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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed in details the involvement of extracellular matrixes in the neural differentiation of pluripotent stem cells and the potential application in drug screening. This reviewer generally agrees the stated view-points excluding, however, that 3-D matrix scaffold could “recapitulate” the neural stem cell niches and PSC-derived progenitors in it could “mimic” the in vivo development of neural stem cells. Stem cell niches, i.e. the in vivo microenvironment around stem cells, elicit a variety of cues to maintain the stemness of the stem cells and arouse their proliferation, differentiation and migration. Extracellular matrix is one of the critical cues that include stromal cells, growth factors and cytokines, small molecules, oxygen and ion concentrations, biomechanical signals, nerve nutrition, and other known or unknown elements.



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It is well written review on stem cell differentiation to neural lineages. There are only minor suggestions: - abbreviations should be checked (for example, on p. 4 is introduced abbreviation ALS, on p. 10, line 10 from the top, is again whole description, etc.), - the authors should distinguish therapeutic effects of autologous, allogeneic and xenogeneic cells in in vivo models. Some experimental models describe the use of human (xenogeneic) cells and survival and effectiveness of these cells can be different from autologous cell therapy. The use of human embryonic stem cells (and cells derived from ESC) should be discussed with a precaution, - the authors should keep in mind that sensitivity of permanent or in vitro growing cell lines to various drugs is often different from the sensitivity of primary cell cultures. Thus should be mentioned.



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This is a well written and interesting review article which should be useful for readers interested in neuronal stem cell differentiation. There are some spelling errors which should be corrected: 1)p7, l.4: However, the variability of different iPSC lines derived from different tissues using different reprogramming methods may account for the difference. Don't use the word "different" so frequently in one sentence. 2)p8, line 19: oligodendrocytes please correct.