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He received his medical and biochemical training at the University of Goettingen (Germany), Brandeis University (Massachusetts, USA) and Yale University (New Haven, USA).

Since his postdoctoral years with the later Nobel laureate Paul Greengard (then at Yale University), his research interests are the signal transduction aspects of protein kinases, the cross talk of NO/cGMP-mediated signaling in cardiovascular cells, hemostasis and vascular pathobiochemistry.

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Amongst many scientific activities, he spent 3 years of his career at Abbott Labs in Chicago, USA working on the biochemistry and molecular biology of NO synthases together with the later Nobel laureate Ferid Murad.

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