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I am a senior scientist working with parasitology and clinical microbiology. For many years I have been studying the diagnosis, epidemiology, clinical significance, genetic diversity, and taxonomy of single-celled intestinal parasites with special emphasis on *Blastocystis*. Particularly, I'm working to understand its role in human health and disease.

I did my post doc at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and I'm currently based at Statens Serum Institut, Copenhagen, Denmark.

On a daily basis, I develop and implement novel and optimized diagnostic analyses for parasitic diseases. Central to my work is the understanding of the advantages and limitations of DNA based technologies increasingly used in diagnostic assays and research projects.

Since 2006, I have published about 100 scientific, peer-reviewed papers, protocols and book chapters, of which 50 or so include data on *Blastocystis*. I received the Fritz Kauffmann prize in 2013 for my contribution to advances in clinical microbiology.

Since 2012, I have been curating the Blastocystis Parasite Blog (www.blastocystis.net).