

CURRICULUM VITAE: COSIMA LOCHER, PhD**1. Personal information**

Date of Birth	15.05.1989
Nationality	Swiss
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Family status	Married; One child, Jacob, date of birth: 24.02.2020
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Research interests	Chronic Primary Pain, placebos, meta-analysis

**2. Education**

Since 03.2017	Postgraduate education in Integrative Coaching IBP (BSO, SGfB) at the IBP Institute in Winterthur, CH
09.2014-06.2017	PhD / Dr. phil. (summa cum laude) at the University of Basel, CH PhD thesis: „Placebos and their consequences in clinical and basic research: Effects and possible ways to harness them“ PhD Advisor: Prof. Jens Gaab; Date of Defense: 22.06.2017
08.2012-07.2014	Master of Science (summa cum laude) in Clinical Psychology and Neuroscience, University of Basel, CH Master thesis: „Baseline severity: A moderator of antidepressant and placebo outcomes in late-life depression“
08.2009-07.2012	Bachelor of Science (insigni cum laude) in Psychology, University of Basel, CH Bachelor thesis: „Geschlechtsunterschiede chronisch depressiver Patienten: Ansprechen auf eine CBASP-Therapie und interpersonelles Verhalten“
01.2020	Collaborative institutional training initiative (CITI Program), Harvard Medical School
01.2019	Swiss Epidemiologic Winter School: Advanced methods in (Network) Meta-Analysis
01.2019	Training course: Research and Innovation, University of Plymouth
11.2018	Training course: Fibromyalgia, Postgraduate Medical Centre, University of Plymouth
11.2017	Good Clinical Practice Basiskurs, Clinical Trial Unit Basel
Since 12.2016	Courses in Educational Development, University of Basel
04.2013-05.2013	Online Meta-Analysis course at Statistics.com

3. Employment history

From 01.2021	PostDoc research affiliate , Klinik für Konsiliarpsychiatrie und Psychosomatik, Universitätsspital Zürich und Universität Zürich, funded by SNSF Postdoc.Mobility Return Grant
Since 10.2019	PostDoc research affiliate , Harvard Medical School, Boston Children's Hospital, funded by SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellowships
Since 09.2018	PostDoc research affiliate , University of Plymouth, School of Psychology, funded by SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellowships
09.2018-09.2019	Research associate , University of Bristol, Bristol Medical School, funded by SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellowships
Since 08.2017	Research associate , Swiss private clinic (Privatklinik Hohenegg, Meilen) (15%)
07.2017-08.2018	PostDoc research assistant , University of Basel, Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (80%)
09.2014-06.2017	PhD Candidate , University of Basel, Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (50%)
12.2011-06.2014	Research assistant , University of Basel, Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy. Project: Meta-Analyses. (20%)

11.2013-12.2013	Research assistant “Genetische Polymorphismen in Assoziation mit Placebo Analgesie” at the University of Basel (10%)
05.2013-09.2013	Research assistant for the SSP-SGP Congress at the University of Basel
02.2013-05.2013	Internship at the Universitäts-Kinderspital beider Basel (UKBB): “Diabetes na und?”
09.2012-10.2012	Research assistant of the study “Ambulatory monitoring in PD and PTSD” at the University of Basel (20%)
10.2011-12.2011	Research assistant , University of Basel, Department of Cognitive and Decision Sciences (20%)
06.2011-09.2011	Internship at the Universitätsklinikum Freiburg, DE: station for affective disorders, specialized for chronic depression (100%)
09.2010-06.2011	Tutor for statistics , University of Basel (10%)

4. Institutional responsibilities

Since 05.2019	swissuniversities Teaching Delegation (Delegation Lehre) of <i>actionuni der Schweizer Mittelbau</i> (actionuni)
Since 11.2018	Honorary contract, clinical observation, Plymouth Pain Management Centre
Since 03.2018	Reviewer in the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the Faculty of Psychology, University of Basel

