

Special Issue

Ocular Surface, Retina, and Choroid as Mirrors of Systemic and Genetic Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite its accessibility and unique anatomical complexity, the eye's potential as an early diagnostic window into systemic, genetic and infectious diseases is frequently underestimated. This Special Issue will explore how the ocular surface, retina and choroid could serve as mirrors of systemic health. The ocular surface, reflecting both immune and metabolic states, may indicate underlying autoimmune dysfunctions, endocrine dysfunctions or infectious conditions such as viral keratitis or conjunctivitis linked to systemic infections. The retina, as an extension of the central nervous system, can reveal early neurodegenerative changes, vascular pathologies and infectious processes such as those caused by toxoplasmosis or syphilis. Meanwhile, the abundantly vascularized choroid offers insight into inflammatory, rheumatological, cardiovascular and infectious disorders. By bringing together research that spans from molecular biomarkers to advanced imaging techniques, this Special Issue aims to foster a more integrated perspective on ocular assessment, ultimately improving the early detection, management and prognosis of a broad range of systemic, genetic and infectious diseases.

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