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## Genetics and Epigenetics of Musculoskeletal Pathologies

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### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will explore our current understanding of the genetics and epigenetics of musculoskeletal pathologies. We are interested exclusively in studies conducted in human cohorts and/or in studies where human tissue has been used.

The field of musculoskeletal genetics continues to grow and many gene variants have been associated with distinct phenotypes. However, we still do not understand how these associated variants cause or contribute to pathology. It is likely that individual risk alleles interact with each other and/or the environment to predispose to musculoskeletal pathologies, but a detailed understanding of this mechanism has yet to be elucidated. Furthermore, it is also likely that epigenetic factors (such as DNA methylation, miRNA expression levels and histone modification) contribute significantly to these problems; however, to date, very few studies have focused on this.

Therefore, we invite researchers working within the field to contribute to this Special Issue and look forward to advancing our understanding of how genetic variability, epigenetic factors, and the interaction of both predispose to these disabling problems.



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