

Continuing problems with classifications of vascular malformations

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Sir,
We were dismayed to read the Case Report by Yong Sun Jeon et al. [1] that perpetuates the confusing nomenclature around hemangiomas and vascular malformations. Their description of a cavernous hemangioma is a classic imaging

and pathological specimen of a venous malformation and is *not* a hemangioma. The classification system of Mulliken and Glowacki [3] was accepted by the Workshop on Vascular Anomalies in Rome 1996 and should be universally adopted by all involved with these lesions (Table 1).

Table 1 Vascular anomalies [3]

Tumors	Malformations	
Hemangiomas	Vascular malformations	
Proliferative phase	Simple	Capillary malformation
Involutive phase		Venous malformation
		Arterial malformation
		Lymphatic malformation (macro, micro, mixed)
	Combined	Arteriovenous malformation
		Capillary–venous malformation
		Lymphaticovenous malformation etc ...

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