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Reply to reviewer comments

We thank the reviewer for the valuable and helpful comments.

**Point 1.** "...address that transplanted cells do not have advantage in proliferation..."

This point is well taken. However, we have performed PH 4 weeks after cell were transplanted and we show in the results section that all transplanted hepatocytes were either single (60%) or doublets (40%), clearly indicating that they have no proliferative advantage compared to resident parenchymal cells.

**Point 2.** We rephrased the conclusion, as suggested by the reviewer.

Best regards

Fabio Marongiu on behalf of all authors