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Functions and therapeutic potentials of exosomes in osteosarcoma

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Abstract

Osteosarcoma is a primary malignant tumor of the skeleton with the morbidity of 2.5 in 1 million. The regularly on-set is in the epiphysis of the extremities with a high possibility of early metastasis, rapid progression, and poor prognosis. The survival rate of patients with metastatic or recurrent osteosarcoma remains low, and novel diagnostic and therapeutic methods are urgently needed. Exosomes are extracellular vesicles 30–150 nm in diameter secreted by various cells that are widely present in various body fluids. Exosomes are abundant in biologically active components such as proteins, nucleic acids, and lipids. Exosomes participate in numerous physiological and pathological processes via intercellular substance exchange and signaling. This review presents the novel findings of exosomes in osteosarcoma in diagnosis, prognosis, and therapeutic aspects.

Keywords

Exosomes; Osteosarcoma; Biomarkers; Functions; therapeutic potential

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Introduction

Osteosarcoma (OS) is a primary malignant bone tumor originating from primitive osteogenic mesenchymal in adolescents and young adults under 20[1]. Although the quality of life of patients affected by osteosarcoma has significantly improved over the last few decades, its etiology remains obscure. Studies aiming to determine the causes of osteosarcoma have classically focused on multiple factors, including genetics, epidemiology, and the environment[2]. Research has identified associations with secondary osteosarcoma in patients with Paget disease, electrical burns, trauma, exposure to beryllium, exposure to alkylating agents, FBJ virus, osteochondromatosis, enchondromatosis, fibrous dysplasia, orthopedic prosthetics as well as bone infarction and infection. Additionally, osteosarcoma reportedly correlates with exposure to ionizing radiation, radium, and archaic contrast agents such as thorostrast[3]. Besides, research has identified several genetic aberrations in cases of primary osteosarcoma, including Hereditary Retinoblastoma, Li-Fraumeni Syndrome, Rothmund-Thompson Syndrome, Bloom Syndrome, and Werner Syndrome[4]. Radiographs of osteosarcoma present osteogenic, osteolytic, or mixed bone destruction at the lesion. The “Codman’s triangle” and sun-exposed periosteal reaction[5] are typical radiographic features. MRI provides an accurate picture of osteosarcoma based on tumor cell differentiation and proliferation[6]. Radionuclide scans can determine whether bone metastases occur in osteosarcoma[7]. Frozen biopsies are used for rapid intraoperative diagnosis, and paraffin sections are used for obtaining accurate histological findings postoperatively[8]. High levels of serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) predict a poor prognosis[9]. Treatment for osteosarcoma includes neoadjuvant chemotherapy, surgical resection, chemotherapy, and interventional therapy[10]. In addition, cellular immunotherapy, gene therapy, and stem cell therapy have also made some progress in recent years[11]. However, these methods are still in the experimental stage. Approximately 18% of patients present micrometastases at the diagnosis, and the 5-year survival rate stays gloomy for patients with metastasis and recurrent[12]. Osteosarcoma treatment outcomes remain suboptimal due to the asymptomatic, early onset of metastasis, and high malignancy. The 5-year survival rate of patients with osteosarcoma is less than 30% without chemotherapy. The leading cause of death was lung metastasis[13]. The 2-year survival rate of patients with osteosarcoma with pulmonary metastases is less than 25%, and the survival period after treatment enters a plateau, making it challenging to obtain breakthrough efficacy with traditional treatment regimens[14]. Therefore, it is essential to reveal the underlying mechanisms of osteosarcoma development and metastasis and discover novel markers for clinical detection and effective therapeutic targets.

