Reviewers' Comments:

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We thank reviewer 1 for their critical assessment of our manuscript and their appreciation of our experimental approach and data quality. We have gratefully taken up the suggestions to improve the manuscript by performing all requested experiments. However, we would like to comment on the reviewer's concern that our findings are not novel enough as they are "intuitively understood in the regeneration field".

The reviewer probably agrees that "intuitively understood" concepts also need to be formally tested before considering them scientific facts. Rather than "intuitively understood", however, our results should be surprising to most people in the regeneration field as even well-established scientists have recently used comparative transcriptomics between H-wounds and R-wounds to "distinguish pathways specific to general injury processes from those required for appendage regeneration" (Monaghan et al, 2012) and search for "[amputation-specific genes], distilled apart from the wound healing gene network" (Knapp et al., 2012). Based on these publications and discussions at regeneration meetings, we would argue that it is rather often intuitively understood that regeneration initiation signals are regeneration-specific, which we have now proven is not the case. Although there has been emerging evidence that in fact some genes induced after H-wounds may be relevant to early regeneration (Wurtzel et al., 2015), to our knowledge, there has never been functional evidence that these include factors that have the capacity to initiate regeneration.

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We agree with the reviewer that the formation of a functional wound epithelium is one of the first important steps in regeneration initiation and might be affected by inhibition of ERK signalling. Due to a lack of markers for demonstrating the functionality of the wound epithelium in planarians, we addressed this question in the fish. Using antibodies against p63 and β-catenin, we can now show that in fins where FGF signaling is inhibited, a multi-layered wound epidermis forms, but at 3 days post amputation it lacks a clearly distinguishable basal layer, which has formed in wild-type fins by that time-point (new data in Supplementary figure 9a). Since formation of the basal layer occurs at 24 to 48 hours post amputation, this (together with the absence of blastema formation) confirms that early regenerative processes are blocked.

We would like to emphasize that it is irrelevant for the logic of our paper at which time point exactly regeneration is halted in dormant planarian tails or fish fins (pre- or post formation of a fully functional wound epidermis). It only matters that we can create conditions where tissue is missing, but regeneration does not resume spontaneously, which then allows us to test which type of injuries are sufficient to trigger regeneration in the missing tissue context.

Moreover, in response to the reviewer's related comment below, we show in the new Figure 5 that the wound epidermis is not a physical barrier to regeneration.

Also, I am not content with the statement that ERK activation is the most upstream step of regeneration initiation known in planarians. Presumably growth factors are induced to activate pathways leading to ERK activation.

We agree and addressed this by further analysing the nature of the ERK-activating signals. While we did not find convincing evidence that EGFR3, a stem cell resident EGF receptor with a published blastema formation phenotype (Fraguas et al., 2011), acts upstream of wound-induced ERK, we found that wound-induced ERK activation occurs in a stem cell- and protein synthesis-independent manner, indicating that the fast ERK-activating injury cues are not newly made proteins (new data in Figure 1c). Moreover, we can now demonstrate that pERK acts at least in part through *follistatin*-mediated Activin inhibition (new data in Supplementary Figure 4g-h), which is the earliest step currently known to be required for planarian regeneration. We have edited the manuscript to clarify the claim that "ERK activation, by a yet unknown factor, is the most upstream step of regeneration initiation known in planarians" (p7).

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We are aware of the suggested literature, but consider none of the cited papers in conflict with the novelty of our findings.

First, the accessory limb model has typically been used to study the role of nerves in initiating blastema formation, and the role of positional cues in patterning and growing a blastema into a limb (Endo et al., 2015), rather than the nature of the injury required to initiate blastema formation. In particular, it has remained unclear whether solely injuring the epidermis (in contrast to full skin wounding) is sufficient to trigger regeneration in the accessory limb model. Purely epidermal injuries can heal in all organisms, while full skin wounds regenerate in a scar-free manner only in some organisms like salamanders. Thus, full skin wounding in salamanders could trigger signals that are permissive for regeneration, while purely epidermal injuries might not. Therefore, it has remained unclear whether truly generic wound signals (that is signals that should also be present in epidermal wounds in mammals) can trigger regeneration. In our manuscript we now show that epidermal injuries are sufficient to trigger regeneration in dormant zebrafish fins. Thus, our study clarifies this important point and demonstrates that the regeneration-triggering signals are generic.

Notably, (Nacu et al., 2016) showed that presence of posterior tissues/activation of FGF8 and SHH contribute to "sustained [blastema] outgrowth" rather than initiating "blastema formation", while (Makanae et al., 2016) showed that FGF and BMP signals can replace nerves in urodele tail regeneration. We argue that neither study investigated the nature of the injuries involved in inducing regeneration. Instead, they studied the factors involved in creating a regeneration-competent context. We have now put the two papers into the context of our findings (p10).

Secondly, while the accessory limb model has been quite powerful in showing the importance of nerves and the presumed importance of the juxtaposition of fibroblasts with different positional identity for induction of regenerative responses, it requires several surgical interventions. In contrast, by blocking regeneration, we were able to ask which types of injuries are sufficient to trigger regeneration in an otherwise unperturbed context.

Thirdly, the accessory limb model is only available in salamanders, while the dormant principle should be universal and applicable to many organisms. Thus, we find it of great value to test the ability of generic wounds to trigger regeneration also in other systems.

