

Curriculum Vitae Eva Maria König, PhD

PERSONAL DATA

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FIELDS OF RESEARCH

<i>Keywords</i>	immunology, tumor immunology, cell biology, natural killer (NK) cells, immunoediting, tumor evolution, cytokines, JAK/STAT/SOCS signaling, pharmacology, extracellular matrix, invasion and metastasis, leukemia, melanoma, cellular immunotherapy
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EDUCATION

<i>2007-2013</i>	PhD thesis (N094) at the Medical University of Vienna (MUW) under the supervision of Univ.-Prof. Dr. V. Sexl: Impact of IFNAR1 and STAT1-S727 on NK cell activity and tumor surveillance
<i>2006-2007</i>	Diploma thesis at the Max Perutz Laboratories, Vienna, under the supervision of a.o.Univ.-Prof. Dr. F. Pittner: Studies to develop a meat freshness sensor based on nanotechnology
<i>2001-2007</i>	Diploma studies of Chemistry at the University of Vienna
<i>1994 – 2001</i>	High school BG Bregenz Blumenstraße

EMPLOYMENTS

<i>2024 – current</i>	Principal Investigator at the Institute of Pharmacology, MUW, Vienna
<i>2019 – 2023</i>	Principal Investigator at the St. Anna Children’s Cancer Research Institute, Vienna
<i>Apr. 2017 – Mar. 2018</i>	Max Perutz Laboratories / Vetmeduni Vienna (Austria): Post-doctoral fellow in the laboratories of Prof. Thomas Decker (MFPL) and Prof. Veronika Sexl (Vetmeduni)
<i>Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2017</i>	QIMR Berghofer Institute of Medical Research (QLD, Australia): Post-doctoral fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Mark Smyth
<i>Sept. 2013 – Feb. 2015</i>	Vetmeduni Vienna (Austria): Post-doctoral fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Dr. V. Sexl
<i>2007-2013</i>	MUW/Vetmeduni Vienna (Austria): Pre-doctoral fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Dr. V. Sexl, supervision of trainees and diploma students
<i>Sept.-Oct. 2005</i>	Tecnonuclear (Buenos Aires, Argentina): internship

