

## Special Issue

# Advances in Forensic Genetics and DNA

### Message from the Guest Editor

The field of forensic genetics has experienced remarkable advancements, revolutionizing the investigation of crime and identification processes. DNA profiling, once limited to basic matching techniques, now encompasses cutting-edge technologies such as next-generation sequencing, epigenetic markers, and ancestry analysis. These innovations enable the identification of individuals with unprecedented precision, even in complex cases involving degraded or mixed samples. Furthermore, breakthroughs in rapid DNA technology allow expedited processing, aiding real-time decision-making in criminal investigations. Beyond its traditional role, forensic genetics contributes to societal challenges like disaster victim identification, human trafficking, and cold cases. Ethical considerations, data security, and the regulation of genetic information remain critical discussions as the field evolves. This Special Issue highlights emerging methodologies, case applications, and interdisciplinary perspectives, aiming to foster scientific collaboration and address both the potential and the challenges of forensic genetics in modern society.

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