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Most recently, Berlin was selected as one of the six sites to build the German Center for Mental Health (GCM) under the coordination and speakership of Heinz and is now working on the concept development phase with the other sites.