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

<i>Grants</i>	<p>2024: DOC fellowship for my PhD student Faith David, Austrian Academy of Sciences (98,160 €; “The role of serine/threonine kinase 38 (STK38(L)) in NK cells – A promising novel target for cancer immunotherapy”, 09/2024-07/2026; <u>PhD and project supervision</u>)</p> <p>2021: Stand-Alone Project, Austrian Science Fund (FWF P34832; 399,640 €; “Non-canonical STAT1 signaling in natural killer cells”; 01/2022-06/2027; <u>project lead</u>)</p> <p>2021: Fellingner Cancer Research Grant (25,000 €, “Uncovering immune evasion mechanisms of leukemic cells from natural killer cells”, 07/2021-06/2022, <u>project lead</u>)</p> <p>2021: DOC fellowship for my PhD student Michelle Buri, Austrian Academy of Sciences (115,500 €; “How do leukemic cells escape natural killer cell-mediated surveillance? Uncovering novel immune evasion mechanism(s)”; 08/2021-06/2024; <u>PhD and project supervision</u>)</p> <p>2019: Science Communication Project, Austrian Science Fund (FWF WKP 132-B: 49,083 €; “Art4Science”, 05/2020-04/2022, <u>project lead</u>)</p> <p>2018: Stand-Alone Project, Austrian Science Fund (FWF P32001-B; 341,760 €; “Finding tumor immune evasions strategies by cellular barcoding”; 03/2019-09/2023, <u>project lead</u>)</p> <p>2014: Erwin Schrödinger Fellowship, Austrian Science Fund (FWF J3635; 156,940 €; “NLRP1 and NLRP3 in T and NK cell immunity”; 02/2015-03/2018, <u>project lead</u>)</p> <p>2008: DOC-fORTE, Austrian Academy of Science (60,000 €; “STAT1 Serine727 – Key Regulator for NK Cell-Mediated Cytotoxicity and Tumor Surveillance”; 01/2010-12/2011; <u>project lead</u>)</p>
<i>Awards</i>	<p>2022: Heribert-Konzett-Prize of the Austrian Pharmacological Society (APHAR)</p> <p>2022: Best talk at the 14th ÖGMBT Annual Meeting, Vienna, Austria</p> <p>2014: Poster prize at the 6th ÖGMBT Annual Meeting, Vienna, Austria</p> <p>2014: Armin Tschermak von Seysenegg Prize, Gesellschaft der Freunde der VUW</p> <p>2013: EFIS scholarship, 2nd Meeting of Mid-Europ. Soc. f. Immunol. and Allergol., Croatia</p> <p>2011: EFIS-EJI scholarship for EMBO - Signaling in the Immune System Meeting in Siena, Italy</p> <p>2009: Poster prize at the Natural Killer Cell Symposium in Freiburg, Germany</p>
<i>Oral Presentations (excerpt)</i>	<p>2025: - Hearing for a professorship in “Animal Physiology” at the University of Salzburg, Austria</p> <p>2024: - Series “Being up to date in cancer biology” at the VetMedUni Vienna, Austria</p> <p>2023: - Seminar at the Fondazione Ri.MED, Palermo, Italy</p> <p>- Hearing for a professorship in “Cell Biology” at the Karl Landsteiner University, Krems, Austria</p> <p>- CACB Seminar at the Center for Anatomy and Cell Biology, MUW, Austria</p> <p>2022: - Keynote lecture at the 26th Annual Meeting of the APHAR in Graz, Austria</p> <p>- 14th ÖGMBT Meeting, Vienna, Austria</p> <p>- Series “Being up to date in cancer biology” at the VetMedUni Vienna, Austria</p> <p>2021: Karl Landsteiner Lunchtime seminar, virtual</p> <p>2020: Science Meeting at the Institute of Physiology, Medical University of Vienna, Austria</p> <p>2019: LBI for Hematology and Oncology KickOff Meeting, Austria</p> <p>2014: NK2014 Meeting, Germany</p> <p>2013: - 2nd Meeting of Middle-Europ. Soc. f. Immunol. & Allergol. Croatia</p> <p>- 19th Scientific Symposium of APHAR, Austria</p> <p>2010: Meeting of the Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology (ÖGAI), Vienna, Austria</p>
<i>Memberships</i>	<p>APHAR (Austrian Pharmacological Society, since 2008)</p> <p>EATI (European Academy of Tumor Immunology, since 2016)</p> <p>OEGAI (Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology, since 2011)</p> <p>OEGHO (Austrian Society of Hematology and Medical Oncology, since 2024)</p> <p>OEGMBT (Austrian Association of Molecular Life Sciences and Biotechnology, since 2013)</p>
<i>Peer-Review activities</i>	<p><i>Journals:</i> Animal Biotechnology, Cancer Research, Frontiers in Immunology, Journal of ImmunoTherapy of Cancer, Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, Molecules, Nature Communications, Oncoimmunology, PlosOne, Trends in Immunology; <i>Funding Bodies:</i> Children’s Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG), Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust</p>
<i>Editorial activities</i>	<p>2021-2022: Topic editor of “Drivers of Innate Lymphoid Cell Plasticity” in Frontiers in Immunology</p>
<i>Collaboration partners</i>	<p>Emilio Casanova, Matthias Farlik, Thorsten Füreder, Dietmar Herndler-Brandstetter, Johannes Huppa, Xaver König, Christoph Minichsdorfer, Herwig Moll, Shinya Sakaguchi, Isabella Salzer, Gernot Schabbauer, Iris Uras-Jodl, Charlotte Zajc, Eva Zebedin-Brandl (MUW, Austria); Manfred Lehner, Sabine Strehl, George Cresswell, etc. (CCRI, Austria); Dagmar Gotthardt, Veronika Sexl (Vetmeduni, Austria); Dagmar Stoiber-Sakaguchi, Agnieszka Witalisz-Siepracka (KL University Krems, Austria); Anna Obenauf (IMP, Austria); Michael Traxlmayr (BOKU, Austria); Tobias Bald, Dillon Corvino (University of Bonn, Germany); Leila Perié (Institut Curie, France); Ton Schumacher (NKI, The Netherlands); Heidi Harjunpää (University of Helsinki, Finland); Eric Kowarz, Rolf Marschalek (University of Frankfurt, Germany); Martin Distel (Huntsman Cancer Institute, Utah, USA); Melissa Elliott, Todd A. Fehniger (Washington University in St. Louis, USA); Debby Hynx, Fengyuan Tang (University of Basel, Switzerland); Juming Yan (Xuzhou Medical University, China)</p>

