Figure S3. Isolation and characterization of pMCs

Placental cells from healthy donors were collected after enzymatic trypsinic digestion and Percoll cushion procedure. **(A)** The presence of pMCs in total placental cells were observed by flow cytometry using  $Fc_ER1^+/CD117^+$  and **(B)** tryptase staining. **(C)** Placental MCs were isolated using double magnetic beads selection and their morphology and granularity were observed by colorations including MGG (upper panel) and toluidine blue (lower panel, black arrows), **(D)** scanning electron and **(E)** confocal microscopy (DNA (blue), F-actin (green) and tryptase (red)). Data are the mean  $\pm$  SD of triplicate samples and are representative of three experiments. \* $p \le 0.05$  and \*\* $p \le 0.01$ .

