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### EDUCATION

- 1984 DVM, School of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany
- 1984-1987 Residency and graduate training in Veterinary Pathology, School of Vet. Medicine Hannover, Germany
- 1987 Doctoral degree Dr. med. vet., School of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Germany
- 1992 PhD, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS

- 1997 Venia legendi (Habilitation) in Molecular Cell Biology, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 1992-2001 Research Assistant Professor (C1, C2), University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2001-2006 Head, Dept. of Vascular Biology & Angiogenesis Research, Tumor Biology Center, Freiburg, Germany
- 2006-2016 Aventis Foundation-endowed Chair for Vascular Biology and Angiogenesis Research, Medical Faculty Mannheim (CBTM), Heidelberg University
- 5/2006- Head of Research Division 'Vascular Oncology and Metastasis', German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg
- 2011-2016 Speaker, Cell and Tumor Biology Research Program, German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg
- 2011-2016 Director, Center for Molecular Biology and German Cancer Research Center Alliance, Heidelberg
- 2011-2017 Deputy Director, Center for Biomedicine and Medical Technology Mannheim (CBTM), Medical Faculty Mannheim, Heidelberg University
- 5/2016- Chair for Vascular Biology and Angiogenesis Research, Medical Faculty Mannheim (CBTM), Heidelberg University, and German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg, Germany
- 1/2018- Founding Director, European Center for Angioscience, Medical Faculty Mannheim, Heidelberg University, and German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg, Germany ([www.angioscience.de](http://www.angioscience.de))
- 2018-2023 Lead Scientist of application to establish the Helmholtz Institute for Translational AngioCardioScience (HITAC) as a branch of the MDC Berlin on the campus of Heidelberg University (inauguration: July 1, 2023)
- 1/2019- Speaker, Collaborative Research Center (CRC) 1366: Vascular Control of Organ Function ([www.sfb1366.de](http://www.sfb1366.de))

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

The laboratory studies 1.) the molecular mechanisms of blood vessel formation, assembly, and maturation focusing on angiogenesis regulating receptor tyrosine kinases, most notably the Angiopoietin-Tie ligand-receptor system as well as on other selected novel candidate molecules, 2.) the mechanisms of organotypic vascular differentiation and angiocrine signaling studying the lung and liver vasculature as prototypic vascular beds, 3.) the molecular mechanisms of tumor progression focusing on tumor-vessel interactions during metastasis, and 4.) translational tumor angiogenesis experiments aimed at defining the therapeutic window of stromal targeted therapies. Conceptually, the lab's work is considered as basic vascular and tumor biology research with the aim of identifying and validating novel therapeutic targets.

### SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

2/1997: Founder of the German vascular biology network (bi-annual meeting series [1997-2013]); 9/1998-5/2006: Coordinator of nationwide German angiogenesis Priority Research Grant (SPP1069; [www.angiogenese.de](http://www.angiogenese.de)); 5/2005-12/2012: Coordinator of the nationwide German tumor-vessel interaction Priority Research Grant (SPP1190; [www.tumorstvessel.de](http://www.tumorstvessel.de)); 5/2005-pres.: Founding member and elected Chairman of VWFB e.V. ([www.vwfb.de](http://www.vwfb.de)); 7/2005-6/2009: Vice Speaker of the SFB-TR23 "Vascular Differentiation and Remodeling" of the Universities Frankfurt, Heidelberg, and Freiburg; 7/2009-6/2017: Speaker of the SFB-TR23 "Vascular Differentiation and Remodeling" of the Universities Heidelberg and Frankfurt ([www.transregio23.de](http://www.transregio23.de)); 3/2012-pres.: Senior Editor, Cancer Research; 2013-2016: Director of the Helmholtz Alliance "Preclinical Comprehensive Cancer Center" (PCCC; [www.helmholtz-pccc.de](http://www.helmholtz-pccc.de)).

