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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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.

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is worth publishing, reporting the result of the phase I/II clinical trial of autologous BM-MSCT 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 ...".