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system sensors. Additionally another line of research includes investigation of the immunomodulatory effects of microbial derived extracellular vesicles along with design of effective adjuvants and vaccines against infectious diseases. She is heavily investing her efforts to reveal the immunological manifectations of primary immune defficiencies along with understanding the mechanisms of immune dysregulation.

## Seminar: Disorders of Phagocytic Function: Diagnosis

The analyses of phagocytic function of immune cells reveal information to offer better therapies against diseases. We will review flow cytometry based approaches to assess these functions. This seminar is of interest to both basic, applied and clinical immunologists and cell biologists.

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