**Subject: Submission invitation: [Cells-IF 4.366] Special Issue “The Retina in Health and Disease”**

Dear colleagues ,

I am excited to share with you that recently I accepted an invitation to serve as the Guest Editor for a special issue of the journal ***Cells*** (ISSN 2073-4409, https://www.mdpi.com/journal/cells). In this regard, I would be very pleased if you would agree to contribute an original research paper, or a focus review to this issue. Provided below is some information that you may find useful in your consideration of this invitation.

(1) The special issue is entitled: **The Retina in Health and Disease**. For more details about the special Issue, please see:

<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/cells/special_issues/Retina_Disease>

(2) Currently, the median time from submission to first decision in Cells is 17 days. The median time from submission to final publication is less than 37 days, which is attributed to the rapid production processing of the papers upon acceptance of the manuscript.

(3) The submission deadline is **1 May 2021**, and will be followed by a prompt review/revision process. The articles will be published upon acceptance on an ongoing basis. Please feel free to let me know if the deadline is fine with you. For more details about the submission process, please see:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/cells/instructions

(4) ***Cells*** is fully open access. Open access (unlimited and free access by readers) increases publicity and promotes more frequent citations, as indicated by several studies. Open access is supported by the authors and their institutes and an Article Processing Charge (APC) of 2000 Swiss Francs (CHF) applies to accepted papers. However, discounts may be available. If you have any question about the discounts or have trouble paying the Article Publishing Charge, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to the Section Managing Editor, Ms. Sybil Miao, to apply for a discount.

We would very much appreciate hearing from you **within two weeks** as to whether you would like to submit a paper, so that we can arrange the whole project. We sincerely hope this invitation will receive your favorable consideration.

Any questions, please contact us or sybil.miao@mdpi.com.

We look forward to your contribution.

Many thanks,

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