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (OF >200; CITATION SCORE: >20.000; H-INDEX: 86 [CLARIVATE WEB OF SCIENCE])

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2. Hu J, Srivastava K, Wieland M, Runge A, Mogler C, Besemfelder E, Terhardt D, Vogel MJ, Cao L, Korn C, Bartels S, Thomas M, Augustin HG: Endothelial cell-derived Angiopoietin-2 controls liver regeneration as a spatiotemporal rheostat. *Science* 343:416-9, 2014.

3. Runge A, Hu J, Wieland M, Bergeest JP, Mogler C, Neumann A, Géraud C, Arnold B, Rohr K, Komljenovic D, Schirmacher P, Goerdts S, [Augustin HG](#): An inducible hepatocellular carcinoma model for preclinical evaluation of antiangiogenic therapy in adult mice. **Cancer Res**, 74: 4157-69, 2014
4. Srivastava K\*, Hu J\*, Korn C, Savant S, Teichert M, Kapel S, Jugold M, Besemfelder E, Thomas M, Pasparakis M, Augustin HG: Postsurgical adjuvant tumor therapy by combining anti-Angiopoietin-2 and metronomic chemotherapy limits metastatic growth. **Cancer Cell**, 26:880-95, 2014.
5. Mogler C, Wieland M, König C, Hu J, Runge A, Korn C, Besemfelder E, Breitkopf-Heinlein K, Komljenovic D, Dooley S, Schirmacher P, Longerich T, [Augustin HG](#): Hepatic stellate cell expressed Endosialin balances fibrogenesis and hepatocyte proliferation during liver damage. **EMBO Mol Med**, 7:332-6, 2015
6. Savant S, La Porta S, Budnik A, Busch K, Hu J, Tisch N, Korn C, Valls AF, Benest AV, Terhardt D, Qu X, Adams RH, Baldwin HS, Ruiz de Almodóvar C, Rodewald HR, [Augustin HG](#): The orphan receptor Tie1 controls angiogenesis and vascular remodeling by differentially regulating Tie2 in tip and stalk cells. **Cell Rep**, 12: 1761-73, 2015.
7. Scholz B, Korn C, Wojtarowicz J, Mogler C, Augustin I, Boutros M, Niehrs C, [Augustin HG](#): Endothelial RSPO3 controls vascular stability and pruning through non-canonical WNT/Ca(2+)/NFAT signaling. **Dev Cell**, 36: 79-93, 2016.
8. Roth L, Prahst C, Ruckdeschel T, Savant S, Weström S, Fantin A, Riedel M, Héroult M, Ruhrberg C, [Augustin HG](#): Neuropilin-1 mediates vascular permeability independently of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-2 activation. **Science Signal**, 9(425):ra42, 2016.
9. [Augustin HG\\*](#), Koh GY\*: Organotypic vasculature: From descriptive heterogeneity to functional pathophysiology. **Science**, pii: eaal2379, 2017 (\*equal contribution).
10. Gengenbacher N, Singhal M, [Augustin HG](#): Preclinical mouse solid tumor models: Status quo, challenges, perspectives. **Nat Rev Cancer**, 17:751-765, 2017.
11. Mogler C, König C, Wieland M, Runge A, Besemfelder E, Komljenovic D, Longerich T, Schirmacher P, [Augustin HG](#): Hepatic stellate cells limit hepatocellular carcinoma progression through the orphan receptor endosialin. **EMBO Mol Med**, 9: 741-749, 2017.
12. Teichert M, Milde L, Holm A, Stanicek L, Gengenbacher N, Savant S, Ruckdeschel T, Hasanov Z, Srivastava K, Hu J, Hertel S, Bartol A, Schlereth K, [Augustin HG](#): Pericyte-expressed Tie2 controls vessel maturation. **Nat Commun**. 8:16106, 2017.
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15. Schlereth K, Weichenhan D, Bauer T, Heumann T, Giannakouri E, Lipka D, Jaeger S, Schlesner M, Aloy P, Eils R, Plass C\*, [Augustin HG\\*](#): The transcriptomic and epigenetic map of vascular quiescence in the continuous lung endothelium. **Elife**, pii:e34423, 2018 (\*equally contributing senior authors).
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