



- Date of Birth: 15 July 1990
- Place of birth: Palermo, Italy
- Nationality: Italian
- Languages: Italian, English

## EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TRAINING

### **Karolinska Institutet** PHD STUDENT January 2014 – October 2018

- ◆ Project title: “Building blocks of the brain - Systematic mapping of cell types of the brain by single-cell transcriptomics”
- ◆ Relevant PhD Courses and Schools: Computational Dynamic Analysis of Biological Processes, Machine Learning, Microfluidic Flows  
 # Department of Medical Biochemistry and Biophysics(MBB), Molecular Neurobiology Division, Sten Linnarsson lab.

### **Karolinska Institutet** RESEARCH ASSISTANT June – December 2013

- ◆ Project title: “Developing a microfluidic based single cell RNA-seq approach”  
 # Department of Medical Biochemistry and Biophysics(MBB), Molecular Neurobiology Division, Sten Linnarsson lab.

### **Karolinska Institutet** BIOMEDICINE MASTERS PROGRAM (120 ECTS) August 2011 - June 2013

- ◆ Comprehensive mark: VG (highest grade)
- ◆ Final research project: “Preserving cellular state for single-cell RNA sequencing” PI: Sten Linnarsson, MBB Karolinska Institutet
- ◆ Other Projects: “Functional analysis of distinct Lgr6+ stem cell populations of murine skin” PI: Maria Kasper, BioNut Karolinska Institutet  
 “Identification of fusogenic cytokines in vitro and ex vivo” PI: Clas Johansson, CMM Karolinska Institutet
- ◆ Doctoral Courses: Developmental Biology for Regenerative Medicine; Cellular Reprogramming; Stem cell Engineering and Regenerative Medicine

### **University of Palermo** BACHELOR DEGREE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (180 ECTS) Autumn 2008 - July 2011

- ◆ Comprehensive mark: 110/110 with distinction and special mention (equiv. ‘magna cum laude’)
- ◆ Final project: “Over-expression and silencing of p63 in breast cancer stem cells” PI: Giorgio Stassi, Dep. of Surgical and Oncological Sciences UNIPA

## COMPETENCES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

- I have extensive experience in data analysis and the development and implementation of bioinformatics algorithms.
- I master python programming language and a wide selection of scientific libraries (including *numpy*, *scipy*, *pandas*, *matplotlib*), I have a good knowledge of Matlab, R and I use C/C++ for high performance computing.
- Beyond my canonical education I extended my theoretical knowledge on many topics studying Linear Algebra, Dynamical Systems, Applied Statistics, Statistical Mechanics, Principles of Algorithms, Convex Optimization and Machine learning.
- I worked extensively at the development of single cell RNA sequencing from the early days of the technology, developing new protocols and adapting preexisting one for clinical applications (i.e. myocardial endovascular micro-biopsies and glioblastoma samples).
- I gained a wide wet-lab experience within the molecular biology field including classical techniques (Real Time PCR; Cloning; Genotyping; Stem cell culture techniques; Immunofluorescence; Flow Cytometry) and more modern high throughput techniques (RNA sequencing library preparation; High throughput protocol design; Barcoded beads synthesis).
- I spent time in the core facility-grade automation of lab protocols use of liquid handling robots (in particular with Beckman robots).
- I have experience in the design of simple custom microfluidics apparatuses and usage of commercial ones (Fluidigm, Dolomite).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018-Present – Appointment as ELIFR scholar 1.5M CHF over 5years
- 2018 - EMPIRIS award for research in brain diseases. 10000 CHF
- 2014-2017 - KID Doctoral Grant. 270000 SEK per year for a total of 4 years.
- 2012/13 - Swedish Institute Scholarship (within the Bilateral Scholarship Program for research and education). 72000 SEK

## SUPERVISION AND TEACHING

- As part of my departmental responsibilities I assisted the teaching Organic Chemistry labs to Undergraduates (for 4 years)
- I was invited to contribute lectures to several bioinformatics courses (invited include Piero Carninci director of genomics at RIKEN)
- Day-to-day supervision of masters students: - Johanna Stergiadou (Greece) - Leonie Von Berlin (Germany)
- Training in molecular biology of PhD student with Medicine background: - Arvin Chireh (Sweden)
- Training in computational analysis of postdoc with molecular biology background: - Yizhou Hu (China)

Spatial organization of the somatosensory cortex revealed by cyclic smFISH.

**Nature Methods.** *In press*

Codeluppi S, Borm LE, Zeisel A, **La Manno G**, van Lunteren JA, Svensson CI, Linnarsson S

Single-cell transcriptomics of traced epidermal and hair follicle stem cells reveals rapid adaptations during wound healing.

