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Current Position Research Assistant

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Research Area

Since 2006, I have been investigating the Y₁ and Y₂ receptors as member of the Daniel Huster lab. I have established the recombinant expression of the receptor proteins using *E. coli* and we are also developing cell-free expression systems for efficient isotope labeling for NMR studies. My expertise is the functional folding of the Y receptors in different phospholipid and detergent environments. Finally, I study the interaction of the Y receptors in interaction with their natural ligand NPY using solid-state as well as solution NMR techniques.

Academic Training

2006–2009 Graduate student, junior research group “Structural biology of Membrane Proteins”, Institute for Biotechnology, University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

2004–2006 Diploma thesis, ScilProteins GmbH, Halle, Germany

2000–2006 Undergraduate student of bioengineering, Institute for Engineering Science, University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

Scientific Certificates

2009 Dissertation in Biophysics, University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
“Prokaryotic expression, *in vitro* folding and reconstitution of the Neuropeptide Y receptor type 2 for structural investigations by NMR”
Advisor: Prof. Huster

2006 Diplom-Ingenieur (Dipl.-Ing.) (equivalent to M.Sc.), ScilProteins GmbH, Halle/ University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
“Production of recombinant human BMP-7 in the prokaryotic expression system *E. coli*”, Advisor: Prof Rudolph

Professional Career

Since 2020 Project leader of project A03, SFB 1423

2014 and 2016 Guest researcher, group of Jens Meiler, Centre for Structural Biology, VU, Nashville, USA

2013–2015 Head of ESF junior research group, Institute of Medical Physics and Biophysics, Leipzig University, Germany

2011–2012 Head of “Formel1” junior research group, Medical Department, Leipzig University, Germany

- 2011 Guest researcher, group of Daniel Nietlispach, Biochemistry Department, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2010 Guest researcher, group of Anthony Watts, Biochemistry Department, University of Oxford, UK

Scientific Activities, Honors, Awards

- 2016 Teaching graduate-level summer course at VU, Nashville, USA
- Since 2010 Lecturer in practical physics for undergraduate students of medicine, biology and biochemistry, and supervisor in charge for Master- and PhD-students all in the Institute of Medical Physics and Biophysics, Leipzig University, Germany

Most Important Publications

- [1] Laugwitz JM, Haeri HH, Kaiser A, Krug U, Hinderberger D, Beck-Sickinger AG, **Schmidt P**. Probing the Y₂ Receptor on Transmembrane, Intra- and Extra-Cellular Sites for EPR Measurements. *Molecules*, 2020;25; 4143.
- [2] Vogel A, Bosse M, Gauglitz M, Wistuba S, **Schmidt P**, Kaiser A, Guruvich VV, Beck-Sickinger AG, Hildebrand PW, Huster D. The Dynamics of the Neuropeptide Y Receptor Type 1 Investigated by Solid-State NMR and Molecular Dynamics Simulation. *Molecules*, 2020; 25; 5489.
- [3] Pacull EM, Sendker F, Bernhard F, Scheidt HA, **Schmidt P**, Huster D, Krug U. Integration of Cell-Free Expression and Solid-State NMR to Investigate the Dynamic Properties of Different Sites of the Growth Hormone Secretagogue Receptor. *Front Pharmacol.* 2020;11; 562113
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- [7] Kaiser A, Mueller P, Zellmann T, Scheidt HA, Thomas L, Bosse M, Meier R, Meiler J, Huster D, Beck-Sickinger AG, **Schmidt P**. Unwinding of the C-Terminal Residues of Neuropeptide Y is critical for Y₂ Receptor Binding and Activation. *Angew Chem Int Ed Engl.* 2015; 54:7446-9.
- [8] **Schmidt P**, Thomas L, Mueller P, Scheidt HA, Huster D. The G Protein-Coupled Neuropeptide Y Receptor Type 2 is Highly Dynamic in Lipid Membranes as Revealed by Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy. *Chemistry*. 2014; 20:4986-92.
- [9] Witte K, Kaiser A, **Schmidt P***, Splith V, Thomas L, Berndt S, Huster D, Beck-Sickinger AG. Oxidative *In vitro* Folding of a Cysteine Deficient Mutant of the G Protein-Coupled

- Neuropeptide Y₂ Receptor Improves Stability at High Concentration. *Biol Chem.* 2013; 394:1045-56. (*corresponding author)
- [10] Hofmann S, Frank R, Hey-Hawkins E, Beck-Sickinger AG, **Schmidt P**. Manipulating Y Receptor Selectivity of Short Neuropeptide Y Analogs by Introducing Carbaboranes. *Neuropeptides.* 2013; 47:59-66.
- [11] Bosse M, Thomas L, Hassert R, Beck-Sickinger AG, Huster D, **Schmidt P**. Assessment of a Fully Active Class A G Protein-Coupled Receptor Isolated from *in vitro* Folding. *Biochemistry.* 2011; 50:9817-25.
- [12] **Schmidt P**, Berger C, Scheidt HA, Berndt S, Bunge A, Beck-Sickinger AG, Huster D. A reconstitution protocol for the *in vitro* folded human G protein-coupled Y-2 receptor into lipid environment. *Biophys Chem.* 2010; 150:29-36.
- [13] Schimmer S*, Lindner D*, **Schmidt P***, Beck-Sickinger AG, Huster D, Rudolph R. Functional Characterization of *in vitro* Folded Human Y-1 Receptor in Lipid Environment. *Protein Pept Lett.* 2010; 17:605-9. (*contributed equally)
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