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It is correct that *β-catenin-1* RNAi animals are predisposed to form ectopic heads at all R-wound sites and during homeostatic tissue turnover (Gurley et al., 2008, Peterson and Reddien 2008, Iglesias et al., 2009). However, the effects of H-wounds on these animals have never been reported, to the best of our knowledge (only R-wounds, such as head/tail amputations and wedged cuts). Here, we use the *β-catenin-1* RNAi paradigm to confirm the capability of H-wounds to initiate tissue outgrowth and therefore consider these results an important part of the paper that strengthen our conclusions. We also show that these H-wound-mediated outgrowths (as well as the previously reported spontaneous lateral outgrowths) are ERK dependent (Figure 3a-c), while homeostatic transformations of tail into head tissue are H-wound- and ERK-independent (Figure 3a, lower panel). Moreover, we show that RNAi against *APC* and *patched*, which do not render planarians to form ectopic tissues in the absence of wounds (Rink et al., 2009 and Stückermann et al., 2017), similarly generate tissue outgrowths after H-wounds (Figure 3d-e).

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As described above, we do find that the wound epidermis that forms in FGF signaling inhibited fins appears stalled at an early stage of wound response, before it matures into a stage that might be fully functional to support regeneration, but it is not thickened (Supplemental Figure 9a).

In addition, we have now added new data to the manuscript (Figure 5) where we established a new fin injury paradigm that allowed us to test whether tissues scars or a modified wound epidermis represent physical barriers for ray regeneration. We generated recessed dormant rays (individual rays were further proximally amputated than their neighbours). This allowed for wound epidermis formation at the primary amputation plane, while the space distally to the recessed ray was filled in with inter-ray skin tissue. We now show that injuries to this inter-ray skin at a distance from "dormant" rays is sufficient to trigger their regeneration. Thus, any potential tissue scars that would have formed at the amputation plane of the recessed "dormant" ray would not be affected by such injuries. In addition, such regenerating rays can grow beyond the wound epidermis that forms at the primary amputation plane, showing that this is also not a physical barrier.

We use the term "dormant" simply to describe the fact that blocked fin rays or planarian tails still retain the ability to regenerate – it was not meant to imply any particular mechanism or reason for the lack of spontaneous resumption of regeneration in the absence of another trigger.

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We would like to emphasize that we actually show that the competence for regeneration is NOT abolished after transient blockage of FGF signaling (or Wnt signaling, which we now also show to have the same effect, see new data in Figure 5). Rather, we show that blocked fins are still competent to regenerate when they experience another injury.

Lee and Poss (Development 2005) show that a certain fraction of fins and rays also do not spontaneously resume regeneration after relieve from dnFGFR1 expression (figure 8 in their paper, only 11 of 24 fins showed regeneration of all rays). They used a regime of a single heat-shock per day and (as we know from personal communication) – a system where water temperature is slowly increased from 28°C to 38°C within one hour. In contrast, we used a significantly different regime of 4 heat-shocks per 24 hours and a system in which temperature is raised from 28° to 37°C within 10 minutes. We have found that the latter (a faster ramp rate) results in stronger activation of the heat-shock promoter and the former (shorter intervals between heat-shocks) will keep transgene expression high over longer time-frames. Thus, it is very likely that FGF signaling is more severely blocked in our regime. We have tested several heat-shock regimes (from 1 to 4 heat-shocks within 24 hours applied for different length of time) and found that less severe heat-shock regimes than the one presented in the manuscript also for us did not result in permanent blockage of regeneration, that is more fins spontaneously resumed regeneration after relieve from heat-shocks. Importantly, we now also show that transient blockage of Wnt/beta-catenin signaling is also sufficient to permanently block (spontaneous) regeneration, without blocking the competence for regeneration in response to another injury trigger (new data in Figure 5).

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While we agree that Murciano et al 2002 present fascinating data showing that individual rays are individual units of regeneration, we cannot find any data in this paper showing or disproving bystander or long-range effects (whether regeneration of one ray can induce regeneration in neighbouring rays), since as far as we can tell, they only transplanted individual rays with the neighbouring rays left intact. Mari-Beffa et al. (1999) J. Anat 195, 393-405, cut away some rays and left others, so here they could have noticed bystander effects, but they do not mention them nor their absence in that paper. Hence, to our knowledge, bystander effects have not been published in regenerating zebrafish fins.

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Thank you for pointing this out; we have updated the figure legends to explain the asterisks and clarify that H-wounds cut through the animals along the DV axis. These injuries have been shown to trigger the healing but not the regeneration response (Wenemoser and Reddien, 2010).

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When we relieve fins from dnFGFR1 (or, see the new data in Fig. 5, Axin1) expression, blocked regenerative growth can spontaneously resume without the necessity of a further, additional injury to trigger it. This is what we and Poss and colleagues frequently observe when weaker heat-shock regimes are being used (see point 4 above), and we see a certain low fraction of such spontaneously regenerating rays also with harsher regimes (11% at 7 days in the experiment presented in Figure 4). So while most rays show a permanent block, a few rays do not. This is what we referred to as "spontaneous regeneration in uninjured rays". "Injury" here refers to the second injury (either re-amputation or wounding), not the initial amputation. Importantly, the rate of regeneration after another injury (either re-amputation, or mere epidermal or skin wounding) is much higher (74% in the experiment in Fig. 4). We have added cartoons to our figures which hopefully aid in clarifying the amputation and injury regimes we have used, and we have re-phrased the text describing these spontaneously regenerating rays on pages 12-13.

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Thanks for this suggestion. We have repeated the experiment and have monitored fins for 2 months. Again, we could not observe any regenerative growth of fin rays in response to the distal skin injury. See the updated figure in Supplementary Figure 9.

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