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Curriculum vitae

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Education

- 2011 PhD in Healthcare Management - *Economia e Gestione delle Aziende Sanitarie*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC), Rome, Italy (16/02/2011)
- 2007 Medical specialization (cum laude) in Public Health –*Specializzazione in Igiene e Medicina Preventiva*, UCSC, Rome, Italy (20/11/2007)
- 2003 Medical degree (cum laude) – *Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia*, University 'G. D'Annunzio', Chieti, Italy (24/07/2003)

Main courses

- 2014 Introduction to Systems Biology. School of Bioinformatics, University of Insubria, Busto Arsizio – VA, Italy (7-10/07/2014)
- 2010-12 Ethics and Humanities. Percorso Pastorale Sanitaria, Scuola Teologico Pastorale S. Pietro Celestino, Diocesi di Campobasso-Boiano, Campobasso, Italy (2010-2012)
- 2008 Evidence-Based Genome Research in Medicine: From Genetic Epidemiology to Public Health (Proff. CM van Duijn, ACJW Janssens). Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC), Rome, Italy (24-28/11/2008)
- 2007 Epidemiologic Principles & Methods (Prof. Rothman KJ). UCSC, Rome, Italy (12-16/11/2007)
- 2007 Clinical Epidemiology (Prof. Hofman A). UCSC, Rome, Italy (19-23/11/2007)
- 2007 Regression Analysis (Prof. Lemeshow S). UCSC, Rome, Italy (26-30/11/2007)
- 2007 Survival Analysis (Prof. Hosmer DW). UCSC, Rome, Italy (3-7/12/2007)
- 2007 Genetic Epidemiology (Prof. Clayton D). EEPE Summer Course, Florence, Italy (18-23/06/2007)
- 2007 Epidemiology and Bibliographic Search. CNESPS, ISS, Rome, Italy (26/02-01/03/2007)
- 2006 Basic Genetic Epidemiology. CNESPS, ISS, Rome, Italy (26-28/06/2006)
- 2006 Healthcare Services Management. Istituto di Igiene, UCSC, Rome, Italy (Dec 2006 – Sep 07)
- 2006 Food Safety. Istituto di Igiene, UCSC, Rome, Italy (Sep – Dec 2006)
- 2005 Molecular Biology in Public Health. Istituto di Igiene, UCSC, Rome, Italy (Mar – Sep 2005)
- 2003 Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET), University 'G. D'Annunzio', Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Experience

- 2014-on Assistant Professor in Public Health (Ricercatore - Settore Concorsuale 06/M1 - Igiene Generale e Applicata, Scienze Infermieristiche e Statistica Medica, Profilo: S.S.D. MED/42 Igiene Generale e Applicata, Macrosettore 06/M - Sanità Pubblica), Department of Medicine and Surgery, University of Insubria, Varese, Italy - since 6/3/2014: [CABALA Diet&Health](#) study, association

- analyses on the interaction between diet and microbiota for metabolic health (population-based multicentre study, local responsible); (ii) [RoCAV](#) study (cohort study), data collection management, analyses of the associations between environmental variables and AAA-CVD risk; (iii) [MONICA-Brianza](#) Project (cohort study), CVD predictive ability analyses; (iv) [CAMUNI](#) Project (CVD Population Registry), data collection; (v) participation to international Consortia activities ([BiomarCaRE](#) – biomarkers for CVD risk, [NCD-risC](#) – global health)
- 2019-on Research consultant at Clinica Mediterranea, Napoli: (i) Analyses of CVD predictive abilities of the interaction between environmental and epigenetic variants from population-based studies
- 2014-18 Research consultant at IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Mediterraneo Neuromed, Pozzilli – IS, Italy: (iii) [NMU](#) Project, genetic risk factors for CVD and obesity-related phenotypes (Principal Investigator)
- 2012-13 Postdoctoral fellow, EPIMED, University of Insubria, Varese, Italy: [RoCAV](#) Project (population-based study, risk of CVD and AAA), responsible for data collection
- 2008-12 Postdoctoral fellow, Lab. of Genetic and Environmental Epidemiology, “Giovanni Paolo II” Center, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC), Campobasso, Italy: (i) [IDEFICS](#) Consortium (multicenter survey on childhood obesity), analyses of genetic data; (ii) [Moli-family](#) Project (linkage study), data management and analysis; (iii) [Moli-sani](#) Project (cohort study), data collection; (iv) CV Epidemiologic Observatory – [OEC](#) (survey on CV health in Italy - ISS), data collection
- 2004-07 Research Fellow, Laboratory of Genetic Epidemiology and Molecular Biology, Istituto di Igiene, UCSC, Rome, Italy: (i) [case-control studies and meta-analyses](#) on genetic variants, environmental exposures and their interactions in gastric cancer risk, data management and analysis; (ii) methodologic study on systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