5. Approved research projects

5.1. Research projects

08.2020	“Tiergestützte Gruppenpsychotherapie für Kinder und Jugendliche mit psychischen und körperlichen Beschwerden” Stiftung für psychosomatische, ganzheitliche Medizin (40'000 CHF) (with Helen Koechlin, PhD and Milena Petignat, MSc)
01.2021-12.2021	“Pharmacological Interventions for Patients with Chronic Primary Musculoskeletal Pain – From Synthesized Evidence to Real-World Clinical Practice” SNSF Postdoc.Mobility Return Grant (90'306 CHF) (P4P4PS_194536)
09.2018-12.2020	“Overcoming Classificatory and Methodological Hurdles to Improve Treatment of Chronic Primary Pain: A Network Meta-Analytic Approach” SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellowship (108'292 CHF) (P400PS_180730)

5.2. Ethical approvals

09.2020	“Open notes” and psychotherapy: Opinions of psychotherapy trainees and practitioners at a Swiss University, IRB Nr: 014-20-01, University of Basel, CH
01.2020	Open-label placebo treatment for acute postoperative pain: A randomized controlled trial, EKNZ Study Identifier: OLPPOP_1, CH; Co-applicant
12.2019	Psychology student survey: Attitudes towards Artificial Intelligence, IRB Nr: 030-19-1, University of Basel, CH; Collaboration with Harvard Medical School, US
09.2019	Identifying patients’ subjective illness narratives for fibromyalgia – A focus group study, IRAS Nr: 266140, NHS approval, UK
08.2019	Primary Care in 2029: A DELPHI poll on the impact of machine learning, Reference Nr: 18/19-1144, University of Plymouth, UK
11.2018	Good Treatment: A qualitative approach, IRB Nr: 032-18-1, University of Basel, CH
01.2018	Open-label placebo treatment of women with premenstrual syndrome: A randomized controlled trial, EKNZ Nr: 2017-02186, CH; Co-applicant
05.2017	HEAL-D: Erfassung relevanter Aspekte von Behandlungen, EKNZ Nr: 2017-00870, CH; Co-applicant
12.2015/09.2015	Back to Basics – Effects, Narratives and Routes of Administration of Open-label Placebo, EKNZ Nr.: 2015-246, CH

6. Supervision of junior researchers

2015 – current	Supervision of Master’s theses (Judith Theresia Glatz, Michelle Sedlak, Julia Patricia Pradela, Tamara Probst, Frieda Maria Flora Frick, Tabea Greter, Dilan Sezer, Sarah Bürgler, Bojana Degen, Ornella Fasolin, Kerstin Trachsel, Luzius Heydrich, Süheyla
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	Seker, Claudia Puttinger, Jessica Plattner, Sebastian Hasler, Xenia Zheleznyak, Nafisa Müller, Larissa Tellini, Christoph Werner)
2015 – current	Supervision of Bachelor's theses (Alissa Radin, Sophie von Achenbach, Giulia Ammann, Tamara Rappo, Süheyla Seker)

7. Teaching activities

08.2015-12.2017	HS 2015, HS 2016, HS 2017: Seminar "Placebo- und Noceboforschung"
08.2015-12.2017	HS 2015, FS 2016, HS 2016, FS 2017, HS 2017: Seminar "Kolloquium Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie"
02.2016-06.2016	FS 2016: Lecture "Klinische Somatopsychologie"
09.2010-06.2011	Tutor for statistics, University of Basel

8. Membership in panels, boards, and individual scientific reviewing activities

8.1. Membership in panels and boards

07.2019	Society for Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS) Poster Award Committee
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8.2. Reviewing activities

Since 2020	<i>Frontiers in Psychiatry, Children</i>
Since 2019	<i>British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, Qualitative Health Research, SAGE Open, Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, Journal of Psychosomatic Research, BMJ Open, Scientif Reports, Psychosomatic Medicine</i>
Since 2018	<i>PLoS ONE, Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, Frontiers in Psychology</i>
Since 2015	<i>Journal of Affective Disorders</i>

9. Active memberships in scientific societies, fellowship in renowned academies

Since 2019	Member of the <i>International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)</i> , Member of <i>The British Pain Society</i> , Member of the <i>Swiss Psychological Society (SPS)</i>
Since 2013	Member of the <i>Society of Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS)</i>

