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

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Dear Dr. Le,

Hereby we submit the final version of our manuscript MS: 1331223316111316; Elevated expression of VEGFR-3 in lymphatic endothelial cells from lymphangiomas. As suggested by the reviewer we have once more shortened the text. The manuscript is formatted according to the style of BMC Cancer. We respond to the reviewer point-by-point below.

With kind regards,

H.A. Weich

**Reviewer's report (referee 4)**
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**Reviewer's report:**
To Authors - Unfortunately what the authors have included as a hypothesis is a question not a hypothesis. A hypothesis is a prediction of what results are expected from experimentation. The hypothesis is generated from sound theoretical reasoning and prenors data. My hypothesis would be 'if LECs have stable surface markers then these markes should be consistently expressed whatever the source of LECs'
The conclusion appears to be unclear; surface marker expression varies according to the source of cells.
We have re-evaluated our Conclusion and can’t find any unclear formulation or interpretation of our results

The manuscript still seems overlong to me for the findings it delivers.
We have further reduced the length of the manuscript by reducing parts of the discussion which we have already reduced before but which was still to detailed in some aspects.


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In total we have reduced the discussion part from 1619 to 1451 words.
Indeed the authors have not answered the question regarding what is new and original in this communication.

The new parts of our finding are described in the abstract and part of it in the title of our work. However, this is the first study done which LECs form two young patients with lymphangiomias including expression profiling.