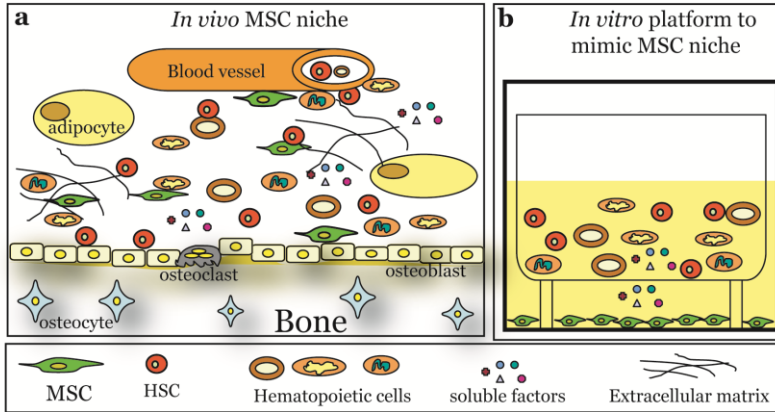


Paracrine effects of haematopoietic cells on human mesenchymal stem cells

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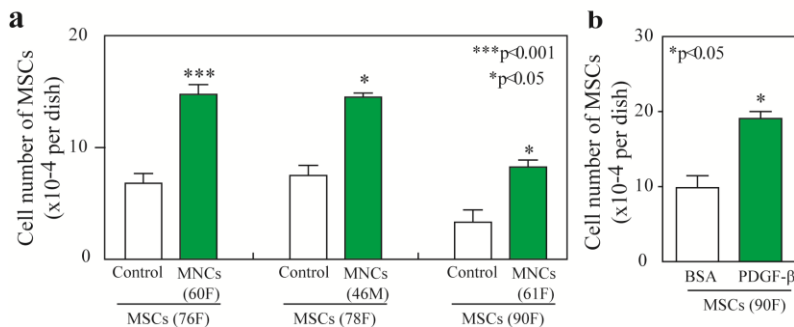
Supplementary Information

Supplementary Fig. 1



Supplementary Figure 1. The niche of human MSCs. **(a)** Bone and blood formation are intertwined in bone marrow, therefore haematopoietic cells and bone cells could be extrinsic factors/niche for each other. **(b)** An *in vitro* transwell co-culture model of haematopoietic cells and MSCs as a platform to mimic the paracrine effects of haematopoietic cells on hMSCs *in vivo*. Human haematopoietic cells were placed in cell culture inserts, and MSCs were cultured on the bottom of the dishes. The 0.4 μm pore size of cell culture insert allows proteins, but not cells, to transport through the polycarbonate membrane.

Supplementary Fig. 2



Supplementary Figure 2. Haematopoietic cells stimulate proliferation of human MSCs.

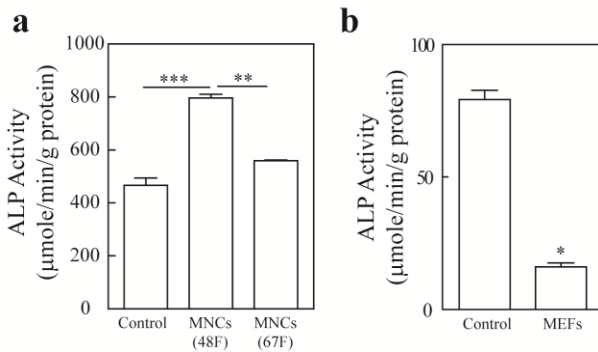
Human MSCs were seeded in 1×10^4 cells/35 mm dish at day 0 and cell number was accounted at

day 7. **(a)** Human MSCs (76F) \pm MNCs (60F) (empty controls, n=6, MNCs inserts, n=6, $p < 0.001$, t-test); hMSCs (78F) \pm MNCs (46M) (empty controls, n=3, MNCs inserts, n=4, $p < 0.05$, t-test); hMSCs (90F) \pm MNCs (61F) (empty controls, n=4, MNCs inserts, n=3, $p < 0.05$, t-test).

