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Biographical sketch:

Ingo V. Hartung is a synthetic organic chemist by training (PhD University of Hannover/Germany, Postdoc Stanford University/US) with close to 20 years of Pharma industry experience (Schering AG, Bayer AG, Merck KGaA). He has been project leader in oncology and cardiology NCE drug discovery and has had portfolio responsibility for preclinical research in the areas of epigenetics and immunooncology. Ingo is heading Merck's Medicinal Chemistry & Drug Design department which is driving drug discovery projects in oncology & immunology covering various types of small molecule modalities. His research interests comprise all aspects of innovation in small molecule drug discovery with a special focus on novel modalities like protein degraders. Ingo Hartung is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of ChemMedChem and on the Advisory Board of the President of the European Federation of Medicinal Chemistry. He is the author of >50 scientific publications and patents.

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