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Highly motivated candidates with a Ph.D., or equivalent, and a strong background in biochemistry and cellular and molecular biology are encouraged to apply. Please forward a complete CV including contact details of three referees to domenico.maiorano@igh.cnrs.fr (Lab Web page: http://www.igh.cnrs.fr/equip/domenico.maiorano/)

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