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Nerve Bioprocess: Cells, Growth Factors, Scaffolds and Manufacturing

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Abstract

Tendon injuries are a worldwide health issue that affects millions of people each year. Tendons' properties make natural rehabilitation a complex and time-consuming process. Tissue engineering is a new discipline that has emerged as a result of the advancements in the fields of biomaterials, bioengineering, and cell biology. Diverse approaches have been proposed within this discipline. The obtained results are promising, as more complex and natural tendon-like structures are obtained. The nature of the tendon and the conventional treatments that have been used thus far are highlighted in this review. Then, a comparison of the various tendon tissue engineering approaches proposed to date is made, focusing on each of the elements required to obtain structures that allow adequate regeneration of the tendon: growth factors, cells, scaffolds and techniques for scaffold development.

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Introduction

Tendon injuries are now a global health issue that affects millions of people each year, imposing a significant clinical burden on health-care systems that must bear the high costs associated with operations, rehabilitations, and infiltrations, among other things. Furthermore, the number of people who will suffer from this type of injury is expected to rise as life expectancy and the number of people who participate in sports continue to rise. Currently, the therapies used to treat this type of injury range from surgical to conservative to treatments involving the infiltration of cells or growth factors. However, these treatments are ineffective because reinjures are common.

Tissue engineering uses knowledge from engineering and life sciences to create structures that are similar to those found in the body, formed by the combination of different elements that, when used in the organism, allow for the recovery, maintenance, or improvement of various organs and tissues. To comprehend the techniques and elements used in tissue engineering applied to a specific organ or tissue, one must first comprehend the physiological nature of that organ or tissue. To put it another way, before studying tendon tissue engineering, it is necessary to understand what tendons are, what structure and composition they have, what tendon injuries are and how they occur, and the mechanisms that the organism itself has for tendon regeneration [1].

Literature Review

This is an effective as heparin in increasing the mitogenic activity of acidic fibroblast growth factor on human umbilical vein endothelial cells, it regulates the production of cytokines and inflammatory mediators, and it is an anti-tumor agent in a variety of cancers. It is also protects diabetic nephropathy from advanced glycation end-product-induced toxicity by inhibiting cell signalling. It inhibits cell signalling to protect the diabetic kidney from AGE-induced fibrosis, reduced cell proliferation, apoptosis, and inflammation, resulting in renal diabetic nephropathy. Heparin structure heterogeneity may result in unwanted side effects in pathological processes. On the other hand, has a defined structure and can behave like a heparin/HS-like molecule, but it has no undesirable side effects, making it a useful multifunctional therapeutic agent. It is a semi-synthetic sulfated xylan that can be produced in high purity on a consistent basis. has primarily found clinical application in the treatment of cystitis and painful bowel disorders; however, this review demonstrates that it has beneficial properties in many other tissue processes, including chondroprotection, potential sports medical applications in joint tissue repair, stimulation of stem cell proliferation and differentiation of stem cell lineages of potential application in repair biology, and anti-viral, anti-bacterial, and anti-tumor properties.

Discussion

Tendons have a low cellularity and are mostly made up of a water-rich extracellular matrix, according to biochemical analysis. In addition to water, the matrix contains various compounds such as proteoglycans and glycosaminoglycans, as well as elastin. Type I collagen accounts for roughly 80-90% of the overall collagen profile and is primarily responsible for tendon properties. Collagen I's basic unit is a heteropolymeric triple helix composed of two 1 chains and one 2 chain. Many minor collagen types, in addition to collagen I, play critical roles in proper tendon development and function. Type II and III collagen, for example, are present in much lower proportions in tendon tissues. Elastin is responsible for providing some of the tendon's characteristic flexibility.

Tendons have a hierarchical structure on the macroscopic level. They are constantly stretching and contracting, as previously stated, and are subjected to tensile forces of varying magnitudes. This type of movement is made possible by the tendons' oriented collagen fibres, their hierarchical organisation, the composition of their extracellular matrix, and the membranes or sheaths that cover the various structures. These last ones enable the fibres to glide along without causing friction. When it comes to the vascularisation of this tissue, the blood supply varies greatly between tendon types. Tendons are considered a poorly vascularized tissue in all cases. The vascularisation is mostly concentrated on the tendons' outer surface. Furthermore, the blood flow is extremely slow [2].

In terms of cell population, tendons contain several cell types with similar characteristics, the most abundant of which are tenocytes and tenoblast. Tenocytes are fibroblast cells that have an elongated shape and a stellate cross section. They are usually found in rows between the collagen fibrils. They synthesise ECM components and send signals to regulate tendon formation and development. Tenoblasts are another important cell type found in tendons. These are tendon immature cells. Tenoblasts are highly proliferative and motile. They are initially different in size and shape, but as the individual ages, the morphology of the cells changes and they become longer, more slender, and more uniform in shape, and transform into tenocytes [3,4].

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Tendon recovery after injury is extremely poor due to tendon tissue's low cellularity, hypovascularity, and low metabolic activity. Furthermore, in the majority of patients, the healed tendon does not regain the mechanical properties of the original healthy tissue, and the rupture occurs again in a significant percentage of them. The problem of reinjury is caused by insufficient tissue regeneration, in which the molecular and histological structure of the newly formed tendon differs from the original. This situation may arise because the cells present in the regenerated tendon are not tenocytes, the composition or arrangement of the ECM is insufficient to meet the mechanical and physiological characteristics required by this tissue, or vascularization is much greater or less than required [5].

Conclusion

In conclusion many molecules with biological activity that perform various functions are secreted into the ECM during tendon regeneration. These molecules can also be used to treat tendon injuries by including them in scaffolds. Growth factors have been the most widely used and researched of these. Its functions are diverse, including increasing cell proliferation, enhancing ECM synthesis, and promoting angiogenesis or chemotaxis. The timing of their secretion and the role they play in tendon regeneration are becoming more clear. Many studies have been conducted to date that have incorporated some growth factors into scaffolds, most of which have been used to increase type I collagen synthesis or cell differentiation to tenocytes. However, it should be noted that an increasing number of organisations are proposing the approach of using more than one growth factor simultaneously. Controlling and adjusting the release of these growth factors at an appropriate time, as well as incorporating all the growth factors necessary to achieve a full recovery of the damaged tendon still seems difficult.

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