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Thomas C. Mettenleiter is a molecular virologist specializing in herpesviruses of animals, in particular cattle, pigs, poultry and fish, and has thirty years' experience in the field of animal health. He joined the Federal Research Centre for Virus Diseases of Animals (now Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut) in 1982. Besides his focus on animal herpesviruses he is also involved in research into the molecular biology of other animal viruses including avian influenza viruses, rabies virus and Newcastle Disease virus. He (co)authored more than 375 peer-reviewed publications and several books, and serves as serial editor of *Advances in Virus Research*, the oldest review series in virology.

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