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I am an ENT Surgical Trainee based in Manchester with a specialist interest in head & neck surgical oncology. Throughout my clinical training, I have worked alongside colleagues at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and The Christie NHS Foundation trust -two of the UK's leading centres for cancer care and research.

I am currently undertaking formal academic training, working towards a PhD at The University of Manchester under the supervision of Professor Tracy Hussell and Dr Rob Metcalf, with a research focus in salivary gland cancer.

As surgeons, we are in the unique position of caring for patients across the entire pathway - from initial diagnosis, during treatment, and into long-term surveillance. This continuity places us ideally to integrate research at each stage of the patient journey, ensuring that scientific discovery remains closely aligned with patient needs.

As part of a multidisciplinary team bringing together expertise from Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and The University of Manchester – alongside national collaboration with Salivary Gland Cancer UK – I am committed to developing a dedicated portfolio of work addressing Research Question 3.

Through this collaborative effort, I aim to contribute to research that deepens our understanding of salivary gland tumour biology, refines therapeutic strategies, and ultimately improves outcomes and quality of life for patients.