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2. University Education

1995-1996 Diploma in Developmental Genetics, Tübingen
1990-1994 Biochemistry at the Eberhard-Karls University, Tübingen

3. Academic Degrees

2011 Venia Legendi (*Privatdozent*), Molecular Medicine, University Ulm
2001 Doctoral Thesis (*Dr. rer. nat.*), Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum, Heidelberg, Advisor: Prof. Peter Lichter

4. Professional Experience

Since 2010 Head of the Cooperation Unit "Mechanisms of Leukemogenesis", DKFZ and University Ulm
Since 10/2006 Junior Group Leader at the DKFZ in Heidelberg.
09/2006-2010 Head of the Max-Eder-Group, University Hospital Ulm.
08/2001-10/2006 Supervision of a project group at the DKFZ
05/1996-09/1996 Completion of the INRA project at the Department for Developmental Biology, Tübingen.
06/1996 Gene expression analyses of *GNOM*-mutants with filter-DNA-arrays at the Laboratoire de Biologie Cellulaire (INRA), Paris
10/1996-05/1999 Functional analyses of the cell-cycle-associated phosphatase *cdc25B* using tet-inducible expression systems in cell culture in the department of Prof. Harald zur Hausen, DKFZ, Heidelberg.

5. Honors

06/2002 Leukemia Research Award, Franziska-Kolb Foundation, University of Ulm

6. Publications and Patents

1. Bhattacharya N, Diener S, Idler IS, Barth TF, Rauen J, Habermann A, Zenz T, Möller P, Döhner H, Stilgenbauer S, Mertens D. Non-malignant B cells and chronic lymphocytic leukemia cells induce a pro-survival phenotype in CD14(+) cells from peripheral blood. **Leukemia**. 2011;25(4):722-726,
2. Bhattacharya N, Diener S, Idler I, Rauen J, Häbe S, Busch H, Habermann A, Döhner H, Stilgenbauer S, Mertens D. Nurse-like cells show deregulated expression of genes involved in immunocompetence. **Br J Haematol**. 2011;154:3:349-356.
3. Zenz T, Mertens D, Kuppers R, Döhner H, Stilgenbauer S. From pathogenesis to treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. **Nat Rev Cancer**. 2010;10(1):37-50.

4. Bhattacharya N, Sarno A, Idler I, Nothing M, Zenz T, Döhner H, Stilgenbauer S, Mertens D. High-throughput detection of NF- κ B activity using a robust and sensitive oligo-based chemiluminescent ELISA. **Int J Cancer**. 2010;127:404-411.
5. Mertens D, Wolf S, Tschuch C, Mund C, Kienle D, Ohl S, Schroeter P, Lyko F, Döhner H, Stilgenbauer S, Lichter P. Allelic silencing at the tumor-suppressor locus 13q14.3 suggests an epigenetic tumor-suppressor mechanism. **Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A**. 2006;103(20): 7741-6.

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- Joos S, Lichter P, Mertens D, Pscherer A, Wolf S: „Diagnosis and therapy of cell proliferative disorders characterized by resistance to TRAIL induced apoptosis“, International Patent. 2005; P 617 PCT / EZ