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Phillip Steindel, Ph.D.  
Review Editor

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Re: Response to editorial comments dated 9/29/2018 for manuscript no. JoVE 58713 : Profiling the folate receptor beta macrophage and the vascular immune microenvironment in Giant Cell Arteritis: an immunohistopathologic study

Dear Dr Steindel

I am submitting the final manuscript after reviewing the most recent editorial commentaries as outlined below. Thank you so much.

**Editorial comments**

1. Unfortunately, some sections of the current manuscript show overlap with previous work, including, perhaps, the author’s own. Please see the attached iThenticate report and revise: lines 139-147, 152-154, and 217-220- Answer: These lines were revised accordingly.  
2. Please move the notes in the Notes section to where they are more relevant (e.g. note 7 after 2.6). Please write them on a separate line with ‘NOTE:’ preceding them. Answer: This was done.  
3. 1.1: Please include more details (possibly including references) on the biopsy procedure and handling of sample immediately afterwards. In particular, how much time can elapse between the biopsy and fixation and how is the section stored in the meantime? Answer: This was addressed.  
4. 1.3: How much paraffin/what size mold? Answer: This was done.

5. 2.2: Coated slides don’t appear to be in the Table of Materials. Answer: This was done.  
6. 2.5: What do you mean by ‘slides are date’? Answer: This was a typographical error and deleted.  
7. 2.6: How is agitation done? Answer: This was addressed.  
8. 2.9: Please explain more about how the positive control is created; also, these aren’t primary antibodies and I assume are not added to the samples. Answer: This was done.  
9. 3: This section in general needs more detail if you wish to film it; e.g., how exactly is vascular architecture assessed and endothelial cells identified? Answer: This was addressed.

Sincerely yours,

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