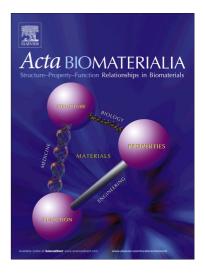
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#### Introduction

Extracellular matrix (ECM) scaffolds have been used therapeutically to repair soft tissue injuries that includes Volumetric Muscle Loss (VML); however, the healing response is often accompanied by deposition of fibrotic tissue [1-3]. One plausible explanation for fibrotic deposition is the lack of blood vessels, which limits the diffusion of oxygen and necessary

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