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Message from the Guest Editor

Forensic pathology is a medical discipline focalized on the medico-legal study of sudden or unexplained death. The objective of the autopsy, including the role developed by the forensic pathologist, is to identify the cause of the circumstances of death. Molecular autopsy is a fundamental approach to forensic examination, establishing a genetic diagnosis when traditional autopsy is inconclusive. In the last few decades, new techniques, including the -omics (genomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics), open a new scenario in the applicable molecular tools that can help in the diagnosis of death. In this context, new initiatives based in different disciplines, such as molecular biology, second-generation biomarkers, proteomics... have achieved important advances in classical forensic problems as the establishment of the post mortem interval, drowning, death by poisoning or cardiac sudden death. The contribution of specialized scientific investigators and forensic pathologists has been particularly significant.

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