Currently, exosomes have been reported to be involved in regulating cellular behavior by transferring cargoes (proteins, DNA, RNA, and lipids) intercellularly. Increasing evidence shows that exosomes have significant potential in promoting osteosarcoma progression and development, the therapeutic potentials of exosomes in osteosarcoma is gaining attention. Exosomes are membranous vesicles 30–100 nm in diameter originating from endonuclease[15]. The first double-layered lipid structure containing no organelles was identified in blood erythrocytes and named exosomes[16]. Exosomes contain various nucleic acids and evolutionarily conserved proteins[17], which transmit biological information

through cellular communication for biological processes and disease progression[18]. Exosomal LINC00273 transfer to lung adenocarcinoma (LUAD) in M2 macrophages, recruits NEDD4 to promote LATS2 ubiquitination, which inhibits the Hippo pathway and YAP-induced RBMX transcription, resulting in malignancy of LUAD[19]. Anlotinib-resistant NSCLC cells promote the proliferation of parental NSCLC cells by transferring functional miR-136–5p from anlotinib-resistant non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) cells to parental NSCLC cells via exosomes. Exosomal miR-136–5p can lead to anlotinib resistance in NSCLC cells by targeting PPP2R2A and promoting activation of the AKT pathway[20]. Exosomes secreted by different cells in the osteosarcoma enable intercellular communication of ncRNAs and protein components, effectively regulating the tumor microenvironment to activate proliferation and metastasis. In addition, exosomes are stable in the circulatory systems with diagnostic and therapeutic potential. This article reviews the biological properties of exosomes and their role in the diagnosis and treatment of osteosarcoma.

1. Exosome Formation and Biological Characteristics

Extracellular vesicles (EVs) are universal in cells and carry proteins, genetics, and metabolites[21]. Based on the size and release mechanism, EVs are classified into exosomes (30–150 nm in diameter); microvesicles/extranuclear granulosomes (100–1000 nm in diameter); and apoptotic vesicles (50–1500 nm in diameter)[22]. Exosome formation involves dual invagination of the protoplasmic membrane and the formation of intracellular multivesicular bodies (MVBs), which contain intraluminal vesicles (ILVs)[23]. The endoplasmic reticulum also contributes to early endonucleosome formation[24]. The maturity of intranucleosomes eventually forming MVBs, which fuse with lysosomes or autophagosomes for degradation or fuse with the plasma membrane to release the contained ILVs as exosomes[25]. Exosomes are present in almost all body fluids, including plasma, urine, ascites, and breast milk[26].

1.1 Exosome Formation—Exosome formation is activated at the endosomal endocytosis, where the endosomal limiting membrane undergoes multiple deformation and outgrows inward to generate ILVs. The ILVs transform into MVBs with dynamic subcellular structures. MVBs are generated at the endosomal limiting membrane either by the endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) or by a non-dependent ESCRT mechanism[27]. The ESCRT mechanism functions through the recognition of cytoplasmic protein complexes with ubiquitinated modified membrane proteins. As the ubiquitin marker, ESCRT-0 is enriched in the endosomal membrane. The ESCRT-I complex recognizes and passes ESCRT-0 to ESCRT II. TSG101 in ESCRT I identifies disulfide bonds to induce endosomal membrane depression, which shears the bud neck via ESCRT III to form MVBs[28]. MVBs formation is initiated in the absence of ESCRT as the accessory protein ALG-2 interacting protein X (Alix), which binds directly to the intracellular bridging protein syntenin to participate in exosome formation[29]. The abundant tetra-transmembrane protein can facilitate the production of these ESCRT-nondependent MVBs CD63- α on MVBs by ceramide-induced membrane outgrowth[30]. MVBs fusion with lysosomes will induce the degradation and recirculation of their contents. Cholesterol levels in MVBs play an essential role in regulating their sorting, with cholesterol-rich MVBs being targeted to

the cell membrane for release as exosomes and low-cholesterol MVBs being targeted for transport to lysosomes[31].

