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It is a pleasure and an honour to write this foreword to a book edited by one of the most respected and foremost authorities on tissue engineering, Professor Dame Julia Polak, with contributions by internationally known leaders in individual fields of tissue engineering and stem cell research. Both disciplines are crucial to the delivery of new treatment of diseases. The UK National Stem Cell Network (UKNSCN) is working hard to unite and facilitate the initiatives in Stem Cells for Regenerative Medicine in the UK, and it is encouraging to see so many of the key figures contributing to this book. It is an authoritative document of the current status of research and developments, and as such a great contribution to the current knowledge base. I have no doubt it will be widely read by all working closely in the field, and by others wishing to know the current status of the research. I think the editor and authors are to be congratulated for bringing it together. I enjoyed reading it, even as a non-tissue or stem cell scientist.

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