

**Nucleus pulposus phenotypic markers to determine stem cell differentiation:  
fact or fiction?**

**Supplementary Material**

**Supplementary Table I: IVD samples processed at Sheffield Hallam University:  
Patient Details.**

Reference	Source	IVD Level	Infiltrating Cells	Average	Classification	DE	IHC
							Grade
HD 1	Surgical	L4/L5	No	3.0	I	✓	✓
HD 2	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	7.0	I	✓	
HD 3	Surgical	L4/L5	No	4.0	MD	✓	
HD 5	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.5	SD	✓	
HD 9	Surgical	L5/S1	No	2.0	ND		✓
HD 17	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	4.0	ND	✓	
HD 21	Surgical	L4/L5	Yes	4.0	I	✓	
HD 24	Surgical	L5/S1	No	2.0			✓
HD 25	Surgical	L4/L5	No	2.0	I	✓	
HD 26	Surgical	L5/S1	No	5.0	I	✓	
HD 30	PM (SHU)	L4/L5	No	2.0			✓
HD 31	PM (SHU)	L3/L4	No	3.0	ND		✓
HD 34	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	12.0	SD	✓	
HD 44	Surgical	L5/S1	No	2.0	ND	✓	
HD 45	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.0	SD	✓	
HD 53	Surgical	L5/S1	No	7.0	MD	✓	
HD 54	Surgical	L4/L5	No	6.0	SD	✓	✓
HD 56	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	5.0	MD	✓	✓
HD 57	Surgical	L5/S1	No	6.0	MD	✓	✓
HD 58	Surgical	L5/S1	No	3.5	SD	✓	
HD 59	Surgical	L5/S1	No	6.0	SD	✓	
HD 61	Surgical	L5/S1	No	7.5	MD	✓	✓
HD 63	Surgical	L5/S1	No	9.0	SD	✓	✓
HD 65	Surgical	L4/L5	No	10.0	SD	✓	
HD 66	Surgical	L3/L4	Yes	5.0	I	✓	
HD 71	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	3	MD		✓
HD 75	Surgical	L3/L4	No	8.0	MD	✓	✓
HD 79	Surgical	L4/L5	No	3.0	ND	✓	✓
HD 85	Surgical	L2/L3	No	8.0	I	✓	
HD 86	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	1.0	I	✓	
HD 92	Surgical	L5/S1	No	3.5	ND	✓	
HD 93	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	6.0	MD	✓	✓
HD 94	Surgical	L5/S1	No	6.0	MD	✓	
HD 97	Surgical	L5/S1	No	6.0	MD	✓	✓

<b>HD</b>	98	Surgical	L3/L4	No	6.0	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	109	Surgical	L4/L5		6.0		
<b>HD</b>	133	Surgical	L4/L5	No	3.5		✓
<b>HD</b>	144	Surgical	L5/S1	No	5.0		✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	145	Surgical	L4/L5	No	11	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	146	Surgical	L5/S1	No	5.85	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	148	Surgical	C5/C6	No	6.0	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	151	Surgical	L5/S1	No	5.3	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	153	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	5.0	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	154	Surgical	L4/L5	No	3.0	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	156	Surgical	L4/L5	Yes	3.0	ND	✓
<b>HD</b>	157	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	5.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	158	Surgical	L4/L5	No	3.0	I	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	159	Surgical	L4/L5	Yes	9.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	160	Surgical	C3/C5	No	6.0	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	166	Surgical	L4/L5	No	8.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	170	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	174	Surgical	L5/S1	No	7.0	MD	✓
<b>HD</b>	175	Surgical	L5/S1	No	7.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	177	Surgical	L4/L5	No	2.0	N	✓
<b>HD</b>	184	Surgical	L4/L5	Yes	5.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	192	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	194	Surgical	L4/L5	No	11.0	SD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	195	Surgical	C6/C7	No	9.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	197	Surgical	L4/L5	No	8.0	SD	✓
<b>HD</b>	203	Surgical	S1	No	3.5		✓
<b>HD</b>	207	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.0	MD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	219	Surgical	L5/S1	No	10.5	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	225	Surgical	L5/S1	No	10.0	SD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	228	Surgical		No	6.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	229	Surgical	L5/S1	No	6.0	MD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	231	Surgical	L4/L5	No	5.0	MD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	232	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.0	SD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	233	Surgical	L5/S1	No	9.5	SD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	234	Surgical	L5/S1	No	8.5	SD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	243	Surgical	L4/L5	Yes	6.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	246	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	6.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	253	Surgical	C5/C6	Yes	4.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	254	Surgical	L4/L5	Yes	6.0	I	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	257	Surgical	L5/S1	Yes	6.0	I	✓
<b>HD</b>	266	Surgical	L5/S1	No	4.0		✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	276	Surgical	C5/C6	No	6.0	MD	✓ ✓
<b>HD</b>	281	Surgical	L4/L5	No	3.0	ND	✓

