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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper adds to the existing understanding of the use of stem cells to treat liver fibrosis. The manuscript in its present form is poorly written and the legends do not accurately describe the data shown in the figures. I have gone to great lengths to correct the English and to raise concerns, where appropriate, on the science presented. Please see the attached marked up text for language corrections as well as for scientific clarifications where these are needed.