Special Issue

Keratoconus: Current Status and Prospects

Message from the Guest Editors

Keratoconus (KC) is a degenerative disease characterized by progressive weakening, thinning, and protrusion of the corneal tissue. Although it is commonly diagnosed during puberty, the condition can begin earlier, impacting children and young adults and causing great visual impairment and quality of life disability with substantial economic, social, and health repercussions. A major challenge in diagnosing this disease is the current reliance on clinical and imaging techniques that only identify KC when irreversible corneal damage has already occurred. For this Special Issue, we invite clinicians and researchers to submit groundbreaking original articles or reviews on keratoconus (KC). We aim to expand the understanding of KC by exploring innovative preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic approaches. Additionally, we encourage submissions that delve into the significant challenges related to biomarker discovery, personalized medicine, and technological advancements in the field of KC.

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