

Ben Barres

1954 – 2017



Neurobiologist

Worked on central nervous system and identified crucial role of glial cells. Co-founder of a company making drugs for Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases.

Member and elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Transgender

Born as Barbara A. Barres and transitioned to male in 1997. First openly transgender scientist in the National Academy of Sciences (2013). Described experiences of gender discrimination in science and early education. Author of "The Autobiography of a Transgender Scientist".



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