

Special Issue

Tissue Engineered Models of Musculoskeletal Regeneration and Pathologies

Message from the Guest Editors

The recent literature indicates that successful translational musculoskeletal research relies on appropriate models. Within this context, we need to critically assess the value of traditionally used model systems. From a translational medicine perspective, we have to increase the efficacy of our model systems. The concept of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine (TE&RM) offers the unique opportunity to move a step forward from simple tissue culture models to smart three-dimensional in vitro systems that incorporate not only healthy or diseased cells of interest but also their complex cellular and extracellular natural microenvironments. Moreover, the establishment of genetically altered immunocompromised murine hosts have made it possible to incorporate humanized complex multicellular and polyhierarchical tissue engineered organ systems to study human musculoskeletal diseases and regeneration under in vivo conditions. With the present Special Issue, we want to give you an overview of those new tissue engineered platforms that are potentially able to revolutionize the way we model human musculoskeletal disease and regeneration.

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