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Muscle Homeostasis and Regeneration: From Molecular Mechanisms to Therapeutic Opportunities—Series II

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Regeneration is a highly coordinated program that partially recapitulates the embryonic developmental program, and involves the activation of the muscle compartment of stem cells, namely, satellite cells and other precursor cells, whose activity is strictly dependent on environmental signals. However, muscle regeneration is severely compromised in several pathological conditions due to either the progressive loss of stem cell populations or to missing signals that limit the damaged tissues from efficiently activating a regenerative program. It is therefore plausible that the loss of control over these cells' fate might lead to pathological cell differentiation, limiting the ability of pathological muscle to sustain an efficient regenerative process. This Special Issue offers an open-access forum that aims to bring together a collection of original research and review articles addressing the intriguing field of the cellular and molecular players involved in muscle homeostasis and regeneration, and to suggest potential therapeutic approaches for degenerating muscle diseases. We hope to provide a stimulating resource for the fascinating subject of muscle research.



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