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Biochemist by training, after graduation I continued my education in biomedical research in a structured Ph.D. program at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm. Since then, my work has focused on enzymes relevant for disease in the context of toxicology, oral carcinoma, diabetes, and, most importantly, lung research. I have worked on topics like asthma, COPD, and pulmonary fibrosis, but currently, my research team at the CPC in Munich focuses on function and druggability of FKBP proteins and collagen biosynthesis in pulmonary fibrosis. Besides I am the scientific director of the CPC Research School, a structured MD/PhD Program at the CPC.

With career breaks due to child care and an interim job in project management, my scientific career path was anything but linear. Ultimately, interactions with great mentors have been instrumental to my renaissance as a scientist and I would love to pay this forward to mentees with similar experiences.