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Genetic and Epigenetic Responses to the Environment: Developmental Origin of Diseases and Measures to Mitigate Their Manifestations

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The expression of genes and their epigenetic modifications drive development throughout the life cycle from conception to death. Successful and desirable development depends on sequential changes in the expression of these genes owing, in part, to their healthy epigenetic modifications. However, epigenetic changes resulting from adverse environments and aging also lead to the development of a variety of childhood and adult diseases and disorders. These pathological conditions reflect undesirable epigenetic landscapes and include diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, Alzheimer's disease and many others in humans. This Special Issue intends to (1) review and report recent and new research findings about epigenetic changes in genes that regulate the development of humans and other organisms, including all stages of ontogeny, and (2) consider age-related and other epigenetic changes that drive manifestations of pathological conditions.

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