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CellNet (www.cellnet.org) the interdisciplinary research network for Regenerative Medicine „CellNet.Org“ is a non-commercial university initiative initiated in 2001 by Prof. Jörg Gerlach, chair of experimental surgery at the Charité. CellNet was financed by the City of Berlin and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, to link Regenerative Medicine in the Berlin region with further regions and countries. CellNet.Org is the independent Internet platform and has more than 1000 members worldwide.