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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS 8887-review.doc).

Title: Umbilical Cord Fibroblasts: Could They Be Considered As Mesenchymal Stem Cells?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(Reviewer 1)

- As proposed by the reviewer, an English native speaker has corrected the manuscript.
- The major differences and similarities of UC-MSC and BM-MSC are now summarized in a single table (Table 1).
- "Nestin-GFP reporter mouse" is corrected to "Nestin-GFP transgenic mouse" (Page 3, second paragraph, line 3).

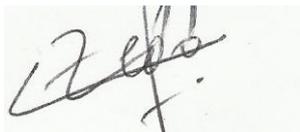
(Reviewer 2)

- A table comparing the immunophenotype and the proliferation potential of BM-MSC versus UC-MSC is now added to the manuscript (Table 1).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Stem Cells*.

Sincerely yours,



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