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Dr NAJIMI is scientific supervisor of the hepatocytes and hepatic stem cells banks at Saint-Luc Hospital which aims at isolating GMP compliant-human liver cells and propagating mesenchymal stem cells for clinical uses. His main research continues to focus on hepatic stem cell's biology, liver regeneration and on the design of innovative cell therapy strategies for liver disease treatments. Dr NAJIMI was member of the founding team of Promethera Biosciences, a spin-off of the Université Catholique de Louvain for which he is currently a special adviser-scientific affairs and a member of the scientific board.