



Bone Tissue Engineering: Recent Advances and Translation to Clinical Application

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Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, advances in computer-assisted planning, three-dimensional (3D) printing technology, and bone tissue engineering (BTE) have offered promising novel treatment alternatives by employing biocompatible scaffold materials, autologous mesenchymal stem cells, and growth factors. Furthermore, the complex signaling cascade of the native immune system plays a crucial role in determining the efficacy and viability of the tissue-engineered implant. It forms an essential component of the BTE strategy. These approaches have provided a new platform for basic and translational research, and have exhibited promising results with regard to large bone regeneration that might profoundly improve patients' function, form, and quality of life.

This Special Issue aims to compile the recent advances in bone tissue engineering and their scientific and clinical applications. We welcome original research articles and comprehensive reviews that address the following topics: preclinical research; clinical trials; advances in biomaterials for bone tissue engineering; 3D printing and bioprinting technologies; and scaffold-immune system interactions.





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