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Biocompatibility and *in vitro* tests

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The Bone tissue

Complex mineralized living tissue, having the property of marked rigidity and strength while still maintaining some degree of elasticity.

Trabecular bone

15 – 25% volume calcified.
Filled with bone marrow.

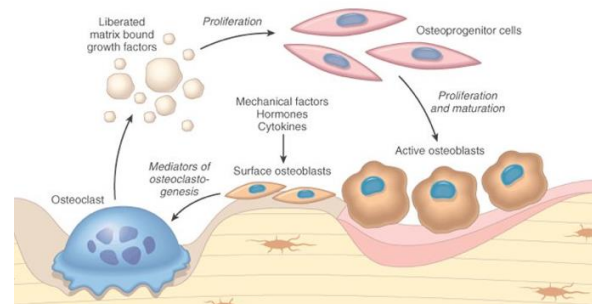
Metabolic function



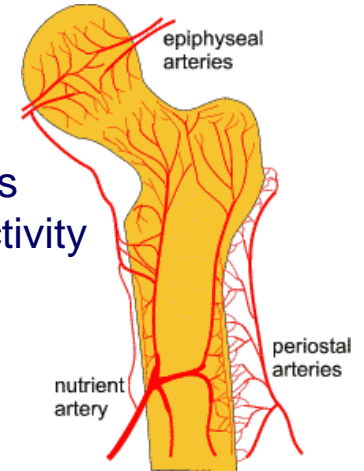
Cortical bone

80 – 90% volume calcified.
Mechanical and protective functions

Bone is continuously in a **remodeling process**:
(resorption of old bone and formation of new bone)
Maintenance of bone tissue integrity and mineral homeostasis

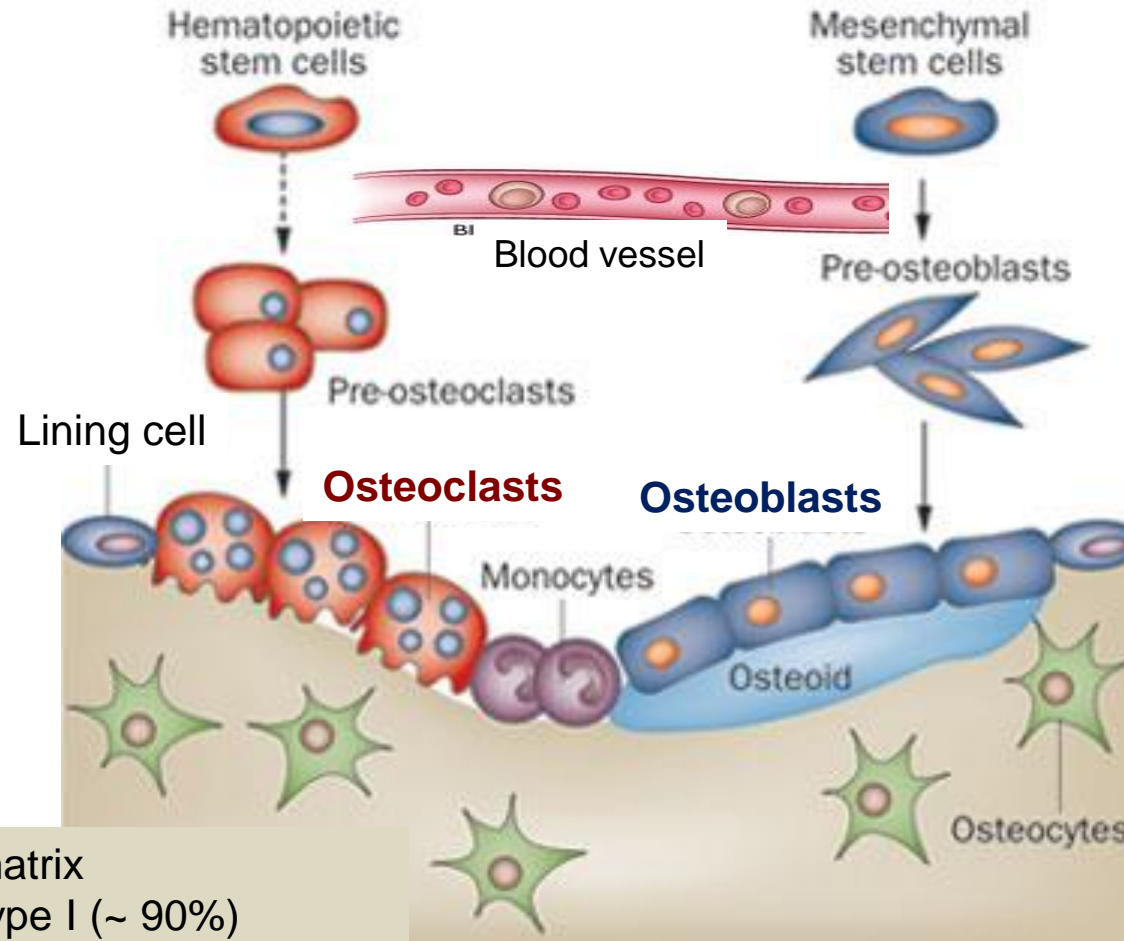


To accomplish this high metabolic activity
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Bone is **highly vascularized**
Supriment of oxygen,
nutrients, progenitor cells,
growth factors
Removal of metabolism
products

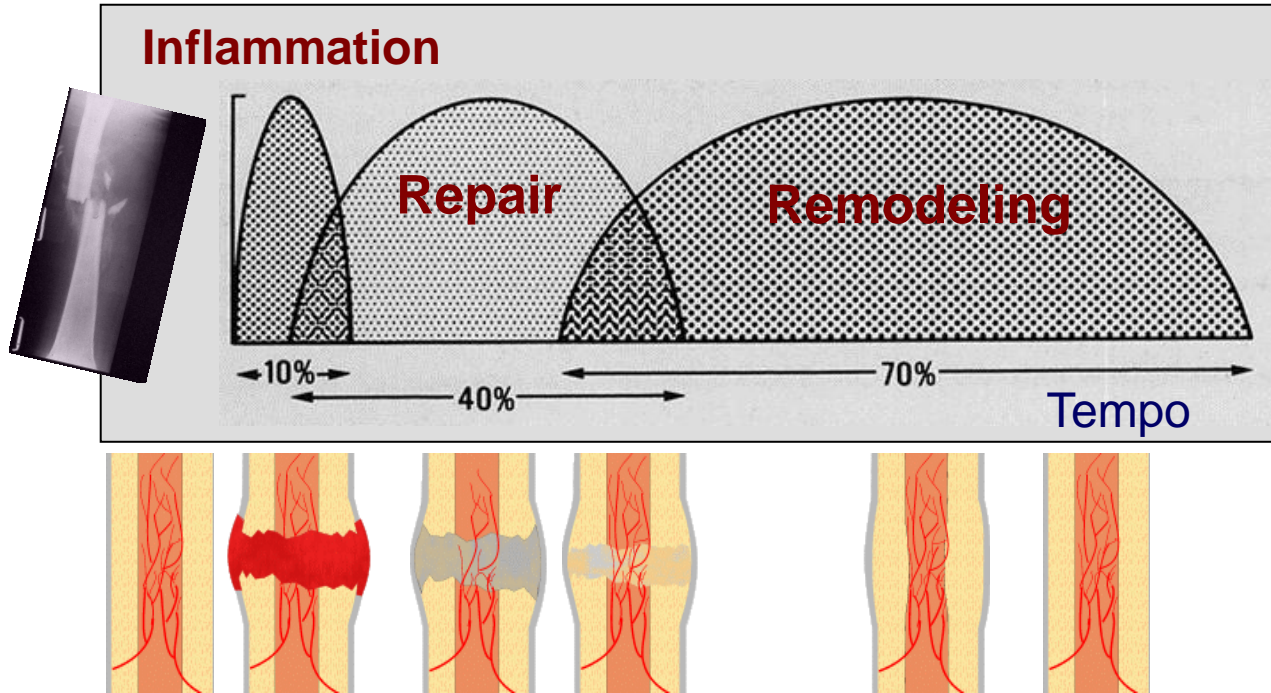
The bone microenvironment: The bone cells



Calcified matrix
Collagen type I (~ 90%)
Glycoproteins, Proteoglycans,
Growth factors, cytokines, ...
...Hydroxyapatite

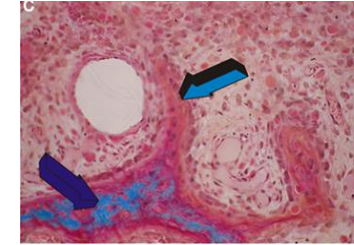
- ➔ **Osteoclasts**
- ➔ **Osteoblasts**
- ➔ Bone surfaces undergoing remodeling
- Osteocytes
Inside the matrix
- Bone lining cells
Resting bone surfaces

The Bone tissue: Bone regeneration (time line)



- Hematoma/inflammatory response/Angiogenesis
- Migration of bone precursor cells
- **Repair:**
formation of an immature bone (primary stabilization)
- **Remodeling:**
replacement of the immature bone by the mature bone (Occurs slowly over months to years and is strongly influenced by local mechanical stress placed on bone)

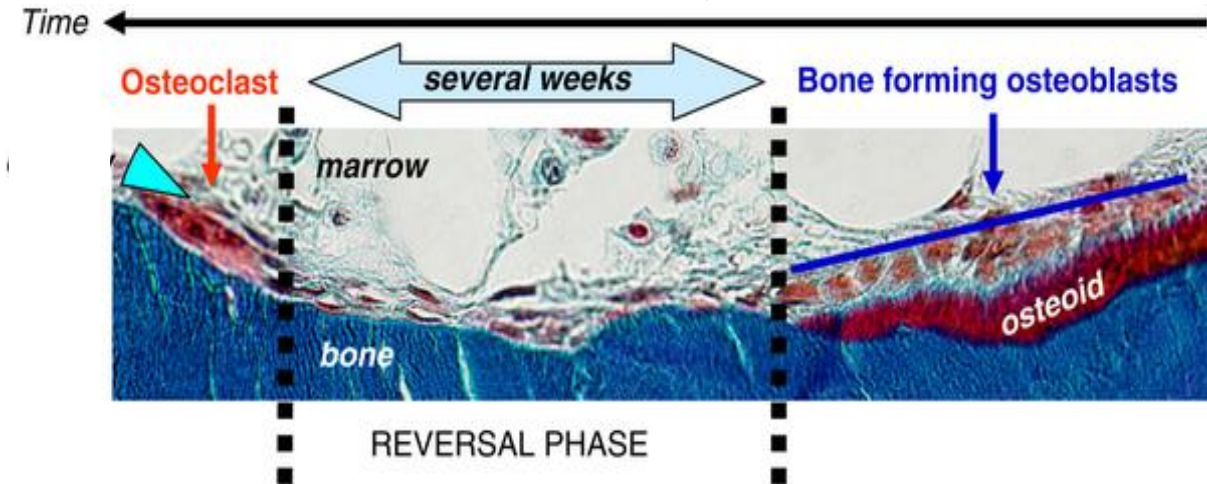
Bone formation



- Bone formation is always preceded by vascular invasion
- Osteogenesis occurs in the vicinity of newly formed blood vessels

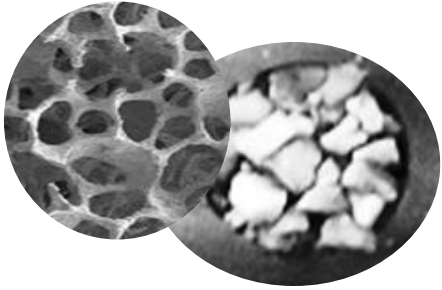
Remodeling

(coordinated activity of OC and OB)

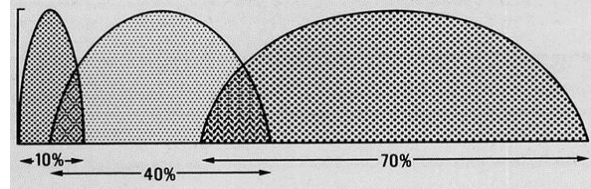
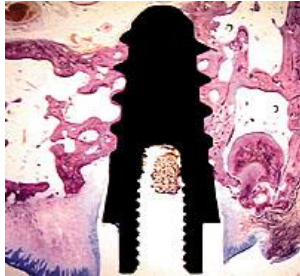
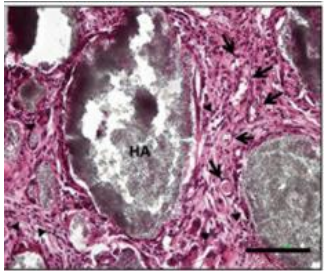


Regeneration of the form, structure and function

Incorporation / replacement of a bone graft



Similar to the regeneration process that occurs with a bone fracture



Following implantation

Inflammatory response/Angiogenesis

Protein adhesion to the material surface

Adhesion of osteoprogenitor cells to the material surface (via protein layer)

