

Curriculum Vitae

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University Education

10. 2023 Univ. Prof. Experimental Pneumology (LMU) and Helmholtz Research Group Experimental Oncology
2009 Dr. rer. nat., KIT
1997–2004 Studies of Biology, University of Karlsruhe and Helmholtz Zentrum Karlsruhe/Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Scientific Career

- Since 2023 Univ. Prof. Experimental Pneumology (LMU) and Helmholtz Research Group Experimental Oncology, Munich, Germany
Since 2023 Affiliated Editor at *Oncogene*
2020–2023 Founding member of the Mildred Scheel Junior Research Center Würzburg
2015–2023 Junior Group Leader, Biocenter University Würzburg
2015–2023 Junior Group Leader, Comprehensive Cancer Center Würzburg
2009–2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Cancer Research UK London Research Institute and The Francis Crick Institute, Mammalian Genetics Department, London, UK

Citation Record

Total citations: 2.135; h-index: 21; h-index since 2017: 19 (Google Scholar December 05th, 2023)

Top-10 selected Publications

Senior author papers:

Hartmann O, Reissland M, Maier CR, Fischer T, Prieto-Garcia C, Baluapuri A, Schwarz J, Schmitz W, Garrido-Rodriguez M, Pahor N, Davies CC, Bassermann F, Orian A, Wolf E, Schulze A, Calzado MA, Rosenfeldt MT, **Diefenbacher ME** (2021) Implementation of CRISPR/Cas9 Genome Editing to Generate Murine Lung Cancer Models That Depict the Mutational Landscape of Human Disease. *Front Cell Dev Biol* 9: 641618

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Diefenbacher ME (2022) PTEN mutant non-small cell lung cancer require ATM to suppress pro-apoptotic signalling and evade radiotherapy. *Cell Biosci* 12: 50

Maier, C. R., O. Hartmann, C. Prieto-Garcia, K. M. Al-Shami, L. Schlicker, F. C. E. Vogel, S. Haid, K. Klann, V. Buck, C. Munch, W. Schmitz, E. Einig, B. Krenz, M. A. Calzado, M. Eilers, N. Popov, M. T. Rosenfeldt, **M. E. Diefenbacher** and A. Schulze (2023). "USP28 controls SREBP2 and the mevalonate pathway to drive tumour growth in squamous cancer." *Cell Death Differ* 30(7): 1710-1725.

Contributing author papers:

Mainz L, Sarhan M, Roth S, Sauer U, Kalogirou C, Eckstein M, Gerhard-Hartmann E, Seibert HD, Voelker HU, Geppert C, Rosenwald A, Eilers M, Schulze A, **Diefenbacher M**, Rosenfeldt MT (2022a) Acute systemic knockdown of Atg7 is lethal and causes pancreatic destruction in shRNA transgenic mice. *Autophagy* 18: 2880-2893

Mainz L, Sarhan M, Roth S, Sauer U, Maurus K, Hartmann EM, Seibert HD, Rosenwald A, **Diefenbacher ME**, Rosenfeldt MT (2022b) Autophagy Blockage Reduces the Incidence of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma in the Context of Mutant Trp53. *Front Cell Dev Biol* 10: 785252

Novak R, Ahmad YA, Timaner M, Bitman-Lotan E, Oknin-Vaisman A, Horwitz R, Hartmann O, Reissland M, Buck V, Rosenfeldt M, Nikomarov D, **Diefenbacher ME**, Shaked Y, Orian A (2022) RNF4~RGMB~BMP6 axis required for osteogenic differentiation and cancer cell survival. *Cell Death Dis* 13: 820

Ruiz EJ, **Diefenbacher ME**, Nelson JK, Sancho R, Pucci F, Chakraborty A, Moreno P, Annibaldi A, Liccardi G, Encheva V, Mitter R, Rosenfeldt M, Snijders AP, Meier P, Calzado MA, Behrens A (2019) LUBAC determines chemotherapy resistance in squamous cell lung cancer. *J Exp Med* 216: 450-465