

OPTIMIZING MANUFACTURING FACTORS IN MESENCHYMAL STROMAL CELL
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ABSTRACT

Mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) offer significant therapeutic potential for neurodegenerative diseases, owing to their intrinsic immunomodulatory properties. However, several risks associated with MSCs, such as heterogeneity, thrombosis, uncontrolled differentiation, and the need for invasive application procedures, pose significant challenges to their use in clinical settings. Fortunately, MSCs secrete extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) that carry similar immunomodulatory potential as their parent cells. MSC-EVs are heterogeneous, non-replicating particles characterized by a lipid bilayer, and they are shed from the MSC plasma membrane. The immunomodulatory effects of MSC-EVs are driven by the bioactive cargo they carry, including proteins, RNAs, DNAs, enzymes, and other molecules. MSC-EVs offer advantages over their parent cells by avoiding many of the risks associated with MSCs, including the challenges posed by living cells. Additionally, MSC-EVs can be easily taken up by other cells and can cross the blood-brain barrier, making them an attractive therapeutic option for neurodegenerative diseases. However, challenges remain in the standardization of MSC-EV manufacturing processes and bioactivity assessment, limiting their clinical application. This

dissertation aims to address these challenges by examining how different manufacturing conditions affect MSC-EV characteristics, with the goal of identifying standardized methods for their production. We first investigated how different priming conditions influenced the generation of bioactive MSC-EVs, focusing on their potential use in neurodegenerative disease applications. To do this, we developed a human brain pericyte morphological assay to screen MSC-EVs. Using this assay, we identified optimal priming conditions (e.g., cytokines and oxygen levels) and culture platforms (flasks versus bioreactors) for producing immunomodulatory MSC-EVs. Additionally, we compared the physical and functional characteristics of MSC-EVs isolated using tangential flow filtration and ultracentrifugation from four different MSC lines derived from two tissue sources (bone marrow and adipose tissue). While we observed differences in the size and concentration of MSC-EV populations and their cargo, the functional properties (e.g., pericyte morphology, macrophage IL-6 secretion) of the vesicles were largely unaffected by the isolation method used. Overall, this work provides key insights into the manufacturing of MSC-EVs and highlights important considerations for developing standardized production methods for their use in neurodegenerative disease therapies.

INDEX WORDS: Mesenchymal Stromal Cell-Extracellular Vesicles (MSC-EVs), MSC-EV Manufacturing, Priming, Neurodegenerative Disease

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Neurodegenerative diseases are currently the leading cause of disease burden worldwide, with their prevalence rising at an exponential rate [1]. According to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), these diseases are defined as “a heterogeneous group of disorders characterized by progressive degeneration of the structure and function of the central or peripheral nervous systems” [2]. Neurodegenerative diseases result in the loss of neurons and axons, leading to significant physical and behavioral impairments.

Among the various neurodegenerative diseases, Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) and Parkinson’s Disease (PD) are the most common, affecting over 6.2 million people as of 2022 [3]. This burden is expected to grow, with AD projected to impact 75 million people by 2030 and PD expected to affect 1.64 million individuals globally by 2037 [4, 5]. Alzheimer’s Disease is a progressive neurodegenerative form of dementia, characterized by the accumulation of amyloid-beta ($A\beta$) plaques, oligomers, and tau proteins [6]. These factors are thought to contribute to neuronal apoptosis, though the exact cause of AD remains unidentified [6]. Similarly, Parkinson’s Disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that primarily affects dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra, resulting in both cognitive and functional deficits [7]. Like AD and many other neurodegenerative diseases, the precise cause of PD remains unknown.

These diseases not only severely impact patients' quality of life but also place a heavy economic burden on society. In 2020, the annual cost of neurodegenerative diseases in the United States

reached \$655 billion [8]. The healthcare costs associated with AD and PD alone were estimated at \$305 billion and \$51.9 billion, respectively, in the same year [9]. As the incidence of neurodegenerative diseases continues to rise, associated healthcare spending is expected to increase substantially.

Despite the rapidly increasing burden of neurodegenerative diseases, there are no cures, and current treatments only address symptoms rather than the underlying pathology [1, 9]. For Alzheimer's Disease (AD), available treatments include cholinesterase inhibitors (CIs) and N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) antagonists [10]. CIs help preserve cholinergic function in the basal forebrain, which is among the first systems affected in AD, leading to cognitive decline through neuron loss and enzyme dysfunction [10]. NMDA antagonists aim to protect neurons from excitotoxicity associated with AD. While these treatments may improve cognition, they are not effective for all patients, and often fail to alleviate behavioral and psychological symptoms [10]. Parkinson's Disease (PD) is primarily treated with dopaminergic medications, including Levodopa, dopamine agonists, and monoamine oxidase B inhibitors. These therapies convert to dopamine in the brain, stimulate dopamine receptors, or inhibit dopamine metabolism, respectively [11]. However, like AD treatments, they do not address the root causes of the disease, allowing its progression and necessitating additional medications to manage various symptoms [11].

Although neurodegenerative diseases have distinct physiological mechanisms, they both exhibit neuroinflammation as a common characteristic [12]. Neuroinflammation involves a complex network of pro-inflammatory processes, including increased production of cytokines, chemokines, reactive oxygen species, and secondary messengers, as well as the activation of CNS cells such as microglia, astrocytes, endothelial cells, pericytes, and peripheral immune cells

[13, 14]. While neuroinflammation is intended to maintain CNS homeostasis by clearing debris, combating pathogens, and supporting regeneration, dysregulated inflammation can lead to tissue dysfunction and degeneration [14]. It has been identified as a key factor in the progression of neurodegenerative diseases [15].

Neuroinflammation is commonly studied at the blood-brain barrier (BBB), which forms the microvasculature of the central nervous system and serves as the interface between brain tissue and the bloodstream [16]. This barrier plays a critical role in maintaining homeostasis by regulating the trafficking of nutrients and waste to and from the brain [16]. However, during periods of heightened inflammation, the BBB often becomes compromised. The BBB is composed of various cells, including endothelial cells, pericytes, and astrocytes, which contribute to its formation, repair, and maintenance. Each cell type plays a specialized role in preserving BBB integrity. For instance, pericytes, located within the basement membrane of the endothelial tube, regulate vessel contractility, angiogenesis, and immune responses [16].

As neuroinflammation is a hallmark of neurodegenerative diseases, it has become a focal point for the development of therapeutic treatments. Stem cells, particularly mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs), have gained attention due to their multipotent, neurotrophic, and immunomodulatory properties [17]. MSCs, which can be derived from various tissue sources (e.g., bone marrow, adipose tissue, placenta, umbilical cord, and dental pulp), have the capacity to differentiate into multiple cell types, including cartilage, adipose tissue, and bone [18, 19]. Preclinical and clinical studies have demonstrated the ability of MSCs to modulate the inflammatory response and facilitate tissue repair through direct and indirect cellular interactions [18, 19]. For example, in a diabetic cardiomyopathy (DCM) mouse model, the intravenous injection of human bone marrow MSCs significantly reduced cardiac injury by suppressing

NLRP3 activation, lowering inflammatory factors (IL-8, IL-1 β , ROS), and downregulating pyroptosis-related proteins (NLRP3, Caspase-1, GSDMD [20]. Similarly, human umbilical cord MSCs administered to monkeys with acute liver failure reduced hepatic inflammation and monocyte activation, leading to improved liver function [21]. MSCs have also shown promise in treating neurodegenerative diseases. For instance, in a study of Alzheimer's disease, clinical-grade human umbilical cord MSCs administered to SAMP8 mice (a model of accelerated senescence) improved cognitive and behavioral outcomes by decreasing hyperphosphorylated tau expression, improving neurofibrillary tangles, reversing spine loss, and promoting synaptic plasticity [22]. Furthermore, a study by Jalali et al. demonstrated that Wharton's Jelly-derived MSCs significantly increased neuronal survival, enhanced the expression of brain-derived neurotrophic factor and nerve growth factor, and improved hippocampal function in a Parkinson's disease rat model [23].

Despite the therapeutic potential of MSCs, several challenges remain regarding their clinical application. Risks associated with MSC-based therapies include thromboembolism, tumorigenicity, and undesirable differentiation [24-26]. Additionally, the efficacy of MSC therapies can be influenced by manufacturing processes such as media composition, culture platforms, and storage conditions [24]. In the context of neurodegenerative diseases, the administration of MSCs directly into the brain is often required, which is an invasive procedure with significant risks [27]. Intravenous administration can also result in MSCs becoming trapped in the lungs, limiting their effectiveness [28]. Fortunately, MSCs secrete extracellular vesicles (EVs), which retain the same immunomodulatory properties as their parent cells and represent a promising alternative.

MSC-EVs are small membrane-bound particles that carry functional molecules, such as RNA, DNA, enzymes, and proteins, derived from their parent cells [29]. These molecules are believed to be responsible for the EVs' immunomodulatory potential. Unlike MSCs, EVs do not carry the risks of tumorigenicity or thrombosis since they are non-living and can be sterilized and stored [30]. Additionally, MSC-EVs can cross the BBB, allowing for intravenous administration [31, 32]. Preclinical studies have shown promising results for MSC-EVs in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. For example, Gschwendtberger et al. demonstrated that human MSC-derived exosomes had protective effects on ALS transgenic primary motor neurons, improving neuron survival and preserving healthy morphology [33].

Despite their potential, several challenges must be addressed before MSC-EVs can be widely used as therapeutics. The yield and functionality of MSC-EVs are greatly influenced by the characteristics of the parent cells, including cell confluence, passage number, oxygen concentration, cytokine exposure, medium composition, and culture platform (2D vs. 3D) [34]. Furthermore, storage conditions and isolation methods can significantly impact MSC-EV physiology [34-36]. Additionally, MSC-EVs are intrinsically variable due to the heterogeneity of their parent cell sources. While the International Society for Extracellular Vesicles provides recommendations for MSC-EV manufacturing and bioactivity assessment, these guidelines allow for significant flexibility, leaving many critical decisions to the individual researcher [34, 37]. This variability, combined with the lack of standardized manufacturing and assessment protocols, complicates efforts to identify MSC-EVs' mechanisms of action and contributes to batch-to-batch differences in bioactivity and therapeutic efficacy [38]. Therefore, the development of standardized MSC-EV manufacturing processes and bioactivity assessment protocols is crucial.

Many scientists have employed complex methods, such as *in vivo* animal models, to evaluate potential neurodegenerative therapeutics. However, these approaches are often expensive, require specialized training, and lack reproducibility. Utilizing model cells for therapeutic screening, such as investigating the potential of MSC-EVs in mitigating neuroinflammation, offers a cost-effective, rapid, and accessible alternative. Brain pericytes, with their multifaceted roles in maintaining homeostasis and responding to inflammatory conditions, offer a promising cellular model for this purpose, potentially contributing to the development of standardized methods to evaluate the role of MSC-EVs in mediating neuroinflammation.

Pericytes are multipotent, heterogeneous cells located throughout the basement membrane of brain vasculature within the BBB. Within the vasculature and central nervous system (CNS), they perform critical functions, including regulating blood vessel growth and maturation, maintaining structural integrity, controlling permeability, and modulating cerebral blood flow [39-42]. Beyond their role in vascular homeostasis, pericytes significantly influence immune responses during CNS neuroinflammation. They regulate leukocyte recruitment, facilitate phagocytosis and endocytosis, influence the polarization of parenchymal immune cells (e.g., microglia and astrocytes), and contribute to both innate and adaptive immune responses [43-46].

Given their pivotal role in mediating blood-brain barrier functions and interacting with various cells during inflammation, pericytes are uniquely suited for studying the BBB's overall response to neuroinflammatory conditions. Their diverse and integral functions in vascular regulation and immune modulation highlight their potential as a cost-effective, rapid, and reproducible cellular model. This makes them invaluable for advancing neurodegenerative research and standardizing the evaluation of MSC-EVs for therapeutic applications.

This project aims to contribute to the standardization of MSC-EV manufacture and characterization so that they may be widely used as neurogenerative disease therapeutic agents. To achieve this, we investigated the effects of different manufacturing conditions, including cell priming and isolation methods, on MSC-EV bioactivity. This was accomplished using our developed pericyte-based morphological assay designed to quantify the bioactivity.

Chapter two provides an overview of current MSC-EV bioactivity assessment methods, including existing platforms (e.g., monocultures, in vivo models) and emerging technologies (e.g., microphysiological systems). This review evaluates how these models align with or fall short of the requirements for future FDA approval of MSC-EV therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases.

Chapter three discusses an MSC-EV bioactivity platform that we developed using human brain pericyte morphological screening as a readout. We hypothesized that inflammatory pericytes (treated with TNF- α) would return to their basal morphology following MSC-EV treatment. This study explored how different priming conditions of the parent bone marrow MSCs resulted in MSC-EVs with varying bioactivities. We then compared the morphological changes in pericytes to proteomic changes in pericyte secretion before and after MSC-EV treatment to elucidate MSC-EV modulation of pericyte function.

Chapter four focuses on a key aspect of MSC-EV manufacturing: isolation methods. Using four MSC cell lines (two adipose-derived and two bone marrow-derived), we compared the physical (size and concentration) and functional characteristics (RNA and proteomic profiles) of MSC-EVs isolated via ultracentrifugation and tangential flow filtration.

Finally, chapter five summarizes the main findings of this dissertation, outlines future research directions, and discusses the potential contributions of this work to the scientific community.

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CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW: ASSESSMENT OF MSC-EV BIOACTIVITY FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Millions of people worldwide are affected by neurodegenerative diseases [1]. Neurodegenerative diseases encompass a range of neurological disorders characterized by diverse clinical and pathological features, leading to loss of neurons and axons within the central nervous system (CNS) and resulting in behavioral and functional deficits [2-4]. Despite the diverse pathologies of neurodegenerative diseases, they can all be characterized by the presence of acute or chronic inflammation [2]. Currently, there are several treatments available for managing neurodegenerative diseases; however, these treatments focus on alleviating symptoms rather than targeting the underlying pathology [3]. Neuroinflammation has been identified as a key factor driving neurodegenerative diseases, involving the production of cytokines, chemokines, reactive oxygen species (ROS), and secondary messengers, which are produced and utilized by cells of the central nervous system such as microglia, astrocytes, endothelial cells, and peripheral immune cells [2, 5]. The effects of neuroinflammation are dependent on the specific context, duration, and cause [5]. When properly regulated neuroinflammation aids in the protection of the brain by clearing debris, fighting pathogens, and aiding in regeneration. However, when inflammation becomes dysregulated or chronic it often leads to tissue dysfunction and degeneration [6]. This dysregulation has been shown to be an important contributor to the progression of neurodegenerative diseases [2]. For example, astrocyte secretion of apolipoprotein-4 (APOE4) has been seen to further promote the inflammatory response by

binding to pericytes inducing the secretion of proinflammatory cyclophilin A, resulting in the activation of nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells (NF- κ B) and matrix metalloproteinase 9 (MMP9), leading to blood-brain barrier (BBB) breakdown (i.e., increased permeability and reduction in tight junction proteins) [7]. In a Parkinson's Disease (PD) model, toll-like receptors were observed activating microglia and increasing the infiltration of CD4+ and CD8+ T cells thereby altering the function of cellular immunity [8]. As inflammation is both a critical component and a common feature of neurodegenerative diseases, it is an attractive target for developing more effective treatments.

Currently treatment for neurodegenerative diseases usually uses a combination of pharmacotherapies that address both physical and psychological symptoms. The main drugs used include cholinesterase inhibitors, N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonists, dopamine receptor antagonists, dopamine precursors, monoamine oxidase inhibitors and antipsychotic medications [9]. However, many of these treatments have adverse side effects that limit their tolerability (e.g., gastrointestinal disturbances, bradycardia, dyskinesias, sedation), are not applicable to all disease stages, and are unable to halt disease progression [9]. Due to these limitations, researchers have been increasingly exploring cell-based therapies as a potential option for neurodegenerative diseases. Mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs), in particular, have gained attention due to their multipotent nature and their neurotrophic and immunomodulatory functions, making them a promising candidate for targeted treatment approaches [10].

MSCs are heterogeneous, multipotent cells derived from multiple sources such as adipose tissue, bone marrow, dental pulp, and umbilical cord tissue [11]. MSCs have demonstrated the ability to migrate, engraft, and repair tissues, by exerting their immunomodulatory effects, making them a

promising candidate for treating a range of diseases, including Traumatic brain injury (TBI), graft-versus-host disease, and type 1 diabetes [12]. Studies have demonstrated that MSCs can interact with both the innate and adaptive immune systems, modulating inflammation by shifting macrophages from a pro-inflammatory M1 phenotype to an anti-inflammatory M2 phenotype, and by inhibiting natural killer cells, which increases Tregs expansion [13]. Nonclinical models, such as those for TBI, have shown that MSCs can promote neural stem cell proliferation and decrease proinflammatory cytokine expression [14]. The promising results of MSCs in nonclinical studies have led to over 516 current ongoing clinical trials with 22 studies focused on the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/> ; October 2024) (Table 2.1).

While MSCs have shown significant therapeutic potential and are generally considered safe, certain challenges remain. These include rare but serious risks such as undesired differentiation, thromboembolic events, or ectopic tissue formation, particularly at higher doses or in more complex conditions [15-17]. In addition, MSC manufacturing processes, including culture conditions, duration of cell multiplication, and physiological stress, can increase the risk of chromosomal aberrations [15]. For the treatment of neurodegenerative disease, direct administration of cells into the brain significantly increases the risk of complications. However, when MSCs are administered intravenously, they have sometimes been reported to become trapped in the lungs [18, 19]. To mitigate some of these challenges, researchers are exploring MSC-derived extracellular vesicles (EVs) as a potential alternative. MSC-EVs carry similar immunomodulatory effects as their parent cells but may reduce risks like thromboembolic events and undesired differentiation. However, challenges remain regarding their manufacturing and long-term efficacy.

MSC-EVs are heterogeneous, non-replicating particles shed from the parent cells' plasma membrane and characterized by a lipid bilayer, which may contribute to their safety profile [20, 21]. They can be sterilized and stored without cryopreservatives, and are not associated with the same risks as transplanted cells (i.e., tumorigenicity, thrombosis) [22]. In addition, MSC-EVs can cross the BBB, allowing less invasive administration methods for neurodegenerative diseases. They encapsulate functional molecules, including transcription factors, small and large non-coding regulatory RNAs, lipids, enzymes, and proteins which can be transferred to recipient cells [23-28]. Currently, there are six MSC-EV treatment clinical trials listed on ClinicalTrials.gov (<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/> ; October 2024) - none of which focus on neurodegenerative disease (Table 2.1). However, nonclinical studies have shown promising results, with MSC-EVs for the treatment of many neurodegenerative diseases. In Alzheimer's disease (AD) models, MSC-EVs have been shown to increase neurogenesis, recover cognitive deficits, and decrease the activation of microglia in transgenic mice [29, 30]. In PD mice models, MSC-EVs were observed crossing the BBB into the brain parenchyma, where they promoted neuron recovery, reduced apoptosis, and inhibited oxidative stress [31, 32]. Additionally, MSC-EVs have been used in TBI swine and rat models, leading to increased angiogenesis and neurogenesis, as well as reduced inflammation [33, 34].

Despite their potential, MSC-EVs face significant manufacturing challenges. Their quality and bioactivity are influenced by factors such as parent cell conditions (i.e., cellular confluence, passage number, oxygen concentration, cytokines exposure, and medium composition), EV storage conditions (i.e., storage buffer, storage time and temperature), and isolation method (i.e., ultracentrifugation, tangential flow filtration, size exclusion chromatography) [35-38]. MSC-EV's intrinsic variability, due to their heterogeneous cell source, complicates their mechanism of

action [35] and leads to variability in batch preparations bioactivity [39]. Furthermore, most MSC-EVs are isolated from MSCs cultured in 2D environments, limiting scalability [35]. A major challenge is the absence of standardized protocols for producing MSC-EVs and assessing their bioactivity [35, 36, 39]. Although the International Society of Extracellular Vesicles (ISEV) provides recommendations for the definitions, isolation, and characterization of EVs comprehensive and standardized guidelines are still under development, which can pose challenges for consistent quality assessment [20, 35]. While the exact mechanisms by which MSC-EVs act in neurodegenerative diseases are still unclear, advances in systems biology, particularly in transcriptomics and proteomics, are beginning to clarify the functional components of EVs [40, 41]. To fully harness their therapeutic potential, standardized protocols and nonclinical *in vitro* and *in vivo* bioactivity assays must be established to reliably predict the efficacy of MSC-EVs in treating neurodegenerative diseases [35].

2.2 COMMON NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE MODELS

With the growing interest in MSC-EVs for neurodegenerative disease therapies, various nonclinical models have been developed to evaluate their therapeutic potential in both *in vivo* and *in vitro* settings (Figure 2.1). Since there is no standardization for assessing MSC-EV bioactivity, study parameters are Determined by individual researchers.

2.2.1 *In Vitro* Models for Neurodegenerative Disease

In vitro models, often paired with *in vivo* experiments, typically use simple monocultures to assess the therapeutic potential of MSC-EVs. Microglia and neuronal cultures are the most commonly used to model neurodegenerative diseases.

2.2.1.1 Microglia Cultures

Microglia, the central nervous system's resident immune cells, maintain homeostasis by clearing cellular debris, dying cells, misfolded proteins, and foreign substances while protecting neurons [42, 43]. However, they can also contribute to the progression of neurodegenerative diseases by releasing pro-inflammatory cytokines, chemokines, and ROS, as well as activating other resident brain cells and disrupting the BBB [43]. Given their central role in neuroinflammation, microglia are often used to assess MSC-EV applications for these conditions.

In intracerebral hemorrhage models, BV2 murine microglia treated with adipose-derived (Ad) MSC-EVs demonstrated a shift from lipopolysaccharide (LPS) treated pro-inflammatory M1 microglia to an anti-inflammatory M2 state [44]. Similarly, in PD models, bone marrow-derived (BM) MSC-EVs reduced the pro-inflammatory activation of LPS stimulated microglia [45]. In a microglial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) model, Ad-MSC-EVs shifted microglia from a proinflammatory M1 phase to an anti-inflammatory M2 phase and reduced their metabolic activity [46].

2.2.1.2 Neuron Cultures

Neurons are highly specialized cells within the nervous system that are responsible for sending and receiving signals for the regulation of movement, sensory input, and consciousness [47].

Neuronal cell death is a shared characteristic for all neurodegenerative diseases, however determining the exact cause of neuronal death has proved challenging [48]. As neurons are key indicators of neurodegenerative disease progression, they serve as an ideal cellular model for assessing the therapeutic efficacy of MSC-EVs.

In a PD study, SY5Y neurons were stimulated with 1-methyl-1-phenylpyridinium (MPP⁺) as an inflammatory model and treated with BM-MSC-EVs which were shown to attenuate SY5Y cell damage and apoptosis [45]. Another study explored MSC-EV bioactivity on hippocampal neurons after H₂O₂ stimulation to mimic seizures. They found that the MSC-EVs restored the neuronal structure and function and were able to decrease ROS generation and stress-associated molecular patterns [49]. In an AD study, Wharton's jelly-derived MSC-EVs were shown to protect hippocampal neurons from damage induced by amyloid beta oligomers [50].

2.2.1.3 Challenges of in vitro monocultures

In vitro models offer several advantages, including cost-effectiveness, the ability to be performed in a controlled environment and ease of reproducibility [51]. Both microglia and neurons have important roles in neuroinflammation and neurodegenerative disease, making them promising targets. However, culturing these cells *in vitro* lacks physiological relevance, as it removes both the 3D environment and complex tissue interactions that influence the mechanism by which MSC-EVs would be processed by these cells. Therefore, *in vivo* animal models are used to capture these complex interactions when assessing MSC-EV therapeutic potential.

2.2.2 In Vivo Models for Neurodegenerative Disease

Mice and rats are commonly used *in vivo* models for the assessment of MSC-EVs for neurodegenerative diseases, but porcine models are gaining popularity due to their closer genetic and anatomical similarities to humans (Figure 2.1).

2.2.2.1 Rodent Models

Rat and mouse models have been extensively used in biomedical research due to their physiological and genetic similarities to humans, combined with practical advantages such as their small size, short life cycle, and cost-effectiveness [52]. Additionally, their well-characterized genetic resources and ability to genetically engineer them for specific disease models make them valuable for studying neurodegenerative conditions [52].

In an AD model, Female Wistar albino mice were treated with LPS for one week, followed by BM-MSC-EVs [53]. The BM-MSC-EVs improved cognitive function in the AD mice, as shown by better performance in open-field and Y-maze tests, and reduced brain inflammation, evidenced by decreased tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- α), and increased interleukin 10 (IL-10) levels, and reduced levels of A β 1-42 and tau proteins [53]. In a SOD1(G93A) ALS murine model, Ad-MSC-EVs improved cognitive deficits, reduced glial cell activation, and provided neuroprotection to lumbar motor neurons and neuromuscular junctions [54].

Wistar rats with ouabain-induced focal brain injury were treated with BM-MSCs, which reduced microglia, macrophage, and astrocyte activation, decreased leukocyte extravasation, and lowered pro-inflammatory cytokine and chemokine levels [55]. In another study, BM-MSC-EVs were administered to PD rat models induced by rotenone over 35 days. After 3 weeks of treatment, the rats showed improved cognitive function, neuronal recovery, and reduced oxidative stress compared to the PD group [56]. A different study, Sprague-Dawley rats with A β 1-42-induced AD were treated with BM-MSC-EVs, leading to reduced A β deposition, plaques, and inflammatory cytokines, increased A β decomposition-related factors expression, improved cognition, enhanced neuron viability, and reduced apoptosis [57].

2.222 Porcine Models

While rodent models are commonly used, porcine models are gaining preference due to their genetic proximity to humans and the close similarity of their central nervous system (CNS), making them valuable for studying neurodegenerative diseases [58, 59]. Female Yorkshire swine were utilized as a model for severe TBI to evaluate the efficacy of a single-dose treatment of BM-MSC-EVs. The study demonstrated that MSC-EV treatment significantly reduced brain edema, lesion volume, and intracranial pressure, while also attenuating the expression of pro-inflammatory proteins [34]. In a separate TBI study using swine models, MSC-EV treatment was shown to enhance neurogenesis, promote neuron survival and differentiation, and reduce inflammation [60]. Additionally, in a study involving spinal cord injury in swine, the intrathecal administration of autologous MSC-EVs resulted in the restoration of motor function, reperfusion of neural tissue, and remyelination of axons [61].

2.2.2.3 Challenges of Animal Models

Although the use of *in vivo* models allows for the modeling of complex systems that are more physiologically relevant and translatable to humans than basic 2D models, they present several challenges. Animal studies are significantly costly in time and resources, and require high-level training [62]. In addition, although there have been great advances in the genetic modification of many animal models, many therapeutics that show promise in animal fail to translate to human trials [63]. Ethical concerns regarding animal research have also led to a growing movement towards developing more physiologically relevant *in vitro* models when possible. In 1959 the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare published the Principles of Human Experimental Technique which proposed the Three Rs; Replacement, Reduction and Refinement [64]. These

principles state that when possible animals must be replaced with insentient material, the minimal number of animals must be used, and the least harmful procedures must be applied [64].

2.3 MICROPHYSIOLOGICAL MODELS ADVANCING MSC-EV THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH FOR NEUROGENERATIVE DISEASES

Microphysiological systems (MPS) are increasingly recognized for their potential to simulate complex *in vivo* conditions in a controlled, reproducible manner. These microscale cell culture platforms can replicate key physiological parameters such as temperature, pH, mechanical forces, and biochemical stimuli, while incorporating elements like co-cultures, tissue explants, or organoids to model healthy and diseased tissues [65]. There are various types of MPS including but not limited to transwell, organoid, and microfluidic models (Figure 2.2). The flexibility of MPS models makes them especially useful for studying neurogenerative diseases, where they allow for a more accurate representation of cellular interactions and tissue responses than traditional 2D cultures.

2.3.1 Transwell Models

Transwell systems are simpler MPS setups that utilize permeable membranes to separate different cellular environments. They are often used to study cellular permeability and interactions across barriers, such as the BBB and neurovascular unit (NVU), which are critical in neurodegenerative disease like AD, PD, and Huntington's disease (HD). Although transwell models are useful for initial studies, they typically lack the full physiological complexity of other MPS types. For example, Stone et al. developed a human primary cell blood-brain barrier model using astrocytes, pericytes, endothelial cells, and neurons seeded on either side of a permeable membrane to mimic the neurovascular unit. Using this model, they found that their four-cell

model showed increased transendothelial electrical resistance (TEER) in response to dexamethasone, outperforming simpler two- or three-cell models [66]. Other transwell models aid in establishing interactions that cannot be discerned from basic 2D cultures. In an Alzheimer's model, brain endothelial cells were on the apical side, astrocytes on the basolateral side, and with neurons or neurons genetically modified to overexpress amyloid precursor proteins in the well. This model revealed significant decreases in tight junction proteins (ZO-1, claudin-5, occludin-1) in the AD model compared to the control aiding in the understanding of AD pathology [67]. Other transwell models are created with future therapeutic drug assessment in mind. For example, Cai et al., PD was modeled using primary endothelial cells from PD rats on the apical side and astroglia cells on the basolateral side showed irregular morphology, decreased TEER, and increased permeability, suggesting it could be useful for future drug testing in Parkinson's disease as the cellular phenotype and function was closer to *in vivo* conditions [68]. In another PD transwell model, neural stem cells effect on the activation of microglia under different treatments was used to determine the mechanism of action (MOA) finding that the overexpression of nuclear receptor-related protein 1 (Nurr1) may increase grafted NSC survival by attenuating microglia activation [69]. Transwell models have also been used to test different mechanical stimuli. Bolden et al., recapitulated the NVU using astrocytes, BM-MSCs and neurons whereby they moved the transwells into pressurized compartments to create distinct blood/brain environments and tested mechanical stimulus (wall sheer stress) for more accurate *in vitro* therapeutic testing for TBI [70].

