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Research Interests: temporomandibular disorders, orofacial pain, electromyography and three-dimensional movement analysis, sleep-disorder, myofunctional therapy