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Regulation of Fibroblasts and Fibrosis in Cardiovascular Disease

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Accumulation of the extracellular matrix results in altered tissue biomechanical properties and can deleteriously impact tissue and organ function. In the cardiovascular system, fibrosis is a predictor of adverse cardiovascular events and is an important driving force in the progression of cardiovascular disease. Fibrosis is a highly complex process that involves a number of cell types, including extracellular matrix-producing cells, as well as immune and inflammatory cells. This process also involves an array of biochemical mediators, including secreted factors and diverse signaling pathways. Recent studies in experimental models and clinical observations indicate that fibrosis may be reversible. This has led to enhanced interest in elucidating the underlying mechanisms of fibrosis and identifying novel therapeutic targets for this process.

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