10. Organisation of conferences

Since 01.2020	Organization of the symposium "Was macht gute Behandlung in Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Psychologie aus?" in cooperation with the Privatklinik Hohenegg
08.2019	Organization of the symposium "Perspectives on good treatment" at the University of Plymouth, UK
05.2013-09.2013	Research assistant for the SSP-SGP Congress at the University of Basel

11. Prizes, awards, fellowships

11.2020	stay on track, University of Basel, funding for a research assistant for 6 months (February 2021– July 2021), 23.8%
10.2020	Quality Crystal Award by the CSS; Main applicant for the Privatklinik Hohenegg. <i>MediSystem – Entwicklung von patientengerechten Medikamenten-Informationen</i>
02.2020	Inger Salling Price for Psychiatry (with Helen Koechlin, PhD), CHF 28'000 (in total)
05.2019 & 10.2020	<i>Gleichstellungsbeiträge</i> from the SNSF (CHF 2'000 in total)
03.2019	Travel grant for the 2 nd SIPS Congress (EUR 300), received from the SIPS committee
11.2018	Steven-Karger Award of the Faculty of Psychology (with Helen Koechlin, PhD), University of Basel, CHF 5'000 (in total)
02.2016-11.2016	antelope@university – Career program, University of Basel
Since 2014	Travel grants from the University of Basel for the European Congress of Psychology, the SIPS Congress, the EABCT Congress, and the World Congress of Psychotherapy

12. Personal skills

Languages	German: native, English: fluent in spoken and written, French: good knowledge
Technical Skills	Microsoft, Mac OS, SPSS, EndNote, CMA, "R"

13. Career breaks

02.2020 – 06.2020	Maternity leave
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RESEARCH OUTPUT: COSIMA LOCHER, PhD**1. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals**

* = five most important publications

From my postdoctoral time**2020**

35. Blease, C., **Locher, C.**, Leon-Carlyle, M. & Doraiswamy, M. (**accepted**). Artificial intelligence and the future of psychiatry: Qualitative findings from a global physician survey. *Digital Health*
Contribution: process of theory forming, coding, qualitative data analyses, writing manuscript
34. Davies, A.F., Hill, P., Fay, D., Dee, A., **Locher, C.** (**accepted**). Body Reprogramming: Reframing the fibromyalgia narrative and providing an integrative therapeutic model. *Health Psychology Open*
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
33. Koechlin, H., **Locher, C.**, & Prchal, A. (2020). [Talking to children and families about chronic pain: The importance of pain education](#). *Children*, 7(10), 179.
doi:10.3390/children7100179
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
32. Blease, C. R., Kharko, A., **Locher, C.**, DesRoches, C. M., & Mandl, K. D. (2020). [US primary care in 2029: A delphi survey on the impact of machine learning](#). *PLOS One*, 15(10), e0239947. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0239947.
Contribution: process of theory forming, analyses of Delphi poll, writing manuscript
31. **Locher, C.**, Mansour, R., Koechlin, H., & Büchi, S. (2020). [Patient-appraised therapeutic events during inpatient psychiatric treatment](#). *BMC Health Services Research*, 20, 734.
doi:10.1186/s12913-020-05617-4.
Contribution: process of theory forming, statistical analyses, writing manuscript
30. Bernstein, M., **Locher, C.**, Kube, T., & Blease, C. (2020). [Putting the 'Art' into the 'Art of Medicine': The under-explored role of artifacts in placebo studies](#). *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 1354. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2020.01354.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
29. Bernstein, M. H., **Locher, C.**, Stewart-Ferrer, S., Buergler, S., DesRoches, C. M., Dossett, M. L., Miller, F. G., Grose D., & Blease, C. R. (2020). [Primary care providers' use of and attitudes towards placebos: An exploratory focus group study with US physicians](#). *British Journal of Health Psychology*, 25(3), 596-614. doi:10.1111/bjhp.12429.
Contribution: study concept and design, coding, qualitative data analyses, writing manuscript
28. Gerger, H., Frey Nascimento, A., **Locher, C.**, Gaab, J., & Trachsel, M. (2020). [What are the key characteristics of a 'good' psychotherapy? Calling for ethical patient involvement](#). *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 11, 406. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00406.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
27. Gaab, J., Annoni, M., Blease, C., Gerger, H., & **Locher, C.** (2020). [The good treatment: A biopsychosocioethical proposition](#). *European Journal for Person Centered Healthcare*, 8(2), 201-206. doi:10.5750/ejpc.v8i2.1843.
26. Donado, C., Friedrich, Y., Kossowsky, J., **Locher, C.**, & Koechlin, H. (2020). [Exposure to parental depression: A longitudinal analysis on the association with adolescents' depressive symptoms and adjustment problems](#). *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*, 41, 522-533. doi:10.1097/DBP.0000000000000820.
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript
25. Blease, C., Arnott, T., Kelley, J. M., Proctor, G., Kube, T. Gaab, J., & **Locher, C.** (2020). [Attitudes about Informed Consent: An exploratory qualitative analysis of UK psychotherapy](#)

