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Professor Falkenstein is author of about 160 articles in international peer-reviewed journals. In addition he has published about 30 articles and book chapters in German for practitioners and is authors or editor of 13 books.

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