

## Special Issue

# Prevention and Treatment of Myopia

### Message from the Guest Editors

Myopia is the most common eye disorder worldwide and is often disregarded as a refractive error that can simply be corrected. Eyes with high myopia often develop degenerative changes in the macula, optic nerve, or peripheral retina and can develop retinal detachment, myopic macular or choroidal degeneration, glaucoma, or cataract.

numerous conservative and surgical options exist to correct refractive error; however, these approaches primarily address the consequence rather than the underlying cause of the condition. Spectacles and contact lenses remain the most commonly used corrective methods. Among surgical treatments, corneal refractive surgery is the most prevalent, followed by implantation of phakic intraocular lenses in patients unsuitable for corneal procedures, and clear-lens extraction or cataract surgery in those with lens pathology.

Because of this increase in prevalence, as well as the possible serious complications connected with myopia that can cause blindness, the World Health Organization (WHO) considers myopia as one of the five immediate priorities in the “Vision 2020” initiative for the Elimination of Avoidable Blindness.

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