- [trainees](#). *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 11, 183. doi:10.3389/fpsy.2020.00183.
Contribution: study concept and design, coding, qualitative data analyses, writing manuscript, study supervision
24. Gerger, H., Bürgler, S., Sezer, D., Grethler, M., Gaab, J., & **Locher, C.** (2020). [The Healing Encounters and Attitudes Lists \(HEAL\): Psychometric properties of a German version in comparison with the original HEAL](#). *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 10, 897. doi:10.3389/fpsy.2019.00897.
Contribution: study concept and design, data analyses, writing manuscript, study supervision
23. **Locher, C.**, Gaab, J., Blease, C., Inderbinen, M., Kost, L., & Koechlin, H. (2020). [Placebos are part of the solution, not the problem. An exemplification of the case of antidepressants in pediatric chronic pain conditions](#). *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 10, 998. doi:10.3389/fpsy.2019.00998.
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript
22. * **Locher, C.**, Kossowsky, J., Koechlin, H., Lan Lam, T., Barthel, J., Berde, B. C., Gaab, J., Schwarzer, G., Linde, K., & Meissner, K. (2020). [Efficacy, safety and acceptability of pharmacological treatments for pediatric migraine prophylaxis: A systematic review and network meta-analysis](#). *JAMA Pediatrics*, 174(4), 341-349. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2019.5856.
Contribution: study concept and design, systematic search, full-text review, screening, extraction, data analyses, writing manuscript, study supervision
21. * Frey Nascimento, A., Gaab, J., Kirsch, I., Kaptchuk, T., Kossowsky, J., Meyer, A., & **Locher, C.** (2020). [Open-label placebo treatment of women with premenstrual syndrome: Study protocol of a randomized controlled trial](#). *BMJ Open*, 10(2), e032868. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2019-032868.
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript, study supervision
20. Blease, C. R., Bernstein, M. H., & **Locher, C.** (2020). [Open-label placebo clinical trials: Is it the rationale, the interaction or the pill?](#) *BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine*, 25, 159-165. doi:10.1136/bmjebm-2019-111209.
Contribution: study concept and design, literature search, writing manuscript
- 2019**
19. Barke, A., Koechlin, H., Korwisi, B., & **Locher, C.** (2019). [Emotional distress: Specifying a neglected part of chronic pain](#). *European Journal of Pain*, 24, 477-480. doi:10.1002/ejp.1525.
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript
18. Koechlin, H., Whalley, B., Welton, N., & **Locher, C.** (2019). [The best treatment option\(s\) for adult and elderly patients with chronic primary musculoskeletal pain: A protocol for a systematic review and network meta-analysis](#). *Systematic Reviews*, 8(269), 1-10. doi:10.1186/s13643-019-1174-6.
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript, study supervision
17. Gaab, J., Bürgin, D., **Locher, C.**, Werner, C., Urech, S., Bratschi, C., Garcia, L. B., Hauke, M., Bitter, S., Bohny, M., & Bentz, D. (2019). [Endogenous cortisol and conditioned placebo effects on pain – A randomized trial](#). *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 123, 109739. doi:10.1016/j.jpsychores.2019.109739.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
16. **Locher, C.**, Koechlin, H., Gaab, J., & Gerger, H. (2019). [The other side of the coin: Nocebo effects and psychotherapy](#). *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10, 555. doi:10.3389/fpsy.2019.00555.
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript