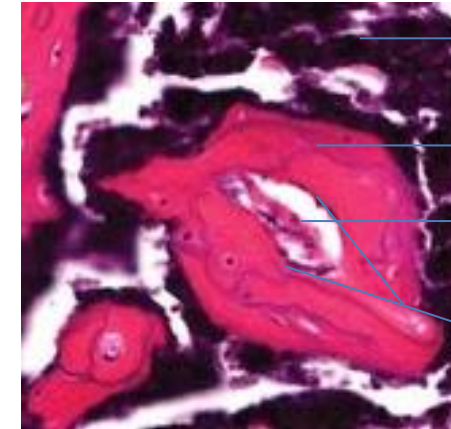
Formation of an immature bone

Remodeling phase: OC/OB activity

Bone formation

intimate interaction

angiogenesis/osteogenesis



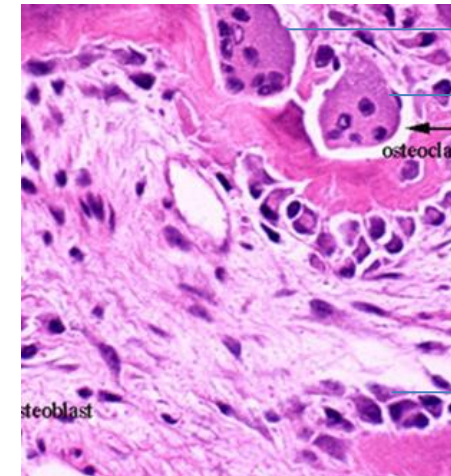
Material

New bone

Blood vessel

Osteoblasts

Remodeling



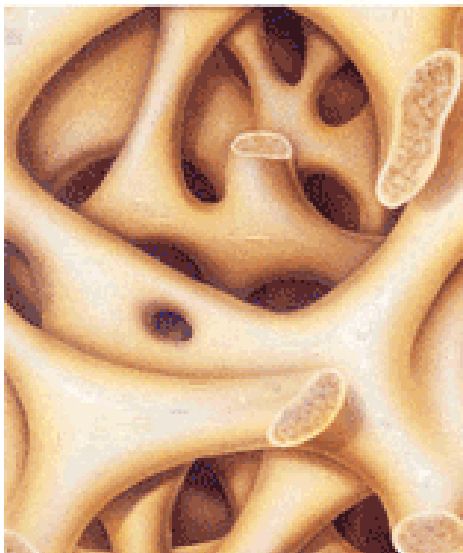
Osteoclasts

Osteoblasts

Cell culture models to address bone/biomaterial interaction

Relevant cell types and cell types interactions

Scaffold



**Angiogenesis/
osteogenesis**



Remodeling



Endothelial cells



Osteoblasts

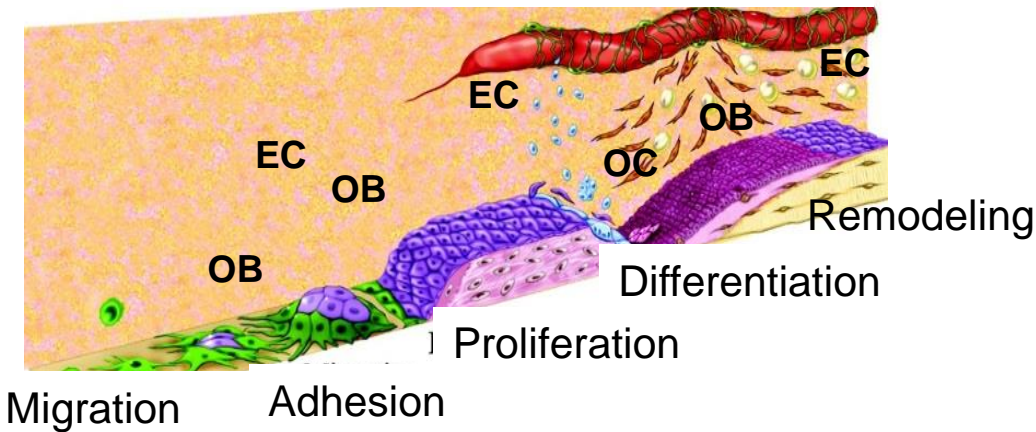
Osteoclasts



Osteoblasts

Cell culture models of the bone/biomaterial interface

Vascularization/angiogenesis

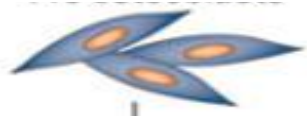


Osteoblast (OB)
cell cultures
Bone formation

Mesenchymal
stem cells



Pre-Osteoblasts

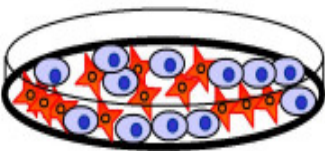


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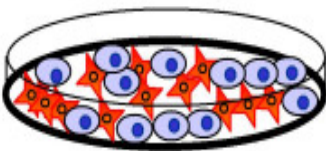


Endothelial cell (EC) cultures
Angiogenesis

EC/OB
Co-cultures
Angiogenesis/
osteogenesis



OC/OB
Co-cultures
Resorption/
formation

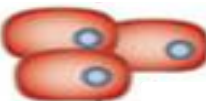


Osteoclast (OC)
cell cultures
Bone resorption

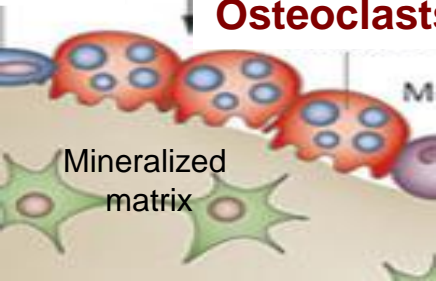
Hematopoietic
stem cells



Pre-Osteoclasts



Osteoclasts



Cell cultures: equipment



Safety Cabinet



Incubator
37 °C; humidified atmosphere
5% CO₂ / ar



Appropriate
culture medium

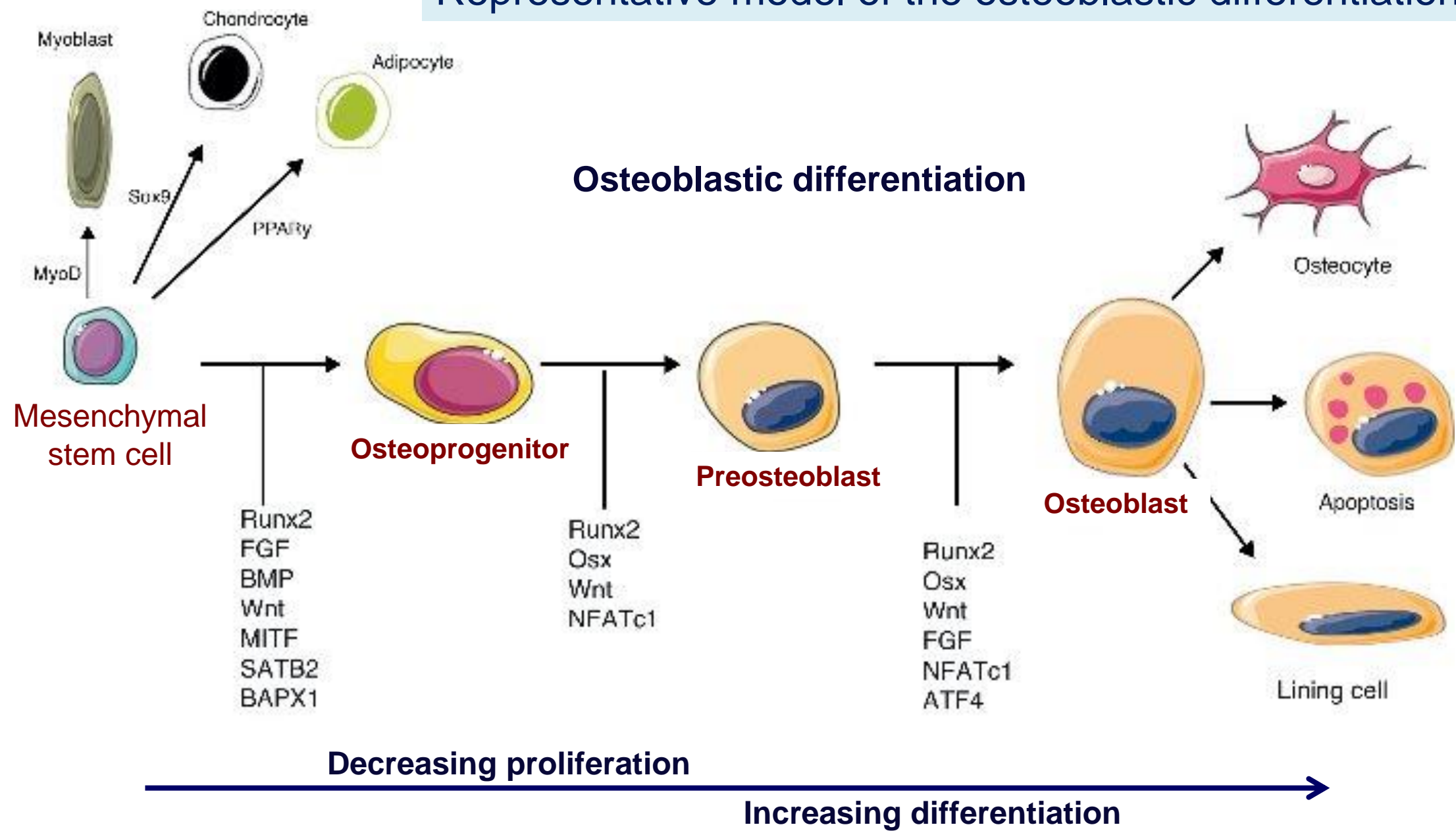


Culture flasks and plates

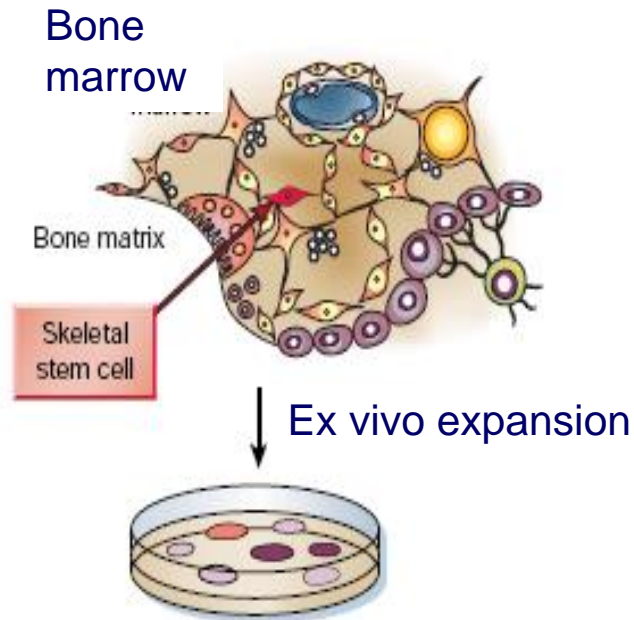
Osteoblastic cell cultures

Osteoblastic cell cultures

Representative model of the osteoblastic differentiation



Osteoblastic cell cultures



→ Primary culture

- Culture of a bone marrow suspension
- Outgrowth from bone explants
- Commercial MSC

37 °C; 5% CO₂/air

1 – 2 weeks

(70 – 80% confluency)

→ Subculture (to expand the cells)

Standard culture conditions:

Culture medium: alfa-MEM; DMEM

10% fetal bovine serum

Penicillin / Streptomycin;

Anphotericin B

50 mg/ml ascorbic acid

Dexamethasone (10 nM)

b-glycerophosphate (10 mM)

Osteoblastic
differentiation

Characterization of the cell behaviour:

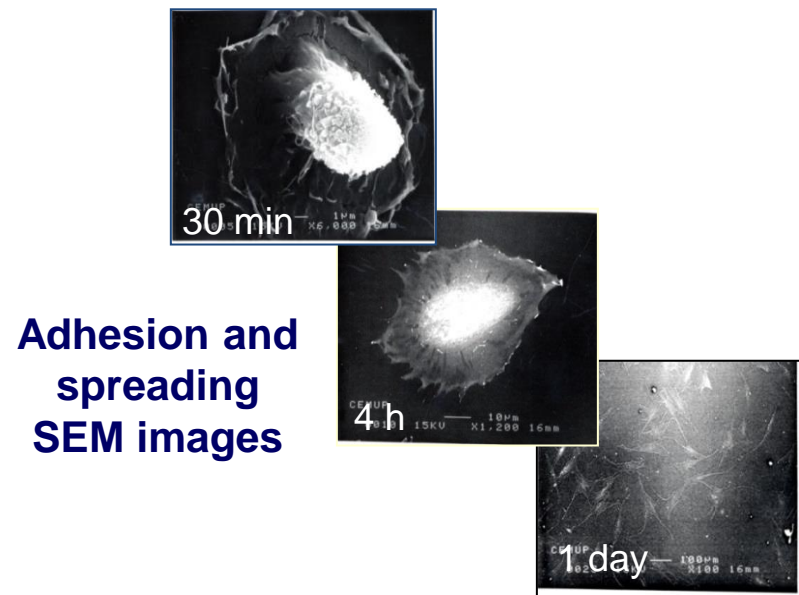
- Cell adhesion to the material substrate
- Cell viability/Proliferation (MTT, ADN, Protein)
- Apoptosis
- Cell cycle
- Morphology/F-actin cytoskeleton
- Focal adhesion points
- Expression of osteoblastic genes
(Runx-2; Col-1; ALP; OC; RUNKL; OPG; ...)
- Functional activity
 - Alkaline phosphatase activity
 - Formation of a mineralized matrix
- Intracellular signalling pathways

Biochemical, histochemical, immunohistochemical and molecular methodologies; SEM, CMSM

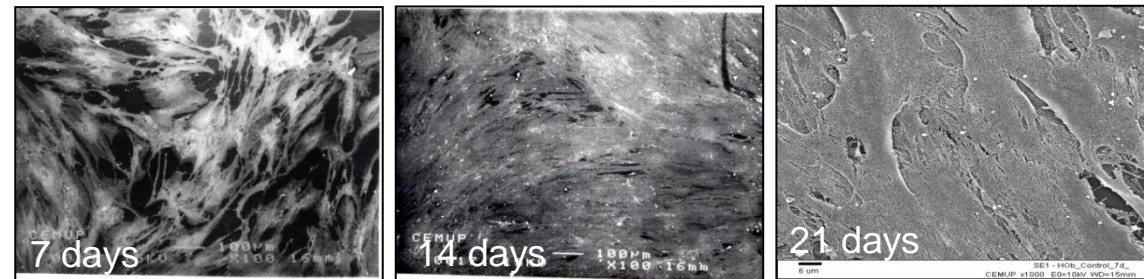
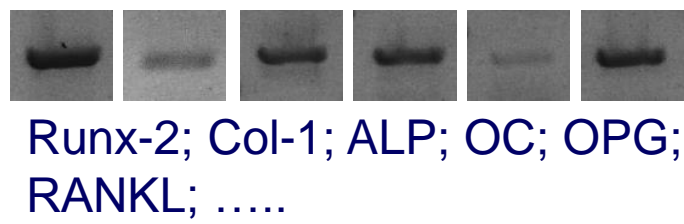
Osteoblastic cell cultures: Proliferation / differentiation pathway

Human bone marrow-derived osteoblastic cell cultures

Characterization of the cell behaviour



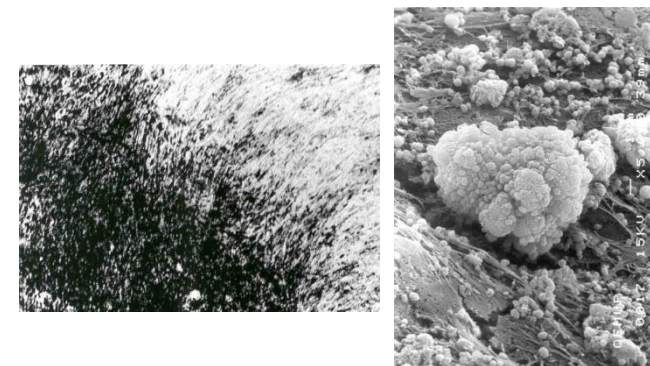
Gene expression profile



Cell proliferation (SEM images)



