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2005	Dr. Wolfgang Schamel , Max Planck-Institut für Immunbiologie, Freiburg *donated by Acris Antibodies GmbH	The TCR Co-Exists as Multivalent and Monovalent complexes on the T Cell Surface
2006	Dr. Judith Haendeler , Molecular Cardiology, University of Frankfurt *donated by Acris Antibodies GmbH	Mitochondrial telomerase reverse transcriptase binds to and protects mitochondrial DNA from damage
2007	Dr. Frank Petersen , Dept. of Immunology and Cell Biology, Research Center Borstel *donated by Acris Antibodies GmbH	CXCL4 (Platelet factor 4) differentially regulates respiratory burst, survival, and differentiation of human monocytes by using distinct signaling pathways
2008	PD Dr. Cornelia Dietrich , Inst. of Toxicology, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz PD Dr. Norbert Reiling , Div. of Microbial Interface Biology, Research Center Borstel *donated by Biomol GmbH	TCDD deregulates contact inhibition in rat liver oval cells via Ah receptor, JunD and cyclin A Inverse relationship of TLR/NF- κ B-catenin pathway during inflammation: Deciphering the role of Frizzled1 in M. tuberculosis infection
2009	Dr. Marcus Lettau , Inst. of Immunology, Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel *donated by Acris Antibodies GmbH	Differential binding of Fas ligand-interacting proteins to the full length protein or N-terminal fragments generated by shedding
2010	Dr. Maren Paulsen , Inst. of Immunology, Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel *donated by Biomol GmbH	Dose-dependent effects of CD95 coligation on primary human T cell activation
2011	Prof. Dr. Ingo Schmitz , Helmholtz Zentrum für Infektionsforschung, Braunschweig *donated by Biomol GmbH	Deficiency in I κ BNS, an atypical NF κ B inhibitor, impairs regulatory T cells development

2012	Dr. Sarah Jill de Jong, Universitätsklinikum Erlangen Prof. Dr. Geert Bultynck, University of Leuven, Belgium *donated by Biomol GmbH	A unique TRAF3-binding motif confers specificity to Tio-induced non-canonical NF-κB activity Disturbing IP3R/Bcl-2 complexes in B-cell lymphomas to trigger pro-apoptotic Ca²⁺ + signaling: relevance of IP3R2 upregulation and chronic IP3 signaling
2013	Dr. Simone Lipinski, Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Kiel *donated by Biomol GmbH	RNAi screening identifies FRMPD2: a scaffolding protein controlling NOD2-mediated immune responses
2014	Dr. Andreas Linkermann, Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Kiel *donated by Biomol GmbH	Synchronized tubular cell death is predominantly mediated by ferroptosis
2016	Prof. Dr. Melanie Brinkmann, Helmholtz Zentrum für Infektionsforschung, Braunschweig *donated by Biomol GmbH	The murine cytomegalovirus protein M35 is a novel negative regulator of the type I interferon response
2017	Dr. Julia Jellusova, BIOS Centre For Biological Signalling Studies, Freiburg, Germany Dr. Manoj Balakrishna Menon, Hannover Medical School, Cell Biochemistry OE4310, Hannover, Germany *donated by Biomol GmbH	The bidirectional relationship between B cell signaling and metabolism Phosphorylation of RIPK1 by MK2 suppresses RIPK1-dependent cytotoxicity in infection and inflammation
2018	Prof. Dr. Dirk Brenner, Luxembourg Institute of Health *donated by OLS	cROSSover: Regulation of metabolic responses in B and T cells
2019	Dr. Claudia Stäubert, Rudolf Schönheimer Institute of Biochemistry, Universität Leipzig	Fermented food-derived metabolites of lactic acid bacteria modulate immune function via highly potent activation of human hydroxycarboxylic acid receptor 3
2021	Dr. Sjoerd van Wijk, Institute for Experimental Cancer Research in Pediatrics, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt a.M Dr. Sushmita Chakraborty, Department of Transplant Immunology & Immunogenetics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Neu Dehli, Indien	ATF4 links drug-induced ER stress with reticulophagy and autophagy- dependent cell death in glioblastoma cells OX40 negatively influences regulatory T cells in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis
2022	Dr. Yaw Asare, Institut für Schlaganfall- und Demenzforschung, LMU München	IKK binds NLRP3 providing a shortcut to inflammasome activation for rapid immune responses

2024	Dr. Lina Herhaus, Goethe University Frankfurt, Medical Faculty, Institute of Biochemistry II, Frankfurt a.M., Germany	IRGQ-mediated autophagy in MHC-I quality control drives tumor immune evasion
2025	Dr. Theresia Gutmann, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany	A moonlighting function of the SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein in suppressing DNA-induced innate immunity