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Eugenio Zoni was born on 14 May, 1986 in Monza, Italy. In 2005 he obtained the high school diploma (Classical Studies) at Liceo Classico Statale B. Zucchi in Monza, Italy. In the same year he started to study Biotechnology at the University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy where he obtained a Bachelor diploma in 2009 with a dissertation prepared at the Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Immunology headed by Dr. Francesca Granucci. After his Bachelor diploma, Eugenio started an internship at the Cancer Genomic Group at the FIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology Foundation (IFOM), Milan, Italy where he worked with Dr. Elisabetta Crippa in Dr. Manuela Gariboldi's group on a project focused on the role of microRNA in Breast Cancer. During 2009-2011 Eugenio followed the MSc program of Medical Biotechnology at the University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy. In 2011 he obtained his Master diploma Cum Laude, with a thesis focused on the analysis of miRNA/gene interactions in the TGF- β pathway in Colorectal Cancer. This experimental work was prepared under the supervision of Dr. Viktorija Sokolova and Prof. Dr. Roberto Perego in Manuela Gariboldi's group at IFOM, Milan, Italy.

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