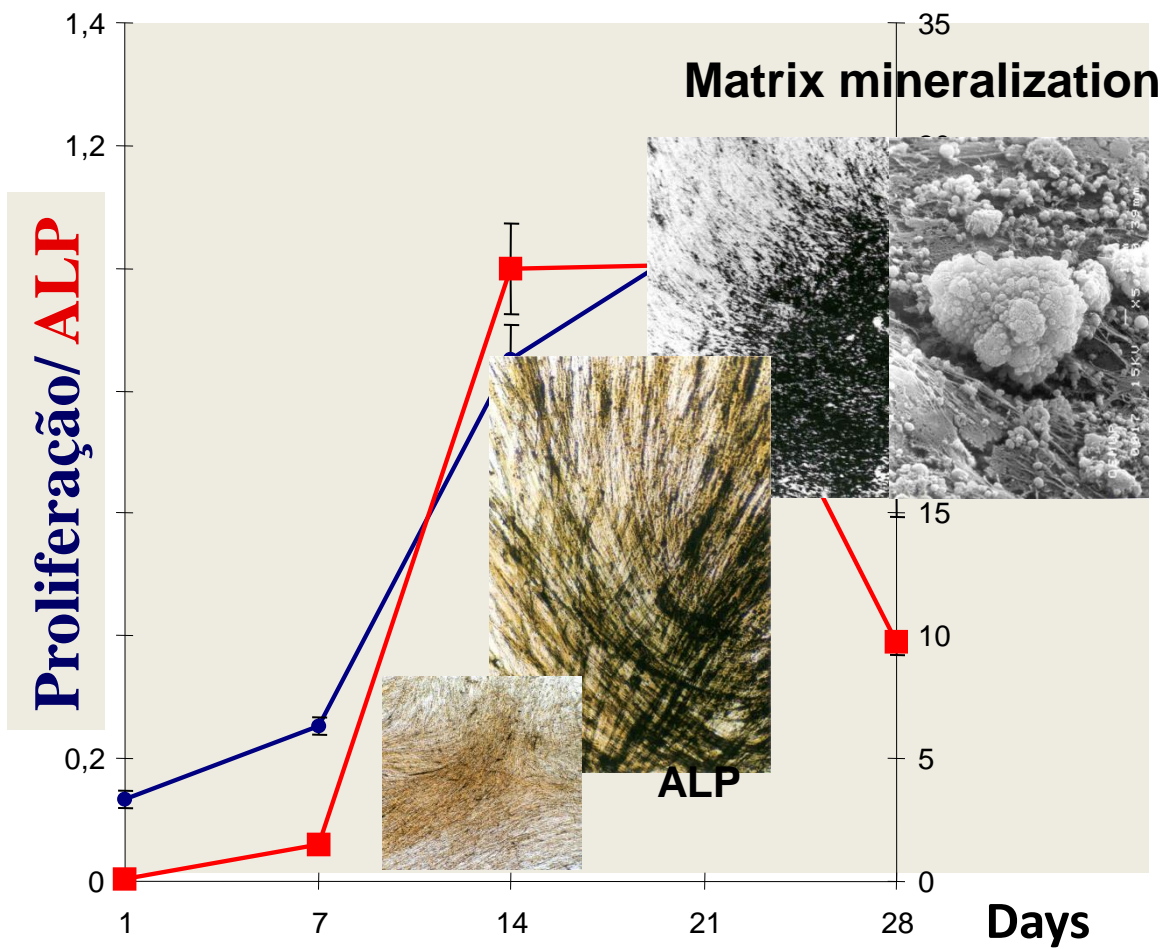
Alkaline phosphatase staining



Matrix mineralization (SEM)

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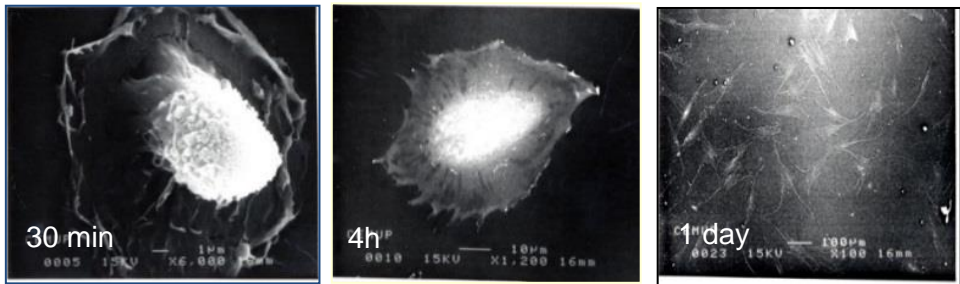
Inverse relationship between
proliferation and differentiation



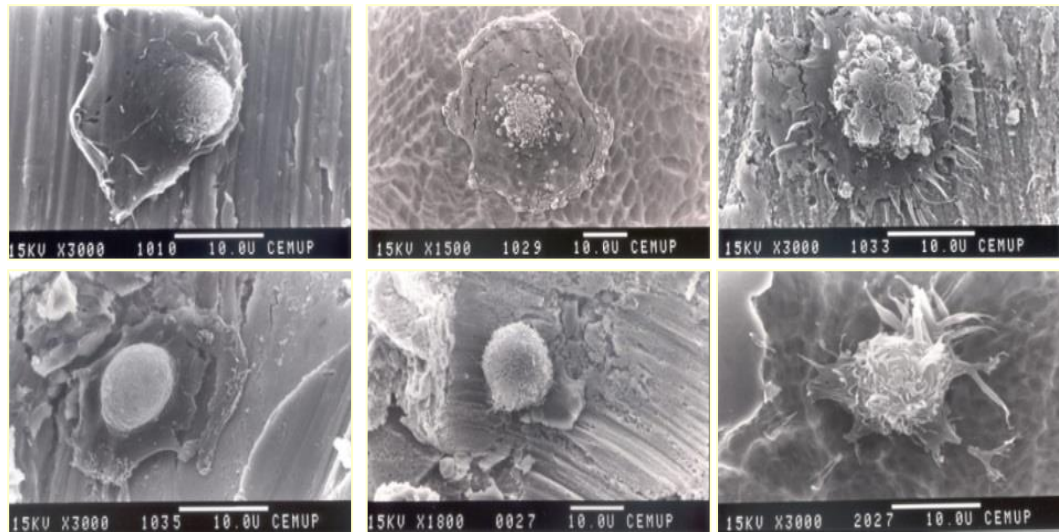
Osteoblastic cell cultures: cells / biomaterials interactions

Human bone marrow-derived osteoblastic cell cultures

Cell adhesion: standard tissue culture plates

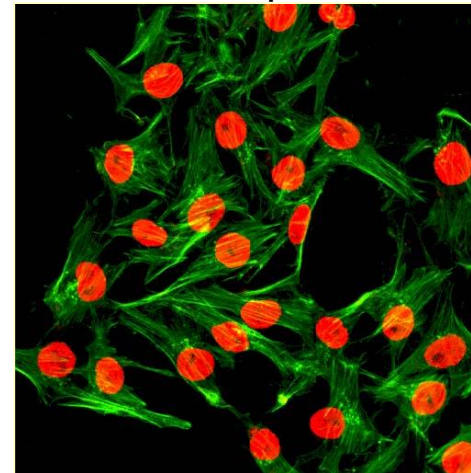


Adhesion to HA substrates with different topographies; 30 min

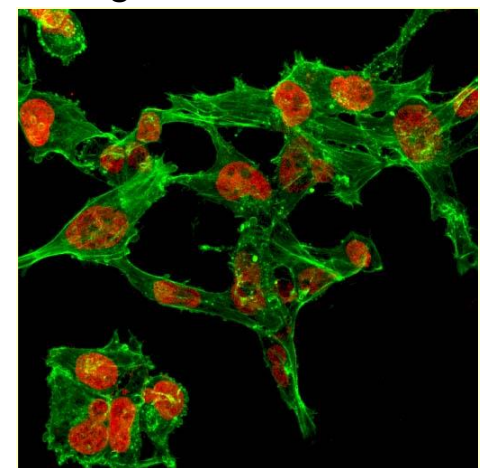


Cell morphology

Culture plates

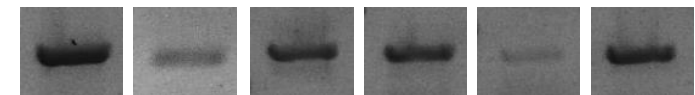


Degradable ceramic



CLSM of cells stained for F-actin cytoskeleton (green) and nucleus (red)

Gene expression profile

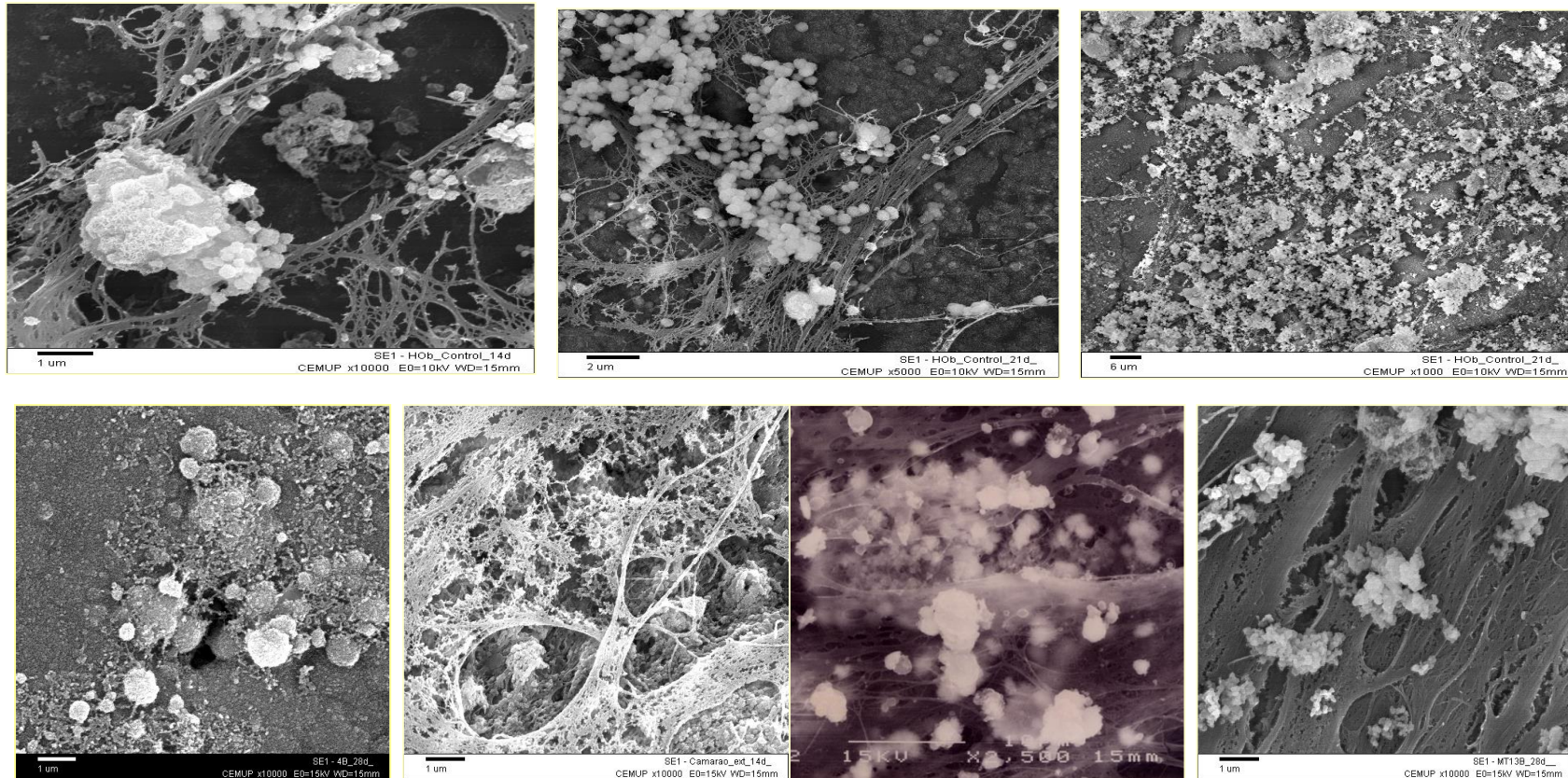


Runx-2; Col-1; ALP; OC; OPG; RANKL;

Osteoblastic cell cultures

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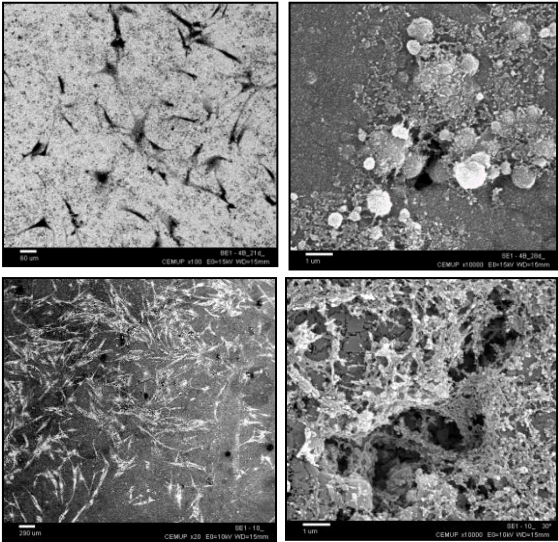
Formation of a cellular mediated mineralized matrix in several biomaterials



Osteoblastic cell cultures

Illustrative studies

Ceramic composites

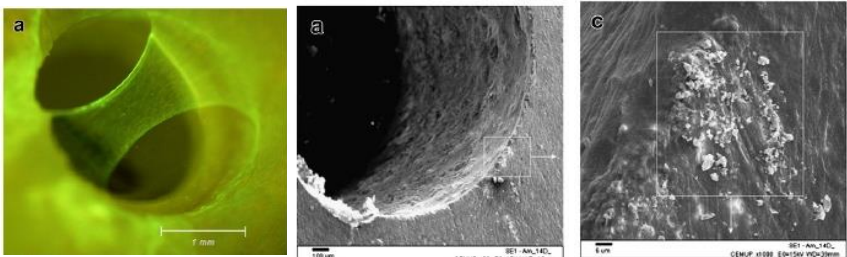


Bonelike®

Glass/Si3N4 composites

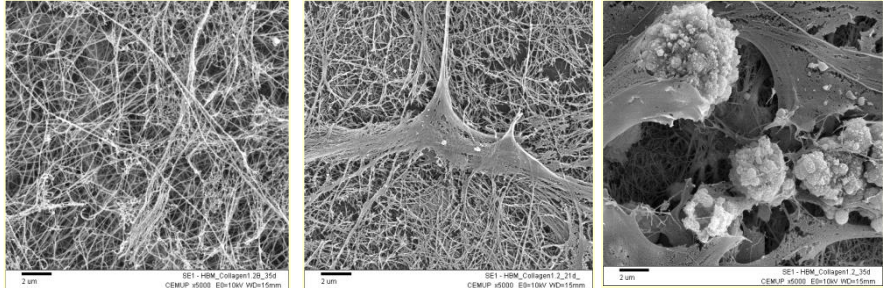
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Macroporous ceramics



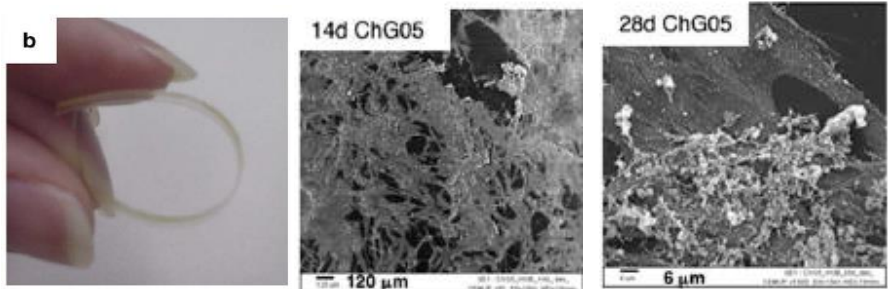
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Collagen substrates



