

# Francesca Grisoni

## about

Female, Italian  
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## expertise

molecular descriptors  
chemometrics  
QSAR modelling  
multivariate analysis

## technical skills

regression, classification  
clustering, programming  
data visualization  
database curation

## languages

Italian

English

German

## programming

MATLAB, advanced  
python, intermediate  
R, beginner  
html scripting, beginner

## software

KNIME, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Dragon  
RDKit, VEGA, CDK, Spss  
QSAR Toolbox, EPI Suite

## Interests

molecular descriptors  
drug discovery/design  
(eco)toxicology  
natural products  
machine learning

## education

- 2013-2016 **Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences**  
University of Milano-Bicocca  
Thesis: "*In silico assessment of aquatic bioaccumulation: advances from chemometrics and QSAR modelling*"  
Supervisor: Prof. R. Todeschini  
Referees: Prof. Dr. J. Kirchmair, Prof. Dr. O. Nicolotti, Prof. Dr. A. Finizio
- 2010–2012 **M.Sc. in Sciences and Technologies for Environment and Landscape**  
University of Milano-Bicocca, 110/110 *cum laude*  
Thesis: "*Study of variable selection methods and regression methods for the development of QSAR models on environmental and toxicological endpoints*"  
Supervisor: Prof. R. Todeschini
- 2007–2009 **B.Sc. Environmental Sciences and Technologies**  
University of Milano-Bicocca, 110/110 *cum laude*  
Supervisor: Dr. B. Delmonte

## experience

- since 1 2017 **University of Milano Bicocca - Postdoc researcher** Milano, Italy  
- Project: "*Improved molecular representation for natural-product inspired de novo design*"
- Dec 2016 **ETH Zurich - Research Fellow** Zurich, Switzerland  
- Project: "*Development of novel holistic molecular descriptors for drug discovery and design*" (Prof. Dr. G. Schneider).
- 08-11 2016 **University of Milano-Bicocca - Research Fellow** Milano, Italy  
- Project: "*Development of novel chemometric approaches to assess the bioaccumulation of chemicals in aquatic environment*". (Prof. R. Todeschini)
- 04-07 2016 **SmartStat Milano - Data Scientist** Milano, Italy  
- Machine learning for user-tailored web advertising
- 01-12 2016 **Bracco Imaging Italia - Biostatistical consultant** Colleretto Giacosa, Italy  
Bracco Pharma group, Bio Industry Park, Colleretto Giacosa, Italy.  
- Biostatistical analysis of *in vivo* safety and biodistribution studies
- 07-09 2015 **U.S. EPA - Guest PhD student** RTP, U.S.A.  
National Center of Computational Toxicology, Research Triangle Park, NC, United States (Dr. R. Judson)  
- Project: "*Integrating pharmacokinetics into the assessment of bioaccumulation potential in humans*".
- 06–08 2014 **ETH Zurich - Guest PhD student** Zurich, Switzerland  
Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, CADD Group (Prof. Dr. G. Schneider)  
- Project: "*Similarity searching in virtual compound libraries*".

## publications

F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, R. Todeschini.

### **Impact of molecular descriptors on computational models.**

In *Computational Chemogenomics*, Methods in Molecular Biology, Springer. (In press)

F. Grisoni, D. Reker, P. Schneider, L. Friedrich, V. Consonni, R. Todeschini, A. Koeberle, O. Werz, G. Schneider

### **Matrix-based molecular descriptors for prospective virtual compound screening**

*Molecular Informatics*, 36, 1-7 (2017)

R. Todeschini, D. Ballabio, F. Grisoni

### **Beware of unreliable Q<sup>2</sup>! A comparative study of regression metrics for predictivity assessment of QSAR models**

*Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling*, 56(10), 1905-191 (2016)

R. Todeschini, D. Ballabio, V. Consonni, F. Grisoni

### **A new concept of higher-order similarity and the role of distance/similarity measures in local classification methods**

*Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* 157, 50–57 (2016)

S. Nembri, F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, R. Todeschini

### **In silico prediction of Cytochrome P450-drug interaction: QSAR models for CYP3A4 and CYP2C9**

*International Journal of Molecular Sciences* 17(6), 914 (2016)

F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, M. Vighi, S. Villa, R. Todeschini

### **Expert QSAR system for predicting the bioconcentration factor under the REACH regulation**

*Environmental Research* 148, 507-512 (2016)

M. Cassotti, F. Grisoni, S. Nembri, R. Todeschini

### **Application of the Weighted Power-Weakness Ratio (wPWR) as a Fusion Rule in Ligand-Based Virtual Screening.**

*MATCH Commun. Math. Comput. Chem.* 76, 359-376 (2016)

F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, M. Vighi, S. Villa, R. Todeschini

### **Investigating the mechanisms of bioconcentration through QSAR classification trees**

*Environment International* 88, 198–205 (2016)