2.3.2 Organoid Models

Organoids are another common model of MPS and are 3D structures that mimic the architecture and function of the specific tissue they are modeling. The ASTM International defines organoids

as an “*in vitro*, self-assembled, 3D micro-tissue or organ developed from stem cells that recapitulated tissue or organ micro-anatomy and functionality of *in vivo* tissues or organs” [71]. Organoids have been used to model various neurodegenerative diseases including AD, PD, and HD as the self-organization inherent in the creation of these models is believed to better recapitulate *in vivo* architecture and cell-cell interactions [72]. In AD models, induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) or ReN cells (neural progenitor cell line with the ability to differentiate) derived from AD patients or treated with familial Alzheimer’s Disease (FAD) mutations respectively were cultured to self-organize into neural organoids that had similar phenotypes and protein expression to AD [73, 74]. These models were able to recapitulate AD phenotypes such as amyloid and tau pathology with minimal external manipulation [73, 74]. Organoids in PD models have been able to recreate LRRK2-G2019S disease phenotypes allowing for the exploration of PD relevant pathophysiology [75, 76]. For HD, organoids have resulted in new insights into the disease pathology and physiological mechanisms. In one study researchers found that adding healthy cells interactions to a diseased model significantly improved HD cell phenotype and function, likely through receptor-ligand interactions facilitating cell-cell communication [77]. The study highlighted key pathways (e.g., NCAM1, CADM1) and underscored the importance of communication between healthy and diseased cells in HD pathology [77]. In another HD organoid study, the self-organization aspect allowed for the discovery that the Huntington mutation (muHTT) effects the development of neural progenitor cells leading to altered maturation and organization of neuronal tissue [78].

2.3.4 Microfluidic Models

Microfluidics are defined by the ASTM International as “the engineering or use of devices that apply fluid flow to channels generally smaller than 1mm but not smaller than 0.1µm, in at least

one dimension” [71]. Microfluidic devices are advantageous because they include increased complexity (biochemical, cellular, mechanical stimuli), repeatability, and controllability. MPS have been used in various neurodegenerative disease models. In an AD study, a 3D microfluidic triculture model, consisting of astrocytes, AD neurons, and microglia, was developed to investigate microglia accumulation mechanisms by isolating the initial locations of microglia and the neurons and astrocytes [79]. The model was further enhanced by integrating AD and inflammatory physiology to better mimic neural-glia interactions [79]. Cavaliere et al., used a microfluidic device with two compartments to study the transport and propagation of α -synuclein between neurons and astrocytes which is characteristic of AD [80]. With this model they were able to determine α -synuclein’s effect on neurons and astrocytes [80]. Another study developed a microfluidic channeled device to create a concentration gradient of rapamycin to determine its therapeutic effect on TDP-43 aggregates associated with ALS [81]. They found that the optimal rapamycin concentration for treating an ALS phenotype ranged from 0.4-1.0 μ M [81]. This culture system was extremely advantageous because it allowed for the testing of multiple rapamycin concentrations within the same culture experiment, increasing throughput and repeatability [81].

2.3.5 MSC-EV Evaluation in MPS

Although there are no published studies, we are aware of, that are exploring the bioactivity of MSC-EVs in the context of neurodegenerative disease in MPS models, the potential is clear. MSC-EVs have shown bioactivity in other MPS applications, such as liver and lung disease models. For example, liver spheroids and organoids are being used to assess both human umbilical cord derived MSC-EVs and placenta derived (PI) MSC-EVs for hepatic fibrosis [82, 83]. Chiabotto et al., found that both BM-MSCs and umbilical cord (UC)-MSCs suppressed

fibrosis in their liver spheroids reflected by the suppression of TGF- β 1 cellular activation and fibrotic marker expression [82]. Similarly, another study found that PI-MSC-EVs rescued fibrotic phenotypes in transforming growth factor beta (TGF- β 1) stimulated organoids consisting of hepatocytes, hepatic stellate cells, Kupffer cells, and liver sinusoidal endothelial cells through decreasing hepatic stellate cell activation, inhibiting epithelial-mesenchymal transition and stabilizing E-cadherin [83]. MSC-EV therapeutic effects have also been explored in both liver and lung microfluidic models. Chen et al., developed a microchip device consisting of two microchannels separated by a polyethylene terephthalate membrane to assess perfusion between their engineered alveolar-capillary barrier under normal and inflammatory (LPS) conditions for the assessment of UC-MSC-EVs as a therapeutic [84]. They were able to determine that the UC-MSC-EVs restored the alveolar-capillary barrier function reflected in inhibition of cell death and preservation of junctional proteins including VE-cadherin and occludin [84]. In other models, combine both different model types in addition to multiple systems to recreate physiological conditions as closely as possible. In another study, liver organoids and a 2D kidney tubules were integrated into a microfluidic device to allow for constant media flow between the cellular models to determine MSC-EV systemic therapeutic application in an *in vitro* model [85]. During this study, they found that the MSC-EVs accumulated in both the kidney tubules and the liver organoids thereby mimicking the biodistribution seen *in vivo* [85]. Although not specific to neurodegenerative diseases, these examples demonstrate the potential of MSC-EVs as a therapeutic across various MPS platforms and offer valuable insight into the discoveries that could emerge from studying MSC-EVs in neurodegenerative MPS models.

2.3.6 Challenges and Benefits of MPS

MPS models offer several advantages over traditional 2D cultures and even some animal models. These systems allow for the integration of physical, mechanical, electrical and biochemical stimuli in a controlled environment [65]. This ability to reconstruct complex and dynamic pathophysiological environments in 3D provides MPS models with an advantage over 2D models when studying physiological interactions [86]. However, MPSs may not be able to recreate the full complexity of *in vivo* animal models but can address many of their challenges. For example, MPSs can often recreate regions of the brain that would be otherwise unreachable as well as create systems that are more biologically relevant for testing of human therapeutic products [87]. These models also provide researchers with the ability to specifically target MOAs of interest and discover mechanisms that would otherwise not be observable in simple *in vitro* models or *in vivo* models. MPS models are reproducible, efficient, include relevant tissue complexity able to replace animal studies making them an ideal model for testing therapeutics [87]. However, further validation and qualification are necessary before MPS can be widely adopted for therapeutic assessment.

2.4 REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS FOR MSC-EVS

As MSC-EVs are derived from cells, they are classified as biological products. Although there is no standardized regulatory framework for EVs, existing guidance for cellular products is relevant to their development and bioactivity assessment. According to FDA recommendations, all cellular products must undergo thorough qualification and validation, with key factors like potency, safety, and efficacy evaluated in the context of their intended therapeutic use. As per 21 CFR 600.3(s), potency is defined “as the specific ability or capacity of the product as indicated by appropriate laboratory tests or by adequately controlled clinical data obtained through the administration of the product in the manner intended, to effect a given result” [88]. Potency

assurance must be achieved through a qualified and validated assay that measures parameters relevant to the biologic's intended purpose [89]. Critical quality attributes (CQAs), which are critical for achieving the desired therapeutic effect, are often used to consistently assess potency [88]. However, identifying these CQAs can be challenging when the mechanism of action (MOA) is either not fully understood or is highly complex, as is the case with MSC-EVs [90]. Because MSC-EVs' bioactivity and MOA are still in early stages of research, determining the appropriate assays to qualify and validate their potency remains an urgent need. Current nonclinical models aim to clarify the MOA of MSC-EVs and, in turn, identify relevant CQAs. However, due to the unique nature of EVs, many unknowns remain. Developing more sophisticated *in vitro* models may provide insights into the potential MOAs of MSC-EVs in neurodegenerative diseases and aid in establishing standardized assays for potency and bioactivity assessment.

2.5 CONCLUSION

The growing prevalence of neurodegenerative diseases underscores the urgent need for effective therapies that target the underlying pathology. MSC-EVs present a promising treatment option due to their immunomodulatory properties, which can address the shared neuroinflammatory conditions across neurodegenerative diseases. Moreover, MSC-EVs offer advantages over cellular therapies, such as overcoming many of the logistical and safety challenges associated with cell-based treatments. However, significant challenges remain, particularly in understanding the MOA of MSC-EVs, as well as establishing standardized protocols for their manufacturing and potency assessment. To move MSC-EVs closer to clinical application, there is a critical need to qualify and validate these products as neurodegenerative therapeutics. Currently, the field relies heavily on 2D monoculture and *in vivo* animal studies for bioactivity assessment. While

2D models are useful for isolating specific mechanisms, they fail to account for the complexity of cellular interactions in a more physiologically relevant environment (Figure 2.3). *In vivo* models, although more dynamic, often present difficulties when translating findings to human systems. MPSs offer a promising alternative by providing a complex and physiologically relevant environment, while still enabling high-throughput testing in controlled settings. MPSs allow scientists to investigate specific cellular interactions and MOAs that would be difficult to identify using traditional models. Given that MSC-EVs' MOA is still poorly understood, MPS will play a crucial role in uncovering relevant therapeutic mechanisms, guiding the development of assays for potency assessment, and contributing to eventual standardization (Figure 2.3). By advancing potency assessments and standardization efforts, MSC-EVs will be one step closer to becoming a qualified and validated therapeutic product for neurodegenerative diseases.

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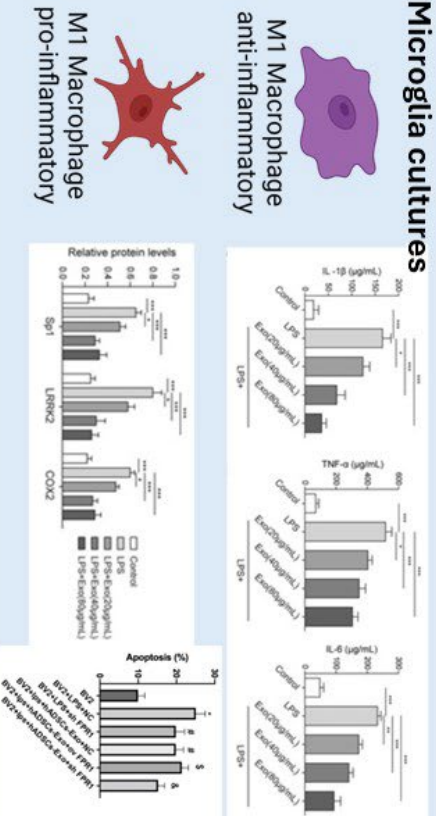
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Therapy Type	Disease/Condition	MSC Origin	Autologous or Allogeneic	Route of Administration	Trial Phase	Status	Location	Clinical Trials.gov ID	Study Title	
MSCs	Alzheimer's Disease	Adipose Tissue	Allogeneic	nasal drip	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Unknown	China	NC104399982	The Safety and the Efficacy/Evaluation of Allogeneic Adipose MSC-Evcs in Patients With Alzheimer's Disease	
			Allogeneic	Intraventricular injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Completed	South Korea	NC103172117	Follow-up Study of Safety and Efficacy in Subjects Who Completed NEUROSTEM [®] Phase-III Clinical Trial.	
		Umbilical Cord	Allogeneic	Intraventricular injection	NA	Unknown	South Korea	NC101696591	The Long-Term Safety and Efficacy Follow-up Study of Subjects Who Completed the Phase I Clinical Trial of Neurostem	
			Allogeneic	Intraventricular injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Completed	South Korea	NC1020584208	Safety and Efficacy Study of NEUROSTEM [®] Versus Placebo in Patients With Alzheimer's Disease	
		Adipose Tissue	Allogeneic	Intraventricular injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Unknown	China	NC101547899	Safety and Efficacy of Umbilical Cord-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells(UC-MSC) in Patients With Alzheimer's Disease	
			Allogeneic	Intraventricular injection	NA	Unknown	South Korea	NC104954534	Exploratory Efficacy Study of NEUROSTEM [®] in Subjects Who Control Group of NEUROSTEM	
			Autologous	Intrathecal injection	Phase 2	Active, not recruiting	USA	NC103268603	Intrathecal Autologous Adipose-derived Mesenchymal Stromal Cells for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	
			Autologous	Intravenous injection	NA	No longer available	USA	NC104514952	Individual Patient Expanded Access (IND) of Autologous HBsdMSCs for the Treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	
		Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	Bone Marrow	Autologous	Injection into cerebrospinal fluid	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Completed	NA	NC104821479	Repeated Mesenchymal Stem Cell Injections in ALS
			Bone Marrow	Autologous	Injection into cerebrospinal fluid	Phase 1	Unknown	NA	NC102981489	Autologous Bone Marrow Mesenchymal Stem Cells in the Treatment of Patients With Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Hereditary Ataxia	Wharton's Jelly	Allogeneic	Injection into cerebrospinal fluid	Phase 1	Unknown	NA	NC102981476	Therapeutic Treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis		
	Not Specified	Autologous	Intrathecal injection	Phase 1	Completed	Brazil	NC102987413	Expanded Application of Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Patients		
MSC-EVs	Multiple System Atrophy	Umbilical Cord	Autologous	Intrathecal and intravenous injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Unknown	China	NC101560164	Safety and Efficacy of Umbilical Cord Mesenchymal Stem Cell Therapy for Patients With Hereditary Ataxia	
		Not Specified	Allogeneic	Intrathecal injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Active, not recruiting	USA	NC102319207	Mesenchymal Stem Cell Therapy in Multiple System Atrophy	
		Adipose Tissue	Autologous	Intravenous injection	NA	NA	USA	NC104772378	Intermediate Size Patient Population Expanded Access (IND) for the Treatment of Patients With Parkinson's Disease.	
		Bone Marrow	Allogeneic	Intravenous injection	Phase 1	Completed	USA	NC10261167	Allogeneic Bone Marrow-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cell Therapy for Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease.	
		Bone Marrow	Autologous	Intravenous injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Unknown	China	NC101446514	Mesenchymal Stem Cells Transplantation to Patients With Parkinson's Disease	
		Bone Marrow	Autologous	Intra-arterial injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Unknown	Italy	NC101824121	Clinical Trial to Evaluate Bone Marrow Stem Cell Therapy for PSP - a Rare Form of Parkinsonism	
		Umbilical Cord	Autologous	Intrathecal and intravenous injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Unknown	Jordan	NC103694122	Use of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) Differentiated into Neural Stem Cells (NSCs) in People With Parkinson's (PD).	
		Umbilical Cord	Not Specified	Intravenous injection	Phase 1	Unknown	China	NC103550183	Umbilical Cord Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells Therapy in Parkinson's Disease	
		Progressive Supranuclear Palsy	Not Specified	Allogeneic	Not Specified	Phase 2	Completed	USA	NC104506073	Phase III Randomized Placebo Controlled Trial: Mesenchymal Stem Cells as a Disease-modifying Therapy for Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease
		MSC-EVs	Acute Liver Failure	Not Specified	Allogeneic	Injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Withdrawn	China	NC105940610
Umbilical Cord	Allogeneic			Intratracheal administration	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Recruiting	Belgium, Italy	NC106279741	Safety and Efficacy of MSC-EVs in the Prevention of BPD in Extremely Preterm Infants	
Umbilical Cord	Allogeneic			Nebulization therapy	Early Phase 1	Recruiting	China	NC105908400	Safety and Efficacy of Umbilical Cord Mesenchymal Stem Cell Exosomes in Treating Chronic Cough After COVID-19	
Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa	Not Specified			Allogeneic	Injection into wound site	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Not yet Recruiting	NA	MSC-EVs in Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa	
Hearing Loss	Umbilical Cord			Not Specified	Added during cochlear implantation	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Not yet Recruiting	NA	Intracochlear Application of VSF1.01 for the Reduction of Cochlear Implant Surgery Related Trauma	
Premature Ovarian Failure	Bone Marrow			Allogeneic	Intravaginal injection	Phase 1 and Phase 2	Recruiting	Iran	Intra-ovarian Injection of MSC-EV _s in Idiopathic Premature Ovarian Failure	

Table 2.1 Current MSC and MSC-EV Clinical Trials. This table provides a comprehensive overview of ongoing clinical trials involving mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) for neurodegenerative diseases, as well as current clinical trials utilizing MSC-derived extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs).

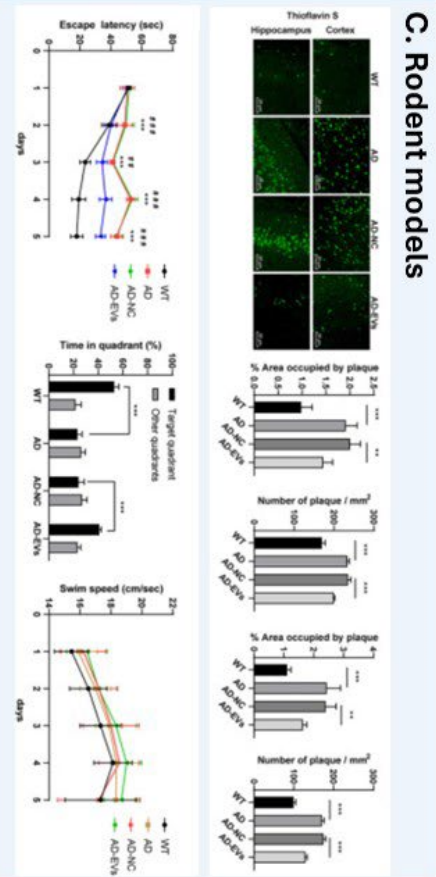
In vitro

A. Microglia cultures

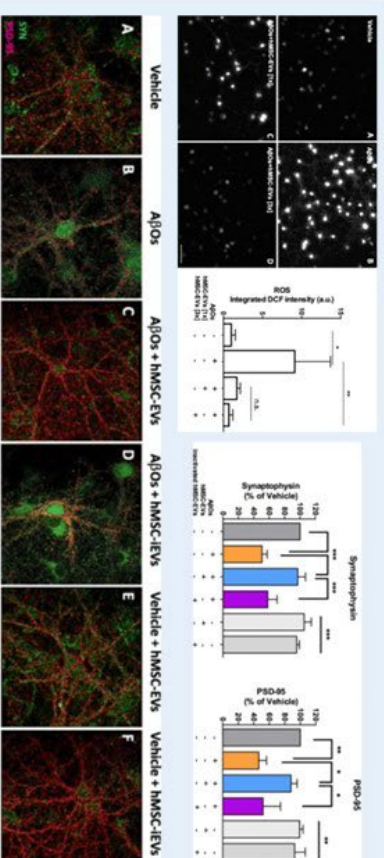


In vivo

C. Rodent models



B. Neuron cultures



D. Porcine models

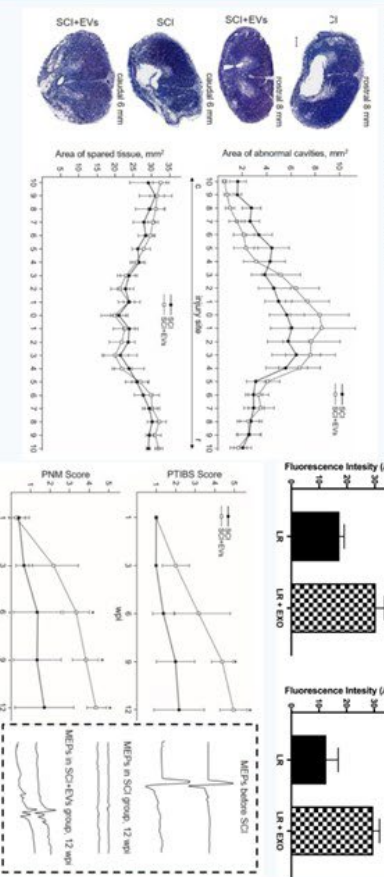
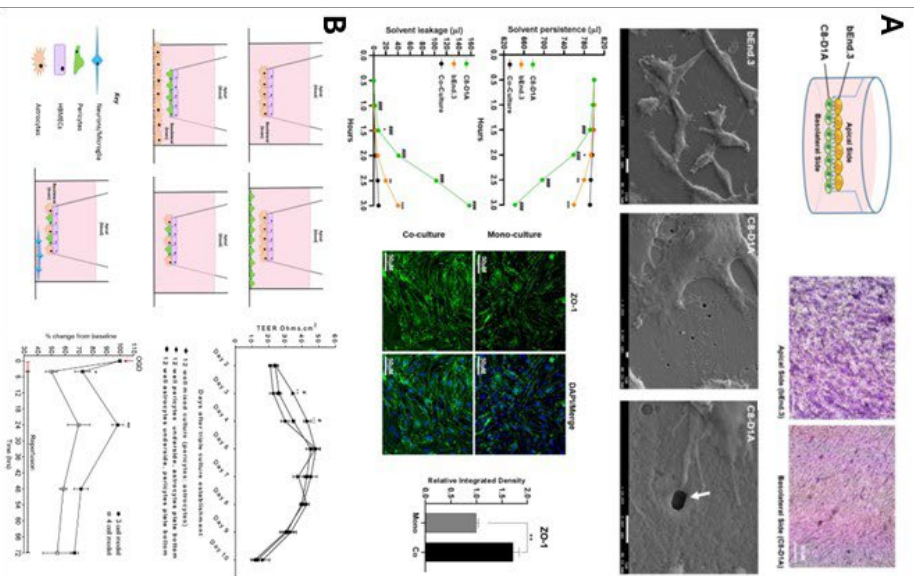
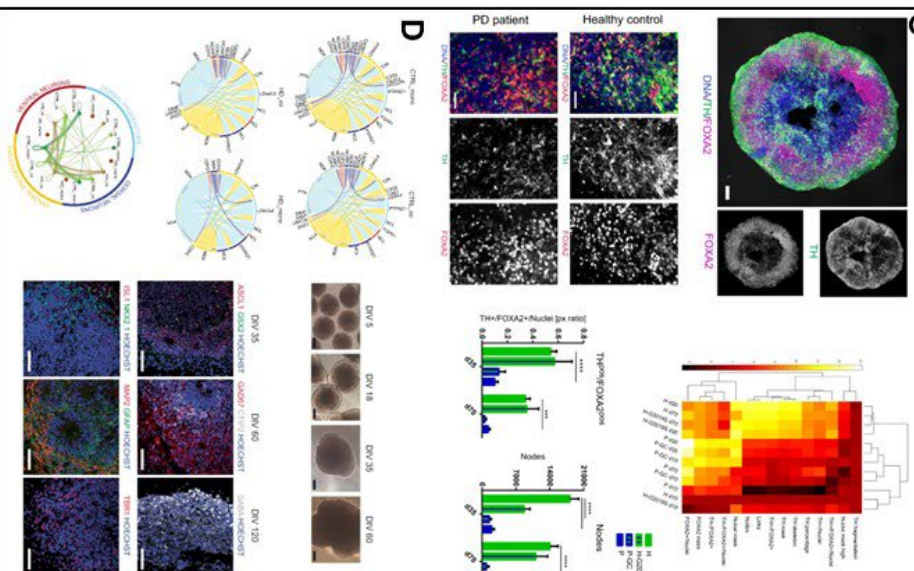


Figure 2.1 Current Common Neurodegenerative Disease Models. This figure illustrates commonly used *in vitro* and *in vivo* models for evaluating MSC-derived extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) (MSC-EVs) **A)** Microglia monocultures stimulated with LPS to induce an inflammatory response were treated with MSC-EVs, which attenuated microglia activation, as evidenced by changes in protein secretion levels and decreased microglia apoptosis compared to untreated inflammatory conditions [44, 45] (Source: Reproduced and edited with permission, 2024 Elsevier and 2024 Oxford University Press, respectively) . **B)** *In vitro* AD neuron monoculture models, MSC-EVs were internalized by neurons, reducing reactive oxygen species, increasing synaptic protein expression, and improving neuron morphology [50] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0) <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). **C)** In an AD rat model, MSC-EVs significantly reduced plaque prevalence in both the cortex and hippocampus. Moreover, rats treated with MSC-EVs exhibited superior performance in behavioral tests compared to AD controls [57] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0). **D)** In a spinal cord injury porcine model, MSC-EVs reduced the extent of damaged and abnormal tissue and restored neuronal motor evoked potentials [61] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0)).

Transwell Models



Organoid Models



Microfluidic Models

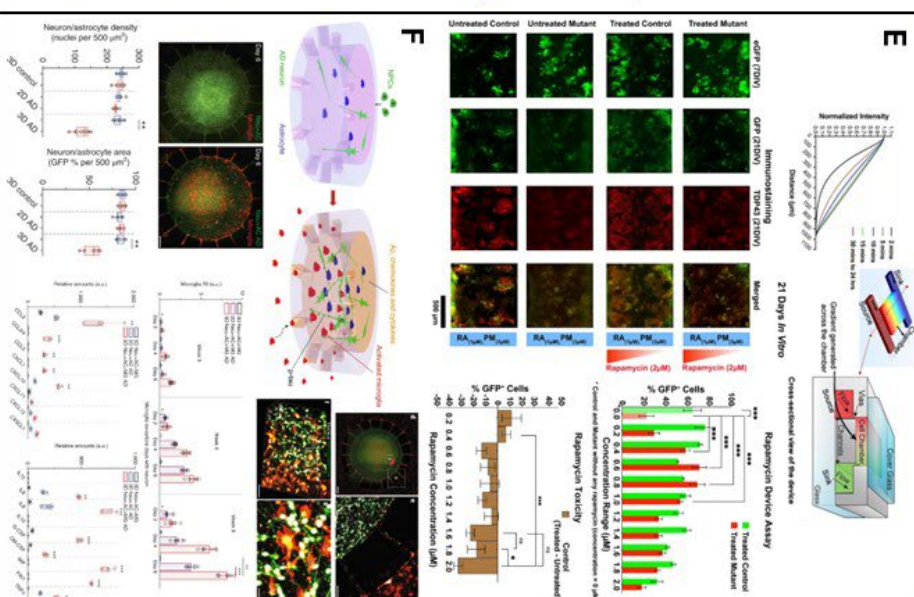


Figure 2.2. Microphysiological models for neurodegenerative diseases. **A)** Transwell model showing astrocytes co-culture decreasing barrier permeability and increasing ZO-1 expression [66]. **B)** Transwell co-cultures optimizing barrier model seeding configurations under normal and OGD conditions [67] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0) <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). **C)** Midbrain organoid model of Parkinson's disease, revealing phenotypic and genotypic differences in LRRK2-G2019S mutation lines and isogenic controls [75] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0)). **D)** Telencephalic organoid for Huntington's disease, demonstrating cellular interactions in different growth conditions [77] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0)). **E)** Microfluidic model testing rapamycin concentration on ALS-related TDP-43 aggregates [81] (Distributed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0)). **F)** Microfluidic device studying neural-glia interactions in Alzheimer's disease, showing microglial activation and migration [79] (Source: Reproduced and edited with permission, 2018 Springer Nature America).

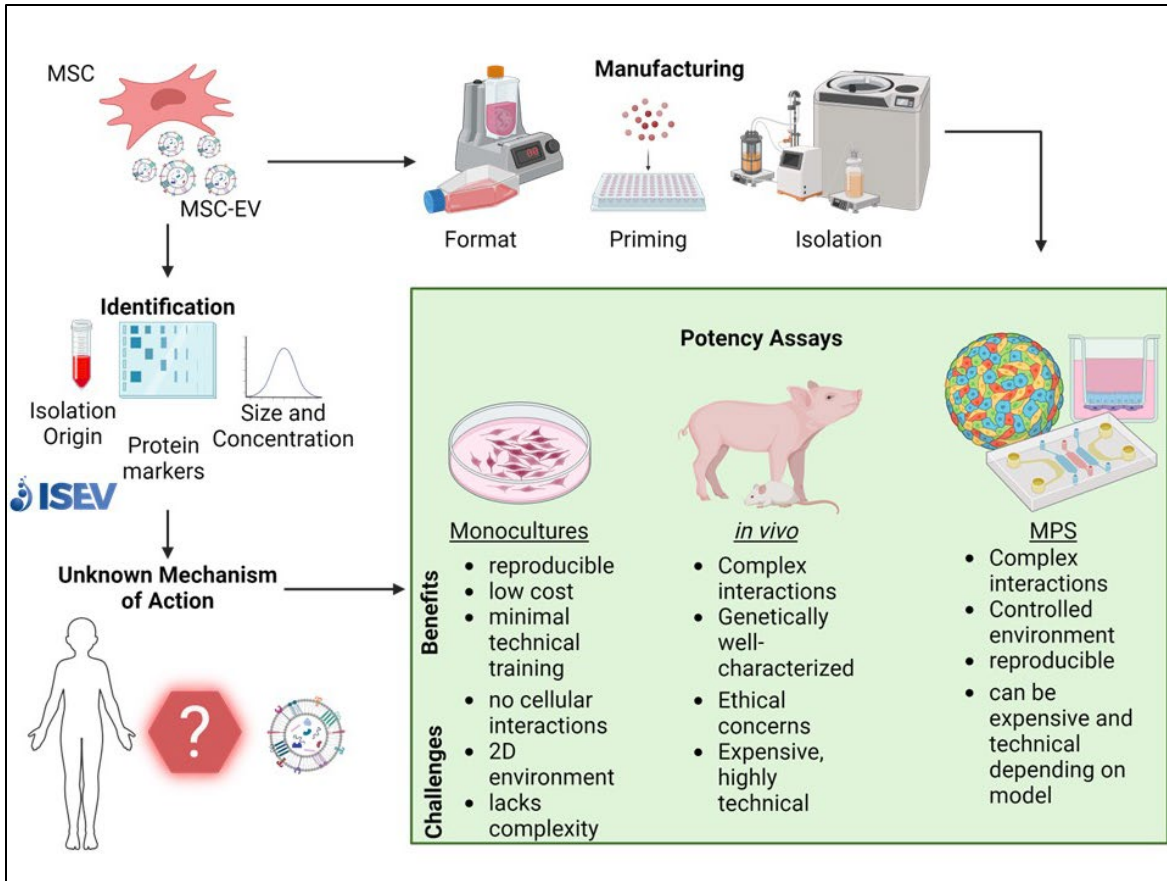


Figure 2.3. Potency Assays for MSC-EV Clinical Approval. The inherent heterogeneity of MSCs and MSC-EVs poses challenges in meeting regulatory requirements. Potency assays are critical for assessing both their mechanism of action and manufacturing processes. Each approach—monocultures, *in vivo* animal studies, and microphysiological systems (MPS)—offers distinct advantages and challenges.

