



Overview of mesenchymal stem cells & scaffolds for cartilage repair

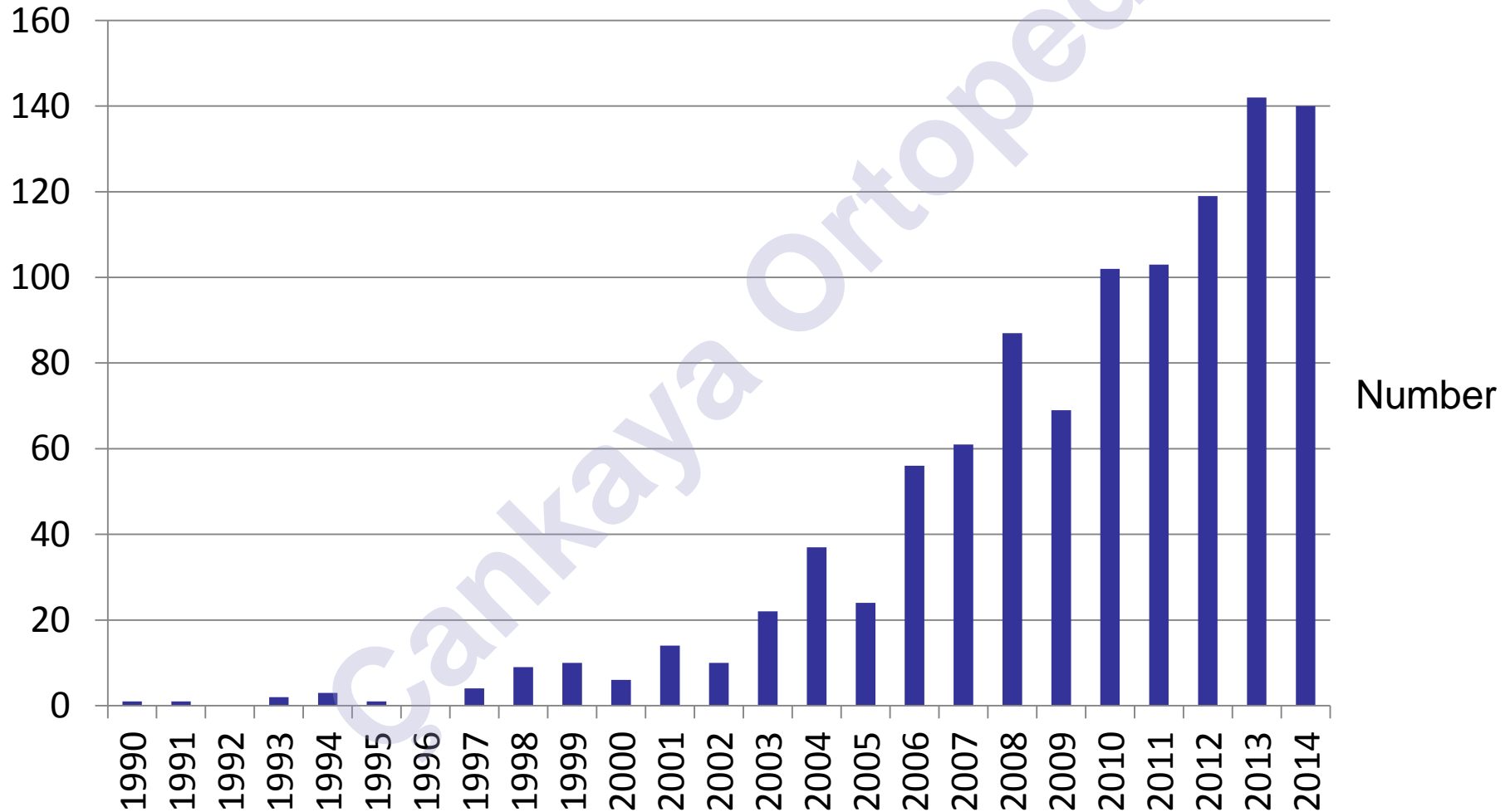
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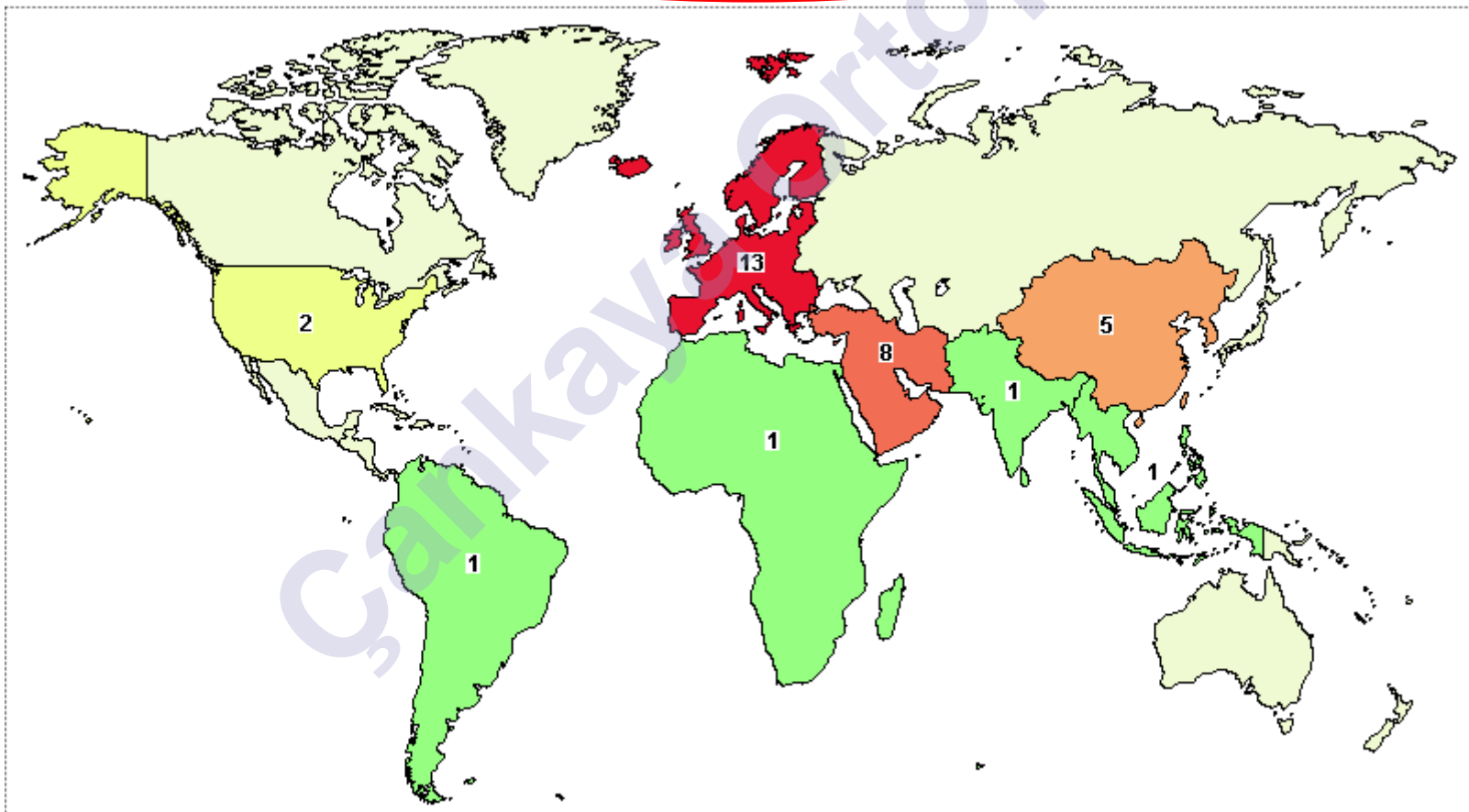