K. Mansouri, A. Abdelaziz, A. Rybacka, A. Roncaglioni, A. Tropsha, A. Varnek, A. Zakharov, A. Worth, A. Richard, C.M. Grulke, D. Trisciuzzi, D. Fourches, D. Horvath, E. Benfenati, E. Muratov, E. B. Wedebye, F. Grisoni, G.F. Mangiatordi, G.M. Incisivo, H. Hong, H.W. Ng, I.V. Tetko, I. Balabin, J. Kancherla, J. Shen, J. Burton, M. Nicklaus, M. Cassotti, N.G. Nikolov, O. Nicolotti, P.L. Andersson, Q. Zang, R. Politi, R.D. Beger, R. Todeschini, R. Huang, S. Farag, S.A. Rosenberg, S. Slavov, X. Hu, R.S. Judson

### **CERAPP: Collaborative Estrogen Receptor Activity Prediction Project**

*Environmental Health Perspectives* 124(7), 1023-1033 (2016)

F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, S. Nembri, R. Todeschini

### **How to weight Hasse matrices and reduce incomparabilities**

*Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* 147, 95–104 (2015)

R. Todeschini, F. Grisoni, S. Nembri

### **Weighted power-weakness ratio for multi-criteria decision making**

*Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* 146, 329–336 (2015)

F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, S. Villa, M. Vighi, R. Todeschini

### **QSAR models for bioconcentration: Is the increase in the complexity justified by more accurate predictions?**

*Chemosphere* 127, 171–179 (2015)

F. Grisoni, M. Cassotti, R. Todeschini

**Reshaped Sequential Replacement for variable selection in QSPR: comparison with other reference methods**

*Journal of Chemometrics* 28, 249–259 (2014)

M. Cassotti, F. Grisoni, R. Todeschini

**Sequential Replacement algorithm: An efficient approach to variable selection**

*Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* 133, 136–148 (2014)

## **presentations, posters and lectures**

**online course** F. Grisoni (2017). "Machine learning for chemoinformatics: an introduction". Marie Curie ITN - BigChem Project, 17/05/2017.

**co-chairperson** A. Focks, M. Vighi, F. Grisoni, A. Barsi. Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Europe Meeting. Session: "Predictive models in ecotoxicology: bridging the gap between scientific progress and regulatory applicability". Brussels (BE), 10/05/2017.

**oral communication** F. Grisoni, M. Vighi, V. Consonni, S. Villa, R. Todeschini (2017). "Towards more interpretable QSARs: Lessons Learned from Aquatic Bioaccumulation Models". SETAC Europe, Brussels (BE), 10/05/2017.

**oral communication** F. Grisoni (2017). "From molecules to molecular descriptors: tips and tricks for real-world applications". Marie Curie ITN - BigChem Spring School, Barcelona (SP), 21/04/2017.

**frontal lectures.** Lectures on the topics of molecular descriptors, QSAR and applications. Course "Methods in Drug Design" (Prof. Dr. G. Schneider). ETH Zurich, Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Zurich (SW) 23-24/02/2017.

**poster** F. Grisoni, S. Nembri, V. Consonni, D. Ballabio, R. Todeschini (2016). "Exploiting the potential of molecular descriptors through data-fusion strategies: A case study on Cytochrome P450." 21st EuroQSAR, Verona (IT)

**poster** R. Todeschini, D. Ballabio, F. Grisoni (2016). Beware of Unreliable  $Q^2$ ! A comparative study of Regression Metrics for predictivity assessment of QSAR models 21st EuroQSAR, Verona (IT)

**poster** A. Herrera, F. Grisoni, D. Ballabio, R. Todeschini, N. Navas, C. Cardell, C. (2016). Preliminary studies of ultraviolet radiation over time in paint mock-ups. 2nd International Conference on Innovation in Art Research and Technology (inArt 2016), Ghent (BE).

**frontal lectures.** Teaching assistant in the chemometrics course (Prof. R. Todeschini). Lectures on molecular descriptors; assistant in the practical course. University of Milano-Bicocca, Dept. of Earth and Env. Sciences, M.Sc. in Chemical Sciences, 2015.

**poster** F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, S. Nembri, R. Todeschini (2015). "How to weight Hasse matrices and reduce incomparabilities". Analytical Chem. Congress of SCI, Trieste (IT)

**oral communication** F. Grisoni, M. Cassotti, R. Todeschini (2015). "Reshaped Sequential Replacement for variable selection". Italian Chemometrics Workshop, Rome (IT)

**poster** F. Grisoni, V. Consonni, S. Villa, M. Vighi, R. Todeschini (2014). "QSAR models for bioconcentration: is the increase in the complexity balanced by better predictions?" QSAR 2014, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Milan (IT)

**poster** F. Grisoni, M. Cassotti, R. Todeschini (2012). Comparison of variable selection methods. Strasbourg Summer School on Chemoinformatics. Strasbourg (FR).