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# **New Advances in Genetic Research on Hearing Loss**

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# **Message from the Guest Editor**

Extremely high locus/allelic heterogeneity is a special feature of hereditary hearing loss (HL). Various diagnostic strategies are currently used to search for genetic variants associated with HL, including a targeted screening for one or more already known mutations, different multistep hierarchical screens specifically designed for a particular population or region, and high-throughput sequencing. Each of these approaches has its own advantages and limitations, which result in a varying diagnostic rate in different populations. Understanding the genetic causes and molecular mechanisms of HL, knowledge of genotypephenotype correlations, and region-specific landscapes of genetic HL are valuable for the genetic diagnosis of patients, counseling of affected families, and local healthcare, as well as for common understanding of the prevalence of hereditary HL worldwide.

The Special Issue on "New Advances in Genetic Research on Hearing Loss" aims to gather original articles and reviews reflecting the latest advances in various fields of genetic research on hereditary hearing loss, which will help to shed light on many intriguing aspects of this disease.













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