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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors present a concise, interesting and readable review discussing the stem cell compartment in ovarian cancer and how it can be targeted for treatment. Major comments 1. Page 5, line 13 - The authors should refer here to the ongoing discussion regarding the origin of ovarian cancer. Is it derived from the ovarian surface epithelium



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or from the fallopian tube (see e.g. Klotz DM and Wimberger P (2017) Arch Gynecol Obst 296: 1055-1062). This may determine where one should look for stem cells. 2. Can the authors indicate whether the different stem cells compartments that are apparently present in ovarian cancer, have been analysed at the DNA level e.g. by whole genome sequencing. The presence of specific mutation / genomic aberration may help to identify the culprit cancer stem cell compartment. Minor comments: 1. Page 2, abstract, line 18 - "...and critical discussion..." should be "...and a critical discussion..." 2. Page 4, line 3 - "fetal disease" is this correct or a spelling error?

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript, the authors discussed the current research on CSCs in ovarian cancer, focusing on CSCs development and their role in tumor formation, progression and recurrence after, allegedly, successful treatment. The topic is within the range of publication of the journal. The manuscript could provide some new ideas and new



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progress on this research direction. However, there're still several issues which should be addressed. 1. The biomarkers of the stem cells in ovarian cancer is one important question. So, the author should add relevant content and fully discuss it. 2. Heterogeneous nature of ovarian cancer is very important too. So, the relevant content should be added in. Moreover, the authors should tell the readers how to study it and discuss the technique. So, major revision should be recommended.

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an elegant review paper to summarize the current updates of cancer stem cells (CSC) derived from ovarian, and to discuss future perspectives in the field of ovarian cancer therapy using CSC. It will be much appreciated if the authors could add the following contents in this manuscript. 1) The CSC derived vesicles and the role for



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tumor progression, etc.; 2) Interactions between CSC and the local tissues and cells. 3)  
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