

## Special Issue

# Genetics of Autoimmune Diseases

### Message from the Guest Editors

Autoimmune diseases occur when the immune system is unable to distinguish between autoantigens and non-autoantigens due to the disruption of immune tolerance. Autoantibodies attack normal cells and tissues. Multiple genetic and environmental factors are involved in the development of autoimmune diseases. The identification of genetic factors may help to elucidate the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases, develop therapies, and predict the onset and severity. Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) are especially effective in comprehensively identifying genetic factors. The main purpose of this Special Issue is to provide up-to-date information on the most important topics related to the genetics of various systemic and organ-specific autoimmune diseases. In addition, to deepen the reader's understanding of genetic research on autoimmune diseases, this Special Issue includes post-GWAS studies that combine the results obtained from multi-omics analyses and research targeting the human leukocyte antigen gene, which is the most important gene in autoimmune disease. To this end, we wish to present a collection of original research and systematic review articles.

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