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His research is/was dedicated to the elucidation of the molecular and cellular mechanisms of action of natural compounds, of hormone-like acting synthetic chemicals, as well as of some potentially hazardous chemicals. Overall, his research outcomes contributed to

- **basic research on reproductive organs** by the elucidation of biological consequences of the simultaneous activation of hormonal and detoxifying signaling cascades by botanicals.
- **consumer protection** by evaluating the efficacy and safety of plant derived alternatives for the treatment of menopausal complaints.
- **breast cancer prevention** by investigating the impact of chemical exposure during fetal, neonatal and pubertal development on tumorigenesis of the mammary gland.