Teaching

- 2016-on Epidemiology (postgraduate schools; University of Insubria, Varese, and University of Milano Bicocca, Italy)
- 2013-on Public Health (graduate degrees; University of Insubria, Varese, Italy;)
- 2008-on Methods for bibliographic search and evidence based practice (postgraduate degree - Master in Epidemiology; Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy)
- 2007-13 Epidemiology, biostatistics and public health (graduate degrees; Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome and Campobasso, and University of Molise, Termoli, Italy)

Speaker at events

International meetings

- 2019 12th European Public Health Conference – EPH 2019, Marseille (FRA), 20-23/11/2019; Gianfagna F, ‘Variants in Neuromedin U pathway genes and risk of cardiovascular disease in an Italian population’
- 2017 Annual Congress of the European Association of Preventive Cardiology - Europrevent 2017, Malaga (ESP) 6-8/04/2017; Gianfagna F, ‘Cardiovascular risk scores and discrimination of abdominal aortic aneurysms. Preliminary results from an Italian population-based study’
- 2017 The 7th ICOH international conference on work environment and cardiovascular diseases, Varese (ITA) 3-5/05/2017; Gianfagna F, ‘Association between job strain and biomarkers of glucose homeostasis: results from the MONICA–Brianza cohort study’
- 2013 Annual Congress of the European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation - EACPR - EuroPrevent, Rome (ITA) 18-20/4/2013; Gianfagna F, ‘Do apolipoproteins improve cardiovascular risk prediction in subjects with cardiometabolic risk? Insights from the North Italian Brianza cohort study’.
- 2011 Meeting ‘IDEFICS General Assembly’, IDEFICS Consortium, Institute for Epidemiology and Prevention Research, Bremen (GER),14-16/11/2011; ‘Preliminary analyses on genetic data’

- 2010 Workshop FAR 'Welfare and Health Cooperation in the Balkans'. Convitto Nazionale Mario Pagano, Campobasso (ITA) 4-5/11/2010. Gianfagna F 'Presentazione dei risultati della ricerca condotta in Albania'
- 2009 Meeting '3rd IDEFICS General Assembly', Copenhagen (DEN), 9-11/11/-2009. Gianfagna F, 'Proposals for new analyses in the IDEFICS study'

