

## Chapter 3

# Application of Biomaterials in Tissue Engineering

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### **ABSTRACT**

*A recently developed biomedical technique called tissue engineering uses the body's healing abilities to accelerate tissue regeneration. To replace or repair tissue that has been harmed by disease or trauma, hundreds of surgical procedures are needed every day. The field of tissue engineering (TE), which is expanding, aims to replace damaged tissue by fusing human cells with a biomaterial scaffold that is highly porous and serves as a template for tissue regeneration. This biomaterial scaffold then controls the production of new tissue. The highly ordered structures and unique organization of body tissues help to provide mechanical and transport support for controlling cellular and biological functions. The most crucial aspect of biomaterials is their effectiveness when implanted in living tissue. An important new finding is the development of biomaterials for tissue engineering matrices to accomplish particular biological effects on cells. In addition, starting materials (natural and manufactured) and their properties are examined.*

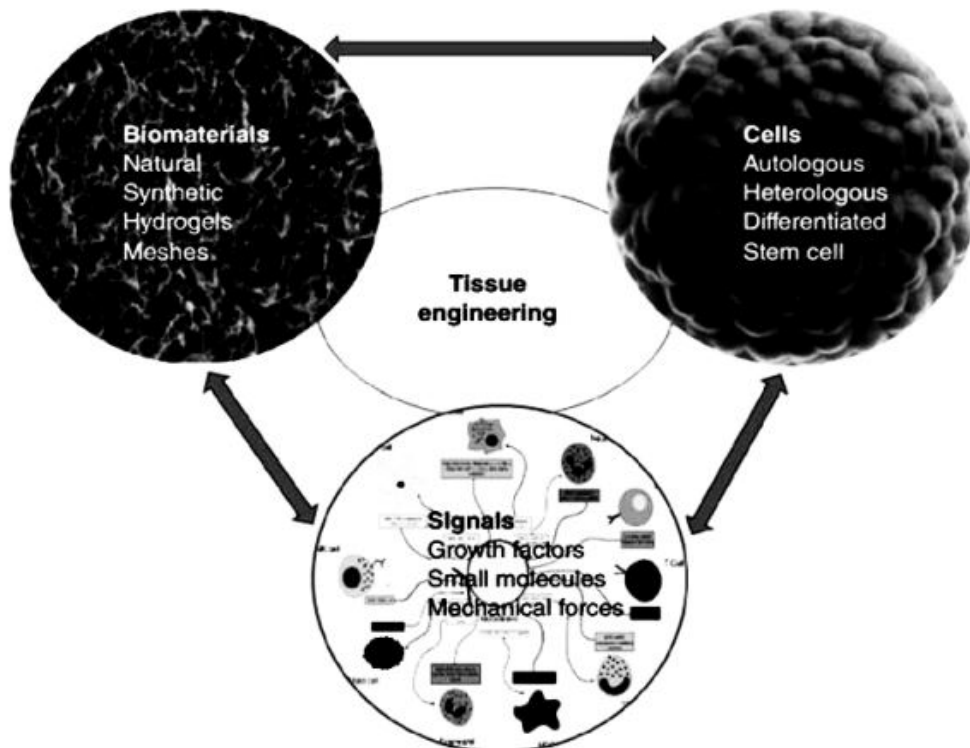
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## I. INTRODUCTION

The phrase “tissue engineering” was first used in a National Science Foundation workshop in 1988, but it is currently used to describe a “biological alternative to restore, maintain, or increase tissue function.” The official definition is now “development.” Tissue engineering-based scaffolds serve an architectural or other transitory purpose, but as they are artificial and not a natural component of the environment, they vanish once that goal has been met. The ability of a scaffold to promote cell adhesion, proliferation, and migration on its surface is referred to as “biocompatibility” in tissue engineering. A severe post-implantation must successfully integrate into host tissue without triggering an immune reaction. Rejection and healing problems may result from it. Because of this, a lot of the substances employed in tissue engineering are biodegradable, as seen in Figure 1. If their application in medication delivery is anticipated, biodegradable materials are more likely to be used.

The biomaterial need not have this property in whole or in part. Tissue engineering is a relatively new field, but conceptual tissue replacement has existed since the 16th century. Gaspare Tagliacozzi, who taught surgery and anatomy at the University of Bologna from 1546 to 1599, proposed a nasal replacement technique based on the forearm flap in his publication. The 1597 book *De Cusurum Chirurgia per Inisionem* is entitled *Surgery for Defects by Transplantation*. Tissue engineering researchers often consult with experts in highly interdisciplinary fields in the fields of mechanical engineering, materials science, genetics, and other engineering and life sciences.

Figure 1. Combination of cultured cell



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