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I graduated with a BSc in Immunology and obtained a PhD in Experimental Oncology from the All-Union Cancer Research Centre, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow. In 1993 I obtained Royal Society Postdoctoral Research Fellowship to conduct research on human leukaemias in the Haematological Malignancies Diagnostic Service, Leeds TH NHS Trust, Leeds, UK. My post-doctoral studies were performed in the Molecular Medicine Unit, the University of Leeds, and were dedicated to gene therapy with bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs). Since joining the Academic Unit of Musculoskeletal Disease, later transformed into the Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine, my research interests are focused on the study of human MSCs in health and rheumatic/orthopaedic conditions and their use in Regenerative Medicine.