



Innovative Biomaterials for Tissue Engineering: Regeneration of Soft and Hard Tissues

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The wide complexity and heterogeneity of human tissues justify the emergence in the 1980s of tissue engineering as a biomedical science area, which underwent an exponential growth thereafter. Tissue engineering aims to regenerate human tissues and organs, bridging the structure with function as a paramount challenge. Most human native tissues are made of complex three-dimensional (3D) structures, presenting different shapes, architectures, and extracellular matrix compositions. Several efforts have been made, by research groups spread worldwide, to develop constructs that could mimic the complexity of native tissues. However, the achievement of 3D complex organ structures is far from being tangible. Furthermore, these tissues, which are not static, have unique functions suited to dynamic changes in tissue conformations.

For this Special Issue, we will include original articles presenting the latest developments on biomaterials and TE strategies for the development of biologically functional products with structural organization. In addition, updated review manuscripts able to stimulate creative thinking will be highlighted.





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