Connective Tissue Research, 50: 336-346; 2009

Chitosan hybrid membranes

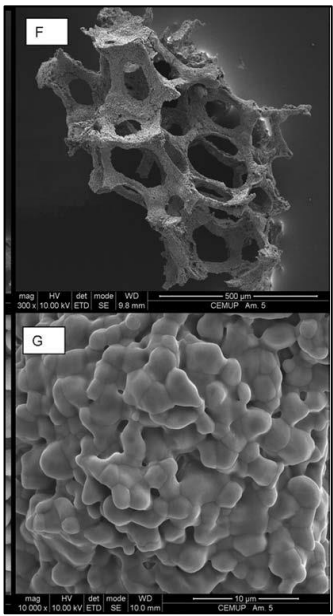


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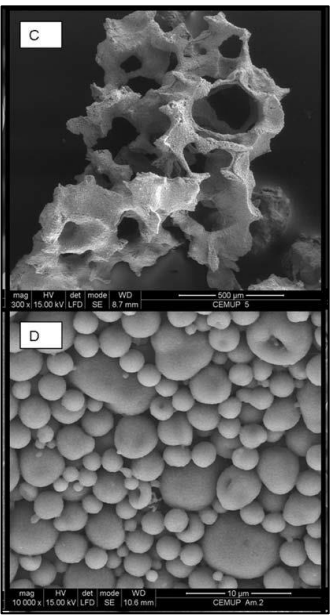
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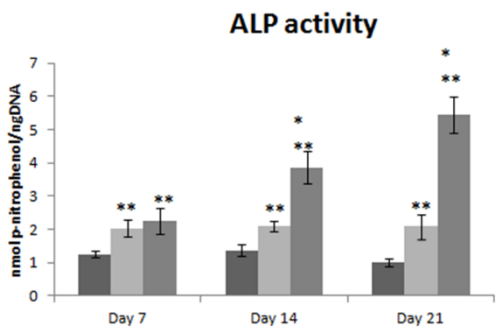
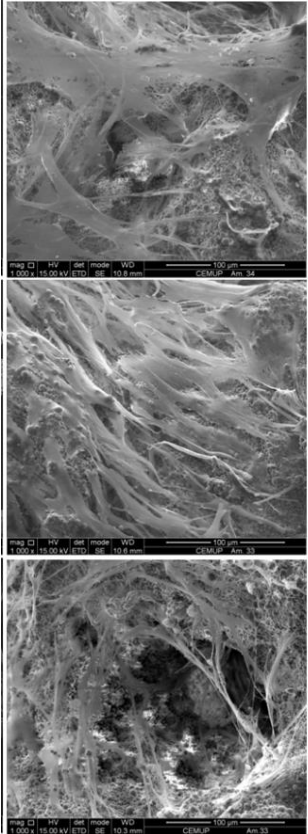
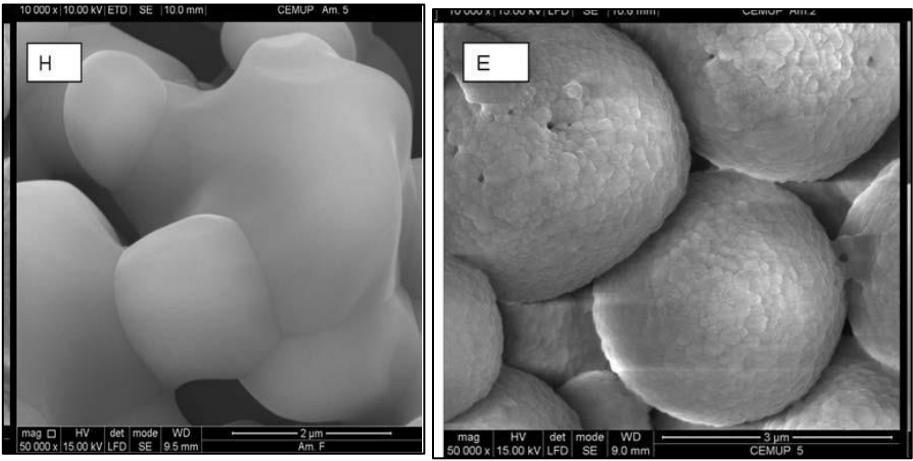
microHA



nanoHA



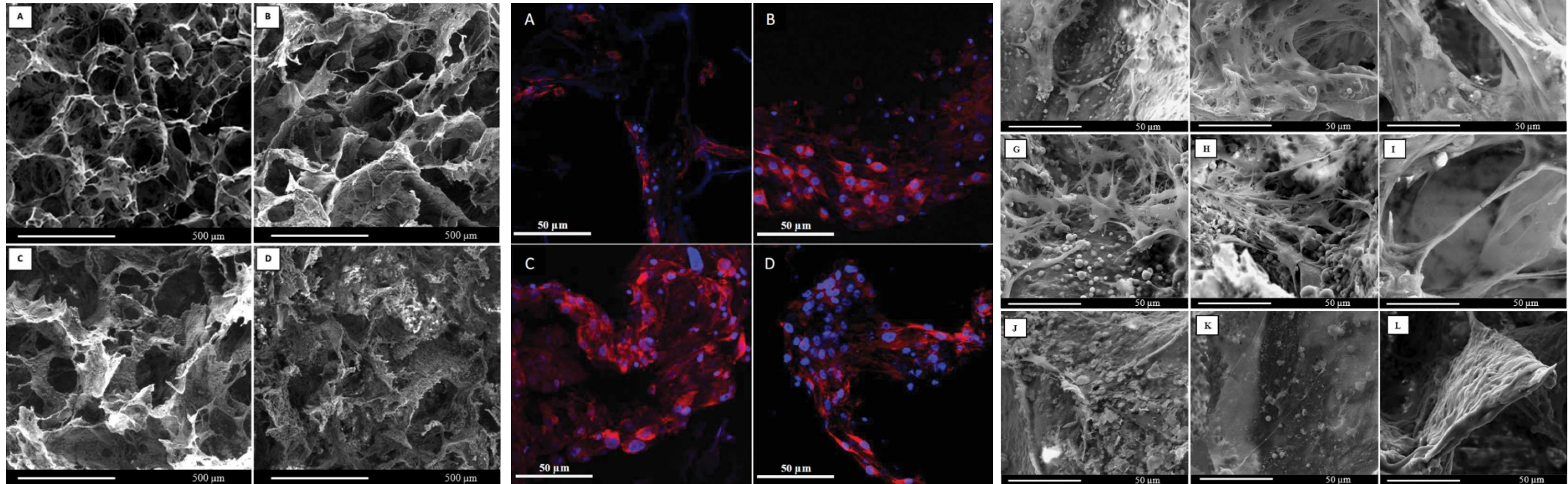
Micro and Nanostructured macroporous ceramic scaffolds



Osteoblastic cell cultures

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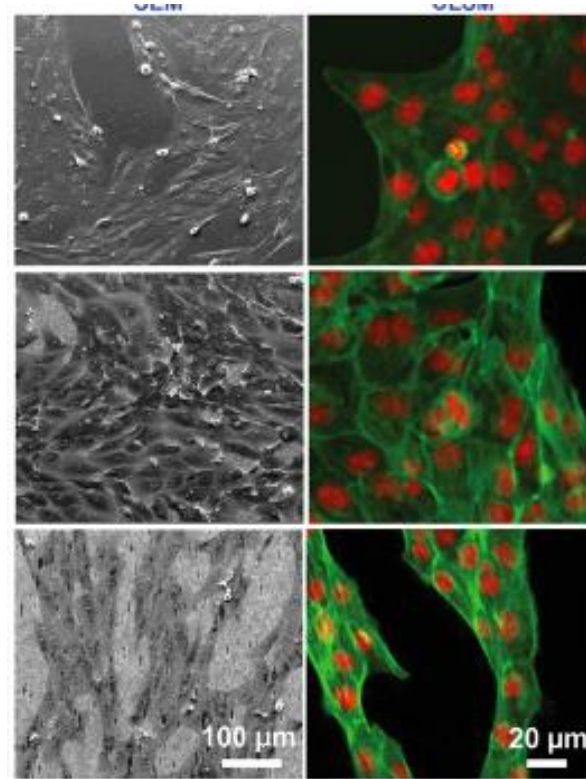
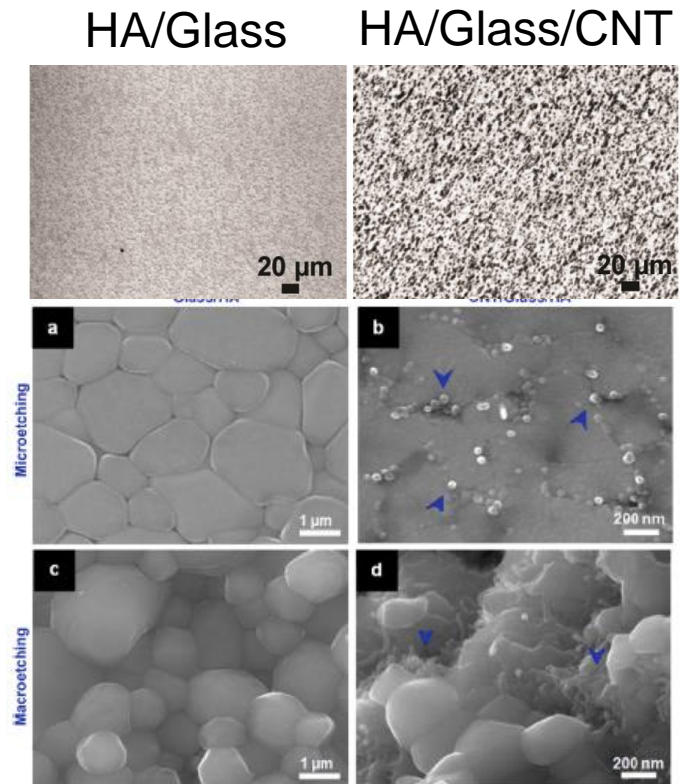
Collagen-nanohydroxyapatite biocomposite scaffolds



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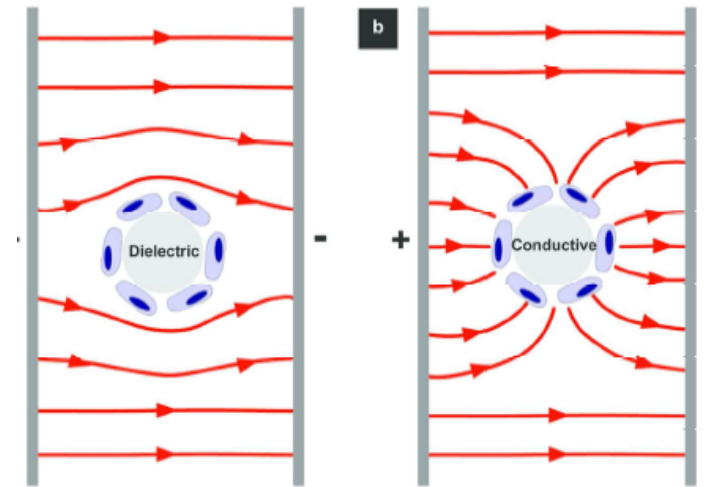
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Bioceramics/carbon nanotubes (CNT) composites
(conductive substrates) Electrical stimulation



HA/Glass

HA/Glass/CNT



Nanoscale; 04 (2015)

J Materials Chemistry B; 3:1831-45 (2015)

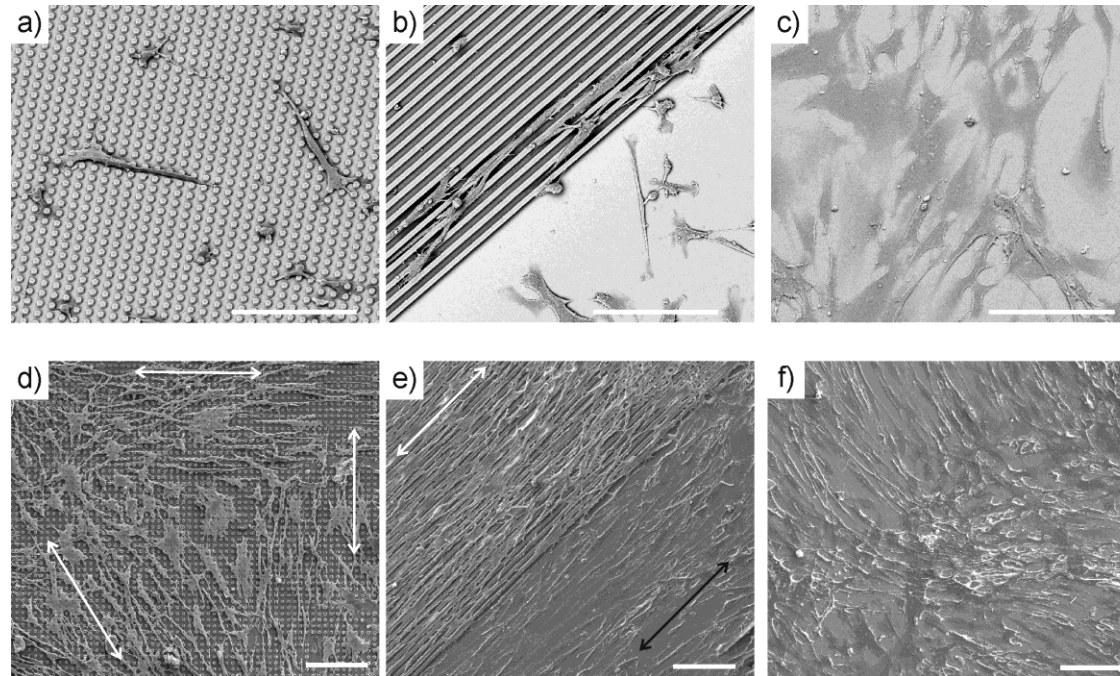
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Osteoblastic cell cultures

Illustrative study

Guided proliferation of osteoblastic cells on patterned surfaces



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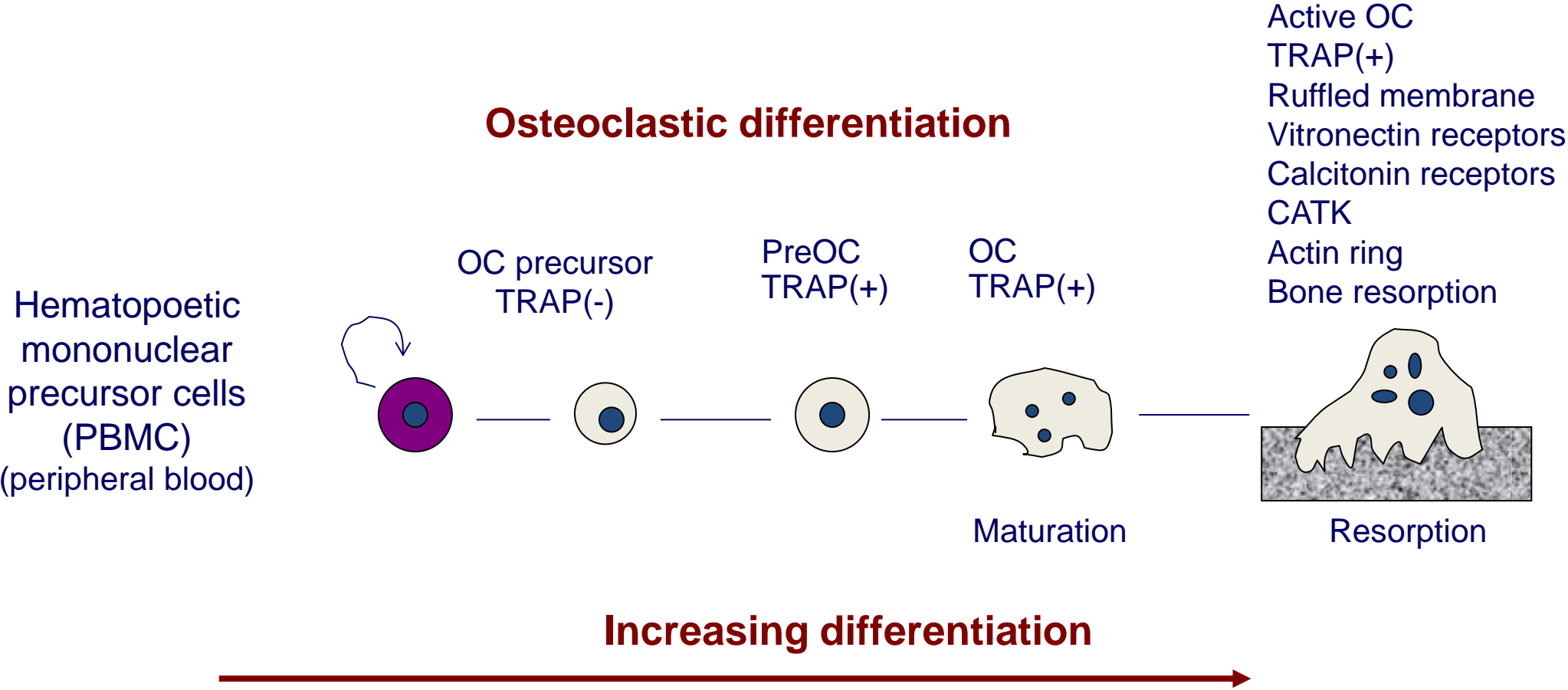
Dental Materials, 28:1250-1260 (2012)

