



DEPARTMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

## Department of Infectious Diseases

### Major Infectious Diseases

# Research Groups of the Department of Infectious Diseases

## Infectious Diseases - A Brief Description

Although infectious diseases have been known for thousands of years, the understanding of their source emerged only in the past century. Thus, the study of infectious diseases at the molecular and cellular level is a rather new research area, whose origin as an independent scientific discipline can be traced back to the discovery of pathogenic microorganisms in the 19th century.

Today it is common knowledge that infectious diseases are caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites. Although a lot has been learned about human pathogens in the past decades, infectious diseases continue to be a major threat for human health. Not only well known diseases like malaria, AIDS or chronic hepatitis, but also gastrointestinal or respiratory infections result in millions of deaths each year. Rapid evolution of pathogens and a changing environment result in rising threats from multiresistant bacteria or the emergence and spread of pathogens including novel strains of influenza virus, MERS or Dengue virus. Furthermore, advances in medicine have led to an increased number of immunocompromised people who are particularly susceptible to infectious diseases.

Apart from their enormous medical importance, microbes are also important model systems for

molecular and cell biology. For example, RNA splicing was discovered in adenoviruses, oncogenes were found for the first time in retroviruses and the structure of nucleosomes was described initially for DNA viruses.

Current infectious disease research is a highly interdisciplinary topic at the interface between medicine and molecular, cell and structural biology. The Major "Infectious Diseases" within the MSc "Molecular Biosciences" offers the opportunity to study this topic in considerable depth, both in theory and in practice.

## Research at the Department of Infectious Diseases

Main research topics of the Department include HIV/Aids, malaria, viral hepatitis and the interaction between pathogens and their host (immunology of infection, pathogen spread) (<https://www.klinikum.uni-heidelberg.de/UEberblick.1208.o.html>).

Researchers from all units are integrated within the new Center for Integrative Infectious Disease Research, where replication and spread of pathogens is studied in systems of increasing complexity, from molecular detail to interaction with the host immune response in 3D culture systems or animal models. Interactions will be

further strengthened upon opening of the new CIID building in 2017, offering state of the art equipment, in particular for various types of advanced imaging.

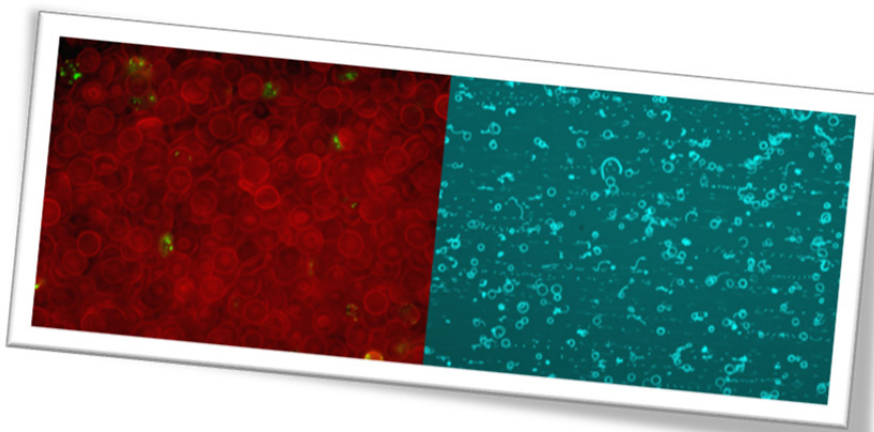
Beyond that, all research groups of the department are connected within local and international research consortia and networks, some of which are coordinated by members of the department. This comprises the Cluster of Excellence "CellNetworks" (<http://www.cellnetworks.uni-hd.de/>) as well as DFG collaborative research centers SFB1129 (<http://www.sfb1129.de/>), SFB-TR179 (web tba) and SFB-TR83 (<http://www.trr83.de/>) and the DFG priority program 1923 (web tba).

We cooperate with numerous institutions from Heidelberg University, the European Laboratory for Molecular Biology (EMBL), the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the Max-Planck-Institute for Medical Research, as well as with international partners. Our research activities are strengthened in particular by close interdisciplinary collaboration with scientists from the fields of physics, chemical biology, proteome and transcriptome analysis, cryo-electron microscopy, image analysis and scientific modelling.

More information on the research activities of the members of the Department of Infectious Diseases, the ZMBH-group and the associated research groups participating in this Major can be found in the profiles provided in the appendix and on the corresponding websites.

## Content and Structure of the Major Infectious Diseases

The Major "Infectious Diseases" is intended for students with a good basic knowledge of molecular and cell biology who wish to put their main focus on infectious disease pathogens. In the context of the Major they will deepen their knowledge of the basics of molecular and cell biology and get to know specific aspects of the replication of infectious pathogens and their interactions with their hosts. The participating departments and research groups offer internationally renowned research programs as well as an excellent infrastructure and they are very well connected with other research institutions inside and outside the university. Therefore, they offer ideal conditions for the Major "Infectious Diseases".



"Molecular and Cellular Biology" who are interested in this Major are advised to attend the lectures and courses on microbiology, infectious disease immunology, parasitology and virology in Semesters 4 and 5.

institutes involved in the "Infectious Diseases" Major. Further information is to be found on the websites of the participating departments. Students who are particularly keen to pursue a doctoral degree, and who have sufficiently high grades, may transfer to a doctoral program already after three semesters of Masters studies.

## Criteria for admission

We welcome appropriately qualified students from all over the world to this course. Since modern infectious disease research focuses on molecular mechanisms of pathogenesis, a good basic knowledge of molecular and cell biology is a prerequisite for admission. Some prior knowledge of infectious disease biology and immunology is also helpful, but not mandatory. Students in the Heidelberg Bachelor courses "Biology" and

## Acquired Degree

With the successful completion of the course the student acquires the MSc in Biology with the specialization (Major) "Infectious Diseases". This Master's degree qualifies students to enter PhD programs in Europe or could be a starting point for a career in the pharmaceutical industry or a biotech company.

