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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is very well written and offers an extremely elegant overview on a clinical scenario not well very well known to general practice hematologists.



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Major points: There were the WHO 2008 consensus diagnostic criteria for SM and there also are the diagnostic criteria for MCAS available. Furthermore, the authors attempt to establish new criteria as MCAD. To readers, it is difficult to follow and not clear how much are overlapping among SM, MCAS and MCD and which one is exclusive for each. Statements are too wordy, often redundant and many sentences are within brackets, which make this review article sound very complex and confusing. Same words in the Figures (not truly figures) and Tables are repeated in the text. It can be said that this review is not readers-friendly. Ideally, extensive shortening of the text by deleting redundancies and including some simplified schematic illustrations which clearly show the difference of SM, MCAS and MCAD, a correlation of biological MC and other cells, molecular abnormalities as well as actual photos showing typical histology for each representative category is preferable in this kind of review article. Readers prefer to see self-explanatory illustrations/ figures rather than reading long complex sentences. Figures in this manuscript are not actually figures, they are kind of tables.



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This review article described the diagnostic assessment for mast cell activation disease (MCAD). This reviewer admits that the manuscript is informative and well written. This reviewer has only one minor comment.

MCAD and MCAS: The authors should clarify the definition of these terms. In addition, the authors should use an abbreviation (MCAD; page 5) after definition at the first mention.