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Osteoclastic cell cultures

Representative model of the osteoclastic differentiation



Osteoclastic cell cultures

Peripheral blood

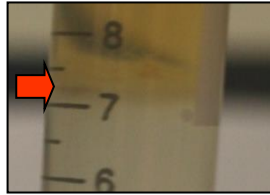


Plasma

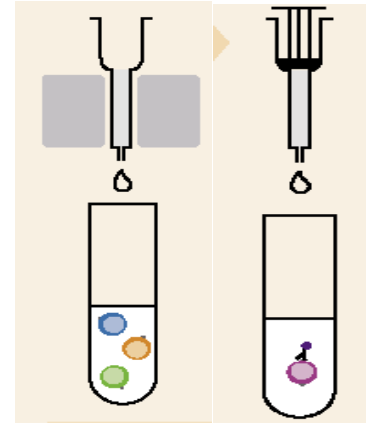
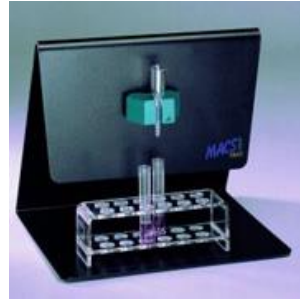
Buffy coat

Erythrocytes

Buffy coat



Magnetic separation of CD14+ cells



Characterization of the cell behaviour:

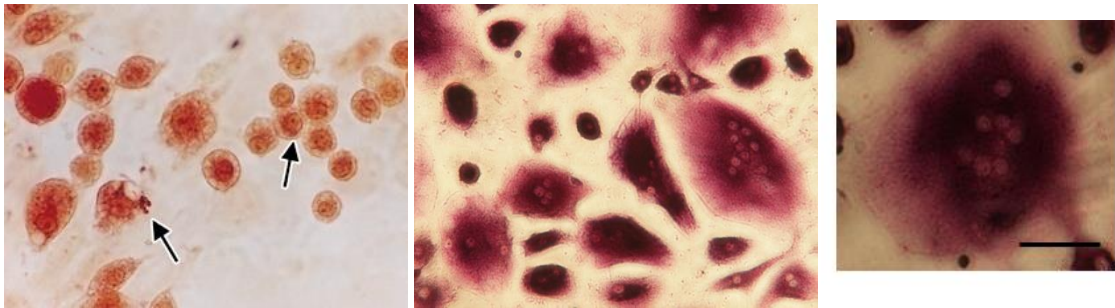
- Cell adhesion to the material substrate
- Total protein content
- Apoptosis
- Morphology
- Formation of actin rings
- Immunostaining of Calcitonin and Vitronectin receptors
- Expression of osteoclastic genes (c-myc; c-src; TRAP; CATK, CA; ...)
- Functional activity
 - TRAP activity
 - Formation TRAP+ multinucleated cells
 - Resorption activity
- Intracellular signaling pathways

Obtention:

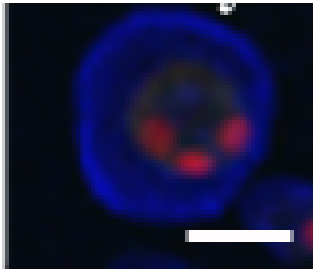
- Isolation of the peripheral mononuclear cells from a buffy coat (Buffy coat + PBS) + Histopaque: mixt of monocytes, platelets and lymphocytes
- Magnetic separation of CD14+ cells
- Cell culture (2×10^6 cell/ml); 21 days
 - a-MEM; 10% human AB serum;
 - 1% glutamine; 30 mg/ml ascorbic acid
 - 25 ng/ml MCSF; 30 ng/ml RANKL**

Osteoclastic cell cultures

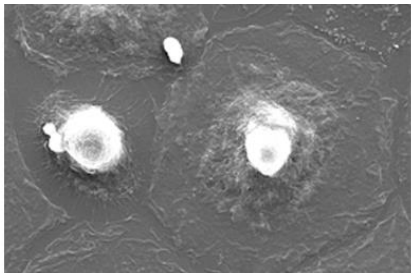
Formation of multinucleated cells (TRAP staining)



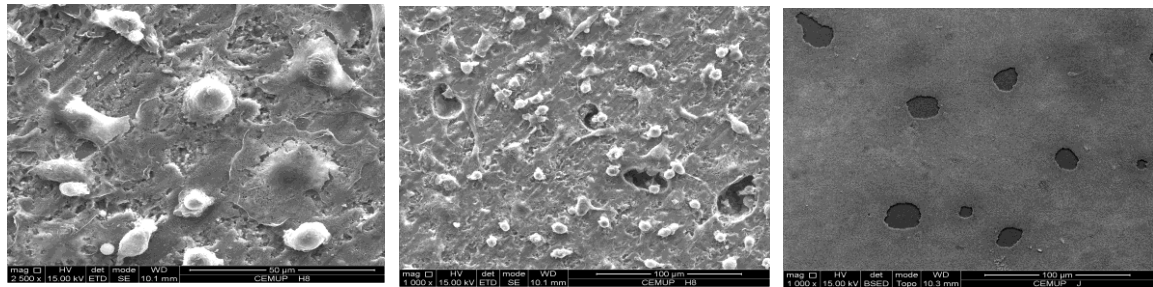
Actin ring



SEM

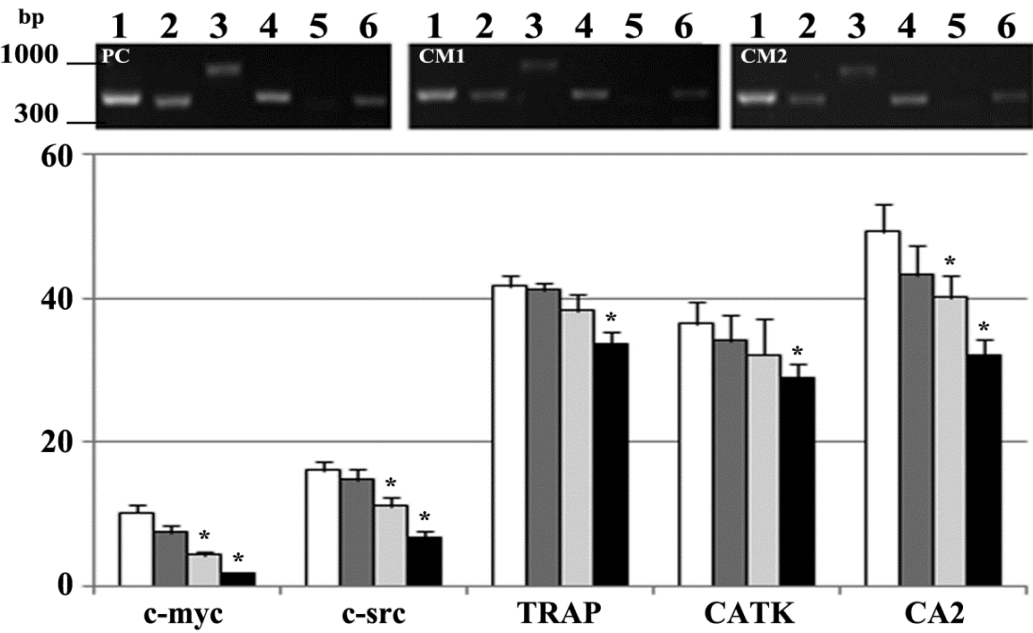


SEM: resorption activity



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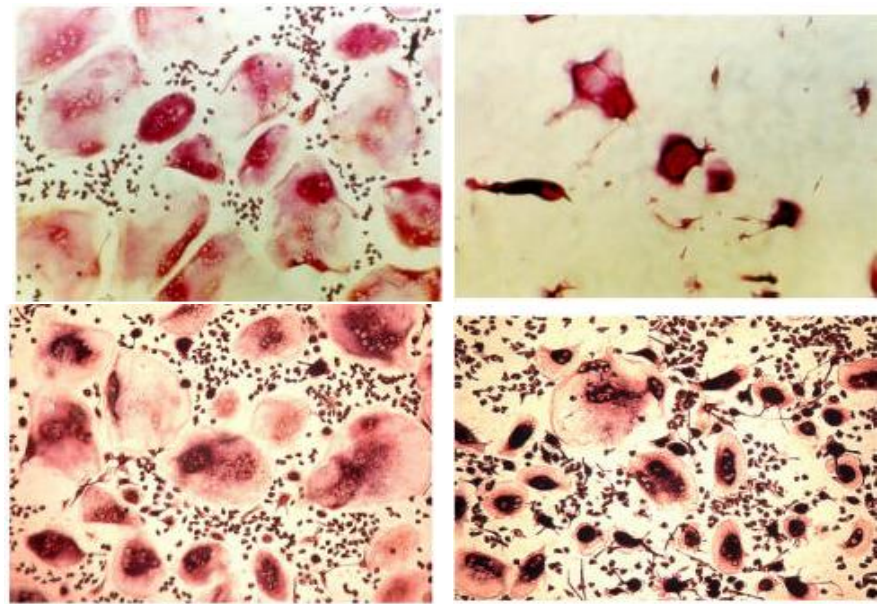
Expression of osteoclastogenic genes



Osteoclastic cell cultures

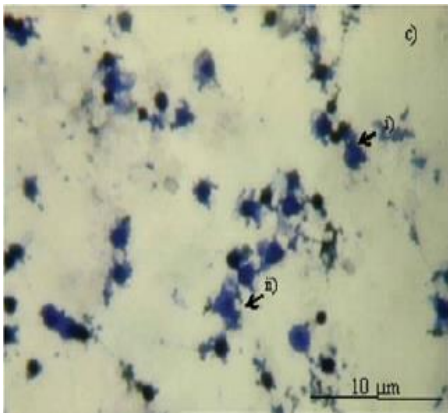
Illustrative studies

TRAP staining in different biomaterials

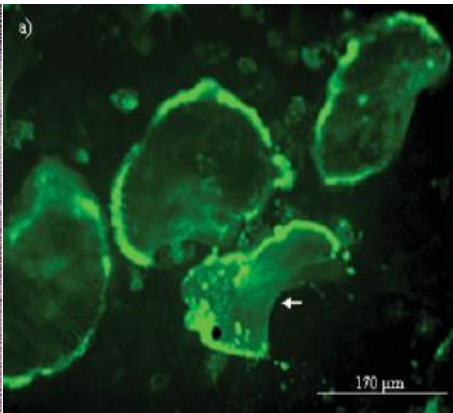


Hydroxyapatite seeded with OC cells

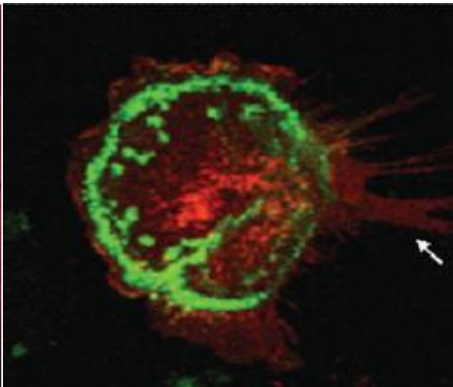
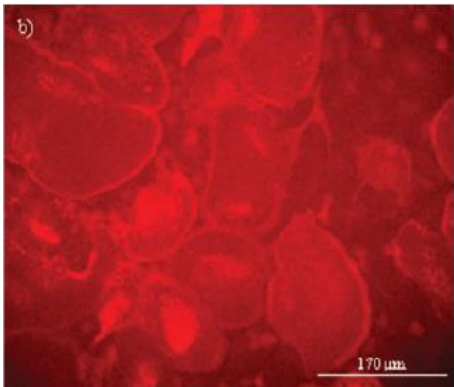
Multinucleated cells



