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Project title: Functional characterization of T-cell receptors against chronic viral infections

Research focus: My project aims to understand how specific T-cell receptors (TCRs) recognize and respond to chronic viral infections, such as hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV). By identifying and characterizing virus-specific TCRs and performing functional assays, I want to explore how variations in TCRs affect the interplay between the immune system and chronic viral infections.

Personal interests & motto: I like to spend long evenings with my friends and go cycling. I listen to a lot of music, go to concerts and make music myself. I am invested in science communication and care about progress in sustainability and climate change.

Advantages of being a MOI V fellow: I am looking forward to learning more about host-pathogen interactions and deepening my understanding of immunology and infection biology. I am also very excited about the opportunity to meet new people and their research, work in an interdisciplinary environment and gain new experiences.

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