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

<i>Science Communication</i>	<p>since 2020: Art4Science project (https://www.art4science.at/)</p> <p>2019-2023: Lange Nacht der Kinderkrebsforschung, CCRI</p> <p>2018: BE OPEN Science & Society Festival of the FWF</p>
<i>Teaching</i>	<p>Since 2024: MUW: Block 7 (SE in “Science and Medicine”), Block 4 (SE in “Functional systems and biological regulation”), Basic lecture in the PhD program MolSignTrans (VO), Journal Clubs (SE), Thesis Seminars (SE)</p> <p>2020 WS: MUW: Spot Lights on Paediatric Cancer Research (SE)</p> <p>2017 SS: Vetmeduni Vienna: “New therapeutic approaches in tumor therapies” (SE)</p> <p>2016: QIMR Berghofer Institute, Australia: High school work experience program (SE+PR)</p> <p>2014 WS: MUW: Basic lecture in the PhD program Inflammation and Immunity (VO)</p> <p>2007 SS: University of Vienna: Laboratory Course C + Molecular Biology II (PR)</p>
<i>Supervision</i>	<p>Bachelor student: L. Sippl (2023)</p> <p>Master students: K. Kos (2016), S. Stofner (2021), A. Dupanovic (2023), N. Schindler (2024), A. Borojević (2025), K. Kiss (2025)</p> <p>PhD students: M.C. Buri (2020-2025), F.O. David (2021-current) (MUW, N094)</p> <p>Postdoctoral fellows: Dr. H. Baik (2019-2023), Dr. F. Hall-Glenn (2021), Dr. B. Kovacic (2019-2020)</p>
<i>Meetings – Poster Presentations (excerpt)</i>	<p>2025: International Congress of Immunology (ICI), Vienna, Austria: M.C. Buri, A. Borojević, M.R. Shoeb, A. Bykov, P. Repiscak, A. Dupanovic, F.O. David, F. Halbritter, <u>E.M. Putz</u>. “Revealing novel evasion mechanisms of leukemic cells from natural killer cells”</p> <p>2016: International Congress of Immunology (ICI), Melbourne, Australia: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, F. Souza-Fonseca-Guimaraes, D.S. Barkauskas, L. Town, M.D. Hulett, M.J. Smyth. “The role of heparanase in NK cell migration and NK cell-mediated tumour surveillance”</p> <p>2015: Immunotherapy@Brisbane, Brisbane, Australia: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, F. Souza-Fonseca-Guimaraes, D.S. Barkauskas, L. Town, M.D. Hulett, M.J. Smyth. “The role of heparanase in NK cell migration and NK cell-mediated tumour surveillance”</p> <p>2015: 1st Australian Innate Lymphocyte Symposium, Melbourne, Australia: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, A. Majoros, D. Gotthardt, T. Decker and V. Sexl. “Novel non-canonical role of STAT1 in Natural Killer cell cytotoxicity”</p> <p>2012: Natural Killer cell Symposium NK2012, Heidelberg, Germany: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, D. Gotthardt, D. Stoiber, T. Decker and V. Sexl, “Stat1-S727 phosphorylation restrains NK cell cytotoxicity and tumor surveillance”</p> <p>2011: EMBO Conference: Signaling in the Immune System, Siena, Italy: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, E.M. Zebedin-Brandl, M. Prchal, T. Decker and V. Sexl, “STAT1 Serine727 – License to Kill”</p> <p>2009: Natural Killer cell Symposium NK2009, Freiburg, Germany: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, E.M. Zebedin, A. Csiszar, M. Prchal, T. Decker, P. Kovarik and V. Sexl, “STAT1-Serine727 – Key regulator for NK cell mediated cytotoxicity and tumor surveillance”</p> <p>2009: 15th International Summer School on Immunology (FEBS), Hvar, Croatia: <u>E.M. Putz</u>, E. Zebedin, A. Csiszar, M. Prchal, A. Berger, T. Decker, P. Kovarik and V. Sexl, “STAT1-S727 - Key regulator for NK cell-mediated cytotoxicity and tumor surveillance”</p>

MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH

For the last 18 years, I have worked in the field of tumor immunology, starting as a PhD student in the laboratory of Veronika Sexl (MUW and Vetmeduni Vienna) and proceeding as a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Mark Smyth at the QIMR Berghofer Institute of Medical Research in Brisbane (Australia). In 2019 I kicked off my independent research lab at the St. Anna Children’s Cancer Research Institute (CCRI) and in 2024 we moved to the MUW in Vienna, Austria.

The focus of my studies has always been to increase our knowledge about how to improve the anti-tumor functions of cytotoxic immune cells such as natural killer and T cells. By using gene-modified mice, a multitude of *in vivo* tumor models and an extensive range of *in vitro* assays (e.g. multi-color flow cytometry, molecular biology and functional assays, cellular barcoding, primary cell transduction, gene knockdown and knockout, mass spectrometry, etc.) I have contributed to the discovery of exciting novel ways of enhancing NK cell-mediated tumor surveillance (e.g. blocking CDK8-mediated STAT1-S727 phosphorylation or CIS-mediated downregulation of IL-15 signaling) and highlighted the potential drawback of drugs that interfere with NK cell migration (heparanase inhibitors) or T cell function (PI3Kδ inhibitors).

I collaborated with highly ranked scientists all over the world and published 1 book chapter, 6 reviews and 35 original peer-reviewed papers, some of which had to be corrected or retracted due to concerns of data fabrication by Mark J. Smyth. Please see [here](#) for more information and be assured that I had no part in scientific misconduct at any time.

PUBLICATIONS (published under my maiden's name E.M. Putz)

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9. B. Hackl, E. Zabrodska, S. Gewessler, E. Lilliu, E.M. Putz, A. Kiss, B. Podesser, H. Todt, R. Ristl, K. Hilber, X. Koenig. The type of suture material affects transverse aortic constriction-induced heart failure development in mice: a repeated measures correlation analysis. *Frontiers Cardiovascular Medicine*, PMID: 37795481, Sep. 2023
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12. B. Salzer, C.M. Schueller, C.U. Zajc, T. Peters, M.A. Schoeber, B. Kovacic, M.C. Buri, E. Lobner, O. Dushek, J.B. Huppa, C. Obinger, E.M. Putz, W. Holter, M.W. Traxlmayr, M. Lehner. Engineering AvidCARs for combinatorial antigen recognition and reversible control of CAR function. *Nature Communications*, PMID: 32820173, Aug. 2020
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