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Gerjo is currently appointed as full professor of Connective Tissue Regeneration in the Department of Orthopaedics and the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam. She is leading a multidisciplinary research group of approx. 20 people aiming for improved cartilage repair. Her research is focusing on generation of permanent cartilage with the use of stem cells, and the influence of inflammation on tissue repair, in particular during osteoarthritis. She is co-author on over 200 international peer-reviewed publications.

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