(b) After 7 days treatment, 10 ng/mL of PDGF- β stimulated proliferation of hMSCs (90F)

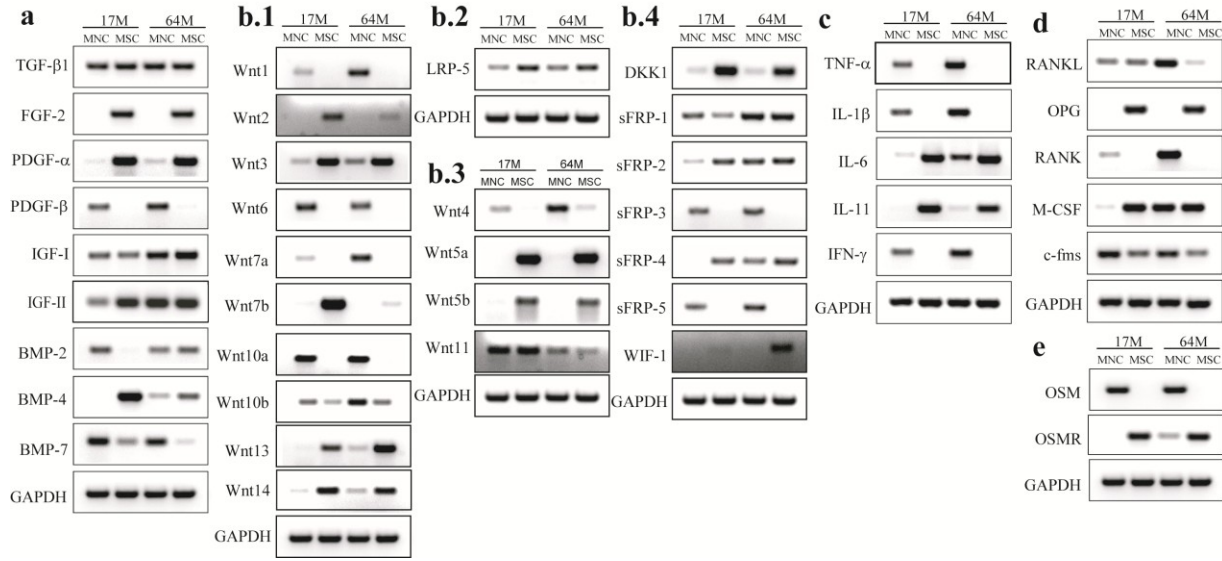
(* $p < 0.05$, n=3, Mann-Whitney test).

Supplementary Fig. 3



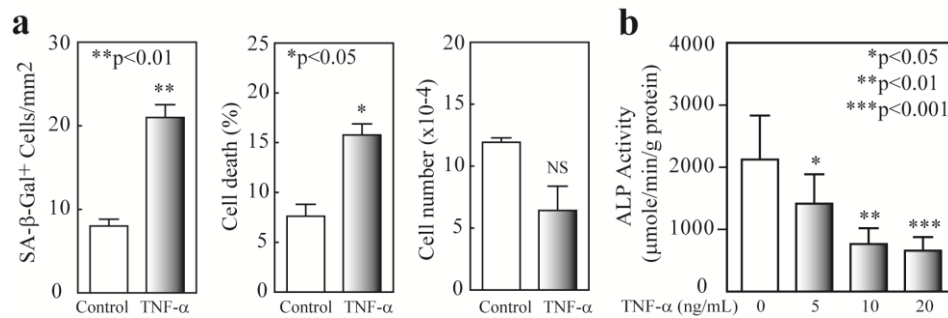
Supplementary Figure 3. Haematopoietic cells, but not MEFs, stimulate osteoblast differentiation of human MSCs. **(a)** After 7 days in osteogenic medium, ALP activity of MSCs (76M) \pm MNCs; MNCs inserts (48F, n=3) vs. empty insert controls (n=11) (** $p < 0.001$) or MNCs inserts (67F, n=3) (** $p < 0.01$) (ANOVA); there was no significant difference between MNCs inserts (67F) and empty insert controls. **(b)** Effects of MEFs on ALP activity of MSCs (90F); MEFs inserts (n=3) vs. empty insert controls (n=6) (* $p < 0.05$, Mann-Whitney Test).

