# **Special Issue**

# The Role of Inflammation in AMD (Multifactorial Age-Related Macular Degeneration)

## Message from the Guest Editors

The most common reason for blindness in developed countries is multifactorial age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Its development is associated with aging, gene defects, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension, arteriosclerosis, obesity, smoking, and unhealthy diet. At the tissue and cellular levels, rod and cone photoreceptors, retinal pigment epithelial cells, and the underlying choroid perform metabolic alterations and degenerative changes in AMD. Chronic oxidative stress, inflammation, and paracellular permeability changes may induce outer blood retinal barrier dysfunction and promote cellular phenotype changes, finally leading to late-state AMD and visual loss. In this Special Issue of the journal Cells, we would like to invite you to provide original clinical reports. experimental studies utilizing cell and animal models, and reviews or shorter perspective articles on all aspects related to the theme of "The Role of Inflammation in AMD". Expert articles describing genetics/epigenetics, metabolic, mechanistic, functional, cellular, biochemical, or general aspects of inflammation in AMD are warmly welcome.

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