Various doctoral study programs are offered by the

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## Education at the Department of Infectious Diseases

The Department of Infectious Diseases at the Medical Faculty of Heidelberg represents the subject of Infectious Diseases in research, education and diagnostics, in the fields of bacteriology, virology, parasitology and tropical medicine. There are five units with a large number of research groups, most of which are involved in the educational activities of this Major. These units are:

- Medical Microbiology and Hygiene
- Molecular Virology
- Virology
- Integrative Virology
- Parasitology

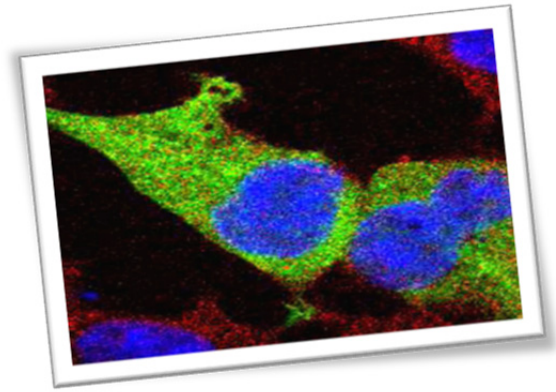


# Medical Microbiology

## Fields of Interest

Teams in the Medical Microbiology and Hygiene unit work in the field of Infection & Immunity. Specifically, we are interested to understand how host immunity reacts towards the contact with invading pathogens. A focus over the last years has been innate immunity which comprises the first line of defense against pathogenic microorganisms. Groups within the research unit study the biology of macrophages and dendritic cells which first encounter microbes. Moreover, frontline immunity at mucosal surfaces is analyzed. As the immune system is organized as a cellular network, communication between cells is of crucial importance. Therefore the research unit has a deep interest in signal transduction.

While classical bacteriology focuses on virulence factors and pathogenicity principles it is nowadays obvious that altered immune responses are equally important for infection susceptibility. The research unit analyzes the complex interplay of bacteria and immune cells thereby paving new roads for understanding current problems in infection defense, including sepsis, opportunistic infections in immunocompromised hosts and multi-resistant bacteria.

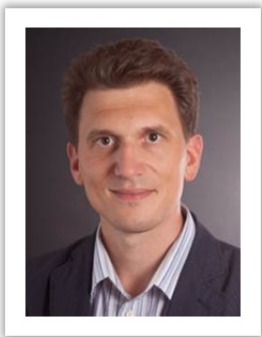


In order to address these topics we are using a multitude of methods and experimental approaches covering the fields of immunology, microbiology, molecular and cell biology as well as biochemistry.

The following teams belong to Medical Microbiology:

- Prof. Dr. Klaus Heeg (Head of the Medical Microbiology)
- Prof. Dr. Alexander Dalpke
- PD Dr. Katharina Hieke-Kubatzky

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## Scientific Vita

Since 2013: PI, German Center for Lung Research (DZL), TLRC HD

2012-2015: Coordinator "Teaching and Education", German Center for Infection Research (DZIF HD)

2011: Consultant in microbiology, virology and epidemiology of infections

2008-2011: Speaker of the Postgraduate Program "Differential activation and integration of signaling modules within the immune system"

Since 2007: Member of "Hartmut Hoffmann-Berling International Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology"

2006-present: Professor (W3) for Medical Microbiology and Infection and Immunity

2006: Specialist in immunology ("Fachimmunologe DGfI", DGfI)

2004: Habilitation, University lecturer for infection and immunity; Topic: Suppressor of Cytokine Signaling (SOCS) proteins as regulators of the activity of the innate immune system

1999-2004: PostDoc and Research Assistant, Inst. of Medical Microbiology, Philipps-University Marburg

1998-1999: First-year resident, Kreis- und Stadt Krankenhaus Alfeld, Internal Medicine, License to practice medicine 1998: Graduation (MD), Med. Microbiology, Center of Hygiene and Human Genetics, University Göttingen (summa cum laude)

1992-1998: Medical student, Georg-August University Göttingen

## Specific Research Interests

- Infection & Immunity
- Innate immunity, pattern recognition receptors
- Mucosal immunology
- Cytokine signaling
- Immunostimulation through bacterial nucleic acids
- Immune functions of airway epithelium
- Microbiome of Cystic Fibrosis patients

## Selected Publications

Boutin S, Graeber SY, Weitnauer M, Panitz J, Stahl M, Clausnitzer D, Kaderali L, Einarsson G, Tunney MM, Elborn JS, Mall MA, Dalpke AH: Comparison of microbiomes from different niches of upper and lower airways in children and adolescents with cystic fibrosis. *PLOS One* 2015; 10(1):e0116029

Eigenbrod T, Pelka K, Latz E, Kreikemeyer B, Dalpke AH: TLR8 Senses Bacterial RNA in Human Monocytes and Plays a Nonredundant Role for Recognition of *Streptococcus pyogenes*. *J Immunol* 2015; 195(3): 1092-1099

Weitnauer M, Schmidt L, Ng Kuet Leong N, Muenchau S, Lasitschka F, Eckstein V, Hübner S, Tuckermann J and Dalpke AH: Bronchial epithelial cells induce alternatively activated dendritic cells dependent on

glucocorticoid receptor signaling. *J Immunol* **2014**; 193(3): 1475-84

Hidmark A, von Saint Paul A, Dalpke AH: Cutting Edge: TLR13 is a receptor for bacterial RNA. *J Immunol* **2012**; 189(6): 2717-21

Gehrig S, Eberle ME, Botschen F, Rimbach K, Eberle F, Eigenbrod T, Kaiser S, Holmes WM, Erdmann VA, Sprinzl M, Bec G, Keith G, Dalpke AH\* and Helm M\*: Identification of modifications in microbial, native tRNA that suppress immunostimulatory activity. *J Exp Med* **2012**; 209(2): 225-233

Strebovsky J, Walker P, Lang R and Dalpke AH: Suppressor of cytokine signaling 1 (SOCS1) limits NFkB signaling by decreasing p65 stability within the cell nucleus. *FASEB J* **2011**; 25(3): 863-874

Peter ME, Kubarenko AV, Weber ANR, Dalpke AH: Identification of an N-terminal recognition site in TLR9 that contributes to CpG-DNA mediated receptor activation. *J Immunol* **2009**; 182(12): 7690-7697

Baetz A, Koelsche C, Strebovsky J, Heeg K, Dalpke AH: Identification of a nuclear localization signal in suppressor of cytokine signaling 1 (SOCS1). *FASEB J* **2008**; 22(12): 4296-4305

Bartz H, Avalos NM, Baetz A, Heeg K and Dalpke AH: Involvement of Suppressors of Cytokine Signaling in Toll-like receptor-mediated block of dendritic cell differentiation. *Blood* **2006**; 108(13): 4102-4108

