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He works closely with the School of Chemistry at Edinburgh University, where he is an Honorary Professor. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and Member of the British Ecological Society and the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, and has published over 120 peer-reviewed papers covering research from gas-phase reaction kinetics to plant physiology.

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