15. Gaab, J., Kossowsky, J., Ehlert, U., & **Locher, C.** (2019). [Effects and Components of Placebos with a Psychological Treatment Rationale – Three Randomized-Controlled Studies.](#) *Scientific Reports*, 9(1), 1421. doi:10.1038/s41598-018-37945-1.
Contribution: study concept and design, performing statistical analyses, writing the manuscript, study supervision
14. **Locher C.**, Messerli M., Gaab J., Gerger H. (2019). [Long-term effects of psychological interventions to improve adherence to antiretroviral treatment in HIV-infected persons: A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, 33(3), 131-144. doi:10.1089/apc.2018.0164.
Contribution: study concept and design, systematic search, full-text review, screening, extraction, data analyses, writing manuscript
13. **Locher, C.**, Nascimento, A. F., Kossowsky, J., Meyer, A., & Gaab, J. (2019). [Open-label placebo response–Does optimism matter? A secondary-analysis of a randomized controlled trial.](#) *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 116, 25-30. doi:10.1016/j.jpsychores.2018.11.009.
Contribution: study concept and design, application for ethical approval, recruitment, data monitoring, performing experiment, data analyses, writing manuscript
12. **Locher, C.**, Meier, S., & Gaab, J. (2019). [Psychotherapy – A world of meanings.](#) *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10, 460. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00460.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript

2018

11. **Locher, C.**, Gaab, J., & Blease C. (2018). [When a placebo is not a placebo: Problems and solutions to the gold standard in psychotherapy research.](#) *Frontiers in Psychology*, 9, 2317. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2018.02317.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
10. Koechlin, H., Kossowsky, J., Gaab, J., & **Locher, C.** (2018) [How to address the placebo response in the prescription of SSRIs and SNRIs in children and adolescents.](#) *Expert Opinion on Drug Safety*, 17(6), 537-540. doi:10.1080/14740338.2018.1475558.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript
9. **Locher, C.**, Gaab, J., Loughlin, M., & Blease, C. (2018). Book Review. [After placebo: In medical research and clinical practice.](#) *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 24(5), 1265-1267. doi:10.1111/jep.12888.
Contribution: process of theory forming, reviewing book, writing manuscript

2017

8. * **Locher, C.**, Koechlin, H., Zion, S. R., Werner, C., Pine, D. S., Kirsch, I., Kessler, R., & Kossowsky, J. (2017). [Efficacy and safety of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors, and placebo for common psychiatric disorders among children and adolescents: A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) *JAMA Psychiatry*, 74(10), 1011. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2017.2432.
Contribution: study concept and design, systematic search, full-text review, screening, extraction, data analyses, writing manuscript
7. * **Locher, C.**, Frey Nascimento, A., Kirsch, I., Kossowsky, J., Meyer, A., & Gaab, J. (2017). [Is the rationale more important than deception? A randomized controlled trial of open-label placebo analgesia.](#) *PAIN*, 158(12), 2320-2328. doi:10.1097/j.pain.0000000000001012.
Contribution: study concept and design, application for ethical approval, recruitment, data monitoring, performing experiment, data analyses, writing manuscript
6. Tondorf, T., Kaufmann, L.-K., Degel, A., **Locher, C.**, Birkhäuer, J., Gerger, H., Ehlert, U., & Gaab, J. (2017). [Employing open/hidden administration in psychotherapy research: A randomized-controlled trial of expressive writing.](#) *PLoS ONE*, 12(11), e0187400. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0187400.
Contribution: process of theory forming, writing manuscript

From my PhD time

2017

5. Gaab, J., **Locher, C.**, & Gerger, H. (2017). [Placebo und Psychotherapie – Selbstabschaffung oder Erkenntnisgewinn? Stellungnahme der Autoren zum Leserbrief von Harald Walach.](#) *Verhaltenstherapie*, 27(1), 59-60. doi:10.1159/0004530564.

