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Dep. PAEV Pathogen-Evolution <i>Prof. Dr. S. Calvignac-Spencer</i>	HIOH	Dep. RABI RNA-Biology of Bacterial Infection <i>Prof. Dr. J. Vogel</i>	HIRI	RG MPRO Microbial Proteomics <i>Prof. Dr. S. Engelmann</i>		Dep. VIRI Viral Immunology <i>Prof. Dr. L. Cicin-Sain</i>		RG CMII Cellular Metabolism in Infection <i>Prof. Dr. T. Cordes</i>	BRICS	JRG GEMS Genome Mining for Secondary Metabolites <i>Dr. C. Fu</i>	
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JRG EVCO Evolutionary Community Ecology <i>Dr. J. Gogarten</i>	HIOH	RG RANA RNA-Analysis Center <i>Prof. Dr. A.-E. Saliba (Deputy Director)</i>	HIRI	JRG CPIC Complexes in Phage-Infected Cells <i>Dr. M. Gerovac</i>	TC	RG IREG Immune Regulation <i>Prof. Dr. D. Bruder</i>		RG PKPD PK-PD Unit <i>Dr. K. Rax</i>		JRG SIMS Synthetic Biology of Microbial Natural Products <i>Dr. K. Boshüyük</i>	
RG OHS One Health Surveillance <i>Dr. F. Zimmermann</i>	HIOH	RG SIGA Single Cell Analysis <i>Prof. Dr. A.-E. Saliba</i>	HIRI	Dep. STIB Structural Infection Biology <i>Prof. Dr. M. Kolbe</i>	CSSB	JRG LOTI Laboratory of Transmission Immunology <i>Dr. J. Port</i>		Dep. DDOP Drug Design And Optimization <i>Prof. Dr. A. Hirsch</i>	HIPS	JRG NEBH Natural Products from Under-Explored Pathways <i>Dr. F. Hubrich</i>	
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Dep. EVIR Experimental Virology <i>Prof. Dr. T. Pietschmann (Deputy Director)</i> <i>PI Dr. P. Behrendt</i>	TC	Dep. MOST Molecular Structural Biology <i>Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. D. Heinz</i>		RG MZBI Molecular Cell Biology <i>Prof. Dr. K. Rotner</i>		RG VMED Core Facility of Comparative Medicine <i>Dr. M. Greweling-Pils</i>		RG CBCH Chemical Biology of Carbohydrates <i>Prof. Dr. A. Titz</i>	HIPS	RG WIBI Drug Bioinformatics <i>Prof. Dr. O. Kallina</i>	
NWG PAIN Pathways in infection and Nociception <i>Dr. S. Chakrabarti</i>		JRG CODE Biological Codes of Pathogens <i>Dr. J. Schlegel</i>		JRG NIBI Nano Infection Biology <i>Prof. Dr. C. Sieben</i>		Dep. SIMM Systems Immunology <i>Prof. Dr. M. Meyer-Herrmann</i>		Dep. MICA Antinfectives from Microbiota <i>Prof. Dr. C. Beemelmanns</i>	HIPS	RG HMSB Human-Microbe Systems Bioinformatics <i>Prof. Dr. A. Gurevich</i>	
		RG VIMM Virology and Innate Immunity <i>Prof. Dr. M. Brinkmann</i>		JRG PMIG Precision Microbial Genomics <i>Dr. J. Wirbel</i>		RG MECI Mechanochemistry of Inflammation <i>Dr. A. Goychuk</i>		RG TOSY Total Synthesis of Natural Products <i>Prof. Dr. U. Kazmaier</i>	HIPS	RG DDDD Data Drive Drug Development <i>Prof. Dr. A. Volkamer</i>	
		RG ZEIM Central Facility for Microscopy <i>Dr. M. Mützen (act.)</i>		JRG BINE Bacterial Infection Ecology <i>Dr. M. Jahn</i>		Dep. IVON Innovative Organoid Research <i>Prof. Dr. J. Penninger</i>		RG TINP Target Identification of Natural Products <i>Prof. Dr. S. Sieber</i>	HIPS	RG NAWI Synthesis of Natural-Product derived Drugs <i>Prof. Dr. T. Gulder</i>	
		JRG IMSI Immune Signaling <i>Dr. L. Herhaus</i>				Dep. PERI Personalised Immunotherapy <i>Prof. Dr. K. de la Rosa</i>		AG PEVI Drug Research for Persistent Viral Infections <i>Prof. Dr. S. Smola</i>	HIPS	Dep. MWIS Microbial Drugs <i>Prof. Dr. M. Stadler</i>	
		Dep. RSYN RNA Synthetic Biology <i>Prof. Dr. C. Beisel</i>	HIRI					JRG VLP Virus-like-particle based technologies <i>Dr. M. Schubert</i>		JRG ACES Antimicrobials Through Chemoenzymatic Synthesis <i>Dr.-A. Kiefer</i>	
									HIPS	Dep. DDEL Biological Barriers and Drug Delivery <i>Prof. Dr. C.-M. Lehr</i>	

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HIOH	HIOH, Helmholtz-Institute One Health, Greifswald Managing Director: Prof. Dr. Fabian Leendertz / Administrative Management: Dr. Till Suchsland

CiIM	CiIM, Centre for Individualised Infection Medicine, Hanover Managing Directors: Prof. Dr. Yang Li, Prof. Dr. med. Markus Cornberg
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CSSB	CSSB. Centre for Structural Systems Biology
TC	TWINCORE, Centre for Experimental and Clinical Infection Research GmbH Director: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kalinke / Administrative Management: Dr. Albrecht Goez

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