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Maaïke de Vries obtained her PhD in 2015 on the role of the survival kinase Pim1 on the airway epithelium exposed to environmental triggers. After her PhD, she shifted her research towards human population studies, focusing on elucidating the etiology of COPD with a specific interest on the individual susceptibility and contribution of both (epi)genetic and environmental factors in the development of COPD. As translational researcher at the department of Epidemiology, she integrates (epi)genome-wide identification approaches in human population studies with functional studies, aiming to find novel approaches to treat or prevent COPD in the near future.