2016

4. **Locher, C.**, Hasler, S., & Gaab, J. (2016). [When do placebos in psychotherapeutic research work? A systematic review on the example of systematic desensitization.](#) *Verhaltenstherapie*, 26(1), 9-20. doi:10.1159/000443464.
3. Gaab, J., Blease, C., **Locher, C.**, & Gerger, H. (2016). [Go open: A plea for transparency in psychotherapy.](#) *Psychology of Consciousness: Theory, Research, and Practice*, 3(2), 175. doi:10.1037/cns0000063

2015

2. **Locher, C.**, Kossowsky, J., Gaab, J., Kirsch, I., Bain, P., & Krummenacher, P. (2015). [Moderation of antidepressant and placebo outcomes by baseline severity in late-life depression: A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 181, 50-60. doi:10.1016/j.jad.2015.03.062.

2013

1. * Kossowsky, J., Pfaltz, M. C., Schneider, S., Taeymans, J., **Locher, C.**, & Gaab, J. (2013). [The separation anxiety hypothesis of panic disorder revisited: A meta-analysis.](#) *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 170(7), 768-781. doi:10.1176/appi.ajp.2012.12070893.

2. Peer-reviewed books / monographs

None

3. Peer-reviewed conference proceedings

None

4. Contributions to books

- 2019 grosse Holtforth, M., Gómez Penedo, J. M., **Locher, C.**, Blease, C., & Castonguay, L. G. (accepted). *Psychotherapy Integration as an ethical practice*. Oxford Handbook
- 2018 Gaab, J., **Locher, C.**, & Blease, C. (2018). [Placebo and Psychotherapy: Differences, Similarities and Implications.](#) Neurobiology of the Placebo Effect. Editor: Colloca L, Book Series: International Review of Neurobiology, Elsevier.

5. Patents and licenses

N/A

6. Contributions to conferences

Talks

- 09.2021 Two talks at the Symposium “Was macht gute Behandlung in Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Psychologie aus?” at the Privatklinik Hohenegg, Meilen, CH: “Erkenntnisse der Teilnehmer-Umfrage”; “Was macht gute Behandlung in Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Psychologie aus? Neueste Erkenntnisse aus Forschung und Wissenschaft“
- 11.2020 Talk at the Crosstalk “Was ist gute Behandlung? Über Placebos, Ethik, Kollaboration und Kongruenz” at the University of Basel, CH: “Making the nonspecifics specific: Chancen und Risiken bei der Implementierung von Kontextfaktoren im therapeutischen Prozess“
- 08.2019 Talk at the Symposium “Perspectives on good treatment” at the University of Plymouth, UK: “Advantages and challenges of a network meta-analysis”
- 06.2019 Talk at the Society for Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS) Congress at Leiden, NL: “Efficacy and Safety of Pharmacological Treatments for Migraine Prophylaxis: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-Analysis in Children and Adolescents”

- 06.2018 Discussant and organization of a Symposium at the “World Congress of Psychotherapy” at Amsterdam, NL: “Placebo-Like Effects in Psychotherapy”
- 07.2017 Talk at the “European Congress of Psychology” (ECP) at Amsterdam, NL: “Open-label Placebos in Healthy Participants: An Experimental Pain Investigation”
- 04.2017 Talk at the Society for Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS) Congress at Leiden, NL: “Open-label Placebos in Healthy Participants: An Experimental Pain Investigation”
- 06.2014 Talk at the Placebo Congress at the Foundation Brocher, Hermance, CH: “Placebo Response in Geriatric Depression”
- 09.2013 Talk at the SSP-SGP Congress in Basel, CH: “The Separation Anxiety Hypothesis of Panic Disorder Revisited: A Meta-Analysis”

Posters

- 09.2019 Pain Management Programmes (PMP) Bristol Conference, UK: “From old chestnut to new acorn? Body Reprogramming as a reconceptualized approach to Fibromyalgia”
- 07.2019 Society for Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS) Congress at Leiden, NL: “Open-label placebo treatment for women suffering from premenstrual syndrome: Study protocol and first results of a randomized controlled trial”
- 07.2019 Society for Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS) Congress at Leiden, NL: “Common factors in the treatment of chronic primary pain in children and adolescents: Protocol for a network meta-analysis”
- 07.2019 Society for Interdisciplinary Placebo Studies (SIPS) Congress at Leiden, NL: “The role of expectancy and adherence on open-label placebo effects in premenstrual syndrome: Preliminary results of a randomized controlled trial”
- 09.2018 World Congress on Pain, IASP, Boston, US: “Best pharmacological treatment option(s) for patients with chronic primary pain: A network meta-analysis”
- 04.2017 Poster at the SIPS Congress at Leiden, NL: “Inpatients’ perspectives on therapeutic moments”
- 06.2016 Poster Presentation at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) Congress in Chicago, US: “Efficacy of Psychological Interventions in Improving Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence. A meta-analysis of controlled studies”
- 09.2014 Poster Presentation at the European Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies (EABCT) Congress in The Hague, NL: “Baseline Severity: A Moderator of Antidepressant and Placebo Outcomes in Late-Life Depression”