CHAPTER 3

DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH THROUGHPUT MORPHOLOGICAL ASSAY TO ASSESS MESENCHYMAL STROMAL CELL EXTRACELLULAR VESICLE MODULATION OF PERICYTE SECRETION OF CHEMOKINES AND CYTOKINES¹

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3.1 ABSTRACT

Mesenchymal stromal cell-derived extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) are a promising therapeutic that could help treat various neurodegenerative diseases. Neuroinflammation plays a major role in many of these diseases through an orchestration of interdependent processes that lead to the breakdown of the blood brain barrier (BBB), infiltration of immune cells and neuronal death. MSC-EVs have shown preliminary evidence of modulating neuroinflammation, but their mechanisms of action (MOA) are still unknown. We therefore explored the ability of MSC-EVs to modulate human brain pericytes, a cell-type that plays a critical role in BBB maintenance but has not been previously investigated as a therapeutic target of MSC-EVs. Brain pericytes are multifaceted cells that modulate neuroinflammation through their involvement in BBB homeostasis, as well as the innate and adaptive immune response. Pericyte morphology has been shown to change *in vivo* and this behavior was used to inform development of a quantitative morphological profiling approach to assess MSC-EV bioactivity in a rapid, high-throughput, low-cost manner. Using this assay, we were able to demonstrate that MSC-EVs manufactured in different conditions (flasks, bioreactors, and in response to priming) could induce distinct pericyte morphological responses indicative of changes in secretion of chemokines and cytokines relevant to neuroinflammation.

3.2 INTRODUCTION

Neurodegenerative diseases result in the loss of functional and cognitive abilities due to neuronal death [1]. While these diseases present diverse underlying pathologies, each presenting a unique challenge for therapeutic development, neuroinflammation is a common hallmark of many of them [2]. Neuroinflammation is an immune system response to inflammation located in the

central nervous system and includes interaction of various cell types and signaling molecules [3]. During homeostatic conditions, neuroinflammation serves a beneficial role to protect and maintain normal brain function. However, when neuroinflammation becomes chronic and/or dysregulated this results in tissue damage and the onset/progression of disease pathology [4]. Neuroinflammation maintains neuronal health by regulating the recognition, trafficking, and elimination of pathogens and unwanted host material. Neuroinflammation can include the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines, activation of immune cells, the breakdown of the vasculature, and neuronal death [5]. Neuroinflammation is often associated with the breakdown of the blood-brain barrier (BBB), which is the interface between the blood and brain parenchyma [5]. The BBB's main role is to maintain homeostasis through the regulation of the passage of molecules across the blood-brain interface [6]. The BBB is made of multiple cell types including pericytes, astrocytes, and brain endothelial (BMEC) cells [6].

Mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) are a promising therapeutic for inflammatory diseases due to their established immunomodulatory function. In terms of neuroinflammation, MSCs have shown promise in treating neurodegenerative diseases such as traumatic brain injury (TBI), Alzheimer's disease (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), and stroke [7-10]. However, due to the tightly regulated nature of the BBB, MSCs cannot readily enter the brain parenchyma when administered intravenously into blood circulation with most injected MSCs becoming trapped in the lungs [11]. Additionally, local intracranial administration of MSCs comes with inherent risks such as harmful MSC differentiation or formation of ectopic tissue [12, 13]. Finally, MSC functional heterogeneity has posed significant challenge in comprehending both their mechanism of action (MOA) and any associated safety concerns.

MSC-derived extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) can overcome many of the challenges associated with MSCs. MSC-EVs are lipid-membrane bound structures secreted by MSCs that contain bioactive molecules such as proteins, metabolites, lipids, and nucleic acids [14]. Because they are non-replicative and small size (~30-1000s of nm in diameter), MSC-EVs do not have the inherent risks of tumorigenicity, or thrombosis associated with MSCs [15, 16]. Importantly, MSC-EVs can readily cross the BBB and their cargo (e.g., tetraspanins, receptors, integrins, lipids, miRNA, etc.) has been shown to possess similar immunomodulatory functions as their parent MSCs [14, 17, 18]. Like MSCs, MSC-EV immunomodulatory function can be controlled through priming whereby MSCs are exposed to inflammatory-relevant signals (e.g. cytokines, hypoxia, low pH) for a short period of time (1-3 days) [19]. For example, one study found that MSCs primed with reduced serum and 1% oxygen for 48 hours induced cellular proliferation and increased secretion of proteins with mitogenic and neurotrophic functions [20]. Another study illustrated how priming bone marrow MSCs using hypoxia induced MSCs with increased angiogenic potential [21]. Although these studies provide promising preliminary evidence of the effects of manufacturing (priming conditions) on MSC-EV function relevant to neuroinflammation, there are no standardized approaches for assessing bioactivity. The current recommendations of the International Society of Extracellular Vesicles (ISEV) focus primarily on EV identification with no specific recommendations regarding bioactivity [22]. In some cases, EV bioactivity is assessed *in vivo* and using comprehensive multi-omics approaches, but these approaches can be high-cost, low-throughput, time-intensive, and difficult to standardize.

Pericytes are multipotent cells located throughout the basement membrane of the vasculature. Pericytes are heterogeneous in origin, tissue distribution, morphology, and play a critical role in the progression of neuroinflammation because of the regulation and proximity to the BBB. They

assist in the regulation of vasculature including angiogenesis and capillary blood flow, as well as the regeneration of function and structure in damaged parts of the CNS [23, 24]. They also regulate many aspects of the immune response including leukocyte extravasation, inflammation induced BBB distribution, clearance of waste products, propagation of peripheral and central inflammation, polarization of the inflammatory cells in the BBB and brain parenchyma, and the adaptive and innate immune response [25-30]. This multifaceted role makes pericytes an attractive cell-type for modeling neuroinflammation and screening potential therapies. Of note, no studies exist demonstrating the effects of MSC-EVs on pericytes although pericytes have been explored as a target for other drug therapies [31]. *In vivo*, pericytes morphologically respond to inflammation often becoming activated and migrating away from site of chronic inflammation. For example, in response to human penetrating cortical injury, pericytes were found to migrate away from the vessels [32, 33]. MSCs also morphologically respond to inflammation (in the form of cytokine priming) and we have previously shown this morphological change can both predict a given MSC batch's bioactivity, as well as screen priming conditions to optimize MSC manufacturing [34]. For example, a morphological screen of MSCs primed with different combination of interferon gamma (IFN- γ) and tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF α) identified optimal IFN- γ / TNF- α priming conditions that enhanced MSC function in terms of T cell suppression [35].

Previous work suggests pericytes and MSCs are phenotypically similar, and we hypothesized that a similar morphological profiling approach with pericytes could be used as an indicator of pericyte response to inflammation (*in vitro* model) and MSC-EV bioactivity [36, 37]. Therefore, we developed a high content imaging-based 2D pericyte based morphological assay to assess the effect of manufacturing conditions (flask vs bioreactor, priming, microcarrier density) on MSC-

EV bioactivity. TNF- α was used as a ‘neuroinflammation relevant signal’ to stimulate pericytes as it plays a role in neuroinflammation associated with many neurodegenerative diseases (i.e., AD, Ischemic stroke, TBI). Here we show comprehensive single cell morphological profiling of pericyte response to TNF α and multiple batches of MSC-EVs, as well as the association of these morphological responses to a targeted secretome panel of cytokines and chemokines.

3.3 MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.3.1 Pericyte Expansion and Cryopreservation

Human brain pericytes (gifted from the Grimsey lab at University of Georgia (ScienCell)) were expanded in Pericyte Complete Medium (ScienCell) on T175 flasks at 3500 cells/cm² coated with 1% (w/w) poly-d-lysine (PDL) (Sigma) for four passages with TrypLE (Gibco) used to harvest cells at the end of each passage upon reaching 80-90% confluency. At passage four, pericytes were cryopreserved in alpha-MEM with 5% dimethylsulfide (DMSO) (Sigma-Aldrich).

3.3.2 MSC-EV Manufacturing

Human bone marrow derived MSC line RB71 was expanded according to the RoosterBio protocol previously described [35] and then cryopreserved at passage 2. One frozen vial containing 10⁶ MSCs was seeded into T225 flasks at a seeding density of 4,444 cells/cm² in RoosterNourish-MSX and cultured to 80% confluency. For flask MSC-EV manufacturing, the MSCs were passaged into T175 flasks at a seeding density of 714 cells/cm². For the bioreactor group, MSCs were passaged into 0.5L spinning wheel bioreactors (PBS Biotech) with 0.4g Corning Synthemax II polystyrene microcarriers. These MSCs were expanded in their respective vessels following protocols from PBS Biotech and RoosterBio. The MSCs were then

primed in RoosterCollect-EV with control and priming conditions. The MSC-EVs were collected from the supernatant using an adapted 2-step ultracentrifuge protocol[38]. The supernatant was first filtered through a 0.2µm filter and then centrifuged at 133,900 xg (Soorvall WX ultracentrifuge, ThermoFisher; Fiberlite F37L-8x100 Fixed-Angle Rotor, ThermoFisher, k factor=224; PC Bottle Assembly 70mL, ThermoFisher) for 1 hour at 4°C. The MSC-EV pellet was then resuspended in cold PBS-/- and then centrifuged again in micro-ultracentrifuge tubes (PC Thickwall 4mL, ThermoFisher) at 140,000xg (Sorvall MX 150+ Micro-Ultracentrifuge, ThermoFisher; S110-AT Fixed-Angle Rotor, ThermoFisher, k factor=76) for 1 hour at 4°C. The EV pellets were then resuspended at a 37.5X concentration in cold PBS-/. The prepared EVs were then stored at -80°C until used.

3.3.3 Pericyte Morphological Assay

A T175 flask was coated with 1% (w/w) poly-d-lysine (PDL) for 24 hours at 4°C. After, the flask was washed with PBS three times to get rid of excess PDL and 35 mL of pericyte medium (Sciencell) was added. 10⁶ previously frozen human brain pericytes (Sciencell) were thawed and seeded on the coated T175 flask. A flat-bottomed 96-well plate (Corning, Cat # 3599) was coated with 1% (w/w) poly-d-lysine (PDL) for 24 hours at 4°C. Once the pericytes reached 80-90% confluency (3 days) they were harvested using TrypLE (Gibco) and were seeded at 2,500 cells/cm² for 24 hours in 100 µL of pericyte complete medium in the prepared 96-well plate. After 24 hours, 50% of the media (50 µL) was aspirated from each well. Then 50 µL of pericyte medium only ('unstimulated') or 50 µL of pericyte medium containing 50 ng/mL TNF-α (Gibco, PHC3015) ('stimulated') were added to appropriate wells and pericytes incubated for an additional 24 hours. For MSC-EV treated pericyte groups, MSC-EVs were added concurrently with 100 ng/mL of TNF-α (50 ng/mL final concentration due to half media change) in pericyte

media to the appropriate wells. We fixed samples using 4% paraformaldehyde (Electron Microscopy Sciences) and stained with Hoechst [10 μ g/mL] (Invitrogen) and Fluorescein maleimide [20 μ M] (ThermoFisher) in PBS-/- (Gibco) for nuclear and cytoplasm morphology, respectively as done in Klinker et al [39]. Pericytes were imaged using Cytation 5 High Content Imaging system (Agilent) and a Ti-Eclipse (Nikon) with the imaging system indicated in each figure legend. We imaged 50% of every well using a 6x6 montage at 10X magnification. These images were processed on a single-cell basis for over 96 different nuclear and cytoplasmic morphological features using CellProfiler pipeline (Supplemental Figure 3.1), however, we focused primarily on the 21 features established in Klinker et al. A table summarizing and defining all morphological features quantified in this study can be found in Supplemental Table 3.1.

3.3.4 Pericyte Secretome

Pericytes were cultured on a PDL coated 96-well flat-bottomed plate at a density of 22,580 cells/cm² for 24 hours in pericyte media. After 24 hours, 50% of the media (50 μ L) was aspirated from each well. Then 50 μ L of pericyte medium only ('unstimulated') or 50 μ L of pericyte medium containing 50 ng/mL TNF- α (Gibco, PHC3015) ('stimulated') were added to appropriate wells and pericytes incubated for an additional 24 hours. For MSC-EV treated pericyte groups, MSC-EVs were added concurrently with 100 ng/mL of TNF- α (50 ng/mL final concentration due to half media change) in pericyte media to the appropriate wells. Pericyte conditioned medium was collected from n=3 wells per experimental group and stored at -80°C. Frozen CM samples were shipped on dry ice to RayBiotech (Norcross, GA) for secretome analysis using the 200plex quantibody Array (Q400). Differentially secreted proteins of interest

were analyzed using STRING database (<https://string-db.org/>) to identify significantly enriched pathways.

3.3.5 Data Analysis and Statistics

Singe cell morphological data is presented on a median-per-well basis and summarizes data from at least 300 cells per well. All data and statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism v10.

3.4 RESULTS

3.4.1 Stimulated Pericytes become larger and more complex with TNF α stimulation

Human brain pericytes (Supplemental Figure 3.2) were first identified using three known pericyte markers including nuclear factor-kappa-light-chain enhancer of activated B cells (NF κ B), Alpha Smooth Muscle Actin (α -SMA), and platelet-derived growth factor beta (PDGFR β). The pericytes were expanded until passage 4 and seeded into a 96-well plate coated with PDL and treated with and without [50ng/mL] TNF- α . Qualitatively, we observed that stimulated pericyte morphology is different than that of unstimulated pericytes (Figure 3.1A) as reflected in the significant and quantifiable change of multiple morphological features including perimeter, major axis length, compactness, form factor and aspect ratio (Figure 3.1B). The stimulated pericytes increased significantly in perimeter and major axis length illustrating an overall increase in size. In addition, pericytes decreased in form factor and increased in compactness that indicates an overall increase in complexity of morphology. An increase in aspect ratio is indicative of a more elongated morphology which coincides with the observed increase in major axis length. These were the only features that consistently changed over

multiple experiments. These characteristic morphological responses were observed over four independent experiments.

3.4.2 Change in pericyte morphology reflected by change in secretion

In addition to the morphological profiling, we performed quantitative secretome profiling on unstimulated and stimulated pericytes (Figure 3.2). Pericytes were cultured on a 96-well plate with and without TNF- α stimulation, after which the supernatant was collected and analyzed using the RayBiotech Array Q4000. 81 total proteins were detected as secreted by pericytes at levels above the pericyte medium only control and were used for further analysis. Hierarchical clustering illustrated the distinct secretion profiles of unstimulated (-CTL) and stimulated (+CTL) [50ng/mL] TNF- α pericyte groups (Figure 3.2A). STRING analysis of the 24 differentially expressed proteins highlighted several proteins that were highly connected (based on node degree) such as IL-6, ICAM1, and CXCL10 (Figure 3.2B). Of the 24 differentially expressed proteins, TNF- α resulted in increased production of 17 proteins and decreased production of 7 proteins (Figure 3.2C). Pathway analysis using STRING revealed these proteins were associated with distinct categories such as cell morphology (directly related to our initial hypothesis), regulation of cell activation/differentiation, regulation of chemotaxis, regulation of growth survival, and well-known signaling pathways. Notably, many of these processes included immune cell-types (T cells, B cells, glial cells) that play a role in the onset and progression of neuroinflammation.

3.4.3 MSC-EV treatment modulates pericyte morphology

After establishing the pericyte controls with and without TNF- α stimulation, we used this assay to assess bioactivity of 4 different MSC-EVs preparations produced in two different

manufacturing platforms (flasks and 500 mL vertical wheel bioreactors) and with and without 50 ng/mL IFN- γ /TNF- α priming. These MSC-EVs (from the same manufacturing run) were previously shown by our group to significantly modulate microglia morphology [34]. Although all MSC-EV manufacturing groups showed a general trend of increased size (perimeter, major axis length) and complexity (form factor, compactness, aspect ratio) in pericytes, there was consistent changes from treatment with MSC-EVs produced from MSCs primed in a bioreactor (Figure 3.3). This is contrary to what we observed previously with microglia where MSC-EV treatment resulted in a less pronounced morphological response of microglia to cytokine treatment (i.e., ‘suppression’ of morphological response) whereas pericytes treated with MSC-EVs had an even greater morphological response to cytokine treatment (i.e. ‘enhancement’ of morphological response). We chose to move forward with the bioreactor manufacturing platform for future studies based on several considerations: 1) The bioreactor primed group was the only MSC-EV group that consistently modulated pericyte morphology, 2) bioreactors are amenable to scaling necessary for clinical production, and 3) previous work from our group demonstrating MSC-EVs from bioreactor groups significantly modulated microglia morphology.

3.4.4 Priming and microcarrier concentration impact MSC-EV modulation of pericyte morphology

Based on the initial finding that MSC-EVs modulate pericyte morphology we then explored additional manufacturing conditions and their effect on pericyte morphology. MSC-EVs were manufactured in the same 500 mL vertical wheel bioreactor using three different priming conditions and two different microcarrier concentrations (Table 3.1 summarizing the specific conditions). The +CTL priming condition is the same IFN- γ /TNF- α priming condition shown in Figure 3.3 and the other 2 priming conditions (Hit 2 and Hit 4) were identified as ‘Morphological

Hits' from a high throughput morphological screen detailed in Larey et al [34]. We assessed the pericyte morphological response to these six different MSC-EV preparations using our established analysis pipeline and observed significant differences in pericyte morphology between the stimulated control and all MSC-EV groups for compactness, form factor, and aspect ratio (Figure 3.4 * $p < 0.05$). For perimeter and major axis length features, all EV groups (with exception of Priming +CTL at μC_{low}) enhanced the pericyte morphological response.

Furthermore, we were able to use pericyte morphology to identify differences in MSC-EV bioactivity due to priming and microcarrier conditions. For +CTL and Hit 2 priming conditions, MSC-Evs from μC_{high} enhanced pericyte morphological response to TNF- α more so than MSC-Evs from μC_{low} for perimeter, major axis length, compactness, form factor, and aspect ratio (Figure 3.4 $p < 0.05$). For Hit 4 priming conditions, this greater morphological response was observed for perimeter, major axis length, compactness, and form factor. Analysis of MSC-EV groups manufactured using μC_{low} showed Hit 2 and Hit 4 priming conditions had a significant enhancing effect on pericyte morphological response compared to +CTL priming (Figure 3.4 $p < 0.05$). For MSC-Evs manufacturing using μC_{high} conditions, +CTL and Hit 2 priming groups were similar and Hit 4 had a less significant enhancement effect on pericyte morphology compared to +CTL (but still greater than the stimulated control).

3.4.5 Primed MSC-EVs modulate pericyte secretome

We analyzed how two specific EV groups (+CTL and Hit 2 at μC_{high}) affected pericyte secretion of a panel of 200 chemokines, cytokines, and growth factors as they had the most significant observed enhancement of pericyte morphological response to TNF- α (Figure 3.5). When analyzing the shift in pericyte secretome we observed many similarities between +CTL and Hit 2

MSC-EV treatment. In both treatments, we observed a decrease in the expression of various proteins that have roles in the regenerative response including angiogenin, HGF, LIF and BTC which have roles in angiogenesis, and neurogenesis and neuronal differentiation [40-43]. Pericytes treated with Hit 2 MSC-EVs increased production of various proteins including ALCAM, IL-13 R1, and CXCL10 which all have immunomodulatory roles including tight junction permeability, T cell suppression, macrophage and microglia activation, and migration of pericytes [44-47].

3.4.6 Comparison of secreted proteins from EV-treated pericytes and primed MSCs

Because the pericyte morphological response induced by MSC-EVs represented an enhancement of an inflammatory morphology (i.e. control pericytes stimulated with TNF- α) we sought to compare our secretome results with a previous study (Andrews et al) that demonstrated MSC stimulation with IFN- γ /TNF- α induced a similar morphological response, which was associated with enhanced immunomodulation of activated T cells [35]. Figure 3.6A illustrates schematically the secretome being compared across 3 experimental groups: 1 MSC group (Andrews et al) and 2 pericyte groups (new data from this work). Proteins from the same quantitative 200-plex secretome panel were categorized based on detection in different experimental groups and summarized in terms in Figure 3.6B. Individually MSCs secreted 31 proteins that were not detected in either EV treated pericyte group such as CCL21, IL1 β , and IL6. Pericyte +CTL EVs alone expressed five different proteins, and pericytes treated with Hit 2 EVs expressed 12 proteins individually. When comparing MSCs to the EV pericyte groups there is no overlap between MSCs and either individual group. There were 20 proteins detected in both pericyte EV groups that were not detected in the MSC group. Primed MSCs, +CTL EV Pericytes and Hit 2 EV Pericytes all shared 32 different proteins including ANG, CXCL10, CCL2, and MIF which

have roles in vesicle mediated transport, positive regulation of T cell activation, Neurogenesis, blood vessel development and MAPK and ERK pathways as shown in Figure 3.6D.

3.5 DISCUSSION

To fully realize the therapeutic potential and accelerate translation of MSC-EVs for neurodegenerative diseases, there is a great need to develop robust assays that demonstrate bioactivity relevant to their proposed mechanisms of action. Here, we demonstrated how high throughput morphological screening can be applied on the target therapeutic cells of MSC-EVs (i.e., pericytes) and that this morphological response is associated with MSC-EV bioactivity relevant to the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. Using this approach, we were able to screen the effects of different manufacturing conditions on MSC-EV and determine that MSC-EVs enhanced the morphological response of pericytes (beyond the stimulated control) promoted an immunomodulatory, pro-regenerative pericyte secretory profile like that of cytokine-primed MSCs.

Pericytes have been shown to have differing morphology depending on the state of the disease. During inflammation, pericytes are often seen to be migrating which is reflected in their extension (increase in size) and increased projections (complexity) [48]. We were able to identify consistent morphological and functional differences between unstimulated pericytes and TNF α -stimulated pericytes. Their morphology consistently becomes larger and more complex with stimulation reflected in their increase in perimeter, major axis length, aspect ratio, compactness, and a decrease in form factor. This change with TNF- α has been observed in other studies, for example, pericytes become more complex and elongated with 10ng/mL TNF- α stimulation that was then correlated with the increased migration of pericytes [49]. We believe this

morphological change is reflective of their function *in vivo* where they have been observed migrating away from locations of injury and hypoxia [32, 50]. The exact cause of this migration is unknown; however, it has been suggested that the thinning of the abluminal surface of the basal lamina is part of the physiological process to enhance endothelial cell plasticity during vascular remodeling, or to attenuate the cytotoxic effects between the synaptic terminals to protect the neural tissue [50]. In addition to morphological changes, pericyte secretion is altered *in vivo* in response to inflammation which was reflected in our *in vitro* results. We observed an increase in IL-6, ICAM-1 and CCL5 expression with the addition of TNF- α . In literature, pericytes treated with TNF- α increase their secretion of interleukin-6 (IL-6), intercellular adhesion molecule 1 (ICAM-1), and RANTES (CCL5). All three of these cytokines have been observed to increase their expression in pericytes treated with TNF- α [25, 51, 52]. IL-6 has been shown to induce BBB dysregulation through the activation of microglia and astrocytes leading to neuronal damage[25]. ICAM-1 and CCL5 both have roles in recruiting immune cells (i.e., monocytes, macrophages, NK cells, T cells) to the site of inflammation [53, 54]. However, CCL5 also has a regenerative role in promoting angiogenesis [55]. The TNF- α induced proteins primarily serve to regulate both adaptive and innate immune cells, facilitating their recruitment to the site of inflammation. Therefore, our work demonstrates TNF- α promotes a pro-inflammatory pericyte phenotype in our *in vitro* assay.

In terms of the effect of MSC-EVs on pericyte morphological parameters, we initially hypothesized that EV treatment would suppress the pericyte morphological response to TNF- α (i.e. preventing their increase in size and complexity); however, we observed an opposite/enhancing effect. Overall, MSC-EVs manufactured using 6 different conditions (Table 1) enhanced the stimulated morphology by increasing their size (increase in perimeter, aspect

ratio, and major axis length) and increasing their complexity (increase in compactness, and a decrease in form factor). This same response has been seen in cytokine-primed MSCs where either IFN- γ alone or a combination of IFN- γ and TNF- α stimulation the MSCs increase their immunomodulatory function (CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell suppression) which is reflected by an increase in size and complexity [35, 39]. Although pericytes and MSCs can possess different functional properties *in vitro* (e.g. angiogenesis), they both share similar immunomodulatory functions in *in vitro* models [36, 56]. Considering the functional and phenotypic similarities observed between pericytes and MSCs both *in vitro* and *in vivo*, it is notable that they respond similarly to inflammatory signals (e.g. cytokines) in terms of their morphology. Therefore, we hypothesized this enhanced stimulated morphological response is indicative of pericytes having increased immunomodulatory function. We analyzed pericyte secretome in response to MSC-EVs as an indicator of MSC-EV bioactivity and found that MSC-EVs modulated pericyte secretion of proteins that have roles in the inflammatory response (Figure 3.6). For example, we observed a decrease in vascular endothelial growth factor A (VEGFA), macrophage inflammatory protein 3A (CCL20), and hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) with MSC-EV treatment. These proteins are involved in promoting angiogenesis, vasculogenesis and endothelial cell growth [41, 57, 58]. When comparing +CTL and Hit 2 MSC-EVs we observed a change in more proteins with immunomodulatory and angiogenic properties as well as a larger change in their morphological profile. Pericytes treated with Hit 2 MSC-EVs increased their expression of activated leukocyte cell adhesion molecule (ALCAM), MIG (CXCL9), IP-10 (CXCL10) and death receptor (DR6). ALCAM has been shown to increase the tight junctions of endothelial cells in the BBB as well as its association with leukocyte transmigration [44]. Both CXCL9 and CXCL10 are CXC receptor 3 (CXCR3) ligands that have been shown to increase

ERK activity resulting in an increase in cell transmigration of other pericytes [47]. DR6 has been shown in both zebrafish and mice to regulate angiogenesis through VEGF-mediated JNK activation of endothelial sprouting [59]. In addition, Pericytes treated with Hit 2 and +CTL EVs secreted proteins involved in the modulation of other neural cells. For example, AgRP and BTC have both been shown to activate dopaminergic neurons and induce neural stem cell proliferation and neurogenesis, respectively [43, 60]. TGF- β 1 has been shown to induce an anti-inflammatory response from microglia as well as reduce pericyte proliferation and reduce pericyte phagocytic function [61]. Our pathway analysis demonstrates that these differentially regulated proteins are critically involved in BBB regulation and the overall brain immune environment which suggests the potential of MSC-EVs to indirectly modulate multiple cell-types in the BBB and brain parenchyma with pericytes serving as the mediator.

MSC-EV manufacturing conditions have been shown to change the functional outcomes of the EVs. In this work, we observed that the magnitude of the enhanced pericyte morphological response was manufacturing dependent. Compared to MSC-EVs produced by MSCs grown in flasks, MSCs grown in bioreactors produced EVs that had a more significant effect on pericyte morphology (Figure 3.3). In terms of manufacturing, bioreactors are better suited for large scale production of MSC-EVs which could address issues with consistency by enabling production of large batches of MSC-EVs. In addition, bioreactors allow for a dynamic environment that induces shear stress through stirring of the cell suspension that alters the topographical and surface environment the cells are exposed to which can influence their behavior such as migration, adhesion and morphology [62]. Multiple studies have shown that bioreactor systems have higher MSC-EV yield than flasks [62-64]. For example, a 38 times higher yield by volume of MSC-EVs was observed in a bioreactor system compared to MSC-EV production in flasks

[64]. We also found that the MSC-EVs that were produced by MSCs cultured on higher microcarrier densities had a greater effect on pericyte morphology, with a greater increase in size and complexity when compared to MSCs grown on lower microcarrier density. When culturing MSCs in bioreactors using microcarriers, there have been varying results on the effects of microcarriers depending on the microcarrier composition. Umbilical cord MSCs and adipose derived MSCs expanded on Cytodex 1 microcarriers were found to increase their angiogenic potency based on secretion of VEGF, FGF-2, MCP-1 and SDF-1 [64]. In addition to microcarrier composition, microcarrier density has also been shown to affect MSC yield. A study comparing three microcarrier densities with the same cell density found that an intermediate concentration of 1.25g yielded higher MSC proliferation than that of the lower 0.75g and higher 2.5g microcarrier densities [65]. In terms priming, regardless of microcarrier density, we observed that priming conditions 1 and 2 significantly induced a greater change in pericyte morphology than priming 3 conditions, which could be related to differences in EV composition due to priming. We have previously reported differences in the lipidomic profile of these same MSC-EV batches and these data align well with some of the enriched pathways observed based on the pericyte secretory response. Specifically, pericytes treated with +CTL and Hit 2 EVs secreted many proteins (e.g. CCL2, CXCL6, CXCL8, IL6, TNFRSF1B) that are associated with lipid response (Figure 3.6) [34]. This underscores the potential of our pericyte morphological assay to serve as a screening tool for MSC-EV manufacturing conditions in the future.

