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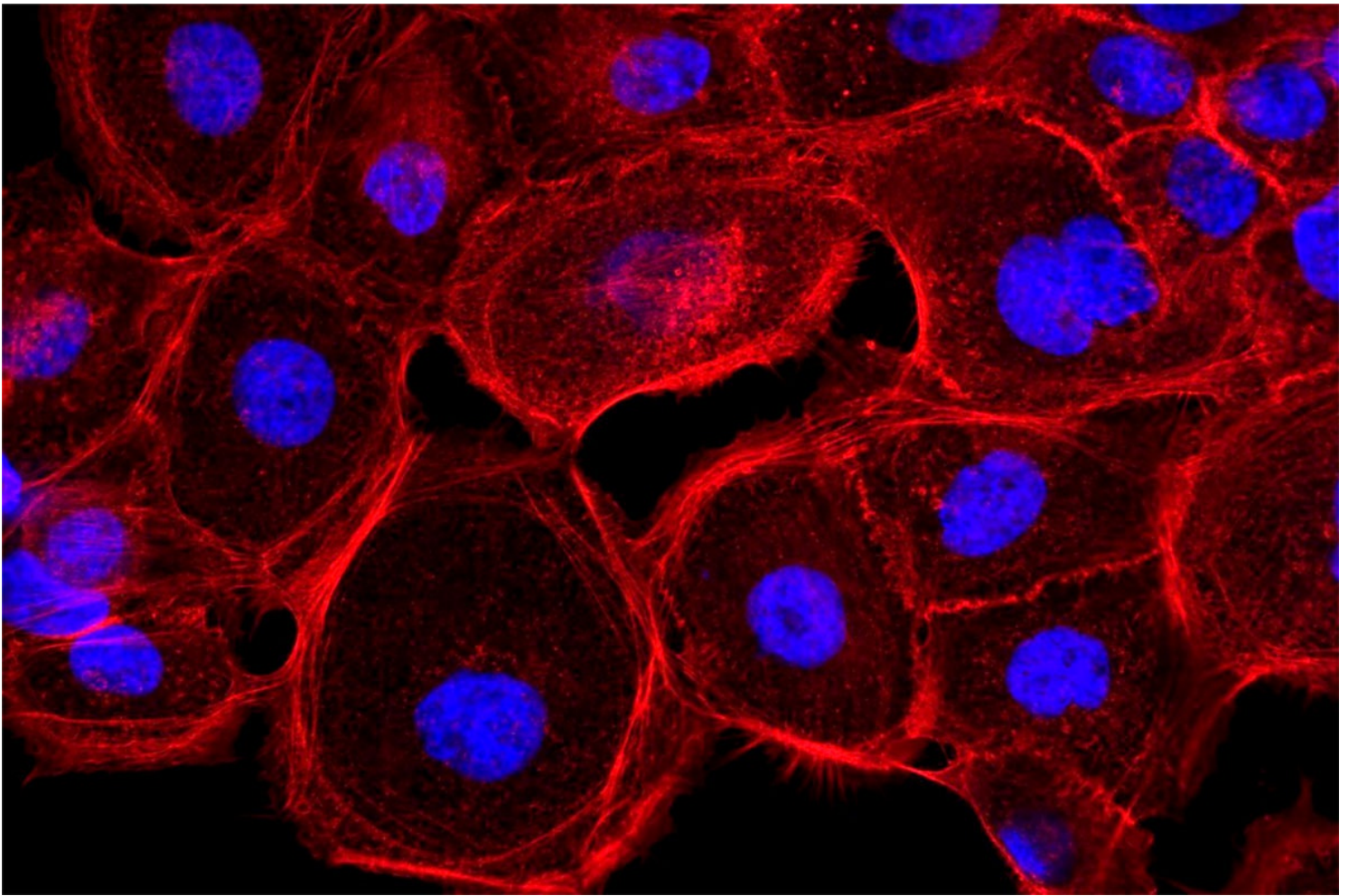
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The major theme of our work is how DNA repair processes are disrupted in human cancers and how this can be exploited therapeutically.

