

Retraction Note to: Diagnostic procedures for improving of the KIT (CD117) expressed allele burden for the liver metastases from uterus mast cell tumors: prognostic value of the metastatic pattern and tumor biology

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In addition, figure 9 “Uterus: canine, mast cell tumor. Diffuse cytoplasmic KIT localization and cells expressing KIT are identified by blue labeling. The majority of

neoplastic mast cells express KIT marker within the cytoplasm, often obscuring the nucleus. ×400 magnification” and figure 10 “Fine-needle aspirate smear of a uterus mass from the mast cell tumor of a dog. There are many large round cells with centrally placed round nuclei, clear cytoplasm, pleomorphism, and poorly differentiated mast cells” are duplicating:

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