7. Outreach activities

- 12.2019 Placebo-interview for the [Mind-body Connection Podcast Series](#), Dr. Phil Parker.
- 11.2019 Talk at the “Interdisziplinäres Symposium, Schweizerischer Feldenkrais Verband”, Baden, CH: “Veränderung im therapeutischen Prozess – die Bedeutung der Kontextfaktoren”
- 10.2019 Talk at the lab meeting, Department of Anesthesiology, Critical Care & Pain Medicine, Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard, US: “The Best Treatment Option(s) for Patients with Chronic Primary Pain: Protocol for a Network Meta-Analytic Approach”
- 09.2019 Newsletter “Interventionen bei chronischen Schmerzen - wie sicher und wirksam sind sie?” touché.ch – der Schmerzverband
- 06.2019 Twitter account with my research team The Pain Net ([@the_pain_net](https://twitter.com/the_pain_net))
- 03.2019 Talk at the Pain Management Meeting of Physiotherapists at the Bodmin Hospital, Bodmin, UK: “Placebo and Chronic Primary Pain”
- 03.2019 Newspaper articles related to my publication *Effects and Components of Placebos with a Psychological Treatment Rationale – Three Randomized-Controlled Studies* in the [Tages-Anzeiger](#) and [Science Daily](#)

- 02.2019 Talk at the Pain Management Meeting of Consultants at the University Hospital Plymouth, Derriford Hospital, UK: “Innovative strategies to optimize the treatment of Chronic Primary Pain”
- 01.2019 Talk at the “Psychology Research Seminar” at the School of Psychology, University of Plymouth, UK: “Making the non-specifics specific – What we can learn from placebos to improve treatment of Chronic Primary Pain syndromes and depression”
- 11.2018 Talk at the “Training Course: Treating Fibromyalgia” at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, University of Plymouth, UK: “Breaking Good News: What we can learn from placebo research in the treatment of fibromyalgia”
- 09./10. 2017 Newspaper articles related to my publication *Efficacy and safety of SSRIs, SNRIs, and placebo in common psychiatric disorders: A comprehensive meta-analysis in children and adolescents* in various newspapers, inter alia [US Pharmacist](#), [Psychiatry Advisor](#), [Science Daily](#), [Medpage Today](#), [Ärztblatt.de](#), [Deutsche Ärzte Zeitung online](#), and [The Healthy](#).
- 09./10. 2017 Newspaper articles related to my publication *Is the rationale more important than deception? A randomized controlled trial of open-label placebo analgesia* in various newspapers, inter alia [The Telegraph online](#), [The Times online](#), [SPIEGEL ONLINE](#), [Deutsche Ärzte Zeitung online](#), [Pharmazeutische Zeitung online](#), [Salzburger Nachrichten](#), [IFLScience](#), [Watson.ch](#), and [barfi.ch](#)
- 09.2017 Interview with the BBC radio about the potential of open-label placebos (online available [here](#))
- 09.2017 Talk at the “3. Schweizer Fachtag Psychosomatik” at Zurich, CH: “Subjektive Krankheits- und Behandlungsmodelle”
- 08.2017 Talk at the “Interdisziplinäre Fortbildung am Kantonsspital Frauenfeld“, Frauenfeld, CH: „Placebo ist ein wirksames Medikament – Wie wirkt es, wie kann es genutzt werden und was sind ethische Implikationen für die Praxis?“
- 07.2017 Talk at the „Privatklinik Hohenegg“, Meilen, CH: „Placebos und deren Konsequenzen in der Klinik sowie in der Grundlagenforschung: Effekte und Möglichkeiten, sie zu nutzen“
- 05.2015 Newspaper articles related to my publication *Moderation of antidepressant and placebo outcomes by baseline severity in late-life depression: A systematic review and meta-analysis* in various newspapers, inter alia [Aargauerzeitung online](#), [Wirtschaftspsychologie aktuell](#), [MedMix](#), and [DerStandard online](#)

