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Dr Alexander's general area of research interest is the molecular mechanism of drug action. In particular, he is interested in cannabis-related medicines; specifically, signalling at cannabinoid and cannabinoid-related receptors (CB<sub>1</sub>, CB<sub>2</sub>, GPR18, GPR55, TRPV1, TRPV2, PPARs), and measurement of enzymes of the endocannabinoid system (MGL, FAAH, NAAA, ABHD6, ABHD12, COX-2).

Dr Alexander has co-authored two editions of a textbook and was a first awardee of the British Pharmacological Society's Rang Award "in recognition of a contribution to the teaching of Pharmacology and to the maintenance and development of Pharmacology as a discipline".

Since 2015, Dr Alexander has been Chair of the Nomenclature Committee of IUPHAR, which coordinates nomenclature of all the pharmacological targets. He is a Senior Editor of the British Journal of Pharmacology. He was elected President of the International Cannabinoid Research Society, and completed the role of Past President in 2016. He is a grantholder for the Wellcome Trust [guidetoIMMUNOPHARMACOLOGY.org](http://guidetoIMMUNOPHARMACOLOGY.org) (and previously [guidetoPHARMACOLOGY.org](http://guidetoPHARMACOLOGY.org)). He is an Editor of BJP's Concise Guide to PHARMACOLOGY, as well as other nomenclature guides since 1997, with 30 publications accumulating approximately 3500 citations.