Our work provides preliminary evidence that MSC-EVs can shift pericyte secretome towards a ‘primed MSC’s immunomodulatory state. Overall, we observed that pericytes treated with MSC-EVs from +CTL and Hit 2 primed MSCs had a secretory profile that consisted of 31 shared proteins with primed MSCs. This is noteworthy as the pericytes in our study and MSCs from our

previous study were derived from different donors and were cultured using different media. These shared proteins are involved with pathways related to T cell proliferation, migration, and activation (CCL2, IL6, CXCL10), as well as positively regulated major signaling pathways such as MAPK and ERK1/ERK2 (MIF, CCL2, CCL20) [47, 66]. These proteins can regulate pericyte migration which is reflected in our observed change in pericyte morphology associated with TNF- α and MSC-EV treatment. In addition, proteins such as VEGFA and ANG are involved with neurovascular unit processes such as blood vessel development, endothelial proliferation, and neurogenesis. As primed MSCs have increased immunomodulatory function, we believe our work supports further investigation into the mechanisms driving pericytes towards a 'primed MSC-like' immunomodulatory state. Pericytes and MSCs share many of the same phenotypic markers - with some exceptions including desmin, PDGFR β , and α -SMA - in addition to sharing similar immunomodulatory, and structural functions *in vitro* [37].

This is the first study demonstrating MSC-EV bioactivity in terms of modulating pericyte morphology and secretion. This novel approach provides a foundation for further exploring MSC-EV potential in treating neurodegenerative diseases by using pericytes as an *in vitro* model of MSC-EV bioactivity. In addition, we believe that this assay will aid in standardization efforts that aim to assess MSC-EV bioactivity. Morphology is a rapid, single-cell, high throughout analysis that provides comprehensive information on cellular responses to disease-relevant signals such as inflammatory cytokines. The capabilities afforded by morphological profiling will facilitate standardization of MSC-EV characterization, evaluation of the effects of manufacturing changes on MSC-EV bioactivity, and further contribute to eventual clinical translation. While this study demonstrates the potential of using pericytes as a model cell for assessing MSC-EV bioactivity relevant to treatment of neuroinflammation, it is important to note

that the studies were conducted using pericytes derived from one donor and MSC-EVs produced from a single MSC line. This morphological platform can therefore be applied in the future to evaluate whether pericytes from different donors respond differentially to MSC-EVs and whether MSC-EVs from different cell-lines (akin to different manufacturing conditions evaluated in this study) possess different bioactivity based on the pericyte morphological response. Additionally, this work provides a foundation for exploring MSC-EV modulation of pericytes in more complex *in vivo* disease models or 3D *in vitro* systems (i.e. microphysiological ‘on-chip’ systems) that could improve our understanding of not only MSC-EV modulation of pericytes, but indirect modulation of other cell-types mediated by pericytes. Finally, this pericyte morphological assay could be used to better understand MSC-EV (or other cell-based therapy) mechanisms of action, the knowledge of which could help further refine MSC-EV manufacturing and facilitate clinical translation.

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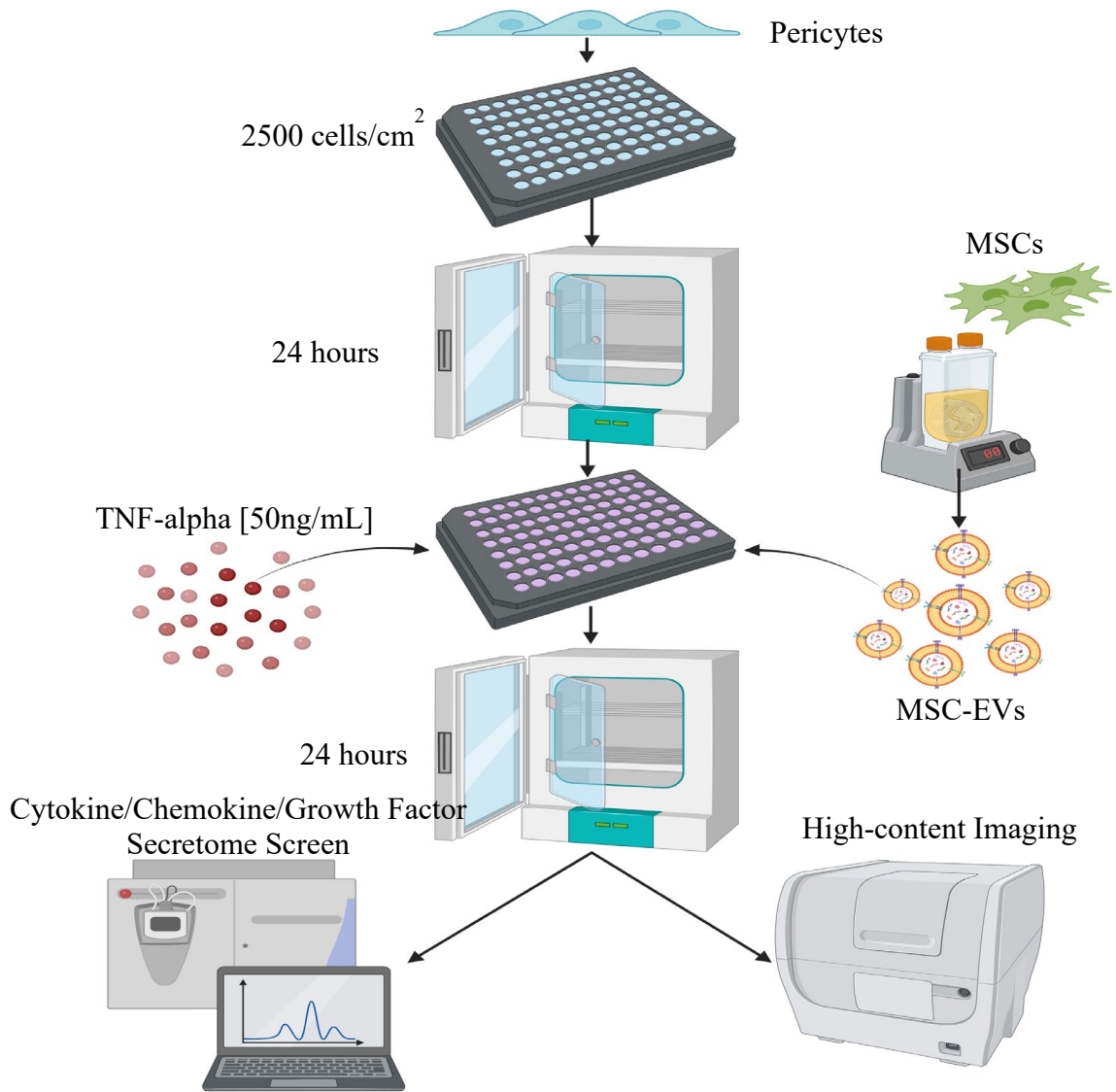


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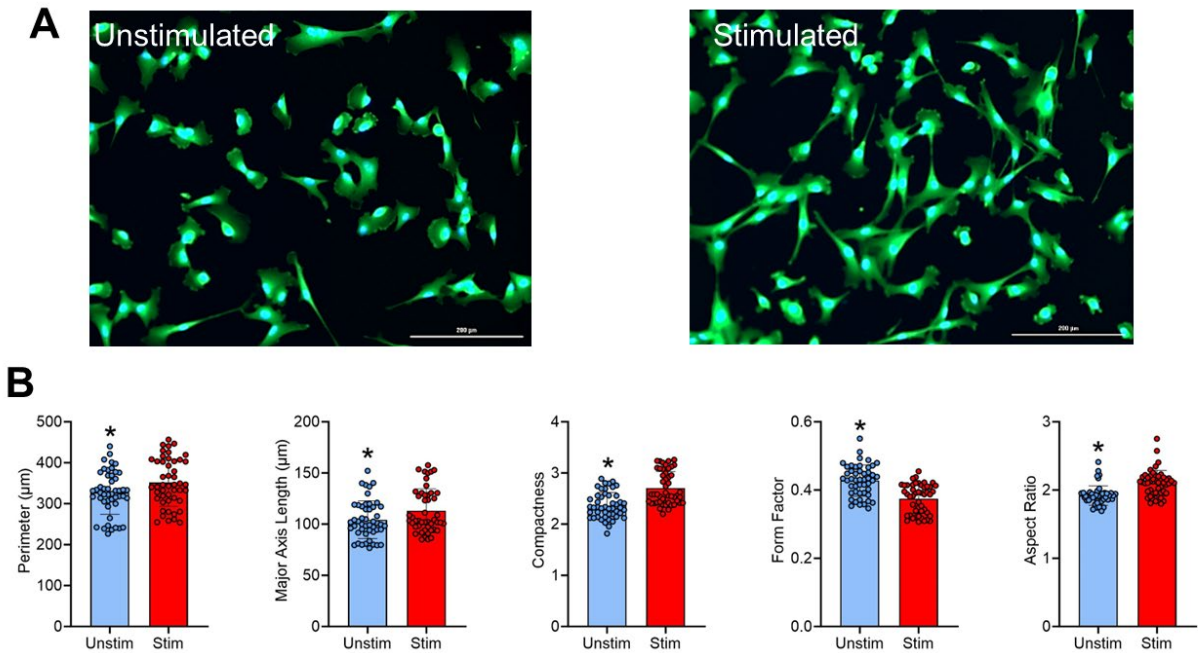


Figure 3.1. Pericytes become more complex and elongated with TNF- α stimulation. **A.** For each morphological feature, $n=24$ per condition. This data was gathered from four different experiments with 6 wells per condition. Unstimulated represents pericytes only in pericyte complete medium (ScienCell) and the stimulated group is pericytes treated with 50ng/mL of TNF- α in pericyte medium. * $p<0.0001$ different than unstimulated using paired T test. **B.** The left image represents unstimulated pericytes seeded in basal medium. The right image represents pericytes stimulated with TNF- α (50ng/mL). Pericytes were stained with Hoechst (blue) and fluorescein-maleimide (green) to show nuclei and cytoplasm, respectively. Scale bar = 200 μm .

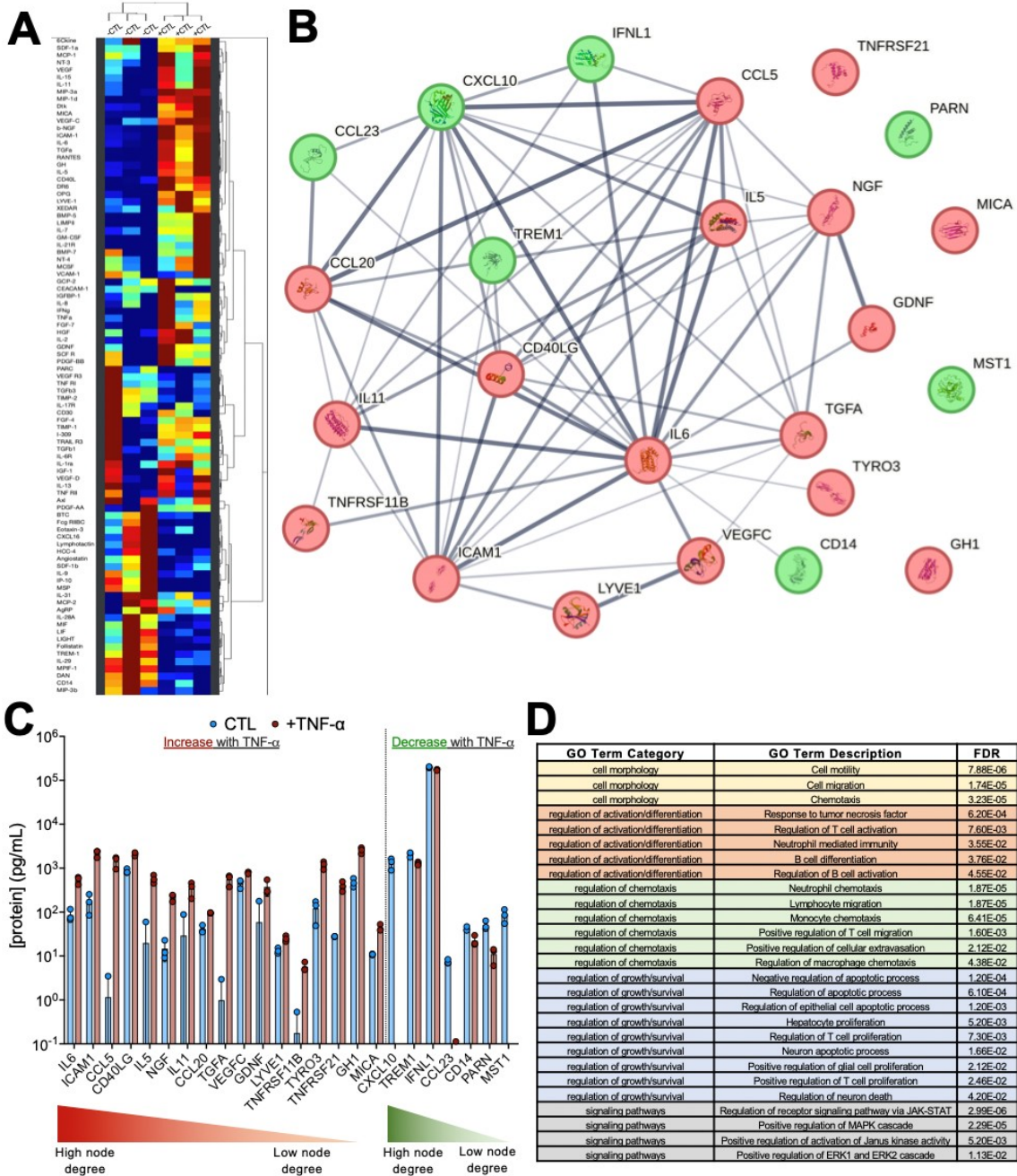


Figure 3.2. TNF- α stimulation significantly shifts pericyte secretome. **A.** Heat map representing all the proteins secreted by unstimulated (-CTL) and stimulated (+CTL) pericytes. Two-way clustering performed using Ward method. Red=high secretion, Blue=Low secretion. **B.** STRING pathway analysis relating secreted proteins. Those in green are decreased with TNF- α stimulation and those in red are increased with TNF- α stimulation. **C.** Shows the quantitative data of the proteins in B ordered from those with the most connections (node degrees) to the least number of connections within the network. **D.** Pathway enrichment analysis of the differentially regulated secreted proteins illustrates key pathways associated with pericyte function in homeostasis and disease. FDR: False Discovery Rate.

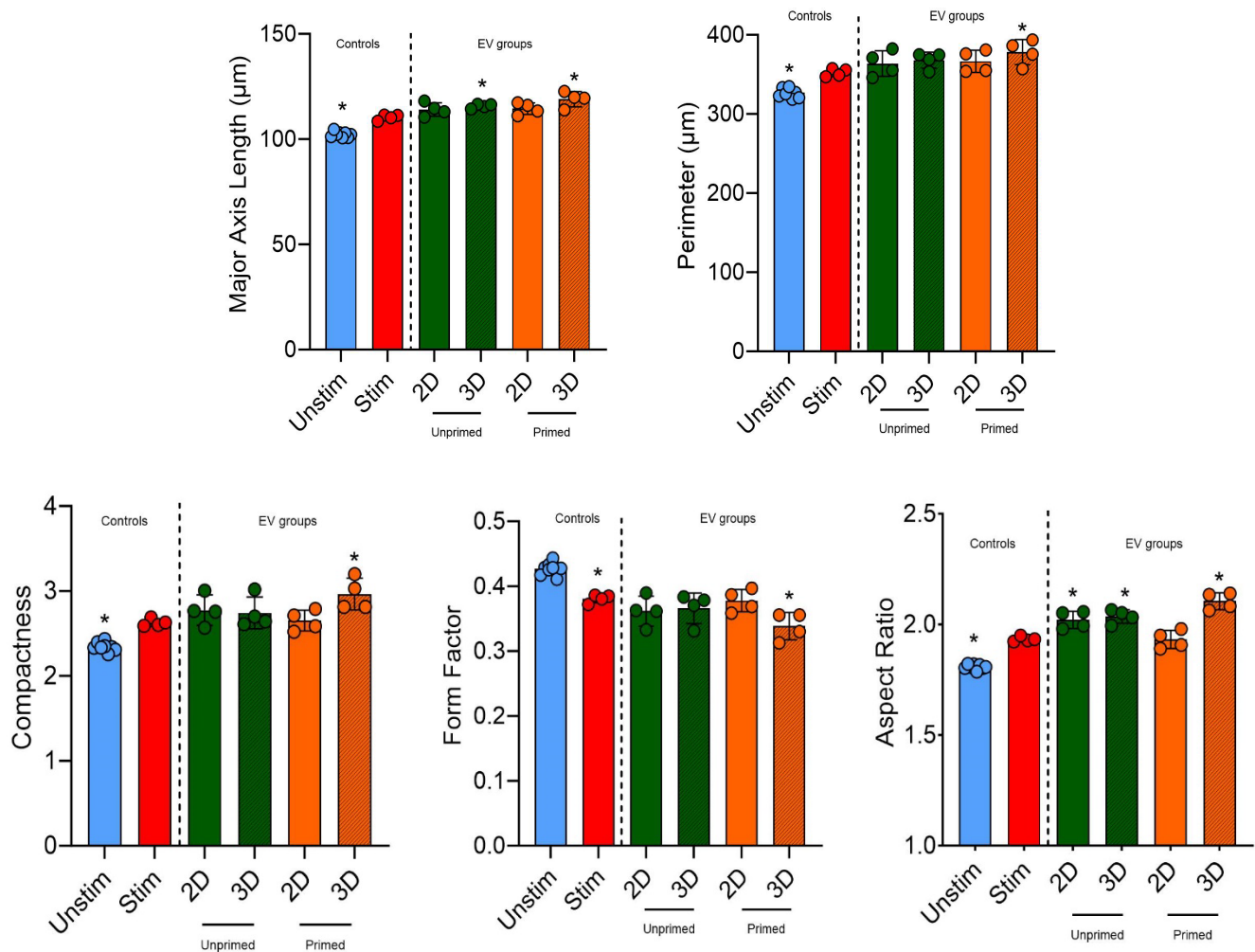


Figure 3.3. Primed bioreactor MSC-EVs increases pericyte morphological response. For each feature n=4. Unstimulated represents pericytes only in pericyte complete medium (ScienCell) and the stimulated group is pericytes treated with 50ng/mL of TNF- α in pericyte medium. 2D represents MSC-EVs derived from MSCs grown in T175 flasks and 3D represents MSC-EVs derived from MSCs grown in a vertical wheel bioreactor. Unprimed and primed are no treatment and 50ng/mL of TNF- α and 50ng/mL IFN γ , respectively.

Table 3.1 Tested MSC-EV Manufacturing conditions.

EV Group	Priming		Microcarrier Density
+CTL_low	1	+IFN- γ /TNF- α /20%O ₂	Low
Hit 2_low	2	+IFN- γ /TNF- α /2%O ₂	Low
Hit 4_low	3	+IFN- γ /TNF- α /IL-1 β /20%O ₂	Low
+CTL_high	1	+IFN- γ /TNF- α /20%O ₂	High
Hit 2_high	2	+IFN- γ /TNF- α /2%O ₂	High
Hit 4_low	3	+IFN- γ /TNF- α /IL-1 β /20%O ₂	High

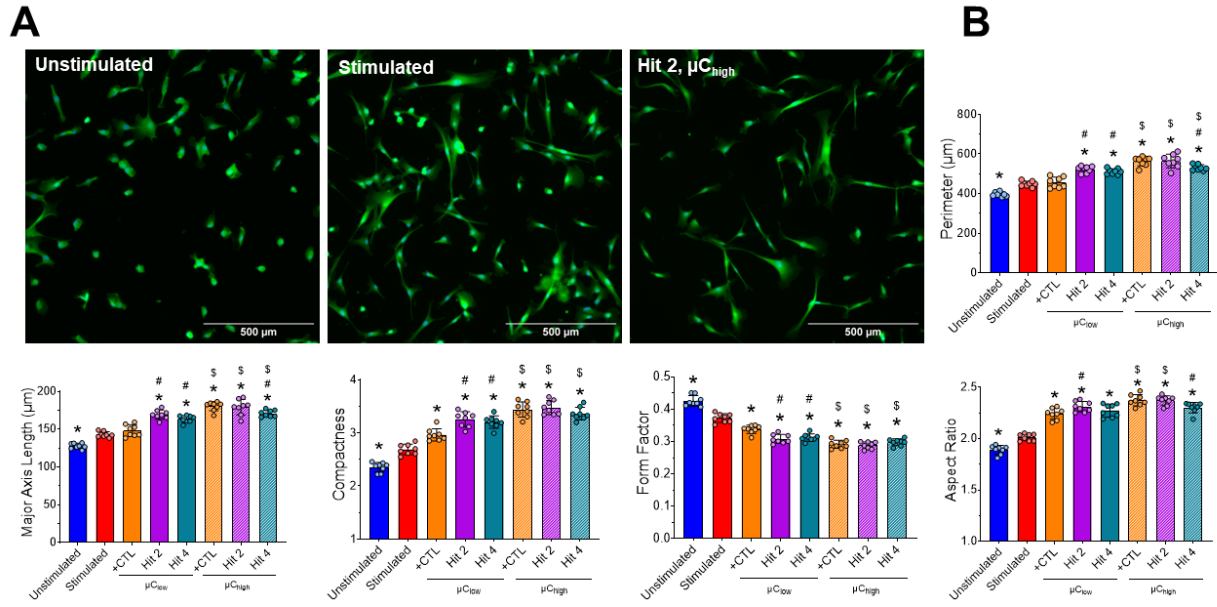


Figure 3.4. MSC-EVs affects pericyte morphology in a dose dependent manner. A. Illustrates (from left to right) Unstimulated, Stimulated, and EV group 5 at 1X. **B.** Describes differences between 5 different morphological parameters. ns represents insignificance from the stimulated group. Otherwise, all groups were significant compared to their stimulated control using a Brown-Forsythe and Welch's ANOVA test using Dunnett's T3 multiple comparison test where $p < 0.0496$. * represents significance between dilution groups within an EV treatment using a Brown-Forsythe and Welch's ANOVA test using Dunnett's T3 multiple comparison test where $p < 0.0487$. \$ represents significance between microcarrier density groups between an EV treatment using a Brown-Forsythe and Welch's ANOVA test using Dunnett's T3 multiple comparison test where $p < 0.05$. # represents significance between EV treatment groups within a microcarrier density using a Brown-Forsythe and Welch's ANOVA test using Dunnett's T3 multiple comparison test where $p < 0.05$. Scale bar = 500 microns.

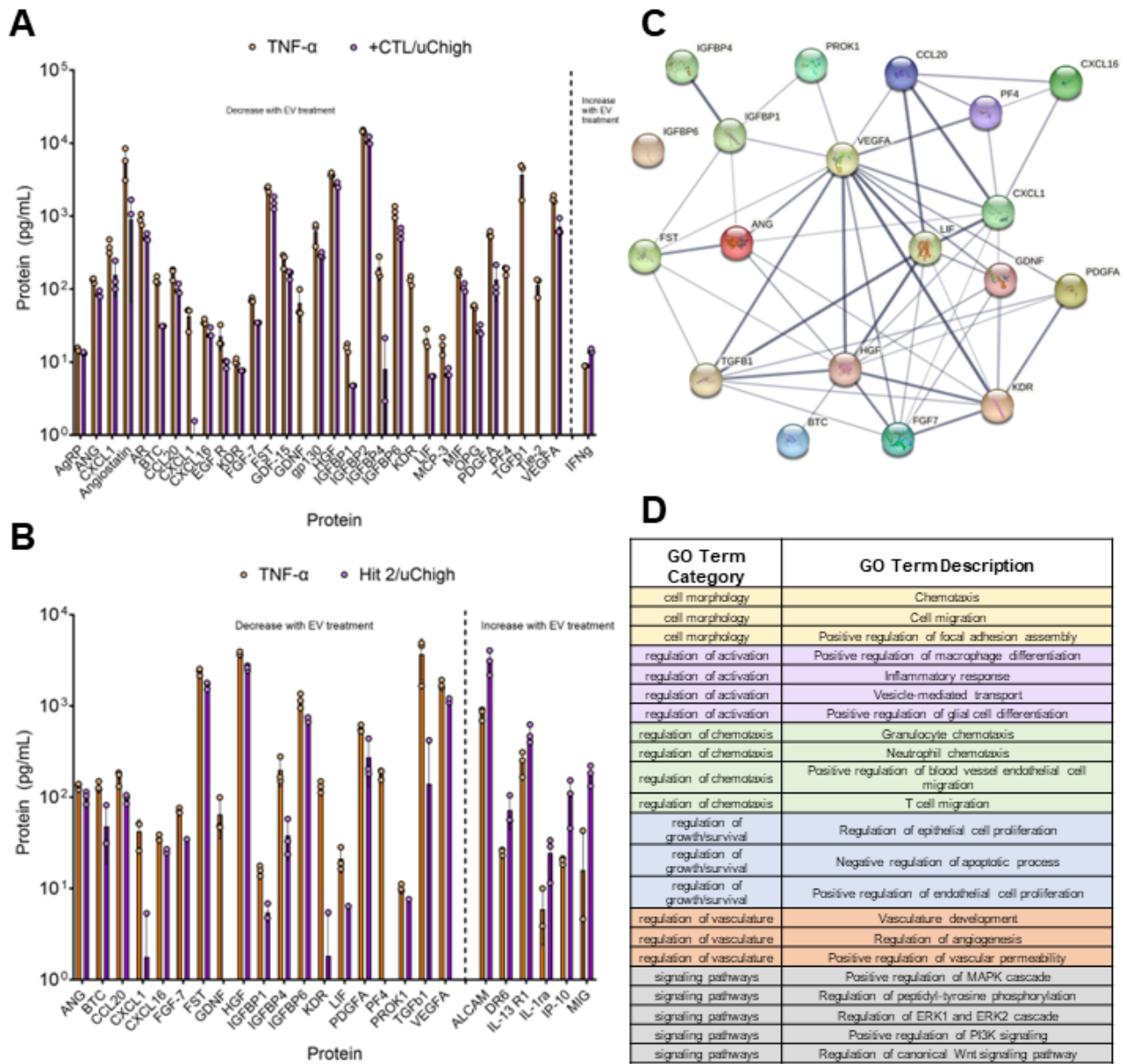


Figure 3.5. MSC-EV treatment shifts stimulated pericyte secretome. **A.** Shows the quantitative data of the proteins effected by EV4 treatment. **B.** Shows the quantitative data of the proteins affected by EV5 treatment. **C.** STRING pathway analysis relating secreted proteins. Those in green are decreased with TNF- α stimulation and those in red are increased with TNF- α stimulation. **D.** Pathway enrichment analysis of the differentially regulated secreted proteins illustrates key pathways associated with pericyte function in homeostasis and disease.

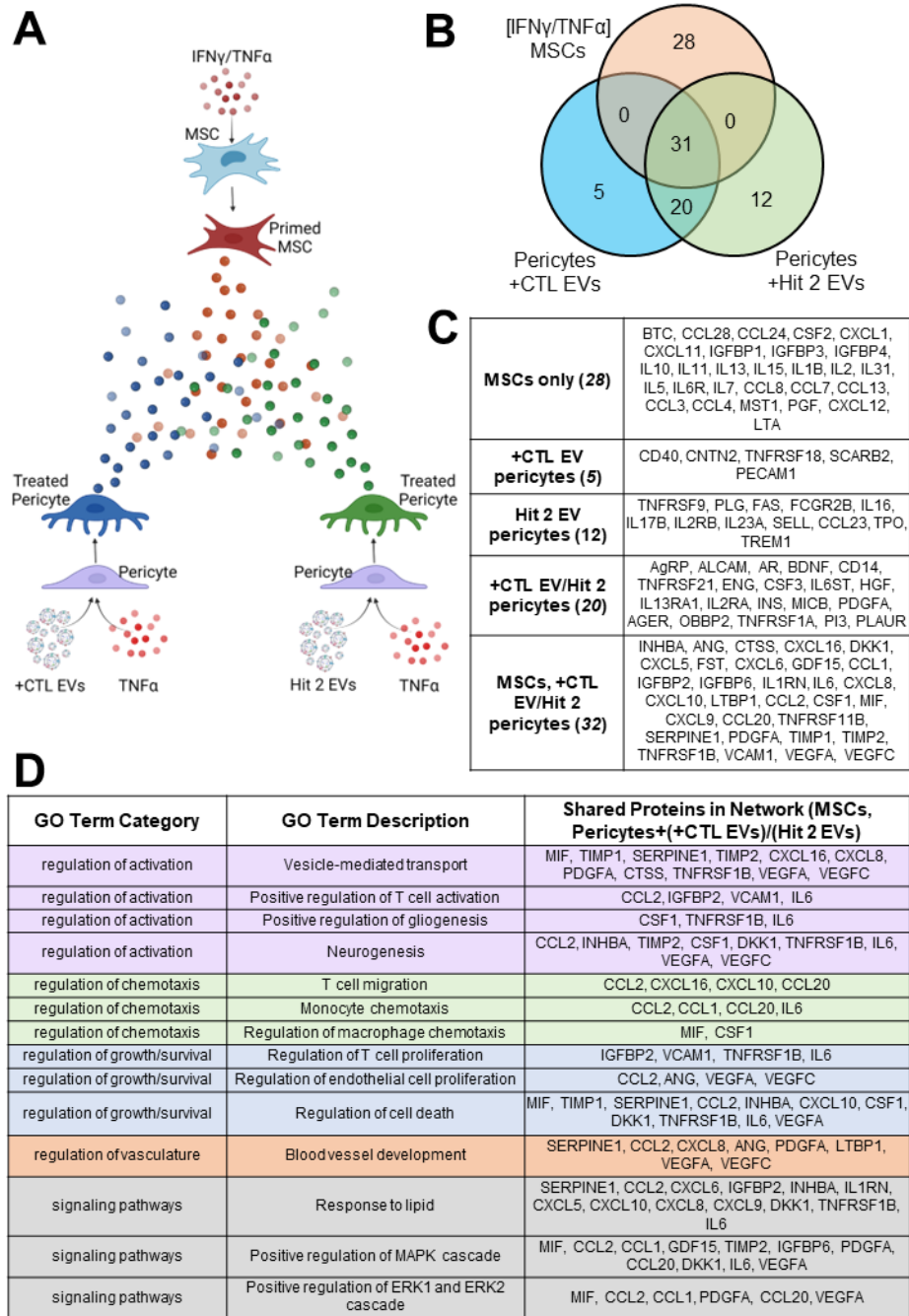


Figure 3.6. MSC-EV treatment shifts pericyte secretome toward primed MSC secretome. **A.** Schematic of similarities between primed MSCs and EV treated pericytes. **B.** Venn diagram illustrating secretome similarities and differences between EV treated pericytes and primed MSCs. **C.** Identifies the proteins that are similar and different between groups. **D.** Pathway enrichment analysis of the differentially regulated secreted proteins illustrates key pathways associated with pericyte function in homeostasis and disease and what proteins are associated with these functions.

