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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript reviewed the roles of mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) and mesenchymal stem cell-derived extracellular vesicles (EVs) in rheumatic diseases. The recent advances, functional roles and mechanisms of MSCs and EVs in rheumatic diseases are discussed. The work is interesting. The following comments should be addressed before this paper can be further considered: I) The authors should add one more paragraph at the end of introduction. In this paragraph, the authors should talk about the existing relevant reviews and the importance of current reviews. What make the current review different from the previous? II) The authors should add at least a figure to highlight several key studies discussed in the text. III) The authors should change the section of "Future directions" to "Conclusion and future perspectives". More points should be added to future perspectives with detailed explanations. IV) Figure 1, full form of all abbreviations should be stated in figure caption. V) References should be added to Table 1. VI) The authors should cite and discuss some relevant publications which include but not limited to the followings: (a) Mesenchymal stem cells for regenerative medicine. *Cells*, 8(8), 886, 2019 (b) Mesenchymal stem cell therapy for ischemic tissues. *Stem cells international*, 2018. (c) Mesenchymal stem cell-based therapies in regenerative medicine: applications in rheumatology. *Stem cell research & therapy*, 2(2), 14, 2011.



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This paper discusses the potential use of MSCs and MSC-EVs in treatment of rheumatic diseases. The subject is interesting and of relevance, however, the review repeats much of what has already been published and reviewed surrounding MSCs and more care should be given to link the literature to the disease states mentioned. The review is thorough but there are some additional points that should be covered: how MSCs and/or EVs could be delivered as a treatment for rheumatic disease (e.g. systemically) and the source of the MSCs (bone marrow/adipose/other) and how this could affect the final treatment? The different information and studies given in the text could lend themselves to more tables and/or figures to ease the clarity of reading. The authors should consider changing the title to "Mesenchymal Stem Cell and Mesenchymal Stem Cell-derived Extracellular Vesicles: Potential Roles in Rheumatic Diseases" to reflect that these are not treatments that are currently available in clinic.



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While the manuscript addresses a valuable scientific challenge and the potential of mesenchymal stem cells and mesenchymal stem cell-derived extracellular vesicles for treatment of rheumatic disease; the manuscript was submitted as a systematic review, however, although the authors submitted the PRISMA checklist, the items of the list are not reflected in the manuscript. The manuscript is not presented as a systematic review. There is no flow chart, the PICOS question is not demonstrated, the authors mention that there is a protocol registration number but it is not mentioned in the text neither are eligibility criteria, nor the search strategies used, nor the statistical analysis of the studies retrieved from the search, risk of bias is not mentioned, there are no tablesetc. In short, the manuscript does not fit the criteria of a systematic review but a narrative review at best with some valuable information to the scientific community.