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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Stem cells for urinary bladder pathologies review 15608.doc).

Title: *Stem Cell Applications for Pathologies of the Urinary Bladder*

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Stem Cells*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1- Abstract was shortened and the whole manuscript was extensively re-edited to improve over all language.

2- Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer #(1): The manuscript should provide more details in "Clinical Applications of Stem Cells in Bladder Pathologies" and "Safety and Quality" sections. Otherwise, readers have to search and read references cited.

Re: In this revised version, we expanded on the details of both sections (clinical applications and safety and quality) as suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer #(2): The sections in stem cell overview with adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells could be more concise. I would suggest focusing on stem cells of urinary tract.

Re: We shortened the general sections about iPS and re-organized the manuscript sections to keep the manuscript more focused on the urinary tract applications

Reviewer #(3): On the whole, the authors did a hard work on reviewing different types of stem cells and their possible uses for treatment of bladder pathologies. As the focus of current research, stem cells are widely used in various clinical fields. So this review about stem cells and their possible uses for treatment of bladder pathologies is quite valuable and necessary. In this review, the authors introduced several main types of stem cells in the bladder and urethra and clinical applications of stem cells in bladder pathologies. It may help in other researches. In my opinion, this article can be accepted

Re: We would like to thank the reviewer for his positive appraisal of the article.

3- References were updated according to changes done in the manuscript.

Thank you for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Stem Cells*.

Sincerely,

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