Bätz A, Frey M, Heeg K and Dalpke AH: Suppressor of cytokine signaling (SOCS) proteins indirectly regulate Toll-like receptor signaling in innate immune cells. *J Biol Chem* **2004**; 279(52): 54708-54715

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## Scientific Vita

2012: Habilitation in "Molecular Medicine" at the University of Heidelberg

2008: Max Kade Grant for a research year at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

2007-present: Group Leader at the Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Heidelberg

2005-2006: Junior Group Leader at the University of Freiburg, Institute of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology

2002-2004: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Brussels, Belgium

2001-2002: Researcher at Alantos Pharmaceuticals, Heidelberg

1997-2000: PhD Thesis at the Max Planck Institute for Immunobiology, Freiburg

1992-1997: Studies in Chemistry at the University of Freiburg

## Specific Research Interests

- Signal Transduction
- Bacterial Protein Toxins
- Cytokine receptor signaling, JAK-STAT pathway
- Mechanisms of immune evasion used by *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin
- Osteoclastogenesis: Crosstalk between the skeletal and the immune system

## Selected Publications

Hildebrand D, Heeg K, Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin Manipulates T Cell Differentiation. *Front Microbiol* **2015**; Nov 19; 6:1273

Kloos B, Chakraborty S, Lindner SG, Noack K, Harre U, Schett G, Krämer OH, Kubatzky KF: *Pasteurella multocida* Toxin induced osteoclastogenesis requires mTOR activation. *Cell Commun Signal* **2015**; Sep 14; 13:40

Wiedenmann T, Ehrhardt S, Cerny D, Hildebrand D, Klein S, Heeg K, Kubatzky KF: Erythropoietin acts as an anti-inflammatory signal on murine mast cells. *Mol Immunol* **2015**; 65(1): 68-76

Hildebrand D, Bode KA, Rieß D, Cerny D, Waldhuber A, Römmler F, Strack J, Korten S, Orth JH, Miethke T, Heeg K, Kubatzky KF: Granzyme A produces bioactive IL-1b through a non-apoptotic inflammasome-independent pathway. *Cell Rep* **2014**; 6;9(3): 910-7

Hildebrand D, Sähr A, Wölfle SJ, Heeg K and Kubatzky KF: „Regulation of Toll-like receptor 4-mediated immune responses through *Pasteurella multocida* toxin-induced G protein signalling. *Cell Commun Signal* **2012**; 1;10(1): 22

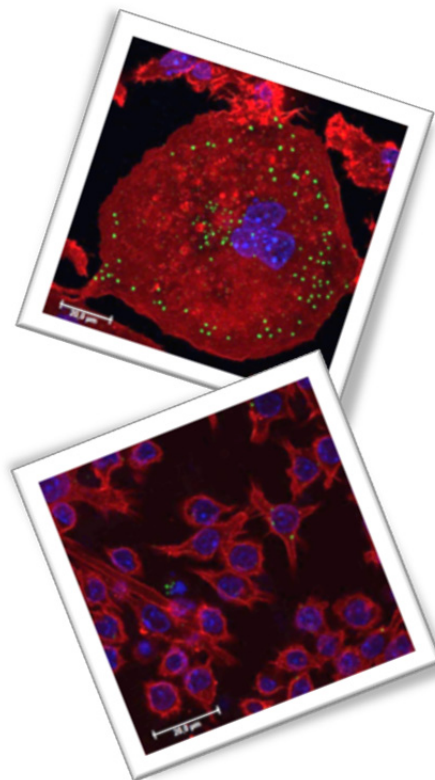
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Orth JH, Aktories K and Kubatzky KF: Modulation of host cell gene expression through activation of STAT transcription factors by *Pasteurella multocida* toxin. *J Biol Chem* **2007**; 282(5): 3050-7

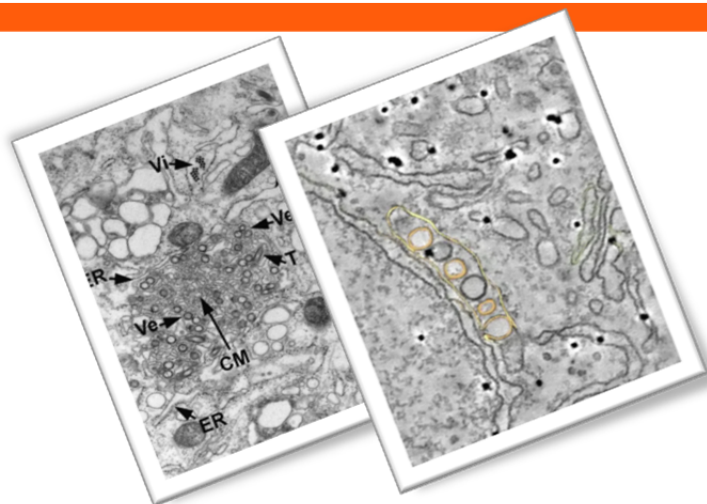


# Molecular Virology

## Fields of Interest

Teams in the department Molecular Virology work on several highly important human pathogens, namely hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and several flaviviruses, most notably Dengue virus (DENV) and Zikavirus (ZIKV). These viruses are leading causes for death worldwide with about 400 million people suffering from a chronic infection with HBV or HCV and about 400 million new DENV infections occurring each year, especially in tropical countries. Moreover, the recent pandemic spread of ZIKV underscores the medical relevance of this virus family.

As a department that focuses on the molecular and cell biology of these infections, the following topics are studied: virus-host cell interactions, mechanism of host cell infection, morphology, biogenesis and dynamics of viral replication factories, virus assembly and involved host cell factors, viral and cellular factors and their suitability for (broad-spectrum) antiviral therapy, RNA structures and their role for viral replication, mathematical modeling and simulation of virus replication and interaction with innate immune responses, virus-induced host cell alterations, host cell stress response to virus infection, innate immune response and viral counter measures, antiviral therapy and therapy resistance. In order to cover these topics, we are using a broad and diverse array of methods and experimental approaches covering the fields of molecular biology, cell biology, biochemistry and immunology. In addition to state-of-the-art methods in these fields we use live cell imaging, cutting edge light and electron microscopy as well as 3D reconstructions.



