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Regenerative Medicine for Bone and Cartilage

Message from the Guest Editor

Bone marrow lesions (BMLs) are associated with injuries to the articular cartilage surface; these radiographic findings can represent progression of intra-articular osteochondral lesions, healing following regenerative procedures or precursors to the development of osteoarthritis in the knee. Radiographically, these lesions demonstrate increased sclerosis and/or cystic lesions on X-ray and Cat Scan (CT) images and a bright signal on T2-weighted and a dark signal on T1-weighted magnetic resonance images (MRIs). These imaging findings have been mislabeled as "bone marrow edema" by clinicians but histologically little evidence of inflammation is demonstrated. Pathologically, fibrofatty or fibrovascular (fibrotic) composition, remodeling and trabecular thinning or thickening can be seen. Traumatic contusions with or without ligamentous damage spontaneous insufficiency fractures (SIFs), osteoarthritis, osteonecrosis, and pain syndromes can demonstrate BMLs. Treatment of these conditions varies based on the etiology and clinical findings as a result. This Special Issue will explore the use of regenerative medicine to treat these various conditions.

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