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Gene- and Cell-Based Therapies for Retinal Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Vision loss due to inherited retinal dystrophies is a severe and mostly untreatable burden for 2-4 million patients worldwide. Thus, innovative strategies defeating neuronal dysfunction and cell loss are urgently needed. Gene- and cell-based therapies take center stage in the attempt to find effective ways to treat retinal diseases. In addition, interdisciplinary research approaches to identify factors influencing the outcome of those therapies such as inflammation and vectorrelated immune responses, and the development of robust and meaningful read-out parameters for upcoming clinical trials are needed. In this Special Issue, entitled "Gene- and Cell-Based Therapies for Retinal Diseases", we invite scientists to contribute original research or review articles to provide a comprehensive overview of current activities in this field of science and to highlight potential new areas of therapeutic development.

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