Actin rings



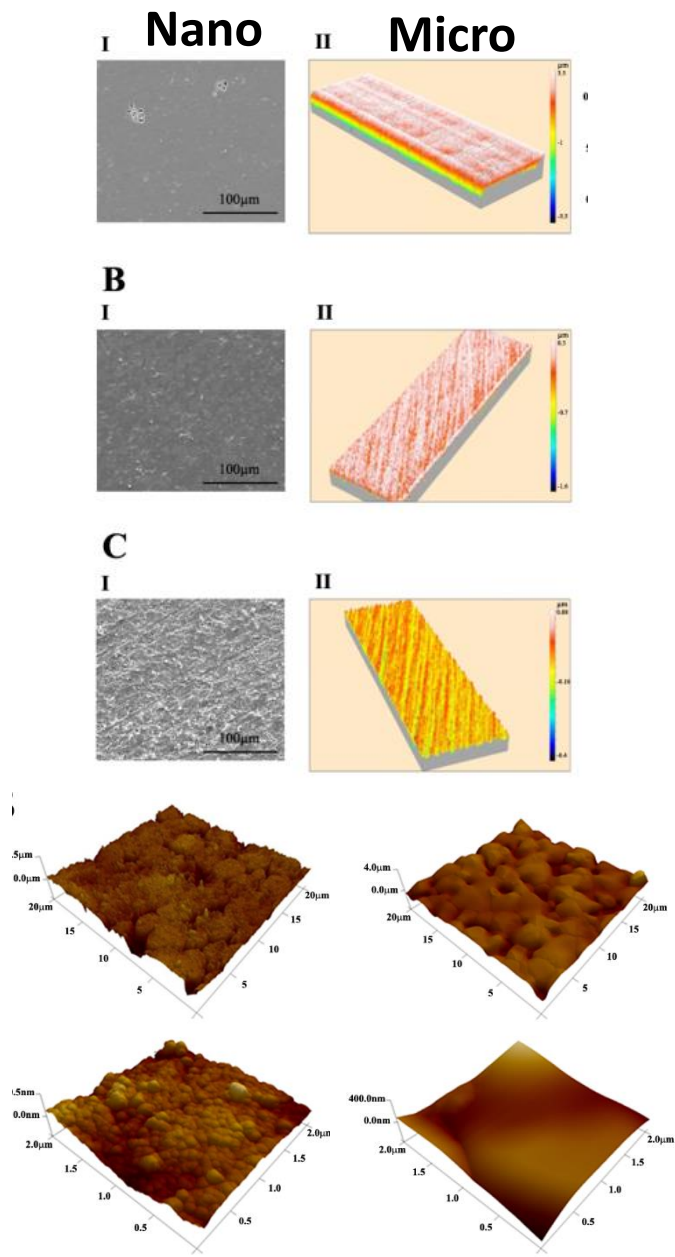
Vitronectin receptor



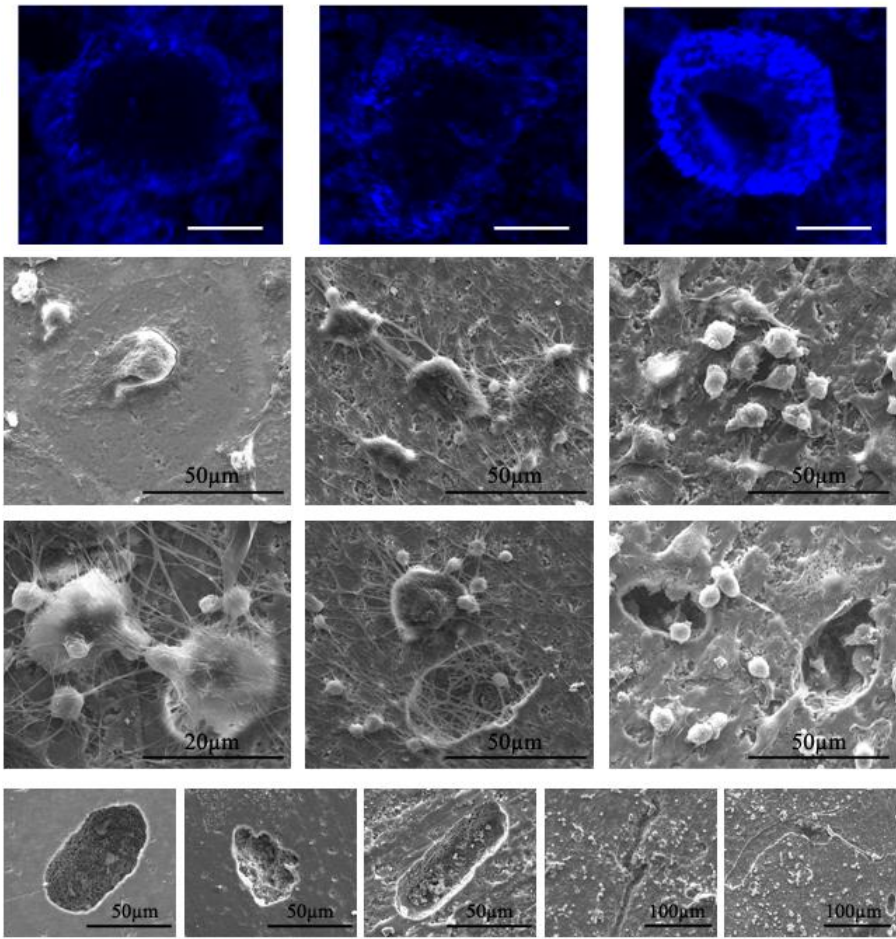
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Illustrative study

Modulation of bone cell
behaviour by
surface topography in
Hydroxyapatite substrates)

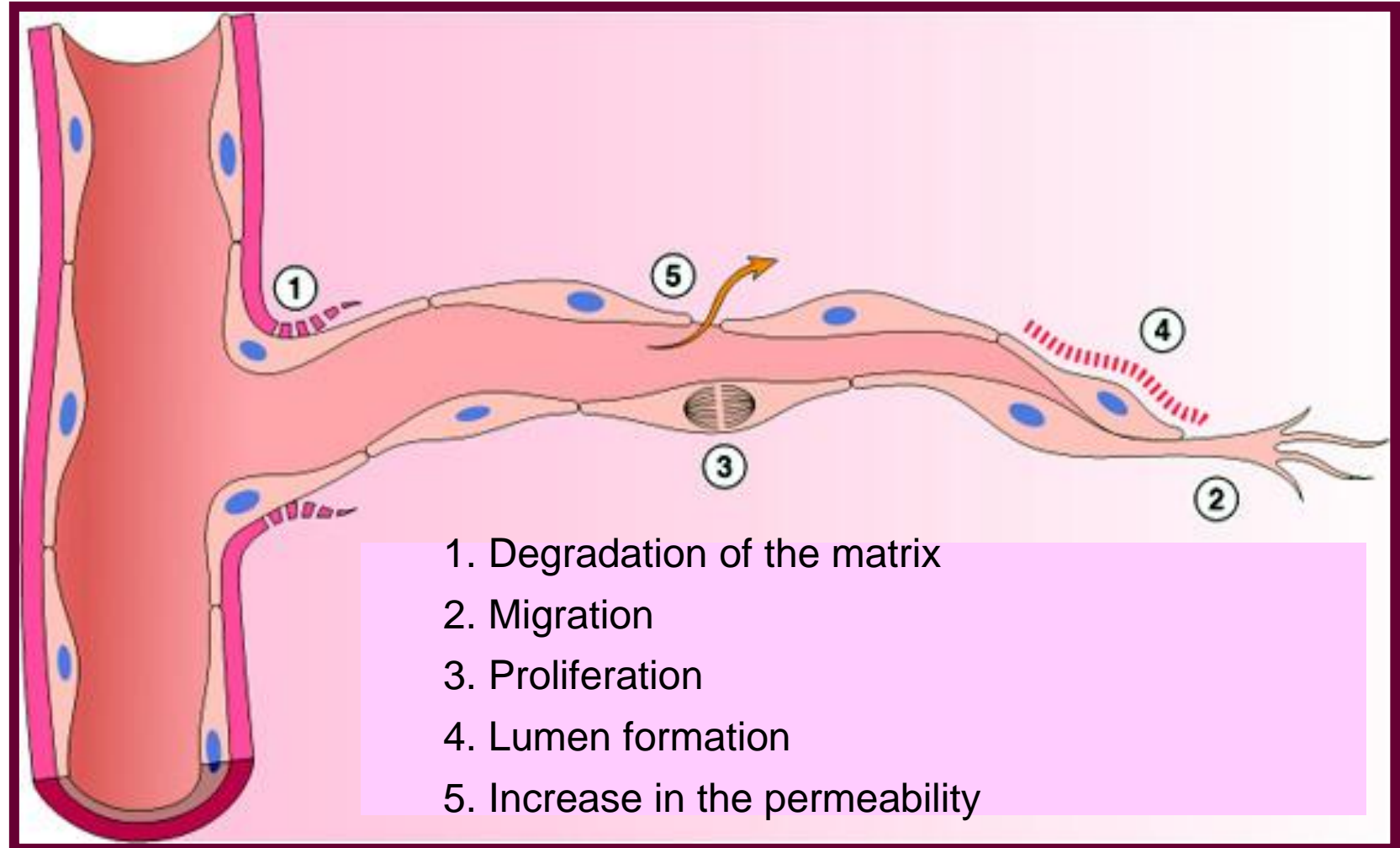
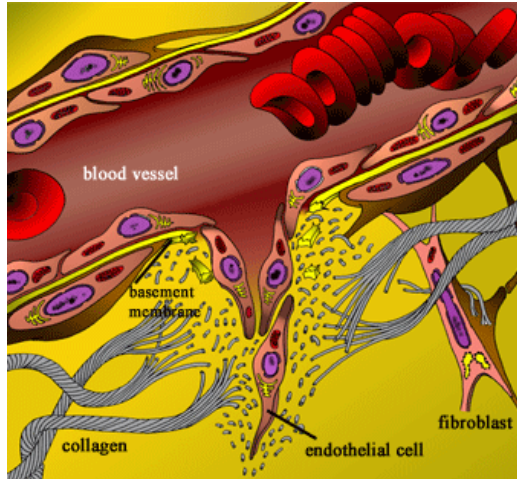


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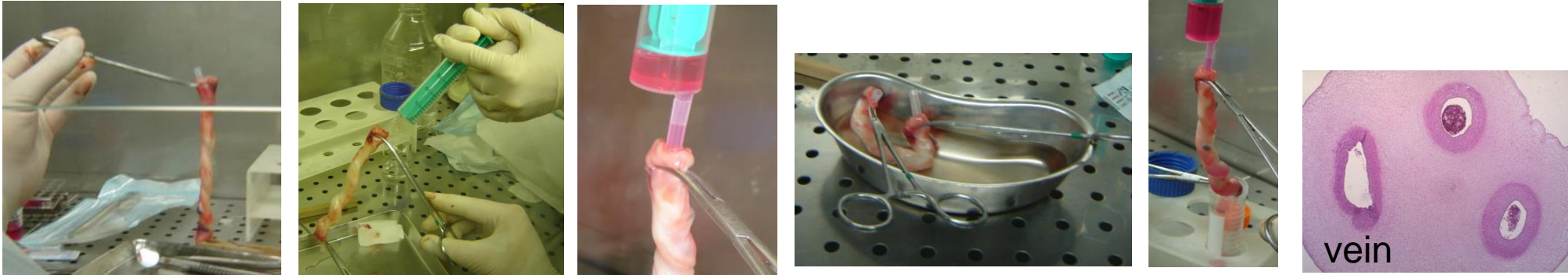
Endothelial cell cultures

Representative model of angiogenesis



Endothelial cell cultures

Human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs)



Obtention:

Endothelial cells isolated from umbilical vein
Culture in 1% gelatine pre-coated substrates
Medium M199; 20% fetal bovine serum
1% glutamine; penicillin/ctreptomycin
Trypsin / EDTA solution (70 – 80% confluency)
• First subculture (2×10^4 cell/ml)
1% heparin; 1 mg/ml EGFS; 7 days

Characterization of the cell behaviour:

- Cell adhesion to the material substrate
- Cell viability/proliferation. Pattern of cell growth
- Apoptosis
- Cell cycle
- Morphology / F-actin cytoskeleton
- Immunostaining of PECAM-1, VE-caderin, vWB
- Expression of endothelial genes
(PECAM-1, VE-caderin, factor vWB)
- Functional activity
Production of NO
Formation of tubular-like structures

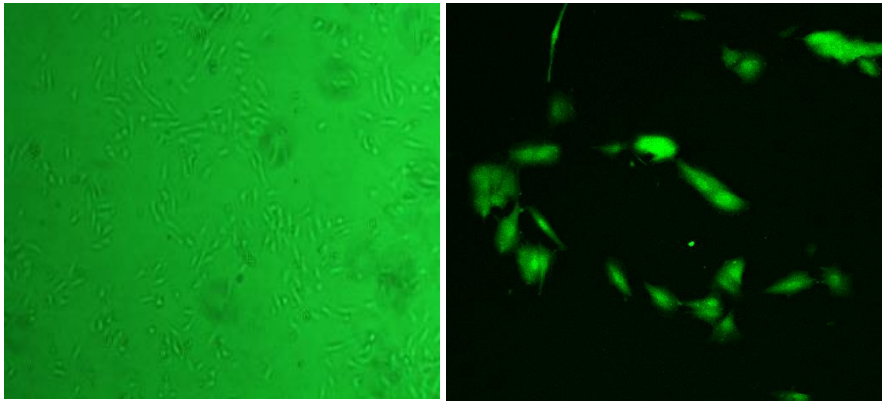
➡ Commercial endothelial cells of different origins

Microvascular endothelial cells
Appropriate culture medium for angiogenic differentiation