National meetings

- 2018 Menarini XLIV Corso di aggiornamento ALTERAZIONI CONGENITE ED ACQUISITE DELLA COAGULAZIONE. Napoli, 28-29/11/2018. Gianfagna F, 'Possiamo misurare nuovi biomarcatori per predire il rischio cardiovascolare?'
- 2018 Seminario di aggiornamento MACRO - Centro ricerche MALattie CRONiche. Varese, 27/11/2018. Gianfagna F, 'Varianti genetiche nel pathway della Neuromedicina U e rischio di patologie cardiovascolari. Potenziali applicazioni nella prevenzione cardiovascolare'
- 2018 LINFEDEMA: mancanza di soluzioni ad un problema clinico? Varese, 23/11/2018. Gianfagna F, 'Linfedema: una patologia sottostimata ma diffusa'
- 2018 Meeting Accademia Lombarda di Sanità Pubblica: Alimentazione e salute - Quale contributo alla prevenzione delle malattie cronico-degenerative? Varese, 03/10/2018. Gianfagna F, 'Obesità nei bambini: stili di vita o genetica?'
- 2018 Dieta mediterranea e stili di vita nelle varie fasi della vita di una donna. Piacenza, 16/06/2018. Gianfagna F, 'L'obesità nella donna dall'infanzia all'età adulta'
- 2018 51° Congresso Nazionale SItI, Riva del Garda, 17-20/10/2018; Gianfagna F, 'Genetic variants in Neuromedin U pathway genes and risk of cardiovascular disease. Results from the Moli-Sani study'
- 2017 50° Congresso Nazionale SItI, Torino, 22-25/11/2017; Gianfagna F, 'Varianti del gene della neuromedina U sono associate alle preferenze alimentari dei bambini. Risultati di uno studio europeo multicentrico'
- 2016 49° Congresso Nazionale SItI, Napoli 16-19/11/2016; Gianfagna F, 'Ruolo degli alplotipi del gene della neuromedina U nello sviluppo dell'obesità infantile. Impatto e potenziale utilizzo nella predizione del rischio'
- 2015 48° Congresso Nazionale SItI, Milano 14-17/10/2015; Gianfagna F, 'Alterazioni della qualità e della durata del sonno e rischio di primo evento cardiovascolare. Risultati degli studi di coorte MONICA Brianza e PAMELA'
- 2014 Meeting SIES - Società Italiana di Ematologia Sperimentale 'Discutiamone insieme: coagulazione e infiammazione', Firenze, 20/3/2014; Gianfagna F, 'Polimorfismi genici di molecole pro-infiammatorie e rischio di malattie tromboemboliche'
- 2012 Terzo corso di genetica cardiovascolare 'GENETICARCA', Napoli, 19-20/10/2012; Gianfagna F, 'La genetica ha modificato la predizione del rischio cardiovascolare?'
- 2011 XXXVII Corso di aggiornamento Alterazioni congenite ed acquisite della coagulazione. Focus su: Prove di emostasi "point-of-care": a che punto siamo? Milano, 18/11/2011; Gianfagna F, 'Ereditabilità delle funzioni piastriniche e leucocitarie'
- 2010 XXI Congresso Nazionale Siset, Bologna, 28-31/10/2010. Gianfagna F 'Genetic determinants of platelet parameters in families with juvenile myocardial infarction'
- 2010 Convegno Monotematico SIF 'Prospettive e innovazione nella ricerca cardiovascolare: dalla ricerca di base a quella clinica', Napoli, 6-7/10/2010. Relatore: Gianfagna F 'Potenzialità della ricerca genetica sulle piastrine per lo sviluppo di nuovi farmaci'
- 2010 Giornata di studio 'Giornate della cooperazione internazionale allo sviluppo della Regione Molise'. Convitto Nazionale Mario Pagano, Campobasso, 3-4/5/2010. Gianfagna F 'Presentazione dei Progetti: Welfare and Health Cooperation in the Balkans'
- 2009 Giornata di studio 'Problematiche assistenziali nel paziente anziano: focus sulle demenze', Università del Molise, Campobasso, 14/11/2009. Gianfagna F, Donati MB 'Risk factors for cardiovascular disease and dementia'
- 2009 X meeting del Gruppo di Studio sulle Piastrine, Termoli, 4-5/10/2009. Relatore: Gianfagna F 'Parametri piastrinici in famiglie con familiarità per infarto miocardico prematuro: ereditabilità'

- e linkage con la regione 9p21 del DNA'
- 2007 X Conferenza Nazionale di Sanità Pubblica, Pisa, 14-16/10/2007. Relatore: Gianfagna F 'Meta- e pooled analisi dei polimorfismi C677T e A1298C del metilene tetraidrofolato reductasi (MTHFR) e rischio di carcinoma gastrico: una HuGE-GSEC review'
- 2006 42° Congresso Nazionale SItI, Catania 27-30/10/06. Relatore: Gianfagna F, 'Rischio di cancro gastrico e polimorfismi dei geni GSTT1, SULT1A1 e NAT2'

Scientific societies

- 2017-on Member of the regional academy of PH (Accademia Lombarda di Sanità Pubblica - [ALSP](#))
- 2015-on Member of the European Public Health Association ([EuPHA](#))
- 2004-on Member of the Italian Society of Public Health (Società Italiana di Igiene – [SitiI](#))