1.2 Exosomes Mechanism in Biological Function—Exosome-mediated intercellular transmission relies on membrane receptors. Exosomes activate receptors on recipient cells to activate the take-up exosomes through cytokinesis[32]. The mechanism is related not only to the origin of exosomes and receptor cells but also to downstream responses. Current studies have focused on exploring the function of some cell-derived exosomes and the use of exosomes for disease treatment[33]. Target cell specificity may be determined by specific interactions between proteins enriched on the surface of exosomes and receptors on the membrane of recipient cells[34]. Known mediators include transmembrane tetraspanins, integrins, and extracellular matrix components[35].

1.3 Exosomes Potential in Tumor Diagnosis and Treatment—Exosomes primarily exclude redundant and nonfunctional cellular components[36]. Exosomes are intercellular linkers that transport proteins, lipids, and nucleic acids to target cells in various biological processes, such as angiogenesis, antigen presentation, apoptosis, and inflammation[37]. The specific component captured by the exosome reflects the cellular origin and physiological state, with significant disease specificity, making them ideal biomarkers. Exosomes are involved in various cancer-related processes, including proliferation, apoptosis, angiogenesis, and metastasis, suggesting noninvasive biomarkers for cancer diagnosis[38, 39]. The miR-21, miR-222, and miR-124-3p in serum exosomes are detectable early tumor progression during postsurgical treatment of patients with high-grade gliomas (HGG)[40]. The miR-21, miR-451, and miR-636 in urinary exosomes of prostate cancer patients were closely correlated with preoperative prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels, the urinary exosomal miRNAs potentially function as noninvasive markers to predict prostate cancer metastasis and prognosis [41]. Plasma exosomal miR-363-5p had a high diagnostic performance in discriminating against LN (+) and LN (–) breast cancer patients. Increasing miR-363-5p expression levels were intensely indicating a lower overall survival. [42]. The therapeutic potentials of exosomes are concentrated on targeted drug delivery and biomedical regeneration. Exosomes have great potential in treating diseases due to their nontumorigenic, bactericidal, and lower immunogenicity characteristics[43]. Ligand enrichment on engineered exosomes can induce or inhibit signaling in receptor cells or target exosomes to specific cells[44]. The chemotherapeutic agents loaded exosomes are promising for antineoplastic drugs with low toxicity and high tolerance[45].

2. Exosomes in Osteosarcoma Progression

Exosomes can transmit intercellular signals to regulate proliferation and metastasis. Exosomes promote tumor proliferation and metastasis by inducing epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) of related cells and accelerating tumor neovascularization and immunosuppression through regulating the microenvironment and transformation of cancer-associated fibroblasts[46, 47]. Exosomes are dominant in regulating proliferation, invasion metastasis, and osteosarcoma angiogenesis by participating in intercellular contacts and controlling cellular signaling.

2.1 Exosomes in Osteosarcoma Proliferation—The potential to proliferate indefinitely is the fundamental feature of cancer cells[48]. Osteosarcoma cells express growth factor receptors and achieve rarely negative feedback regulation, manifesting as continuous activation of signal stimulation and unlimited division and proliferation[49]. Exosomes participate in various processes in the proliferation of osteosarcoma (Table 1). The miR-208a from BMSC-derived exosomes promoted osteosarcoma cell proliferation and inhibited apoptosis by suppressing PDCD4 expression and activating the ERK1/2 and Hippo pathways. BMSC-derived exosomal miR-206 could inhibit cell proliferation by targeting TRA2B[50]. In addition, BMSC-derived exosomes could encapsulate PVT1 and translocate it into osteosarcoma cells. PVT1 could promote tumor growth and metastasis by binding to miR-183–5p to promote ERG expression[51]. The MALAT1/miR-143/NRSN2/Wnt/ β -catenin axis is another vital target for BMSE-EVs to promote proliferation[52]. ADSC exosomes could deliver COLGALT2 to osteosarcoma cells, leading to the malignancy of osteosarcoma[53]. BMSC-derived exosomes promote OS proliferation and metastasis via the LCP1/JAK2/STAT3 pathway. Meanwhile, targeting the miR-135a-5p/LCP1 axis could inhibit osteosarcoma progression[54]. MG-63 cell-derived exosomes promoted the proliferation of osteosarcoma and inhibited apoptosis. The Hic-5 from MG-63 cell-derived exosomes interacts with smad4 and regulates Wnt/ β -catenin signaling by decreasing TCF/LEF activity[55]. Osteosarcoma cell-derived exosomal miR-1307 could promote OS cell proliferation by inhibiting AGAP1 expression, indicating that the miR-1307-AGAP1 axis could be a potential therapeutic target for OS[56]. In osteosarcoma patients, exosomal miR-15a expression decreased in plasma exosomes. The exosomal miR-15a inhibited the GATA2/MDM2 axis via the p53 signaling pathway, thereby inhibiting the proliferation and invasion of OS cells in vitro[57].

