

## Special Issue

# Molecular Genetics of Facial Traits and Malformations

### Message from the Guest Editors

The human face is arguably our most individual characteristic. Its morphogenesis is largely completed in the first trimester and occurs in a highly stereotypical fashion through the precise orchestration of cellular behaviors by conserved genetic programs. In the last few years, many new advances have been made in understanding the genetic contributions to population-level variation in facial form, as well as in determining the genetic basis of both rare and common malformations of the facial complex. Furthermore, studies on the function of these genes have highlighted core biological pathways and developmental mechanisms that typically coordinate normal facial development. Topics might include but are not necessarily limited to studies on rare (syndromic) conditions, common or isolated facial traits and anomalies, epigenetic and functional approaches in relevant tissues or cell types, and investigation or description of new animal models.

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