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### Flow and Neutrophils Mediate Superficial Erosion (p 31)

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### ADAM17 and Neuronal AT1A Receptors in Hypertension (p 43)

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### MPO Promotes Arrhythmogenic Ventricular Remodeling (p 56)

**Dr Martin Mollenhauer's** academic career began at the Ruprecht-Karls University of Heidelberg (Germany), where he received his master's degree in molecular biotechnology. After working in the field of green biotechnology, he became a member of the German Emmy-Noether program and started his dissertation at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the Department of General-, Visceral- and Transplant Surgery in Heidelberg. Under the mentorship of Prof Martin Schneider and his enthusiasm for clinical research, Martin's interest for medical life science was awakened. He received his PhD with research on hypoxic pathways and innate immunity in visceral pathologies. Today, he is working as a PI under Prof Stephan Baldus at the University Hospital Cologne. During leisure time, he enjoys hiking and being in nature, as well as a good Kölsch at the Rhine river in company. Although a famous motto in Cologne is "Et kütt wie et kütt," he hopes that his work will finally help to establish anti-inflammatory therapies for cardiovascular diseases.

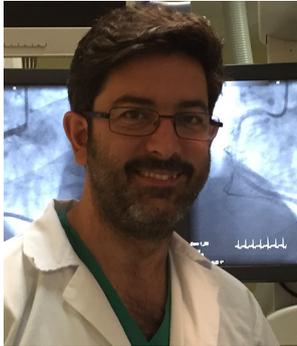
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### **Allogeneic Cardiac Cells for Myocardial Repair (p 71)**

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### **CETP Protein Truncating Variants and Risk for CHD (p 81)**

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