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**Research and scientific interests:** Spatial OMICS, Cardiovascular disease, Human genetics, Bioinformatics, Machine Learning, Computer vision

## Research experience

### University Hospital Heidelberg

POSTDOC IN THE SCHAPIRO LAB

Heidelberg, Germany

22-Jan-22 - ongoing

- Investigation of cellular neighbourhoods and tissue architecture in myocardial infarction models using spatial OMICS technologies

### Montreal Heart Institute

POSTDOC IN THE LETTRE LAB

Montreal, Canada

18-Aug-22 - 21-Aug-22

- Projects focused on high-throughput CRISPR screens, polygenic risk scores, genetics of heart valve disease and development of single-cell screens to investigate human cellular traits.

### Universite de Sherbrooke

PROFESSIONNEL RECHERCHE NIV. II

Remote work

19-Jan-22 - 16-Jan-22

- Part of the GenAP initiative (www.genap.ca) as single-cell expert, to include single-cell tools into the GenAP2 platform. Development of Galaxy tools, Rshiny applications and docker containers for single-cell analysis.

### IEB, University of Münster

STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Münster, Germany

11-Sep-22 - 12-Jul-22

- Acquisti group: Analysis of genomes and metagenomes in the context of nutrient limitation and fertilization.

### IEB, University of Münster

STUDENT ASSISTANT

Münster, Germany

11-Mar-22 - 11-May-22

- Bornberg-Bauer group

## Education

### University of Münster / CHU Sainte Justine Research Center

PH.D. (DR.RER.NAT) - LIFE SCIENCES

Münster, Germany / Montreal,

Canada

Apr.2014 - Apr.2018

- Thesis title: The role of genetic factors in pathogenesis and progression of cardiac malformations

### University of Münster

MSc IN LIFE SCIENCES

Münster, Germany

Oct.2011 - Feb.2014

- Thesis title: Functional and genetic characterization of a novel arrhythmic syndrome

### University of Münster

BSc IN LIFE SCIENCES

Münster, Germany

Oct.2008 - Sep.2011

- Thesis title: Impact of nutrient limitation in insects: Comparative genomics of the pea aphid and the human body louse

## Funding History

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING (CANADIAN CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS) SCHOLARSHIP, FONDS DE RECHERCHE QUÉBEC

SANTÉ (FRQS)

2019 - 2021

## Achievements and Awards

2021/06	Poster prize: Prix Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQS) (Recherche fondamentale doctorale / Postdoc)	Montreal, Canada
2019/10	Abstract prize: Semifinalist 2019 Charles J. Epstein Trainee Awards for Excellence in Human Genetics Research	Houston, Texas, USA
2019/06	Best oral presentation award, 22nd Montreal Heart Institute research day	Montreal, Canada
2017/05	Best oral presentation award, 32nd student congress at the CHU Sainte-Justine	Montreal, Canada
2016/05	Markwald award for best oral presentation, Weinstein Cardiovascular Development and Regeneration Conference 2016	Durham, USA

## Presentations

<b>American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Meeting 2019</b>	Houston, Texas, USA
PRIORITIZATION OF GENOMIC LOCI FOR CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE USING TARGETED CRISPR SCREENS FOR ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION	15.10.2019 - 19.10.2019
<b>XXIle Journée de la recherche ICM</b>	Montreal, Canada
VALIDATION OF GENOME-WIDE POLYGENIC RISK SCORES FOR CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE IN FRENCH CANADIANS	06.06.2019 - 06.06.2019
<b>7th annual MGSE Symposium</b>	Münster, Germany
SINGLE CELL LANDSCAPE OF MAMMALIAN HEART MATURATION	21.03.2018 - 22.03.2018
<b>American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Meeting 2017</b>	Orlando, Florida, USA
IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL MARKER FOR VALVE MATURATION: LOSS OF ADAMTS19 FUNCTION CAUSES PROGRESSIVE VALVE DISEASE IN MICE AND MEN	18.10.2017 - 18.10.2017
<b>Congrès de la recherche des étudiantes des cycles supérieurs et des post-doctorants en recherche au CHU Sainte-Justine</b>	Montreal, Canada
HEART VALVE DYSFUNCTION IN MEN AND MICE IS CAUSED BY LOSS OF FUNCTION MUTATIONS IN ADAMTS19, A NOVEL MARKER FOR VALVULAR INTERSTITIAL CELLS	26.05.2017 - 26.05.2017
<b>Weinstein Cardiovascular Development and Regeneration Conference 2016</b>	Durham, North Carolina, USA
LOSS OF ADAMTS19, A NOVEL MARKER FOR VALVULAR INTERSTITIAL CELL POPULATIONS DURING VALVE MATURATION, CAUSES AORTIC VALVE DYSFUNCTION	18.05.2016 - 21.05.2016
<b>Evolgen, collaborative meeting on genome evolution</b>	Ciążeń, Poland
ACTRANDB: AN ONLINE DATABASE FOR ACANTHAMOEBA CASTELLANI TRANSCRIPTS,	27.06.2012 - 28.06.2012
<b>2nd Muenster graduate school evolution symposium</b>	Münster, Germany
BIOGEOCHEMISTRY MEETS MOLECULAR EVOLUTION VIA METAGENOMICS: TRACING NITROGEN FLUXES FROM ECOSYSTEMS TO GENOMES IN MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES	18.06.2012 - 19.06.2012