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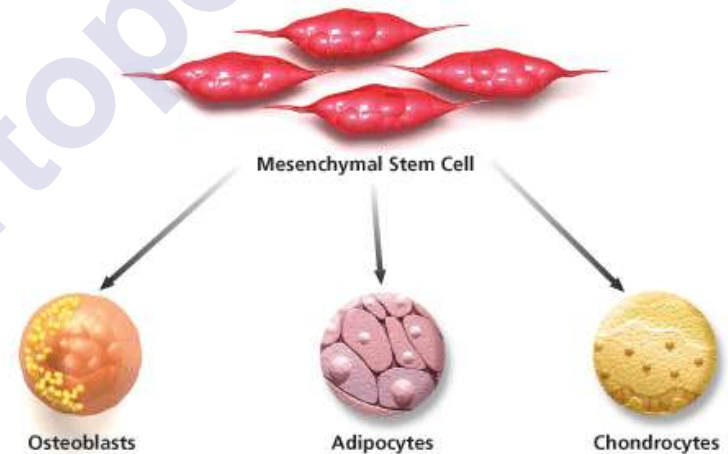
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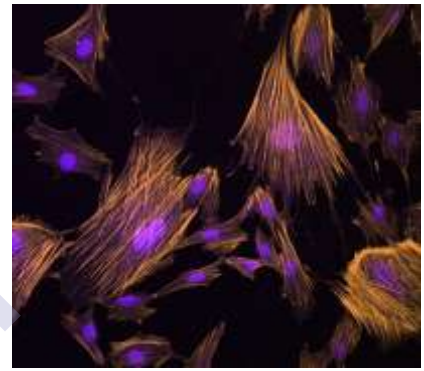


