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2021 POSTDOC GRANTS





Hao Li EMBO Fellowship



Eduardo Silva

Ramos German Topper Family HD Fellowship 200.000€ - 3 yrs



Jara Joedicke Helmholtz Enterprise Fellowship 163.354€



Warren Winick-Ng

DFG Neurocure Collaboration 79.044€



Sebastian Torke

Oppenheim Research Prize 50.000€ Neurowind Junior Prize 5.000€



Kristin Kräker DZHK Postdoc Start-up 80.000€ - 1year



Duncan Miller EMBO Core Facility Fellowship 1250€



Inmaculada Martinez-Reyes

BSIO Mini Lab Award 12.000€

POSTDOC PROGRAM - ASPIRE

"The ASPIRE program and the general support from the postdoc office really helped me a lot - from working out what I want to do, to going through the application process (and knowing I'm not the only one finding it all challenging!). So I have to say a big thank you to you for all of your work on this and I really hope the MDC will continue to support the program going forward!"



Alison McGarvey Advanced Bioinformatics Data Scientist BenevolentAI



Participants from 2021-2022

- 12 Academic Track
- 14 Industry/Entrepreneurship
- 4 Science Management/Communication



Outlook 2022:

Current round ends in June ASPIRE will be offered Biennially Applications in January 2023





Several postdocs were successful in publishing this year. Many of them had more than one publication, only one of them is displayed here.



Simona Bianco

7 Publications & 4 Preprints Comparison of the Hi-C, GAM and SPRITE methods using polymer models of chromatin. Fiorillo, L., et al. (2021). Nature Methods



Aleix Arnau Soler

Rare variant analysis in eczema identifies exonic variants in DUSP1, NOTCH4 and SLC9A4. Grosche, S., et al. (2021). Nature Communications



Lydia Dyck

2 Publications, Distinct metabolic programs established in the thymus control effector functions of γδ T cell subsets in tumor microenvironments. Lopes N., et al. (2021). Nature Immunology





Insa Feinkohl

Habilitation in "Molekulare Epidemiologie" Contribution of IQ in young adulthood to the associations of education and occupation with cognitive ability in older age Feinkohl, I., et al. (2021). BMC Geriatrics



helper cells.

Mario Bunse

Helena Escobar Fernandez

CXCR5 CAR-T cells simultaneously target B cell non-

Bunse, M., et al. (2021). Nature Communications

Hodgkin's lymphoma and tumor-supportive follicular T

Base editing repairs an SGCA mutation in human primary muscle stem cells Escobar H., et al. (2021). JCI Insights



Florian Herse

7 Publications

Kidney Injury Caused by Preeclamptic Pregnancy Recovers Postpartum in a Transgenic Rat Model Kediziora, SM., et al. (2021). Int. J. Mol. Sci

Mariel Garcia Rivera

Lipid Metabolite Biomarkers in Cardiovascular Disease: Discovery and Biomechanism Translation from Human Studies. Mcgranaghan, P., et al. (2021). Metabolites



Kristin Kräker

5 Publications

Circulating Maternal sFLT1 (Soluble fms-Like Tyrosine Kinase-1) Is Sufficient to Impair Spiral Arterial Remodeling in a Preeclampsia Mouse Model. Kräker, K., et al. (2021). Hypertension



Victor Jarquin Diaz

Phylogeography and population differentiation in Hepatozoon canis (Apicomplexa: Hepatozoidae) reveal expansion and gene flow in world populations. Vásquez-Aguilar, A., et al. (2021). Parasites Vectors



Ulrike Löber

6 Publications

Fasting alters the gut microbiome reducing blood pressure and body weight in metabolic syndrome patients. Maifeld, A., et al. (2021). Nature Communication



Inmaculada Martinez Reyes

Cancer metabolism: looking forward Martinez-Reyes, I., et al. (2021). Nat. Rev. Cancer



Ines Lahmann

5 Publications

Met and Cxcr4 cooperate to protect skeletal muscle stem cells against inflammation-induced damage during regeneration Lahmann, I., et al. (2021). Elife



Lajos Marko

11 Publications (2 last authorships) Quantifying technical confounders in microbiome studies. Bartolomaeus, TUP., et al. (2021). Cardiovas. Res.



Jason Millward

8 Publications & 3 Book Chapters Reliable kidney size determination by magnetic resonance imaging in pathophysiological settings. Gladytz, T., et al. (2021). Acta Physiol. (Oxf)



Florian Massip

2 Publications (1 last authorship) Identical sequences found in distant genomes reveal frequent horizontal transfer across the bacterial domain Sheinman, M., et al. (2021). Elife



Mariona Pinart

2 Publications

A Federated Individual-Level Analysis of Cross-Sectional Data from Adolescents and Adults in 8 European Studies. Pinart, M., et al. (2021). J. Nutr.



Sara Moazzen

Diet quality indices and gastrointestinal cancer risk results from the Lifelines study Moazzen, S., et al. (2021). Eur. J. Nutr



Michael Radke

Therapeutic inhibition of RBM20 improves diastolic function in a murine heart failure model and human engineered heart tissue. Radke, IM, et al. (2021). Sci. Transl. Med.

Tobias Pohl

Microglia react to partner loss in a sex- and brain sitespecific manner in prairie voles Pohl, T., et al. (2021). Brain, Behavior, and Immunity



Franziska Rother

Last authorship Kpna6 deficiency causes infertility in male mice by disrupting spermatogenesis Liu, N., et al. (2021). Development



Christine Römer

Viruses and Endogenous Retroviruses as Roots for Neuroinflammation and Neurodegenerative Diseases Römer, C. (2021). Frontiers in Neuroscience



Evelyn Ramberger

2 Publications

A Universal Peptide Matrix Interactomics Approach to Disclose Motif-Dependent Protein Binding. Ramberger, E., et al. (2021). Mol. Cell Proteomics



Jorge Ruiz Orera

3 Publications

A trans locus causes a ribosomopathy in hypertrophic hearts that affects mRNA translation in a protein lengthdependent fashion.

Ruiz-Orera, J., et al. (2021). Genome Biology



Carolina Schwedhelm

Using food network analysis to understand meal patterns in pregnant women with high and low diet quality. Schwedhelm, C., et al. (2021). Int. J. Behav. Nutr. Phys.



Maria Pilar Sanchez Bailón

Arginine methylation and ubiquitylation crosstalk controls DNA end-resection and homologous recombination repair. Sanchez-Bailon, MP., et al. (2021). Nat. Commun



Warren Winick-Ng

Cell-type specialization is encoded by specific chromatin topologies. Winich-Ng, W., et al. (2021). Nature

POSTDOC DAY 2021



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OUTLOOK 2021



POSTDOC REPRESENTATIVES



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The MDC Postdoc Office would like to thank all the Postdoc Association members To Jeremy who will soon start new adventures, we wish good luck in his future endeavors.

MDC: Christian Feregrino Giovanna Ilelacua, Dörte Lodka, Nele Warmke. FMP: Miguel Árbesu, Gillian Dornan, Jeremy Morgan Agata Witkowska **Thank you for your devoted work!**

The MDC PDA is looking for new members. Contact: pda@mdc-berlin.de



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To everyone else, best wishes for 2022.