2.2 Exosomes in Osteosarcoma Metastasis—Epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) is a biological phenomenon in which epithelial cells lose their epithelial properties and acquire a mesenchymal phenotype. In this process, epithelial features reduce, changing from polygonal to spindle-shaped fibroblast-like morphology, with loss of cell polarity and reduced adhesion, acquiring the ability to invade and metastasize[58]. Exosomes are essential in the invasive metastasis of osteosarcoma (Table 1). The miR-143 could transfer to osteosarcoma cells via exosomes and significantly inhibit tumor invasiveness[59]. Highly invasive OS cells could secrete exosomal miR-675 into recipient cells and suppress CALN1 expression. The expression level of exosomal miR-675 in the serum of patients with osteosarcoma was strongly correlated with prognosis[60]. Mazumdar et al. found that both highly metastatic 143-B cells and low metastatic SAOS-2 cell-derived EVs could induce the recruitment of bone marrow cells to the lung, the components in exosomes may inhibit remote metastasis of osteosarcoma[61]. In osteosarcoma, the Rab22a-NeoF1 fusion protein could be assimilated into exosomes. The exosomal Rab22a-NeoF1 fusion protein promotes the formation of premetastatic lung niche by recruiting bone marrow-derived macrophages[62]. OS cell-derived exosomal miR-1307 promotes proliferation, migration, and invasion by regulating AGAP1 expression, indicating the inhibitive features of miR-1307 in the malignant progression of osteosarcoma[56].

2.3 Exosomes in Osteosarcoma Angiogenesis—Proangiogenic and antiangiogenic factors are dominant in the formation of blood vessels[63]. Tumor cells require nutrient supply and metabolite excretion for survival and development[64]. Tumor-derived exosomes are critical mechanisms that promote angiogenesis (Table 1). The miR-25–3p increased in osteosarcoma tissues to promote tumor proliferation, metastasis, and drug resistance by inhibiting DKK3. EWSAT1 promoted OS angiogenesis by wrapping it into the exosome-driven vascular endothelial cell to increase the secretion and the sensitivity/responsiveness of angiogenic factors[65]. Osteosarcoma cells with high exosome abundance could regulate OS tumor angiogenesis and autophagy through miR-153 and ATG5 by secreting exosomal lnc-OIP5-AS1 into adjacent osteosarcoma cells[66].

