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Curriculum vitae

Torsten Plösch was born on November 2nd, 1969, in Bremen, Germany. He attended high school in Ganderkesee, Germany. After obtaining his high school diploma in 1989, he served in the German army for 18 months. Subsequently, he enrolled to study biology at the *Carl von Ossietzky Universität* in Oldenburg, Germany. In his undergraduate projects he focused on zoology, microbiology and cell biology. He performed his Master's thesis on the molecular biology of neuropeptides in invertebrates at the Department of Animal Physiology under supervision of prof. Axel Willig (†) and dr. Peter P. Jaros.

In 1998, he received an Ubbo Emmius scholarship from the *Rijksuniversiteit Groningen*, The Netherlands, to investigate transport mechanisms involved in the hepatobiliary excretion of hydrophobic compounds, particularly of the heme precursor protoporphyrin. This work was supervised by prof. Folkert Kuipers (Department of Pediatrics) and prof. Peter L.M. Jansen (Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology). In prof. Kuipers' group, he started in 2001 to investigate the regulation of cholesterol transport in a project funded by the *Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research* (NWO). During the summer of 2003, he worked as an honorary fellow at the Division of Biochemical and Clinical Genetics, University of Wisconsin at Madison, under supervision of prof. Jon A. Wolff. Starting April 1st, 2004, he is employed as postdoctoral scientist in the Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medical Sciences, of the *Rijksuniversiteit Groningen*.