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His research involves the use of PET and MRI to aid the diagnosis and study the progression of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease and to validate their use as biomarkers in therapeutic trials. To date, he has published over 400 reports in peer reviewed journals, including Nature and Science, and has an h index of 106. His research is supported by grants from the UK Medical Research Council, Alzheimer's Research Trust, Parkinson's UK, the Michael J Fox Foundation, Danish Council for Independent Research, Lundbeck Foundation, and industry.