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Expertise: • **Neurobiology** • Molecular neurobiology • Neuronal networks and modelling; sensory organs development; signal transduction; hearing; inner ear • **Basic biomedicine** • Developmental biology • inner ear; insulin-like growth factor I; mesenchymal stem cells; ageing.



Bio-sketch:

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