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Genetics and Genomics of Female Reproduction

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Dear Colleagues,

Infertility afflicts one in ten women and increases in frequency as women age. Advances in genetics and genomics have made remarkable strides in clarifying the underpinnings of many cases of female infertility. A plethora of breakthrough technologies in single-cell genomic analysis now enable detection of viable among the more numerous nonviable embryos. Genomics is also shedding new light on uterine pathology. Technological breakthroughs in the genetics and genomics of female reproductive function are paving the way not only for novel molecular genetic diagnostics, but also for treatment. Still fraught with ethical and technological challenges, early research on germ line gene engineering is beginning to show promise.

This Special Issue aims to provide a snapshot of some of the most cutting-edge research on the genetics and genomics of female reproduction, with a focus on translational efforts. These contributions illustrate the "awesome power of genetics" when applied to human disease. This issue includes both original research papers and critical reviews in order to provide an update which is both comprehensive and current.







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