The following teams belong to Molecular Virology:

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## Scientific Vita

2002-present: Full Professor and head of Department of Infectious Diseases, Molecular Virology, Heidelberg University, Germany; CHS Stiftungsprofessur "Molekulare Virologie"

2001: Full Professor for Molecular Biology, University of Mainz

1999: Habilitation, University of Mainz

1994-1998: Assistant, University of Mainz

1991-1993: PostDoc, Central Research Unit, Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Basel, Switzerland

1990: PhD in Molecular Biology, Heidelberg University

1981-1987: Studies in Biology, Heidelberg University

## Specific Research Interests

- Virus - host cell interaction (HBV, HCV DENV and ZIKV)
- Structural and functional aspects of viral RNA replication and assembly
- Viral and host targets for antiviral therapy
- Mathematical modeling of virus replication and spread as well as innate immune responses and viral countermeasures
- Strategies of viral persistence

## Selected Publications

Chatel-Chaix L, Cortese M, Romero-Brey I, Bender S, Neufeldt CJ, Fischl W, Scaturro P, Schieber N, Schwab Y, Fischer B, Ruggieri A, Bartenschlager R: Dengue Virus Perturbs Mitochondrial Morphodynamics to

Dampen Innate Immune Responses. *Cell Host Microbe* 2016; 20(3):342-56

Seitz S, Iancu C, Volz T, Mier W, Dandri M, Urban S, Bartenschlager R: A Slow Maturation Process Renders Hepatitis B Virus Infectious. *Cell Host Microbe* 2016; 20(1):25-35

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C virus-induced membranous replication factories, independent of RNA replication. *Gastroenterology* 2014; 147(5): 1094-105

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Ruggieri A, Dazert E, Metz P, Hofmann S, Bergeest JP, Mazur J, Bankhead P, Hiet MS, Kallis S, Alvisi G, Samuel CE, Lohmann V, Kaderali L, Rohr K, Frese M, Stoecklin G, Bartenschlager R: Dynamic oscillation of translation and stress granule formation mark the cellular response to virus infection. *Cell Host Microbe* 2012; 12(1): 71-85

Reiss S, Rebhan I, Backes P, Romero-Brey I, Erfle H, Matula P, Kaderali L, Poenisch M, Blankenburg H, Hiet MS, Longerich T, Diehl S, Ramirez F, Balla T, Rohr K, Kaul A, Bühler S, Pepperkok R, Lengauer T, Albrecht

M, Eils R, Schirmacher P, Lohmann V, Bartenschlager R: Recruitment and activation of a lipid kinase by hepatitis C virus NS5A is essential for integrity of the membranous replication compartment. **Cell Host Microbe** 2011; 9(1): 32-45

Welsch S, Miller S, Romero-Brey I, Merz A, Bleck CK, Walther P, Fuller SD, Antony C, Krijnse-Locker J, Bartenschlager R: Composition and three-dimensional architecture of the dengue virus replication and assembly sites. **Cell Host Microbe** 2009; 5(4): 365-75

Meylan E, Curran J, Hofmann K, Moradpour D, Binder M, Bartenschlager R, Tschopp J: Cardif is an adaptor protein in the RIG-I antiviral pathway and is targeted by hepatitis C virus. **Nature** 2005; 437(7062): 1167-72

Wakita T\*, Pietschmann T\*, Kato T, Date T, Miyamoto M, Zhao Z, Murthy K, Habermann A, Kräusslich HG, Mizokami M, Bartenschlager R\*, Liang TJ. (\* equal contribution): Production of infectious hepatitis C virus in tissue culture from a cloned viral genome. **Nat Med** 2005; 11(7): 791-6

Lohmann V, Körner F, Koch J, Herian U, Theilmann L, Bartenschlager R: Replication of subgenomic HCV RNAs in a hepatoma cell line. **Science** 1999; 285(5424): 110-3

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## Scientific Vita

Since 2014: Full professor (W3) "Translational Virology" at the Medical Faculty of the University of Heidelberg

2008-2014: Professorship (apl.) at the Faculty for Biosciences at the University of Heidelberg

2001-present: Research group leader at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Molecular Virology of the University Hospital Heidelberg

2000-2001: Stipendium at the ZMBH, Heidelberg University

2000: Habilitation at the faculty of Biosciences, Heidelberg University

1995-2000: PostDoc Center for Molecular Biology (ZMBH), Heidelberg University (Prof. Dr. H. Schaller)

1991-1995: PhD, Dept. of Virology (Prof. Dr. P. H. Hofschneider), Max-Planck-Institut für Biochemie, Martinsried

1991: Diploma in Biochemistry, University of Tübingen

## Specific Research Interests

- Molecular mechanisms of Hepatitis B- and Hepatitis D Virus/host interactions with a focus on the early events of infection
- Identification of hepadnaviral receptors and structural analyses of virus receptor interactions
- Development of novel cell culture systems and animal models for HBV/HDV
- Clinical development of entry inhibitors (Myrcludex B) for HBV/HDV infection
- Development of hepatotropic drugs for the therapy of liver diseases

## Selected Publications

Lempp FA, Ni Y, Urban S: Hepatitis delta virus: insights into a peculiar pathogen and novel treatment options. **Nature Reviews Gastroenterology & Hepatology** 2016; 13(10):580-9

Bogomolov P, Alexandrov A, Voronkova N, Macievich M, Kokina K, Petrachenkova M, Lehr T, Lempp FA, Wedemeyer H, Haag M, Schwab M, Haefeli WE, Blank A, Urban S: Treatment of chronic hepatitis D with the entry inhibitor myrcludex B: First results of a phase Ib/Ila study. **J Hepatol.** 2016; pii: S0168-8278(16)30148-9.

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Ni Y, Lempp FA, Mehrle S, Nkongolo S, Kaufman C, Fälth M, Stindt J, Königer C, Nassal M, Kubitz R and Urban S: Hepatitis B and D viruses exploit sodium taurocholate co-transporting polypeptide for species-specific entry into hepatocytes. **Gastroenterology** 2014; 146: 1070-1083

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Petersen J, Dandri M, Mier W, Lutgehetmann M, Volz T, von Weizsäcker F, Haberkorn U, Fischer L, Pollok

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Seitz S\*, Urban S\*, Antoni C and Böttcher B: Cryo-electron microscopy of hepatitis B virions reveals variability in envelope capsid interactions. **EMBO J** 2007; 26: 4160-4167

Gripon P, Rumin S, Urban S, Le Seyec J, Glaise D, Cannie I, Guyomard C, Lucas J, Trepo C, Guguen-Guillouzo C: Infection of a human hepatoma cell line by hepatitis B virus. **PNAS** 2002; 99(24): 15655-15660

