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Research

After my PhD studies at the University for Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany, I moved to Lund for a 2-year postdoc in the group of Prof. Dr. Heiko Herwald. I worked independently on a project studying **mechanisms underlying NET formation**.

In my current position associated to the group of Prof. Lars Björck (**Molecular Pathogenesis**), I aim to **unveil the interplay of human host proteins with Gram-positive (anaerobic) cocci** during infection.

Infections with group A streptococci (GAS) and Gram-positive anaerobic cocci (GPAC) can cause mild diseases as well as severe invasive conditions, such as sepsis and necrotizing fasciitis. Reduced susceptibility towards certain antibiotics alongside existing comorbidities amplify the risk of detrimental outcome for the host. Interactions between host and bacterial proteins are highly significant for pathogenesis and virulence.

The **streptococcal inhibitor of complement (SIC)** has been reported to bind and inactivates host defence proteins, being implicated in serious disease progression. Similar to GAS, virulence factors of GPAC species *F. magna*, such as ***F. magna* adhesion factor (FAF)** and **Protein L** have been associated with binding to host proteins and induction of clinical infection. Applying a range of molecular, cellular and biophysical methods (e.g. Infection assays, Circular Dichroism, Fluorescence Spectroscopy, Surface Plasmon Resonance), my research aims to **provide novel and crucial information needed to target GAS and GPAC infections**, thus promoting the development of potential preventive and therapeutic strategies.

Employment

Assistant researcher

Infection Medicine (BMC)
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2015 Sep 21 → present

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2018 Jan 25 → present

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Research outputs

Host Defense Peptides LL-37 and Lactoferrin Trigger ET Release from Blood-Derived Circulating Monocytes

Schwäbe, F. V., Happonen, L., Ekestubbe, S. & Neumann, A., 2022, In: *Biomedicines*. 10, 2, 469.

Rapid release of sepsis markers heparin-binding protein and calprotectin triggered by anaerobic cocci poses an underestimated threat

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Streptococcal protein SIC activates monocytes and induces inflammation

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Extracellular traps: An ancient weapon of multiple kingdoms

Neumann, A., Brogden, G. & von Köckritz-Blickwede, M., 2020, In: *Biology*. 9, 2, 34.

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Neutrophil extracellular traps in the central nervous system hinder bacterial clearance during pneumococcal meningitis

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Protein SIC secreted from Streptococcus pyogenes forms complexes with extracellular histones that boost cytokine production

Westman, J., Chakrakodi, B., Snäll, J., Mörgelin, M., Madsen, M. B., Hyldegaard, O., Neumann, A., Frick, I. M., Norrby-Teglund, A., Björck, L. & Herwald, H., 2018 Feb 22, In: *Frontiers in Immunology*. 9, FEB, p. 1-14 236.

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Interaction of factor VII activating protease (FSAP) with neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs)

Grasso, S., Neumann, A., Lang, I. M., Etscheid, M., von Köckritz-Blickwede, M. & Kanse, S. M., 2018, In: *Thrombosis Research*. 161, p. 36-42 7 p.

Streptococcal inhibitor of complement (SIC) modulates fibrinolysis and enhances bacterial survival within fibrin clots

Frick, I. M., Shannon, O., Neumann, A., Karlsson, C., Wikström, M. & Björck, L., 2018, In: *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 293, 35, p. 13578-13591 14 p.

Methods to study lipid alterations in neutrophils and the subsequent formation of neutrophil extracellular traps

Brogden, G., Neumann, A., Husein, D. M., Reuner, F., Naim, H. Y. & Von Köckritz-Blickwede, M., 2017 Mar 29, In: *Journal of Visualized Experiments*. 2017, 121, e54667.

Neutrophil extracellular trap formation in the Streptococcus suis-infected cerebrospinal fluid compartment

de Buhr, N., Reuner, F., Neumann, A., Stump-Guthier, C., Tenenbaum, T., Schroten, H., Ishikawa, H., Müller, K., Beineke, A., Hennig-Pauka, I., Gutschmann, T., Valentin-Weigand, P., Baums, C. G. & von Köckritz-Blickwede, M., 2017 Feb, In: *Cellular Microbiology*. 19, 2, e12649.

Yersinia enterocolitica-mediated degradation of neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs)

Möllerherm, H., Neumann, A., Schilcher, K., Blodkamp, S., Zeitouni, N. E., Dersch, P., Lüthje, P., Naim, H. Y., Zinkernagel, A. S. & von Köckritz-Blickwede, M., 2015 Dec, In: FEMS Microbiology Letters. 362, 23, fnv192.

Automatic determination of NET (neutrophil extracellular traps) coverage in fluorescent microscopy images

Coelho, L. P., Pato, C., Friães, A., Neumann, A., von Köckritz-Blickwede, M., Ramirez, M. & Carriço, J. A., 2015 Jul 15, In: Bioinformatics. 31, 14, p. 2364-70 7 p.

Identification of a novel DNase of Streptococcus suis (EndAsuis) important for neutrophil extracellular trap degradation during exponential growth

de Buhr, N., Stehr, M., Neumann, A., Naim, H. Y., Valentin-Weigand, P., von Köckritz-Blickwede, M. & Baums, C. G., 2015 Apr, In: Microbiology. 161, p. 838-50 13 p.

The antimicrobial peptide LL-37 facilitates the formation of neutrophil extracellular traps

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Lipid alterations in human blood-derived neutrophils lead to formation of neutrophil extracellular traps

Neumann, A., Brogden, G., Jerjomiceva, N., Brodesser, S., Naim, H. Y. & von Köckritz-Blickwede, M., 2014 Aug 31, In: European Journal of Cell Biology. 93, 8-9, p. 347-54 8 p.

Streptococcus suis DNase SsnA contributes to degradation of neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs) and evasion of NET-mediated antimicrobial activity

de Buhr, N., Neumann, A., Jerjomiceva, N., von Köckritz-Blickwede, M. & Baums, C. G., 2014 Feb, In: Microbiology. 160, p. 385-95 11 p.

Novel Role of the Antimicrobial Peptide LL-37 in the Protection of Neutrophil Extracellular Traps against Degradation by Bacterial Nucleases

Neumann, A., Voellger, L., Berends, E. T. M., Molhoek, E. M., Stapels, D. A. C., Midon, M., Friaes, A., Pingoud, A., Rooijackers, S. H. M., Gallo, R. L., Mörgelin, M., Nizet, V., Naim, H. Y. & von Koeckritz-Blickwede, M., 2014, In: Journal of Innate Immunity. 6, 6, p. 860-868

Prizes and Distinctions

Best Poster award

Neumann, Ariane (Recipient), 2016 May

Gerhard-Domagk-Preis für Biowissenschaften

Neumann, Ariane (Recipient), 2015 Jun 12

Travel Awardee

Neumann, Ariane (Recipient), 2014 Apr

Travel Awardee

Neumann, Ariane (Recipient), 2017 Sep

Travel Awardee

Neumann, Ariane (Recipient), 2018 May

Young Scientist Award for best oral presentation

Neumann, Ariane (Recipient), 2014 May

Awards