Awards

- 2017 National Academic Qualification as Associate Professor in Public Health (*Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale nel settore concorsuale 06/M1 Igiene Generale e Applicata, Scienze Infermieristiche e Statistica Medica - BANDO D.D. 1532/2016 - II fascia*) since 05/04/2017
- 2016 The conference abstract 'Preliminary results of a screening program for abdominal aortic aneurysms in Italy' ([Gianfagna F et al.](#)). Awarded as one of the 4 top scored abstracts in the topic 'Aortic disease' during the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Congress 2016.
- 2015 The conference abstract 'Alterazioni della qualità e della durata del sonno e rischio di primo evento cardiovascolare. Risultati degli studi di coorte MONICA Brianza e PAMELA' ([Gianfagna F et al.](#)) was listed among the 33 best scored abstracts of 48° Congresso Nazionale SItI 2015
- 2013 The conference abstract 'Do apolipoproteins improve cardiovascular risk prediction in subjects with cardiometabolic risk? Insights from the North Italian Brianza cohort study' ([Gianfagna F et al.](#)) was selected among the 12 finalists of the EuroPrevent Young Investigation Award presentation during the European Society of Preventive Cardiology (EuroPrevent) Congress 2013
- 2009 Best publication of *Tumori* in 2009: La Torre G, Chiaradia G, Gianfagna F, et al.
- 1998-2003 Exempted for merit from university fees

Grants

- 2016 ERA-HDHL (Healthy Diet for Healthy Life) Cofund (H2020 and MIUR for Italy), "Biomarkers for Nutrition and Health": grant for 3-yrs project 'Circulating Bile Acids as biomarkers of metabolic health - Linking microbiota, Diet and Health'. PI: Kieran Tuohy – Fondazione Edmund Mach, S. Michele all'Adige (TN), Italy; partner (1 out of 4): [Gianfagna F](#), Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Italy.
- 2014 Young Investigator Research Programme award from Fondazione Umberto Veronesi: grant for 2-yrs project 'Neuromedin U gene pathway in the control of obesity and other hypothalamus-regulated phenotypes' in an Italian population. PI: [Gianfagna F](#), IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Mediterraneo NEUROMED, Pozzilli (IS), Italy
- 2012 Ricerca Finalizzata – Giovani Ricercatori 2012 from Italian Ministry of Health: grant for 3-yrs project 'Neuromedin U gene pathway in the control of obesity and other hypothalamus-regulated phenotypes' in a European population of children and adults; PI: [Gianfagna F](#), IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Mediterraneo NEUROMED, Pozzilli (IS), Italy

Editorial activity

Invited reviews were performed for Public Health Journals

Publications [H-index 26, times cited 4769; Scopus 10/12/2019; <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4615-0816>]

International Journal Articles (as author)