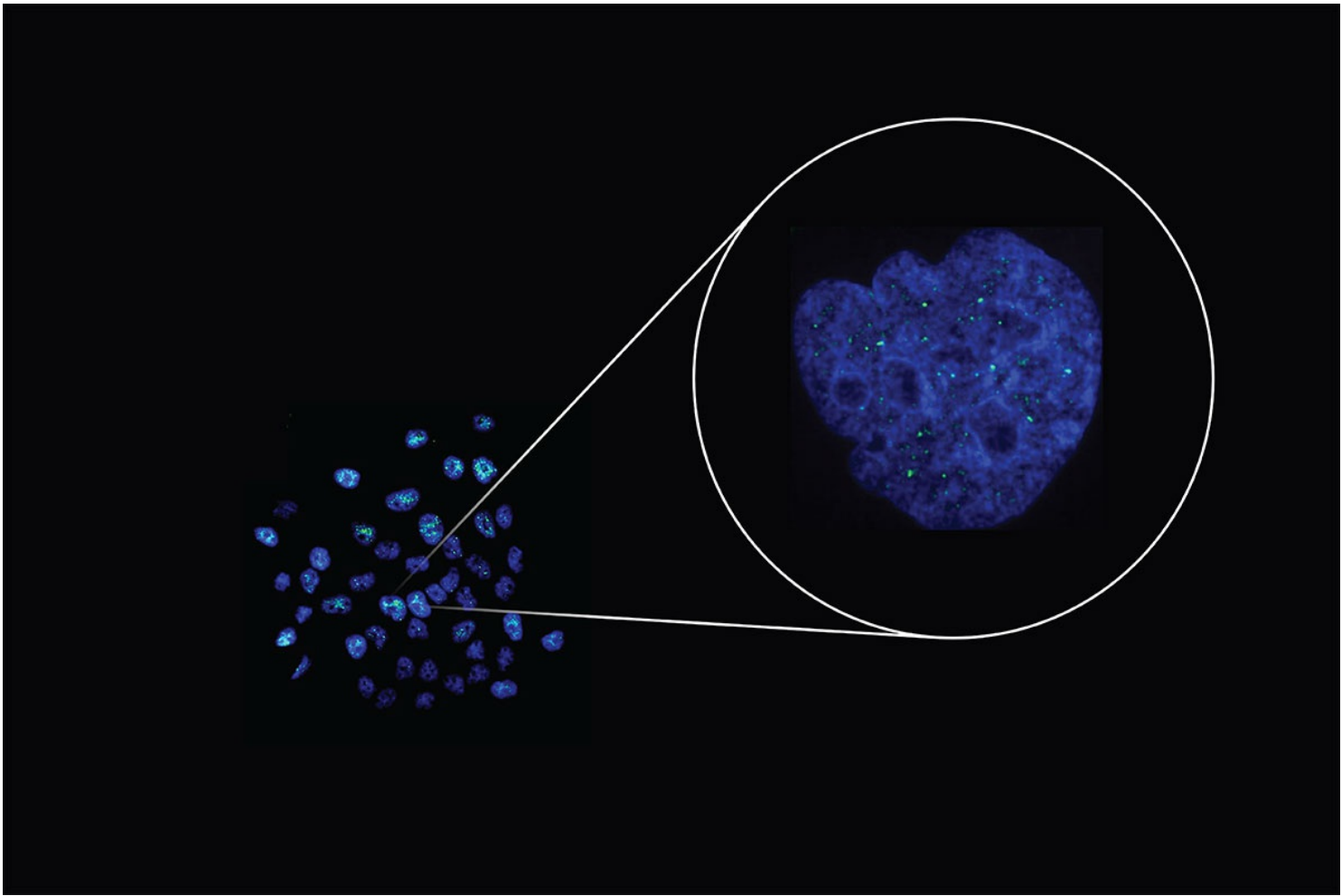
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The Powell lab researches how normal cells become cancerous by studying how genome integrity is maintained.

