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Director of Institute of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Education and Degrees

1985-1988 Medical studies, Medical University Pécs, Hungary
1988-1992 Medical studies, Dresden University of Technology, Dresden University of Technology
1994 MD (Dr. med., magna cum laude), Dresden University of Technology
1998 Board certified ("Facharzt") in Pharmacology&Toxicology
2002 Facultas docendi ("Privatdozent") and Venia legendi in Pharmacology&Toxicology

Professional Career

1992-1994 "Arzt im Praktikum", Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology, Dresden University of Technology
1994-2008 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Pharmacology&Toxicology, Dresden University of Technology
2008-2010 Professor of Medicine (apl. Prof.), Dresden University of Technology, Dresden
2009- Appointment as Adjunct Full Professor of Medicine, Montreal Heart Institute, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada
01.07.2010 Appointment as Full Professor (W3) of Experimental Cardiology and Chair of Division of Experimental Cardiology, Medical Faculty Mannheim, University Heidelberg, Mannheim, Germany
01.10.2012 Appointment as Full Professor in Pharmacology and Toxicology (W3) and Director, Institute of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany
01.08.2015 Appointment as Adjunct Full Professor of Medicine, Department of Molecular Physiology & Biophysics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA

Awards and Honours

1999 Poster Award, Annual Meeting of German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Therapy, Berlin
2000 Teaching Award, Gesellschaft von Freunden und Förderern der TU Dresden
2001 Carl Gustav Carus-Teaching Award, Medical Faculty Dresden
2001 Wilhelm P. Winterstein Research Award, German Heart Foundation
2003 Abstract Travel Award, AHA Scientific Sessions, Orlando, USA
2004 Carl Gustav Carus-Teaching Award, Medical Faculty Dresden
2005 Albert-Fraenkel-Award, German Cardiac Society
2010-2015 Work package leader, EU FP7-HEALTH-2010 Large-scale Integrating Project ("The European Network for Translational Research in Atrial Fibrillation"; <http://www.eutraf.eu/>)
2011-2013 Co-coordinator of Arrhythmia Research Program and Member of Research Coordinating Committee, German (National) Centre for Cardiovascular Research ("Deutsches Zentrum für Herz-Kreislauf Forschung")
2012 Outstanding Achievement Award, European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society
2007-2013 Grantee Coordinator, Transatlantic Networks of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research Program of Fondation Leducq, Network Grant 07CVD03 ("The European-North American Atrial Fibrillation Research Alliance"; <http://www.transatlantic-af-alliance.org/>)
2017 Elected Fellow of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences
2018 Elected Fellow of the International Society for Heart Research

Editorial Boards

2003- Naunyn Schmiedeberg's Archive of Pharmacology (2005-, Associate Editor)
2004- Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology
2007- Cardiovascular Research (Guest Editor: 2009, 2011, 2015)
2008-16 Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology (founding member)
2009- Journal of Ion Channels

2009-	BioMed Research International (formerly Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology) (<u>Section Editor Pharmacology</u>)
2009-	Open Journal of Cardiology
2009-	Basic Research in Cardiology
2010-	Frontiers in Cardiac Electrophysiology (<u>Review Editor</u>)
2010-	Pragmatic and Observational Research
2011-	World Journal of Hypertension
2011-	Europace
2012-	Future Cardiology
2013-	Arrhythmia & Electrophysiology Review (<u>Review Board Member</u>)
2014-2016	Circulation
2015-	European Heart Journal - Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy
2016-	International Journal of Cardiology (<u>Deputy/Associate Editor</u>)
2017-	International Journal of Cardiology Heart & Vasculature (<u>Editor-in-Chief</u>)
2017-	Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology
2018	Canadian Journal of Cardiology (<u>Guest Editor</u>)
2018	International Journal of Cardiology (<u>Guest Editor</u>)
2018	Pharmacological Research (<u>Guest Editor</u>)

Bibliography ([Scopus, updated 13.02.2019](#))

241 articles (111 original & 130 review/editorial/commentary articles)

Total Impact Factor	2004.6
Average Impact Factor per Article	8.3
Average Impact Factor per Original Article	9.4
Citations 2016:	2433
Citations 2017:	3445
Citations 2018:	3834
Total Citations:	17071
Total Citations (Google Scholar)	24243
h-Index (Hirsch factor)	65
h-Index (Google Scholar)	72
<i>m</i> -Index = <i>h</i> -Index per Years of Scientific Activity	2.6

Key Publications (selection)

