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| | Affiliation | Uppsala University, Sweden | | |
| | Position & Title | Professor | | |
| EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | | | | |
| | Institution/Location | Degree (if applicable) | Completion Date (MM/YYYY) | Field of Study |
| | Uppsala University | Professor | 2019- | Vascular biology |
| | Uppsala University | Associate Professor | 2013-2019 | Vascular biology |
| | Cancer Research UK London Research Institute | Group leader | 2007-2013 | Vascular biology |
| | University of Helsinki | PhD | 2002 | Vascular biology |
| PERSONAL STATEMENT (AREAS OF RESEARCH INTERESTS) | | | | |
| <p>The long term aim of our research is to understand how endothelial cells lining blood and lymphatic vessels communicate with the tissue environment to coordinate morphogenesis and functional specialisation of the vasculature. Most of our research has focused on the lymphatic vasculature that was traditionally considered a passive drainage system for removal of excess of tissue fluid but has recently been shown to play an active role in many important processes and common diseases such as autoimmune disease and cancer. We also investigate how the regulators of developmental (lymph) angiogenesis impact on genetic human diseases such as lymphoedema and vascular malformations.</p> | | | | |
| POSITION & HONORS | | | | |
| | 2020 | Göran Gustaffson prize | | |
| | 2019 | Wallenberg Scholar | | |
| | 2014 | European Research Council (ERC) consolidator grant | | |
| CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE | | | | |
| None | | | | |