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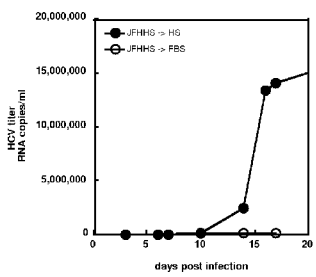
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Figure 6B



(57) Abstract: The present disclosure provides methods and compositions relating to in vitro cultures of human hepatocyte cell lines which exhibit a primary human hepatocyte phenotype. Such cell lines are susceptible to infection by a hepatotrophic virus, such as HCV or HBV, and support both viral replication and high levels of viral particle production. Such in vitro cultures find use in pro - duction and study of hepatotrophic virus, as well as methods of screening (e.g., for antiviral drugs, assessing drug metabolism), and study of primary human hepatocytes.

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