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Christian Burri, MPharm, PhD is the Deputy Head of the Department of Medicine and the Head of the Medicines Implementation Research Unit at the Swiss TPH, and Professor for Pharmacy & Clinical Pharmacology at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Basel. He chairs the Human Subject Research Desk at Swiss TPH, which supports the institute's scientists in the preparation and submission of scientific projects to ethics committees worldwide.

For almost 30 years he has been involved in the management and conduct of clinical trials on drugs and vaccines against neglected tropical and poverty related diseases, mainly in low income countries. In 2018 he handed over this service oriented responsibility and founded a research group studying medicines implementation in resource low settings focusing on the two main fields of interests of patient, community & systems centred implementation research and product centred implementation research.

During his training and the professional career he had the privilege to become involved in most aspects of drug research and development including gene cloning and parasite cultivation, drug screening, pharmacology and toxicology, lead selection, the conduct of clinical trials of Phases I-III, quality management, ethical and regulatory tasks, but also in various aspects of Public Health and implementation of new interventions.

Despite of his involvement into a broad range of topics and contribution to various diseases, the original and continued passion of Prof. Burri is sleeping sickness (human African trypanosomiasis) where he has significantly contributed to the improvement of the treatment.

Prof. Burri has been trained as a pharmacist at the University of Bern, Switzerland, holds a PhD in medical parasitology from the University of Basel and received post-doctoral training in molecular pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. He has held a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Swiss Association of Pharmaceutical Professionals (SwAPP) since 2000.

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