8. General contributions to science

- 09.2021 Workshop at the Symposium “Was macht gute Behandlung in Psychiatrie, Psychotherapie und Psychologie aus?” at the Privatklinik Hohenegg, Meilen, CH: “Wie können wir gute Behandlung erforschen? ”
- Since 2018 **The Pain Net:** Together with Dr. Helen Koechlin, I founded a network with researchers interested in Chronic Primary Pain. The Pain Net currently consists of 19 people, including PostDocs, PhD candidates, master/bachelor students, and help assistants from the Boston Children’s Hospital, US; the University of Plymouth, UK; the University of Basel, CH; the British Columbia Children’s Hospital Research Institute, CA; Brown University, US; the University of Eichstätt-Ingoldstadt, DE; and the University of Marburg, DE. The Pain Net is involved in the establishment of a database on all existing interventions for Chronic Primary Pain.
- Since 2017 International Reproducibility Project: Lakens, D., van Assen, M., Anvari, F., Corker, K. S., Grange, J. A., Gerger, H., Hasselman, F., Koyama, J., **Locher, C.**, Miller, I., Page-Gould, E., Schönbrodt, F. D., Sharples, A., Spellman, B. A., & Zhou, S. (2017). [Examining the reproducibility of meta-analyses in psychology: A preliminary report.](#) doi:10.17605/OSF.IO/XFBJF
- 2015-2018 FS 2018, FS 2017, FS 2016, FS 2015: Talk for the seminar “Resilienz und Ressourcen” at the Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Psychologie, ZHAW, Switzerland: “Placebo und die Bedeutung für die Therapie“

- 05.2015 Talk for the lecture “Forschungsethik in der Psychologie” at the University of Basel: “Placebo and Ethics”

9. Other artefacts with documented use

N/A

10. Submitted publications

- 10.2020 Blease, C., Kharko, A., Annoni, M., Gaab, J., & **Locher, C. (submitted)**. Machine learning in clinical psychology and psychotherapy education: A survey of postgraduate students at a Swiss University. *Frontiers Public Health*
Contribution: study concept and design, data analyses, writing manuscript, study supervision
- 10.2020 Bernstein, M., Fuchs, N., Rosenfield, M., Weiss, A., Blease, C., **Locher, C.**, Magill, M., Rich, J., & Beaudoin, F. (**submitted**). Treating pain with open-label placebos: A qualitative study with post-surgical pain patients. *The Journal of Pain*
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript
- 04.2020 Werner, C., Birkhäuser, J., **Locher, C.**, Gerger, H., Heimgartner, N., Colagiuri, B., & Gaab, J. (**submitted**). In vino veritas? Price information influences hedonic experience of wine: An experimental examination in a naturalistic setting. *Food Quality and Preference*
Contribution: study concept and design, writing manuscript
- 01.2020 **Locher, C.**, Buegler, S., Heimgartner, N., Koechlin, H., Gerger, H., Gaab, J., & Büchi, S. (**submitted**). What is a Good Treatment in the inpatient setting? A qualitative content analysis. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*
Contribution: process of theory forming, coding, qualitative data analyses, writing manuscript
- 12.2019 Koechlin, H., Kossowsky, J., Lan Lam, T., Barthel, J., Gaab, J., Berde, C. B., Schwarzer, G., Linde, K., Meissner, K., & **Locher, C. (submitted)**. Efficacy of non-pharmacological interventions for pediatric migraine: A network meta-analysis. *Pediatrics*
Contribution: study concept and design, systematic search, full-text review, screening, extraction, data analyses, writing manuscript, study supervision

11. Unpublished work

- 06.2017 Dissertation: „Placebos and their Consequences in Clinical and Basic Research: Effects and Possible Ways to Harness them“