No one told me biotechnology was going to mean a great job and a fascinating journey around the world. To date I have worked on Alzheimer’s disease and cancer (with Elan), diabetes and gastrointestinal diseases. Science will change the world.

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