CHAPTER 4

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF MSC-EV POPULATIONS ISOLATED BY ULTRACENTRIFUGATION AND TANGENTIAL FLOW FILTRATION¹

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4.1 ABSTRACT

Mesenchymal stromal cell extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) hold great promise as therapeutics for inflammatory-related diseases, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Despite this potential, standardized methods for MSC-EV manufacturing and analysis are lacking, with no established gold standard. As a result, researchers often employ their own protocols, contributing to variability in MSC-EV populations and making it difficult to define their mechanism of action. This variability, coupled with the inherent heterogeneity of MSC-EVs, presents challenges for translating these therapies into clinical applications. Previous studies have shown that isolation methods can influence the cargo profiles of MSC-EVs, potentially altering their therapeutic effects. In this study, we compare MSC-EV cargo and functional outcomes of MSC-EVs isolated by two widely used methods: tangential flow filtration (TFF) and ultracentrifugation (UC). Our findings reveal distinct differences in cargo profiles between these methods; however, these differences did not translate into detectable immunomodulatory functional variations.

4.2 INTRODUCTION

Mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) hold significant potential for treating inflammatory diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease, thanks to their strong immunomodulatory properties [1-3]. However, despite this promise, their use in clinical trials faces numerous challenges due to the need for invasive procedures and possible side-effects such as thrombosis and tumorigenicity [4-6]. MSC-derived extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) offer a cell-free alternative, carrying similar immunomodulatory benefits without cell associated risks [7, 8]. MSC-EVs are MSC-derived multivesicular bodies that fuse to the plasma membrane and are released into the extracellular space or shed directly from the plasma

membrane through outward budding. EVs include a lipid bilayer encapsulating various molecules (e.g., miRNA, tetraspanins, enzymes), allowing them to interact with other cells [9, 10].

Despite their potential, the heterogeneity of MSC-EVs and the variability in isolation methods make it difficult to standardize their production process. Although the international Society of Extracellular Vesicles (ISEV) provides guidelines for the manufacturing and analyses of EVs [11], no consensus exists on a standard method, leaving researchers to select methods based on their needs. As of 2016, ultracentrifugation is the most widely used EV isolation method but presents challenges in consistency and yield [12].

Ultracentrifugation (UC) uses centrifugal forces to separate particles from a mixture based on their size, shape, and density [13]. The samples for UC include particles suspended in a solution which is then spun at extremely high-speed creating strong centrifugal forces. This force pushes heavier and denser particles towards the bottom of the tube where, after centrifugation is complete, the separate components can be extracted [13]. UC is often the chosen isolation method because it is easy to use, requires little technical expertise, is affordable, and moderately time consuming [14]. However, UC is not the most reliable or efficient method. Crigna et al., performed an inter-laboratory comparison of extracellular vesicle UC isolations from colorectal cancer cells [15]. They found that all groups isolated EVs however, there were quantitative differences in EV yield that could be due to equipment, and operator-dependent variability [15].

Tangential flow filtration (TFF) is a filtration system that concentrates and filters particles using crossflow filtration. The media flows parallel across the filter membrane where particles smaller than the MWCO are discarded and those bigger, such as MSC-EVs, are retained and

recirculated and concentrated [16, 17]. TFF is an advantageous technique for isolating MSC-EVs because it produces a higher yield, preserves EV integrity, allows for size-based separation, and is both scalable and time efficient, however it requires technical training and is very expensive.

TFF operates with continuous flow and lower pressures exerting softer forces upon the MSC-EVs than UC [18]. The TFF process also allows for a more selective isolation of MSC-EVs as the separation is dependent on the pore size of the filter chosen. In addition, TFF can easily be scaled up for clinical or industrial production and is less time consuming than UC which is limited by the machine and accessories used in addition requiring hours to properly allow for the particles to precipitate in the tube [19]. These benefits have been reflected in experimental studies. For example, Visan et al., found that EVs murine cancer cell EVs isolated from TFF had a significantly higher concentration, yield, and purity than UC isolated samples [16]. Another study, found similar results finding that EV isolated by TFF significantly increased yield and was better at removing macromolecules than UC [20].

It is widely accepted that the parent cells and culture conditions MSC-EVs are derived from can greatly influence their functional abilities. However, there is little research exploring how isolation methods affect MSC-EV function outcomes. One study compared MSC-EVs isolated from conditioned culture medium using anion exchange resin (IEX) and Amicon filters with 100-kDA cut-off (UF) and found that these two methods yielded comparable size and concentration of particles and similar quantities of lipids. However, IEX had a 10-fold higher RNA quantity, larger number of proteins, and were more enriched in anti-inflammatory and immunomodulatory cytokines (i.e., IL-2, IL-10, TGF-B, VEGF) than UF isolated EVs [21]. When testing the EVs bioactivity, they used LPS stimulated macrophages and T cell proliferation assays and found that IEX significantly suppressed macrophage activation and T cell

proliferation compared to UF, respectively [21]. This illustrates how isolation methods can change the bioactivity of MSC-EVs. As TFF and UC have shown differences in the proteomic profile of their isolated EV populations we believe that these methods may also result in differences in bioactivity [16]. In this study, we compare MSC-EVs isolated by TFF and UC to assess how these methods impact EV characteristics and bioactivity.

4.3 MATERIALS AND METHODS

4.3.1 Cell Culture

Four MSC donors, two bone marrow and two adipose tissue, (RB14, RB30, RB61, and RB97) (RoosterBio; Frederick, MD) were thawed into a T175 culture flask with 25mL of MSC growth media and let to reach between 80-90% confluency over 96 hours. Once the cells had reached confluency, they were split into six T175 flasks at a million cells/flask. The cells were then grown for 72 hours after which the supernatant was discarded and replaced with RoosterCollect-EV (M2001; RoosterBio; Frederick, MD) supplemented with Interferon gamma (IFN γ) [50ng/mL] for 48 hours. After which, the supernatant was collected into 50mL conical tubes for EV isolation and the cells were trypsinized using TrypLE (12604039; Gibco) for final count using Nexcelom Bioscience Cellometer.

4.3.2 EV isolation

The supernatant was first centrifuged at 300 xg for 10 minutes at 4C and then passed through a 0.022-micron syringe filter. The supernatant was stored on ice until it could be isolated. For TFF (KrosFlo KR2i, Repligen; Boston, MA) isolation the supernatant was passed through a 100KDa MWCO MidiKros mPES membrane with six diafiltration steps and a transmembrane pressure of

5 PSI to concentrate samples to a final volume of ~10-15mL in PBS-/- . For UC isolation, the supernatant was spun at 110,000xg for 90min at 4°C in a Beckman Coulter Optima MAX-XP Ultracentrifuge (Beckman Coulter; Brea, CA). After the supernatant was discarded, the remaining MSC-EV pellet was resuspended in a total of 6mL of PBS-/- . For both TFF and UC the samples were further concentrated using a 100kDA centrifugation spin concentrator (88524; ThermoFisher Scientific; Waltham, MA). The concentrated MSC-EVs were then resuspended in 1X PBS-/- for a final volume of 1mL. The MSC-EV samples were then aliquoted and stored at -80°C before being processed for characterization and functionality within 30 days of initial storage.

4.3.3 EV Characterization and Analysis

The size and count of the MSC-EVs were analyzed using a NanoSight LM10 (Malvern Instruments) using NanoTracking Analysis (NTA) software using the same settings (screen gain: 10, camera level: 10, number of captures: 3, Capture duration: 60s). The samples were diluted 20X and each sample was measured three times with 3 technical replicates. The protein concentration was analyzed using Bicinchoninic acid protein assay (23225; Thermo Scientific). The samples were diluted 8X with n=3 for each sample. Western blot was performed on all samples using MSC-EV markers CD81 (1:20,000; Proteintech), and CD9 (1:20,000; Proteintech) and CD63 (1:10,000; Proteintech), and secondary stain HRP (1:20,000; Abcam) using the Invitrogen system.

4.3.5 Next Generation Sequencing

Four MSC donors, two bone marrow and two adipose tissue cell lines, (RB14, RB30, RB61, and RB97) (RoosterBio; Frederick, MD) were thawed into about twelve T175 culture flask with

25mL of MSC growth media each and allowed to reach between 80-90% confluency over 96 hours. Once the cells had reached confluency, they were split into forty-eight T175 flasks at a million cells/flask. The cells were then grown for 72 hours after which the supernatant was discarded and replaced with RoosterCollect-EV (M2001; RoosterBio; Frederick, MD) supplemented with Interferon gamma (IFN γ) [50ng/mL] for 48 hours. After which, the conditioned media from twelve flasks was collected and isolated using either TFF and the other twelve using UC. The isolated MSC-EVs were then resuspended in 100uL of PBS-/-, aliquoted and frozen at -80°C. Within 2 weeks of freezing, the EV pellets were thawed, and the RNA was isolated using the PureLink RNA Mini Kit (12183018A; Invitrogen, Waltham, MA). The MSC-EVs were lysed using the kit's lysis buffer and the RNA was processed following the manufacturer's directions. The isolated RNA was then submitted to the FDA Analysis Core for next-generation sequencing.

4.3.6 Proteomic Profiling

For proteomic analysis, RB30 was thawed at passage 3 in three T175's containing 25mL of MSC culture media. The cells were then grown for 72 hours after which the supernatant was discarded and replaced with RoosterCollect-EV (M2001; RoosterBio; Frederick, MD) supplemented with or without Interferon gamma (IFN γ) [50ng/mL] for 48 hours. After which, the supernatant was collected into 50mL conical tubes for EV isolation. After isolating RB30 IFN γ and RB30 CTL MSC-EVs using the isolation methods explained above the MSC-EVs were aliquoted and stored at -80°C. The aliquots were then denatured by heating it to 95°C for five minutes and then sonicated for 30 seconds before being diluted in 1X RIPA buffer (89901; Fisher Scientific) at a ratio of 1:1 (v/v) and then submitted for Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS) analysis at the FDA Proteomic Core.

4.3.7 Pericyte Morphology Assay

A T175 flask was coated with 1% (w/w) poly-d-lysine (PDL) for 24 hours at 4°C. After, the flask was washed with PBS three times to get rid of excess PDL and 35 mL of pericyte medium (Sciencell) was added. 10⁶ previously frozen human brain pericytes (Sciencell) were thawed and seeded on the coated T175 flask. A flat-bottomed 96-well plate (Corning, Cat # 3599) was coated with 1% (w/w) poly-d-lysine (PDL) for 24 hours at 4°C. Once the pericytes reached 80-90% confluency (3 days) they were harvested using TrypLE (Gibco) and were seeded at 2,500 cells/cm² for 24 hours in 100 µL of pericyte complete medium in the prepared 96-well plate. After 24 hours, 50% of the media (50 µL) was aspirated from each well. Then 50 µL of pericyte medium only ('unstimulated') or 50 µL of pericyte medium containing 50 ng/mL TNF-α (Gibco, PHC3015) ('stimulated') were added to appropriate wells and pericytes incubated for an additional 24 hours. For MSC-EV treated pericyte groups, MSC-EVs were added concurrently with 100 ng/mL of TNF-α (50 ng/mL final concentration due to half media change) in pericyte media to the appropriate wells. We fixed samples using 4% paraformaldehyde (Electron Microscopy Sciences) and stained with Hoechst [10µg/mL] (Invitrogen) and Fluorescein maleimide [20µM] (ThermoFisher) in PBS-/- (Gibco) for nuclear and cytoplasm morphology, respectively as done in Klinker et al [22]. Pericytes were imaged using Cytation 5 High Content Imaging system (Agilent) and a Ti-Eclipse (Nikon) with the imaging system indicated in each figure legend. We imaged 50% of every well using a 6x6 montage at 10X magnification. These images were processed on a single-cell basis for over 96 different nuclear and cytoplasmic morphological features using CellProfiler pipeline (Supplemental Figure 4.1).

4.3.8 Macrophage Assay

RAW 264.7 murine macrophage cells (ATCC; Manassas, VA) were thawed and washed in 10mL of DMEM (Gibco; 11995-065) supplemented with 10% FBS, 1% penicillin and 1% streptomycin. The cells were centrifuged at 500 xg for 5 minutes and cultured in T75 flasks containing 20mL of DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS and 1% penicillin and 1% streptomycin for 24 hours at 37°C in 5% CO₂. The cells were then trypsinized with TrypLE Express Enzyme (ThermoFisher; Waltham, MA) and collected for centrifugation at 500 xg for 10 minutes. The cells were counted and seeded on a 48-well plate at a density of 1×10^5 per well in 300uL of medium. After a 24 hour incubation, the macrophages were treated and placed in the incubator for another 24 hours. The conditioned medium was then collected and kept frozen at -80°C until analysis. The supernatant was then processed using IL-6 Murine ELISA (R&D Systems; M6000B) according to manufacturers' instructions.

4.4.9 Statistics and Data Analysis

All MSC-EV size and concentration data is presented as the average of three separate manufacturing's where each sample included three technical replicates of three biological replicates. All size and concentration data statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism v10.

4.4 RESULTS

4.4.1 Tangential Flow Filtration isolated larger MSC-EVs at a higher concentration

Four MSC lines, two bone marrow (RB14 and RB30) and two adipose tissue (RB61 and RB97) cell lines were expanded until passage 3 and seeded into a T175 flask where they were expanded, split again, and then primed using RoosterBio RoosterCollect-EV and 50ng/mL of IFN γ for 48

hours. The conditioned media was collected from these flasks (total of 300mL) and MSC-EVs were then isolated from half the total media (150mL) using TFF or UC. The MSC-EVs were then resuspended in one mL of PBS-/- for a 150X dilution. These MSC-EVs were then frozen at -80°C and after one freeze thaw cycle were analyzed for size and concentration, and MSC-EV markers using NTA and western blot, respectively. We observed that all MSC-EV manufacturing groups were positive for MSC-EV markers CD9, CD63, and CD81 (Figure 4.1A). When observing the size distribution for each manufacturing method we found that all were within the accepted MSC-EV size range (30-1000nm) regardless of cell line or isolation method (Figure 4.1C). In addition to the size distribution and MSC-EV markers we looked at the size and concentration differences between batches, overall, and between manufacturing groups. When comparing concentration, we found that TFF isolated a higher concentration of MSC-EVs than UC for all three batches for all cell lines (Figure 4.1B and Supplementary Figure 4.2). We found that overall, the bone marrow lines produced a higher concentration of MSC-EVs than the adipose cells lines for both manufacturing conditions. We observed that within one batch there were not significant size differences (mean, median, or mode) between MSC-EVs manufacturing groups (Supplemental Figure 4.2) however, when taking the average, we found that TFF for RB14, RB30, and RB97 had a larger mean, median, and mode size, however for RB61, UC isolated MSC-EVs had a higher mean, median, and mode (Figure 4.1D and Supplementary Figure 4.2). We did observe batch-batch variability, however, none of the experiments were outliers.

4.4.2 Tangential Flow Filtration isolated MSC-EVs with a significantly different RNA profile compared to Ultracentrifugation

Both TFF and UC isolated MSC-EV RNA from all four MSC cell lines was analyzed using NGS. We first compared the differences between abundant genes (>5 RPKM) within a tissue source (bone marrow (left), adipose tissue (right)) and between isolation methods (Figure 4.2A). For RB14 and RB30 (bone marrow), we observed that TFF isolated MSC-EVs encompassed 1.53-fold more genes than UC MSC-EVs. Between the isolation groups they shared 894 genes that were related to cell death, intracellular transport, aerobic respiration, and neurogenesis. TFF isolated MSC-EVs included 1834 distinct genes that were related to catabolism, protein transport, mitotic cell cycle, ATP biosynthetic processes, and cytoskeleton organization. UC isolated MSC-EVs included 885 unique genes that are related to ribosome biogenesis, actin cytoskeleton organization, cell death, response to cytokines and cell migration. When comparing the adipose cell lines (RB61 and RB97), we observed TFF isolated MSC-EVs with 1.59-fold more genes than UC isolated MSC-EVs. Both TFF and UC shared 1596 genes that were related to ribosome biogenesis, actin cytoskeleton organization, cell death, protein transport, and response to cytokines. TFF isolated MSC-EVs contained 2963 unique genes that were related to catabolism, cell cycle, aerobic respiration, cell death and vesicle fusion and UC isolated MSC-EVs contained 1258 unique genes that were related to negative regulation of DNA-templated transcription, embryo development, cell cycle, regulation of secretion, and neural tube development. A full list of genes for each group can be found in Supplementary Table 4.1. When comparing isolation methods, we identified 55 genes that were upregulated 2-fold in TFF isolated MSC-EVs compared to UC isolated MSC-EVs (Figure 4.2B). Of these 55 genes, 27% have roles in immune suppression (i.e., LGALS1, RGP1, TPM3), while others have roles in

proliferation (i.e., LONP1, KPNA3, RND3), structure (i.e., RDX, PLEC, TUBB3), and tumor suppression (COX5B, DLC1, ERH) (Supplementary Table 4.2). Whereas only 2 identified genes (RNY1 and DUX4) were upregulated 2-fold in UC isolated MSC-EVs compared to TFF (Figure 4.2C). These genes have roles related to RNASE and transcriptional activation. Additionally, we observed a higher expression of key gene families known to aid in the regulation of the inflammatory response and aid in tissue regeneration (cell cycle, collagen, IFN γ , Fatty-acid oxidation, glycolysis and MMPs) (Figure 4.2D and Supplementary Table 4.3). These gene families were upregulated between 1.3- to 2-fold in TFF isolated MSC-EVs compared to UC isolated MSC-EVs.

4.4.3 Tangential Flow Filtration Isolates RB30 MSC-EVs with a distinct Proteomic Profile

We observed clear separation in the RB30 MSC-EV proteomic profiles between both priming conditions and isolation methods (Red TFF, Black UC) (Figure 4.3B) comparing 248 proteins using HCA. When identifying differences in isolation methods between priming conditions we found that in RB30 control groups there were 65 genes shared between TFF and UC isolated MSC-EV populations that were related to epidermis development (Figure 4.3A). In RB30 control TFF isolated MSC-EVs we identified 88 unique proteins that were related to cell adhesion and in RB30 UC isolated MSC-EVs there were 46 unique proteins related to epidermis development. We also found that in RB30 IFN γ groups there were 57 genes shared between TFF and UC isolated MSC-EV populations related to extracellular matrix and complement activation (Figure 4.3A). In RB30 IFN γ TFF isolated MSC-EVs we identified 86 unique proteins that were related to extracellular matrix and in RB30 UC isolated MSC-EVs there were 30 unique proteins related to cytoskeleton organization. When comparing isolation methods, we observed 19 proteins that were expressed 2-fold higher in UC isolated MSC-EVs than TFF isolated MSC-EVs that are

related to keratinization response, cytoskeleton development, and epidermis development (Figure 4.3C). We also found that there were 59 proteins expressed 2-fold higher in TFF isolated MSC-EVs than UC MSC-EVs (Figure 4.3D). These proteins are related to extracellular matrix, response to wound healing, complement activation, neurogenesis, and cell adhesion. Lastly, we observed a significantly higher expression of collagen, glycolytic and MMP proteins in TFF than UC (Figure 4.3E).

4.4.4 MSC-EVs influence macrophage activation and brain pericyte morphology

To evaluate the immunomodulatory effects of MSC-EVs, we focused on two assays: macrophage IL-6 secretion and human brain pericyte morphology. These assays were chosen because IL-6 is a key pro-inflammatory cytokine, and its regulation provides insights into the anti-inflammatory potential of MSC-EVs [23]. Similarly, human brain pericyte morphology is an indicator of vascular stability and regeneration, which are critical factors in tissue repair and inflammatory response [24, 25].

We treated RAW246.7 murine macrophages with 10 μ g of MSC-EVs for all manufacturing groups of MSC-EVs. We then measured the macrophages interleukin-6 (IL-6) secretion using an ELISA. We found that there were no differences in IL-6 secretion between isolation methods except for RB14 MSC-EVs where TFF isolated MSC-EVs significantly decreased IL-6 secretion compared to UC isolated MSC-EVs (Figure 4.4A). We also observed that RB30 MSC-EVs induced a significantly higher IL-6 expression than any of the other cell lines.

Using passage 4 isolated human brain pericytes we observed a larger morphological change with the addition of TFF isolated bone marrow (RB14, RB30) MSC-EVs than other manufacturing groups as seen in the images (Figure 4.4B). All MSC-EV TFF manufacturing groups became

more complex or stellated in phenotype as reflected by an increase in compactness and a decrease in form factor (Figure 4.4C). However, we only saw an increase in size (perimeter and major axis length) in RB14 and RB30 TFF groups. In addition, we only observed differences between isolation methods in RB14 and RB30 where we observed TFF isolated EVs inducing a more complex (decrease in compactness and form factor) and larger (increase in perimeter and major axis length) pericyte phenotype.

4.5 DISCUSSION

MSC-EVs present considerable therapeutic potential for neurodegenerative and other inflammatory diseases [26-28]. However, the absence of standardized manufacturing processes presents substantial challenges in meeting translational needs and advancing to clinical applications [29]. In this study, we evaluated two commonly used MSC-EV isolation methods- tangential flow filtration and ultracentrifugation- to demonstrate that different techniques can markedly impact the population characteristics of MSC-EVs. Our findings revealed that these methods produced two distinct MSC-EV populations with differences in physical characteristics and cargo composition, though these variations did not affect their functional outcomes.

Although UC is widely used for MSC-EV isolation, its scalability is often limited, prompting many manufacturers to explore alternative methods like TFF, which can process larger volumes [12]. Few studies have directly compared MSC-EV populations isolated by UC and TFF, though existing research confirms concentration differences between the two methods [20]. Based on previous reports, we anticipated that TFF would yield a higher concentration of MSC-EVs without affecting their size. However, using NTA, we found that TFF isolated larger MSC-EVs than UC. This size difference was observed when averaging across batches, not within individual

batches (Figure 4.1C, Supplemental Figure 4.2). Therefore, we attribute this variation to batch-to-batch variability rather than fundamental difference between isolation methods. Nonetheless, all MSC-EVs were within the acceptable size range of 30-1000nm (Figure 4.1B) [30]. It is also important to note that, while NTA is widely used for quantifying MSC-EVs, it is a non-specific method that may also count any aggregated proteins and lipoproteins present in the sample, potentially impacting the accuracy and reproducibility of results across batches [31].

We compared the RNA profiles of four IFN γ -primed MSC cell lines using next-generation sequencing (NGS) and analyzed the proteomic profiles of the RB30 cell line with and without IFN γ priming. MSCs were primed with 50 ng/mL of IFN γ , a concentration known to significantly enhance the immunomodulatory potential of MSCs and thereby the MSC-EVs they release [32, 33]. We hypothesized that the RNA cargo of MSC-EVs would contain similar immunomodulatory molecules, regardless of the isolation method. However, our findings revealed distinct differences in both RNA and protein expression between TFF- and UC-isolated MSC-EVs, with TFF-isolated MSC-EVs showing a higher correlation with immunomodulatory molecules. To our knowledge, this is the first study to compare the RNA and proteomic profiles of MSC-EVs isolated via UC and TFF, though other studies have examined differences in cargo profiles across alternative isolation methods [21, 34].

After normalizing for total RNA isolated, we found that TFF (tangential flow filtration) isolated 1.53-fold more genes than UC (ultracentrifugation) in the bone marrow groups and 1.59-fold more genes in the adipose groups (Figure 4.2A). Additionally, TFF isolated RB30 EVs (extracellular vesicles) with 1.38-fold and 1.76-fold more protein in the unprimed and primed groups, respectively (Figure 4.3A). These proteomic profiles not only illustrate clear separation between isolation groups but also between priming groups (Figure 4.3B and Supplemental Table

4.4). This difference could be due to TFF producing purer EV samples than UC, other studies have suggested that UC isolation may damage EV integrity resulting in impaired functionality and formation of aggregates [18, 20, 35]. In addition, we observed TFF isolated a higher concentration of larger MSC-EVs than UC, which may result in the isolation of a broader range of MSC-EV subpopulations or vesicles with larger cargo capacity. Future studies are required to discern the cause of increased proteomic and RNA in TFF compared to UC isolated MSC-EVs.

When evaluating the differences in upregulated RNAs between isolation methods, we found that 55 genes were upregulated 2-fold in TFF compared to UC, whereas only two genes were upregulated 2-fold in UC compared to TFF (Figure 4.2B, Figure 4.2C). Similarly, TFF isolated 59 proteins from RB30 EVs with a 2-fold higher expression compared to UC, which isolated only 19 proteins with a 2-fold higher expression than TFF (Figure 4.3D and Figure 4.3C). These findings align with previous studies, such as Tieu et al., which reported a 3.9-fold higher protein concentration in TFF-isolated EVs compared to UC-isolated EVs [16, 36].

Further analysis of the functions of these upregulated genes and proteins revealed that TFF-isolated MSC-EVs exhibited higher expression of genes involved in immunomodulation and tissue regeneration. Of the 55 genes upregulated by TFF, 27% play roles in immune suppression (e.g., LGALS1, PGAM1, TPM3) (Figure 4.2B, Supplemental Table 4.2). In contrast, genes upregulated in UC were predominantly involved in RNase activity and transcriptional activation (e.g., RNY1 and DUX4) (Figure 4.2C) [37-43].

Similarly, we observed clear proteomic profile separation between both UC and TFF isolation methods for RB30 MSC-EVs (Figure 4.3B). The 2-fold upregulated proteins in UC isolated RB30 MSC-EVs mainly had roles in epidermis development, keratinization, and cytoskeleton

development (Figure 4.3C) [44, 45]. Whereas the proteins 2-fold upregulated in the TFF isolated MSC-EVs had higher expression of immunomodulatory roles (e.g., ECM, wound healing, neurogenesis) (Figure 4.3D) [46-48]. In addition, we observed separation between the proteomic profiles of primed and unprimed and IFN γ primed RB30 MSC-EVs (Figure 4.3A and Figure 4.3B). The roles in the IFN γ primed MSC-EVs had roles in ECM, cytoskeleton organization, ECM and complement activation whereas the unprimed RB30 MSC-EVs included protein mainly focusing on regulatory functions such as cell adhesion and epidermis development (Figure 4.3A and Figure 4.3B). This is expected as various studies have shown that IFN γ significantly increased the immunomodulatory function of MSCs and illustrates how TFF may better preserve MSC-EVs and their intended function than UC [49-52].

A more in-depth analysis of the RNA profiles demonstrated that TFF-isolated EVs exhibited a 1.3- to 2-fold higher expression of gene families related to the cell cycle, collagen production, IFN γ response, fatty acid oxidation (FAO), glycolysis, and matrix metalloproteinase (MMPs) genes (Figure 4.2D, Supplemental Table 4.3). Correspondingly, the RB30 protein profile indicated higher expression of collagen and MMP2 proteins in TFF compared to UC (Figure 4.3E).

Key cell cycle genes, such as cyclin-dependent kinase-12 (CDK12) and cyclin A2 (CCNA2) are known to support the protection and long-term survival of brain neurons by promoting of DNA repair [53, 54]. Upregulation of collagen genes, including collagen 6A1 (COL6A1) and collagen 4A (COL4A), plays a critical roles in the reparative process, as collagen is an essential extracellular matrix protein that is involved in cell growth, differentiation, and regeneration [55, 56]. FAO genes have been implicated in enhancing cell proliferation and DNA repair [57, 58]. Increased expression of glycolytic enzymes such as Enolase 1 (ENO1) and Phosphoglycerate

kinase 1 (PGK1), is linked to neuronal and microglia activation [59, 60]. Finally, MMPs, including MMP9 and MMP2, have been shown to have important roles in reducing inflammation through regulatory T-cell recruitment, activating astroglia for functional recovery, degradation of harmful aggregates (e.g., α -synuclein, associated with PD), and promoting angiogenesis [61-64].

Based off our cargo composition we hypothesized that TFF isolated MSC-EVs would have a higher immunomodulatory function than UC isolated MSC-EVs. However, these differences in cargo do not appear to have significant functional implications in our EV bioactivity assays. Murine RAW264.7 macrophages are known to produce pro-inflammatory cytokines such as TNF α , IL-6, and IL-1 β in response to LPS treatment [65]. Previous studies have shown that LPS activated RAW264.7 macrophages respond to variations in EV manufacturing, making them a promising indicator of MSC-EV immunomodulatory potential [23, 66]. In our experiments, we measured IL-6 secretion from these macrophages but found minimal discernible differences between the manufacturing methods (Figure 4.4A). The only significant difference observed was in the RB14 group, where TFF-isolated EVs showed greater IL-6 attenuation compared to UC-isolated EVs. Overall, the trend suggests that TFF-isolated EVs from RB14, RB30, and RB97 were more effective at reducing macrophage activation, indicating an anti-inflammatory response. However, as this data is based on a single protein measurement, future studies should incorporate a broader profile of macrophage-secreted proteins for a more comprehensive understanding of MSC-EVs' effects on macrophage function.

