

Comments from Reviewer # 2446319

I have reviewed your article well. It looks like you planned your research well. What is worrisome is that the number of studies is too small. The larger the number of subjects in the study, the more likely it was that the results were more significant. I would like to add that MSC therapy is effective independently of other treatment courses.

Responses:

Thank you for highlighting the limitation of the study on a small cohort of patients. As advised, we supplement the last paragraph of the manuscript with the suggested sentence which is highlighted in red.

Comments of Reviewer # 3370303

This manuscript is worth publishing, reporting the result of the phase I/II clinical trial of autologous BM-MSC transplantation therapy in a small cohort of patients with chronic brain haemorrhage. Although the statistical power may not be satisfactory strong, I believe that the result of the current study has provided valuable information. It will also contribute to the execution of meta-analysis in future.

Nevertheless, there are minor concerns to be addressed before publication in World Journal of Stem Cells.

Minor concerns:

1) In Table 1, only the information about the patients who received MSC therapy was described. However, the information about the control group is required. Please add the information about the patients who did not receive MSC therapy (Sex/Age in Years, Location of Haemorrhage, CT Readout (cm), Hemorrhage Volume (mL)).

2) In the 5th line in Data analysis section, the phrase “T-test was used ...” should be replaced by “Paired t-test with one-sided testing was used ...”.

Responses:

We appreciate your comments and suggestions on the manuscript. As advised, we append the clinical data of patients receiving placebos to Table 1. The t-test used in the study was also elaborated as suggested and highlighted in red.