Mesenchymal stem cells

- Embryonic
 - Immunogenic & Tumorigenic
 - Ethical concerns
- Adult
 - Bone marrow
 - Adipose tissue
 - Synovium
 - Peripheral Blood
- Scarce & scattered pericytes : % 0.001 of mononuclear cells in bone marrow
 - Richter W. J Intern Med. 2009; 266(4):390-405.

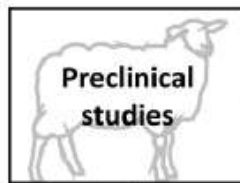


Mesenchymal stem cells



- Capacity for self-renewal & self-maintenance
- Potential for differentiation into cells forming multiple mesodermal tissues including chondrocytes
- Migrate toward injured tissues (homing/ trafficking) where they display trophic effects
- Anti-inflammatory, angiogenic, anti-apoptotic & immunomodulating effects
 - *Filardo G,(2013), Myers KR (2013), Strioga M(2012)*

Grassel S. Tissue-Engineering Strategies to Repair Chondral and Osteochondral Tissue in Osteoarthritis: Use of Mesenchymal Stem Cells. *Curr Rheumatol Rep* (2014) 16:452



Traumatic lesions

Chronic lesions

Traumatic lesions

OA-induced lesions

Chondral defects

Osteochondral defects

Osteochondral defects

Chondral defects

Osteochondral defects

BMSC

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1x ovine,
1x porcine,
1x equine
studies

2x ovine,
3x porcine,
1x equine
studies

3x ovine
studies

4x case
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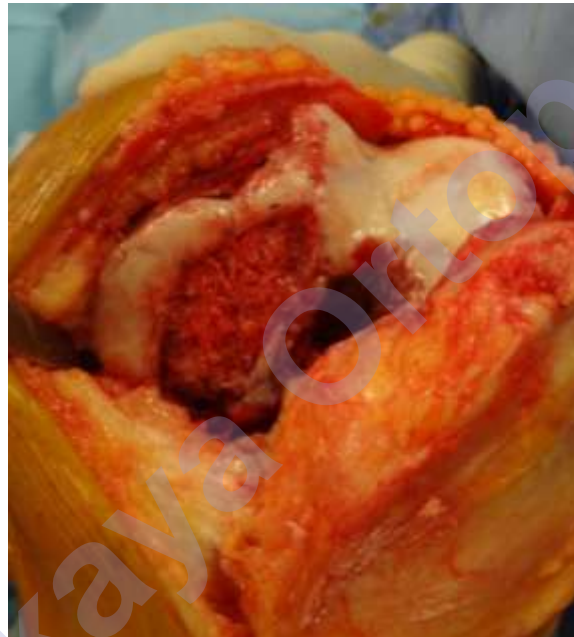
5x case
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3x case
series, 1x
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MSC for Cartilage Repair



