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Message from the Guest Editor

Since its first use 35 years ago, forensic genetics has undergone many advancements in knowledge and technologies, which resulted in faster results, higher sensitivity and information content and stronger conclusions, mostly with challenging specimens.

Strong improvements in the last years were made with respect to improving the ability to decipher and interpret all data obtained from DNA analysis, and it not only remains the greatest challenge but also provides the largest opportunities for future advances in forensic DNA analysis. Probabilistic approaches are constantly under development, not only for the statistical evaluation of a genetic profile match and a complex DNA mixture but also for familial searching, and it is useful for finding close relatives and for the prediction of age, external visible traits and PMI estimation.

The aim of this Special Issue is to illustrate the principal advancements in the forensic genetic field, both in terms of research effort and of casework and current practice by covering all laboratory steps related to obtaining DNA profiles and data interpretation.



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