University of Lille's Bart Staels Ranks Among the World's Best Scientists in Research.com's 2026 Ranking

Professor Bart Staels has been included in Research.com's 2026 Best Scientists in the World ranking, placing **320th globally and 3rd in France**.

Professor Staels is the university's representative among the 1,000 scientists featured in the 2026 Best Scientists in the World ranking and also appears in the corresponding 2026 Best Scientists in France ranking.

His inclusion highlights the international visibility of research conducted at the University of Lille, particularly in metabolic medicine, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Professor Bart Staels Among the World's Best Scientists

Professor Bart Staels ranks 320th worldwide and 3rd nationally in France in Research.com's 2026 Best Scientists ranking, reflecting his extensive scientific publication record and citation impact.

A professor at the University of Lille's Faculty of Pharmacy, Professor Staels directs Inserm research unit UMR1011, Nuclear Receptors, Metabolic and Cardiovascular Diseases, a joint research unit involving the University of Lille, Inserm, Lille University Hospital and the “Institut Pasteur de Lille”.

His research investigates how nuclear receptors regulate inflammation and the body's metabolism of fats and sugars, contributing to understanding obesity, diabetes, liver disease and cardiovascular disorders.

These interconnected health conditions represent important challenges for medical research and public health. Understanding their underlying biological mechanisms is essential for identifying potential therapeutic approaches and improving the prevention and management of complications.

Professor Staels is also a co-founder and board member of the European Genomic Institute for Diabetes (EGID) in Lille, which brings together scientific expertise in diabetes and metabolic disease research.

His scientific achievements have received recognition from numerous academic and professional organisations. Among his distinctions is the 2024 Anitschkow Prize from the European Atherosclerosis Society, awarded in recognition of research contributions to atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease.

His inclusion in the 2026 Best Scientists ranking offers further international visibility to the research community working on cardiometabolic diseases at the University of Lille.

About Research.com's Best Scientists Ranking

Research.com is an international research information platform that publishes rankings and profiles of scientists, universities and research institutions across major academic disciplines.

Its Best Scientists in the World ranking aims to highlight researchers whose scientific publications have achieved substantial citation impact, providing greater visibility to influential research and scholarly contributions.

The 2026 edition is the fifth edition of the global ranking. Its methodology draws primarily on bibliometric information from OpenAlex and CrossRef, supplemented by additional scientific data sources.

The ranking is determined by researchers' H-index, a bibliometric measure reflecting both the number of scholarly publications produced and their citation impact.

Recognition That Highlights Lille's Strengths in Biomedical Research

Professor Staels' inclusion in the global ranking carries particular significance for the University of Lille because metabolic and cardiovascular diseases are central areas of its biomedical research activity.

Through collaborations involving Inserm, the Institut Pasteur de Lille and Lille University Hospital, the university connects fundamental biological research with clinical questions affecting people living with diabetes, obesity and related complications.

The work of the university's UMR1011 research unit on metabolic and cardiovascular diseases illustrates this approach, examining how interactions between organs, immune cells and metabolic processes influence the development of disease.

Professor Staels' international standing brings visibility to this scientific environment and reinforces the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing complex medical challenges.