Inflammation and Regeneration

Aims and scope

Inflammation and Regeneration is the official international journal of the Japanese Society of Inflammation and Regeneration (JSIR). This journal provides an open access forum which covers a wide range of scientific topics in the research field of basic and clinical regenerative medicine. Inflammation research and regenerative medicine are tightly linked research areas in life sciences and their significance in translational research is rapidly increasing. From this aspect, this journal encourages the submission of manuscripts whose scope bridges these fields of research.

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Criteria

Novel, significant, innovative and original findings are suitable as research articles.

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- Title page
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- List of abbreviations
- Ethics approval and consent to participate
- Consent for publication
- Availability of data and materials
- Competing interests
- Funding
- Authors' contributions
- Acknowledgements
- Authors' information
- Endnotes
- References
- Illustrations and figures (if any)
- Tables and captions
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Case report

Criteria

Inflammation and Regeneration welcomes well-described reports of cases that include the following:

- Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications.
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