**Cell Reports.** *In press.*

Joost S, Jacob T, Sun X, Annusver K, **La Manno G**, Sur I, Kasper M

Molecular architecture of the mouse nervous system

**Cell.** 2018 Aug 08

Zeisel A, Hochgerner H, Lönnerberg P, Johnsson A, Memic F, van der Zwan J, Haring M, Braun E, Borm L, **La Manno G**, Codeluppi S, Furlan A, Skene N, Harris KD, Hjerling Leffler J, Arenas E, Ernfors P, Marklund U, Linnarsson S

RNA velocity of single cells.

**Nature.** 2018 Aug 08

**La Manno G**, Soldatov R, Zeisel A, Braun E, Hochgerner H, Petukhov V, Lidschreiber K, Kastri M, Lönnerberg P, Furlan A, Fan J, Borm L, Liu Z, van Bruggen D, Guo J, Xialing He, Barker R, Sundstrom E, Castelo-Branco G, Cramer P, Adameyko I, Linnarsson S\*, Kharchenko P\*

Neuronal atlas of the dorsal horn defines its architecture and links sensory input to transcriptional cell types.

**Nature Neuroscience.** 23 April 18

Häring M, Zeisel A, Hochgerner H, Rinwa P, Jakobsson JET, Lönnerberg P, **La Manno G**, Sharma N, Borgius C, Kiehn O, Lagerström MC, Linnarsson S\*, Ernfors P\*.

STRT-seq-2i: dual-index 5' single cell and nucleus RNA-seq on an addressable microwell array.

**Scientific reports.** 2017 Nov 27

Hochgerner H, Lönnerberg P, Hodge R, Mikes J, Heskol A, Hubschle H, Lin P, Picelli S, **La Manno G**, Ratz M, Dunne J, Husain S, Lein E, Srinivasan M, Zeisel A, Linnarsson S.

Molecular analysis of the midbrain dopaminergic niche during neurogenesis

**bioRxiv.** 2017 Jun 26

Toledo EM, **La Manno G**, Rivetti di Val Cervo P, Gyllborg D, Islam S, Villaescusa S, Linnarsson S, Arenas E

Induction of functional dopamine neurons from human astrocytes in vitro and mouse astrocytes in a Parkinson's model.

**Nature Biotechnology.** 2017 Oct 10

Rivetti di Val Cervo P, Romanov RA, Spigolon G, Masini D, Martín-Montañez E, Toledo EM, **La Manno G**, Feyder M, Pifl C, Ng YH, Sánchez SP, Linnarsson S, Wernig M, Harkany T, Fisone G, Arenas E.

Visceral motor neuron diversity delineates a cellular basis for nipple- and pilo-erection muscle control.

**Nature Neuroscience** 2016 Oct 19

Furlan A, **La Manno G**, Lübke M, Häring M, Abdo H, Hochgerner H, Kupari J, Usoskin D, Airaksinen MS, Oliver G, Linnarsson S, Ernfors P.

Molecular Diversity of Midbrain Development in Mouse, Human, and Stem Cells.

**Cell.** 2016 Oct 6

**La Manno G**, Gyllborg D, Codeluppi S, Nishimura K, Salto C, Zeisel A, Borm LE, Stott SR, Toledo EM, Villaescusa JC, Lönnerberg P, Ryge J, Barker RA, Arenas E, Linnarsson S.

Single-Cell Transcriptomics Reveals that Differentiation and Spatial Signatures Shape Epidermal and Hair Follicle Heterogeneity.

**Cell Systems.** 2016 Sep 28

Joost S, Zeisel A, Jacob T, Sun X, **La Manno G**, Lönnerberg P, Linnarsson S, Kasper M

Oligodendrocyte heterogeneity in the mouse juvenile and adult central nervous system.

**Science.** 2016 June 10

Marques S, Zeisel A, Codeluppi S, van Bruggen D, Mendanha Falcão A, Xiao L, Li H, Häring M, Hochgerner H, Romanov RA, Gyllborg D, Muñoz-Manchado AB, **La Manno G**, Lönnerberg P, Floriddia EM, Rezayee F, Ernfors P, Arenas E, Hjerling-Leffler J, Harkany T, Richardson WD, Linnarsson S, Castelo-Branco G.

Cell types in the mouse cortex and hippocampus revealed by single-cell RNA-seq.

**Science** 2015 March 6

Zeisel A, Muñoz-Manchado AB, Codeluppi S, Lönnerberg P, **La Manno G**, Juréus A, Marques S, Munguba H, He L, Betscholtz C, Rolny C, Castelo-Branco G, Hjerling-Leffler J, Linnarsson S.

Quantitative single-cell RNA-seq with unique molecular identifiers.

**Nature Methods** 2014 February

Islam S, Zeisel A, Joost S, **La Manno G**, Zajac P, Kasper M, Lönnerberg P, Linnarsson S.

