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Genetics and Molecular Mechanisms of Craniofacial Diseases: A Perspective of Intracellular Trafficking and Signaling

Message from the Guest Editor

Questions of fundamental importance pertaining to the process of craniofacial morphogenesis include what the molecular players of the craniofacial development process are, how these molecules contribute to craniofacial development, and how an alteration in these molecules disrupts the process. Studies of craniofacial diseases have provided clues to the answers of these questions. Many genes encoding cell surface receptors/ligands, signaling components, and transcription factors have been identified whose pathological mutations cause craniofacial malformations. In addition, intracellular trafficking systems have turned out to be a critical player in craniofacial morphogenesis over the past two decades. Precise understanding of genetics, signaling pathways, and intracellular trafficking of such receptors and their ligands will provide further insight into pathology of craniofacial diseases.

For this Special Issue, I invite the submission of both reviews and original research articles investigating craniofacial diseases caused by a disruption in signaling or trafficking of receptors and their ligands.

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