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## **Selected References Documenting the Scientific Advances in “Adult” Stem Cell Research – Potential Treatments Update**

**(Post-Natal or Tissue Stem Cells, which are not derived from embryos)**

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### **POTENTIAL CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF ADULT STEM CELLS: ANIMAL AND HUMAN POST-NATAL STEM CELL RESEARCH RELATING TO VARIOUS CELL AND TISSUE TYPES BRAIN AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM STEM CELLS**

#### **Scientist purify pluripotent adult neural stem cells from brain**

Scientists at Australia’s Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research announced they had isolated an “extremely pure batch” of adult neural stem cells from the brains of mice. As reported in the journal *Nature*, the scientists were able to isolate the elusive neural stem cells with 80 percent purity, compared to a previous rate of 5 percent. “It proves that embryonic stem cells are not the only stem cells able to develop into new cells,” (“Scientists find key to growing nerve cells, AAP Newsfeed, August 16,2001). The finding highlights the potential to use adult stem cells to treat Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and other neurodegenerative diseases. Perry Bartlett, a member of the Australian team, says the research shows unequivocally that adult stem cells can become other types of cells: “It’s important in the sense that there’s been a debate about whether stem cells from adult tissues, whether that be brain or blood or elsewhere, do have the potential to give rise to various

tissues. I guess this is one of the very first unequivocal demonstrations that these cells are able to give rise to a larger number of cell types than was previously thought." The neural stem cells were also transformed into muscle cells.

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#### **Japanese Scientists use Neural Stem Cells to Decrease Parkinson's Symptoms**

An Okayama University research team has succeeded in decreasing symptoms of Parkinson's disease in mice. The team used neural stem cells to demonstrate the ability to increase the number of dopamine-producing cells. By combining substances that increase numbers of cells and adding them to the stem cells, they increased the number of dopaminergic neurons significantly. After injecting the substances directly into the brains of mice suffering from Parkinson's disease, symptoms of the disease were reduced. The research results were released at an academic meeting of the Japan Neurological Society on Oct. 24 in Okayama.

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Scientists at McMaster University in Canada have achieved successful regeneration of spinal nerves by transplanting intestinal cells into severed spinal cords of animals. "This means there is a method here for regenerating fibres through the central nervous system with a relatively innocuous technique," said lead researcher Dr. Michel Rathbone. So far, they have had a 100% success rate in animal experiments. The researchers note that there is no fear of rejection because the transplanted Updated November 18, 2001 Treatments with Adult Stem Cells David A. Prentice cells can come from the same person, and that using these mature cells gets around the thorny moral issue surrounding stem cells which are harvested from embryos.

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## **SKIN STEM CELLS**

### **Stem Cells from skin develop into brain cells and other tissues**

Researchers in Montreal, Canada report in *Nature Cell Biology* that they have taken adult stem cells from the skin of mice and transformed them into brain cells, including neurons, as well as glial cells, smooth muscle cells, and fat cells. The development points to the potential of creating a "vast and accessible supply" of neurons. The researchers' work also suggests that similarly versatile adult stem cells can be found in the human scalp.

" "They are beautiful neurons," said molecular biologist and co-author Freda Miller. "You kind of look at them and say, this can't be true. But then you go back and do it 10 times, and you realize it is true." "

Ronald Worton, head of Canada's Stem Cell Network, said "Two years ago, I would have said this is a big surprise and I wouldn't have believed it unless it could be widely reproduced. But then the dogma used to be that if you were a stem cell in [adult] bone marrow, you could only make blood cells, or if you were a stem cell in skin, you could only make skin. There's now enough lab work to say the dogma was wrong."

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### **Retraining Lymphocytes to Overcome Diabetes**

Scientists have implanted encapsulated pancreatic islet cells and retrained lymphocytes to reverse diabetes in mice. The autoimmunity that was previously directed against insulin-secreting cells was reversed, and the implants restored pancreatic function to such an extent that normal blood glucose levels were maintained in up to 75% of the animals after discontinuation of treatment and removal of the islet transplants. "A therapy aimed at the selective elimination of autoreactive cells and the reeducation of T cells, when combined with control of glycemia [blood glucose levels], is thus able to effect an apparent cure of established type 1 diabetes in the [diabetic] mouse.)

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Use of gene therapy has been successful in restoring normal blood glucose and insulin levels in mice. A team from Novartis in Summit, New Jersey, reported that "this study provides an entirely novel approach to treat type 2 diabetes." The team treated mice with a gene therapy vector for glucose kinase regulatory protein, which plays a central role in control of glucose levels in the body. To their surprise, the vector completely corrected the diabetic symptoms of the animals.

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## **BONE MARROW and PERIPHERAL BLOOD STEM CELLS**

### **Adult Stem Cells Can "Be Cultured and Expand Indefinitely"**

Confirming numerous previous published reports, a new report in the journal *Blood* shows that human adult bone marrow stem cells can be grown in culture for extended periods of time and still retain the ability to differentiate into multiple cell types. Even after extensive time in culture, the cells maintained their ability to grow as well as their plasticity at forming different cell types. The results provide further evidence that sufficient numbers of adult stem cells can be generated for clinical treatments.

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**Adult stem cells repair heart damage**

Scientists at New York Medical College in Valhalla and the National Institutes of Health report that stimulating the production of stem cells in bone marrow has repaired heart damage in mice. Mice were first injected with immune system chemicals called cytokines to stimulate production of stem cells in bone marrow. Seventy-three percent of the mice receiving this treatment were alive a month after the heart attack, compared to only 20 percent of those untreated. Autopsies showed signs of heart repair, and the researchers report "a remarkable recovery" in the heart's pumping ability. The findings are reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Early Edition, August, 2001.

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**Human Adult Bone Marrow Stem Cells Can Form Kidney Tissue**

Researchers in Great Britain have found that human adult bone marrow stem cells can form kidney tissue. The work, published in the Journal of Pathology, highlights another possibility for use of adult stem cells to treat human disease. "In people whose kidneys are failing, we might be able to generate more functional kidney cells. That is something that has not been known before," said Dr. Richard Poulson, lead scientist on the report.

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