Supplementary Fig. 4



Supplementary Figure 4. The gene profile of human MNCs and MSCs. RT-PCR was used to evaluate the gene profile in human MSCs and MNCs obtained from two subjects, a young male (17M) and an old male (64M) subjects. The gene-specific primers (Supplementary Table 1) were used for amplification with Promega GoTaq Flexi DNA Polymerase.

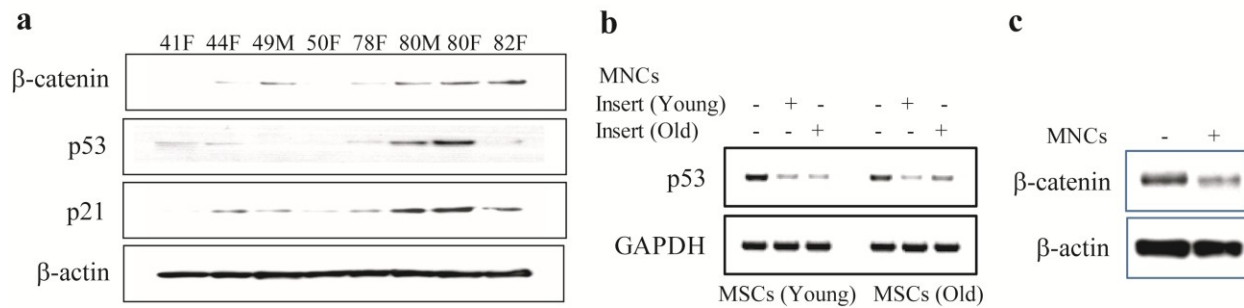
Supplementary Fig. 5



Supplementary Figure 5. The effects of TNF- α on human MSCs. (a) Under the same treatment conditions as the described in Figure 5, the effects of TNF- α on SA- β -Gal⁺ cells (**p<0.01, TNF- α , n=3 vs. control, n=4, t-test), cell death (*p<0.05, TNF- α , n=3 vs. control, n=3, t-test), and proliferation (no significant different between TNF- α treatment and control,

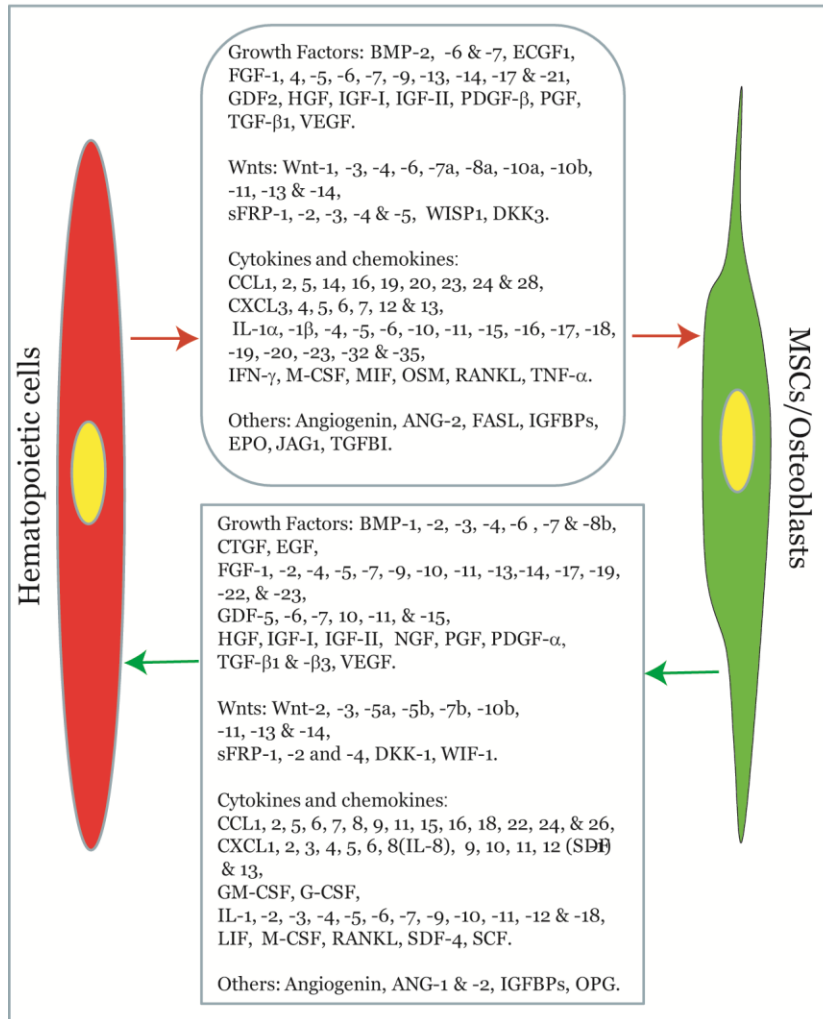
n=3) in hMSCs obtained from a 76-year-old male subject. **(b)** TNF- α significantly inhibited ALP activity of hMSCs (47F) in a dose-dependent manner (TNF- α treatments *vs.* control, n=3, ANOVA).