1. **Dobrev D**, et al. (2001) Molecular basis of downregulation of G-protein-coupled inward rectifying K⁺ current ($I_{K,ACh}$) in chronic human atrial fibrillation: Decrease in GIRK4 mRNA correlates with reduced $I_{K,ACh}$ and muscarinic receptor-mediated shortening of action potentials. *Circulation*, 104: 2551-2557.
2. Christ T, et al. & **Dobrev D** (2004) L-type Ca²⁺ current downregulation in chronic human atrial fibrillation is associated with increased activity of protein phosphatases. *Circulation*, 110: 2651-2657.
3. **Dobrev D**, et al. (2005) The G-protein gated potassium current $I_{K,ACh}$ is constitutively active in patients with chronic atrial fibrillation. *Circulation*, 112: 3697-3706.
4. El-Armouche A, et al. & **Dobrev D** (2006) Molecular determinants of altered Ca²⁺-handling in human chronic atrial fibrillation. *Circulation*, 114: 670-680.
5. Nattel S, Burstein B, **Dobrev D** (2008) Atrial remodelling and atrial fibrillation: mechanisms and implications. *Circ Arrhythm Electrophysiol*, 1: 62-73.
6. Chelu MG, et al. & **Dobrev D***, Wehrens XHT* (2009) Calmodulin kinase II-mediated sarcoplasmic reticulum calcium leak promotes atrial fibrillation in mice. *J Clin Invest*, 119: 1940-1951. *shared senior and correspondence authorship
7. **Dobrev D**, Nattel S (2010) New antiarrhythmic drugs for treatment of atrial fibrillation. *The Lancet*, 375(9721): 1212-23.

8. Wakili R, Voigt N, Käab S, **Dobrev D**, Nattel S (2011) Recent advances in the molecular pathophysiology of atrial fibrillation. *J Clin Invest*, 121(8): 2955-2968.
9. **Dobrev D**, Carlsson L, Nattel S (2012) Novel molecular targets for atrial fibrillation therapy. *Nat Rev Drug Discov*, 11(4): 275-91.
10. Voigt N, et al. & **Dobrev D** (2012) Enhanced sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca^{2+} leak and increased $\text{Na}^+ \text{-Ca}^{2+}$ exchanger function underlie delayed afterdepolarizations in patients with chronic atrial fibrillation. *Circulation*, 125(17): 2059-70. (Highlighted in Circulation's "Most Read Articles in Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology", *Circulation*. 2013; 127: e509-19).
11. Voigt N, Heijman J, et al. & **Dobrev D** (2014) Cellular and molecular mechanisms of atrial arrhythmogenesis in patients with paroxysmal atrial fibrillation. *Circulation*, 129(2): 145-56.
12. Heijman J, Voigt N, Nattel S, **Dobrev D** (2014) Compendium: Cellular and Molecular Electrophysiology of Atrial Fibrillation Initiation, Maintenance and Progression. *Circ Res*, 114(9): 1483-99.
13. Schmidt C, et al. & **Dobrev D***, Thomas D* (2015) Upregulation of $\text{K}_{2\text{P}3.1}$ K^+ current causes action potential shortening in patients with chronic atrial fibrillation. *Circulation*, 132(2): 82-92. *shared senior authorship
14. Nattel S*, **Dobrev D*** (2016) Electrophysiological and molecular mechanisms of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation. *Nat Rev Cardiol*, 13(10): 575-90. *equally contributing authors.
15. Kirchhof P, Benussi S, Kotecha D, ... **Dobrev D** ... Windecker S, Zamorano JL, Zeppenfeld K (2016) 2016 ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with EACTS: The Task Force for the management of atrial fibrillation of the ESC. Developed with the special contribution of EHRA of the ESC. Endorsed by the European Stroke Organisation (ESO). *Eur Heart J*, 37: 2893-2962.
16. Abu-Taha IH, et al. & **Dobrev D#**, Wieland T# (2017) Nucleoside Diphosphate Kinase-C Suppresses cAMP Formation in Human Heart Failure. *Circulation*, 135(9): 881-897. #co-senior and co-correspondence authors.
17. Nattel S, **Dobrev D** (2017) Controversies About Atrial Fibrillation Mechanisms: Aiming for Order in Chaos and Whether it Matters. *Circ Res*, 120(9): 1396-1398.
18. Heijman J, Guichard JB, **Dobrev D**, Nattel S (2018) Translational challenges in atrial fibrillation. *Circ Res*, 122(5): 752-773.
19. Yao C#, Veleva T# et al. & **Dobrev D**, Li N (2018) Enhanced NLRP3 Inflammasome Signaling Promotes Atrial Fibrillation. *Circulation*, 138: 2227-2242. #these authors contributed equally to the manuscript.
20. Molina CE, Abu-Taha IH, Wang Q, Roselló-Díez E, Kamler M, Nattel S, Ravens U, Wehrens XHT, Hove-Madsen L, Heijman J, **Dobrev D** (2018) Profibrotic, Electrical, and Calcium-Handling Remodeling of the Atria in Heart Failure Patients With and Without Atrial Fibrillation? *Front Physiol*, 9: 1383.
21. **Dobrev D**, Aguilar M, Heijman J, Guichard JB, Nattel S (2018) Post-operative Atrial Fibrillation: Mechanisms, Manifestations and Management. *Nat Rev Cardiol*, In press.