2.4 Exosomes in Osteosarcoma Immune Response—Exosomes participate in the immune response and regulate immunocompetence[67]. Tumor cell-derived exosomes carry tumor-associated antigens and stimulate the immune cells to generate antitumor immune responses. However, they can interfere with immune recognition, and inhibit T cells and immune-related cells, thereby accelerating tumor cells' immune escape and metastasis [17]. Immune cells derived from the tumor microenvironment regulate proliferation and metastasis through exosomes[68]. Exosomes also have a critical role in the tumor immune microenvironment of osteosarcoma (Table 1). The exosomal miR-1228 secreted by cancer-associated fibroblasts (CAFs) could promote osteosarcoma invasion and migration by targeting SCAI. The mir-1228 functions as a potential therapeutic target for osteosarcoma[42]. Exosomes enhanced tube formation in endothelial cells and increased the expression of angiogenic markers. The second-generation sequencing reveals that specific miRNAs, such as miR-148a and miR-21–5p, have essential roles in the tumor microenvironment[69]. The exosomes of metastatic osteosarcoma cells secrete TGF β 2 into tumor-associated macrophages, promoting the M2 phenotype and contributing to immunosuppression and tumorigenesis[70]. Osteosarcoma cell-derived EVs promote myofibroblast/cancer-associated fibroblast differentiation, smooth muscle actin expression, and fibronectin production. In addition, they significantly promoted the invasiveness of human lung fibroblasts[71]. Osteosarcoma-derived exosomes induced M2 polarization of macrophages via Tim-3, promoting osteosarcoma invasion and metastasis[72]. Exosomal Col6a1 converts normal fibroblasts into CAFs by secreting proinflammatory cytokines. Activated CAFs promote OS cell invasion and migration by mediating the TGF- β /COL6A1 signaling pathway[73]. Macrophage-derived exosomal lncRNA LIFR-AS1 could promote the malignant progression of osteosarcoma by binding miR-29a to promote NFIA expression[74].

3. Exosomes Potentials in Osteosarcoma

Exosomes contain various biologically active molecules in circulation and mediate remote intercellular interaction[75]. Tumor-derived exosomes contain multiple proteins, genetics, lipids, and other molecules that reflect the physiological and pathological status of the tumor[76]. The specific lipid bilayer structure of exosomes protects their RNA molecules from degradation[77]. Therefore, detecting tumor exosomes has become a significant advantage of liquid biopsy. Exosomes show good application potential in the early

diagnosis, efficacy, and prognosis monitoring of various diseases. They have become new and ideal biomarkers and possible targeted drug carriers in clinical diagnosis and treatment.

3.1 Exosomes Potentials for Osteosarcoma Diagnosis—Exosomes are essential in the early diagnosis and prognostic assessment of osteosarcoma. Eight novel miRNAs were identified by NGS in three distinct osteosarcoma cell lines, and five are present in circulating exosomes of osteosarcoma patients[57]. EV-miR-101 expression levels were significantly lower in osteosarcoma patients. In plasma from patients with osteosarcoma metastases, EV-miR-101 was even lower than those without metastases, indicating a potential diagnostic marker for osteosarcoma[78]. Ye et al. revealed that the expression levels of miR-92a-3p, miR-130a-3p, miR-195-3p, miR-335-5p, and let-7i-3p were significantly upregulated in exosomes of osteosarcoma patients, which may be potential diagnostic markers for osteosarcoma[79]. The HSATI, HSATII, LINE1-P1, and Charlie 3 were overexpressed at the DNA level but not at the RNA level in OS patients' serum exosomes with potential use as biomarkers for OS[80]. Exosome-derived SENP1 in patients with osteosarcoma was closely correlated with tumor size, location, necrosis rate, lung metastasis, and surgical staging. The higher plasma exosome-derived SENP1 levels indicate poorer disease-free survival (DFS) and overall survival [81]. Seven exosomal proteins are identified as potential biomarkers of osteosarcoma lung metastasis[82]. In addition, SERS and MALDI-TOF MS exosomes have shown great potential for the rapid diagnosis of osteosarcoma[83].

