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Tom Wishart is Professor of Molecular Anatomy and Deputy Director of the Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh. Tom’s overarching research interests are in studying the molecular composition of the nervous system in health and disease to identify new factors capable of regulating its stability. Additionally, his research group works with others to develop model systems (such as GE sheep) to bridge the translational gap between therapeutics which are effective in rodents and something which is more likely to be effective in the clinic. Whilst he has interests in neurodegenerative conditions in general, his research focusses predominantly on monogenic conditions of childhood such as CLN1 - a devastating form of childhood dementia.

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