

Curriculum vitae

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Johannes Berger graduated from University of Vienna for biology/genetics in 1989. He performed his PhD at the Sandoz Research Institute (now Novartis), Department of Antiretroviral Therapy for training in molecular biology and biochemistry. He then joined the Institute of Neurology, University of Vienna. He improved his technical skills at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, received his habilitation for Molecular Biology in 1999 from the Medical University of Vienna and in 2003 for Biochemistry from the University of Vienna. Since 2006 he is coordinator of the PhD program neuroscience at the Medical University Vienna. He is Professor for Pathobiology of the Nervous System at the Medical University of Vienna. His research activities concentrate on the role of peroxisomes in the nervous system for health and disease. A main focus concerns the molecular mechanisms underlying X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy and the development of novel therapeutic strategies to compensate peroxisomal dysfunction in the nervous system. He served as a coordinator in the EU projects "X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy: pathogenesis, animal models and therapy" with 6 contractors and for the EU project "Integrated project to decipher the biological function of peroxisomes in health and disease" with 18 participating research units from 9 countries.