Personage Column: Helmut Friess

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In the early 90's he did his research fellowship in the laboratory of Professor Murray Korc in California, USA, where he made significant contributions in the understanding of pancreatic diseases at the molecular level. Later he became consultant surgeon in the Department of Visceral Surgery, University of Bern, Switzerland under the chairmanship of Professor Markus W. Büchler.

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