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Recent Advances in Forensic Genetics

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Message from the Guest Editor

Forensic genetics is a discipline that has largely evolved in recent years. DNA extracted from biological traces can be used for human identification, criminalistic investigations or kindship analyses. In addition, in cases where no reference samples are available, forensic DNA phenotyping plays a pivotal role. Furthermore, additional applications in forensic analyses, such as the assessment of the human and soil microbiome, among others, begin to shed light. These aims and applications have been strengthened by the discovery of novel markers, the development of new DNA technologies and the improvement of bioinformatic analyses, and they will be covered in our Special Issue, entitled “Recent Advances in Forensic Genetics,” in order to provide a general overview of the current progress in this field. In this way, we will focus on advancements that have broadened the range of molecular tools that can be applied in complex forensic casework analyses.



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