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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, authors used a gelatin sponge loaded with hUC-MSCs exosomes and assessed its potential as a hemostatic material and a wound healing accelerator. The study comprised in vivo and in vitro assays evaluating cytotoxicity, skin irritation, hemolysis, tissue compatibility, liver defect hemostasis, and full-thickness skin defect healing. This is a comprehensive study. 1. Please add a clear scale bar in Figure 1 A. 2. Please adjust the plotting method of Figure 3B (the ordinate is hemolysis rate). 3. Try to align the scales in Figure 4A and B. Please enlarge the scale in Figure 4C or add a description. 4. Please provide macroscopic images of the BCI experiment. 5. Please use Figure 6C to clearly explain the advantages of Sponge+Exo (marking blood vessels, epithelial thickness, hair follicles, etc.). 6. Please supplement the relevant description of H&E staining in Figure 3D and enlarge the scale. 7. Related papers on this topic can be https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules28114498, cited:

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The present manuscript is of great relevance in the field of wound healing. The manuscript is well written and the experiments were well designed. There are some issues that must be pointed out. 1 - In the characterization of exosomes derived from hUC-MSCs, it is necessary to detail the western-blot technique in detail, from protein extraction to data collection. 2 – The morphology of exosomes by transmission eletronic microscopy seems impaired, since its shape is not uniform and the membrane is not well delimited. I ask the authors to include a better image.