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BIO

Dr. Mrdjen received a B.Sc. in Molecular and Cell Biology and a B.Sc. (Hons) in Medical Biochemistry from the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. During her M.Sc. research she investigated the imprinting of maternal immune experience onto offspring in mouse models at the Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine at UCT. Following her M.Sc. work, Dr. Mrdjen interned at the Singapore Immunology Network (SIgN) at Biopolis, Singapore, and then moved to Zurich, Switzerland where she completed her Ph.D. in Immunology at the University of Zurich under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Burkhard Becher. Dr. Mrdjen's Ph.D. work involved the use of single-cell technologies like CyTOF mass cytometry to investigate the immune compartments of the murine brain at steady state and during different kinds of brain diseases.

With funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation and Novartis, Dr. Mrdjen's post-doctoral research at Stanford University with Prof. Thomas Montine and Dr. Sean Bendall focuses on understanding the cellular networks and spatial interactions between cells, pathology and genetic risk products that drive Alzheimer's disease in the human brain, by leveraging multiplexed ion beam imaging (MIBI) and computational approaches to data analysis.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Novartis Foundation for bio-medical Research (2019-2020)
- SNF Early Postdoc Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (2018-2019)
- UZH Candoc Forschungskredit, University of Zurich (2015 & 2016)
- Singapore Pre-graduate Award, Singapore Immunology Network, A*STAR (2013)
- Research Fellowship, Harry Crossley Foundation (2012)
- South African Research Chairs Initiative Masters Scholarship, South African National Research Foundation (2011 & 2012)
- Baron Hartley Scholarship for International Travel, University of Cape Town (2011)
- Benfara Scholarship for Honors research, University of Cape Town (2010)
- Myer and Henry Bunrow Scholarship, University of Cape Town (2010)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Zurich (2018)
- PhD, University of Zurich, Switzerland, Immunology (2018)
- MSc, University of Cape Town, South Africa, Clinical Science and Immunology (2013)
- BSc (Hons), University of Cape Town, South Africa, Medical Biochemistry (2010)
- BSc, University of Cape Town, South Africa, Molecular & Cell Biology (2009)

Research & Scholarship

LAB AFFILIATIONS

- Sean Bendall (5/1/2018)
- Thomas Montine (5/1/2018)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **GM-CSF and CXCR4 define a T helper cell signature in multiple sclerosis.** *Nature medicine*
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- **High Dimensional Cytometry of Central Nervous System Leukocytes During Neuroinflammation.** *Methods in molecular biology (Clifton, N.J.)*
Mrdjen, D., Hartmann, F. J., Becher, B.
2017; 1559: 321–32
- **High-dimensional single-cell analysis reveals the immune signature of narcolepsy.** *journal of experimental medicine*
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2016
- **The end of gating? An introduction to automated analysis of high dimensional cytometry data** *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY*
Mair, F., Hartmann, F. J., Mrdjen, D., Tosevski, V., Krieg, C., Becher, B.
2016; 46 (1): 34-43
- **Natural and Vaccine-Mediated Immunity to Salmonella Typhimurium is Impaired by the Helminth Nippostrongylus brasiliensis** *PLOS NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES*
Bobat, S., Darby, M., Mrdjen, D., Cook, C., Logan, E., Auret, J., Jones, E., Schnoeller, C., Flores-Langarica, A., Ross, E. A., Vira, A., Lopez-Macias, C., Henderson, et al
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