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**2) University training and degree**

2003 - 2005 Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Neuroscience, International Max-Planck Research School for Neurosciences and Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany  
 1999 - 2003 Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.), Biotechnological Engineering G.G.S. Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India

**3) Advanced academic qualifications**

2008 Doctoral dissertation in Neuroscience, Mentor: Prof. Klaus-Armin Nave, Department of Neurogenetics, Max-Planck Institute of Experimental Medicine and Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany

**4) Postgraduate professional career**

Since 2018 Chica and Heinz Schaller Research Group Leader  
 Institute of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Heidelberg University, Germany  
 2016 - 2017 Junior Faculty, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA  
 2010 - 2016 Post-doctoral fellow with Prof. Dwight Bergles, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA  
 2008 - 2010 Post-doctoral fellow with Prof. Klaus-Armin Nave, Department of Neurogenetics, Max-Planck Institute of Experimental Medicine, Göttingen, Germany

**5) Other**

Awards and honours:

2017 Chica and Heinz Schaller Research Group Leader, Heidelberg, Germany  
 2016 - 2018 NARSAD Young Investigator Award, Brain & Behaviour Research Foundation, USA  
 2016 Anuradha Rao Memorial Award, Cell Press/Society for Neuroscience, USA  
 2016 W. Barry Wood Jr. Young Investigator Award, Johns Hopkins University, USA

2016 FENS-IBRO/PERC Travel Award, FENS Forum 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2011 - 2014 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Post-doctoral Fellowship, New York, USA  
2004 - 2008 Max-Planck Society Stipend for Graduate Students  
2003 - 2004 International Max-Planck Research School Stipend, Göttingen, Germany  
1999 - 2003 University Scholarship, G. G. S. Indraprastha University, Delhi, India

Editorial boards:

Since 2019 Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience*, Switzerland.

**6) Publications**

**A)**

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Paukert M\*, Agarwal A\*, Cha J, Doze VA, Kang JU, Bergles DE. Norepinephrine controls astroglial responsiveness to local circuit activity. **Neuron**; 82(6):1263-1270, 2014.

Brinkmann BG\*, Agarwal A\*, Sereda MW, Garratt AN, Muller T, Wende H, Stassart RM, Nawaz S, Humml C, Velanac V, Radyushkin K, Goebbels S, Fischer TM, Franklin RJ, Lai C, Ehrenreich H, Birchmeier C, Schwab MH, Nave KA. Neuregulin-1/ErbB signaling serves distinct functions in myelination of the peripheral and central nervous system. **Neuron**; 59(4):581-595,2008.

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**B) other publications: -**

**C) Patents: -**