



## Biomaterials: basic biology Reconstruction after tumor resection and modeling the tumor microenvironment

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#### BIOMATERIALS FOR RECONSTRUCTION Rebuilding tissue after tumor resection

#### SYNTHETIC IMPLANTS



#### **BIOLOGICAL SCAFFOLDS**



AlloDerm™ Permacol™



Biodesign® Dural Graft Durepair™

Esophagus



Surgisis®

#### SYNTHETIC AND BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS Replacing physical structure versus re-growing tissue

#### SYNTHETIC





Synthetic implants induce a foreign body response (fibrotic capsule)

BIOLOGICAL





Do biological scaffolds that support tissue repair promote tumor growth?

Biological scaffold co-implantation with tumor cells Replacing physical structure versus re-growing tissue



Wolf, et al, Science Translational Medicine, 2019

Biological scaffolds reduce tumor growth

# Biological scaffolds synergize with checkpoint blockade T<sub>H</sub>2/M2 with biomaterials differs from tumor

adj p-val < 0.01 adj p-val < 0.05 adj p-val > 0.05

- - Saline + αPD-1





SEMINARS IN MEDICINE OF THE BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL, BOSTON (ARCHIVE)

December 25, 1986 N Engl J Med 1986; 315:1650-1659 DOI: 10.1056/NEJM198612253152606

#### Tumors: Wounds That Do Not Heal

Masters of Immunology

#### Tumors: Wounds That Do Not Heal—Redux 📟

Cancer Immunology Research 2015

Harold F. Dvorak

#### Abstract

|            | Similar<br>associated<br>than 150 y<br>our then 1<br>VEGE, L si | ities between tumors and the inflammatory response view with wound healing have been recognized for more <b>ABSTRACT</b> plasma proteins; activation of the clotting system outside the vascular system; deposition of an extravascular fibrin gel that |          |
|------------|---|---|----------|
| REVIEW     | heal. Mor<br>wound-he<br>maintenan                              | Striking similarities between wound healing, epimorphic regeneration<br>and the progression of solid tumors have been uncovered by recent<br>studies. In this Review, we discuss systemic effects of tumorigenesis                                      |          |
| Paralle    | els   | that are now being appreciated in epimorphic regeneration, including genetic, cellular and metabolic heterogeneity, changes in circulating factors, and the complex roles of immune cells and immune modulation   | neration |
| Alan Y. Wo | ong <sup>1</sup> a  | at systemic and local levels. We suggest that certain mechanisms<br>involved in healing/fibrosis<br>enabling regeneration may be co-opted by cancer to promote growth at<br>primary and metastatic sites. Finally, we advocate that working with a      |          |
|            |   | unified approach could complement research in both fields.  |          |

#### BIOMATERIALS AS MODELS FOR THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT

#### **Wound microenvironment**



#### **Tumor microenvironment**



There is a continuum of wounds - from healing to non-healing - that are regulated by intrinsic and extrinsic factors that correlate with tumor properties

New discoveries in wound environment  $\rightarrow$  implications for tumors and immunotherapy

#### Healing wound Inflammation→resolution



#### Articular joint /cartilage

p16<sup>INK4a</sup> cells (Senescence)

#### Non-healing wound

Fibrosis, chronic inflammation

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#### MODELS OF HEALING AND NON-HEALING TISSUE ENVIRONMENTS

Different biomaterials create unique immune and tissue environments





#### MODELS OF HEALING AND NON-HEALING TISSUE ENVIRONMENTS







Material No Treatment

Systemic Changes



Macrophages





Sadtler et al., Science, 2016

#### MODELS OF HEALING AND NON-HEALING TISSUE ENVIRONMENTS



#### Fibrosis Picrosirius Red



#### Breast implant Fibrosis











#### THE IMMUNE RESPONSE TO SYNTHETIC MATERIALS



Lee et al, Archives of Plastic Surgery

#### THE SYNTHETIC IMPLANT RESPONSE

24.0

Dendritic

CD3<sup>+</sup> T cells

48.8





CD14 84.6

Monocytes

**CD15** 

Granulocytes

Eosinophils

2.97

Chung et al., Elisseeff, *Science Translational Medicine,* April 2020.

#### T CELL RESPONSE TO BREAST IMPLANTS



Average patient age was 56 (range of 41-70 years)

Average implant residence time was 41 months (range of 1-360 months).

#### Loss of IL-17 signaling reduces macrophages and fibrosis



#### Liam Chung

# Senescent cells associated with synthetic implants during chronic Th17

#### IL-17, fibrosis, and senescent cells

p16 positive cells present in WT but not IL17 transgenic animals



#### p16 positive cells also present around breast implants







### SENESCENT CELLS: a key factor in a non-healing wound?



Replicative senescence

Oncogenic senescence

Redox senescence

Immunologically-induced senescence?



SnCs do NOT overlap with CAF subsets and cannot be detected by single cell

#### CLEARANCE OF SNC PROMOTES HEALING AND REDUCES FIBROSIS



#### **TISSUE REPAIR AFTER SENOLYSIS**





Kim, Jeon et al., Nature Medicine 2017

#### IMMUNOLOGICALLY-INDUCED SENESCENCE







Th17

#### Reduction in the FBR with treatment



#### WHICH CELL TYPES ARE SENESCENT IN WOUND AND TUMOR?



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#### SENESCENCE IN THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT

# Senescence formation in the TME



Consistent in B6-F10 Variable in young MC38 Consistent in aged MC38

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Human p16

# Colon cancer



#### Matt Wolf

# SnC's INCREASE IO-RESPONSIVE TUMORS IN A SEX-DEPENDENT MANNER



MC38 tumors +/- PD-L1, 74 wk old mice



WHAT IS THE SnC PHENOTYPE AND REQUIREMENT FOR RESPONES?

#### Clinical relevance: SnCs in lung tumor neoadjuvant PD-1 clinical studies



Janis Taube Tricia Cotrell Franck Housseau (colon cancer)

Do SnCs correlate with response/resistance and how does location impact response?

#### **Wound microenvironment**



#### **Tumor microenvironment**



Healing and non-healing wounds and biomaterial models to define the tumor microenvironment and IO responsiveness

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#### TTEC: Translational Tissue Engineering Center



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#### Adding senescent cells (artificial) increases tumor growth



**SnC doping and IO responsiveness** 



Unpublished data