# **Special Issue**

# Environmental Drivers of Chronic Disease: From Population Landscapes to Molecular Mechanisms

# Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is dedicated to exploring the epidemiology of chronic diseases including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory disorders and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) and their connections with a range of environmental factors. Among these, indoor and outdoor air pollution, meteorological conditions and light pollution are of particular interest. We also examine how these relationships are modified by socioeconomic status and unhealthy lifestyle behaviors, such as active and passive smoking, as well as the role of geneenvironment interactions in disease development. In addition to epidemiological investigations, this issue welcomes studies that delve into potential biological mechanisms underlying environment-related health impairments. Research focusing on oxidative stress, gut microbiota dysbiosis, and other pathways through which air pollutants exert adverse effects will be highly valued. By integrating both population-based and mechanistic evidence, we aim to build a multidimensional understanding of how environmental exposures contribute to chronic disease burden.

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