Supplementary Fig. 6



Supplementary Figure 6. Effects of age and MNCs on β -catenin, p53 and p21 in hMSCs. **(a)** Western blot showed that the age-related increases in constitutive β -catenin protein levels as well as p53 and p21 protein levels in hMSCs (41-82-year-old subjects). Co-cultures of hMSCs with MNCs showed that **(b)** MNCs (young, 37M; old, 64M) co-culture inserts down-regulated p53 gene expression in hMSCs (young, 37M; old, 64M) after 7 days co-culture and **(c)** MNCs (54M) down-regulated β -catenin protein in hMSCs (21F) after 24 hours co-culture.

Supplementary Fig. 7



Supplementary Figure 7. Summary of the paracrine interactions between haematopoietic cells and mesenchymal stem cells. Secreted factors that may involve the paracrine interactions between haematopoietic cells and MSCs and/or osteoblasts are summarized from our study and literature as listed.

Abbreviations: ANG – angiopoietin, BMP- bone morphogenetic proteins, CCL - chemokine (C-C motif) ligand, CTGF - connective tissue growth factor, CXCL - chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand, DKK – Dickkopf, ECGF - endothelial cell growth factor, EGF - epidermal growth factor,

EPO – erythropoietin, FASL - Fas ligand, FGF - fibroblast growth factors, GDF - growth differentiation factor, GM-CSF - granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor, G-CSF - granulocyte-colony stimulating factor, HGF - hepatocyte growth factor, IGF - insulin-like growth factor, IGFBP - insulin-like growth factor-binding protein, LIF - leukemia inhibitory factor, IL – Interleukin, INF – Interferon, JAG – jagged, M-CSF - macrophage colony-stimulating factor, MIF - macrophage migration inhibitory factor, NGF - nerve growth factor, OPG – osteoprotegerin, OSM - oncostatin M, PGF - placental growth factor, PDGF - platelet-derived growth factor, RANKL - receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand, RANK - receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B, SCF - Stem Cell Factor, SDF-1 - stromal cell-derived factor 1, TGF - transforming growth factor, TGFBI - transforming growth factor, beta-induced, TNF - tumor necrosis factor, VEGF - vascular endothelial growth factor, sFRP - secreted frizzled-related protein, WIP-1 - Wnt inhibitory factor-1, WISP1 - Wnt-1 induced secreted protein 1.

