The Origins of the Genus *Homo*

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In collaboration with Peter Wheeler, she developed the Expensive Tissue Hypothesis which posited an inverse relationship between brain size and gut size mediated through the adoption of a high quality animal-based diet.

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