Funding History as Principal/Co-Principal Investigator (selection)

2002-2006	DFG, Single Project Grant DO 769/1-1&2 (<i>Cardiac Muscarinic Receptors in Atrial Fibrillation</i>)
2003-2013	BMBF 01GI0204, AFNET, Projects C3 and C4 (<i>Electrical Remodelling in Atrial Fibrillation</i>)
2008-2014	DFG, Single Project Grant DO 769/1-3 (<i>Mechanisms of Constitutive $I_{K,ACh}$ Channels in Atrial Fibrillation</i>)
2007-2013	Fondation Leducq, Transatlantic Networks of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research Program, Network Grant 07CVD03 (<i>European-North American Atrial Fibrillation Research Alliance</i>) (Grantee Coordinator)
2010-2015	European Union, FP7-HEALTH-2010, large-scale integrating project, Proposal No: 261057 (<i>The European Network for Translational Research in Atrial Fibrillation, EUTRAF</i>) (Work Package Leader)
2011-2013	BMBF, Principal Investigator and Scientific Representative of Medical Faculty Mannheim in the German (National) Centre for Cardiovascular Research ("Deutsches Zentrum für Herz-

Kreislauf-Forschung") through *Heidelberg University Research Centre for Cardiomyopathies and Arrhythmias – From Genes to Translation (HEURECA)*

2016-2021 National Institutes of Health USA, NIH grant R01 HL131517, *Perturbed Sodium and Calcium Fluxes in Atrial Fibrillation*, collaborative project with UC Davis, Davis, USA

2017-2020 DFG, Single Project Grant DO 769/4-1 (*Molecular Basis and Proarrhythmic Role of Small-Conductance Ca²⁺-Activated K⁺ Channels in Atrial Fibrillation*)

2017-2021 National Institutes of Health USA, NIH grant R01 HL136389, *The Role of Inflammasome in the Pathogenesis of Atrial Fibrillation*, collaborative project with Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA

Total amount: approx. 9 Mio. €

Major Committees and Professional Services (Selection)

2007- Member of Scientific Advisory Board, International Academy of Cardiology.

2007-2010 Chair, Working Group on Cellular Electrophysiology, German Society of Cardiology.

2007-2011 Member of Program Committee, German Society of Cardiology.

2007-2008 Member of Program Committee, European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society.

2009- Member of Scientific Committee, Paul-David Chair in Cardiovascular Electrophysiology, Montreal Heart Institute, University of Montreal, Canada.

2010 Member of Scientific Programs Committee, CARDIOSTIM 2010, 17th World Congress in Cardiac Electrophysiology and Cardiac Techniques, 16-19 June, Nice, France.

2010-2011 Member of Program Committee, European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA), Europace 2011, Madrid, Spain.

2010-2011 Member of Organizing Committee, "Up-date on Arrhythmias: 25 Years of Radiofrequency Ablation". Rosengarten Conference Center Mannheim, September 15–17, 2011, Mannheim, Germany.

2011-2013 Scientific Representative/Principal Investigator of Medical Faculty Mannheim in the German (National) Centre for Cardiovascular Research.

2011-2013 Co-Coordinator of "Arrhythmia" Research Programme of the German (National) Centre for Cardiovascular Research.

2012-2013 Member of Program Committee of the Annual Meeting of the ESC Working Group on Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology, 23-24.06.2013, Athens, Greece.

2014-2016 Member of Programme Committee of ESC Frontiers in CardioVascular Biology Meeting 2016, Florence, Italy.

2013-2014 Reviewer, 2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization: the Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS).

2014-2015 Reviewer, 2015 ESC Guidelines for the management of patients with ventricular arrhythmias and the prevention of sudden cardiac death: The Task Force for the Management of Patients with Ventricular Arrhythmias and the Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Endorsed by: Association for European Paediatric and Congenital Cardiology (AEPC).

2015-2016 Member of Congress Programme Committee, European Society of Cardiology, Annual Meeting Rome 2016.

2015-2016 Reviewer, ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with EACTS: The Task Force for the management of atrial fibrillation of the ESC. Developed with the special contribution of EHRA of the ESC. Endorsed by the European Stroke Organisation (ESO).

2015-2016 Member of Writing Committee, Position Paper on *Atrial Cardiomyopathies: Definition, Characterization and Clinical Implication*, a joint initiative of EHRA, HRS, APHRS and SOLAEGE.

2016- Council Member, European Section of International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences.

2017- Member of Programme Committee of EHRA Annual Meeting 2018, Barcelona, Spain.

2016-2018 Chair, Working Group on Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology, European Society of Cardiology.

2017-2020 Board Member of European Heart Rhythm Association

2017-2018 Organizer, Annual Meeting of the ESC Working Group on Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiology, 15-17 June 2017, Essen, Germany.

2018- Member of Executive Council, International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences

2018- Member of Writing Committee, EHRA White Paper "Knowledge gaps in arrhythmia management: status 2019".

2018-2020 Council Member, European Society of Cardiology

2018-2019 Program Committee Chairman, Annual Meeting of European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society 2019, June 16-18, Marseille, France.