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The reviewer respectfully disagree with the authors with reference to previous comments related to the use of the CD34 marker. CD34 is widely used and validated as pan-endothelial cell marker in immunohistochemical analyses. CD34 is expressed in the adult with some heterogeneity by blood endothelial cells in most vascular beds. It is a pan-endothelial marker of microvascular endothelial cells that is not expressed by most large vessel endothelial cells. Blood capillary endothelial cells are CD34+ in nearly every tissue. For instance, please see: - Baumhueter S, Dybdal N, Kyle C, Lasky LA. Global vascular expression of murine CD34, a sialomucin-like endothelial ligand for L-selectin. *Blood*. 1994;84:2554-2565. - Fina L, Molgaard HV, Robertson D, Bradley NJ, Monaghan P, Delia D, Sutherland DR, Baker MA, Greaves MF. Expression of the CD34 gene in vascular endothelial cells. *Blood*. 1990;75:2417-2426. Moreover, please see The Human Protein Atlas for reference: <https://www.proteinatlas.org/ENSG00000174059-CD34/tissue> Therefore, all relevant concerns on CD34/vessel staining/angiogenesis that have not been addressed by the authors should be carefully reconsidered.