## PATENTS

- I contributed to “Method that allows pooling down from chip to the 96 well device” and “Method for dual end barcoding chemistry”(Filed Patent WAFER-34667/US-1 62/256,968 and WAFER-34667/US-2). Patent licensed to Wafergen Bio-Systems Inc.
- I co-invented and patented a “Method for capturing and encoding nucleic acid from a plurality of single cells” (Filed Patent PCT/EP2014/070824). Legal rights sold to Fluidigm Corp. in 2015.

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## INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

- “An introduction to RNA velocity” *lecture* Single cell RNA sequencing course Scilife Lab - May 2018, Stockholm, Sweden
- “RNA velocity of single cells unveils the dynamics of commitment and fate choice” *invited talk for the Sfn virtual conference* Advances in Single Cell Genomics to Study Brain Cell Types - May 2018
- “Introduction to data analysis and machine learning” *lecture at* Bioinformatics analysis of gene regulation in omics data and its application in medical problems RIKEN/KI 8<sup>th</sup> International PhD Course - March 2018, Stockholm, Sweden
- “Differentiation and branching of neural cell types unveiled by RNA velocity” *selected for a contributed talk at* Single Cell Analysis Meeting at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory - November 2017, New York, USA
- “Machine learning for single cell transcriptomics” *invited lecture at* Single Cell Data Analysis Course, University of Helsinki - September 2017, Helsinki, Finland
- “A single cell atlas of brain development” *invited talk at* Single cell symposium, University of Helsinki - September 2017, Helsinki, Finland
- “Introduction to Machine learning” *lecture at* EMBNET COST.CHARME training school “Big Data for Life Sciences” - September 2017, Uppsala, Sweden
- “Single cell RNA-seq unveils the molecular diversity of midbrain development in human, mouse and stem cells”. *Invited talk at* ESHG (European Society of Human Genetics Conference) - May 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark
- “Single-cell RNA-seq: a high throughput technology to explore cell type diversity” *invited seminar for the international seminar series of the Masters Programme in Medical Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine* of University of Palermo - March 2017, Palermo, Italy
- “Machine learning: introduction and applications” *lecture at* Bioinformatics analysis of gene regulation in omics data and its application in medical problems RIKEN/KI 7<sup>th</sup> International PhD Course - February 2017, Yokohama, Japan
- “Molecular diversity of midbrain development: from cell type homologies to replacement therapies”. *Invited talk at* Annual Meeting of the Computational and Molecular Methodologies for Life Sciences Research Programme - December 2016, Turku, Finland
- “Single-cell transcriptomics of the nervous system” *invited talk at* SciLifeLab Medical and Population Genetics and Genomics Workshop - October 2015, Uppsala, Sweden
- “Conserved principles of brain development revealed by comparative single-cell RNA-seq in mouse and human ventral midbrain” *selected for a contributed talk at* Single Cell Genomics Conference - September 2015, Utrecht, Netherlands

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## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “Constructing gene expression atlases by RNA tomography” *poster at* Quantitative Principles of Biology EMBO Conference November 2017, Heidelberg, Germany
- “RNA velocity in single cells reveals differentiation directionality and dynamics” *poster at* Single Cell Genomics Conference October 2017, Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel
- “Cell Type Learning: From The Conservation Of The Ventral Midbrain To Replacement Therapies” *poster at* Single Cell genomics Conference September 2016, Hinxton, Cambridge, UK
- “Comparative single-cell RNA-seq in mouse and human ventral midbrain reveals conserved principles of brain development” *lightning talk and poster presentation at the* 3<sup>rd</sup> Human Brain Project Education Workshop December 2015, Manchester, UK

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## OPEN SOURCE SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE

- I contributed to the implementations and maintenance of the following software (available at <https://github.com/linnarsson-lab>):
- velocyto: a package for the analysis of expression dynamics in single cell RNA seq data
  - cytograph: A tool for building analysis pipeline for big single cell RNA sequencing projects
  - loompy: core implementation of loom file format, the standard format to store and work with single-cell RNA-seq data
  - ceftools: an older file format designed to store smaller single-cell RNA-seq datasets
  - BackSPIN: official implementation of the clustering algorithm described in Zeisel et al. 2015
  - cmdstan-py: an alternative, lightweight, python interface to the Bayesian Modeling language Stan
  - nbinregression: negative binomial generalized linear model for single cell expression data

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## POPULAR SCIENCE AND OUTREACH

- Our paper on visceral motor neuron diversity had important media outreach, at least a dozen newspapers featured our discoveries (including the Guardian)
- In different occasions I gave popular science talks for high school students of UniStem day, an European event for the dissemination and outreach of stem cell science dedicated to high school students and for Klubb Bierkan, a Swedish organization that focuses on intellectual growth of teenagers.
- I contributed to the organization of “DDPDGenes Parkinson’s open day” a scientific dissemination meeting with patients and families.