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Prof. Joerg Heeren, PhD (born 1970) is currently Professor at the Institute for Biochemistry and Molecular Cell Biology at the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany. His main research interest is to understand molecular mechanisms causing abnormalities in lipid and lipoprotein metabolism, which are associated with the development of chronic inflammatory disorders such as atherosclerosis and type 2 diabetes. He is recognized for his work on the intravascular processing and hepatic uptake of triglyceride-rich lipoproteins. His research on the intracellular sorting of lipoprotein components provided a new intracellular link between the metabolism of triglyceride-rich lipoproteins and the 'good', atheroprotective cholesterol, HDL. More recently, Prof. Heeren has utilized state of the art nanoparticle-based metabolic imaging, to establish a key role for the brown adipose tissue in the regulation of plasma triglyceride levels.