Focus of research group (I)

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Size of research group: 1-2 PhDs

Current mission & vision
- Molecular mechanisms of pulmonary vascular leak
- Link between vascular leak and vascular remodelling
- Identify targets for pharmacological intervention

Current Aims
- Integrins: Linkers between endothelial barrier dysfunction and vascular remodelling?
- SOX17: The gate keeper of the quiescent and healthy endothelium?
Focus of research group (II)

Current expertise
- Endothelial cell cultures
- Endothelial barrier measurements (in vitro and in vivo)
- Immunofluorescence imaging of cell-matrix adhesions
- Pharmacological inhibitors
- CRISPR/Cas9 genetic modulation in primary human cells
- ChIP, Allelic Imbalance

Current funding
- Dekker Grant Dutch Heart Foundation (finished)
- ERS/EMBO Long Term Research Fellowship (Finished)
- ACS Out-of-the-Box Grant (S.Huveneers, R. Szulcek)
Future plans

**Short term (1-2 year) plan**
Plan:
- Clinical development of 1-2 drugs against vascular leak
- Establish the role of integrins in vascular leak and vascular remodelling

Necessary infrastructure:
- Collaboration with clinical partners (ICU)
- Running wet lab environment

**Long term (>2 year) plan**
Plan:
- Establish my own research group (preclinical)
- Elucidate early molecular steps in vascular biology

**Collaboration in ACS**
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- Stephan Huveneers
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