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**Supplementary Table II: IVD samples processed at Utrecht: Patient Details**

Reference	Source	IVD Level	Thompson	DE	IHC	Grade
<b>HD</b> S06 115	PM (UT)	L4/5	1		✓	
<b>HD</b> S08 263	PM (UT)	L4/5	1		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06 69	PM (UT)	L4/5	1		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06 123	PM (UT)	L4/5	1		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07 099	PM (UT)	L4/5	2		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07184	PM (UT)	L4/5	2		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06116	PM (UT)	L4/5	2		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06224	PM (UT)	L4/5	2		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07 099	PM (UT)	L4/5	2		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07203	PM (UT)	L4/5	3		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07229	PM (UT)	L4/5	3		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06127	PM (UT)	L4/5	3		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07098	PM (UT)	L4/5	3		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07137	PM (UT)	L4/5	3		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07209	PM (UT)	L4/5	4		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07250	PM (UT)	L4/5	4		✓	
<b>HD</b> W07243	PM (UT)	L4/5	4		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06141	PM (UT)	L4/5	4		✓	
<b>HD</b> S07256	PM (UT)	L4/5	4		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06150	PM (UT)	L4/5	5		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06251	PM (UT)	L4/5	5		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06287	PM (UT)	L4/5	5		✓	
<b>HD</b> S0741	PM (UT)	L4/5	5		✓	
<b>HD</b> S06165	PM (UT)	L4/5	5		✓	

**Supplementary Table III: Articular Cartilage samples: Patient Details.**

Reference	Source	Anatomical Compartment	Macroscopic Grade	Microscopic Grade	DE	IHC
<b>HC</b> 4 (3)	Surgical	Medial femoral condyle	1	4	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 5 (2)	Surgical	Posterior femoral condyle	0	5	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 7 (1)	Surgical	Posterior femoral condyle	0	3.5	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 9 (1)	Surgical	Posterior femoral condyle	0	2.5	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 10 (1)	Surgical	Trochlear	0	5	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 11 (1)	Surgical	Posterior condyle	0	3.5	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 16 (1)	Surgical	Posterior femoral condyle	1	2.5	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 17 (1)	Surgical	Medial femoral condyle	0	3	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 18 (1)	Surgical	Lateral posterior femoral condyle	1	3	✓	✓
<b>HC</b> 19 (1)	Surgical	Lateral femoral condyle	0	5	✓	✓

**Table IV: Predesigned primer probes for qRT-PCR**

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Gene Symbol</b>	<b>Catalogue no.</b>
Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	GAPDH	Hs02758991_g1
18S Ribosomal RNA	18S	Hs03003631_g1
Forkhead Box F1	FOXF1	Hs00230962_m1
Paired Box 1	PAX1	Hs01071292_m1
Keratin 19	KRT19	Hs01051611_gH
Keratin 18	KRT18	Hs02827483_g1
Cluster of differentiation 24	CD24	Hs03044178_g1
Glucose transporter 1	SLC2A1	Hs00892681_m1
Brachyury	T	Hs00610080_m1
carbonic anhydrase XII	CA12	Hs01080909_m1
Sonic Hedgehog	SHH	Hs00179843_m1
Laminin Alpha 5	LAMA5	Hs00966585_m1
Laminin gamma 2	LAMC2	Hs01043711_m1
Ovostatin 2	OVO2	Hs00416380_m1
Integrin Binding Sialoprotein	IBSP	Hs00173720_m1

**Supplementary Table V: Target antibodies used for IHC**

<b>Target Antibody</b>	<b>Clonality</b>	<b>Optimal Dilution</b>	<b>Antigen Retrieval Method</b>	<b>Secondary Antibody</b>	<b>Serum Block</b>
FOXF1 (ab23194)	Rabbit Polyclonal	1:100	Heat	Goat anti-rabbit	Goat
PAX1 (ab203065)	Rabbit Polyclonal	1:400	Enzyme	Goat anti-rabbit	Goat
KRT-19 (ab7754)	Mouse monoclonal	1:400	None	Rabbit anti-mouse	Rabbit
LAM-5 (ab78286)	Mouse monoclonal	1:800	Enzyme	Rabbit anti-mouse	Rabbit
HIF1α (ab16066)	Mouse monoclonal	1:100	None	Rabbit anti-mouse	Rabbit

**Supplementary Table V:** Target antibodies used for IHC, their optimal concentrations and antigen retrieval methods. Heat antigen retrieval consisted of 10 minute microwave irradiation in 0.05M Tris buffer, pH 9.5 pre-heated to 60°C. Enzyme antigen retrieval consisted of 30-minute incubation in TBS; 20 mM tris, 150 mM sodium chloride, 46.8mM calcium chloride dihydrate pH 7.5, containing 0.01% w/v α-chymotrypsin from bovine pancreas at 37°C.