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Education

1984-1991 Studies of Medicine, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Germany
1990-1991 Diploma thesis, Clinical Immunology, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
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1991-1994 Doctoral thesis (MD), Institute for Molecular Infection Biology, University of Würzburg

Professional background & positions held

2010-present Principal Investigator and “Akademische Oberrätin” Institute for Molecular Infection Biology, University of Würzburg
2007-2009 Reader in Bacteriology, Centre for Infection & Immunity, Queen’s University of Belfast, United Kingdom
2003 Habilitation (lecture qualification) in Molecular Infection Biology, University of Würzburg
1996-2006 Principal Investigator, Institute for Molecular Infection Biology, University of Würzburg
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Current research interests

- Antibiotic resistance profiles and mechanisms in coagulase-negative staphylococci from livestock environments
- ncRNA-driven heterogenous gene expression and control in *S. epidermidis* biofilms
- Regulation of methionine metabolism in staphylococci
- Molecular function of mobile genetic elements in staphylococci

Ten selected publications

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5. Weisser, M., Schoenfelder, S.M., Orasch, C., Arber, C., Gratwohl, A., Frei, R., Eckart, M., Fluckiger, U., and **Ziebuhr, W.** (2010). Hypervariability of biofilm formation and oxacillin resistance in a *Staphylococcus epidermidis* strain causing persistent severe infection in an immunocompromised patient. **J Clin Microbiol** 48, 2407-2412.
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7. Hennig, S., and **Ziebuhr, W.** (2008). A transposase-independent mechanism gives rise to precise excision of IS256 from insertion sites in *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. **J Bacteriol** 190, 1488-1490.
8. Batzilla, C.F., Rachid, S., Engelmann, S., Hecker, M., Hacker, J., and **Ziebuhr, W.** (2006). Impact of the accessory gene regulatory system (Agr) on extracellular proteins, *codY* expression and amino acid metabolism in *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. **Proteomics** 6, 3602-3613.
9. Loessner, I., Dietrich, K., Dittrich, D., Hacker, J., and **Ziebuhr, W.** (2002). Transposase-dependent formation of circular IS256 derivatives in *Staphylococcus epidermidis* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. **J Bacteriol** 184, 4709-4714.
10. **Ziebuhr, W.**, Krimmer, V., Rachid, S., Loessner, I., Götz, F., and Hacker, J. (1999). A novel mechanism of phase variation of virulence in *Staphylococcus epidermidis*: evidence for control of the polysaccharide intercellular adhesin synthesis by alternating insertion and excision of the insertion sequence element IS256. **Mol Microbiol** 32, 345-356.