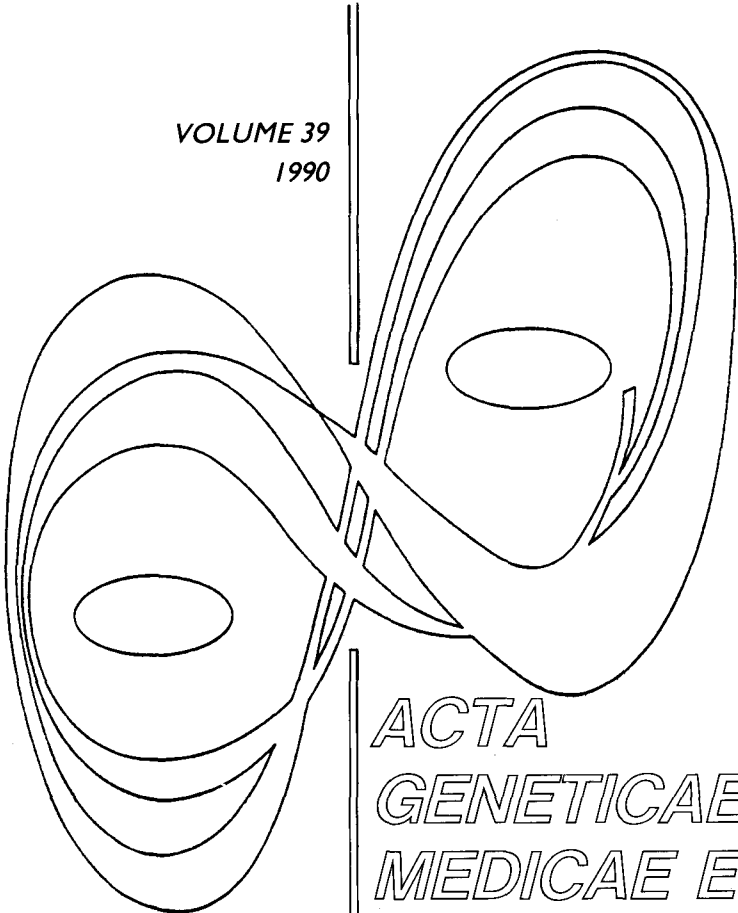


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*The first few pages of this first issue of proceedings are devoted to the opening events of the Congress, the Papal Audience in Castel Gandolfo, and the Opening Ceremony on Capitol's Hill.*