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Prof. Langer holds an M.S. degree in Pharmacy and a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Vienna, Austria. He began his career at Leopold-Franzens-University of Innsbruck in 1992 after completing a post doctoral fellowship at the Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France with Prof. C.-G. Wermuth. Since that time, he has established the Computer Aided Molecular Design Group, was appointed Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 1997, and served as Head of the Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry Department at University of Innsbruck, Austria, in 1998 and 1999.

His research interests range from medicinal chemistry, including theoretical pharmaceutical chemistry, drug design, and pharmacophore modeling as well as QSAR and 3D-QSAR molecular modeling techniques. His expertise and scientific work, which by 2016 has culminated in more than 170 original articles, book chapters, and invited reviews (h-index 49, more than 6700 citations) together with more than 250 lectures and poster presentations at scientific meetings, already in 2003 led to the founding of the spin-off company Inte:Ligand GmbH, a software development and consulting organization, in which he also was CEO from 2003 to 2008.

In 2008, Prof. Langer was appointed CEO of Prestwick Chemical, a world renown contract research organization specialized in medicinal chemistry services located in Strasbourg-Illkirch, France. Under his leadership, several drug discovery programs in different fields of applications were successfully progressed into pre-clinical and clinical development.

With October 2013, Prof. Langer has been nominated Full Professor for Medicinal Chemistry at University of Vienna, Austria, where he is heading the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the Faculty of Life Sciences.