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# SAMENVATTING

Met de sterke ontwikkelingen en grootse doorbraken in het veld van ‘regenerative medicine’, bezetten biomaterialen een zeer belangrijke positie in het verstrekken van een geschikte therapeutische optie voor het verkrijgen van een hogere kwaliteit van leven. De interactie tussen cellen en deze materialen, voornamelijk de fysicochemische (topografie en stijfheid) eigenschappen van de materialen, bepalen het cel gedrag zoals adhesie, spreiding, proliferatie, uitlijning, migratie en differentiatie. In dit proefschrift, om topografie-gemedieerde alteraties te verkennen en om sub-cellulair gedrag te onderzoeken, demonstreren we de belangrijke rol van topografie in het moduleren van cel migratie, en identificeren we de invloed van topografie op macromoleculaire verdringing (macromolecular crowding) in levende cellen. Verder zijn de topografie stimuli onderzocht voor de controle en verbetering van genafgifte capaciteit van stamcellen.

Cellen leven in een zeer dynamisch en extreem gecompliceerde, driedimensionale micro-omgeving, welke niet alleen dient als structurele ondersteuning, maar voorziet in diverse biochemische en biofysische signalen, welke cel functie en ontwikkeling reguleren. In **Hoofdstuk 1** introduceren we de cellulaire micro-omgeving, bestaande uit extracellulaire matrix, contact tussen cellen, biochemische signalen, fysicochemische parameters (bijv., mechanische eigenschappen, topografie) en markeren we de belangrijke rol van topografie voor het moduleren van celgedrag. Verder worden de modulatie van celmigratie in het wondhelingsproces, macromoleculaire verdringingssensoren en genafgifte geïntroduceerd.

In **Hoofdstuk 2** introduceren de invloed van fysicochemische (bijv., topografie, stijfheid en ruwheid), en (bio)chemische eigenschappen (bijv., materiaalcompositie en eiwitten) afkomstig van ‘high-throughput screening’ (HTS) platforms op verschillende soorten celgedrag (bijv., celspreiding, proliferatie, adhesie en migratie). High-throughput methoden bieden een ideale strategie voor het analyseren van duizenden combinaties van interacties tussen cellen en biomaterialen op een enkel substraat, hierbij dienend als potentieel hulpmiddel in de verduidelijking van de relaties tussen biomateriaaleigenschappen en biologisch celgedrag.

Om de voordelen van HTS methoden, zoals hierboven beschreven, optimaal te benutten, wordt in **Hoofdstuk 3** het substraat, met het topografische patroon van variabele golflengte en amplitude, gefabriceerd voor het onderzoeken van de modulatie van fibroblastenmigratie in het *in vitro* wondgenezingsproces. Hier werd voor het eerst het effect onderzocht van het loskoppelen van de normaliter gekoppelde golflengte/amplitude, op het sturen van celgedrag. De resultaten indiceren dat de topografische dimensies van de oppervlaktegolven een impact hebben op het migratiegedrag van de cellen. Het fibroblastmigratiegedrag wordt niet enkel beïnvloedt door de topografische golflengte en amplitude, maar ook door de topografische oriëntatie. Deze bevindingen suggereren dat voor het *in vitro* wondgenezingsproces de topografie van het materiaal essentieel is, en dat de topografie van de substraten bij kunnen dragen aan het ontwerp van biomedische implantaten en optimaal presterend wondverband en het ontwerpen van huidweefsel ‘scaffolds’.

In **Hoofdstuk 4** wordt beschreven hoe substraten met variabele nano – of – macroschaal grootte macromoleculaire verdringing induceerden binnenin levende HEK293T cellen, waarnaast verschillende typen celgedrag zijn bestudeerd op het materiaal – cel grensvlak. De resultaten laten zien dat de topografiedimensie invloed heeft de macromoleculaire verdringing in de cellen. De verhoogde verdringing kon worden gecorreleerd aan een verhoogde proliferatie, welke werd geïnduceerd door de topografie. Verder veranderden het cel spreidingsoppervlakte en nucleusoppervlakte door het golvende substraat, en de topografie, welke de hoogste macromoleculaire verdringing induceerde werd, geassocieerd met de hoogste metabolische activiteit, toegenomen proliferatie, eiwitexpressie, vergrootte focale adhesiecomplexen en myosine

spanning, en niet met YAP-TAZ transductie. Deze bevindingen bieden belangrijke inzichten in door topografie-uitgelokte macromoleculaire verdringing en bieden waardevolle informatie voor het beter begrijpen van het grensvlak tussen cellen en materialen, wat kan leiden tot vele nieuwe inzichten in de ‘tissue engineering’ en ‘regenerative medicine’ strategieën.

In **Hoofdstuk 5** zijn substraten met topografische patronen van verschillende golflengte en amplitude toegepast om de sturing van gentransfectie te bestuderen van hBM-MSCs en myoblasten. De resultaten indiceren dat de topografische dimensies invloed hebben op celspreiding, uitrekking, proliferatie en transfectiegedrag, en dat de reacties verschillen per celtype. Hogere efficiëntie van transfectie werd bereikt op de substraten met een golflengte van 2  $\mu\text{m}$  voor hBM-MSCs en 10  $\mu\text{m}$  voor myoblasten, in vergelijking met efficiëntie van transfectie op platte substraten. Het verhoogde genafgiftevermogen wordt mogelijk veroorzaakt door snellere afgifte, of snellere nucleaire lokalisatie, van lipoplexen, welke hoogstwaarschijnlijk geassocieerd kan worden met een verbeterde celproliferatie. Onze bevindingen benadrukken het belang van oppervlaktetopografie voor de stimulatie van genafgifte en biedt nuttige informatie over *in vitro* genafgifte, wat potentie bevat voor therapeutische, non-virale genoverdracht.

**Hoofdstuk 6** is de algemene discussie over de rol van topografie in het reguleren van celspreiding, proliferatie, migratie, macromoleculaire verdringing, en genafgifte, in dit proefschrift. De golfachtige topografie en haar sub-parameters, zoals richting, golflengte, en amplitude, oefenen een belangrijke invloed uit op fibroblastmigratie in het wondgenezingsproces. Zo is gevonden dat verschillende golfeigenschappen invloed uitoefenen op intracellulaire macromoleculaire verdringingsfenomenen, welke geassocieerd kunnen worden met andere sub-cellulaire verschijnselen. Hieraan toevoegend, golfachtige topografie-medicatie verbetering van non-virale genafgifte van stamcellen. De voor de hand liggende invloed van topografie op celspreiding, proliferatie, migratie, macromoleculaire verdringing, en genexpressie benadrukt haar belang als een ontwerpparameter voor de toepassing op biomaterialen. Verder worden vooruitkijkende perspectieven besproken, over het combineren van topografie met andere parameters voor het reguleren van celgedrag.

Over het geheel genomen, representeert het werk in dit proefschrift de verkenning van topografie-gemedieerde alteraties in celgedrag en onderzoeken we de door het cel – materiaal grensvlak geïnduceerde, subcellulaire gedragingen, zoals celmorfologie, celmigratie in het wondgenezingsproces, intracellulaire macromoleculaire verdringing, en door topografie gemoduleerde genafgifte van stamcellen. Het werk toont aan dat topografie een belangrijke rol speelt in het moduleren van celgedrag, wat waardevolle informatie aanlevert voor het beter begrijpen van het cel – materiaal grensvlak, en op haar beurt kan leiden tot vele nieuwe inzichten in de ‘tissue engineering’ en ‘regenerative medicine’.



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