1. Salvetti M, Pains A, Di Castelnuovo A, Assanelli D, Costanzo S, Gianfagna F, Badilini F, Vaglio M, Donati MB, de Gaetano G, Lorenza Muiesan M, Iacoviello L; Moli-sani Study Investigators. Correction of QRS voltage for body mass index does not improve the prediction of fatal and nonfatal cardiovascular events. The Moli-sani study. *Nutr Metab Cardiovasc Dis* 2019. pii:S0939-4753(19)30412-0
2. Camen S, Ojeda FM, Niiranen T, Gianfagna F, Vishram-Nielsen JK, Costanzo S, Söderberg S, Vartiainen E, Donati MB, Løchen ML, Pasterkamp G, Magnussen C, Kee F, Jousilahti P, Hughes M, Kontto J, Mathiesen EB, Koenig W, Palosaari T, Blankenberg S, de Gaetano G, Jørgensen T, Zeller T, Kuulasmaa K, Linneberg A, Salomaa V, Iacoviello L, Schnabel RB. Temporal relations between atrial fibrillation and ischaemic stroke and their prognostic impact on mortality. *Europace* 2019. pii:euz312
3. Izzi B, Gianfagna F, Yang WY, Cludts K, De Curtis A, Verhamme P, Di Castelnuovo A, Cerletti C, Donati MB, de Gaetano G, Staessen JA, Hoylaerts MF, Iacoviello L; Moli-family Investigators. Variation of PEAR1 DNA methylation influences platelet and leukocyte function. *Clin Epigenetics* 2019;11:151
4. Bonaccio M, Gianfagna F, de Gaetano G, Iacoviello L. Too many individuals are unaware of their blood lipid levels, but might still get health benefit from the Mediterranean diet through lipid-independent mechanisms. *Eur J Prev Cardiol* 2019;26:1953-1956
5. Grippi C, Ahrens W, Buchecker K, Chadjigeorgiou C, De Henauw S, Koni AC, Foraita R, Lissner L, Molnár D, Moreno LA, Pitsiladis Y, Reisch LA, Russo P, Siani A, Veidebaum T, Iacoviello L, Gianfagna F. Association between variants of neuromedin U gene and taste thresholds and food preferences in European children: Results from the IDEFICS study. *Appetite* 2019;142:104376
6. NCD Risk Factor Collaboration. National trends in total cholesterol obscure heterogeneous changes in HDL and non-HDL cholesterol and total-to-HDL cholesterol ratio: a pooled analysis of 458 population-based studies in Asian and Western countries. *Int J Epidemiol* 2019. pii:dyy099
7. Noro F, Gianfagna F, Gialluisi A, De Curtis A, Di Castelnuovo A, Napoleone E, Cerletti C, Donati MB, de Gaetano G, Hoylaerts MF, Iacoviello L, Izzi B; Moli-family study Investigators. ZBTB12 DNA methylation is associated with coagulation- and inflammation-related blood cell parameters: findings from the Moli-family cohort. *Clin Epigenetics* 2019;11:74
8. NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Rising rural body-mass index is the main driver of the global obesity epidemic in adults. *Nature* 2019;569(7755):260-264
9. Magnussen C, Niiranen TJ, Ojeda FM, Gianfagna F, Blankenberg S, Vartiainen E, Sans S, Pasterkamp G, Hughes M, Costanzo S, Donati MB, Jousilahti P, Linneberg A, Palosaari T, de Gaetano G, Bobak M, den Ruijter HM, Jørgensen T, Söderberg S, Kuulasmaa K, Zeller T, Iacoviello L, Salomaa V, Schnabel RB; BiomarcARE Consortium. Sex-Specific Epidemiology of Heart Failure Risk and Mortality in Europe: Results From the BiomarcARE Consortium. *JACC Heart Fail* 2019;7:204-213
10. Crotti G, Gianfagna F, Bonaccio M, Di Castelnuovo A, Costanzo S, Persichillo M, De Curtis A, Cerletti C, Donati MB, de Gaetano G, Iacoviello L. Body Mass Index and Mortality in Elderly Subjects from the Moli-Sani Study: A Possible Mediation by Low-Grade Inflammation? *Immunol Invest* 2018;47:774-789.
11. Veronesi G, Borchini R, Landsbergis P, Iacoviello L, Gianfagna F, Tayoun P, Grassi G, Cesana G, Ferrario MM; Cohorts Collaborative Study in Northern Italy (CCSNI) Research Group. Cardiovascular disease prevention at the workplace: assessing the prognostic value of lifestyle risk factors and job-related conditions. *Int J Public Health* 2018;63:723-732.
12. NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Contributions of mean and shape of blood pressure distribution to worldwide trends and variations in raised blood pressure: a pooled analysis of 1018 population-based measurement studies with 88.6 million participants. *Int J Epidemiol* 2018. doi: 10.1093/ije/dyy016. [Epub ahead of print]
13. Veronesi G, Zambon A, Beltrame JF, Gianfagna F, Corrao G, Ferrario MM. Monitoring quality of care in