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Supplementary Table 1. PCR primers

Gene	Primer sequence (5'→3')	Size (bp)	Ref.
ALP	F: GCGAACGTATTTCTCCAGACCCAG R: TTCCAAACAGGAGAGTCGCTTCA	367	Winn <i>et al.</i> , 1999
BMP-2	F: CATCCCAGCCCTCTGAC R: CTTTCCCACCTGCTTGCA	493	Moutsatsos <i>et al.</i> , 2001
BMP-4	F: GACCTATGGAGCCATTCCGTA R: TCAGGGATGCTGCTGAGGTT	585	M22490*
BMP-7	F: 5-TTCCCCTCCCTATCCCCAACTTT-3 R: 5-TTTTCTTTTCGCACAGACACC-3	313	Chubinskaya, <i>et al.</i> , 2000
BSP	F: TCAGCATTTTGGGAATGGCC R: GAGGTTGTTGTCTTCGAGGT	657	D'Ippolito <i>et al.</i> , 2006
c-fms	F: CAGATTGGTATAGTCCCGCTCTCT R: TCCAACACTACATTGTCAAGGGCAAT	360	Kirma <i>et al.</i> , 2007
COL I	F: GGGTGACCGTGGTGAGA R: CCAGGAGAGCCAGAGGTCC	194	Büttner <i>et al.</i> , 2004
DKK1	F: TGGAATATGTGTGTCTTCTG R: AACCTTCTTGTCCTTTGGTG	155	Mueller <i>et al.</i> , 2005
FGF-2	F: GGCTTCTTCCTGCGCATCCA R: GCTCTTAGCAGACATTGGAAGA	352	Baguma-Nibasheka <i>et al.</i> , 2007
IGF-I	F: TGGGCTTGCGGCCACGTA R: AGAGCCTGCGCAATGGAATAAA	533	Gordeladze <i>et al.</i> , 2002
IGF-II	F: CTGTGCTACCCCGCCAAGT R: ACGTTTGGCCTCCCTGAACG	214	Sayer <i>et al.</i> , 2005
IL-1 β	F: CATGGACAAGCTGAGGAAGA R: TTCAACACGCAGGACAGGTA	370	Hennige <i>et al.</i> , 2008
IL-6	ATGAACTCCTTCTCCACAAGCGC GAAGAGCCCTCAGGCTGGACTG	627	Stark <i>et al.</i> , 1993
IL-11	F: ACTGCTGCTGCTGAAGACTCGGCTGTGA R: ATGGGGAAGAGCCAGGGCAGAAGTCTGT	321	Suen <i>et al.</i> , 1994
IFN- γ	F: GCGAAAAAGGAGTCAGATGC R: CAAACCGGCAGTAACTGGAT	417	NM_000619.2#
GAPDH	F: ACCACAGTCCATGCCATCAC R: TCCACCACCTGTTGCTGTA	451	Pattyn <i>et al.</i> , 2003
LRP-5	F: CTTCCAGTTTTCCAAGGGA R: AGTCCACAATGATCTTCCGGGT	366	Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2004
M-CSF	F:ATGACAGACAGGTGGAAGTCCAGTGTAGAGG R: TCACACAACCTCAGTAGGTTTCAGGTGATGGGC	495	Clontech
OPG	F: GAACCCCAGAGCGAAATACA R: CGCTGTTTTACAGAGGTCA	441	Makhluf <i>et al.</i> , 2000
OSM	F: CGTATCCAAGGCCTGGATGTT R: GCCCTCCAGCTTGCCTGAAA	393	Huang <i>et al.</i> , 2009
OSMR	F:GGAGGAAGTCAGTGTACAAGA R: TACAGTGCAAAGTCTTGAAGTC	362	Götherström <i>et al.</i> , 2010
PDGF α	F: CTGGAGATAGACTCCGT R: CCTGACGTATTCCACCT	335	Yoshida <i>et al.</i> , 1992

