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Marek Basler studies the function of a bacterial injection apparatus, the so-called type 6 secretion system. He elucidated its molecular structure and provided important details of how bacteria use this nanosized speargun to inject a cocktail of toxic proteins into bacteria and eukaryotic cells.