

D Stem Cells Classification Debate

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Your narrative is well-structured and incorporates relevant references, but there are a few areas where clarity and precision could be improved. Below is a revised version of your paragraph with some adjustments for academic soundness and clarity:

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Here are the key adjustments made:

1. Improved clarity and flow by connecting related ideas more smoothly.
2. Enhanced precision in the description of scientific concepts.
3. Maintained all essential references while ensuring they are seamlessly integrated into the narrative.
4. Added necessary details to avoid potential ambiguities, such as specifying the limited number of cell types that multipotent cells can differentiate into.
5. Corrected minor grammatical issues for better readability.

This revision should ensure that your discussion is academically sound and clearly communicates the nuances of the term "Stem" in mesenchymal stem cells.

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Your narrative is largely sound, but there are a few aspects that could be potentially misleading or need clarification. Here's a breakdown of the potential issues and suggested improvements:

1. General Definition of Stem Cells:

- The classical definition you provided is generally accurate, but the term "asymmetrically" might require further explanation, as asymmetric division is not the only mechanism by which stem cells maintain their population.

2. Adult Stem Cells and Asymmetric Division:

- While it is true that asymmetric division is a key characteristic of many stem cells, the absence of evidence for asymmetric division in some adult stem cells, such as human mesenchymal stem cells (hMSCs), has indeed led to debates. However, it's important to note that the absence of evidence is not necessarily evidence of absence. New techniques and discoveries could eventually demonstrate asymmetric division in these cells.
- The statement "decade-long lack of proof for asymmetric cell division in human adult stem cells have led to a debate" might be better framed as "the ongoing debate about the mechanisms of self-renewal in human adult stem cells is partly due to limited evidence for asymmetric cell division in some types of these cells."

3. Progenitor Cells vs. Stem Cells:

- The term "progenitor cells" is often used interchangeably with "stem cells," but progenitor cells usually refer to cells that are more differentiated and have a limited capacity for self-renewal compared to stem cells. Clarifying this distinction can help avoid confusion.

4. Asymmetric Division in Non-Stem Cells:

- The statement that asymmetric cell division is not unique to stem cells is accurate. However, it might be helpful to emphasize that this concept does not diminish the unique capabilities of stem cells in tissue homeostasis and repair.

5. MSC Nomenclature and Embryonic Origin:

- The discussion about MSCs not having a common embryonic origin is important. However, it's essential to highlight that MSCs are still considered stem cells because of their ability to differentiate into multiple cell types, even if they do not originate from a single lineage.
- The term "stroma" instead of "stem" might indeed improve precision, but this change in terminology is not universally accepted and should be presented as a perspective rather than a definitive statement.

Here's a revised version of your paragraph with these considerations:

Stem cells lay the foundation of multicellular organisms. Embryonic stem cells orchestrate growth and patterning during embryonic development. They are pluripotent, meaning they can differentiate into any cell type of the adult body. The classical definition of a stem cell is that of an undifferentiated cell capable of both self-renewal and differentiation into specialized cells, often through asymmetric division, where one daughter cell maintains stemness and the other differentiates [\(Cooper, Cell Proliferation and Development, 2000; Shenghui, Mechanisms of Stem Cell, 2009\)](#). Adult stem cells maintain tissue homeostasis and repair during adulthood. They are multipotent, meaning they can differentiate into a limited number of cell types. The term adult stem cell was coined through research on [\(HSC\)](#), the primary progenitors of all types of blood cells [\(Lee, Hematopoietic Stem Cells, 2019; Nunes, Asymmetric Cell Division, 2024\)](#). However, the ongoing debate about the mechanisms of self-renewal in human adult stem cells is partly due to limited evidence for asymmetric cell division in some types of these cells, leading some to propose calling them progenitor cells instead [\(Bhartiya, Stem Cells Progenitors, 2015\)](#). This claim is contested, as [\(Nunes, Asymmetric Cell Division, 2024\)](#) summarize recent evidence of asymmetric distribution of cell fate determinants in [\(HSC\)](#). Asymmetric cell division is not unique to stem cells; it occurs in multicellular organisms and even in eukaryotes, with molecular players governing ACD of both stem and non-stem cells being strikingly similar [\(Inaba, Asymmetric Stem Cell, 2012\)](#). Asymmetric cell division does not necessarily require unequal distribution of cell components among daughter cells but can follow extrinsic mechanisms where daughter cells emerge into different environments [\(Inaba, Asymmetric Stem Cell, 2012\)](#). According to [\(Bhartiya, Need to Revisit Definition, 2018\)](#), no proof of asymmetric cell division has been found in [\(hMSC\)](#). [\(Robey, Mesenchymal Stem Cells, 2017\)](#) argue that MSCs do not have a common

embryonic origin and are not a lineage, but have tissue-specific properties; however, this is not a requirement for the definition of adult stem cells. Still, some argue that the term `\emph{Stem}` in `\ac{MSC}` is deprecated, suggesting `\emph{Stroma}` instead. This, they argue, improves precision by avoiding confusion with `\emph{mesenchymal tissue}`, which is found only in embryos, whereas `\emph{stroma}` implies an adult identity.

These adjustments should enhance the academic soundness of your paragraph and provide a clearer, more nuanced discussion of the term "Stem" in mesenchymal stem cells.

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