# **Special Issue**

# Growth Hormone Deficiency in Children: Symptoms, Causes, and Treatment

## Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleague, Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD) in childhood represents a significant challenge for clinicians and researchers for both diagnosis and treatment. With this email, I am inviting the scientific community and you to deepen our knowledge on GHD by exploring its underlying mechanisms, peculiar clinical pictures, and biomarkers that may define specific subtypes for a special issue of Children, entitled "Growth Hormone Deficiency in Children: Symptoms." Causes, and Treatment". All contributions addressing improved diagnostic strategies, such as standardized stimulation tests, IGF-1-based markers, and neuroimaging approaches, are particularly welcome. A special emphasis will be placed on studies investigating individualized and evidence-based approaches to recombinant human growth hormone therapy, including predictors of treatment response, optimal dosing of therapy, and long-term outcomes. Furthermore, this issue seeks innovative perspectives on personalized medicine in pediatric endocrinology, aiming to optimize growth, body composition, and metabolic health in children with GHD, while enhancing their overall quality of life.

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