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Dr Alonso has spent over 30 years in public health. He has published over 500 articles in international peer-reviewed journals – primarily on malaria treatment, vaccine trials and preventive therapies – and has served on several national and international committees. He is committed to capacity building of both institutions and individuals, primarily in Africa, including the establishment of the Manhica Health Research Center in Mozambique.

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