

COVER LETTER

Dear Editor-in-Chief of World Journal of Stem Cells,

Please find our manuscript entitled “**Stem cell therapy in ocular pathologies in the past 20 years**” submitted as an invited Review (*number ID: 02869767*). Our paper deals with a brief overview of the main types of treatments based on the use of stem cells in the field of human ophthalmic pathologies. The review provides an evaluation of the vast literature regarding stem cell use in ophthalmology over the past 20 years. The aim of the review is to present a brief and global overview of the various types of stem cells, methodologies, experimentation, and treatment options regarding this innovative and continuously expanding field of research.

I had full access to all data in the study and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis as well as the decision to submit for publication. All authors gave permission to be acknowledged, declare no conflict of interests, and had no financial support in the study. The manuscript has not been published elsewhere and has not been submitted simultaneously for publication elsewhere.

I have an MD, PhD, BSc (*University of Toronto*) and an English teaching certificate from Toronto, Canada, my native home of birth and residence for over 28 years. Although all authors are of Italian decent, English is my native language. I personally performed all the editing prior to submission.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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