In addition to the macrophage assay, we performed a screen of MSC-EV groups using our established pericyte morphological assay. In previous work, we demonstrated pericytes ability to discern manufacturing differences in terms of MSC culture platform and priming conditions

resulting in differing MSC-EV bioactivity (Chapter 3). In this study, we found that TFF-isolated MSC-EVs generally induced a more complex pericyte morphology, as indicated by increased compactness and decreased form factor (Figure 4.4B). Notably, only bone marrow-derived MSC-EVs increased pericyte size (in terms of perimeter and major axis length), which we believe reflects an enhanced immunomodulatory state in these pericytes based on previous work (Chapter 3). Consistent differences between TFF and UC were only observed in the RB14 group.

While the TFF-isolated MSC-EVs exhibited a cargo composition that suggests enhanced immunomodulatory potential, we found few functional differences between the isolation methods. Whether this is due to the limitations of our functional assays or because the observed cargo differences are not functionally significant requires further investigation.

This study represents the first in-depth evaluation of MSC-EV cargo differences between UC and TFF isolation methods. We believe this work will be instrumental in guiding the future standardization of MSC-EV manufacturing processes. Although multiple methods are currently used to isolate MSC-EVs, much attention has been placed on how conditions affecting the parent cells influence EV production, with less emphasis on the role of downstream processing. It is well understood, however, that these processing steps significantly impact the final MSC-EV populations [21, 29, 67]. Our findings provide initial evidence of cargo differences in MSC-EVs derived from the same cell source, though it is crucial to acknowledge the batch-to-batch variability and the limited scope of functional evaluations. Future studies will focus on optimizing the manufacturing process to minimize variability. This work lays a strong foundation for evaluating cargo differences across isolation methods, with future research aimed at clarifying these distinctions and determining their implications for the therapeutic potential of

MSC-EVs. Ultimately, our comparison of TFF and UC methods may help researchers choose the most effective isolation technique for MSC-EV production moving forward.

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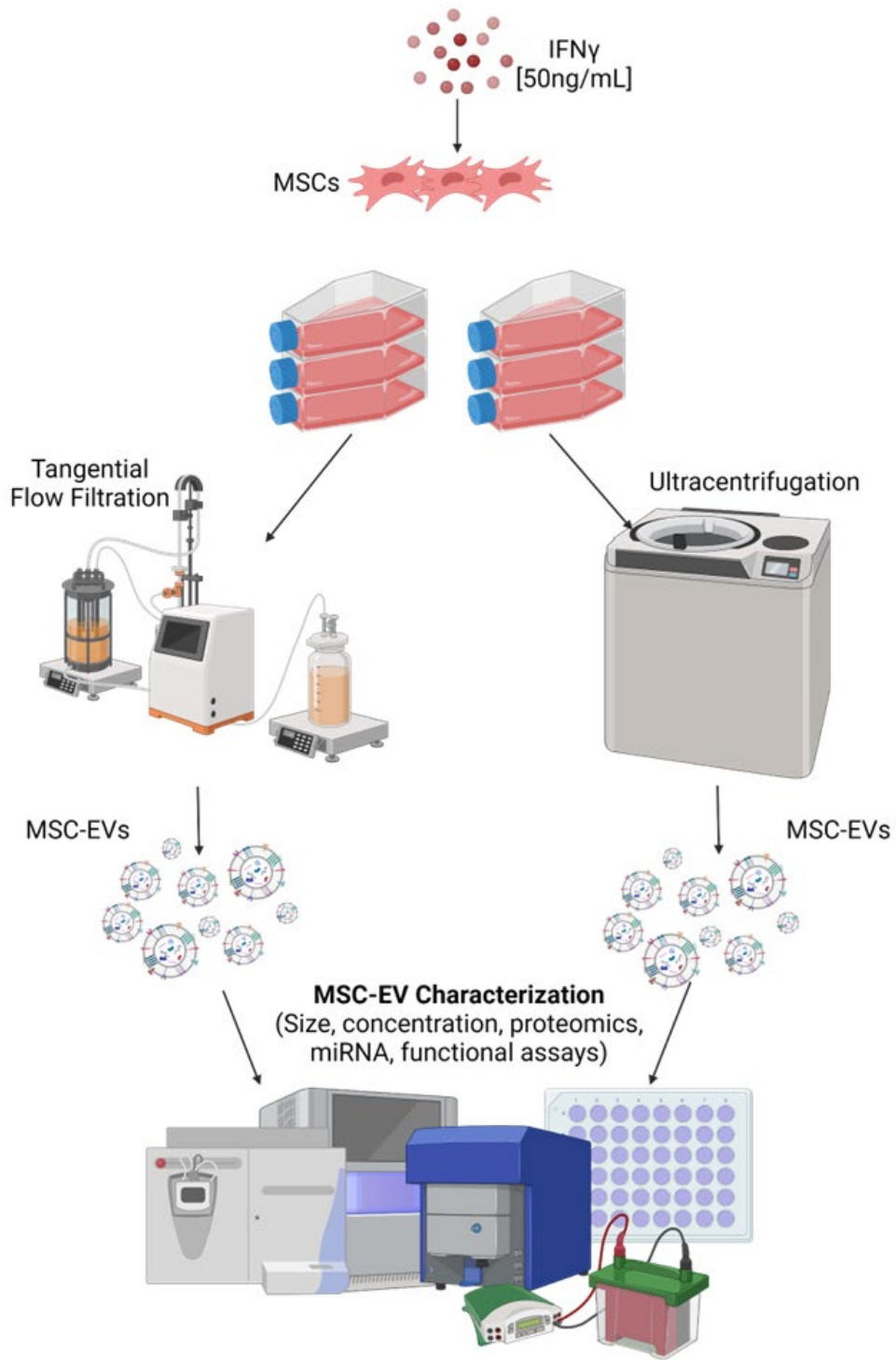


Figure 4.i Illustrative Abstract

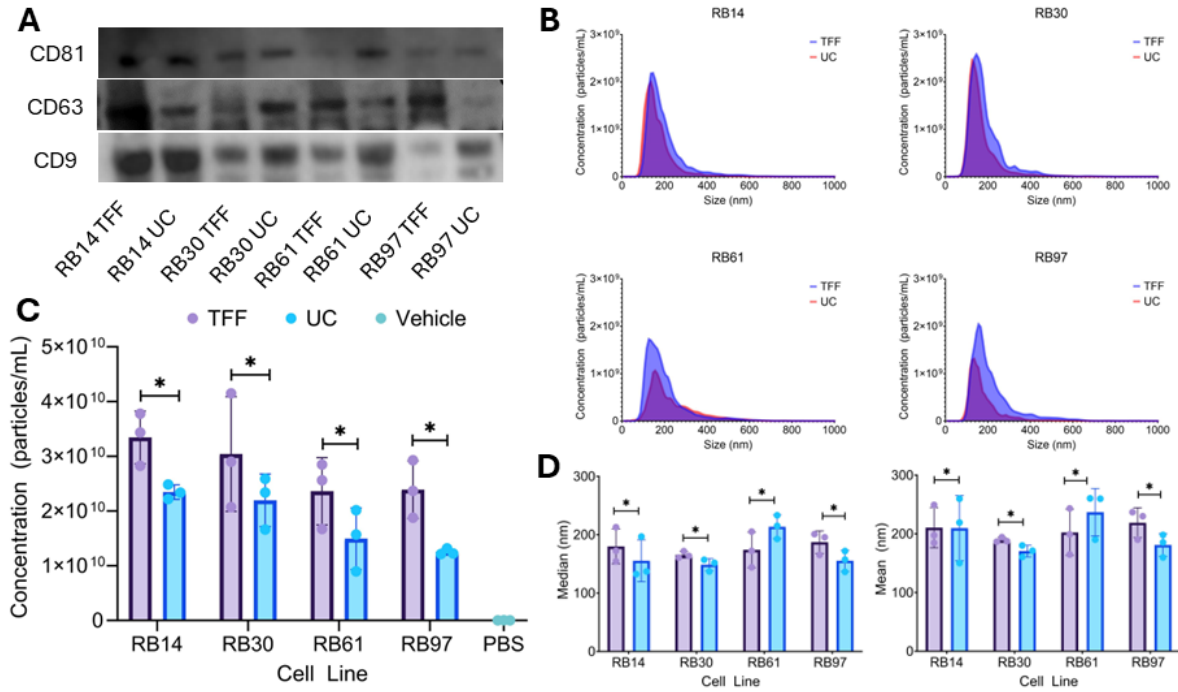


Figure 4.1. Characterization of MSC-EVs. **A)** illustrates the presence of 3 MSC-EV markers CD81, CD63 and CD9 for all MSC manufacturing groups using western blot. **B)** Illustrates the size average size distribution across 3 batches for each cell line. **C)** Represents the average concentration isolated for each manufacturing groups across 3 different batches. * represents $p < 0.003$ using an ordinary one-way ANOVA and Sidak's multiple comparison test. **D)** Represents the average concentration isolated for each manufacturing groups across 3 different batches. * represents $p < 0.0391$ using an ordinary one-way ANOVA and Sidak's multiple comparison test.

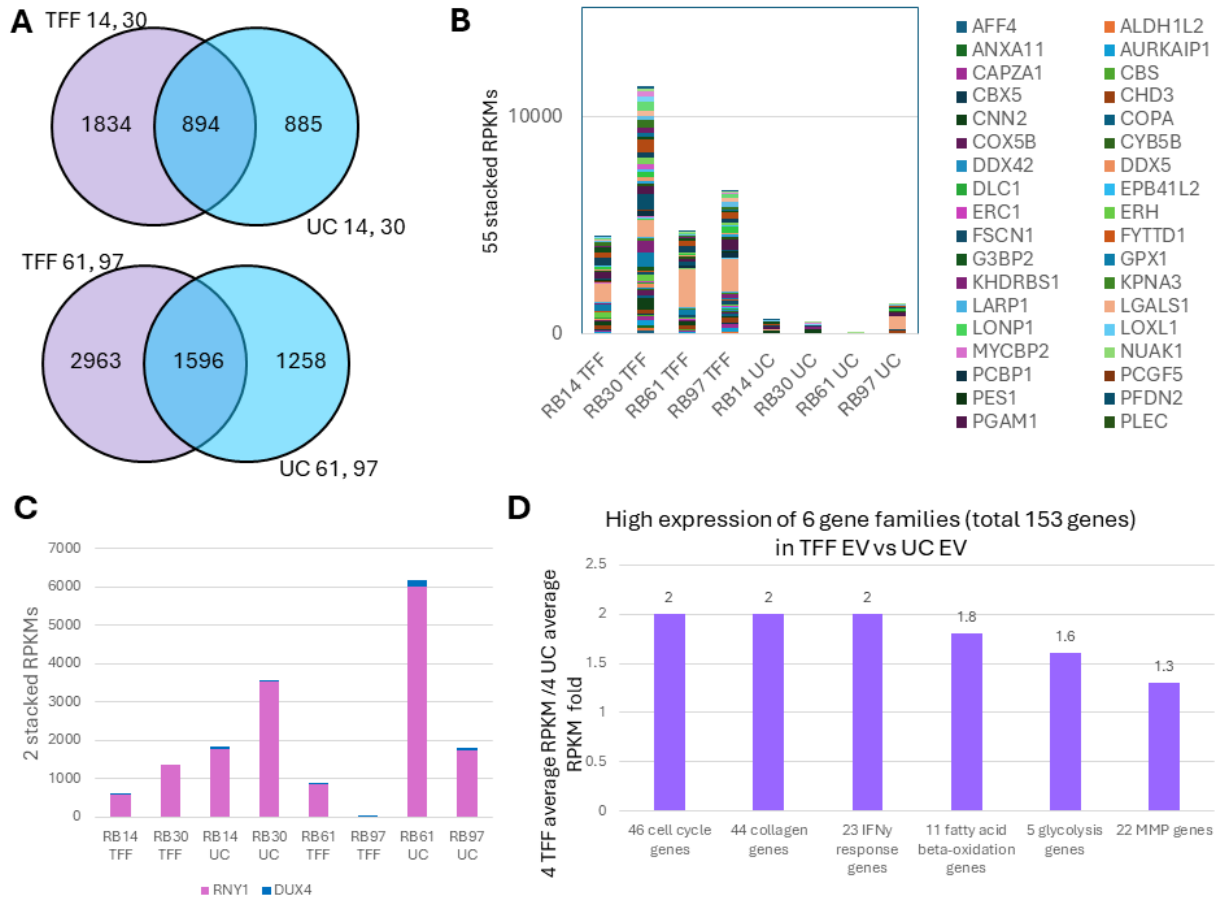


Figure 4.2. TFF and UC isolate MSC-EVs with distinct RNA Profiles. **A)** Illustrates the differences between the genes isolated by TFF and UC across bone marrow-derived MSCs (RB14 and RB30, top) and adipose tissue-derived MSCs (RB61, RB97, bottom). **B)** Is a stack plot of the genes 2-fold upregulated in TFF isolated MSC-EVs compared to UC isolated MSC-EVs. **C)** Is a stack plot of the genes 2-fold upregulated in UC isolated MSC-EVs compared to TFF isolated MSC-EVs. **D)** Illustrates the fold difference between TFF and UC between six gene families having roles in immunomodulation and regeneration.

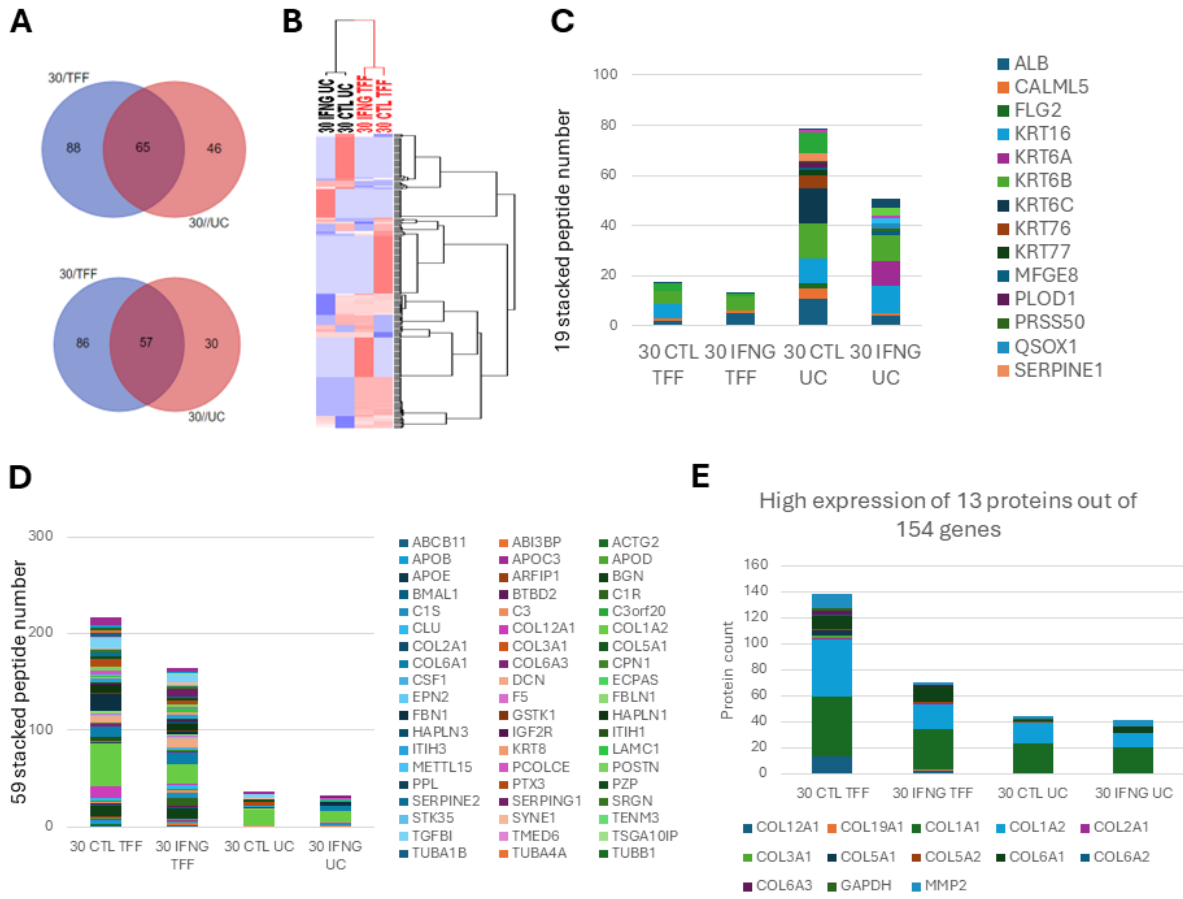


Figure 4.3. Isolation methods and priming induce distinct proteomic profiles in RB30 MSC-EVs. **A)** Venn diagrams of the differences and similarities between UC and TFF isolated MSC-EVs (unprimed-top and primed-bottom). **B)** Heat-map illustrating the distinct proteomic profiles between TFF (red) and UC (black) as well as with and without priming. **C)** Proteins 2-fold upregulated in the UC isolated MSC-EVs compared to the TFF isolated MSC-EVs. **D)** Proteins 2-fold upregulated in the UC isolated MSC-EVs compared to the TFF isolated MSC-EVs. **E)** Illustrates higher expression of protein in TFF that have immunomodulatory function than in UC.

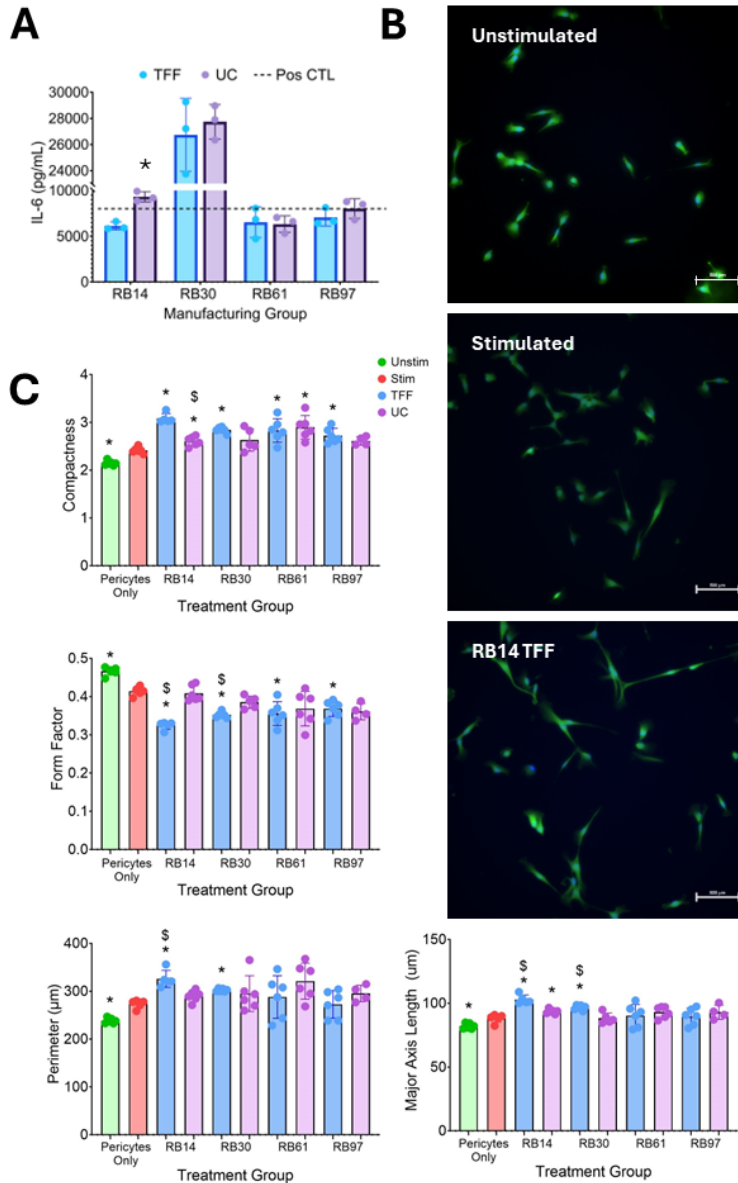


Figure 4.4. Isolation methods have minimal effect on MSC-EV bioactivity. **A)** IL-6 secretion of RAW264.7 macrophages after treatment with MSC-EVs. * represents $p < 0.05$ between TFF and UC isolated MSC-EVs within the same cell line using a one-way ANOVA test using Tukey's multiple comparison. **B)** Images of pericyte from unstimulated, stimulated and Rb14 TFF manufacturing groups (top to bottom). Scale bar = $500\mu\text{m}$. **C)** Pericyte morphological parameters including compactness, form factor, major axis length and perimeter. * represents $p < 0.05$ compared to the stimulated group using a Brown-Forsythe and Welch's ANOVA and Dunnett's T3 multiple comparison. \$ represents $p < 0.03$ between TFF and UC within the same cell line using Brown-Forsythe and Welch's ANOVA and Dunnett's T3 multiple comparison test.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

5.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

While MSC-EVs show great potential as a therapeutic for neurodegenerative diseases, the absence of standardized manufacturing practices hinders their ability to meet regulatory requirements for future clinical use. The variability in MSC-EV isolation, priming, and culture methods significantly impacts the consistency and bioactivity of the EVs, making it difficult to ensure reliable therapeutic outcomes. Therefore, through my thesis, I chose to investigate how different manufacturing practices influence MSC-EV populations, with the goal of identifying critical factors that affect their bioactivity and contributing to the development of standardized methods for more consistent and effective clinical applications. The overarching goal was to study how MSC priming and isolation methods impact MSC-EV bioactivity and to develop a novel pericyte-based assay for assessing MSC-EVs in neurodegenerative therapies.

In Chapter 2, I conducted a comprehensive literature review on current evaluation methods for MSC-EVs in the context of neurodegenerative diseases. I found that no "gold standard" exists for either the manufacturing or assessment of MSC-EV bioactivity. By comparing existing MSC-EV evaluation models, I identified key challenges that could be addressed using newer evaluation platforms. This review provided a detailed overview of the current landscape of MSC-EV bioactivity assessment tools and their limitations in meeting regulatory requirements.

In Chapter 3, we developed a pericyte-based morphological assay for evaluating MSC-EV bioactivity and conducted an in-depth analysis of functional differences arising from various manufacturing methods. We identified key pericyte morphological features (i.e., perimeter, form factor, major axis length) that may offer insights into MSC-EV function and link these to corresponding secretome profiles, establishing pericytes as a reliable morphological assay. This assay also enabled us to evaluate MSC-EVs under different manufacturing conditions, including MSC priming and 2D versus 3D culture platforms and it was found that a 3D bioreactor platform produce more bioactive MSC-EVs than 2D flask produced MSC-EVs. Thus, through this approach, we identified differences between manufacturing methods and determined the most bioactive MSC-EV groups in the context of human brain pericytes for future therapeutic applications in neurodegenerative disease.

In Chapter 4, we further explored MSC-EV manufacturing techniques, focusing on EV isolation. Specifically, I compared MSC-EVs isolated by tangential flow filtration (TFF) and ultracentrifugation (UC) across four MSC donors (e.g., RB114, RB30, RB61, RB97). We evaluated physical (size, concentration, surface markers), compositional (RNA and proteomics), and functional (macrophage IL-6 secretion, pericyte morphology) characteristics. Our analysis revealed that TFF isolated a higher concentration of larger MSC-EVs with a distinct compositional cargo profile compared to UC. TFF-isolated MSC-EVs were enriched in RNA and proteomic cargo associated with modulating inflammatory responses. However, despite these compositional differences, functional distinctions were minimal, with TFF further promoting an immunomodulatory pericyte morphology, which we had previously established as significant.

5.2 LIMITATIONS

In Chapter 3, we developed a quick and easy assay for assessing MSC-EV bioactivity using a 2D system. While effective, this assay is best suited as a preliminary screening tool before transitioning to more complex and physiologically relevant 3D systems, such as microphysiological systems (MPS) or *in vivo* models, which can better capture intricate interactions. In addition, it is important to note that all studies utilize only one pericyte donor and one MSC donor. Nevertheless, I believe this assay represents a reliable method for MSC-EV bioactivity assessment, as demonstrated by the discernible differences observed across various priming and culture platform groups. However, further work needs to be conducted to efficiently qualify and validate this assay before it can be considered a proper MSC-EV potency assay. This qualification will require further studies assessing different donors of both pericytes, and MSC-EVs, known drug evaluation as a control, time-studies, and further specificity and reproducibility studies.

In Chapter 4, we encountered some challenges related to batch-to-batch variability, which impacted on the consistency of results. However, variability is expected due to the inherent heterogeneity of MSCs and the EVs they produce [1, 2]. Additionally, the limited culture platform restricted the volume of MSC-conditioned media produced, thereby limiting the number of MSC-EVs available for evaluation, particularly for specific miRNA analysis. Despite these constraints, the focused functional assessment assays provided valuable insights and lay the groundwork for further exploration in future research. While the limited availability of reliable MSC-EV assays is partly due to still-unknown mechanisms of action, I am optimistic that continued investigation will lead to advancements that enhance our understanding and evaluation of MSC-EVs.

5.3 FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Future experiments should prioritize a comprehensive investigation into the effects of manufacturing practices on MSC-EV bioactivity and their potential neurodegenerative therapeutic applications. Possible factors to explore development of potency assays and further exploration of manufacturing conditions (i.e., MSC priming, MSC culture platforms, and MSC-EV isolation methods).

5.3.1 Development of Physiologically Relevant Assays For MSC-EV Potency in Neurodegenerative Diseases

MSC-EVs hold great promise as a therapeutic for neurodegenerative diseases, but their potential will remain unrealized without a clearer understanding of their mechanism of action (MOA) and standardized potency assessments [3]. Thus, there is a critical need to develop, qualify, and validate potency assays for MSC-EV evaluation. Currently, no established potency assays exist, leaving bioactivity assessments to the discretion of individual researchers, which has hindered consensus within the MSC-EV field.

Current models for MSC-EV assessment are largely limited to 2D monoculture systems and in vivo animal studies [4, 5]. While 2D models are valuable, they often fail to capture the complexity of cellular interactions, limiting our ability to uncover more intricate mechanisms. In vivo models, though more complex, frequently lack translatability to human systems [6]. In this thesis, we developed a 2D monoculture assay capable of discerning differences between various manufacturing conditions. However, due to its simplicity, this assay will be most useful as a screening tool to identify promising conditions.

Once identified, more complex in vitro models will be necessary to further explore the mechanisms and deeper differences in MSC-EVs based on manufacturing variables. For example, future studies could include developing a blood-brain barrier (BBB) microphysiological system (MPS). This BBB MPS would provide a dynamic, physiologically relevant environment while maintaining high-throughput capabilities in a controlled setting [7-9]. Such a model could offer deeper insights into the MOA of MSC-EVs and enhance our ability to standardize potency assays, moving the field closer to realizing the therapeutic potential of MSC-EVs.

5.3.2 Further Evaluation of Manufacturing Methods Impacting MSC-EVs

5.3.2.1 Priming

In Chapters 3 and 4, we analyzed the differences in priming (using cytokines, chemokines, and oxygen), culture platforms (flask and bioreactor), and two different isolation methods (e.g., TFF and UC). While these parameters were the focus of our investigation, there are numerous other priming conditions, culture platforms, and isolation methods that remain unexplored.

In Chapter 2, we primarily focused on the combinatorial priming of MSCs with TNF α and IFN γ , while Chapter 4 concentrated solely on IFN γ priming, given its established role in enhancing MSC immunomodulatory potential. However, additional priming strategies—including hypoxia, other cytokines and chemokines, neurotrophic factors, and various bioactive molecules—are also pertinent to the preparation of MSCs for treating neuroinflammatory diseases[10-12].

For instance, priming bone marrow MSCs with interleukin-23 (IL-23) has been shown to increase the neuroprotective capacity of their secreted extracellular vesicles (EVs) in murine

models [13]. Another study demonstrated that priming MSCs with α -synuclein resulted in upregulation of transcriptional factors related to cell reprogramming, glycolysis, and autophagy, and when implanted, these MSCs improved the survival of dopaminergic neurons in a Parkinson's disease mouse model [14]. Additionally, MSCs primed with a combination of neurotrophic factors, such as B27, N2, dbcAMP, IBMX, EGF, bFGF, and valproic acid, produced secretome factors that promoted neurite growth, increased the expression of neuronal markers, and suppressed apoptotic markers [15].

These findings highlight the vast potential of alternative priming strategies to further enhance the therapeutic efficacy of MSCs, particularly in the context of neurodegenerative diseases.

Exploring these untested priming conditions, as well as other culture and isolation methods, could significantly advance MSC-based therapies.

5.3.2.2 Culture Platforms

In Chapter 3, we compared MSC-EVs derived from MSCs cultured in both traditional cell culture flasks and vertical-wheel bioreactors, as well as different microcarrier concentrations within the bioreactor. Based on our findings and the need for large-scale MSC-EV production for future therapeutic applications, further studies should focus on MSC-EV production in scalable 2D and 3D culture platforms, including bioreactors and hydrogels.

