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Education and Employment Record:

Academic Education and University Degrees

2011	Certificate Endocrinology
2006	Habilitation in Internal Medicine
2006	Certificate Gastroenterology
2006	Certificate Gastroenterologic Oncology, DGVS
2005	Certificate Internal Medicine
1998 - 2001	Postdoctoral fellowship at the Department of Molecular Medicine, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA, USA
1993 - 1994	Dissertation in the department of Virology, Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Grade: summa cum laude
1996	3. State Examination, Graduation in Human Medicine
1991 - 1996	Study of Medicine at Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg
1989 - 1991	Study of Medicine at Free University of Berlin

Employment

10/2013 -	Medical Director, Department of Internal Medicine II
2012 - 2013	Assistant Medical Director, Department of Internal Medicine II
2009 - 2013	Head of the newly founded Liver Centre of Freiburg
2009 -	Heisenberg Professorship W2 / W3 in Hepatology
2007 - 2013	Leading attending at Department of Internal Medicine II, University of Freiburg
2005 - 2009	Junior Professorship for Hepatitis Viral Infection
2001 - 2005	Special training in Gastroenterology at Department of Internal Medicine II, University of Freiburg
1996 - 1998	Medical Doctor at Department of Internal Medicine II, University of Freiburg

Coordinating Functions (since 2010 or actual):

2013 -	Co-Coordinator Else-Kröner-Fresenius MD-Kolleg (MOTI-VATE)
2011 -	DFG-Fachkollegium „Medicine“
2009 -	DAAD Evaluation Committee Post Doc
2009 -	Spokesman EU Interreg IV, “Hepato-Regio-Net“ (Freiburg, Basel, Strasbourg)
2009 -	Co-Speaker DFG research unit FOR1202 “Mechanisms of persistence of hepatotropic viruses”
2009 - 2012	Scientific Secretary of the GASL (German Association for the Study of Liver diseases)
2015 -	Coordinator HEP-CAR Consortium (Horizon 2020 Project)

Scholarships / Awards / Honors

2008	DFG Heisenberg-Professorship
2007	Thieme Prize for Medicine, Leopoldina Academy for natural scientists, Germany
2007	Kußmaul Prize "Südwestdeutsche Gesellschaft Gastroenterologie"
2007	Dr. Norbert-Henning Prize for Gastroenterology, University of Erlangen, Germany
2003	Heine Medin Award of the European Society of Clinical Virology
2002	Emmy-Noether-Programm DFG
2002	Research Award of the American Liver Foundation, San Diego, USA
1994	Ludwig Heilmeyer Prize of the Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg for the best experimental Dissertation

Editorial and scientific advisory boards

Journal of Clinical Investigation 2009 - 2012, Gastroenterology 2009 -, Journal of Hepatology 2010 -, GUT 2010 -, Journal of Infectious Diseases 2007 -, Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery 2009 -, NIH Birmingham Liver BRU - External Expert Scientific Steering Committee 2013 -, DFG-TRR60 Essen Advisory-Board

Selected Publications

1. Martin B, Hennecke N, Lohmann V, Kayser A, Neumann-Haefelin C, Kukulj G, Böcher WO, **Thimme R**. 2014. Restoration of HCV-specific CD8+ T-cell function by Interferon-free therapy. *J Hepatol*. 2014 Sep;61(3):538-43.
2. Flecken T, Schmidt N, Hild S, Gostick E, Drognitz O, Zeiser R, Schemmer P, Bruns H, Eiermann T, Price DA, Blum HE, Neumann-Haefelin C, **Thimme R**. 2014. Immunodominance and functional alterations of tumor-associated antigen-specific CD8+ T-cell responses in hepatocellular carcinoma. *Hepatology*. Apr;59:1415-26.
3. Seigel B, Bengsch B, Lohmann V, Bartenschlager R, Blum HE, **Thimme R**. 2013. Factors that determine the antiviral efficacy of HCV-specific CD8+ T cells ex vivo. *Gastroenterology*. 144: 426-36.
4. Bengsch B, Seigel B, Flecken T, Wolanski J, Blum HE, **Thimme R**. 2012. Human Th17 cells express high levels of enzymatically active Dipeptidylpeptidase IV (CD26). *J Immunol*, 188:5438-47.
5. Bengsch B, Seigel B, Ruhl M, Timm J, Kuntz M, Blum HE, Pircher H, **Thimme R**. 2010. Coexpression of PD-1, 2B4, CD160 and KLRG1 on exhausted HCV-specific CD8+ T cells is linked to antigen recognition and T cell differentiation. *PLoS Pathog*. 6: e1000947.
6. Dazert E, Neumann-Haefelin C, Bressanelli S, Fitzmaurice K, Kort J, Timm J, McKiernan S, Kelleher D, Gruener N, Tavis JE, Rosen HR, Shaw J, Bowness P, Blum HE, Klenerman P, Bartenschlager R, **Thimme R**. 2009. Loss of viral fitness and cross-recognition by CD8+ T cells limit HCV escape from a protective HLA-B27-restricted human immune response. *J Clin Invest*. 119: 376-86.
7. Jo J, Aichele U, Kersting N, Klein R, Aichele P, Bisse E, Sewell AK, Blum HE, Bartenschlager R, Lohmann V, **Thimme R**. 2009. Analysis of CD8+ T cell-mediated inhibition of hepatitis C virus replication using a novel immunological model. *Gastroenterology*. 136:1391-401.
8. Neumann-Haefelin C, McKiernan S, Ward S, Viazov S, Spangenberg HC, Killinger T, Baumert TF, Nazarova N, Sheridan I, Pybus O, von Weizsäcker F, Roggendorf M, Kelleher D, Klenerman P, Blum HE, **Thimme R**. 2006. Dominant influence of an HLA-B27 restricted CD8+ T cell response in mediating HCV clearance and evolution. *Hepatology*. 43:563-72.
9. **Thimme R**, Bukh J, Spangenberg HC, Wieland S, Pemberton J, Steiger C, Govindarajan S, Purcell RH, Chisari FV. 2002. Viral and immunological determinants of hepatitis C virus clearance, persistence, and disease. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. Nov 26;99(24).
10. **Thimme R**, Oldach D, Chang KM, Steiger C, Ray SC, Chisari FV. 2001. Determinants of viral clearance and persistence during acute hepatitis C virus infection. *J Exp Med*. 194: 1395-406.