Author’s response to reviews

Title: Langerhans cells in hypospadias: An analysis of Langerin (CD207) and HLA-DR on epidermal sheets and full thickness skin sections

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Dear Editor!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the revisions as addressed in your message.

Please find a reply to each point raised below:

1. Role of funding bodies

The Tyrolean Science Fund (TWF) did not play any role in the design of the study, the collection, analysis and interpretation of data or in writing the manuscript. The respective statement as suggested has been added to the Funding section of the manuscript.

2. Abbreviations

The List of Abbreviations section has been moved before the Declarations section but after the Conclusions section of our manuscript.

3. Authors' contributions

Thank you for making me aware! It should actually be DR (Daniela Reider) – she performed all the laboratory analysis of all sheets including immunofluorescent staining and cell counting. NR (Nikolaus
Romani) was involved in elaboration of the study protocol and also as a supervisor to the manuscript drafting as indicated.

4. Acknowledgements

Thank you for bringing this up. I added an „Acknowledgements“ section with a short statement acknowledging the contribution of laboratory workers and clinical colleagues who do not meet the criteria for authorship. The statement mentioned in your letter was also moved to this section.

5. Figure 10

Only thanks to your comment I noted a numbering error (concerning not only figure 10 – which does not exist) I made when implementing the previous supplemental figures during R1. The total number of 9 figures is correct. I corrected and double-checked all in-text citations of figures and also the respective figure legends.

6. I uploaded a clean and corrected manuscript file. In order to highlight my changes made in response to your comments, I included this short reply.