3.2 Exosomes Potentials for Osteosarcoma Treatment—Exosomes have great potential in the treatment of osteosarcoma. Multidrug-resistant osteosarcoma cells secrete exosomes containing MDR-1 mRNA and P-glycoprotein to promote doxorubicin resistance in sensitive cells. Exosomes targeting drug-resistant osteosarcoma cells may inhibit the malignant progression of osteosarcoma[84]. Compared to normal osteoblasts, osteosarcoma-derived exosomes contain immunomodulatory substances that significantly reduce T cell proliferation rates and promote T regulatory phenotypes, thereby promoting osteosarcoma progression[10, 85]. The miR-135b, miR-148a, miR-27a, and miR-9 were highly expressed in serum exosomes of osteosarcoma patients and could potentially be reliable biomarkers of chemotherapy sensitivity[16, 86]. Exosome-loaded doxorubicin (Exo-Dox) enhanced cellular uptake efficiency and antitumor effects in the osteosarcoma MG63 cell line with low cytotoxicity, which may be a good targeting regimen for osteosarcoma[87]. Osteosarcoma cells could promote osteosarcoma lung metastasis by releasing exosomes containing PD-L1 and N-calcineurin. In addition, the expression levels of exosomal PD-L1 and N-calcineurin in the serum of OS patients could predict the progression of pulmonary metastasis in OS patients[88]. Exosomes from CDDP-resistant osteosarcoma cells decreased the expression of multidrug resistance-associated protein 1 and P-glycoprotein in MG63 and U2OS cells, increased cellular sensitivity to CDDP and inhibited apoptosis through exosomal-hsa_circ_103801[89]. Moreover, exosomes from drug-resistant HMPOS-2.5R cell lines transferred drug resistance to drug-sensitive HMPOS cells, thereby reducing the therapeutic sensitivity of osteosarcoma[90].

Conclusions

The dominant to promote the prognosis and survival of tumor patients lies in early diagnosis[91]. Exosomes are stable and widespread in all tissues, organs, and body fluids, and these nanosized vesicles can be released by all types of cells (Figure 1) [92]. Tumor exosomes can also regulate tumor progression, angiogenesis, metastasis, and immune escape by interacting with other cells in the tumor microenvironment[93]. We need a standard method for liquid biopsy to isolate exosomes quickly, easily, and specifically. Exosomes are a promising biomarker for the diagnosis of osteosarcoma, predicting prognosis, and monitoring treatment response in real-time, large multicenter studies are needed to develop the validity of liquid biopsies. For biological functions study, it is impossible to determine whether exosomes have similar regulatory functions in vivo as they do in vitro. For therapeutic purposes, exosome-derived cells should be carefully selected to ensure the safety of the treatment. Erythrocytes are the most promising exosome-producing cells because they are readily available in blood banks, do not contain a nucleus, and lack genetic material. In addition to their great potential as biomarkers, exosomes offer new research directions for the precision treatment of tumors[87]. To improve the effectiveness of antitumor drug therapy, a drug-loading system is a key challenge. As a natural therapeutic carrier, exosomes contain their bioactive molecules and avoid immune rejection[94], in addition to loading exogenous drugs to maintain drug stability in vivo. These advantages make exosomes an ideal loading system to break the traditional drug delivery model and will be an important tool for the development of precision medicine for tumors. Han et al. constructed fusion gene iRGD-Lamp2b-modified MSCs to isolate and purify exosomes and loaded anti-miRNA-221 oligonucleotides into exosomes. AMO-loaded exosomes effectively inhibited the proliferation and clonal formation of colon cancer cells in vitro[51].

This review discusses the biological functions of exosomes in the progression of osteosarcoma and clinical applications. Exosomes from osteosarcoma promote malignant progression by regulating tumor metastasis, angiogenesis, tumor immunity, and drug resistance. Exosomes provide us with a new potential therapeutic target.

