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Dr. Chambers has over 130 peer-reviewed research publications. Her research activities also include cohort studies evaluating the impact of autoimmune diseases and the comparative effectiveness of asthma medications in pregnancy, a testing the effectiveness of a web-based vs. peer health educator models for preventing risky alcohol consumption in women of childbearing age, studying the safety for fetuses of influenza vaccine and antiviral drugs used in pregnancy, and assessing the prevalence of FASD in the U.S. and the prevention of and interventions for FASD in North America, Ukraine, Russia and South Africa.

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