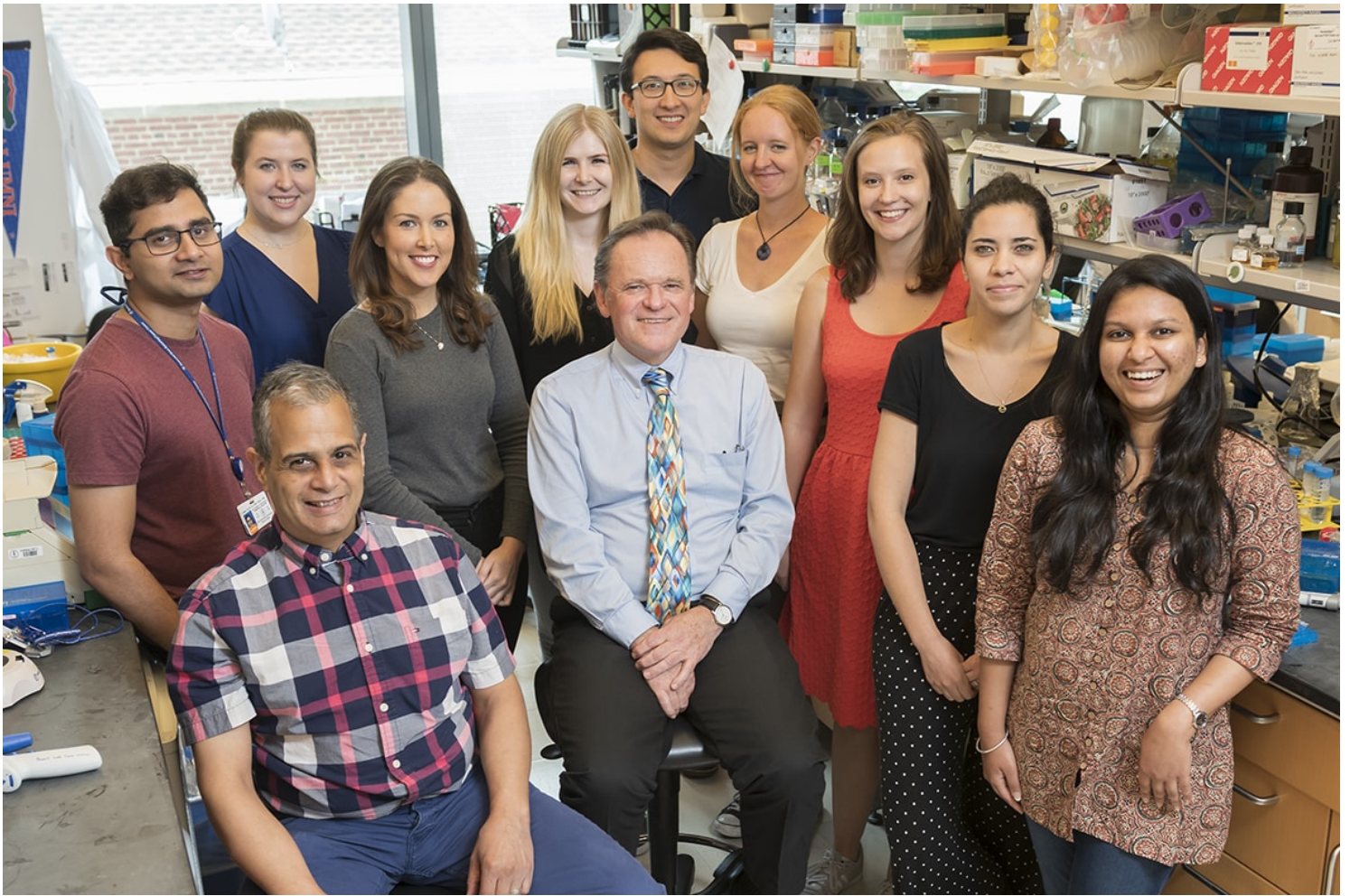
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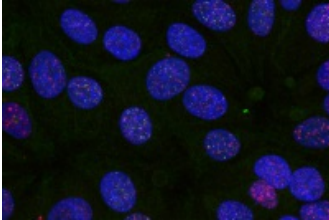
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### Simon N. Powell, MD, PhD

Molecular biologist Simon Powell investigates DNA replication and recombination, chromosome dynamics, and human genetics.

