# Special Issue

# Genetic and Molecular Mechanisms in Multiple Sclerosis

### Message from the Guest Editors

Multiple sclerosis is a disorder of the central nervous system. It is a complex disease whose susceptibility involves genetic and environmental factors. In recent years, significant improvements have been made to unravel the genetic causes of multiple sclerosis. Nonetheless, the identified variants explain ~50% of the genetic predisposition to multiple sclerosis, while their functional mechanism has been identified only in a few cases. Recently, relevance has also been given to multiple comprehensive strategies, evaluating the interplay of multiple layers of information.

In this Special Issue, we welcome original research articles, reviews and short communications aimed at better defining the genetic and molecular mechanisms involved in multiple sclerosis. Special attention will be given to innovative and comprehensive approaches that aim to fill the gap of the so-called "missing heritability". Studies may include but are not limited to the analysis of DNA sequencing data, investigation of rare variants, evaluation of the interaction between genetics and epigenetics, transcriptome and environment, as well as functional studies of putative relevant genes.

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