**Traumatic defects
& OCD**



Osteoarthritis



**Immunosuppressive &
Anti-inflammatory
Role in Rheumatoid
Arthritis**

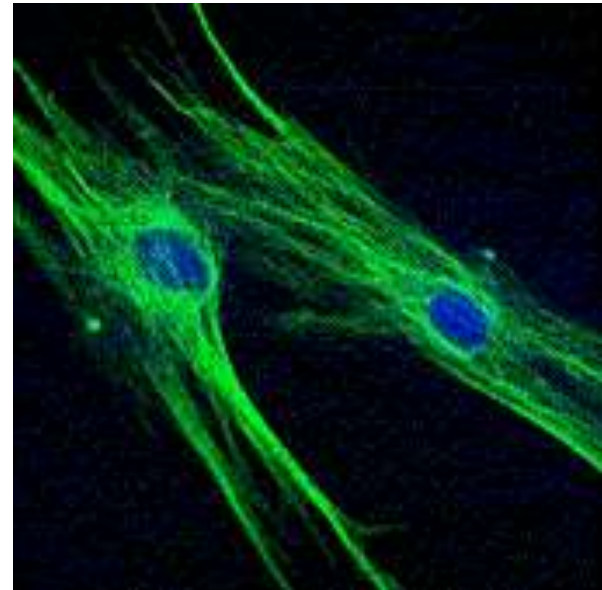
Preparation

- **Cell culture & expansion**
 - 2 step procedure
 - Requires GMP labs
 - Regulatory problems
 - Expensive
- **Cell concentration**
 - One step procedure
 - Can be performed in OR
 - Less regulatory problems



Growth factors/mechanical factors that promote chondrogenesis

- **TGF-B 1 & 3**
- BMP- 2 & 7
- FGF-2
- IGF-1
- Kartogenin
- Chondroitinase A,B,C
- Hypoxia /Heat shock
- Hydrostatic pressure
- Dexamethasone
- PRP
 - *Fortier LA .CORR 2011; 469(10): 2706*
 - *Montoya Biol Res 46, 2013, 441*



Delivery

- Surgical implantation with or under a scaffold
 - Direct & targeted application
 - Can be combined with concomittant procedures
 - ... but invasive



Delivery

- Intra-articular injection
 - Less invasive but imprecise and not targeted
 - Autocrine and paracrine effects
 - Mostly for OA
 - Augmentation of primary surgery



Wong KL: Injectable cultured bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells in varus knees with cartilage defects undergoing high tibial osteotomy: a prospective, randomized controlled clinical trial with 2 years' follow-up. *Arthroscopy*. 2013;29(12):2020-8.

- 56 patients undergoing HTO & microfracture
 - 28 underwent HA injection 3 weeks post-op
 - 28 underwent cultured BMSC 3 weeks post-op
- Both groups improved
- MSC group had significantly better IKDC Lysholm, Tegner & MOCART scores

Kim YS. Does an injection of a stromal vascular fraction containing adipose-derived MSC influence the outcomes of marrow stimulation in osteochondral lesions of the talus? A clinical and magnetic resonance imaging study.

Am J Sports Med. 2014;42(10):2424-34.

