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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr Pendolino and Coll discuss the causes that lead to olfactory dysfunction in patients with ANCA associated vasculitis through a comprehensive and well written review of the literature. The topic is interesting and the review may be useful for clinicians involved in the management of patients with ANCA associated vasculitis. Minor point I suggest to mention in abstract and/or core tip that sino-nasal inflammation, necrosis and atrophic changes in the mucous membrane as well sensorineural involvement are the most important mechanisms underlying OD , instead of the generic “Several mechanisms can lead to smell impairment”