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Stepwise transmigration of T and B cells through a perivascular channel in high endothelial venules

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Reviewer #2 (Comments to the Authors (Required)):

The authors have adequately addressed my questions. I have no further comments.

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Dear Dr. Kim,

Thank you for submitting your Research Article entitled "Stepwise transmigration of T and B cells through a perivascular channel in high endothelial venules". It is a pleasure to let you know that your manuscript is now accepted for publication in Life Science Alliance. Congratulations on this interesting work.

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