- 50 ankles underwent arthroscopic microfracture for talus OCL
- 26 received adipose derived MSC injection
- Both groups improved, but a-MSC had better VAS, AOFAS, Tegner & MOCART scores
- a-MSC injection group had better outcomes in older patients & larger lesions

Vehicle

- Pure cell suspension/Spheroids
- Carbohydrate based scaffolds
 - Agarose, alginate
 - Chitosan/chitin
 - Hyaluronate
 - Fibrin glue
- Protein based scaffolds
 - Collagen membrane/gel
 - Fibrin
 - Gelatin
- Synthetic polymers
 - (PLA,PGA, Polycaprolactone)
- Hydroxyapatite /TCP
- Amniotic membrane

Bioactive

Biodegradable

Inert

Clinical reports of cultured/concentrated MSC for focal cartilage defects

Author	Number of patients	Cell origin	Follow up	Year
Haleem	5	BMSC+fibrin glue scaffold	12	2010
Centeno	1	BMSC	2	2008
Kuroda	1	BMSC+collagen gel	12	2007
Wakitani	2	BMSC+collagen gel	17-27	2007
Wakitani	2	BMSC+collagen gel	60	2004

- 996 studies on BM-MSC for cartilage repair
- 6 clinical studies
 - Cohort observational trials 2
 - Case series 3
 - Case report 1
- Good cartilage repair, minimal complications
- Better than cell free scaffolds, similar to ACI
- Hyaline like cartilage ?

Clinical reports of cultured/concentrated MSC for OA

Author	Number of patients	Cell origin	Follow up	Year
Emadedin	6	BMSC	12	2012
Kasemkijwattana	2	BMSC	31	2011
Davatchi	4	BMSC	12	2011
Wakitani	24	BMSC	16	2002
Wong	56	BMSC	12	2013
Koh	50	ADMSC + PRP	16	2012
Koh	30	ADMSC + PRP	24	2013
Koh	18	ADMSC+PRP	26	2013

Koh YG. Second-Look Arthroscopic Evaluation of Cartilage Lesions After Mesenchymal Stem Cell Implantation in Osteoarthritic Knees.

Am J Sports Med. 2014; 42(7):1628-1637.

- Clinical results not correlated with anatomical results
- 2nd look arthroscopy in 34 patients after MSC implantation for OA
- % 94 patient satisfaction
- %76 abnormal or severely abnormal cartilage repair (ICRS)

Nejadnik H. Autologous bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells versus autologous chondrocyte implantation: an observational cohort study.

Am J Sports Med. 2010;38(6):1110-6.

- 36 ACI vs. 36 cultured BMSC
- No difference in clinical scores at 24 months
- BMSC better in older patients
- Better results in younger patients and smaller lesions

Giannini S. Cartilage repair evolution in post-traumatic osteochondral lesions of the talus: from open field autologous chondrocyte to bone-marrow-derived cells transplantation.

Injury. 2010 ;41(11):1196-203.

- Comparison of 10 open ACI, 46 arthroscopic ACI & 25 BMC in talar dome OCL
- 2nd look at arthroscopy 1 year
- Similar clinical improvement
- “Hyaline like” cartilage in biopsies

Bone marrow concentrate

- One-step procedure
- Contains: mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs), hematopoietic stem cells, platelets (containing growth factors), and cytokines
- Chondrogenic potential in the articular environment
 - *Cavallo c. J Biomed Mater Res A. 2013;101(6):1559-70.*
- Usually combined with a matrix & PRP







Basic science

- Better quality of cartilage regeneration in animal experiments
 - *Betsch M. PLoS One. 2013 Aug 12;8(8):e71602.*
 - *Fortier LA: J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2010;92:1927–1937.*
 - *Zhao Q. J Mater Sci Mater Med. 2013;24(3):793-801.*
- No effect of BMC on cartilage repair
 - *Jagodzinski M. Tissue Eng Part C Methods. 2014;20(3):215-26.*

Clinical reports of Bone Marrow Concentrate for focal cartilage defects

Author	Number of patients	Cell origin	Follow up	Joint
Gigante	5	BMC+Collagen membrane	12	Knee
Enea	9	BMC+PGA-HA matrix	24	Knee
Giannini	48	BMC+HA membrane	24-35	Talus
Skowronski	54	BMC+Collagen membrane	12-60	Knee
Buda	20	BMC+HA membrane	24	Knee

