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Curriculum Vitae

Marianne Katharina Vormann was born on December 8th 1986 in Gräfelfing, a municipality in the district of Munich, in Bavaria, Germany. After graduating from the pre-university education at Marienschule in Münster (Westfalen) she started with her bachelor studies General Engineering Science at Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH) in 2006. During her bachelor studies she followed the specialization biomedical engineering. She wrote her Bachelor thesis about how to optimize the calculation of radiation doses during radiotherapy of head and neck cancers. Her bachelor studies were followed by a master study in biomedical engineering, also at TUHH. The first year of her master studies she participated in the European exchange program Erasmus and conducted her studies at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg. During her studies in Gothenburg she got fascinated in the field of tissue engineering, in which field she received the opportunity to visit courses and perform small practical projects. Back in Hamburg she continued to work in the field of tissue engineering by conducting her project thesis focusing on cytotoxicity testing on cell cultures at the Institute of Bioprocess and Biosystems Engineering. Realizing that tissue engineering might be an important way to replace animal testing in long term she conducted an 8 months internship under the supervision of Matthias Brandenburg at Fraunhofer Research Institution for Marine Biotechnology EMB in Lübeck. During this internship she worked on a method to prepare stem cells which were isolated from human sweat glands for clinical translation meeting the GMP guidelines.

After obtaining her master's degree in 2013 she started working as a scientist at Mimetas in 2014. In parallel to her work at Mimetas she started in 2015 a PhD at the division of Analytical BioSciences at the LACDR, Leiden University under the supervision of Thomas Hankemeier in collaboration with Mimetas where she was supervised by Henriette Lanz. The project was focused on developing a 3D Kidney-on-a-chip model which can be used for toxicity screenings, transport studies, and disease modeling.

Currently Marianne is still employed at Mimetas as a Scientist. However, she is at this moment on parental leave discovering Europe with a camper together with her family.

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