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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Authors should consider including one or more figures illustrating the pathways affected by steroid hormone receptors leading to the generation of breast cancer stem cells. The authors might consider reorganizing the material in a way that indicates the nuclear hormone receptors associated miRNAs that regulate the process of breast cancer



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stem cell development in a separate section. A paragraph indicating future directions should be included. Minor comments Estrogen receptor instead of estradiol receptor throughout the manuscript “The two ER subtypes are encoded by genes on different chromosomes and activate estrogen response elements (ERE) in gene reporter assay (32).” Do the two different types of ER regulate the expression of the same genes? Some more details on the pathways affected by the ER $\alpha$ 36 and how proliferation and aggressiveness are regulated by this receptor would be beneficial for the quality of the review. “non-CSTs (44)” ? “a granzyme B” ? “...two important transcription factors implied in the control of mammary cell fate (60).” Implicated instead of implied? “BCSTs” ? Although the interest in the study of BCSCs is currently “blown up”?, it is not yet well known how these cells work within the cancer and what are the engaged pathways. “contributing to cell de-differentiation cells”

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