Problems

- In vitro/in vivo phenotype maintenance
 - *Shen Y . Current Stem Cell Research & Therapy, 2014, 9, 254-267*
- Hypertrophy
 - *Giannini S: Injury. 2010 ;41(11):1196-203.*
- Ossification
 - *Somoza RA: Tissue Eng Part B Rev. 2014*

Safety

- Spontaneous malignant transformation of adult MSC in long term in vitro cultures
 - *Rubio D. Cancer Res. 2005;65(8):3035-9.*
- No tumors or infections in 41 patients at 75 months (range 5-137)
 - *Wakitani S: J Tissue Eng Regen Med. 2011;5(2):146-50.*

MSC: Take home messages

- Many preclinical studies reporting benefit
- Few clinical studies have promising results but: small number of patients, short follow-up, lack of control group
- Repair tissue is still more fibrocartilage than hyaline cartilage

Unknown..

- Best source of cells ?
- Optimal number of cells ?
- Which method of delivery is superior ?
- Are cultured cells better than BMC ?
- Which type of scaffold ?
- Should we add growth factors ? Mechanical stimulation ?
- Is the repair tissue durable ?

Cell Free Scaffolds

**Autologous Matrix Induced
Chondrogenesis (AMIC)
Matrix Assisted Chondrogenesis**

What is wrong with microfracture ?

- Not durable, results deteriorate after 5 years
 - *Goyal D. Arthroscopy. 2013;29(9):1579-88.*
 - *Mithoefer K. Am J Sports Med. 2009;37(10):2053-63.*
- Regenerate is always fibrocartilage
- Worse results in large & uncontained defects,
- Worse results in older patients & high BMI
 - *Mithoefer K. J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2005; 87(9):1911-20.*

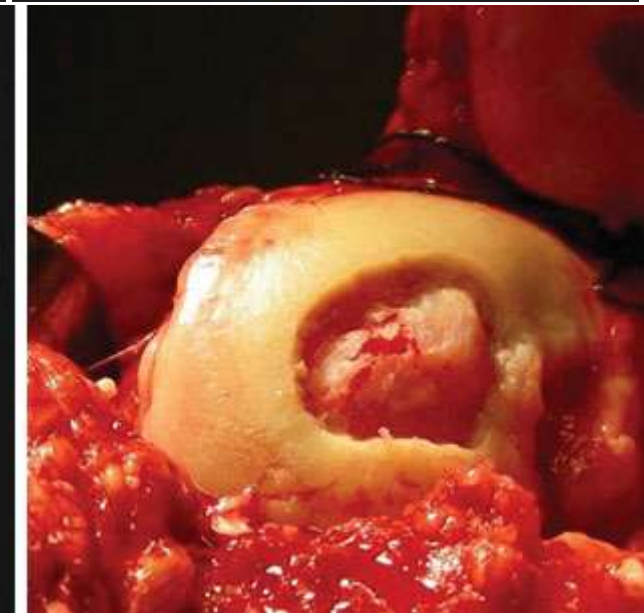
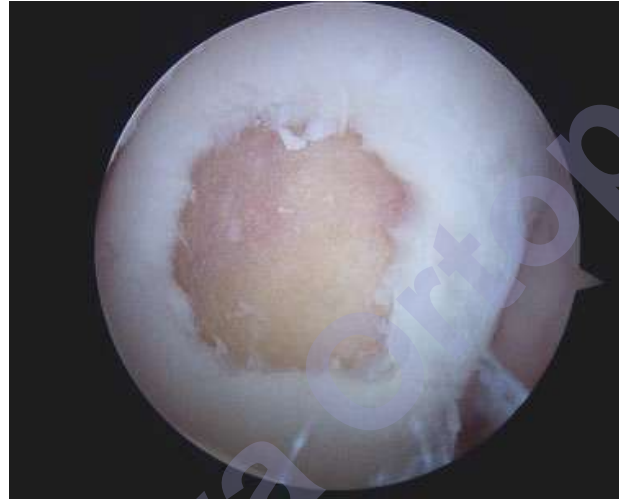
Post-op 1 year microfracture