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## Scientific Vita

2012: Habilitation, Heidelberg University

2002-present: Group Leader, Heidelberg University

1998-2002: PostDoc, Institute for Virology, University of Mainz

1993-1997: PhD, University of Mainz

1982-1993: Diploma Thesis, University of Mainz

1987-1992: Biology School, University of Mainz

## Specific Research Interests

- Replication of hepatitis C virus and hepatitis A virus
- host cell factors of viral replication
- Lipid kinases and phosphatidylinositides
- Antiviral therapy and mode of action of inhibitors

- role of the innate immune system in virus control

## Selected Publications

Esser-Nobis K, Schmidt J, Nitschke K, Neumann-Haefelin C, Thimme R, Lohmann V: The cyclophilin-inhibitor alisporivir stimulates antigen presentation thereby promoting antigen-specific CD8(+) T cell activation. *J Hepatol.* **2016**; 64(6):1305-14

Grünvogel O, Esser-Nobis K, Reustle A, Schult P, Müller B, Metz P, Trippler M, Windisch MP, Frese M, Binder M, Fackler O, Bartenschlager R, Ruggieri A and Lohmann V: Dead box helicase 60-like (DDX60L) is an interferon stimulated gene restricting hepatitis C virus replication in cell culture. *J Virol* **2015**; epub Aug 12. pii: JVI.01297-15

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Esser-Nobis K, Romero-Brey I, Ganten T M, Gouttenoire J, Harak C, Klein R, Schemmer P, Binder M, Schnitzler P, Moradpour D, Bartenschlager R, Polyak SJ, Stremmel W, Penin F, Eisenbach C and Lohmann V: Analysis of hepatitis C virus resistance to silibinin in vitro and in vivo points to a novel mechanism involving nonstructural protein 4B. *Hepatology* **2013**; 57:953-963.

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Bartenschlager R, Lohmann V, Penin F: The molecular and structural basis of advanced antiviral therapy for hepatitis C virus infection. *Nat Rev Microbiol* **2013**; 11(7): 482-96 Review

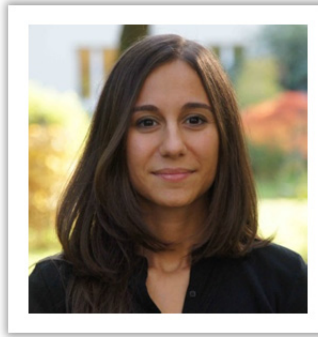
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1999–2003: PhD in Virology, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France

1998–1999: Diploma thesis, University of Lyon, France

1995–1998: Studies in Cellular and Molecular Biology Metz and Lyon, France

## Specific Research Interests

- Dynamics of cellular stress and immune responses to HCV infection
- Identification of stress granule oscillation regulators
- Mathematical modeling of stress granule oscillations in response to RNA virus infection
- Modulation of the host cell translation by flaviviruses infection
- Visualisation of host stress responses

## Selected Publications

Schmid B, Rinas M, Ruggieri A, Reuter A, Fischl W, Harder N, Bergeest J-P, Flossdorf M, Rohr K, Höfer T, Bartenschlager R: Live-cell analysis and modeling identify determinants of attenuation of Dengue virus 2-O-methyl mutant. *PLoS Pathog* **2015**; 11(12):e1005345

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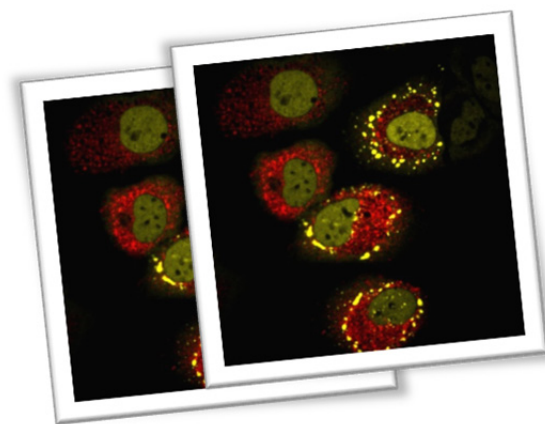
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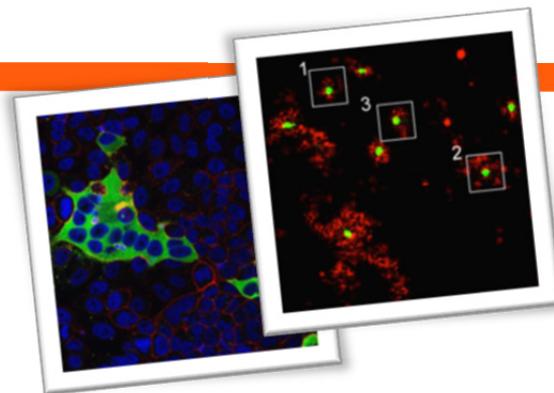
# Virology

## Fields of Interest

Groups in Virology are interested in the molecular mechanisms leading to viral infection. The broad expertise of the various groups within the department allows us to dissect various steps in the viral life cycle, ranging from receptor binding to assembly and release, and to investigate pathogen-host interactions for a number of medically relevant viruses.

A major focus of our research is human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the causative agent of AIDS (Kräusslich, Müller, Schaller). In spite of several decades of intense research, many questions concerning the biology of the virus remain unanswered; among these are surprisingly basic questions as 'Where does the virus enter the host cell?' or 'When and how is virus maturation initiated?' Our projects address the molecular and structural biology of the virus and its interaction with the host cell, including the evaluation of novel targets for antiviral therapy. We mainly focus on detailed analyses of virus morphogenesis and structure, as well as on the cell biology and dynamics of HIV entry, assembly and release and the induction of the innate immune response. To address these topics, we combine traditional biochemical and virological approaches with advanced imaging techniques (live-cell imaging, novel fluorescent labeling strategies, various super-resolution fluorescence microscopy, (cryo)electron microscopy and -tomography, correlative microscopy, click chemistry) that we employ alone or together with strong collaborators. By this we aim at a quantitative and time resolved description of HIV-1 entry and morphogenesis, delineating the mechanistic role of viral and cellular factors (proteins and lipids) in these processes.

