

Manuel Nappi



Manuel Nappi did his BSc and MPhil degrees at the University of Turin, Italy. In 2014, he obtained his PhD in Organic Chemistry at ICIQ (Tarragona, Spain) under the supervision of Prof. Paolo Melchiorre. In 2012, he did 6-months research stay in the group of Nobel laureate Dave MacMillan at Princeton University (NJ, US) working on photoredox catalysis. His PhD thesis focused on the development of novel aminocatalytic and photochemical reactions. At the end of 2014 he joined the group of Prof. Matthew Gaunt as PDRA at the University of Cambridge, UK. From 2016 to 2018 he was awarded the Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship from the European Commission. At Cambridge, Manuel had the great opportunity to work on different fields of organic chemistry such as palladium catalysis, C–H activation, oligonucleotide and protein bioconjugation. At the end of 2020, Manuel joined CIQUS (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain) as USC Manuela Barreiro Distinguished Researcher and Junior Scientist to develop his independent research programme. In 2023, he was awarded the Ramon y Cajal Fellowship and in 2024 he was appointed CIQUS PI. His research group is dedicated to the development of new photochemical reactions, aimed at the valorisation of organic feedstock and gases. Given the mild and water-compatible conditions, these light-driven processes can also be utilized to functionalize DNA headpieces for DNA-encoded libraries applications.

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