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Christine Debouck, PhD, is a Scientific Advisory Board member of Zirus. She was formerly Senior VP in R&D at GlaxoSmithKline, and is renowned for her expertise in target validation, disease understanding and compound characterization as well as for her broad applications of biotechnology, genomics and biomarker discovery in pre-clinical and clinical development.

She received her Ph.D. summa cum laude from the University of Brussels-Belgium, Department of Genetics.

As a bench scientist in SmithKline & French, she made critical contributions to the field of AIDS research. Later in SB and GSK, she was one of the first pharmaceutical industry senior scientists to drive applications of high throughput gene discovery to the identification of novel therapeutic targets. As SVP in GSK, she integrated genomics into cross-therapeutic drug discovery and drug development activities.

In 2003, Dr. Debouck was appointed to the Scientific Board of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation "Grand Challenges for Global Health" initiative.