Special Issue

Achromatopsia: From Genetics to Therapy

Message from the Guest Editors

Achromatopsia (rod monochromatism) is a rare (1 in 30,000–50,000) autosomal recessive disorder affecting cone photoreceptors. Pathogenic variants in six genes (*CNGA3, CNGB3, PDE6C, PDE6H, GNAT2, ATF6*) have been associated with achromatopsia to date. Currently, gene therapy trials are ongoing to correct the defects of *CNGA3* and *CNGB3* that account for almost 70% of cases. Novel therapeutic approaches can greatly benefit from a better understanding of the molecular basis of achromatopsia. Defining the genetic components and the mechanisms underlying disease progression has implications for patient selection and intervention timing. This Special Issue aims to offer novel insights into the molecular pathogenesis of achromatopsia, the mechanistic role of the genetic components, and relevant genotype–phenotype correlations. We welcome contributions on new gene targets and mechanisms that improve our understanding of the disease. Topics also include novel molecular therapeutic strategies.

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