



## HOX Genes in Development and Disease

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Breast cancer represents one of the most common cancers in women, second only to skin cancer. The mortality risk from breast cancer is 1 in 37 women (2.7%), which makes breast cancer represent the second cause of cancer death in women. Recently, new research works based on previously published work in systemic chemotherapy and endocrine therapy have improved the incidence rates. The quinonic nucleus is common to many natural and synthetic products associated with anticancer and antibacterial activities; these compounds are typically DNA-intercalating agents. The HOX genes control embryonic development and the specific determination of positional identity in the anteroposterior axis of the human body. The HOX genes are 39 transcription factors related to morphological and physiological disease. It has been demonstrated that any deregulation in the network is able to induce neoplastic transformation. Particularly, the HOXC locus in collaboration with the lncRNA HOTAIR plays a key role in breast cancer.

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