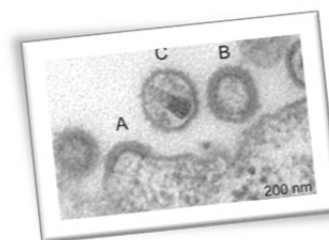
Other viral systems studied include parvoviruses, the enteropathogens norovirus and reovirus, bunyaviruses and influenza virus. We develop and use vectors based on adeno-associated virus for basic research and gene therapy approaches (Grimm) and exploit the CRISPR/Cas system for gene therapeutic and antiviral strategies (Grimm, Kräusslich). The Hansman group investigates the structural biology of the interaction of noroviruses, a major cause of infectious diarrhea, with cellular binding molecules. A further focus of interest is



virus entry: the Lozach group is interested in entry pathways of bunyaviruses in the mammalian host and arthropod vector cells, whereas the Boulant group addresses the induction of innate immune response upon reovirus entry in human polarized intestinal epithelial cells and organoid systems. Finally, we are interested in influenza virus particle formation and entry, and in the role of host proteins and lipids in these processes (Kräusslich). Again, a combination of conventional virological approaches with a wide variety of specialized techniques (e.g. high throughput approaches, advanced microscopy techniques, x-ray crystallography and more) is employed to address the virological questions.

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- Dr. Steeve Boulant
- Dr. Grant Hansman
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- Dr. Pierre-Yves Lozach
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1989–1993: Group leader, German Cancer Research Centre, Heidelberg

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1977–1984: Medical School (LMU Munich)

## Specific Research Interests

- Molecular virology
- cell biology of virus infection
- assembly, release and molecular architecture of HIV particles
- HIV Protease and antiviral resistance
- HIV-cell interactions
- Role of lipids in HIV replication
- Innate response for HIV infection
- Transmission and therapy of HIV infection

## Selected Publications

Hanne J, Göttfert F, Schimer J, Anders-Össwein M, Konvalinka J, Engelhardt J, Müller B, Hell SW, Kräusslich HG: Stimulated Emission Depletion



Nanoscopy Reveals Time-Course of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Proteolytic Maturation. *ACS Nano* 2016; in press

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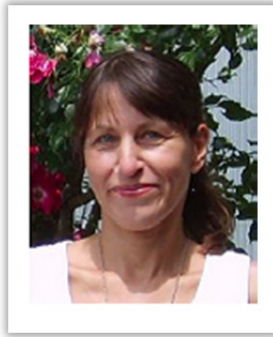
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1992-1995: Postdoctoral fellow, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, USA

1991-1992: Postdoctoral associate, MPI for Medical Research, Heidelberg

1991: Dr. rer. nat., Heidelberg University

1988-1991: PhD thesis (MPI for Med. Research Heidelberg, lab of R.S. Goody)

1987: Diploma (Heidelberg University)

1981-1986: Study of Biology (Technical University Darmstadt, Heidelberg University)

## Specific Research Interests

- Biology of human immunodeficiency virus
- fluorescently labeled HIV-1 derivatives
- dynamics of HIV cell entry and HIV particle formation
- HIV assembly and maturation
- quantitative analysis of HIV replication steps

## Selected Publications

Sakin V, Paci G, Lemke E, Müller B: Labeling of virus components for advanced quantitative imaging analyses. *FEBS L* 2016; 590, 1896-1914

Hanne J, Göttfert F, Schimer J, Anders-Ößwein M, Konvalinka J, Engelhardt J, Müller B, Hell SW, Kräusslich HG: Stimulated Emission Depletion Nanoscopy Reveals Time-Course of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Proteolytic Maturation. *ACS Nano* 2016; in press

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2001-2004: PhD in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, IBCP-CNRS, France

2000-2001: DEA in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (Master), Lyon, France

1998-2000: Bachelor degree in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Lyon, France

## Specific Research Interests

- Characterization of the dynamic uptake, intracellular trafficking and endosomal rupture of non-enveloped viruses using live-cell confocal microscopy
- Evaluation of the forces exerted during viral entry
- Characterization of the kinetics and mechanism of clathrin structures
- Determining the anti-viral innate immune response in intestinal polarized epithelium cells
- Evaluation of the intracellular location and functional aspects of innate immunity sensor proteins (TLR and RLR) in polarized cells

## Selected Publications

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2001-2005: PhD, The University of Tokyo, Japan

1998-1999: Honors Degree, University of New South Wales, Australia

1993-1996: BSc, Macquarie University, Australia

## Specific Research Interests

- Norovirus and other caliciviruses
- structural biology of viral proteins (X-ray crystallography and cryo-EM)
- drug discovery using X-ray crystallography
- antigenicity using virus-like particles
- molecular epidemiology of noroviruses
- zoonosis among caliciviruses
- human norovirus reverse genetics

## Selected Publications

Hansman GS, Taylor DW, McLellan JS, Smith TJ, Georgiev I, Tame JRH, Park SY, Yamazaki M, Gonda F, Miki M, Katayama K, Murata K, and Kwong PD: Structural basis for broad detection of genogroup II noroviruses by a monoclonal antibody that binds to a site occluded in the viral particle. **J Virol** 2012; 86: 3635-3646

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2007-present: Group leader "Virus-Host Interactions", Heidelberg University Hospital

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2001-2006: Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, School of Medicine, CA, USA

1999-2001: Postdoctoral Fellow, German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg

1998: PhD (Biology) with Summa cum laude, University of Heidelberg

1994: Diploma (Biology), University of Kaiserslautern

1988-1994: Study of Biology (Universities of Kaiserslautern and Heidelberg)

## Specific Research Interests

- Human gene therapy
- Viral and parasitoid infections (HIV, hepatitis viruses, Plasmodium)
- Adeno-associated viral (AAV) and bocaviral (BoV) vectors
- Gene/genome engineering (CRISPR, TALENs)
- RNA interference (RNAi)
- Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC)
- Synthetic biology

## Selected Publications

Senis E, Mockenhaupt S, Rupp D, Bauer T, Paramasivam N, Knapp B, Gronych J, Grosse S, Windisch MP, Schmidt F, Theis FJ, Eils R, Lichter P, Schlesner M, Bartenschlager R, Grimm D:

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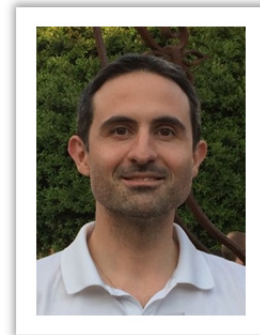
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2005-2007: Pediatric Dengue Vaccine Initiative postdoctoral fellow, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France

2001-2004: PhD in Fundamental Virology, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France

