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Research

Dr. Lacombe's research program focuses on the development of biomedical technologies to help investigating and monitoring the biochemical and biophysical cellular response to ionizing radiation. The research projects involve the elaboration of human microfluidics-based models or tissue engineering platforms to study the effect of radiation on human tissue, the characterization of pharmaceutical and bioengineered systems to identify new delivery routes for radiation medical countermeasure or the development of point-of-care bioassay for the detection and quantification of radiation dosimetry biomarkers.

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