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ABBREVIATIONS

OS	Osteosarcoma
ALP	alkaline phosphatase
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
miRNAs	microRNAs
lncRNA	long noncoding RNA
mRNA	messenger RNA
LUAD	lung adenocarcinoma
NSCLC	non-small-cell lung cancer
EVs	extracellular vesicles
MVBs	multivesicular bodies
ILVs	luminal vesicles
ESCRT	endosomal sorting complex required for transport
Aiix	ALG-2 interacting protein X
HGG	high-grade gliomas
PSA	prostate-specific antigen
MSCs	mesenchymal stem cell
EMT	epithelial-mesenchymal transition
BMSCs	bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells
CAFs	cancer-associated fibroblasts
NGS	next-generation sequencing
DFS	disease-free survival
CDDP	cisplatin-resistant

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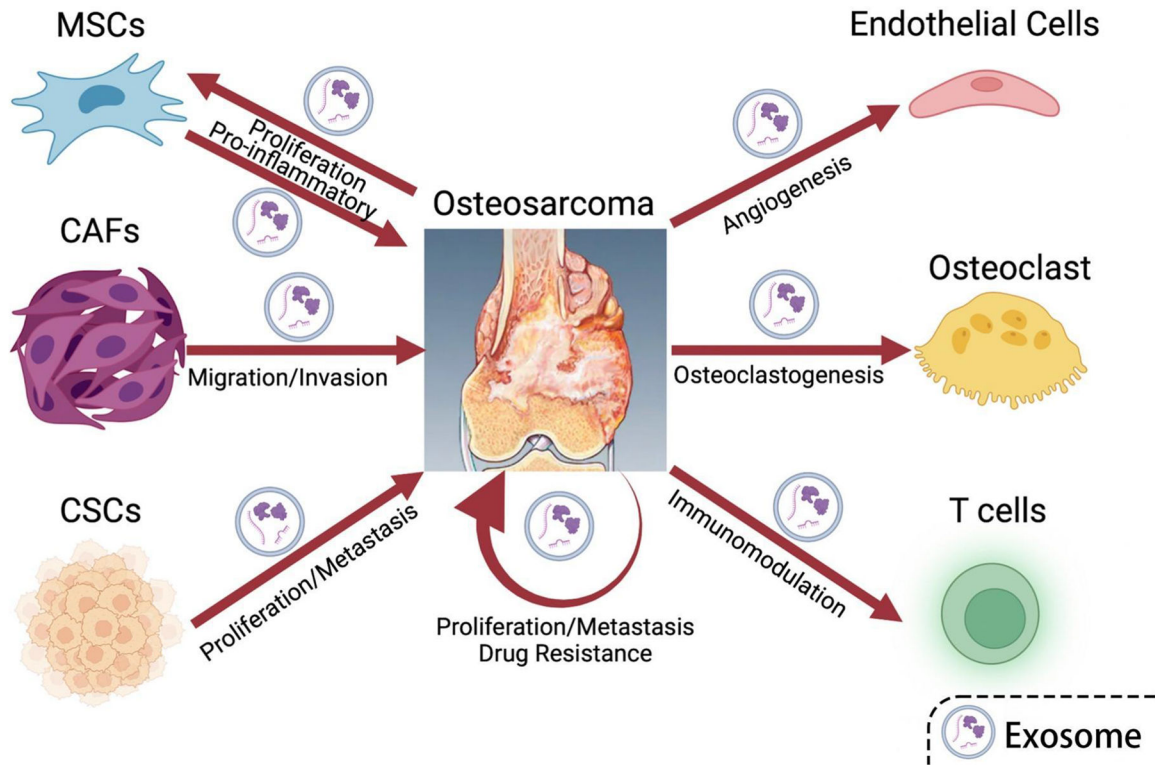


Figure 1. The interaction of osteosarcoma and related cells through exosomes. The MSCs, CAFs, and CSCs secrete exosomes containing specific proteins and genetic materials to promote the proliferation, metastasis, and invasion of osteosarcoma. Meanwhile, osteosarcoma cells generate exosomes targeting specific cells to promote angiogenesis, osteoclastogenesis, and immunomodulation of the supporting cells. Osteosarcoma promotes drug resistance, proliferation, and metastasis through exosome secretion. (Created in [Biorender.com](https://www.biorender.com))

Table 1

The biological function of exosome in the proliferation and metastasis of osteosarcoma

