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Jim Kaput is the Head of the Clinical Translation Unit in the newly created Nestle Institute of Health Sciences (<http://www.nestleinstitutehealthsciences.com>). His immediate past position (11.2007 to 7.2010) was as Director of the Division of Personalized Nutrition and Medicine at the U.S. FDA's National Center for Toxicological Research (Jefferson, AR). He is a member of the Executive Committee of NuGO (Nutrigenomics Organization - www.nugo.org) and its Micronutrient Genomics Project Committee (<http://www.nugo.org/micronutrients>). He also contributes to the international Human Variome Project (www.humanvariomeproject.org). Dr. Kaput received his PhD from Colorado State University in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He spent 5 years as a postdoctoral fellow and assistant professor at the Rockefeller University in the laboratory of Günter Blobel, the 1999 Nobel Laureate in Physiology and Medicine. Dr. Kaput was a staff and Biochemistry faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Director of the Northwestern University Biotechnology Laboratory for 2 years. He also was science advisor for international activities at the European Nutrigenomics Organization (NuGO), Coordinator of Science and Administrative Activities for the NCMHD Center of Excellence in Nutritional Genomics at the University of California Davis, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). He co-founded 2 nutrigenomic biotechnology companies (1998

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