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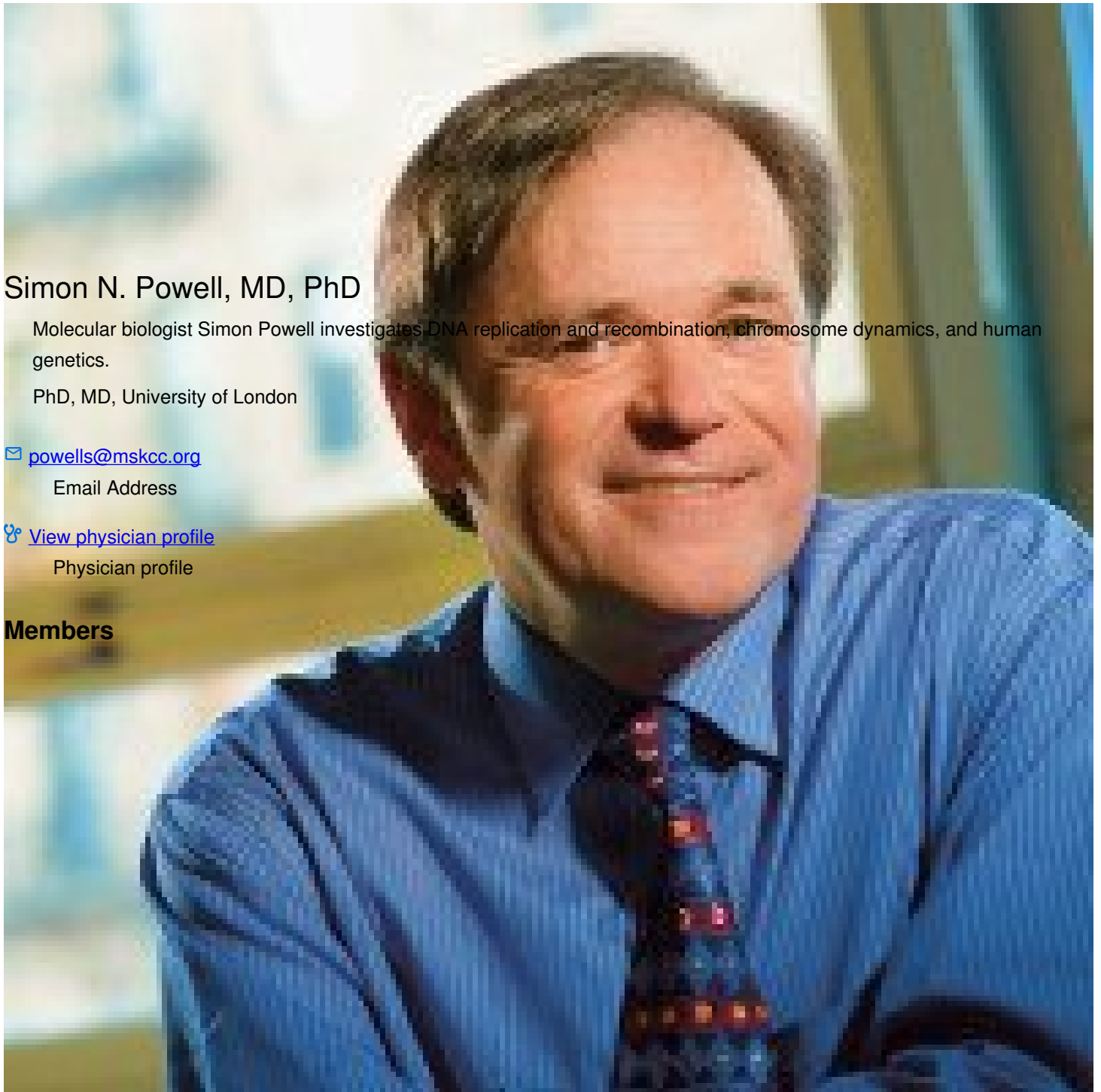
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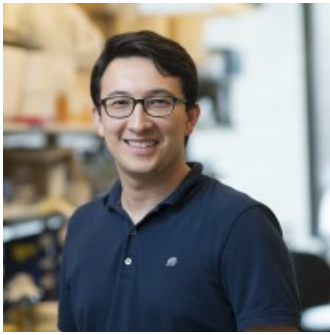
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