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After completing her studies in molecular biology in 2013, Gina-Eva did her PhD in Essen in the Laboratory of Molecular Ophthalmology and focused on the role of hypoxia in the context of endocrine orbitopathy. During Gina-Eva's postdoctoral phase, she further investigated the interaction of immune cells with orbital fibroblasts and the influence of smoking in this context. Since 2024, Gina-Eva has been leading Prof. Dr. Eckstein's inflammatory orbital disease research group, which is specifically focused on developing and conducting treatment studies in our mouse model for endocrine orbitopathy. Their aim is to develop new therapeutic approaches and translate basic research into clinical applications.