Several 3D culture platforms are available, such as CellSTACK chambers, Hyperflasks, spinner flasks, stirred-tank bioreactors, vertical-wheel bioreactors, rotating wall bioreactors, and hollow-fiber bioreactors. In our study, MSC-EVs produced from MSCs cultured in a vertical-wheel bioreactor demonstrated enhanced immunomodulatory properties compared to those grown in T175 culture flasks. Similarly, Sun et al. found that MSCs cultured in 3D hollow-fiber

bioreactors produced a higher yield of EVs, which exhibited increased angiogenic potential, regulated macrophage transition, and reduced apoptosis compared to those grown in 2D conditions [16]. Fuzeta et al. further demonstrated that a scalable microcarrier-based bioreactor culture system significantly outperformed 2D flask systems in terms of MSC-EV production and productivity [17]. These studies collectively underscore the superiority of 3D bioreactor systems over traditional 2D platforms, both in terms of scalability and the enhancement of MSC and MSC-EV immunomodulatory potential.

Beyond bioreactors and flask systems, the choice of biomaterials used in MSC culture can influence the therapeutic potential of MSC-EVs. Factors such as pore size, mechanical properties, and material composition should be carefully evaluated to optimize MSC-EV production for neurodegenerative disease treatments [18]. For example, one study encapsulated umbilical cord-derived MSCs in an arginine-glycine-aspartic acid (RGD) hydrogel scaffold and demonstrated that, in a murine spinal cord injury model, the hydrogel slowly released the paracrine factor CCL2, leading to neuroprotective effects such as enhanced neuronal survival and growth [19]. Another study showed that bone marrow-derived MSCs cultured in collagen-pullulan hydrogels exhibited increased expression of angiogenic cytokines, such as vascular endothelial growth factor-A (VEGF-A) and monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1), as well as transcription factors associated with pluripotency and self-renewal [20].

In conclusion, exploring advanced 3D culture platforms and the impact of biomaterials on MSC and MSC-EV production holds significant promise for optimizing their therapeutic potential, particularly for neurodegenerative diseases. By refining these techniques, we can pave the way for more efficient and effective MSC-based therapies.

5.3.2.3 Isolation Methods

In our studies, we compared MSC-EVs isolated using TFF and UC. However, various other isolation methods may be better suited to different manufacturing applications. These include UC, size exclusion chromatography (SEC), immune-affinity capture, ultrafiltration (e.g. TFF), and microfluidics. Each method comes with its own challenges and benefits—some are more costly (UC, SEC, immune-affinity capture), others offer greater scalability (ultrafiltration, certain UC processes), and some may compromise EV integrity, such as UC [21-27].

The choice of isolation method must balance these factors based on the specific needs of the manufacturing process. However, it's important to recognize that different isolation methods can influence the characteristics of the resulting MSC-EV population, as we observed in Chapter 4. For instance, a study comparing MSC-EVs isolated using anion exchange resin (IEX) and ultrafiltration (UF) found that, while both methods produced EVs of similar size and particle concentration, IEX yielded 10 times more RNA, a higher protein count, and greater levels of anti-inflammatory cytokines. Additionally, IEX-isolated EVs more effectively suppressed macrophage activation and T cell proliferation compared to UF in bioactivity assays [28].

These findings highlight the need to carefully select the appropriate isolation method to optimize EV yield, quality, and functionality for specific applications.

5.4 BROADER IMPACTS

Neurodegenerative diseases are increasingly prevalent, underscoring the urgent need for effective therapeutic interventions [29]. Mesenchymal stromal cell-derived extracellular vesicles (MSC-EVs) hold significant promise as a potential treatment due to their ability to target

neuroinflammation, offering the possibility of a curative approach rather than merely symptom management [30-32]. Notably, MSC-EVs have demonstrated robust potential in attenuating inflammation and promoting regenerative processes in models of neuroinflammation [33]. For instance, in a rat model of minimal hepatic encephalopathy, adipose-derived MSC-EVs (AD-MSC-EVs) reduced neuroinflammatory responses and restored motor coordination. These effects were mediated through the modulation of microglia and astrocyte activation, ultimately restoring homeostatic GABAergic neurotransmission [34].

However, several challenges must be addressed before MSC-EVs can meet regulatory standards for therapeutic approval. These include the heterogeneity of MSC-EVs, limited understanding of their mechanisms of action (MOA), the absence of validated potency assays, and non-standardized manufacturing processes [3, 35-37].

In this dissertation, we developed a pericyte morphology-based bioactivity assay to screen MSC-EV manufacturing conditions and compared different MSC-EV isolation methods. Existing approaches predominantly rely on *in vivo* models and complex analysis techniques. While *in vitro* models offer initial insights, they often require time-intensive and resource-heavy methods, such as flow cytometry, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), and reactive oxygen species (ROS) assays, which also demand specialized training [38-40]. *In vivo* models, meanwhile, are costly, raise ethical concerns, and frequently exhibit poor translational relevance to humans [6, 41, 42]. Our assay provides a rapid and cost-effective screening method for evaluating MSC-EVs without the need for advanced training or complex techniques. Although often overlooked, morphology is a valuable metric for assessing cellular function, as demonstrated in previous studies [43, 44].

By employing this simple yet effective approach, we developed a platform that can be universally implemented, enabling the identification of promising therapeutics while conserving resources. This novel platform has the potential to standardize bioactivity assessments for neurodegenerative disease therapeutics and improve the understanding of MSC-EV bioactivity, MOA, and therapeutic efficacy.

Additionally, we conducted a comprehensive comparison of ultracentrifugation (UC) and tangential flow filtration (TFF) isolation methods, revealing significant differences in the cargo and bioactivity of resulting MSC-EV populations. To date, this is the first detailed analysis comparing the effects of UC and TFF on MSC-EV cargo composition and bioactivity. Our findings highlight the critical importance of evaluating manufacturing variables such as isolation methods, which are often overshadowed by a focus on priming conditions. While previous studies, such as Visan et al., demonstrated that TFF yields higher concentrations and purer MSC-EV populations than UC, these analyses primarily focused on physical characteristics like size and concentration, with limited exploration of cargo composition [45]. By performing a more thorough analysis of MSC-EV cargo (both full RNA and proteomic profiling) we supplied a greater indication of isolations methods effects on resulting populations. This is extremely important towards building a standardized methodology for MSC-EV manufacturing as we illustrated these methods significantly isolated MSC-EVs with different cargo compositions.

Interestingly, while these methods altered the MSC-EV populations, the observed differences did not consistently translate into significant therapeutic variations. Instead, donor source appeared to have a more pronounced impact. Previous studies identified differences in isolation methods

through macrophage functional assays and T-cell proliferation assays, often using an expanded panel of biomarkers such as IL-2, IL-10, TGF- β , and VEGF [28]. In contrast, the functional assays in our study (macrophage IL-6 secretion and pericyte morphology) may have lacked the sensitivity to detect these differences, emphasizing the need for validated and standardized MSC-EV potency assays. Alternatively, the findings may indicate that only a subset of cargo molecules plays a functional role, warranting further investigation into the functional relevance of MSC-EV cargo.

While this work only begins to explore the impact of different manufacturing conditions on the therapeutic potential of MSC-EVs for neurodegenerative diseases, it raises important questions and highlights areas that warrant further investigation. We hope that this research, along with contributions from other studies, will help advance the understanding of MSC-EV mechanisms of action, identify critical quality attributes (CQAs), manufacturing standards, and develop future therapeutic applications in neurodegenerative diseases.

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APPENDIX A.

CHAPTER 3 SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

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  Speed up by using lower-resolution image to find local maxima?:Yes
  Fill holes in identified objects?:After both thresholding and declumping
  Automatically calculate size of smoothing filter for declumping?:No
  Automatically calculate minimum allowed distance between local maxima?:No
  Handling of objects if excessive number of objects identified:Continue
  Maximum number of objects:500
  Use advanced settings?:Yes
  Threshold setting version:12
  Threshold strategy:Global
  Thresholding method:Robust Background
  Threshold smoothing scale:1
  Threshold correction factor:1
  Lower and upper bounds on threshold:0,1
  Manual threshold:0.0
  Select the measurement to threshold with:None
  Two-class or three-class thresholding?:Three classes
  Log transform before thresholding?:No
  Assign pixels in the middle intensity class to the foreground or the background?:Foreground
  Size of adaptive window:10
  Lower outlier fraction:0.001
  Upper outlier fraction:0.001
  Averaging method:Mean
  Variance method:Standard deviation
  # of deviations:1
  Thresholding method:Otsu
```