2000-2001: MSc in Fundamental Virology, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France

## Specific Research Interests

- Arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses) such as Rift Valley fever virus, Uukuniemi virus, and West Nile virus
- Cell biology of tick vector
- Transmission of arboviruses to humans
- Early virus-host cell interactions
- Dynamics of virus-receptor interactions
- Virus intracellular trafficking and entry
- Mechanisms of virus fusion
- Molecular determinants of arbovirus virulence and diseases

## Selected Publications

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## Scientific Vita

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2005-2009: PhD, Prof Greg Towers, University College London, UK

2000-2005: Diploma, Prof Ralf Bartenschlager, Heidelberg University

## Specific Research Interests

- Molecular virology
- Cell biology of virus infection
- HIV-1 early infection events and host dependency factors
- Resistance and restriction factors
- Interferon-induced block to HIV-1 infection
- Innate immunity and sensing of pathogens
- Peptidylprolyl cis-trans isomerases in HIV-1 biology

## Selected Publications

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# Integrative Virology

## Fields of Interest

The central theme of our laboratories' research is to integrate aspects of virology, host cell biology and immunology to understand basic principles of HIV-1 pathogenesis.

Part Fackler laboratory:

The studies of the Fackler laboratory focus currently on three specific aspects. First, we study the molecular mechanisms of action of the HIV-1 pathogenicity factor Nef. This involves assessing how Nef manipulates central host cell processes such as vesicular transport, signal transduction and cell motility. Second, we investigate how HIV-1 is recognized by the innate immune system of the host and the virus evades this response. These studies focus on intrinsic immunity factors such as CD317/BST-2/thetherin and SAMHD1 as well as the virally encoded antagonists Vpu and Vpx. Finally, we study the underlying mechanisms that confer HIV-1 target cells resistance to infection. These analyses focus on resting CD4+ T lymphocytes that are refractory to productive infection with HIV-1 with the aim to define the barriers to infection but also the potential immunological consequences productive infection of these abundant target cells would have.

Methodology most commonly used in the lab includes flow cytometry, live cell and confocal microscopy, as well as approaches to study protein-protein interactions and virus replication/pathogenesis. These analyses are preferentially conducted in primary HIV-1 target cells.

Part Lusic laboratory:

The studies of the Lusic laboratory focus on deciphering the cellular mechanisms used by the virus to either promote or repress viral gene expression. We investigate which parameters control integration of the viral genome and subsequent gene expression, with a strong focus on reactivation of viral gene expression after a silent phase of latency.

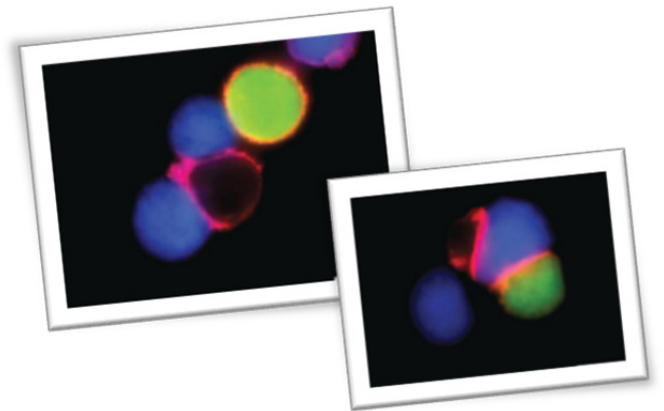
While an overall goal of our laboratory is to explore the specific contributions of nuclear topology and chromatin factors to HIV integration site selection and establishment of latency, we are specifically interested in determining the role of nuclear pore complex proteins in integration site selection. Moreover, we would like to focus on the interactions between nucleoporins with proteins that we previously found to contribute to proviral latency such as TRIM proteins.

Our methodology comprises the visualization of integrated HIV DNA in host cells by using a combination of 3D Immuno DNA FISH and Chromatin Immunoprecipitation technology.

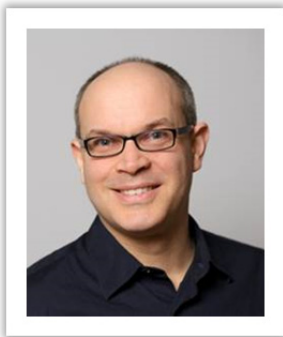
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-Dr. Marina Lusic



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2000-2007: Group leader, Department of Virology, Heidelberg University

1997-2000: Postdoctoral fellow, University of California at San Francisco

1994-1997: PhD in molecular virology (Homburg/Saar)

1993-1994: Diploma thesis in molecular virology (Homburg/Saar)

1989-1993: Studies in biology (Saarbrücken)

### Specific Research Interests

- Immuno- and cell biology of HIV infection
- Innate and intrinsic immunity against HIV-1 and viral evasion thereof
- HIV accessory genes

## Selected Publications

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## Scientific Vita

2014-present: Group leader, Department of Infectious Diseases, Heidelberg

2009-2014: Extended faculty member/project leader at San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan and ICGEB, Trieste, Italy

2004-2009: PostDoc, ICGEB, Trieste, Italy

2003: PhD degree in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Belgrade

1999-2004: Long term ICGEB Fellowship, Molecular Medicine Laboratory, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Trieste, Italy

1998: Magister of Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Belgrade

## Specific Research Interests

- Nuclear organization and chromatin changes upon viral infection
- Control of HIV-1 integration and cellular fate
- HIV-1 transcription and latency; role of oxidative stress

## Selected Publications

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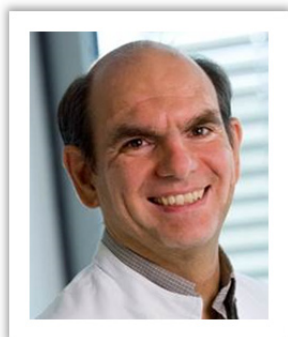
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### Scientific Vita

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1994-1998: Junior Group Leader, Research Center for Infectious Diseases, University of Würzburg

1988-1993: PostDoc, Sloan-Kettering Inst., New York

1985-1988: Graduate Student, Center for Molecular Biology, Heidelberg University

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### Specific Research Interests

- Molecular Parasitology
- drug resistance mechanisms of the malarial parasite
- antigenic variation, cytoadherence, protein trafficking in *P. falciparum*
- membrane transport processes

