Focus of research group (I)

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**Department, UMC:** Molecular Cell Biology lab at Sanquin Research. Landsteiner Laboratory Dept at AMC.  
**Size of research group:** 4 PhD students, 2 Post-docs, 1 Technician, 2 Undergraduate students

**Current mission, vision and aims:**

→ **Mission:** Understanding the molecular mechanism that regulate leukocyte transendothelial migration.

→ **Vision:** The endothelium provides a platform for leukocytes to adhere to and transmigrate. Use the endothelium to steer leukocyte exit

→ **Aim:** Determining the molecular ques in the endothelium that define the local transmigration “hot-spot”.
Focus of research group (II)

**Current expertise:**
Molecular mechanisms of leukocyte transendothelial migration
→ In vitro TEM-under-flow assays.
→ Combined Permeability and TEM assays.
→ Permeability / Electrical Resistance measurements.
→ Functional Imaging: FRET / FRAP / Photo-activatable probes / Light-induced dimerization probes.

**Current funding:**
→ Landsteiner Foundation for Blood transfusion (LSBR)
→ ALW-NWO open.
→ Uitzicht: National Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
→ Product and Progress Development Project grant; Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.
→ Rembrandt Institute for Cardiovascular Research.
→ Bayer Drugs for Target grant.
Future plans

**Short term (1-2 year) plan**

Plan: Central aim: **How does the endothelium orchestrate local leukocyte exit?**

**Necessary infrastructure:** Microscopy tools (fast imaging/high resolution), in vivo disease models to validate our claim.

**Long term (>2 year) plan**

Plan: **Triggering leukocyte extravasation on demand using photodynamic therapy.**

**Necessary infrastructure:** Microscopy tools (fast imaging/high resolution), in vivo disease/inflammation models to validate our claim.

**Collaboration in ACS:** Microscopy facility/ Group Huveneers/ De Waard/Stroes (AMC) / Group Hordijk/Boon/Eringa (VUMC).