Ossification

Andreas H. Gomoll

Knee Surg 2012;25:9–16



Cell free scaffolds

- Collagen
 - Chondroguide : Type I/III porcine collagen
 - Novocart : Collagen 3D matrix
- Hyaluronan based
 - Chondrotissue : PGA polymer-Hyaluronan
 - Hyalofast : Hyaff
- Hydrogels
 - Cart-Patch: Agarose-alginate
- Synthetic
 - Alpha Chondroshield: PGA
 - CAIS : Polycaprolactone-PGA
- Composite
 - BST Cargel: Chitosan, Collagen, HA











Matrix induced chondrogenesis

- Better histological & immunohistochemistry results compared to microfracture alone in sheep
 - *Erggelet C. J Orthop Res. 2009; 27(10):1353-60.*
 - *Gille J. Cartilage. 2010;1:29-42.*
- Matrix serves as a bioreactor, promotes cell migration & chondrogenesis, protects the repair tissue
 - *Erggelet C. Biomaterials. 2007 ;28(36):5570-80.*
 - *Kramer J. Cell Mol Life Sci. 2006;63(5):616-26.*

Clinical results of AMIC using Chondroguide

Author	Number of patients	Follow-up	Results
Gille J	27	37	87% good clinical results
Gille J	57	24	Continued benefit at 2 years Defect size not important
Schiavone Panni A	17	36	77% good results
Kusano T		29	Incomplete & inhomogenous MRI filling

Clinical results of AMIC using Chondrotissue

Author	Scaffold	Number of patients	Follow-up Months	Results
Siclari A	Chondro tissue	52	60	Significant clinical improvement 20/21 complete MR coverage
Siclari A	Chondro tissue	52	24	Sustained 2 year good results Biopsies in 4 pts hyaline like cartilage
Patrascu JM	Chondro tissue	1	24	Excellent clinical result & 2nd look arthroscopy hyaline like cartilage in biopsy



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Enhanced microfracture techniques in cartilage knee surgery: Fact or fiction?

Stefan Bark, Tomasz Piontek, Peter Behrens, Sabreen Mkalaluh, Deike Varoga, Justus Gille

Stanish WD. Novel scaffold-based BST-CarGel treatment results in superior cartilage repair compared with microfracture in a randomized controlled trial.

J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2013;95(18):1640-50

- 41 scaffold+microfracture
- 39 microfracture alone
- 12 months follow-up
- Clinical results equal
- Greater lesion filling and superior repair tissue quality in MOCART scores in the scaffold group

Anders SA. Randomized, Controlled Trial Comparing Autologous Matrix-Induced Chondrogenesis (AMIC®) to Microfracture: Analysis of 1- and 2-Year Follow-Up Data of 2 Centers. *Open Orthop J.* 2013;7:133-43.

- 38 patients
- Continued improvement at 1 & 2 years
- KOOS & Cincinnati scores similar in all groups
- No difference seen in MOCART scores & MRI characteristics

Matrix induced chondrogenesis

- Advantages
 - One step procedure
 - Cheaper than ACI/MACI
- Can be combined with BMC, PRP or MSC injections
 - *Dhollander AA: Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc. 2011 ;19(4):536*
 - *Steinwahcs MR:Arthrosc Tech. 2014 Apr 21;3(2):e279-82.*
- Problems
 - Regenerate is still more fibrocartilage than hyaline
 - *Gigante A: Int J Immunopathol Pharmacol. 2011;24(1 Suppl 2):69.*
 - Ossification still a problem

Unknowns ..

- What size of the lesion is appropriate ?
 - Small – medium ?
- Which scaffold is better ?
- When should we add cells ?
- What growth factors are helpful ?
- Is it durable ?



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