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How to Set up a Scientific Study in Skin Physiology

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#### **Preface to the Second Edition**

Skin physiology assessment is moving from a descriptive approach to a deeper understanding of biophysical functions and their underlying molecular mechanisms in the stratum corneum, e.g., on epidermal barrier function, as well as on stratum corneum hydration. The research with noninvasive instruments now offers reliable and reproducible approaches for basic research and product testing in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry. The focus of standard instruments is the functional aspect. Innovative imaging devices offer a deeper understanding of underlying mechanisms.

The present book provides basic information regarding assessment of skin physiology, skin functions in controlled studies using noninvasive biophysical instruments. The framework of correctly planning, performing, and evaluating scientific studies is described in this edition. Almost all chapters from the first edition are updated and two new chapters are added. At this point, I would like to thank again all authors for their careful work to make this book happen. I also would like to thank Dr. Juliette R. Kleemann and Mr. Karthik Periyasamy from Springer Nature Publishing. Without their patient help this new edition would not have been possible. I trust this book finds its way again to young and eager scientists at the beginning of their research career and helps them to answer some of the practical questions that all scientists should have when using new technologies. Furthermore, I hope that the practical work will lead to exciting results, new ideas, and interesting hypothesis.

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#### **Preface to the First Edition**

The idea of "practical guidebook" was born after a hands-on workshop where several participants asked about a recommendation for reading of practical aspects. The current handbooks offer a plethora of scientific overviews and cover the broad spectrum of noninvasive measurement devices for cosmetic skin testing. However, practical aspects of performing cosmetic aspects are not always covered. Also, the published guidelines do not always cover the day-to-day questions arising during the preparation, performance, and evaluation of clinical studies. The aim of the present book is to provide practical guidance for scientists, especially those new in the field or those who face practical problems with their studies. New lab members should have a useful first-to-read source at hand.

I would also like to honor some "cornerstones" in the development of modern biophysical instrumentation such as Rony Marks, Harvey Blank, Pierre Agache, Gary Grove, Jorgen Serup, Howard Maibach, Peter Elsner, Enzo Berardesca, Albert Kligman, and the most innovative company in the field, Courage & Khazaka. Some of them have played an important role in the development of my personal career.

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Albert Kligman had a saying, which I would like to keep in mind when starting and advancing in the field of biophysical assessment of skin functions: "A fool with a tool is still a fool." Thus, the brain of the scientist should be active when performing and analyzing measurements. Hopefully, this book will fill the gap between the detailed scientific textbooks, original and review publications in international journals, and the practical hands-on training that needs to be integrated in the education of young scientists in cosmetic testing.

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