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Roberto Furlan graduated in medicine at the University of Milano in 1991. After his MD degree, in 1992 he was visiting scientist in the Department of Neurology from the University of Chicago, working on HTLV-I. The following year (1993) he completed a research project on HTLV-I in the Clinical Laboratories of the Sao Rafael Hospital in Salvador-Bahia, in Brazil. From 1994 to 1995 he worked as a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, U.S.A. on HSV-1-mediated gene therapy of the central nervous system. Using HSV-1-derived vectors he performed gene therapy studies in multiple sclerosis models and in 2001 he obtained his PhD at the Open University of London working in the Neuroimmunology Unit of the San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan, Italy.

Since 2001 tenure-track research assistant and then Senior scientist in the Neuroimmunology Unit of the San Raffaele Scientific Institute, he completed in 2007 the residency in neurology. Since 2004, non-tenured professor at Vita e Salute San Raffaele University, Milan. Since 2009, Group leader and then Head of Unit of the Clinical Neuroimmunology Unit, Institute of Experimental Neurology, Division of Neuroscience, San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan.

From 2011 to 2018 Secretary treasurer of the International Society of Neuroimmunology. Since 2013 Academic Editor for Plos One. Since 2017 Deputy Director of the Institute of Experimental Neurology – INSpe, San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan. Main fields of interest are now extracellular vesicles of neural origin in health and disease and body fluid biomarkers in neurology.

He has published over 150 papers on peer reviewed international journals. Current H-index = 50, 39 in the last five years.