

Regenerative Medicine & stem cell therapy for the Elderly

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Regenerative Medicine

The term regenerative medicine has been used to describe a relatively new branch of medicine whose focus is the restoration of normal function in tissues that are damaged or lost due to age, disease, injury, or congenital defects. Regenerative medicine efforts have shown promise in the treatment of both acute injuries and chronic disease across multiple organ systems.

Stem Cell – Definition

 A cell that has the ability to continuously divide and differentiate (develop) into various other kind(s) of cells/tissues

Stem Cell Characteristics

- > 'Blank cells' (unspecialized)
- Capable of dividing and renewing themselves for long periods of time (proliferation and renewal)
- Have the potential to give rise to
 specialized cell types (differentiation)

Self renewable: a cell that has the ability to continuously divide Pluripotent: ability to develop into several different kinds of cells/tissues <u>Repair</u>: ability to return function to damaged cells in the living organism

Kinds of Stem Cells

Stem cell type	Description	Examples
Totipotent	Each cell can develop into a new individual	Cells from early (1-3 days) embryos
Pluripotent	Cells can form any (over 200) cell types	Somecellsofblastocyst(5 to14days)
Multipotent	Cells differentiated, but can form a number of other tissues	Fetal tissue, cord blood, and adult stem cells

Stem Cell Differentiation



Kinds of Stem Cells

Embryonic stem cells come from a five to six-day-old embryo. They have the ability to form virtually any type of cell found in the human body.

Embryonic germ cells are derived from the part of a human embryo or fetus that will ultimately produce eggs or sperm (gametes).

Adult stem cells are undifferentiated cells found among specialized or differentiated cells in a tissue or organ after birth. Based on current research they appear to have a more restricted ability to produce different cell types and to self-renew.

Blastocyst Diagram



Sexual Reproduction





Derivation and use of Embryonic Stem Cell Lines









Adult stem cells





Isolation

Characterization

Expansion

Differentiation

- Isolate individual stem cell populations
- Characterize & track stem cell populations
- Ensure that cells retain their functionality and potential to differentiate
- Ensure that cells are "transplant" ready
- Culture stem cell lines in a stable, multi- or pluripotent state, free from mutations & to sufficient quantity
- Control & activate stem cell differentiation to desired lineages
- Functionally active differentiated cells
- Enable Economical expansion to make cell-therapy a reality

Exosome Origins: Why the Cell Source Matter



Biogenesis and Release of EMV



Exosome composition



A complete database of exosomal proteins can be found at ExoCarta (exocarta.ludwig.edu.au/) (Mathivanan et al., .(2012)

Virol. 2011;85:12844-12854

Exosome composition



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Exosomes as intercellular communicators

Proposed antigen presentingfunctions of exosomes



Traffic 2011; 12: 1659-1668

Cell communication through cell-fate signals carrying exosomes in tumor microenvironment



Proposed immunological functions of exosomes secreted by tumors



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The mechanisms of stem cell exosome/ microvesicle-mediated regeneration of injured tissues



Applications

Disease

Diabetes, Spinal cord
 injury, Parkinson's
 disease, heart disease

Genetic based Disease

 Cystic fibrosis, Huntington's



How they could treat certain types of diseases?

-Tissue repair -Heart Disease -Cancer -Arthritis -Parkisons disease -Diabetes



Tissue Repair

Regenerate spinal cord, heart tissue or any other major tissue in the body.



Heart Disease

 Adult bone marrow stem cells injected into the hearts arteries are believed to improve cardiac function in victims of heart failure or heart attack.





Leukemia and Cancer

- Studies show leukemia patients treated with stem cells emerge free of disease.
- Injections of stem cells have also reduced pancreatic cancers in some patients.



Rheumatoid Arthritis

 Adult stem cells may be helpful in jumpstarting repair of eroded cartilage.



A foot with painful, advanced rheumatoid arthritis

Type I Diabetes

- · Pancreatic cells do not produce insulin.
- Basic research focused on understanding how embryonic stem cells might be trained to become pancreatic islets cells needed to secrete insulin.





A suggested hypothesis on the role of exosomes released from a damaged heart as a potential intercellular communicator



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Postulated roles of exosomes/microvesicles in neural cell communication







Exosomes, Microvesicles







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of T-cell proliferation (92-93); - induction of regulatory T cell generation (67, 71, 94, 95); - upregulation of the immunemodulating factor IL-10 (95).



