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Thierry Besson received his PhD in February of 1993 from University of Orléans (France) under supervision of Prof. Gérald Guillaumet. During this period he worked on the synthesis of heterobifunctional bioactive coumarines. He immediately joined the group of Prof. Charles W. Rees at Imperial College in London where he stayed until his integration in the staff of the new University of La Rochelle, at the end of 1993. After five years of research and teaching in the Department of Applied Biology as lecturer of organic chemistry and then assistant-professor, he was elected in 1999 as full-Professor of organic chemistry to the Faculty of Science of La Rochelle until 2006 where he moved as full-Professor of Medicinal Chemistry to the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Rouen in Normandy. His research activities are performed at CNRS UMR 6014 - COBRA which is based at IRCOF (Institut de Recherche en Chimie Organique Fine). His research interests include the use of special heterocyclic reagents (e.g. Appel salt) applied to the synthesis of bioactive molecules (inhibitors of kinases mainly involved in neurodegenerative diseases) with a particular emphasis on microwave-assisted chemistry. Since 1990, Thierry Besson has co-published 115 papers, holds 1 patent and has directed 15 PhD theses.

