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Title: Elevated expression of VEGFR-3 in lymphatic endothelial cells from lymphangiomas

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Dear Dr. Deborah Saltman,

enclosed please find our manuscript entitled Elevated expression of VEGFR-3 in lymphatic endothelial cells from lymphangiomas*. Dr. AJ Pemberton suggested to submit the manuscript the BMC Cancer which may be the better choice than BMC Cell Biology. The manuscript describes the first time the isolation of human lymphatic endothelial cells from two patients with lymphangiomas and compares these cells in relation to lymph endothelial cells from foreskin and to normal blood endothelial cells. Besides a very carefully comparison using FACS, immunofluorescence and ELISA, the manuscript also contains very nice and new data from expression profiling with micro chips.

Please consider the publication of our piece of work as a research article in BMC Cancer. Also please consider Fig. 4/III as a potential figure for web presentation. Please consider Andreaks Bikfalvi as a reviewer from the editorial board and we have included a list of four external reviewers for a fast review process. We would be very happy of the manuscript can be handled very expeditiously and can find the support of all referees very soon for BMC Cancer publication.

Best regards,

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