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He joined the faculty of Christian Doppler Medical Center in Salzburg in 2013 where he heads the center for multiple sclerosis and autoimmune neurology. He coordinates the stroke prevention activities and is involved in the establishment of stroke prevention centers in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova on behalf of the Open Medical Institute (OMI). He had scientific fellowships in San Francisco (cerebrovascular, 2006) and London (neuroimmunology, 2009) and was OMI visiting professor in Armenia (2017) and Azerbaijan (2018).

Among his research interests are emerging treatment strategies and prognostic factors in multiple sclerosis, autoimmune encephalitis and spinal cord infarction. His research group consists of two post-doctoral fellows, three PhD students and five residents. He is on the editorial board of four international and one national neurology journal. He is an elected individual delegate to the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) and is in the management board of the neuroinfection section. He was honored as clinical scientist of the year by Paracelsus Medical University in 2017.

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