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Prof Zee Upton, a biochemist by training, is Executive Director of the A*STAR Institute for Medical Biology, as well as Theme Leader in the Skin Research Institute of Singapore. Prior to joining A*STAR 3 years ago she had senior research management roles in the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia, including Assistant Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Health. She has a significant record of research in wound and tissue repair, and is passionate about interdisciplinary approaches, finding that innovation more commonly occurs in the white spaces between disciplines. Her previous research led to the discovery and development of a novel wound technology and the formation of a start-up; a company now listed on the Australian Stock Exchange that is completing Phase 2b clinical trials in the USA. Since being in Singapore she has attracted ~\$80M in R&D funding and most recently was awarded S\$22M to establish the Wound Care Innovation for the Tropics R&D Programme – an interdisciplinary consortium of researchers from numerous institutions across the Singapore R&D ecosystem.