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I'm a pharmacologist devoted to discovering new targets and treatments for chronic pain, with a long-standing interest in the biology of spinal cord mechanisms that underlie such pain. My lab is exploring several approaches to targeting neuropathic pain; in particular the involvement of microglia: a type of cell that acts as the first and main form of active immune defense in the central nervous system. I have a family and two boys in their teenage years who keep me busy. I have learnt to be persistent, and to find good mentors and role models.