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**Area of scientific interests:** hypertension (optimal level of BP - J-curve phenomenon, pharmacotherapy, complications), lipid disorders, dyslipidemia therapy (with statins, combined treatment), new drugs in CVD therapy, risk stratification.