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Hox and TALE Gene Function in Evolution, Development, and Disease

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Message from the Guest Editor

The family of evolutionarily highly conserved Hox genes, since their discovery almost 40 ago, has attracted, and continues to attract, much interest. This is not only because of the crucial role played by this unique gene family in the development of the main body axis of essentially all studied animal species, but also its involvement in a number of human disorders, ranging from genetic diseases to cancer.

We aim to cover the most recent progress in the study of the function Hox genes and of their close partners, the TALE homeobox genes. Thus, contributions describing advances in our understanding of the regulation of Hox and/or TALE gene expression, of the transcriptional regulation by Hox and/or TALE proteins, of post-transcriptional mechanisms affecting Hox and/or TALE gene function that involve non-coding RNAs (miRNAs, lncRNAs), and of epigenetic regulatory mechanisms controlling Hox and/or TALE expression, from an evo-devo perspective and/or in developmental or disease processes, are all welcome.

Contributions can be in the form of research articles, reviews, and the description of new methodologies, including mathematical models.













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