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He will discuss latest developments in the proteoglycan field focusing on the role various proteoglycans play in controlling cancer growth, tumor microenvironment and angiogenesis.