```
IdentifySecondaryObjects:[module_num:6|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:10|show_wi
ndow:False|notes:['Identify the cells using the nuclei objects plus an image representative of the cell body.
```

Several of the channels could suffice for this purpose, but we chose the RNA channel as optimal. Using the "Watershed-Image" option over the default "Propagate" methods seems to often better capture the cell boundaries, especially when the cells are confluent.]]batch_state:array(b", dtype='|S1')|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Select the input objects:Nuclei
Name the objects to be identified:Cells
Select the method to identify the secondary objects:Propagation
Select the input image:FITC
Number of pixels by which to expand the primary objects:10
Regularization factor:0.0
Discard secondary objects touching the border of the image?:Yes
Discard the associated primary objects?:Yes
Name the new primary objects:FilteredNuclei
Fill holes in identified objects?:Yes
Threshold setting version:12
Threshold strategy:Global
Thresholding method:Robust Background
Threshold smoothing scale:1
Threshold correction factor:1
Lower and upper bounds on threshold:0.0,1
Manual threshold:0.0
Select the measurement to threshold with:None
Two-class or three-class thresholding?:Two classes
Log transform before thresholding?:Yes
Assign pixels in the middle intensity class to the foreground or the background?:Foreground
Size of adaptive window:10
Lower outlier fraction:0.01
Upper outlier fraction:0.01
Averaging method:Mean
Variance method:Median absolute deviation
of deviations:1
Thresholding method:Otsu

GrayToColor:[module_num:7|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:4|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Select a color scheme:RGB
Rescale intensity:No
Select the image to be colored red:Leave this black
Select the image to be colored green:FITC
Select the image to be colored blue:DAPI
Name the output image:PericyteColorImage
Relative weight for the red image:1.0
Relative weight for the green image:1.0
Relative weight for the blue image:1.0
Select the image to be colored cyan:Leave this black
Select the image to be colored magenta:Leave this black
Select the image to be colored yellow:Leave this black
Select the image that determines brightness:Leave this black
Relative weight for the cyan image:1.0
Relative weight for the magenta image:1.0
Relative weight for the yellow image:1.0

Relative weight for the brightness image:1.0
Hidden:1
Image name:None
Color:#ff0000
Weight:1.0

OverlayOutlines:[module_num:8|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:4|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Display outlines on a blank image?:No
Select image on which to display outlines:PericyteColorImage
Name the output image:PericyteOutlineImage
Outline display mode:Color
Select method to determine brightness of outlines:Max of image
How to outline:Inner
Select outline color:yellow
Select objects to display:FilteredNuclei
Select outline color:red
Select objects to display:Cells

MeasureObjectSizeShape:[module_num:9|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:3|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array(b'', dtype='S1')|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Select object sets to measure:Cells, FilteredNuclei
Calculate the Zernike features?:Yes
Calculate the advanced features?:No

ExportToSpreadsheet:[module_num:10|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:13|show_window:False|notes:['Use if not using database']|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Select the column delimiter:Comma (",")
Add image metadata columns to your object data file?:Yes
Add image file and folder names to your object data file?:No
Select the measurements to export:No
Calculate the per-image mean values for object measurements?:Yes
Calculate the per-image median values for object measurements?:Yes
Calculate the per-image standard deviation values for object measurements?:Yes
Output file location:Default Input Folder sub-folder|OneDrive -
FDA\\Research\\Experiments\\Experimental Data&Analysis\\Pericyte Morphology\\Pericyte EV
Morphology September 2023\\25X_R2_Output
Create a GenePattern GCT file?:No
Select source of sample row name:Metadata
Select the image to use as the identifier:None
Select the metadata to use as the identifier:None
Export all measurement types?:Yes
Press button to select measurements:
Representation of Nan/Inf:NaN
Add a prefix to file names?:Yes
Filename prefix:PeriMorph_
Overwrite existing files without warning?:No
Data to export:Do not use
Combine these object measurements with those of the previous object?:No
File name:DATA.csv

Use the object name for the file name?:Yes

DisplayDataOnImage:[module_num:11|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:6|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Display object or image measurements?:Object

Select the input objects:FilteredNuclei

Measurement to display:Number_Object_Number

Select the image on which to display the measurements:PericyteOutlineImage

Text color:white

Name the output image that has the measurements displayed:DataImage

Font size (points):10

Number of decimals:2

Image elements to save:Image

Annotation offset (in pixels):0

Display mode:Text

Color map:Default

Display background image?:Yes

Color map scale:Use this image's measurement range

Color map range:0.0,1.0

Font:Adobe Arabic

Use scientific notation?:No

Font weight:normal

SaveImages:[module_num:12|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:16|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Select the type of image to save:Image

Select the image to save:DataImage

Select method for constructing file names:Sequential numbers

Select image name for file prefix:OrigDNA

Enter file prefix:PeriMorph_

Number of digits:4

Append a suffix to the image file name?:Yes

Text to append to the image name: _nuclei

Saved file format:tiff

Output file location:Default Input Folder sub-folder|OneDrive -

FDA\\Research\\Experiments\\Experimental Data&Analysis\\Pericyte Morphology\\Pericyte EV Morphology September 2023\\25X_R2_Output

Image bit depth:8-bit integer

Overwrite existing files without warning?:No

When to save:Every cycle

Record the file and path information to the saved image?:Yes

Create subfolders in the output folder?:No

Base image folder:Default Input Folder

How to save the series:T (Time)

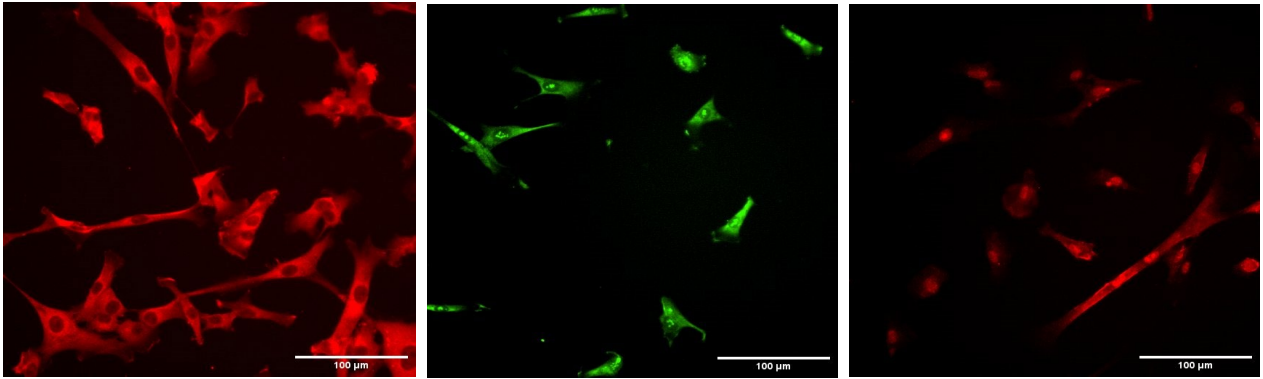
Save with lossless compression?:No

Supplementary Figure 3.1. CellProfiler Pipeline for Pericyte Morphological Analysis

Supplementary Table 3.1 Morphological features of interest adapted from Klinker et al.

2017.

Morphological Feature	
Cell area	Nucleus area
Cell perimeter	Nucleus perimeter
Cell compactness	Nucleus compactness
Cell form factor	Nucleus form factor
Cell solidity	Nucleus solidity
Cell major axis length	Nucleus major axis length
Cell mean radius	Nucleus mean radius
Cell perimeter/area	Nucleus perimeter/area
Cell aspect ratio	Nucleus aspect ratio
Nucleus area/cytoplasm area	



Supplemental Figure 3.2. Confirmation of pericyte identity. Pericytes were stained with (A) Neural/glial antigen 2, (B) α -Smooth Muscle Actin and (C) Nuclear factor kappa-B, from left to right respectively. Scale bar =100 μ m.

APPENDIX B

CHAPTER 4 SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

CellProfiler Pipeline: <http://www.cellprofiler.org>

Version:5

DateRevision:424

GitHash:

ModuleCount:12

HasImagePlaneDetails:False

Images:[module_num:1|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:2|show_window:True|notes: ['To begin creating your project, use the Images module to compile a list of files and/or folders that you want to analyze. You can also specify a set of rules to include only the desired files in your selected folders.', ', ', 'For a large screen, it may take a long time to read and collect all the images. E.g., for a screen of 830k files (images+thumbnails), it took ~2 hrs to process. However, this only needs to be done once as the file list is saved as part of the project file.', ', ', 'Recommended to save time: Drag/drop the images once for a single project (e.g, QC), save the project as a template and then copy/paste analysis modules from the other two by opening additional instances of CellProfiler, then save them as separate projects.']]batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

:

Filter images?:Images only

Select the rule criteria:and (or (extension does istif) (file does endwith ".npy")) (file doesnot contain "thumb")

Metadata:[module_num:2|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:6|show_window:True|notes: ['The Metadata module optionally allows you to extract information describing your images (i.e, metadata) which will be stored along with your measurements. This information can be contained in the file name and/or location, or in an external file.', ', ', 'The settings here allow the user to extract (assuming an ImageXpress microscope is used):', '* The UserStem prefix, and the Well and Site IDs from the filename, as well as the channel number.', '* The 5-digit Plate ID, and optionally, the date of acquisition from the folder name. If needed, the regular expression can modified to collect the barcode ID as well.']]batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Extract metadata?:Yes

Metadata data type:Text

Metadata types: {}

Extraction method count:1

Metadata extraction method:Extract from file/folder names

Metadata source:File name

Regular expression to extract from file name:(?P<Other>[a-z]{3})_(?P<Platename>[A-Z]{1}[0-9]{1})_(?P<Well>[A-H]{1}[0-9]{2})_(?P<welllocation>[0-9]{4})_(?P<CLR>[A-Z]{3})_(?P<Channel>[A-Z]{4})

Regular expression to extract from folder name:(?P<Date>[0-9]{4}_[0-9]{2}_[0-9]{2})\$

Extract metadata from:Images matching a rule

Select the filtering criteria:and (extension does istif)

Metadata file location:Elsewhere...|
Match file and image metadata:[]
Use case insensitive matching?:No
Metadata file name:
Does cached metadata exist?:No

NamesAndTypes:[module_num:3|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:8|show_window:True|notes:['The NamesAndTypes module allows you to assign a meaningful name to each image by which other modules will refer to it.', 'The settings here match the channels by the channel number collected in the Metadata module.', 'Setting the image set matching method to "Metadata" has the advantage of omitting sites in which there is a metadata mismatch, i.e, missing files.']]batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Assign a name to:Images matching rules
Select the image type:Grayscale image
Name to assign these images:DNA
Match metadata:[{'DAPI': 'Platename', 'FITC': 'Platename'}, {'DAPI': 'Well', 'FITC': 'Well'}, {'DAPI': 'welllocation', 'FITC': 'welllocation'}]
Image set matching method:Metadata
Set intensity range from:Image metadata
Assignments count:2
Single images count:0
Maximum intensity:255.0
Process as 3D?:No
Relative pixel spacing in X:1.0
Relative pixel spacing in Y:1.0
Relative pixel spacing in Z:1.0
Select the rule criteria:and (metadata does Channel "DAPI")
Name to assign these images:DAPI
Name to assign these objects:Cell
Select the image type:Grayscale image
Set intensity range from:Image metadata
Maximum intensity:255.0
Select the rule criteria:and (metadata does Channel "FITC")
Name to assign these images:FITC
Name to assign these objects:Cytoplasm
Select the image type:Grayscale image
Set intensity range from:Image metadata
Maximum intensity:255.0

Groups:[module_num:4|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:2|show_window:True|notes:['The Groups module optionally allows you to split your list of images into image subsets (groups) which will be processed independently of each other. Examples of groupings include screening batches, microtiter plates, time-lapse movies, etc.'], 'No grouping is needed, so this module is not enabled.']]batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

Do you want to group your images?:No
grouping metadata count:1
Metadata category:Plate

IdentifyPrimaryObjects:[module_num:5|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:15|show_window:False|notes:['Identify the nuclei based on the DNA image.', 'The settings here were chosen based on the image data and acquisition settings provided in Gustafsdottir et al, ' PLoS One 8, ' e80999, ' 2013.

Changing the image acquisition settings may affect a number of these parameters:', ' * Typical diameter of objects: From the display window menu', ' select Tools > Measure length. Click/drag to measure diameters of a few select nuclei.', ' * Thresholding strategy: Global works fine in most cases', ' but Adaptive may work better if the background has non-uniform illumination. However', ' the illumination correction in CorrectIlluminationApply should mitigate the latter.', ' * Thresholding method: Select the method which provides the best foreground/background separation. Adjust the threshold correction factor if the threshold is consistently above/below where you want it to be for most images tested.', ' * Lower threshold bound: Mouse over the background region to see the intensity variation in the lower-right of the display window.', ' * Method to distinguish clumped objects: Use Intensity if the intensity gradient dividing touching nuclei are pretty clear', " even if clumpy. Use Shape if the nuclei are usually well-separated (and Intensity doesn't work).", ' * Method to draw dividing lines between clumped objects: Intensity usually gives more realistic-looking boundary lines.', ' * Size of smoothing filter/minimum distance between local maxima: Override defaults if nuclei are getting under/over-segmented.', ' * Fill holes in identified objects: Currently set to Never since holes in nuclei may represent a phenotype.

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]batch_state:array(b", dtype='|S1')|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
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Select the input image:DAPI

Name the primary objects to be identified:Nuclei

Typical diameter of objects, in pixel units (Min,Max):5,100

Discard objects outside the diameter range?:Yes

Discard objects touching the border of the image?:Yes

Method to distinguish clumped objects:None

Method to draw dividing lines between clumped objects:Shape

Size of smoothing filter:8

Suppress local maxima that are closer than this minimum allowed distance:8

Speed up by using lower-resolution image to find local maxima?:Yes

Fill holes in identified objects?:After both thresholding and declumping

Automatically calculate size of smoothing filter for declumping?:No

Automatically calculate minimum allowed distance between local maxima?:No

Handling of objects if excessive number of objects identified:Continue

Maximum number of objects:500

Use advanced settings?:Yes

Threshold setting version:12

Threshold strategy:Global

Thresholding method:Robust Background

Threshold smoothing scale:1

Threshold correction factor:1

Lower and upper bounds on threshold:0,1

Manual threshold:0.0

Select the measurement to threshold with:None

Two-class or three-class thresholding?:Three classes

Log transform before thresholding?:No

Assign pixels in the middle intensity class to the foreground or the background?:Foreground

Size of adaptive window:10

Lower outlier fraction:0.001

Upper outlier fraction:0.001

Averaging method:Mean

Variance method:Standard deviation

of deviations:2

Thresholding method:Otsu

IdentifySecondaryObjects:[module_num:6|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:10|show_window:False|notes:['Identify the cells using the nuclei objects plus an image representative of the cell body. Several of the channels could suffice for this purpose, but we chose the RNA channel as optimal. Using the "Watershed-Image" option over the default "Propagate" methods seems to often better capture the cell boundaries, especially when the cells are confluent.']]|batch_state:array(b", dtype='|S1')|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

- Select the input objects:Nuclei
- Name the objects to be identified:Cells
- Select the method to identify the secondary objects:Propagation
- Select the input image:FITC
- Number of pixels by which to expand the primary objects:10
- Regularization factor:0.0
- Discard secondary objects touching the border of the image?:Yes
- Discard the associated primary objects?:Yes
- Name the new primary objects:FilteredNuclei
- Fill holes in identified objects?:Yes
- Threshold setting version:12
- Threshold strategy:Global
- Thresholding method:Robust Background
- Threshold smoothing scale:0.5
- Threshold correction factor:1
- Lower and upper bounds on threshold:0.0,1
- Manual threshold:0.0
- Select the measurement to threshold with:None
- Two-class or three-class thresholding?:Two classes
- Log transform before thresholding?:Yes
- Assign pixels in the middle intensity class to the foreground or the background?:Foreground
- Size of adaptive window:10
- Lower outlier fraction:0.01
- Upper outlier fraction:0.01
- Averaging method:Mean
- Variance method:Median absolute deviation
- # of deviations:10
- Thresholding method:Otsu

GrayToColor:[module_num:7|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:4|show_window:False|notes:[[]]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]

- Select a color scheme:RGB
- Rescale intensity:No
- Select the image to be colored red:Leave this black
- Select the image to be colored green:FITC
- Select the image to be colored blue:DAPI
- Name the output image:PericyteColorImage
- Relative weight for the red image:1.0
- Relative weight for the green image:1.0
- Relative weight for the blue image:1.0
- Select the image to be colored cyan:Leave this black
- Select the image to be colored magenta:Leave this black
- Select the image to be colored yellow:Leave this black
- Select the image that determines brightness:Leave this black
- Relative weight for the cyan image:1.0

Relative weight for the magenta image:1.0
Relative weight for the yellow image:1.0
Relative weight for the brightness image:1.0
Hidden:1
Image name:None
Color:#ff0000
Weight:1.0

OverlayOutlines:[module_num:8|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:4|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Display outlines on a blank image?:No
Select image on which to display outlines:PericyteColorImage
Name the output image:PericyteOutlineImage
Outline display mode:Color
Select method to determine brightness of outlines:Max of image
How to outline:Inner
Select outline color:yellow
Select objects to display:FilteredNuclei
Select outline color:red
Select objects to display:Cells

MeasureObjectSizeShape:[module_num:9|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:3|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array(b'', dtype='|S1')|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Select object sets to measure:Cells, FilteredNuclei
Calculate the Zernike features?:Yes
Calculate the advanced features?:No

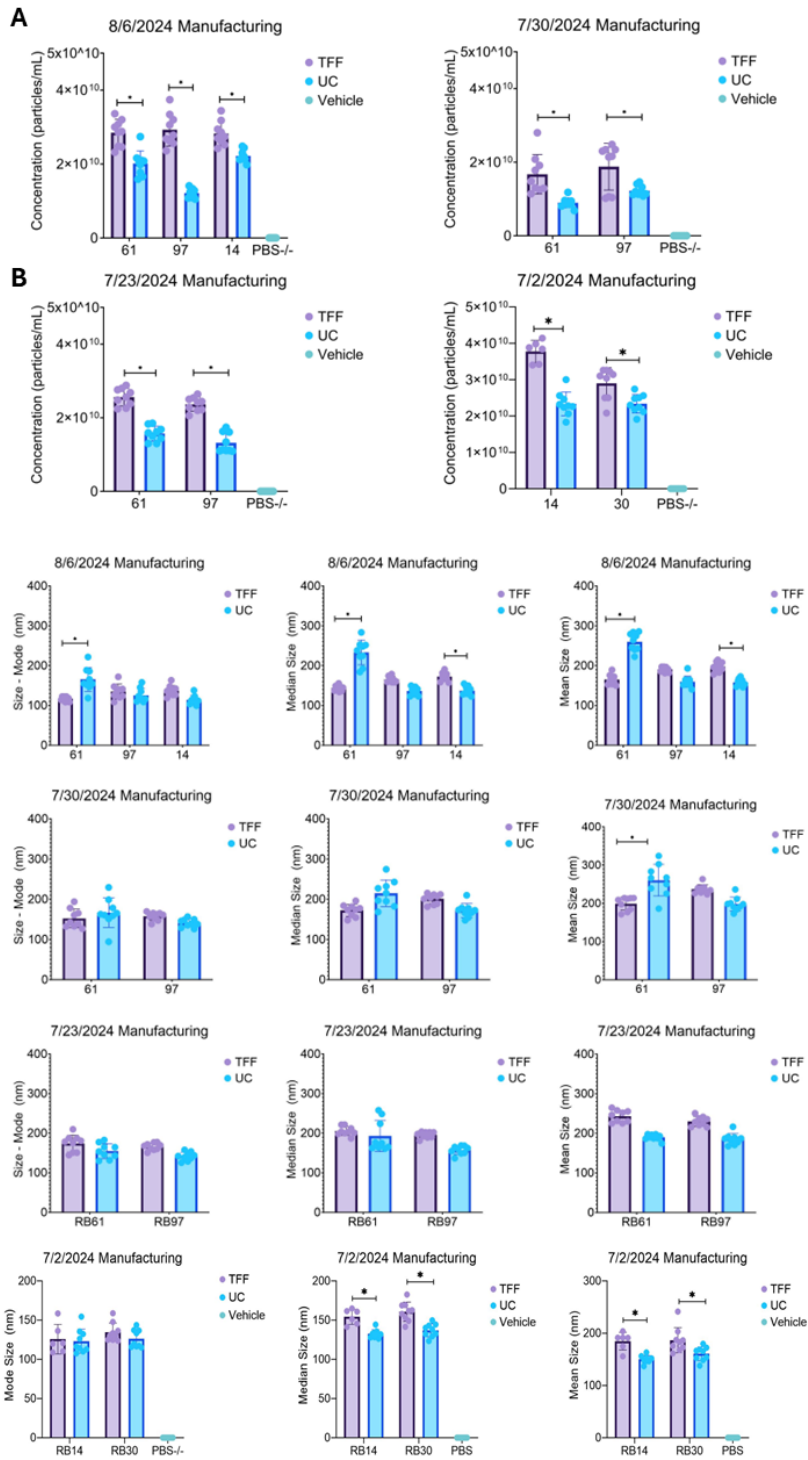
ExportToSpreadsheet:[module_num:10|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:13|show_window:False|notes:['Use if not using database']|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Select the column delimiter:Comma (",")
Add image metadata columns to your object data file?:Yes
Add image file and folder names to your object data file?:No
Select the measurements to export:No
Calculate the per-image mean values for object measurements?:Yes
Calculate the per-image median values for object measurements?:Yes
Calculate the per-image standard deviation values for object measurements?:Yes
Output file location:Default Input Folder sub-folder|OneDrive -
FDA\\Research\\Experiments\\Experimental Data&Analysis\\EV miRNA Project\\EV
Manufacturing\\Pericyte Morphology\\Output
Create a GenePattern GCT file?:No
Select source of sample row name:Metadata
Select the image to use as the identifier:None
Select the metadata to use as the identifier:None
Export all measurement types?:Yes
Press button to select measurements:
Representation of Nan/Inf:NaN
Add a prefix to file names?:Yes
Filename prefix:PeriMorph_
Overwrite existing files without warning?:No
Data to export:Do not use

Combine these object measurements with those of the previous object?:No
File name:DATA.csv
Use the object name for the file name?:Yes

DisplayDataOnImage:[module_num:11|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:6|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Display object or image measurements?:Object
Select the input objects:FilteredNuclei
Measurement to display:Number_Object_Number
Select the image on which to display the measurements:PericyteOutlineImage
Text color:white
Name the output image that has the measurements displayed:DataImage
Font size (points):10
Number of decimals:2
Image elements to save:Image
Annotation offset (in pixels):0
Display mode:Text
Color map:Default
Display background image?:Yes
Color map scale:Use this image's measurement range
Color map range:0.0,1.0
Font:Adobe Arabic
Use scientific notation?:No
Font weight:normal

SaveImages:[module_num:12|svn_version:'Unknown'|variable_revision_number:16|show_window:False|notes:[]|batch_state:array([], dtype=uint8)|enabled:True|wants_pause:False]
Select the type of image to save:Image
Select the image to save:DataImage
Select method for constructing file names:Sequential numbers
Select image name for file prefix:OrigDNA
Enter file prefix:PeriMorph_
Number of digits:4
Append a suffix to the image file name?:Yes
Text to append to the image name: _nuclei
Saved file format:tiff
Output file location:Default Input Folder sub-folder|OneDrive -
FDA\\Research\\Experiments\\Experimental Data&Analysis\\EV miRNA Project\\EV
Manufacturing\\Pericyte Morphology\\Output
Image bit depth:8-bit integer
Overwrite existing files without warning?:No
When to save:Every cycle
Record the file and path information to the saved image?:Yes
Create subfolders in the output folder?:No
Base image folder:Default Input Folder
How to save the series:T (Time)
Save with lossless compression?:No

Supplementary Figure 4.1. CellProfiler Pipeline for Pericyte Morphological Analysis



Supplementary Figure 4.2. Size and concentration data for each manufacturing batch. A) Concentration data for each manufacturing batch. **B)** Mean, median and mode size data for each manufacturing batch. For all, * represents $p < 0.05$ using an ordinary one-way ANOVA and Sidak's multiple comparison test.

Supplementary Table 4.1. Genes found in each MSC-EV Manufacturing Group

Manufacturing Group	Genes
<p>TFF RB14, 30/ UC RB14,30 shared genes (894 genes)</p>	<p>CLMP FSTL1 ACTN4 RPS11 CD44 RPS17 MMP2 SAMD4A PINK1 CMTR2 APOL2 FP236383.3 VPS4A HSPB1 PFKP DECR1 RPS18 TMSB10 G3BP1 RAB1B DDB1 CYCS SCAF8 MYO9B RPL19 CCNI TLN1 ZEB1 UBB CDK14 RPPH1 AES OSBPL8 TNS3 RPS5 SRPK1 RPL7A TCEANC2 ATXN10 PUF60 ATP5MG UTRN BAZ1B PALLD RPL35 COL1A1 RHOC GNAS DUX4 GOLGA3 STAU2 NCOR2 CTDSP2 MYL12A TP11 DSTN BOP1 C1orf216 RPS28 RASA4B TUBB USP7 YWHAQ YME1L1 RPLP1 PTP4A2 C12orf75 PSMD3 COX8A NPM1 XRN2 COG1 CELF1 PSMD11 ASS1 ALAD TMEM59 SEC23IP SNX6 CCT8 NBPF19 SPTBN1 MFN2 LDHB TLCD2 RAB5B MAPRE1 BTF3 SARS ATAD3B USP32 EZR DYNC1H1 RPL32 GNG12 ASNSD1 NBR1 CD99 HSPA8 STK40 FP671120.3 ITPRIPL2 ARPC3 PJA2 GSTP1 CHMP7 TBC1D9B AHNAK FN1 RSU1 RPL4 RPS21 ALYREF PSMF1 SH3PXD2A YWHAZ RPL10 C6orf62 ASAP2 RNA5-8SN1 SPCS3 CD151 NDUFA13 TPT1 CUL4B FTH1 AC022150.4 CSRP1 ZFP36 EHBP1L1 PXN DCTN1 TTC3 C1orf198 IKBKKG PGAM1 TCP1 CNDP2 PAWR ITGB1 RER1 RPN1 TUBA1A NOP10 PSMD8 SET EIF2S1 ANTXR1 BICD1 AKAP2 CORO1C IL13RA1 RPS29 CSNK2B RMRP_2 RF00019_485 EIF5A WBP11 EHD2 MAP1A TRIM56 HNRNPK CNOT7 KDELR1 FAM129B RIC8A CCND1 PDCD6IP NET1 ACLY NACA SMS VIRMA GPX4 CHMP3 PRMT1 PPDPF RPL39 ZBTB47 RBM3 SNRPG RPL17 FAM122B RNY3 SF3B2 HIPK3 WSB1 SOCS4 AP2S1 VAT1 TUFM RUFY1 MYC TMEM259 S100A16 SLC9A3R2 RUVBL2 RPLP2 RPS24 CALM2 SLC25A39 ZBTB4 AMOTL2 NUDT16 KLHDC2 CLIC1 STAT1 RBMXL1 SEC61A1 MRFAP1 CRTAP NME4 MT-RNR1 SMURF2 UCP2 EFEMP1 NAP1L1 PTDSS1 SEPT7 ARM CX3 YBX1 ANXA2 INPPL1 PTTG1IP CNN2 LMO7 HEBP1 PPP1R15A KPNA4 H3F3A GLO1 PRR13 RPLP0 HNRNPD EIF5B AXL LMNB1 MT-RNR2 MYL12B ZDHHC7 ELOA RPS6 IFT172 CTNNA1 AL139099.4 MZT2B ROMO1 GOLGB1 PDLIM1 HNRNPA2B1 PYGB RPS10 CLIC4 PPP1R14B SBF1 API5 TNRC6A EID1 DHX8 CAPNS1 COPE EIF3A ITGBL1 BOK NIPSNAP2 FP236383.2 ARHGAP1 PIP4K2A MYLK AFAP1 CAPN2 SNX9 PURA RPL15 TRAPPC11 RNU1-2 LNPK PRPF31 TRAK2 RPS3A MXRA7 LGALS3 CFL2 ZSWIM9 ABCF1 CFL1 SMARCA4 SEPT2 GBP1 BOD1L1 RPL34 AKAP12 PRPF8 PLEKHB2 RTRAF RPL28 SEC61G IARS RPL18A PHACTR2 TBL1XR1 NUDC DNAJC8 RPL3 THBS1 NCOR1 UBE2H NFE2L1 NT5DC2 PPP1C NRDC ERBIN RNY4 HSP90AB1 CCT3 CABIN1 MTHFD1L NCL EIF4EBP1 NCOA1 GSPT1 GDF11 MRPS16 RNU1- 28P ARPC4 RPL9 ATP2B4 TRIM28 PHLDA2 PSMD4 METAP2 HBB CYB5R3 MTPN ESYT2 CDC37 MT-CO1 KRT7 ODC1 SYNJ2BP DDX17 NACCC1 SEC62 ENO1 ZMYM4 DDX1 ZNF532 ZNF106 RNPS1 GLS PEX5 RPL35A MX1 SH3BGR3 LRCH1 VASP ANKRD13A SULF1 MYL9 CDKN1A CAT MARCH4 TBC1D15 NONO RN7SL5P NPM3 TPM2 NCBP3 AK5 CENPB RPL37A NREP ELAVL1 BNIP3L RNU1-1 PTPRJ SERP2 ZMAT2 EIF4H KLHL5 SRM PPM1G RPL11 NMT1 SNX8 HADHA TUBB4B CHURC1 SOD2_1 RPL8 SNX12 LDB1 PCBP2 GNB1 MBNL1-AS1 RPL23A SEPT11 UBE2V1 CALD1 BEX3 EIF3E RPL31 PSMB3 EXOC7 MPRIP DEK TAF15 UPF2 EIF31 SUCLG2 EPAS1 RAB18 UBTF OST4 ACTN1 NBPF14 ELOB MORF4L1 GAPDH COX7C PMP22 APC RNA5-8SN2 GALNT1 PSME2 RBM25 POLR2E WRB BICRA MAP1S GAS6 MAGED1 BCRYN1 MOCS2 AL135905.2 MTCH2 MT2A C9orf3 ACTG1 CALM1 C8orf33 FAM13B HNRNPU ATXN2L FLII RPS16 RPS9 RPL14 MAFF HNRNPA1 AKT3 RALBP1 KTN1 RANBP9 CAPZB SATB1 MLYCD UQCRH CYP1B1 COL12A1 PDLIM5 UQCRC2 HNRNPUL2-BSCL2 HDLBP IFIT3 ACTR2 RAP1GDS1 FAM50A PGK1 MAP4 MYO1B RPL10A MACF1 POLR2L ARHGAP11A ADD3 PTEN RASSF3 SLC25A37 HMGB3 SMARCC1 RNA5-8SN3 VCPPI1 DSP GABARAP DPYSL2 GOLM1 SSH2 C22orf46 SDHB MSN SMARCD1 GNAI2 RAB3GAP1 SMPD4 AIDA TGM2 TCAF1 TIMP3 RPL29 CIB2 SQSTM1 RPS23 SNRNP70 GABPB2 PTPN11 TAGLN2 HIST2H4A LGALS1 MYO1C YWHAZ WDR1 RPL12 RPA2 DDAH1 DTX3L PARVA COPG1 KIF5B CCT2 CSDE1 MYH9 ANAPC13 MBTPS1 SUPT5H GPI LARS RPS4X SND1 CHD3 RPS3 RPS27A RAI14 DYNC1L2 PRDX1 FLNC ARF1 PRAF2 BCL2L2 SPTAN1 CAVIN1 RHOA SERPINA1 RPS13 MYL6 RPSA ENAH SMC4 TMEM230 RPS8 TUBA1B ZFP36L2 RF00003_9 ZCCHC24 RNF20 USP9X FTL NEK7 IFITM2 HUWE1 EMP1 PPP1CC ZC3HAV1 RRAS2 RPS2 BNIP3 MAPK14 DYNLL2 MTHFD2 AP2M1 OAS3 ANXA6 RNY1 EIF2S3 AP2A1 RPL7 MYOF FURIN GSN AC120498.9 ZYX MAPRE3 SMOX SF3A2 MIR100HG CGGBP1 FHL2 VIM CALR UQCRB BZW1 RRAGA RPL22 SLC38A2 RPS26 DNAJA1 NDUFA4 MT-ND4 CAP1 PKP4 SEPT9 FAM168B BCAR1 SIPA1L3 MEGF8 MRC2 MTCH1 HK1 SZRD1 CDC42 UACA BAD TPM1 FLNB ATP5F1A SUMF2 WDR60 MAN2A1 SPECC1 TNS1 PPP1R10 PPIA VDAC1 TJP1 RNY3P1 TXNDC5 TOM1 MCRIP1 EEF1B2 RN7SL3 JCAD TUBB3 S100A6 RPL6 TCEAL4 DDX46 ILF3 GNB2 RPL30 ARRDC4 ADRM1 RAB31 DHRS3 ALDOA GAB2 LASP1 PLAA MCL1 ATAD3A RNA5S9 CCND3 S100A11 CLTC MAZ ECI2 ANXA5 KIF3B ANGPT1 KARS RAN SEC31A EEF1A1 EIF4G1 LINC00632 HSP90AA1 YWHAB RNF213 DHX9 EIF4B KCTD20 RPS15 FERMT2 SEC23A PRPF40A SLC35A4 AGO1 PSMA2 ROCK1 TAGLN RN7SK ARPC2 PTMA RPL26 NDUFV3 FOSL2 EEF2 RBM12 DENND5A ATP5F1E COTL1 IFITM3 MARCKS ANAPC11 RACK1 CD59 TPM4 OPTN AL135925.1 POMP NME2 RAI1 RPS20 PYGL RPL21 MLLT6 NFIX SLC7A5 CAPRINI PEA15 HNRNPF NQO1 RPL5 LSM5 RPS15A EIF4A1 MTURN TSPO TPGS2</p>

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<p>TFF RB14, 30 unique genes (1834 genes)</p>	<p>RAB2A SLMAP PYROXD2 GNL3 GRAP2 APBB2 NDUFS6 ECHS1 CNBP BYSL AP003559.1 COX7A2L ABCC6 SNHG16 U2SURP GLTP SLC25A3 ADAM12 IRAK1 ZARI GAS5 RNU4-2 UBE2G1 MRPL10 DCAF5 GPSM2 KIRREL1 HIST1H4J DDX5 AL391422.4 EPN2 KCNK6 NDUFAB1 BAK1 AGPAT1 THRAP3 COX6C TOB2 GPR143 COPS7A WSCD1 LONP1 ARF6 C4orf3 ANP32E BET1L TEAD1 MNS1 HMG1 UBA1 TSC22D1 POLR3K FAHD1 DARS SNORD3B-2 ARHGAP21 ACTR8 R1OK1 PUM3 LIMS2 SLK PRKCB CDK11A KRT1 LMNB2 ROCK2 MT-ATP6 IMPDH2 MCUB TERF2IP MAP3K20 KPNA2 PDIA3 DGUOK AP1S2 RBM17 VGLL3 ACBD3 ZNF83 KPNA3 DSCC1 ANLN SMYD3 CAVIN3 KATNB1 CCDC124 PPIL1 GPR55 RAD23B HIST3H3 CCNY LAMTOR2 RBPJ HIST1H1E USP14 GYPC ALDH2 GOLGA6L10 EMP2 IP6K1 SRSF6 TRIM41 QDPR TPM3 HSPD1 EIF1 CETN3 TMEM98 ADH5 NDUFA8 RARRES3 ATOH8 PLXNA1 KIAA0100 PMF1 ASCC1 CHMP1B COPS4 PMM1 LCM1 FBXL19-AS1 PPM1A PCBP4 SRSF11 INTS1 ADI1 SCP2 ABHD2 MAFK TRAM1 METTL25 CHFR TAF12 MPP4 LINC02015 CDCA4 AVEN TSR3 ADAM19 AC026464.4 ADRA2A RGS4 UQCRC1 NIPBL TFR2 EIF3M SRP72 MICU1 NUCB1 SNAPC1 PTMS BRK1 PIP4K2B MRPS12 TAF10 RHBDF1 UPF3A LTBPI1 TRIP12 DPYD DLGAP4 BACE2 ZBED1 NKAIN3 METTL21A PSMC3IP KDM2A H3F3B QKI EML3 ABHD12 FERMT3 LSM12 CFAP298 HBP4 FGF1 CST3 CD53 DHX16 ATP5PD NDUFC1 ARL2BP TLL11 ZNF655 UBXN7 COG3 IMMT DHX15 PICALM PCCB MAK16 BRD8 GMFB SLAIN1 AL627309.1 NKTR ALDH1L2 TLE2 FKBP4 GPRC5C AP3B1 COP1 UBE2W STMP1 MTR UBL7 PPP1R37 CBX6 ASH1L EIF4A3 AC005261.1 CHMP2B DDX24 ACO2 IRX3 ATP1A1 MTSS1L LOXL1 CYSTM1 UBE2N NEK6 PRRX1 RBBP6 SCHIP1 OPA1 KRCC1 TRAF7 PFKL MOB1B IDS FAMI89B DYRK4 NUA1 ALG6 SSRP1 LINC01605 ETFA EXOC1 BAALC-AS1 PDAP1 CCDC6 ZNF146 CHAF1A IER3 KCTD10 YWHAH FAU PDGFRB ADRB1 ALDH6A1 RDX AL731577.2 FGD5-AS1 FOXL1 BCKDK SVIL AC073111.3 BOD1 ASAP1 TMEM248 PCBP1 HIST2H3D R3HDM2 SEC13 DLST OSER1 FYN YPEL5 RPS10-NUDT3 KLHL21 SCRNI PARK7 PMVK PSMC4 COQ5 EIF3D SNRPC AL049543.1 DNAJB4 CYB5R4 MEMO1 ZNF827 SERP1 SH2B1 AURKAIP1 SPAG9 SLC39A9 FLJ13224 KRTAP1-5 ACADVL RASSF10 GPATCH11 MSANTD3 MCFD2 EIF2B2 WNT5A BDP1 RANBP1 THOC7 MKLN1 ENO2 SDHD B2M SPIDR SQLE PPFIBP1 KIAA1551 PARD6G CBS CTNBN1 NP1PB5 ANKRD17 SNTA1 CCNK MARCH3 EAF1 IGFBP2 USP11 NOL11 ADD1 PSMD2 FAM122A AP2B1 RRAS TOX IPO5 UBE2Q2 IK CDK4 RTL8C CCR2 TYMS CEBPZ ZFAS1 BTBD10 PTPN14 ANKRD40 ACOT9 TSPYL5 CDK16 HRAS BSDC1 HOTAIRM1 ZNF677 UQCRC SPRYD7 UBE2K PHPT1 CTU2 KAT5 XPOT ERH PSMB8 CRAT SREBF2 LIMS1 APOL1 MME SENP3 AD000090.1 CCDC14 EEF2K ARPC1A NAA15 ATP6V1E1 BIRC2 ACAA2 DNASE1L1 PLS3 TIMP1 RSPH3 AC087632.1 PTPN9 PLOD2 KLF9 RPL27 MT-ND6 ZFAND6 YES1 VCP MAGI1 BGN PWWP2A SMG1 SRSF3 SH3GL1 PIP5K1C RALB TSPAN31 ALAS1 MRPL37 AL162231.1 PANK3 PSMA5 WDR82 FUT8 MAGI2-AS3 CEP104 LRRFIP1 HIST2H2AC ZNF90 ALDH5A1 COL8A1 LINC02381 EPHB1 ADAMTS6 FBXO30 RPP30 DMAC2 BLVRB PEX11B METAP1 SMARCA1 ACOX3 ZNF846 BCL2A1 SPAST BANF1 ZFP91-CNTF ARHGFE5 RPS6KA2 TOR1A SMAP1 PES1 BBX PDE7B SRRM1 PPP1CA ZNF608 NDUFB3 FKBP8 B3GALT2 CCT7 MIPEP NDE1 MAGEF1 WDR45B ACS3 EI24 DOCK1 PTPN23 HDDC2 PARVG GSR HIST1H4B FAM20B BUB3 COPB2 CDC27 COPS6 DCTN4 NEDD8-MDP1 EIF2AK2 PSMD9 ASNA1 IDO1 NUTF2 MSC-AS1 CITED2 FAM126A RABIF PKIG ATP11B PFAS AC067852.2 NUCKS1 IP6K2 CCDC74B RBM34 EXT1 YWHAG RMND5A CFAP36 MRAS EMB MAF1 SRP14 XPO6 SYNE3 AL360012.1 KDM7A KCTD4 CHMP2A C7orf50 USP15 GTF2H1 LSM14B PRAG1 RIPOR1 RAD23A GHITM HMG2 FOXN3 MRM1 LCLAT1 ETV3 G3BP2 UTP18 AC004967.2 POSTN PPP3R1 PTBP3 ATP13A2 DCAF6 NAE1 STIM2 POTEF ZC3HC1 CD99L2 TAP2 SPOP BIVM PTPRF ICMT EGFR CYB5B TMED8 EEF1D BBOF1 RAB6A DOK1 SOD1 CDK13 PACS1 ITPRID2 BCR FSCN1 ZFP36L1 SH3BP5 TIAM2 ZNF317 CBR3 TRIM17 ST6GALNAC4 SIRPA IGFBP6 CREB1 RMDN1 DDX3Y NDUFV1 PDLIM4 STAG1 REXO4 ZNF142 SOGA3 CCPG1 AL118506.1 P3H2 FCF1 FAHD2A CLSTN3 PSMG1 CEP55 TAX1BP3 EYA3 CLPTM1E1 EML4 STAT5B SLAIN2 AMMECRIL SSB ARFIP1 DYNLL1 UBOX5 TCERG1 MPP6 SLC35E1 APOLD1 ZNF880 SLC25A11 PAOX SINHCAF EMP3 SYNCRIP RTCA MED13 RAB4A SNX11 GOLGA2 TMEM39B ESCO1 PHF2 PID1 FARSA VAMP5 TUBA1C PIK3R2 CMTR1 TXNRD1 CCDC9B</p>

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Supplemental Table 4.2. The 55 genes upregulated by TFF isolated MSC-EVs and their functions.

Function	Genes
<i>Anti-viral</i>	DDX42
<i>Apoptosis</i>	RPS8, TP53INP2
<i>Extracellular Matrix</i>	RGP1
<i>Immune infiltration</i>	GPX1
<i>Immune suppression</i>	CAPZA1, CHD3, DDX5, G3BP2, LGALS1, PCBP1, PCGF5, PES1, RIOK3, RPS26, SHMT2, TPM3, UPF2, WIPF1, PGAM1
<i>Innate immune response</i>	WDFY1
<i>Migration</i>	ERC1, FSCN1
<i>mRNA trafficking</i>	FYTTD1
<i>Oxidative stress</i>	ALDH1L2
<i>Proliferation</i>	LONP1, ANXA11, AURKAIP1, KHDRBS1, KPNA3, LARP1, LOXL1, MYCBP2, NUA1, PSMD1, RND3, TCEAL4
<i>Protein trafficking</i>	COPA
<i>Redox equilibrium</i>	CYB5B
<i>Structure</i>	AFF4, PFDN2, PLEC, RDX, RFLNB, TUBB2A, TUBB3
<i>Tumor suppressor</i>	CNN2, COX5B, CBS, CBX5, DLC1, EPB41L2, ERH, SAMD4A, SMAP1

Supplemental Table 4.3. The genes upregulated in each gene family of interest between TFF and UC.

Gene Family	Genes
Glycolysis	ENO1, GAPDH, GPI, PGK1, PGM3
Fatty acid beta-oxidation	ACO2, OGDH, IDH1, CS, FH, SIRT1, SIRT2, SIRT3, SIRT4, SIRT5, SIRT6, SIRT7
MMP	MMP1, MMP10, MMP11, MMP12, MMP13, MMP14, MMP15, MMP16, MMP17, MMP19, MMP2, MMP20, MMP21, MMP24, MMP25, MMP26, MMP27, MMP28, MMP3, MMP7, MMP8, MMP9
IFN γ response	IFIH1, IFIT2, IFIT1B, IFIT2, IFIT3, IFIT5, IFITM1, IFITM10, IFITM2, IFITM3, IFITM5, IRF2, IRF2BP1, IRF2BP2, IRF2BPL, IRF3, IRF4, IRF5, IRF6, IRF7, IRF8, IRF9
Cell Cycle	CCNA2, CCNB1, CCNB2, CCNB3, CCNC, CCND2, CCND3, CCNE1, CCNE2, CCNF, CCNG1, CCNG2, CCNH, CCNI, CCNI2, CCNJ, CCNJL, CCNK, CCNL1, CCNL2, CCNO, CCNQ, CCNT1, CCNT2, CCNY, CDK1, CDK10, CDK11A, CCDK11B, CDK12, CDK13, CDK14, CDK15, CDK16, CDK17, CDK18, CDK19, CDK20, CDK3, CDK4, CDK5, CDK6, CDK7, CDK8, CDK9
Collagen	COL10A1, COL11A1, COL11A2, COL12A1, COL13A1, COL14A1, COL15A1, COL16A1, COL17A1, COL18A1, COL19A1, COL1A1, COL1A2, COL20A1, COL21A1, COL22A1, COL23A1, COL24A1, COL25A1, COL26A1, COL27A1, COL28A1, COL2A1, COL3A1, COL4A1, COL4A2, COL4A3, COL4A4, COL4A5, COL4A6, COL5A1, COL5A2, COL5A3, COL6A1, COL6A2, COL6A3, COL6A5, COL6A6, COL7A1, COL8A1, COL8A2, COL9A1, COL9A2, COL9A3

Supplementary Table 4.4. List of proteins found in each RB30 manufacturing group

[Figure 3A].

Group	Proteins
<p>30/TFF CTL and 30UC CTL 65 overlapped proteins</p>	<p>KRT6B ACTB MMP2 SPARC ARHGAP20 ITIH3 ITIH1 ALB ANKRD20A3P VCAN APOA1 KRT14 GC KPRP PTX3 GAPDH CALML5 KRT9 FBLN1 KRT16 SCYL2 HBE1 AVPR1A PDE8A THBS1 COL5A2 TGFB1 ITIH2 LGALS3BP THBS2 ABHD8 RHOBTB3 PZP SYNE1 ACACB COL1A2 IGHG1 SLC34A2 A2M SERPIND1 SLC17A8 KRT1 CLCN6 F2 COL1A1 BDP1 KRT10 C2orf74 AHSG NF1 IGKC KRT5 AFP FN1 VTN SPRR2D SBSN SPATA31F1 PCDH17 COL6A1 C3 HBA1 KRT2 HRNR DCD</p>
<p>30/TFF CTL 88 unique proteins</p>	<p>CEP250 ZC3H6 CCDC168 IQCJ-SCHIP1 COL5A1 PPL THBS3 DCN ABCC6 COL3A1 RRBP1 BMAL1 ADAP2 SRGN TENM3 PSD4 ITGB8 LAMA2 CLU ACTG2 TUBA4A PXDN TLN1 COL2A1 COL6A2 TEK2 CMYA5 SVEP1 ARFIP1 APOD SETBP1 GVQW3 GSN KLHL22 EPN2 LRCH3 KMT2D TUBB2A ESRR A MAPRE1 FBN1 PCOLCE APOB ECPAS F5 ITPRID1 BTBD2 CPN1 BGN KRT8 LSM12 CROCC C3orf20 SPACA3 KCNJ3 EGLN1 SERPINE2 COL6A3 EVPL ERVK-18 ABCB11 POSTN LAMC1 RAP1B C1QTNF3 LINE-1 NEB PRDM2 NUP93 TUBB1 STAT5A ADAR COL12A1 EEF1A1 NEK4 METTL15 APOC3 TUBA1B TSGA10IP GSTK1 STK35 HAPLN1 IGF2R EXPH5 STC2 FRMPD3 APOE TMED6</p>
<p>30/UC CTL 46 unique proteins</p>	<p>FLG2 EP400 FABP5 NAPEPLD ZNF532 PRSS50 DHCR24 SERPINE1 KL SYTL4 WARS1 LOXHD1 JUP CLIP3 PPIL3 CST6 TP53BP1 SPTBN1 DSP SDCCAG8 KRT77 KRT76 SERPINF2 TEX13C SHISA6 SERPINF1 PLEC PIP CFB MFGE8 DMKN UGP2 HR DHX16 UBR4 PHGDH SLURP1 TUBA3D ANXA2P2 ACOT11 S100A7 JMJD1C TRIM68 BAZ1A KRT6C PLOD1</p>
<p>30/TFF CTL and 30UC IFNG 57 overlapped proteins</p>	<p>KRT6B ACTB MMP2 ARHGAP20 ITIH3 NAPEPLD ALB SERPING1 APOA1 KRT14 GC C1S C1R CALML5 KRT9 WARS1 CMYA5 FBLN1 HBE1 AVPR1A PDE8A SERPINF2 FBN1 PCOLCE ITIH2 LGALS3BP ABHD8 PWWP3B TAF11L2 SERPINE2 ACACB COL1A2 IGHG1 A2M KRT1 CLCN6 F2 COL1A1 LAMC1 KRT10 NUP93 AHSG NF1 IGKC KRT5 AFP FN1 HAPLN1 ABI3BP SPATA31F1 PCDH17 COL6A1 HBA1 C3 KRT2 HRNR DCD</p>
<p>30/TFF IFNG 86 unique proteins</p>	<p>ENO3 SPARC FABP5 ITIH1 CSF1 PPL LAMA4 DHCR24 ANKRD20A3P DCN VCAN BMAL1 SRGN TENM3 PTX3 CLU COL2A1 BOD1 ARFIP1 PFKM LAMA1 APOD RBM34 KLHL8 DOCK4 SCYL2 EPN2 SPTBN1 TUBB2A AGBL3 THBS1 GTF2I CEP112 COL5A2 TGFB1 EFTUD2 APOB ECPAS PLCH1 F5 ZP2 PIP BTBD2 PCSK2 CPN1 BGN KRT8 RHOBTB3 POLDIP3 C3orf20 PZP SYNE1 HAPLN3 SLC34A2 SPC25 SLC17A8 MFSD13A DAPK1 LAMB1 COL6A3 ANKRD19P TRPM6 SMC1A ABCB11 ACAD10 POSTN C2orf74 STIM2 COL12A1 SLURP1 METTL15 TUBA3D APOC3 RNF150 AMN1 TSGA10IP S100A7 VTN GSTK1 COL19A1 STK35 BICRAL IGF2R SBSN APOE TMED6</p>
<p>30/UC CTL 30 unique proteins</p>	<p>FSTL1 C11orf96 SLC25A16 SRCIN1 PRSS50 INS-IGF2 TGIF1 SYTL4 MUC19 TEK2 KRT16 SETBP1 FOXD3 CC2D2A AK2 MED8 AGAP3 SLC2A7 THBS2 RIOK1 MYO9A QSOX1 MFGE8 KRT6A CELF4 SRGAP2 SSC5D ZNF711 VILL TSPEAR</p>