

Curriculum Vitae

Thomas M. Conlon Dr (PhD)

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University Education

2006 PhD, Immunology, CIMR & Dept. of Pathology, University of Cambridge
2001 MSc, Molecular Pathology & Toxicology, University of Leicester (UK)
2000 BSc (Hons), Biomedical Science, De Montfort University (UK)

Scientific Career

Since 2023 DZL PI
Since 2022 Committee member of COPD-iNET
Since 2021 Joint Group Leader, “Immunopathology of COPD”, LHI, Helmholtz Munich
Since 2017 Teaching Elite Master Program “Lung health”, CPC/LMU
Since 2015 Teaching Experimental Pneumology, Munich MeCuM, LMU
Since 2015 Teaching CPC Lung Graduate School
Since 2015 Helmholtz Zentrum München Library committee
2013–2021 Post-Doc “Immunopathology of COPD”, iLBD, Helmholtz Zentrum München
2007–2013 Biological Safety Officer, Dept. of Surgery, University of Cambridge (UK)
2006–2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, “Immunology of Transplant Rejection”, Dept. of Surgery, University of Cambridge (UK)

Awards and Honors

2024 LSC-ERS Distinguished Poster award
2022 ATS International Travel Scholarship
2022 Travel grant winner WIRM Meeting XVI
2018 Prize of Excellence in Lung Research – MLC and DZL symposium
2017 GSK Travel Grant for ATS
2016 DMM Travel Grant from the Company of Biologists for ERS
2016 ERS bursary to attend the ERS Lung Science Conference
2015 Abstract Scholarship ATS
2014 GSK Travel Grant for ATS
2009 Best Oral Presentation – European Society for Organ Transplantation

Citation Record

Total citations: 2,914; h-index: 30; h-index since 2021: 23 (Google Scholar, Mar 18th, 2026)

Top-10 selected Publications

Dragunas G, Klotz M, Chen S, Ertüz Z, Tan X, Korkmaz ÜR, Shankhwar S, Rankl B, Dhakad D, Omony J, Mayr CH, Chen Y, Agami A, Lin CW, Müller C, Lunding L, Wegmann M, Berner J, Popovic J, Schraml BU, Adler H, Falter-Braun P, Schiller H, Watz H, **Conlon TM**, Jeridi A, Kapellos TS, von Mutius E, Yildirim AÖ. A beneficial environment promotes immune resilience through epigenetic regulation. **Sci Adv.** 2026; 12(9):eady7317. doi: 10.1126/sciadv.ady7317.

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Wu X, Bos IST, **Conlon TM**, Ansari M, Verschut V, van der Koog L, Verkleij LA, D'Ambrosi A, Matveyenko A, Schiller HB, Königshoff M, Schmidt M, Kistemaker LEM, Yildirim AÖ, Gosens R. A transcriptomics-guided drug target discovery strategy identifies receptor ligands for lung regeneration. **Sci Adv.** 2022; 8(12):eabj9949. doi: 10.1126/sciadv.abj9949.

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