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Stuart joined *The Lancet* in 1999 and throughout his time there has led the *Fast Track* team that aims to select, review and publish prestigious manuscripts within 4 weeks of receipt. As *Fast Track* editor he deals with all areas of research.

Prior to joining *The Lancet* Stuart was a successful researcher for 25 years. His research resulted in many papers on topics from fetal growth to neuroendocrinology; from immunology to molecular biology, and he has also published a number of papers on bioethics. Stuart started research at the Brompton Hospital, London, looking at spinal curvature in children before moving to the Veterinary School site at Bristol University. During this period he was invited to work on secondment in The Netherlands for a year, setting up a research unit. Later he spent a year in Switzerland to set up a research team for a major pharmaceutical company. He then spent 9 years as a senior researcher in New Zealand. He has also had two senior research fellowships at Leuven University, Belgium, and visiting professorships at King’s College, London and Hong Kong University.