## Poster presentations

<b>XXIIIe Journée de la recherche ICM</b>	Montreal, Canada
CRISPR PERTURBATIONS AT MANY CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE LOCI IMPAIR VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL CELL FUNCTIONS	17.06.2021 - 17.06.2021
<b>Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories: The Biology of Genomes</b>	Virtual
CRISPR PERTURBATIONS AT MANY CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE LOCI IMPAIR VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL CELL FUNCTIONS	11.05.2021 - 14.05.2021
<b>Weinstein Cardiovascular Development and Regeneration Conference</b>	Nara, Japan
A SINGLE-CELL PERSPECTIVE ON GROWTH AND MATURATION PATHWAYS IN THE MOUSE HEART.	16.05.2018 - 18.05.2018
<b>American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) 2014</b>	San Diego, California, USA
DE NOVO MUTATION IN SOX18 CAUSES A NOVEL FORM OF HYPOTRICHOSIS-LYPHEDEMA-TELANGIECTASIA WITH SEVERE VASCULAR DEFECTS	18.10.2014 - 22.10.2014
<b>42nd Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland 2012</b>	Lueneburg, Germany
SOIL METAGENOMICS TO UNRAVEL THE SIGNATURE OF FERTILIZERS ON THE MOLECULAR COMPOSITION OF THE BACTERIAL RIBOSOME	10.09.2012 - 14.09.2012

## Publications

Biermann, Jana, Johannes C Melms, Amit Dipak Amin, Yiping Wang, Lindsay A Caprio, Alcida Karz, Somnath Tagore, Irving Barrera, Miguel A Ibarra-Arellano, Massimo Andreatta, Benjamin T Fullerton, Kristjan H Gretarsson, Varun Sahu, Vaibhav S Mangipudy, Trang T T Nguyen, Ajay Nair, Meri Rogava, Patricia Ho, Peter D Koch, Matei Banu, Nelson Humala, Aayushi Mahajan, Zachary H Walsh, Shivem B Shah, Daniel H Vaccaro, Blake Caldwell, Michael Mu, Florian Wünnemann, Margot Chazotte, Simon Berhe, Adrienne M Luoma, Joseph Driver, Matthew Ingham, Shaheer

A Khan, Suthee Rapisuwon, Craig L Slingluff, Thomas Eigentler, Martin Röcken, Richard Carvajal, Michael B Atkins, Michael A Davies, Albert Agustinus, Samuel F Bakhoun, Elham Azizi, Markus Siegelin, Chao Lu, Santiago J Carmona, Hanina Hibshoosh, Antoni Ribas, Peter Canoll, Jeffrey N Bruce, Wenya Linda Bi, Praveen Agrawal, Denis Schapiro, Eva Hernando, Evan Z Macosko, Fei Chen, Gary K Schwartz, and Benjamin Izar. 2022. “Dissecting the Treatment-Naive Ecosystem of Human Melanoma Brain Metastasis.” *Cell* 185 (14): 2591–2608.e30.

Chetaille, Philippe, Christoph Preuss, Silja Burkhard, Jean-Marc Côté, Christine Houde, Julie Castilloux, Jessica Piché, Natacha Gosset, Séverine Leclerc, Florian Wünnemann, and others. 2014. “Mutations in Sgol1 Cause a Novel Cohesinopathy Affecting Heart and Gut Rhythm.” *Nature Genetics* 46 (11). Nature Publishing Group: 1245.

