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# **Male Infertility: From Genes to Genomes**

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#### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Infertility is defined as the inability to conceive after at least 12 months of regular, unprotected sexual intercourse. It is estimated that 8–12% of couples of reproductive age suffer from infertility. The male factor contributes to 50% of all cases. Male infertility is a complex disorder affected by an interplay between genetic and environmental factors. Next-generation sequencing (NGS) technologies, such as whole-exome and genome sequencing, offer the opportunity to simultaneously study numerous genes and identify new biomarkers. Additionally, discoveries on the role of small RNAs and microRNAs in the spermatogenesis process are promising for the understanding of the mechanisms behind male infertility, too.

Thus, this Special Issue of Genes, entitled "Male Infertility: From Genes to Genomes", aims to contribute to the identification of new genetic variants and genetic risk alleles associated with male infertility as well as to provide readers with updated information regarding recent advances in the field. In this regard, original research articles and reviews are both welcome.

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