Endothelial cell cultures

Characterization of cell behaviour

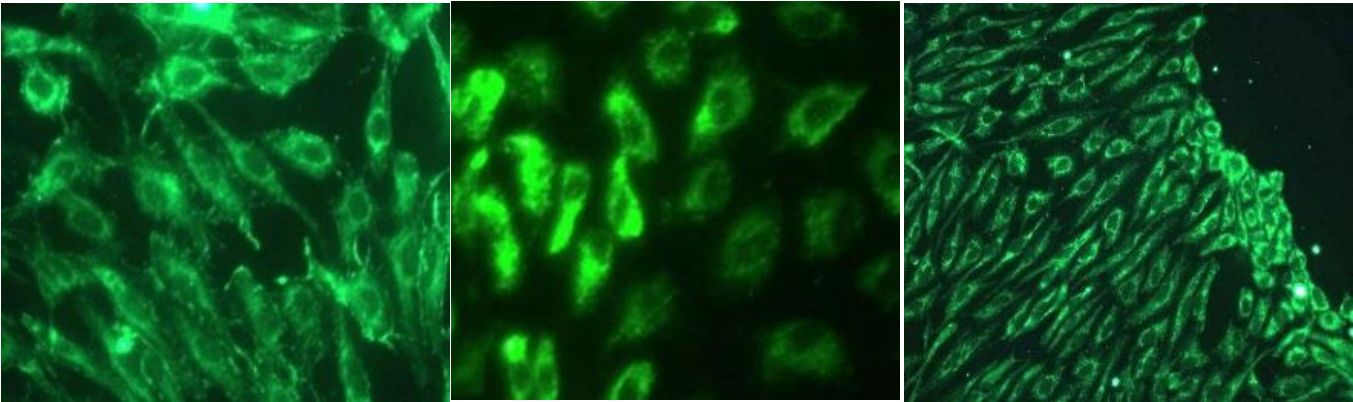
Circular pattern of cell proliferation



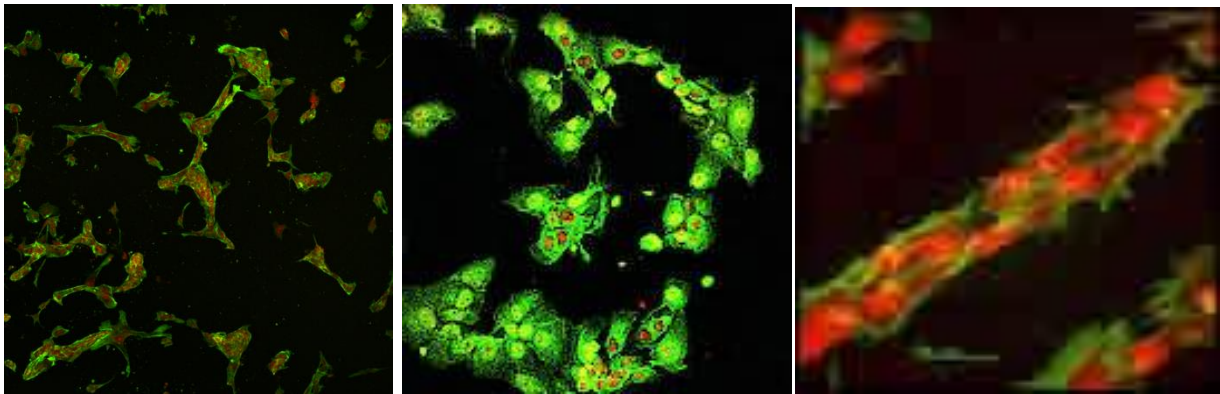
PECAM-1

factor vWB

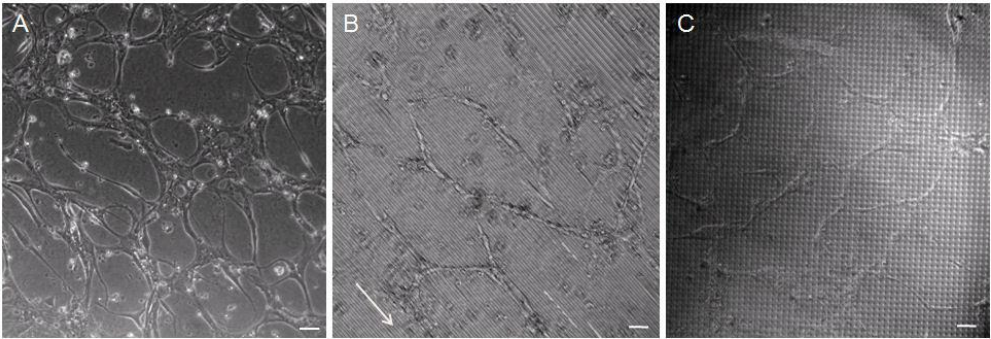
VE-cadherin



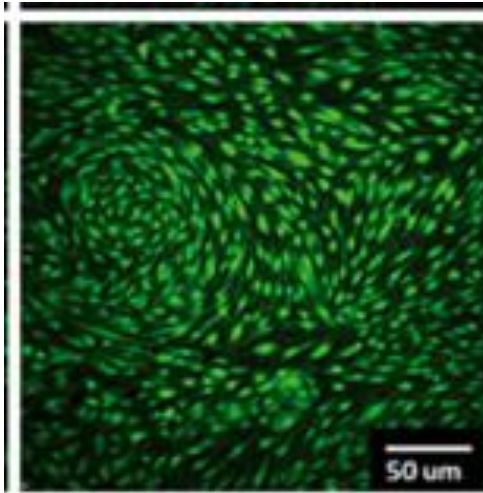
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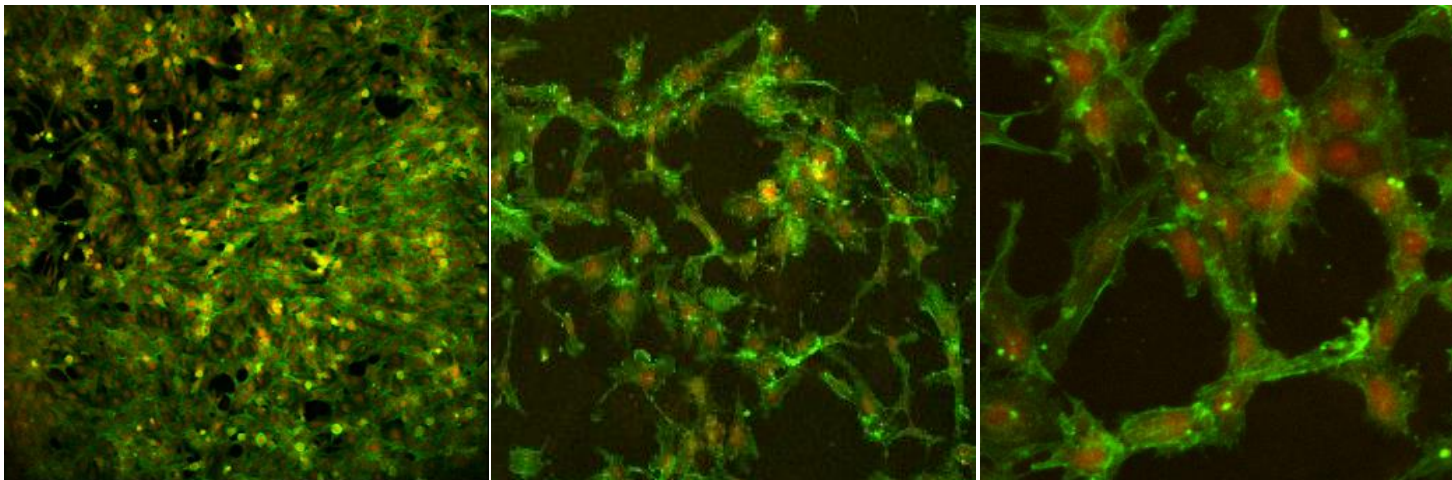
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Endothelial cell cultures



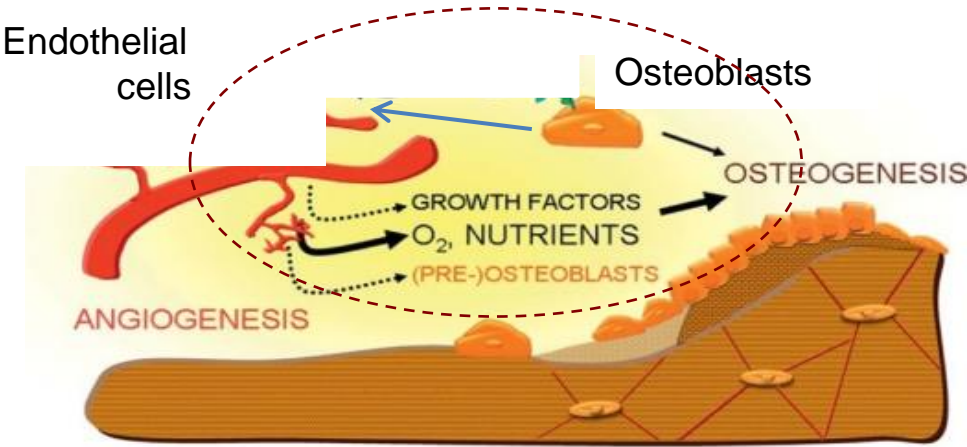
Formation of tube-like structures after
the addition of a extracellular matrix
(Matrigel)



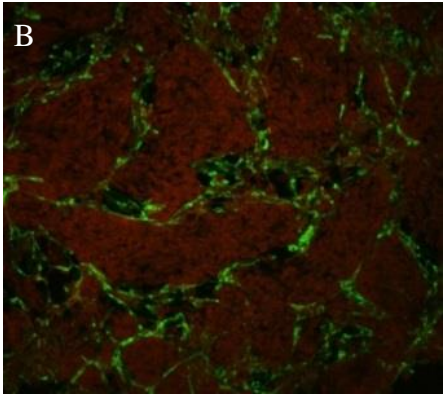
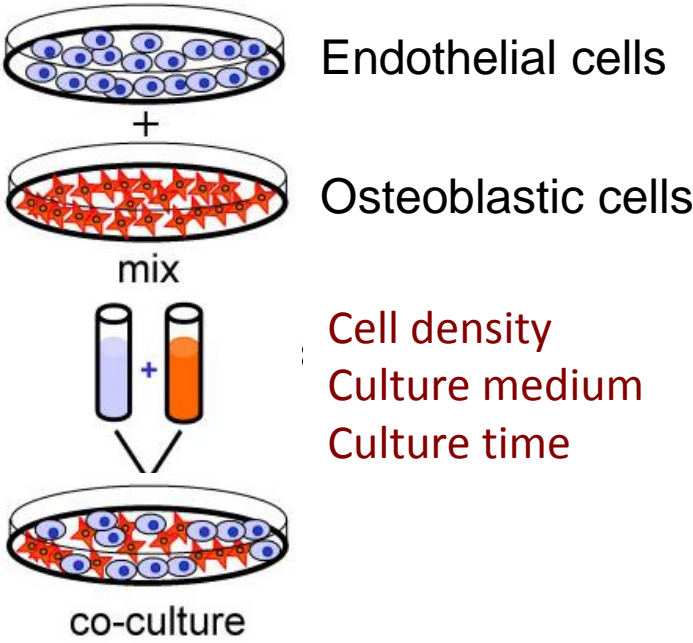
Co-cultures of endothelial and osteoblastic cells

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Angiogenesis/Osteogenesis



**OB/EC
interaction**



OB (red)
EC (green)

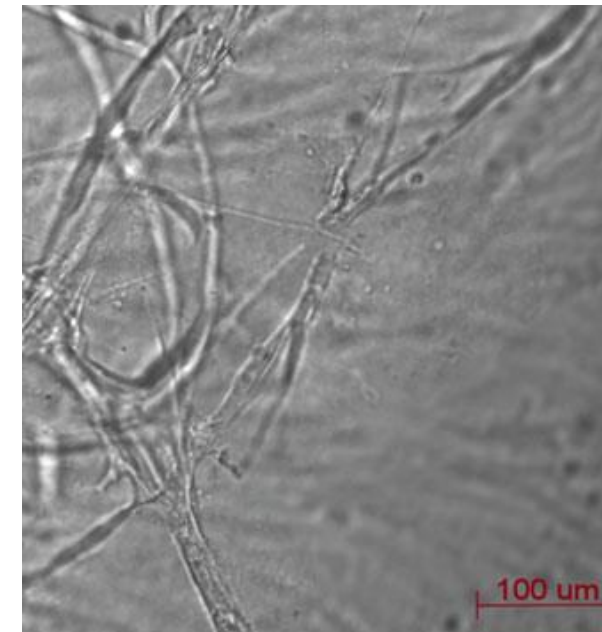
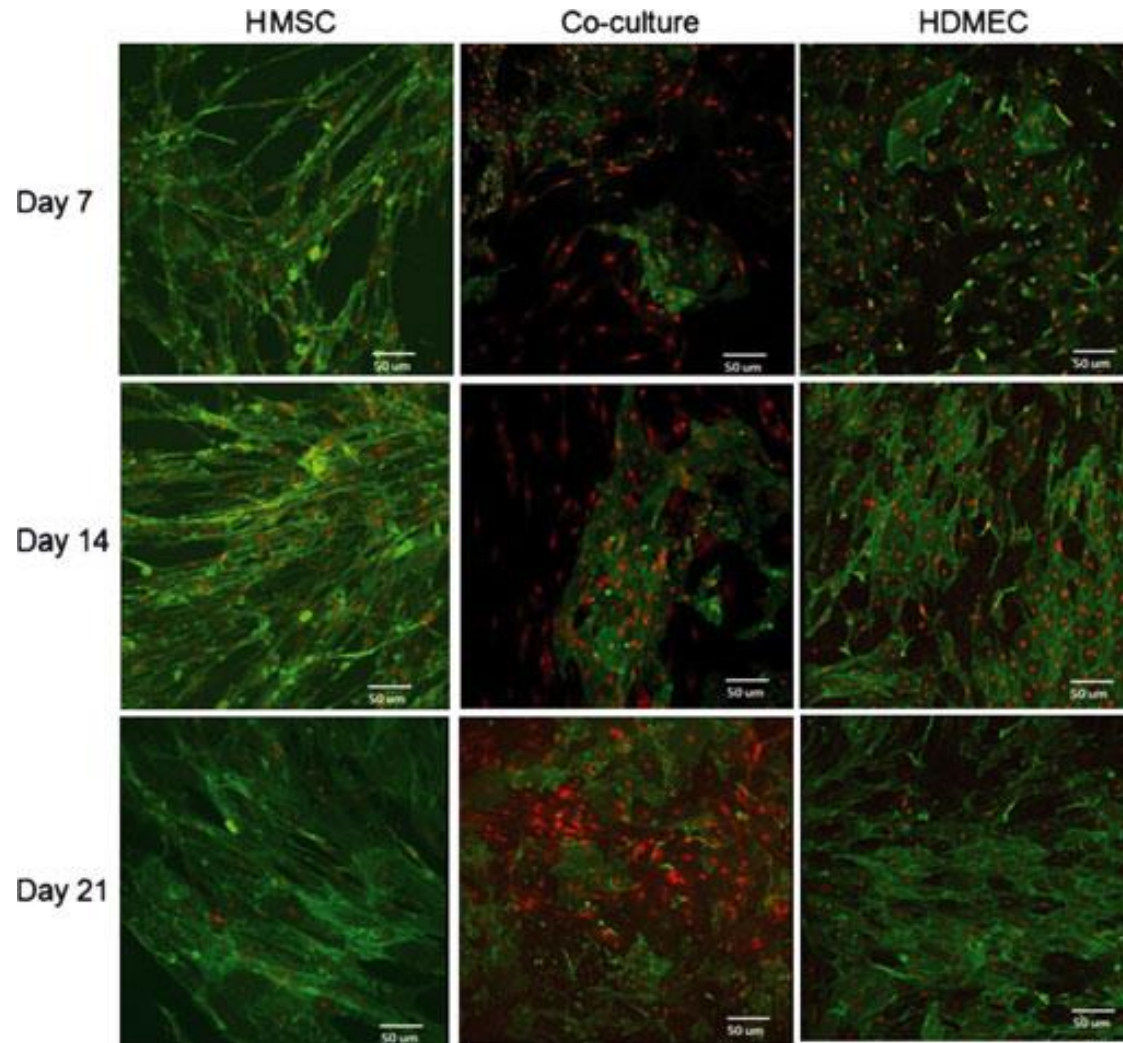
Separation of the two cell populations
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**Characterization of each population
for typical phenotype features**

Co-cultures of endothelial and osteoblastic cells

Illustrative study

Immunostaining of osteoblast cells, endothelial cells and co-cultures

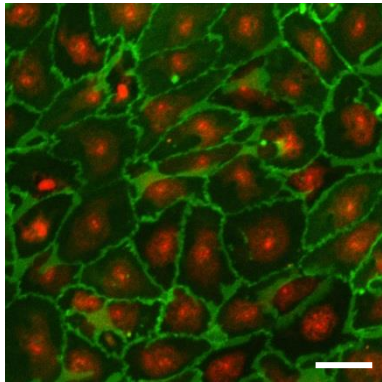


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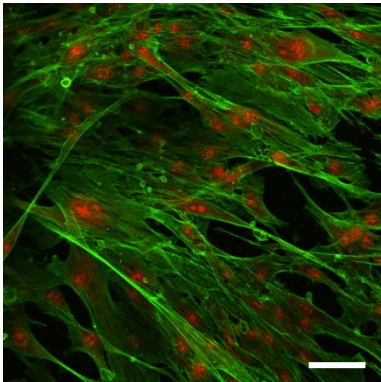
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Illustrative studies

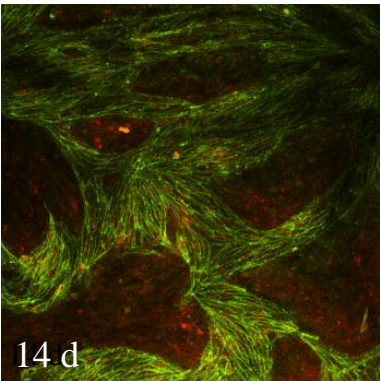
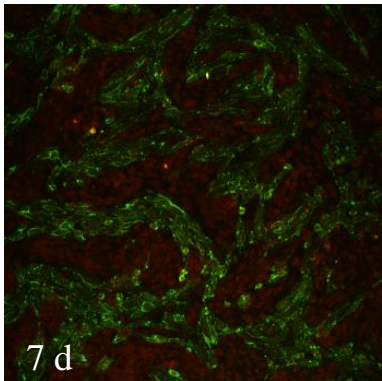
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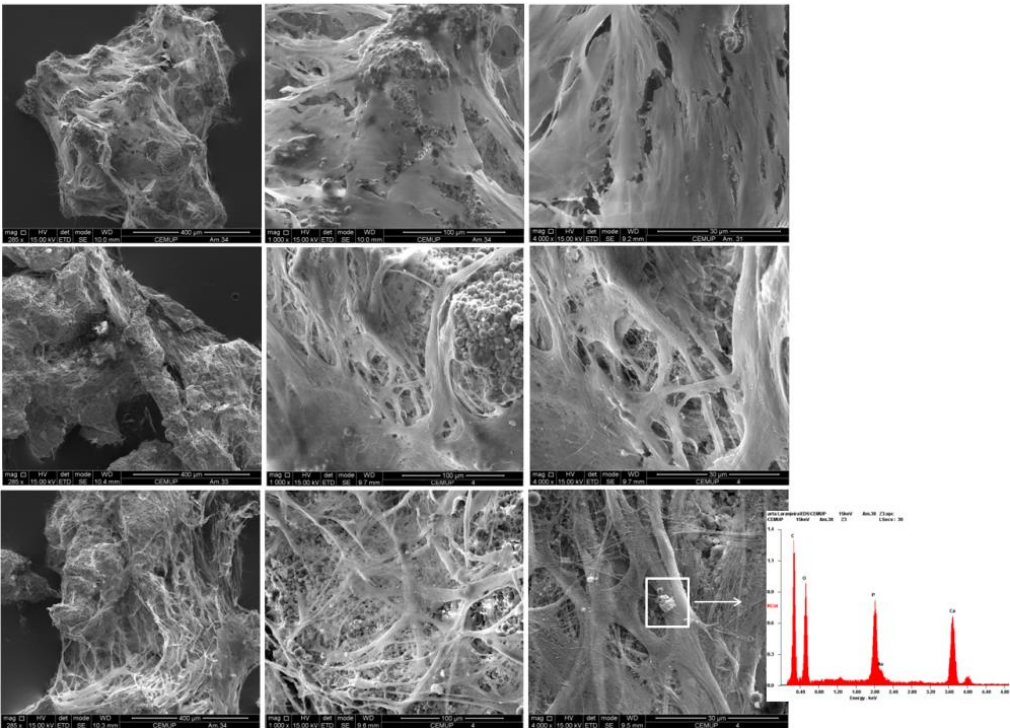


