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Genetics and Genomics of Retinal Development and Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

Retinal development and function are governed by complex genetic and genomic mechanisms, and disruptions to these processes can result in severe visual impairment and blindness. Advances in genetics and genomics have greatly enhanced our understanding of retinal biology, leading to new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to retinal diseases. Exploring the genetic variants associated with the onset of retinal diseases, developing retinal model systems, identifying essential genes and genetic networks, and applying CRISPR-based genome editing are all crucial in advancing this field. To further our knowledge in this field, we invite experts to contribute research papers and critical reviews that address these key areas.

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