54th EASD Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal (2017). Poster Presentation.

Awards:

- Best abstract: Franzese E.*, **Bruzzaniti S.***, Fattorusso V., Casertano A., Franzese A., Ludvigsson J., Galgani M. - Linfociti T CD3⁺CD56⁺: un nuovo biomarcatore con funzione regolatoria nel diabete mellito tipo 1, XXII National Meeting SIEDP (Società Italiana di Endocrinologia e Diabetologia Pediatrica (2019). *these authors equally contributed.

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