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The current major focus of her research activity is on hereditary optic neuropathies and particularly LHON and the evaluation of the melanopsin retinal ganglion cell system in relation to circadian photoreception in different neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer's disease, and hereditary optic neuropathies.

She is involved in various clinical trials on Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy including gene therapy trials.

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