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Ospedale Maggiore Milano Grant 260-01-2000 and Italian Multiple sclerosis patient association 01/2001-12/2002 Chlamydia pneumoniae infection in Italian multiple sclerosis patients
This study addressed the possible role of C.pneumoniae infection in the pathogenesis of multiple sclerosis Role: Co investigator

Ospedale Maggiore Milano GRANT 260-02-2001 and Abbott unrestricted grant 05/2002-07/2003 Atypicals involvement in upper respiratory tract infection in children
This was the first study on a large sample of children showing the importance of the role of these pathogens in upper RTIs
Role: Co-investigator

Ospedale Maggiore Milano GRANT 260-01-2002 University of Milan Grant FIRST 2002 02/2003-11/2003
Proteomic analysis of exhaled breath condensate from healthy smokers
The study showed the presence of Keratin in exhaled breath condensate of smokers, a possible marker of metaplasia
Role: PI

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New assays for the diagnosis of SARS
Two new serologic assays were published
Role: Coinvestigator

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Role of atypical pathogens in recurrent respiratory infections in children
Randomized prospective study on the role of azithromycin in preventing recurrences of RTIs
Role : Co-investigator

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Azithromycin in the prophylaxis of respiratory recurrences in patients with tracheostoma
Role: PI

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Role: PI

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Role : PI

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