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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

IN this study, you did not effectively separate the hepatocytes (epithelial cells) from the stellate cells (MSC), therefor you can not claim that there is EMT in these animals, it is more likely that the mesenchymal cells proliferate as it is well known. This is a more simple answer to your hypothesis, then EMT. Your data on TGF-Beta signaling is fine, but you have no solid evidence of EMT and all such references should be removed from teh manuscript, or you must definitely show that the epithelial cells are actually changing in your model.