Exosomal target	Parent cell	Target cell	Mechanism	Biological function	Ref.
Proliferation and Metastasis					
miR-208	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	PDCD4/ERK1/2	Increase the viability, migration, and clonogenicity of OS	[95]
miR-206	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	TRA2B	Promote OS cell proliferation, migration, invasion and induce cell apoptosis	[96]
MALAT1	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	MALAT1/miR-143/NRSN2/Wnt/β-catenin	Promote OS cell proliferation, migration, and invasion	[52]
PVT1	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	PVT1/miR-183-5p/ERG	Promote OS growth and metastasis	[51]
ATG5	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	/	Promote OS cell proliferation, migration, and invasion	[97]
COLGALT2	ADSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	/	Promote OS cell proliferation, migration, and invasion	[98]
Linc00852	high AXL expression Osteosarcoma cells	low AXL expression Osteosarcoma cells	Linc00852/miR-7-5p/AXL	Promote cell proliferation, migration and invasion	[99]
LCP1	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	miR-135a-5p/LCP1/JAK2/STAT3	Induce the proliferation and metastasis of OS cells	[54]
Hic-5	MG-63	MG-63 and HOS cells	Hic-5/smad4-TCF/LEF-Wnt/β-catenin	Promote cell proliferation and inhibit cell apoptosis	[55]
miR-1307	Osteosarcoma cells	Osteosarcoma cells	AGAP1	Promote OS cell proliferation, migration, and invasion	[56]
miR-15a	Serum-derived exosome	Osteosarcoma cells	miR-15a/p5/GATA2/MDM2	Promote OS cell proliferation and invasion	[100]
miR-769-5p	BMSCs	Clinical specimens	DUSP16/JNK/p38 MAPK	promotes OS proliferation and metastasis	[101]
SHNG17	CAF _s /NF _s	HOS cells	miR-2861	promotes OS proliferation and metastasis	[102]
miR-143	/	Osteosarcoma cells	/	Inhibit cell invasion	[59]
miR-675	Osteosarcoma cells	hFOB1.19	CALN1	Promote cell migration and invasion	[25]
Rab22a-NeoF1/PYK2	PYK2-positive osteosarcoma cells	macrophages	RhoA	Facilitate the pre-metastatic niche formation	[62]
miR-1307	Osteosarcoma cells	Osteosarcoma cells	AGAP1	Promote cell proliferation, migration and invasion	[62]
LCP1	BMSCs	Osteosarcoma cells	miR-135a-5p/Nr4p1/JAK2/STAT3	Promotes OS proliferation and metastasis	[54]
LIFR-AS1	Macrophages	Osteosarcoma cells	miR-29a/NFIA	Promote cell proliferation, invasion, and restrain cell apoptosis	[103]
Angiogenesis					
miR-25-3p	/	Osteosarcoma cells	DKK3	promoted capillary formation and the invasion of vascular endothelial cells	[42]

Exosomal target	Parent cell	Target cell	Mechanism	Biological function	Ref.
EWSAT1	/	Osteosarcoma cells	/	increase in sensitivity/ reactivity of vascular endothelial cells	[104]
OIP5-AS1	Osteosarcoma cells	Osteosarcoma cells	miR-153/ATG5	Increase in the angiogenesis level	[66]
miR-199a-5p	Osteosarcoma cells	HUVECs	VEGFA	Inhibiting the growth and angiogenesis of osteosarcoma	[105]
miR-148a-3p and miR-21-5p	Osteosarcoma cells	Raw264.7 and Huvec cells	/	Influence osteoclastogenesis, bone resorption and tumor angiogenesis	[69]
Immunosuppressive					
miR-148a-3p and miR-21-5p	Osteosarcoma cells	Raw264.7 and Huvec cells	/	Influence osteoclastogenesis, bone resorption and tumor angiogenesis	[69]
Tim-3	MG63	Macrophages	/	Induce M2 type differentiation of macrophages	[106]