

## CHECKLIST FOR RESEARCH ON STEM CELL AND CELL-BASED THERAPIES

Phase/Process	Key requirements	Researcher (Please tick ✓)	Secretariat MREC (Please tick ✓)
1. Pre-clinical studies (investigators must show their own data and not from other laboratories)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval letter from animal ethics committee is recommended</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accreditation of animal research facility in institution requiring GLP compliance</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence that the pre-clinical studies was subjected to rigorous and independent peer review and regulatory oversight</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety data in small animals</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety data in large animals</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive toxicology data in small animals (including contamination, acute infusional toxicity, deleterious immune responses, unexpected behavior of the cellular product, and tumorigenesis)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive toxicology data in large animals (including risks of contamination, acute infusional toxicity, deleterious immune responses, unexpected behavior of the cellular product, and tumorigenesis)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of principle of the desired effect (that the cells have repaired the damage/disease) – unequivocal efficacy data</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show biological distribution data</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show evidence of physiologic integration and long-lived tissue reconstitution</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show that differentiation (either <i>in vitro</i> before transplantation or <i>in vivo</i> after transplantation) occur only along the desired lineages</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design based on clinical expectations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanistic studies to show biology (done by the group)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLP compliant</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence that the pre-clinical data has been submitted to the NPCB</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Phase I trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive pre-clinical studies have been done and data showed safety and efficacy in animals (performed by the group) is recommended</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures on how the cells be tracked in terms of homing to the target area, viability and longevity of the cells</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures on how the safety be monitored</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures to assess risks of tumorigenicity by an independent body must be implemented</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures to assess short, medium and long term side effects</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCP compliance</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Phase II trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data from Phase I trials (performed by the group themselves and if the trial is not performed by the group, explain why the data should be used for this trial)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures on how the cells be tracked in terms of homing to the target area and viability of the cells</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimisation of dose, route, regimen, patient population, endpoints, and controlled</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedures on how the safety be monitored</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent data safety monitoring board</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan to assess short, medium and long term side effects</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCP compliance</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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4. Phase III trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data from Phase II trials (performed by the group themselves)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design to show safety and efficacy</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent data safety monitoring board</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCP compliance</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct 'randomised' control</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Cell processing and manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence by a letter of conformance for GMP compliance and issued by relevant authority</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show evidence of relevant processes: Standard operating procedures, quality standards, environmental control, equipment qualification, analytical methods, audits, staff training, etc.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cell processing and manufacture of any product must be conducted under scrupulous, expert, and independent review</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate that the product is safe, pure and potent</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Product registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show that the product has been registered with the National Pharmaceutical Control Bureau before use in human trials</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License for clinical trial has been obtained</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Cell characterization ( pre-requisite to clinical trials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of the cells in the stem cell or cell-based product</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biological characterisation of cell type</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of purity</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of potency (e.g. cells produce insulin in a physiological manner)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufacturing standards and independent certification, where relevant</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence that cells are free from contamination</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of viability and longevity of cells after transplantation (to determine the likely duration of the therapeutic effect)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence that cells will home into the area of damage or repair</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of genomic stability during culture</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Investigators and researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Principal Investigator trained in cell transplantation? (Show evidence of credentialing)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are other investigators trained in cell transplantation? (Show evidence of credentialing)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualifications of scientists and researchers</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration with National Medical Research Register, Ministry of Health (MOH)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Centres performing therapy (Information for patients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration with PHCFS Act, Ministry of Health</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informing subjects about the human embryonic cell source, if applicable</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unique risks; and disclose honestly that the treatment have not been tried before</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utmost clarity on the potential benefit</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disclosing financial and non-financial conflicts of interest</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide monitoring patients long term</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing a clear, timely, and effective plan for adverse event reporting</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>