

DFG I Collaborative Research Center 1423:

Structural Dynamics of GPCR Activation and Signaling

Annette Beck-Sickinger, Torsten Schöneberg

Leipzig University, Institute of Biochemistry / Medical Faculty, Institute of Medical Bio

SUBPROJECTS

Scheerer

Structural elucidation of neuropeptide GPCRs

Huster, Hildebrand Investigation of the structure and dynamics of the ghrelin/GHS receptor complex

Schmidt, Sinz

Characterizing the molecular interactions of Y1 and Y2 receptors with NPY

Huster, Beck-Sickinger

Characterizing the molecular interaction between the Y receptor and arrestin

Scheerer, Sphan, Schönberg

Structures of adhesion GPCR by cryo-electron microscopy

Sträter, Langenhan

Enzymology of autoproteolysis and signaling function of the GAIN domain in adhesion **GPCRs**

Meiler .

Innovative Rosetta algorithms for comparative modeling and docking of GPCRs

Beck-Sickinger

Molecular mechanisms of allosteric modulators at Yreceptors

Biebermann, Kühnen

Melanocortin 4 receptor signaling revisited: from ligand/receptor interphase to signaling modulation

Kaiser

Role of extracellular loop interactions in NPY receptor activation

Coin

Mapping binding sites of NPY peptides on the Y5 receptor using genetically encoded crosslinkers

Structural consequences of adhesion GPCR activation

Scholz, Langenhan

through complex formation

Stadler, Hildebrand

Evolution of functional selectivity in GPCR signal transduction

Annibale, Lohse

Microscopic methods to study how GPCR dynamics and localization impact signaling specificity

Prömel, Schöneberg

The neglected receptor N terminus - signal filter, signal integration, trans-signaling of adhesion GPCR

Bock, Coin

Structural dynamics of allosteric coupling in GPCRs

Beck-Sickinger, Schöneberg

Central Administration

Huster

Integrated Research Training Group (IRTG)

Scheerer, Beck-Sickinger

Peptide synthesis and membrane protein (GPCR) expression

Meiler, Stadler, Hildebrand

Computational models of structure, dynamics and evolution of GPCRs

BASIC AND STRUCTURE

KEY FACTS

Coordinating University: Leipzig University Research area: Biochemistry, Structural Biology, Biophysics, Bioinformatics, Bioorganic Chemistry, Molecular Pharmacology

FIRST CLASS EQUIPMENT:

NMR, MS, FRET, cryo-EM, crystallography; Core Facility: Bio-Imaging & Fluorescence Technology, NMR & HPC Center, ...

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Spokes-. persons Operational management chairperson of Board, MPI & GM

Advisory

Board

Meeting of the Project Leaders doctoral representative is a full member, etc

Member Meeting

roval final proposal, purchase, e

Board

OUTSTANDING FEATURES

- Highly motivated and outstanding researchers
- Long-standing research collaboration: over 170 JOINT **PUBLICATIONS** with at least 2 PL in the last 10 years
- International University partnership: Vanderbilt-Leipzig

RESEARCH AREAS

PROJECT AREA A

Identification of structural snapshots of peptide and adhesion GPCRs.

PROJECT AREA B

Investigates signaling pathways for GPCR activation leading to stabilization of active receptor conformations.

PROJECT AREA C

Investigates how modulation of signal selectivity occurs at the molecular level and its consequences.

PROJECT AREA Z

Administration. graduate school, peptide synthesis/ expression and computational modeling

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ Over 40 SFB1423 Publications
- ✓ Over 10 Open Access

INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY

- Organization and implementation of scientific events, e.g. workshops, modules, lecture series, faculty clubs
- 4GPCRnet (26.-29.09.2022) **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM** together with FOR2372, COST ACTIONS Adher'n Rise and ERNEST
- Public Relations: Website, Press
- Social Media: TWITTER

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK / MERCATOR

odulation

International cooperation partners e.g. KOBILKA, ERNST, GLORIAM, EMMITTE



- Over 50 joint publications
- Joint third-party funded projects
- **MERCATOR-FELLOWS** GUREVICH. MCHAOURAB





GENDER EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

NETWORKING — FAMILY -

Flexible Child Care

Flexibility of working

Flexible funding and support during family part-time

Participant costs for school holiday program

Mobile KidsBox

Emergency family care

Home Office

CAREER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

GRADUATE LEVEL ► POSTDOC LEVEL ► GROUP LEADERS

Further qualification

Further qualification

close collaboration with the Reasearch Academie CAREER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

PROMOTION OF RECRUITMENT OF FEMALE SCIENTISTS

All members of the CRC can make use of equal opportunities' funds after application to the Board in advance.

SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT

- Development of the SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
- Preparation and writing of scientific reports & proposals
- Coordination between the participating institutions
- Logistics & Management of FINANCES & PERSONAL Organization and support of regular meetings / preparation of scientific topics and events
- Organization of the SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE
 - Organize and support the outreach activities
 - **PROJECT MANAGEMENT & QUALITY CONTROL** of Research Data Management / Good Scientific Practice

ABOUT US

COORDINATOR

Leipzig University

FUNDED BY

DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Grant number 421152132 **Funding period** 2020 – 2023

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

CHARITÉ - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg Max-Delbrück-Centrum for molecular Medicine, Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf

WELL ESTABLISHED RESEARCH TEAM

- 18 Subprojects: 22 PL, 30 PhDs, 7 PostDocs
- Over 170 joint Publications
 - First class equipment: NMR, MS, FRET, cryo-EM, crystallography; HPC's

CONTACT

Leipzig University Institute of Biochemistry Prof. Dr. Annette Beck-Sickinger Brüderstraße 34, 04103 Leipzig

WEB MAIL **TWITTER**

www.sfb1423.de sfb1423@uni-leipzig.de #sfb1423 | **JOIN US**









