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Last two research positions:

(position, time period, lab or PI, research institute, Country)

1. Postdoc, 2017 - 2021, Michael Heneka, University Hospital of Bonn and German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) Bonn, Germany
2. Postdoc, 2014 - 2017, David Holtzman, Washington School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, USA

What do you think were the major milestones in your career that led to your position as group leader (e.g. could be motivations, publications, coincidences, "right" field of science, network)?

Since I started my studies, my goal was to become an independent group leader, which kept me motivated throughout the years. My publication record and especially my Nature publication in 2019 as well as my experience and success with writing (independent) grants were major milestones along that path. But one of the most important decision for me was choosing the right mentors during my PhD as well as for my Postdoc time as they are continuously supporting me.