### Selected Publications

Rieger H, Yoshikawa HY, Quadt K, Nielsen MA, Sanchez CP, Salanti A, Tanaka M and Lanzer M: Cytoadhesion of *Plasmodium falciparum*-infected erythrocytes to chondroitin-4-sulfate is cooperative and shear enhanced. **Blood** 2015; 125: 383-391

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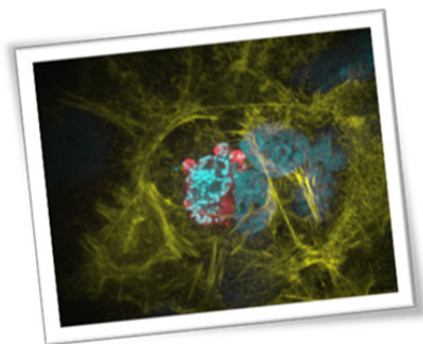
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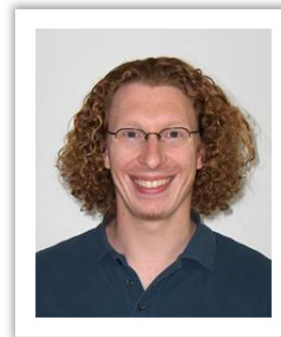
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Lanzer M, de Bruin D and Ravetch JV: Transcriptional differences in polymorphic and conserved domains of a complete cloned *P. falciparum* chromosome. **Nature** 1993; 361: 654-657



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2010-present: Independent group leader, Dept. of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology, Heidelberg University Hospital

2006-2010: Junior group leader, Institute of Physiological Chemistry, L.M.-University Munich

2005-2006: Postdoc, J.L.-University Gießen & WEHI Melbourne

2002-2005: PhD student, Biochemistry, Interdisciplinary Research Center, J.L.-University Gießen

1997-2002: Diploma student, Biochemistry, E.K.-University Tübingen

### Specific Research Interests

- molecular parasitology & enzymology
- mitochondrial protein import in parasitic protists (*Plasmodium* and *Leishmania*)
- redox catalysis and inhibitors
- glutathione-dependent enzymes
- comparative molecular evolution

### Selected Publications

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2005-present: Group Leader, Center of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology, Heidelberg University Hospital

2001-2005: Postdoc, Institut Pasteur, Paris, France

2000: PhD, FU Berlin (summa cum laude)

1996-2000: PhD thesis, EMBL, Heidelberg

1995-1996: Research student, Lab of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK

1990-1996: Studies of Biochemistry (FU Berlin)

## Specific Research Interests

- cell biology and biophysics of pathogen infection
- malaria cell biology
- live cell imaging
- cell motility

## Selected Publications

Bane K, Lepper S, Kehrer J, Sattler J, Singer M, Reinig M, Heiss K, Baum J, Mueller AK and Frischknecht F: The actin filament-binding protein coronin regulates motility in Plasmodium sporozoites. **PLoS Pathogens** 2016; 12, e1005710

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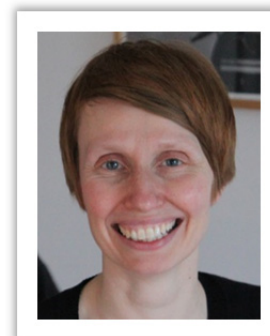
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2015: Awarded a DZIF Maternity Leave stipend

2012: Awarded the Minerva-Arches prize

2011: Founder and Mentor of MalVa GmbH

2009-present: Independent Group Leader, Heidelberg University Hospital

2007-2008: Junior Group Leader, Research Center for Infectious Diseases, University of Würzburg

2007: EMBO long-term research fellow at LSHTM, London with Prof. E. Riley

2006: Awarded the 2006 prize for basic medical research by the GlaxoSmithKline foundation

2006: Awarded the Karl Freudenberg prize by the Heidelberg Akademie der Wissenschaften

2004-2006: Postdoctoral Fellow with Prof. K. Matuschewski

2001-2004: Graduate Student, Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg with Prof. K. Matuschewski (Parasitology)

2000-2001: Diploma thesis with Prof. E. Bremer, Philipps University Marburg (Microbiology)

1996-2000: Undergraduate Student, Philipps University Marburg

## Specific Research Interests

- Molecular Parasitology
- Vaccinology
- protective immunity
- murine malaria
- T-cell immunology
- host-pathogen interactions

## Selected Publications

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## Specific Research Interests

- Human immunity to Plasmodium falciparum malaria
- Parasite-host interactions
- Vaccine Development for malaria
- Epidemiology & Molecular biology of infectious diseases

## Selected Publications

Murungi LM, Sondén K, Llewellyn D, Rono J, Guleid F, Williams AR, Ogada E, Thairu A, Färnert A, Marsh K, Draper SJ, Osier FH: Severe Plasmodium falciparum malaria: targets and mechanisms associated with protection in Kenyan children. *Infect Immun* 2016; 84: 950-63

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## Specific Research Interests

- Compare the transcriptional profile, the metabolic activity, and functional properties of Pf parasites freshly isolated from asymptomatic individuals during the dry season versus symptomatic individuals during the malaria season.
- Determine the kinetics of gametocyte carriage throughout the dry season.
- Evaluate the transmission capacity of parasites kept asymptotically during the dry season.

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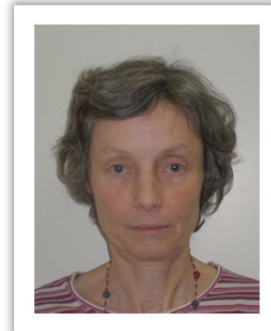
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## Specific Research Interests

- Regulation of mRNA decay and translation in trypanosomes
- Control of mRNA splicing in trypanosomes
- Identification of the modes of action of compounds that kill trypanosomes, but not mammalian cells

## Selected Publications

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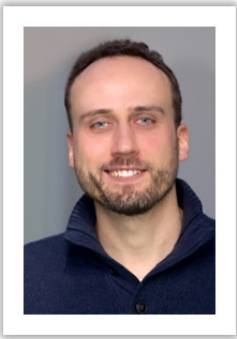
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## Specific Research Interests

- Prophylactic and therapeutic vaccination against human papillomaviruses (HPV)
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- mechanisms of hantavirus-induced cellular damage and renal failure



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### Specific Research Interests

- Therapeutic cancer vaccines, especially against HPV-mediated malignancies
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- Therapeutic vaccine design and formulation
- Directing vaccination-induced T cells to certain body sites
- HPV-induced changes in antigen processing and presentation



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### Specific Research Interests

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