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REPLACEMENT OF DONOR CELLS AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

The article by Gouw et al. (1) makes the important point that Kupffer cells are replaced with macrophages of recipient origin rather soon after liver transplantation. The same observation was made by Porter (2) and by Kashiwagi et al. (3) many years ago in some of the first cases of human liver transplantation. Confirmation of this cellular transition by Gouw et al. is a significant contribution to the literature; its credibility will be enhanced by acknowledgement of the earlier

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