



Bioengineering the Junctional Epithelium in A 3d Model-A Review

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Abstract

This review examines the bioengineering of junctional epithelium in 3d models, the innovative approaches to mimicking this specialized tissue. JE a critical component of periodontal health and the integrity of the gingival health, gingival barrier, plays a vital role in tissue homeostasis, immune defense and attachment to tooth surfaces with advances in tissue engineering, researchers are striving to replicate the structure and function of JE using 3 dimensional in vitro models. this article provide an overview of current of current strategies, materials and technologies used to bioengineer JE, explores their applications in understanding disease mechanism and highlights challenges and future directions in the field.

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Introduction

Overview of junctional epithelium JE

JE is the tissue that lines the base of the gingival sulcus, ensuring the seal between the tooth and soft tissue.

Its physiologic functions include maintaining the barrier to better fd bacteria and meditating the inflammatory response in periodontal disease.

Importance of 3D models in tissue engineering

Traditional 2D models often fail to replicate the complexity and function of native tissues. The 3d models allows for better simulation of the architectural and cellular environment of the JE.

Bioprinted models

Use of 3D bioprinting techniques to create more complex tissue structures that replicate the JE.

Materials used for 3D models

Biomaterials - The use of scaffold, hydrogels and synthetic or natural materials. Such as collagen, alginate, and fibrin for creating a supportive extracellular matrix.

Advances in bioengineering the junctional epithelium

Cellular engineering approaches

Stem Cells

The use of stem cells eg mesenchymal stem cells in 3d Models for regeneration of the JE.

Gene editing

CRISPR/Cas9 and other gene editing technologies to promote the growth or differentiation of JE cells.

Biological factors

Investigating the role of growth factors such as EGF and VEGF in regulating JE regeneration.

Applications of bioengineered JE

- PERIODONTAL REGENERATION
- DENTAL IMPLANTS
- DISEASE MODELLING

Future directions

- TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS
- PERSONALIZED MEDICINE
- LONG TERM STABILITY AND INTEGRATION

Conclusion

Future Advancements in materials, cellular engineering and bioprinting technologies hold promise to overcome obstacles and enhancing the regeneration of periodontal tissue and periodontal research.