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Since her postdoctoral training, Professor Di Meglio has spent much of her career working on cardiac stem cells and exploring their potential in regenerative medicine. In more recent years, she has focused on the origin of human cardiac stem cells, the crosstalk between cardiac microenvironment and cardiac stem cells and the development of engineered heart tissue for myocardial regeneration and repair.