- acute myocardial infarction patients using retrospective registry data. *Int J Qual Health Care* 2018;30:344-350
14. [Gianfagna F](#), Veronesi G, Tozzi M, Tarallo A, Borchini R, Ferrario MM, Bertù L, Montonati A, Castelli P. Prevalence of abdominal aortic aneurysms in the general population and in subgroups at high cardiovascular risk in Italy. Results of the RoCAV population based study. *Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg* 2018;55:633-639.
 15. Borchini R, Veronesi G, Bonzini M, [Gianfagna F](#), Dashi O, Ferrario MM. Heart Rate Variability Frequency Domain Alterations among Healthy Nurses Exposed to Prolonged Work Stress. *Int J Environ Res Public Health* 2018;15:E113.
 16. Grippi C, Izzi B, [Gianfagna F](#), Noro F, Falcinelli E, Di Pardo A, Amico E, Donati MB, de Gaetano G, Iacoviello L, Hoylaerts MF, Cerletti C. Neuromedin U potentiates ADP- and epinephrine-induced human platelet activation. *Thromb Res* 2017;159:100-108.
 17. Magnussen C, Niiranen TJ, Ojeda FM, [Gianfagna F](#), Blankenberg S, Njølstad I, Vartiainen E, Sans S, Pasterkamp G, Hughes M, Costanzo S, Donati MB, Jousilahti P, Linneberg A, Palosaari T, de Gaetano G, Bobak M, den Ruijter HM, Mathiesen E, Jørgensen T, Söderberg S, Kuulasmaa K, Zeller T, Iacoviello L, Salomaa V, Schnabel RB; BiomarCaRE Consortium. Sex Differences and Similarities in Atrial Fibrillation Epidemiology, Risk Factors, and Mortality in Community Cohorts: Results From the BiomarCaRE Consortium (Biomarker for Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Europe). *Circulation* 2017;136:1588-1597.
 18. [NCD Risk Factor Collaboration \(NCD-RisC\)](#). Worldwide trends in body-mass index, underweight, overweight, and obesity from 1975 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 2416 population-based measurement studies in 128·9 million children, adolescents, and adults. *Lancet*. 2017 Dec 16;390(10113):2627-2642. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(17)32129-3. Epub 2017 Oct 10. PubMed
 19. Mezzacappa A, Lasica PA, [Gianfagna F](#), Cazas O, Hardy P, Falissard B, Sutter-Dallay AL, Gressier F. Risk for Autism Spectrum Disorders According to Period of Prenatal Antidepressant Exposure: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *JAMA Pediatr* 2017, in press. doi: 10.1001/jamapediatrics.2017.0124.
 20. [Gianfagna F](#), Grippi C, Ahrens W, Bailey ME, Börnhorst C, De Henauw S, Foraita R, Koni AC, Krogh V, Mårild S, Molnár D, Moreno L, Pitsiladis Y, Russo P, Siani A, Tornaritis M, Veidebaum T, Iacoviello L. The role of neuromedin U in adiposity regulation. Haplotype analysis in European children from the IDEFICS Cohort. *PLoS One* 2017;12(2):e0172698.
 21. Veronesi G, Giampaoli S, Vanuzzo D, [Gianfagna F](#), Palmieri L, Grassi G, Cesana G, Ferrario MM. Combined use of short-term and long-term cardiovascular risk scores in primary prevention: an assessment of clinical utility. *J Cardiovasc Med (Hagerstown)* 2017;18(5):318-324.
 22. Gregson JM, Freitag DF, Surendran P, Stitzel NO, Chowdhury R, Burgess S, Kaptoge S, Gao P, Staley JR, Willeit P, Nielsen SF, Caslake M, Trompet S, Polfus LM, Kuulasmaa K, Kontto J, Perola M, Blankenberg S, Veronesi G, [Gianfagna F](#), Männistö S, Kimura A, Lin H, Reilly DF, Gorski M, Mijatovic V; CKDGen consortium, Munroe PB, Ehret GB; International Consortium for Blood Pressure, Thompson A, Uria-Nickelsen M, Malarstig A, Dehghan A; CHARGE inflammation working group, Vogt TF, Sasaoka T, Takeuchi F, Kato N, Yamada Y, Kee F, Müller-Nurasyid M, Ferrières J, Arveiler D, Amouyel P, Salomaa V, Boerwinkle E, Thompson SG, Ford I, Wouter Jukema J, Sattar N, Packard CJ, Shafi Majumder AA, Alam DS, Deloukas P, Schunkert H, Samani NJ, Kathiresan S; MICAD Exome consortium, Nordestgaard BG, Saleheen D, Howson JM, Di Angelantonio E, Butterworth AS, Danesh J; EPIC-CVD consortium and the CHD Exome+ consortium. Genetic invalidation of Lp-PLA(2) as a therapeutic target: Large-scale study of five functional Lp-PLA(2)-lowering alleles. *Eur J Prev Cardiol* 2017;24(5):492-504.
 23. [NCD Risk Factor Collaboration \(NCD-RisC\)](#). Worldwide trends in blood pressure from 1975 to 2015: a pooled analysis of 1479 population-based measurement studies with 19·1 million participants. *Lancet* 2017;389(10064):37-55
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