



Cell Tissue Engineering and the Lung

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Message from the Guest Editors

Cell tissue engineering approaches can be used to regenerate damaged organs or even replace dysfunctional ones. The lung is an organ that primarily functions to transport oxygen into the blood and remove carbon dioxide. Many lung diseases may initially limit patient functional activity and can ultimately lead to respiratory failure and death. Current medications have limited efficacy for common disorders such as emphysema and pulmonary fibrosis.

Current developments in biomaterials and/or cell tissue engineering involve the use of cell culture on three-dimensional scaffolds, highlighting the importance of extracellular matrix composition and how it can modulate lung compliance and limit its ability to expand and ventilate effectively. Other technologies include the investigation of 3D printing technologies, hybrid biomaterials, biomechanical cues, mechanobiology, and tissue engineering—all necessary to achieve the ultimate goals of in vivo effectiveness.

We invite you to contribute your work to this Special Issue of *JFB* on “Cell tissue engineering and the lung”.

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