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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to review this interesting article about SCT in CP. Please find below the main issues: 1. Introduction: please provide some mechanism of action for this therapy for CP, in accordance with the literature. 2. Introduction: Please mention, if other cerebral pathologies could benefit from SCT 3. Introduction: Please mention the risk factors for SCT failure 4. Material and methods: You mentioned that "Four patients, aged between 1 to 4 diagnosed as CP with severe disability which is required wheelchair...", which for a 1-year old child is not surprising... Please reconsider a validated clinical evaluation scale for motor impairments in small children 5. Rehabilitation procedures: Which kind of procedures could be applied for an 1-year and 4-years old patient for an improvement in fine motor skills? Furthermore, could you perform exercises for postural control/stabilisation in an 1-year old child, which physiologically does not have this capacity? Please describe the rehabilitation procedures in detail with regard to the age of your patients and specific goals 6. Statistical analysis: A statistical analysis in a group of 4 patients could not be appropriate, even by using a non-parametric test. Please consider to present your results from the



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light of a case series presentation 7. Discussion: Please consider the results from the perspective of one by one case-report presentation 8. General consideration: please consider the article as a case-report rather than a cohort prospective study 9. English Issues: there are some minor issues that should be addressed (i.e. sedoanalgesia, etc



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It is encouraging that stem cell therapy can be applied to clinical treatment, especially to cerebral palsy, a difficult-to-heal disease. I strongly agree that the purpose of this experiment is to apply stem cell therapy to clinical treatment. Although the results of this experiment seem to be pleasing, the presentation of the results of this study is poor due to the fact that this is an academic paper. First, the identification of UC-MSCs by flow cytometry was not presented. Cell differentiation data and results were also not presented. Second, the age difference between these four patients is relatively large. Generally speaking, the older a child with cerebral palsy is, the more difficult it is for him or her to undergo rehabilitation. Older children may cause the treatment to be less effective. I think that the four children in this experiment are more suitable for case report to be reported separately, due to the fact that the phenotypic heterogeneity of children with cerebral palsy is too large. Finally, I did not see stem cell therapy show a very convincing therapeutic effect in this experiment, due to the lack of a control group or valid statistics. The mere fact that the post-intervention assessment found that the patient's status had improved is not a sufficient indication that the stem cell therapy was



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effective, due to the fact that the patients were also receiving other rehabilitative treatments at the same time. It is therefore unfortunate that this article in its current state is not suitable for publication unless the author makes significant changes.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Many thanks for considering my recommendations