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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells are well known as rare multipotent cells and are characterized as potent modulators of regeneration and immune responses. Bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells transplantation may be an effective multitarget therapeutic strategy to facilitate functional recovery after ischemic stroke through pleiotropic mechanisms. Recently, several *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells promote M2 polarization and neurogenesis and tissue repair, probably depending on the trophic and growth factors secreted by bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells. However, the precise mechanism underlying bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells-induced M2 polarization is not yet clear. miRNAs are a new class of endogenous, small, 19–25-nucleotide noncoding RNAs that act as negative regulators of gene expression by inhibiting mRNA translation or promoting mRNA degradation. In this study, the authors explore whether bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells-mediated mesencephalic astrocyte-derived neurotrophic factor paracrine signaling and the PDGF-AA/miR-30a*/XBP1/MANF axis can drive M2 polarization. Overall, the manuscript is very interesting, and worth to publication. Comments: 1. The title seems too long, please short it. 2. Methods are very clear, and reasonable. 3. Results are excellent. Figures are good. However, some of the figures are too small, please make an update. If authors can provide the original figures, it will be better. 4. The discussion is OK. The results are well discussed with updated ref. 5. Manuscript is well written.



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Excellent study about the how mesencephalic astrocyte-derived neurotrophic factor influences Bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells-mediated M2 polarization. The authors have done a lot of work. The results are informative, especially the figures, also the discussion is acceptable. I have no sepcific comments.



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Very interesting study about the BMSCs. The results of the study are very important. I suggest to accept the study for publication as it was.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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