Gillis, Elisabeth, Ajay A Kumar, Ilse Luyckx, Christoph Preuss, Elyssa Cannaerts, Gerarda Van De Beek, Björn Wieschendorf, Maaïke Alaerts, Nikhita Bolar, Geert Vandeweyer, and others. 2017. “Candidate Gene Resequencing in a Large Bicuspid Aortic Valve-Associated Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Cohort: Smad6 as an Important Contributor.” *Frontiers in Physiology* 8. Frontiers: 400.

Gould, Russell A, Hamza Aziz, Courtney E Woods, Manuel Alejandro Seman-Senderos, Elizabeth Sparks, Christoph Preuss, Florian Wünnemann, Djahida Bedja, Cassandra R Moats, Sarah A McClymont, and others. 2019. “Robo4 Variants Predispose Individuals to Bicuspid Aortic Valve and Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm.” *Nature Genetics* 51 (1). Nature Publishing Group: 42–50.

Luyckx, Ilse, Ajay A Kumar, Edwin Reyniers, Emily Dekeyser, Kathleen Vanderstraeten, Geert Vandeweyer, Florian Wünnemann, Christoph Preuss, Jean-Michaël Mazzella, Guillaume Goudot, and others. 2019. “Copy Number Variation Analysis in Bicuspid Aortic Valve-Related Aortopathy Identifies Tbx20 as a Contributing Gene.” *European Journal of Human Genetics* 27 (7). Nature Publishing Group: 1033–43.

Preuss, Christoph, Melanie Capredon, Florian Wünnemann, Philippe Chetaille, Andrea Prince, Beatrice Godard, Séverine Leclerc, Nara Sobreira, Hua Ling, Philip Awadalla, and others. 2016. “Family Based Whole Exome Sequencing Reveals the Multifaceted Role of Notch Signaling in Congenital Heart Disease.” *PLoS Genetics* 12 (10). Public Library of Science San Francisco, CA USA: e1006335.

Wünnemann, Florian, Victor Kokta, Séverine Leclerc, Maryse Thibeault, Catherine McCuaig, Afshin Hatami, Chantal Stheneur, Jean-Christophe Grenier, Philip Awadalla, Grant A Mitchell, and others. 2016. “Aortic Dilatation Associated with a de Novo Mutation in the Sox18 Gene: Expanding the Clinical Spectrum of Hypotrichosis-Lymphedema-Telangiectasia Syndrome.” *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* 32 (1). Elsevier: 135–e1.

Wünnemann, Florian, Ken Sin Lo, Alexandra Langford-Avelar, David Busseuil, Marie-Pierre Dubé, Jean-Claude Tardif, and Guillaume Lettre. 2019. “Validation of Genome-Wide Polygenic Risk Scores for Coronary Artery Disease in French Canadians.” *Circulation: Genomic and Precision Medicine* 12 (6). Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Hagerstown, MD: e002481.

Wünnemann, Florian, Thierry Fotsing Tadjio, Melissa Beaudoin, Simon Lalonde, Ken Sin Lo, and Guillaume Lettre. 2021. “CRISPR Perturbations at Many Coronary Artery Disease Loci Impair Vascular Endothelial Cell Functions.” *bioRxiv*. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Wünnemann, Florian, Asaf Ta-Shma, Christoph Preuss, Séverine Leclerc, Patrick Piet van Vliet, Andrea Oneglia, Maryse Thibeault, Emily Nordquist, Joy Lincoln, Franka Scharfenberg, and others. 2020. “Loss of Adams19 Causes Progressive Non-Syndromic Heart Valve Disease.” *Nature Genetics* 52 (1). Nature Publishing Group: 40–47.

## Computational skills

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- **General:** GWAS analysis, Exome/Genome variant calling, Plink, bedtools, Image analysis (Fiji, Napari, QuPath)
- **R:** Rshiny application development, Rmarkdown, Package development, OMICS data analysis (RNA-seq, single-cell OMICS), reticulate
- **Python:** Jupyter notebooks, basic computer vision applications, single-cell OMICS analysis
- **Containers:** Docker container creation, Singularity usage, Nextflow workflow creation and execution
- **Galaxy project:** Creation of galaxy tools and wrappers

## Languages

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- German (mother-language)
- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)