# Francesco Mariani

# Current Position

Nov. 2021 - "La Sapienza" University of Rome,

Current Phd in Methodological Statistics, Dept. of Statistical Sciences

Research **Statistical Inference**, Bayesian methods, Decision-theoretic statistics, Analysis and design of clinical interests trials

#### Education

Ongoing **Phd in Methodological Statistics**, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Dept. of Statistical Sciences Advisors: Fulvio De Santis & Stefania Gubbiotti

Jul 2021 Master in Statistical Sciences, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Dept. of Statistical Sciences, Final Mark: 110 cum laude/110

Thesis: "A dynamic power prior approach to non-inferiority clinical trials with normal means and unknown variances"

Advisor: Fulvio De Santis, Co-advisor: Stefania Gubbiotti

Jul 2019 **Bachelor in Statistics, Finance and Insurances**, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Dept. of Statistical Sciences, Final Mark: 110 cum laude/110

Thesis: "The overlap of range-preserving confidence intervals to assess equality of means"

Advisor: Fulvio De Santis, Co-advisor: Stefania Gubbiotti

# Student Visits and Internships

Sep 2023 - Biostatistics intern,

Nov 2023 Novartis Basel, Switzerland,

Supervisors: Matt Whiley, Lukas Andreas Widmer, Sebastian Weber (BLRM Simplification Team)
Project: "Investigation of the between-studies heterogeneity parameter of the Bayesian Logistic Regression Model in Phase 1 trials when borrowing multiple external data"

Oct 2022 - Sponsored Research Fellow,

Feb 2023 Dana Farber Cancer Institute of Harvard University, Boston, Massaschussets, USA,

Supervisors: Lorenzo Trippa & Massimiliano Russo (Trippa's Lab)

Project: "Toxicity Adaptive Lists dEsign (TALE): a practical design for phase-I drug combination trials in oncology"

Gen 2020- Erasmus+ Programme,

Jun 2020 University of Paris-Dauphine, Paris, France,

Dept. of Mathématiques et Informatique de la Décision et des Organisations

# Teaching activities

2022 - **Teaching Assistant**, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Dept. of Statistical Sciences

Ongoing O Statistical Inference (Bachelor's course) - Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024 - Instructor: Fulvio De Santis;

O Statistical Decision Theory (Master's course) - Winter 2022 - Instructor: Fulvio De Santis.

# Scolarships, Awards and Grants

#### **Society Memberships:**

- Member of SIS (Italian Statistical Society) since 2023
- Member of y-SIS (the young group of the Italian Statistical Society) since 2023
- 2021-2024 **Three-year fully-funded PhD Scholarship**, Dept. of Statistical Sciences, "La Sapienza" University of Rome

#### A.Y. 2023/2024

Young Investigators grant, "La Sapienza" University of Rome,
 Role: Partecipant, PI: Susanna Gentile - Project title: Innovative Bayesian methodologies for early stage clinical trials

# A.Y. 2022/2023

- European COST Action Grant, VISAVET Health Surveillance Center, Universidad Complutense Madrid, Spain, to cover the expenses of the 2023 Advanced Training School on Bayesian methods
- University Research Project, "La Sapienza" University of Rome,
   Role: Partecipant, PI: Stefania Gubbiotti Project title: Bayesian methods for consensus and evidence in clinical trials
- Young Investigators grant, "La Sapienza" University of Rome,
   Role: PI Project title: Bayesian dynamic approaches for historical control in Phase 1 and Phase 3 clinical trials
- PLS scolarship of the duration of 6 months, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Dept. of Statistical Sciences,
   Role: academic support in the Scientific Degrees Project Referent: Gubbiotti Stefania

# A.Y. 2020/2021

ERASMUS+ Scolarship of 6 months

#### A.Y. 2019/2020

- Exams Bonus, "La Sapienza" University of Rome
   Reduction in University fees for being one of the top 5% students in the Master's degree programme;
- 150h of student-collaboration scholarship, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Dept. of Statistical Sciences, Role: Computer Lab Assistant

#### A.Y. 2017/2018

Exams Bonus, "La Sapienza" University of Rome
 Reduction in University fees for being one of the top 5% students in the Bachelor's degree programme

#### Editorial activities

Jun 2023 - Referee, 1 review in 2023 for the Biometrical Journal; 1 review in 2023 for Statistical Methods & Ongoing Applications (SMA)

# Talks, Conferences, Congresses

- Oct 2023 IBIG Forum 2023, Milan, Italy
  - Contribute: "A decision theoretic approach to assess the probability o success of an experiment"
- Sep 2023 **Italian Bayesian Day**, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Roma, Italy Contribute: "Borrowing historical information using dynamic power prior"
- Sep 2023 **ODS 2023 International Conference on Optimization and Decision Science**, Ischia, Italy Contribute: "On the Bayes risk induced by alternative design priors for sample size choice"
- Jun 2023 SEAS IN 2023 Statistical LEArning Sustainability and Impact Evaluation, Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona, Italy

Poster presentation: "On Bayesian power analysis in reliability"

- Jun 2023 **Phd Day X edition**, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Rome, Italy
  Talk: "On the Bayes risk induced by alternative design priors for sample size choice"
- Jun 2022 SIS2022 51st Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society, University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli", Caserta, Italy

Talk: "A dynamic power prior approach to non-inferiority trials for normal means with unknown variance"

Jun 2022 **Phd Day - IX edition**, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, Rome, Italy
Talk: "Toxicity Adaptive Lists dEsign (TALE): a practical design for phase-I drug combination trials in oncology"

# **Publications**

International Journals

Nov. 2023 **10.1002/pst.2349**, *2023*, A dynamic power prior approach to non-inferiority trials for normal means - Pharmaceutical Statistics ,

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# **Proceedings**

- Dec. 2023 **11573/1696303**, *2023*, On the Bayes risk induced by alternative design priors for sample size choice , Fulvio De Santis, Stefania Gubbiotti, Francesco Mariani
- Sep. 2023 **11573/1688601**, *2023*, On Bayesian power analysis in reliability , Fulvio De Santis, Stefania Gubbiotti, Francesco Mariani
- Sep. 2022 **11573/1656190**, *2022*, A dynamic power prior approach to non-inferiority trials for normal means with unknown variance ,

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# Other Certifications and Courses

- Sep 2023 DIcon 2023 Development Innovation 2023: Innovating in a Changing World, Conference, Novartis Pharma, Basel, Switzerland
- Sep 2023 CEN 2023 Central European Network, Conference, University of Basel, Switzerland
- Jul 2023 **Advanced Training School on Bayesian methods**, *Workshop*, Universidad Complutense Madrid, Spain, Professors: Giles Innocent, Matthew Denwood, Julio Alvarez
- May 2023 **Dose-finding and adaptive methods in clinical research**, *Workshop*, Polytechnic of Turin, Italy, Professors: Thomas Jaki, Pavel Mozgunov
- Apr 2021 IELTS, Overall score: 7.5 (level C1)
- Sep 2021 Machine Learning Using SAS Viya, SAS
- Nov 2020 Machine Learning, Coursera

#### Skills

Advanced IT R (Rstudio, Rmarkdown, Rshiny), Latex, Jags

knowledge:

Basic IT SAS, SAS Viya, Java, Python, Winbugs, Gretl, SQL, Matlab

knowledge:

Languages Italian (native speaker), English (IELTS C1),

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024