

Dear Editors,

Here follows a point-to-point answer to the issues raised by the referees and editors:

Reviewer #00505755: This is an important review on hematopoietic stem cells. Epigenetic changes in lineage-specific genes may be described more in detail.

Epigenetic changes in lineage-specific genes are described more in detail on page 10, lines 10-16.

Reviewer #03814168: The article is well managed and encompasses the whole area of the topic and clearly presents the idea according to the main title of the article. Minor mistakes of spelling and grammar were also found.

The text has been checked again by a native-English speaker.

Figures have been arranged in a powerpoint file.

PMID and DOI numbers have been added for the references that lacked them.

Best regards,

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