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Main research interests:

Roccaldo Sardella's current research interests are mainly addressed:

- a. to the study of the basis of the molecular recognition mechanism in the various domains of chiral chromatography,
- b. to the set-up of chromatographic strategies enabling the determination of physico-chemical properties of pharmaceutically relevant compounds
- c. to the quantification of potential biomarkers of pathological states in various biological matrices;
- d. to the identification and quantification of bioactive compounds in foodstuffs.

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