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Cellular Reprogramming in Translational Research and Medicine

Message from the Guest Editor

Cellular reprogramming, including stem/progenitor cells and other functionally defined therapeutic cells, hold tremendous promise for patients with organ failure, as well as for diseases and disorders that cannot be cured by currently available medications. During the past decade, substantial advances have been made in differentiating human pluripotent stem cells, including induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) and embryonic stem cells (ESCs), into specific lineage cells; however, these approaches raise the potential risk of tumorigenesis and ethical concerns, thus restricting their clinical applications. Accordingly, trans-differentiation of a functional cell type into another lineage, bypassing the pluripotent stage, can provide powerful benefits for clinical use in a tissue- and patient-specific manner. The aim of this Special Issue is to publish original research articles in novel reprogramming technologies, understanding of the underlying mechanisms governing cellular reprogramming and its potential for translational medicine.

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