

OptiPrep™ Mini-Review MC09

Hepatic non-parenchymal stellate cells – a bibliography

- ◆ This Mini-Review provides a complete bibliography of publications that report the use of OptiPrep™ for the purification of the non-parenchymal stellate cells. It complements **Mini-Review MC08** which provides a brief overview of the separation technology and **Mini-Review MC10** which is a bibliography of published papers primarily reporting the analysis of Kupffer and sinusoidal endothelial cells; this lists papers on non-parenchymal epithelial cells, NK cells, oval cells and progenitor cells.
- ◆ References are divided into sections and sub-sections alphabetically according research topic.. Within each section or sub-section references are listed alphabetically according to **first author** (multiple examples are listed chronologically).
- ◆ **The letter in parenthesis at the end of each reference indicates the species source of the cells (H) = human, (M) = mouse, (R) = rat.**

Note that the vast majority of papers address some aspect of liver fibrosis/fibrogenesis; thus “Fibrosis” or “Fibrogenesis” are not included in the following index headings

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