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Pluripotent Stem Cells: Current Understanding and Future Directions—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editor

Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) can be generated by reprogramming somatic cells using the delivery of exogenous pluripotent factors such as Oct4, Sox2, Nanog, and Klf4. The delivery methods for pluripotent transgenes include genomic integrated strategies and non-genomic integrated strategies. The overexpression of these pluripotent factors makes somatic cells undergo transformation into pluripotent stem cells through the obtainment of a round morphology, multilineage differentiation abilities, and self-renewal properties. Therefore, iPSCs are similar to embryonic stem cells (ESCs) in that they possess similar regenerative abilities and can differentiate into any cell type in the body, whereas iPSC generation does not face the ethical controversies related to ESC sources. The therapeutic applications of autologous iPSCs hold great promise in tissue engineering and regenerative and personalized medicine. iPSC-differentiated cells may have the potential to be applied to disease cures or the screening of new drugs.

We invite authors in this field to submit original research or review articles related to the important and rapidly progressing field of iPSC-associated medicine.

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