PDGFβ	F: CCCGGAGTCGGCATGAA R: TTTCTCACCTGGACAGGTCG	475	Yoshida <i>et al.</i> , 1992
RANK	F: CCTACGCACAAGGCGAAGATGC R: CGTAGACCACGATGATGTGCGCC	702	Atkins <i>et al.</i> , 2000
RANKL	F: ATCCCATCTGGTTCCATAA R: CCCTGACCAATACTTGGTGC	276	Eslami <i>et al.</i> , 2011
RUNX2	F: GTTTGTCTCTGACCGCCTC R: CCAGTTCTGAGGCACCTGAAA	317	D'Ippolito <i>et al.</i> , 2006
sFRP-1	F: TACGTACCTGGTGGACATGC R: AAGGACGTGCCGATAAACAG	497	Yates, 2004
sFRP-2	F: CTAGCGCCGCTCTTCGTGTACCTG R: CAGCGTCTTGCCCAGCAGATCCA	386	Yates, 2004
sFRP-3	F: GGATCGGTGTTTTTCAGCATT R: CCGTGGTAGCTGCTCACTTT	501	Yates, 2004
sFRP-4	F: AACTTTCACACCGCTCATCC R: GATATCCTTTCCCGGCCTAC	602	Yates, 2004
sFRP-5	F: TTCATGTGCCTGGTGGTGGGC R: TACACGTGCGACAGGGACACC	235	Yates, 2004
TERT	F: AGCCAGTCTCACCTTCAACCGC R: GGAGTAGCAGAGGGAGGCCG	272	D'Ippolito <i>et al.</i> , 2006
TGF-β1	F: CAGAAATACAGCAACAATTCCTGG R: TTGCAGTGTGTTATCCGTGCTGTC	186	Nagineni <i>et al.</i> , 2002
TNF-α	F: GCGTGGAGCTGAGAGATAAC R: GATGTTTCGTCCTCCTCACAG	360	Hennige <i>et al.</i> 2008
TNFR1	F: ACCAAGTGCCACAAAGGAAC R: CTGCAATTGAAGCACTGGAA	263	Sawanobori <i>et al.</i> , 2003
TNFR2	F: TTCGCTCTTCCAGTTGGACT R: CACCAGGGGAAGAATCTGAG	399	Sawanobori <i>et al.</i> , 2003
WIF-1	F: CCGAAATGGAGGCTTTTGTGA R: GTGTCTTCCATGCCAACCTT	451	Lin <i>et al.</i> , 2006
Wnt1	F: TGCACGCACACGCGCTACTGCAC R: CAGGATGGCAAGAGGGTTCATG	246	Katoh, 2003
Wnt2	F: AAAGGAAAGGATGCCAGAGC R: CCCACAGCACATGACTTCAC	398	Yates, 2004
Wnt3	F: GSCCACATGCACCTCAAATG R: GATGCAGTGGCATTTCCT	401	Yates, 2004
Wnt4	F: ACCTGGAAGTCATGGACTCG R: GCCTCATTGTTGTGGAGTT		Yates, 2004
Wnt5a	F: CCAACTGGCAGGACTTTCTC R: GCAAAGCGGTAGCCATAGTC	368	Yates, 2004
Wnt5b	F: AGATCGTGGACCAGTACATCTG R: TTACGGAACCCATCTACATTCTG	504	Saitoh and Katoh, 2002
Wnt6	F: AGAAGCTGCCTCCATTTCCG R: GTCACAGGCAGAGGCTGAG	386	Yates, 2004
Wnt7a	F: GAGAAGCAAGGCCAGTACCA R: TAGTTGGGCGACTTCTCGAT	424	Yates, 2004
Wnt7b	F: GAGCCAACATCATCTGCAAC R: GGAGAAGTTCGATGCCGTAAC	391	Yates, 2004
Wnt10a	F: CCAATGACATTCTGGACCT R: TAAGCGGTGCAGCTTCCTAC	410	Yates, 2004

Wnt10b	F: GAATGCGAATCCACAACAACAG R: TTGCGGTTGTGGGTATCAATGAA	195	Yates, 2004
Wnt11	F: CGTGTGCTATGGCATCAAGT R: CGCATCAGTTTATTGGCTTG	509	Yates, 2004
Wnt13	F: AAGATGGTGCCAACTTCACCG R: CTGCCTTCTTGGGGGCTTTGC	320	Yates, 2004
Wnt14	F: GGGTGTGAAGGTGATCAAGG R: CACCCGGCTCTGTGTGTTAT	396	Yates, 2004

Note: F = Forward, R = Reverse. * Designed with Primer3 program. #Designed with Primer-BLAST.

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