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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Study reporting extracellular matrix synthesis activity of equine MSCs derived from bone marrow, synovial fluid and adipose tissue during chondrogenic differentiation by extraction of proteoglycans in microspheroids after chondrogenic differentiation is well written and the experimental design is well. However, phenotype of MSCs for surface markers is missing. The phenotype of the isolated cells should be characterized by surface markers and included as a figure with the flow cytometry analysis to confirm the MSC population. Passage number of MSCs used for characterization and differentiation should be indicated. Assessment of Chondrogeic differentiation was only determined by aggrecan. For proper evaluation of the microspheroid system types II,