Co-cultures



Macroporous granules of nanostructured-hydroxyapatite agglomerates Co-cultures of osteoblastic and endothelial cells

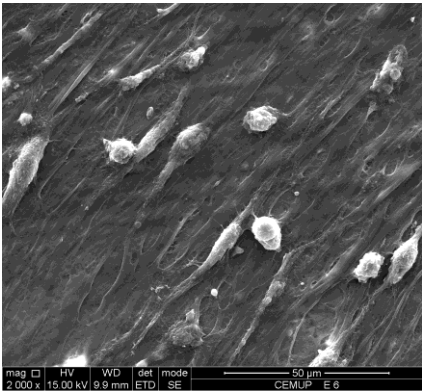
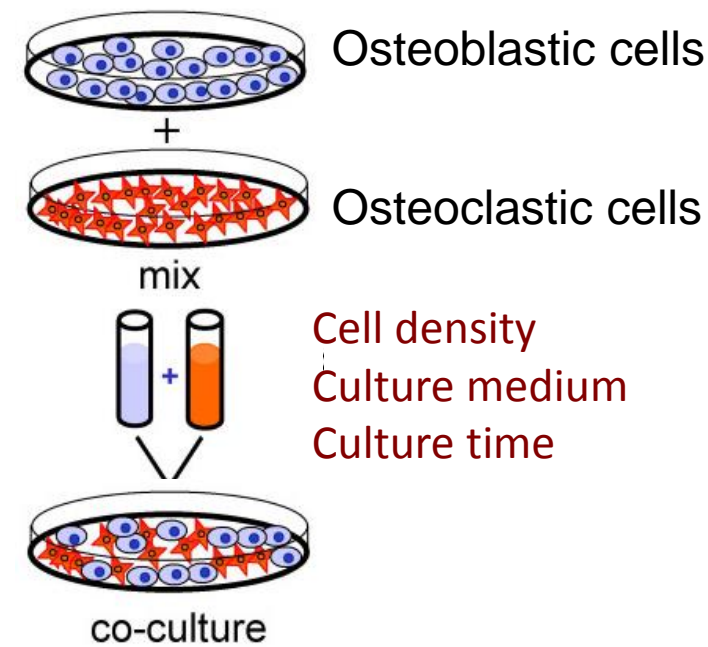
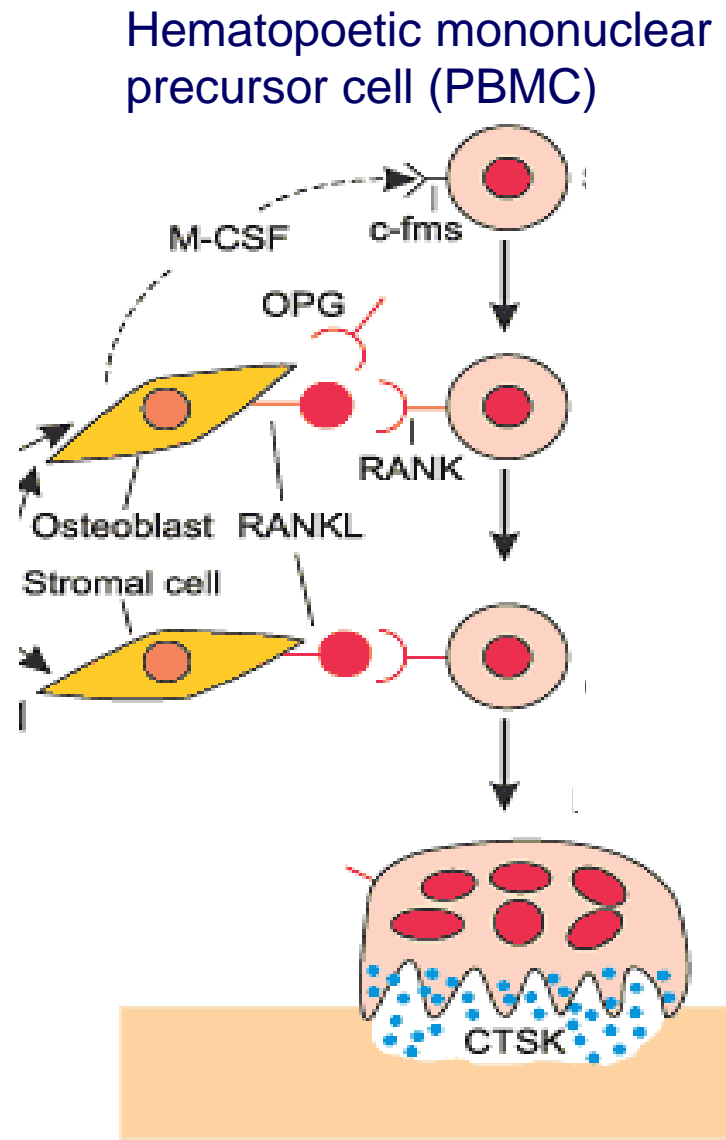
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Co-cultures of osteoblastic and osteoclastic cells

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OB/OC
interaction

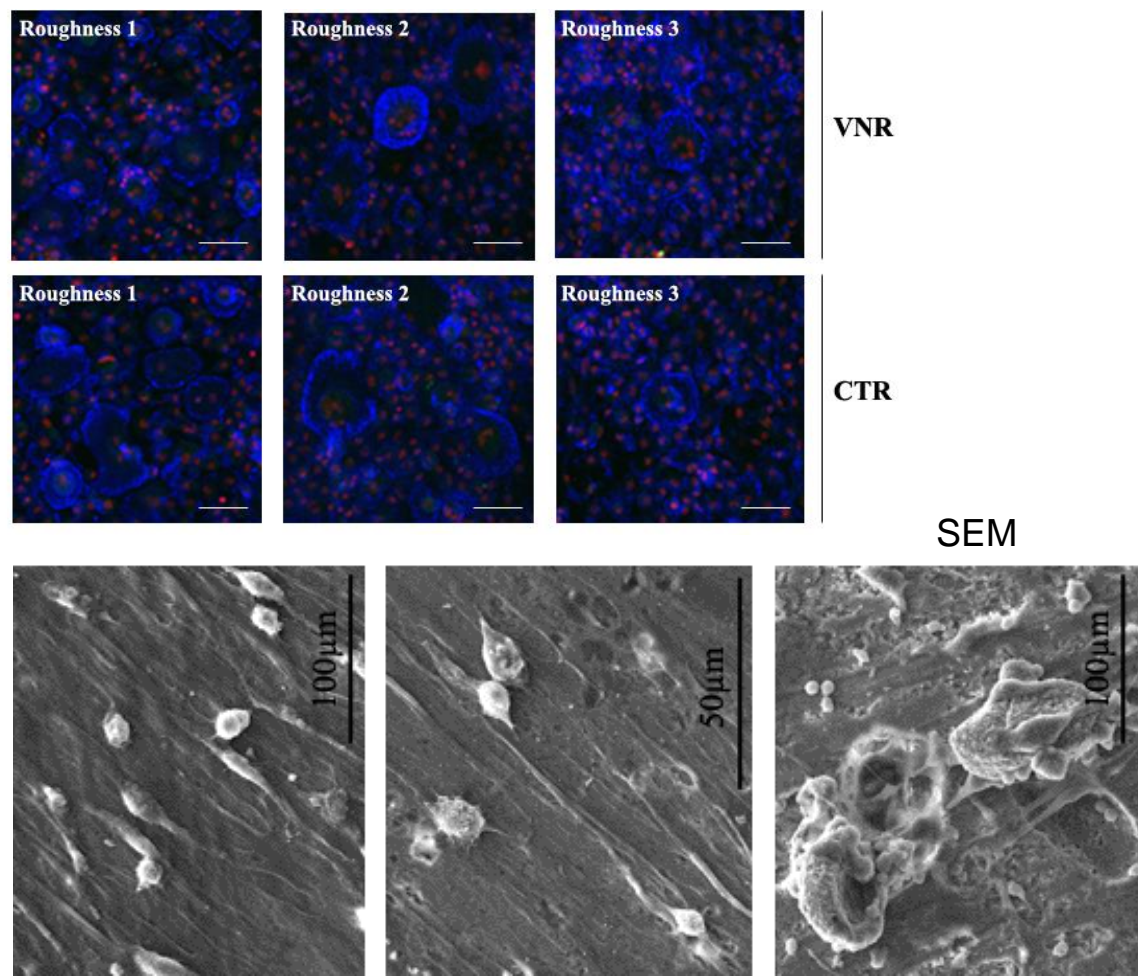


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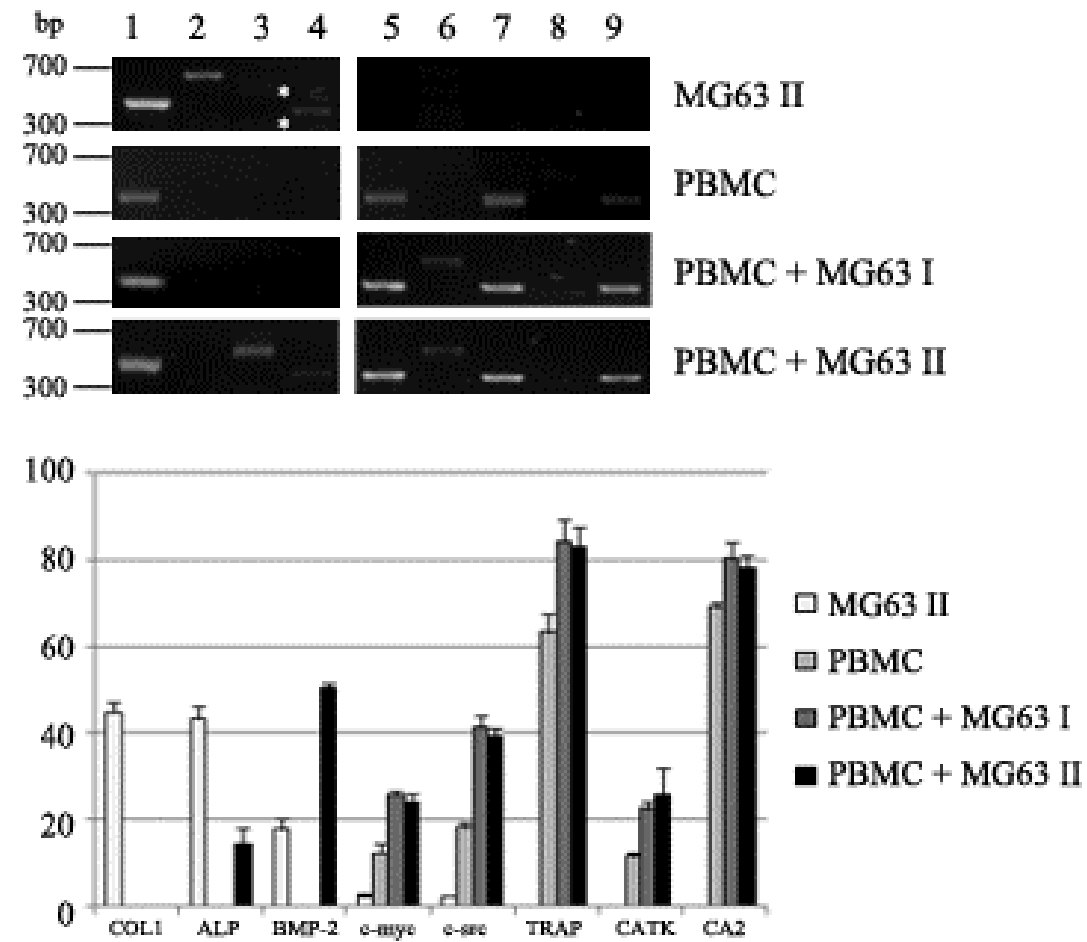
Co-cultures of osteoblastic and osteoclastic cells

Illustrative study

Vitronectin and Calcitonin receptors

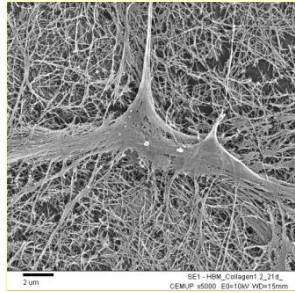


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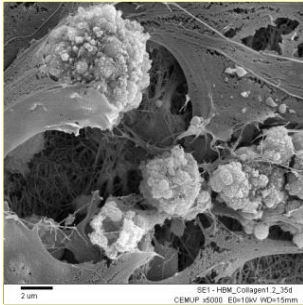


Representative Cell culture models:

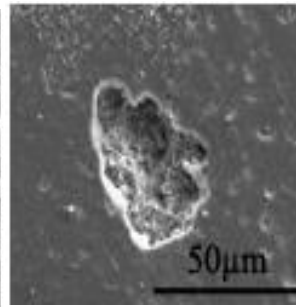
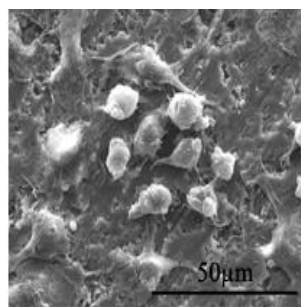
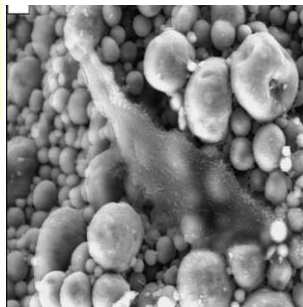
To address the cytocompatibility of biomaterials regarding cells involved in the bone regeneration events



To perceive key Biomaterial/Cell interactions, to understand cellular recognition of material surfaces, and specific cellular events leading to efficient new bone growth



..... To exploit/optimize relevant cellular/material interactions to improve bone regeneration events



***In vitro* models**

Advantages

Information on the molecular and cellular behaviour in controlled experimental conditions
To address specific aspects of the cellular behaviour in the absence of the *in vivo* complexity

Limitations

- Alteration of the cell phenotype with the culture time
- Absence of the integrated molecular, cellular and tissue *in vivo* complexity

In vitro observations can not be extrapolated to *in vivo*

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