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Lavinia Paternoster is a genetic epidemiologist, based at the MRC Integrative Epidemiology Unit at the University of Bristol, UK. She has led several large-scale genome-wide associations in atopic dermatitis (AD) and related conditions. She is part of the European academic-industry collaboration BIOMAP (which studies biomarkers for AD and psoriasis), where she has led a multi-omic study on AD disease severity as well as conducting several studies using genetic data to investigate causal relationships between molecular markers, AD and related comorbidities (including mental health outcomes). She has recently expanded her research portfolio to include a broader spectrum of skin diseases and has a keen interest in the use of genetic data to inform drug target prioritisation.