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# **Advanced Systemic Mastocytosis (SM) Brochure**

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This resource for haematologists provides an overview of Advanced SM, including key symptoms and diagnostic testing

# Advanced SM is a rare clonal mast cell neoplasm<sup>1</sup>

Systemic mastocytosis is a rare disorder characterised by abnormal proliferation of mast cells,<sup>1</sup> driven by the *KIT* D816V mutation in ~95% of cases.<sup>2,3</sup> It is divided into two main forms: non-advanced SM and Advanced SM.<sup>4</sup>



**~1 in  
10,000**  
people have SM<sup>3</sup>

## Advanced SM has three different subtypes<sup>4</sup>

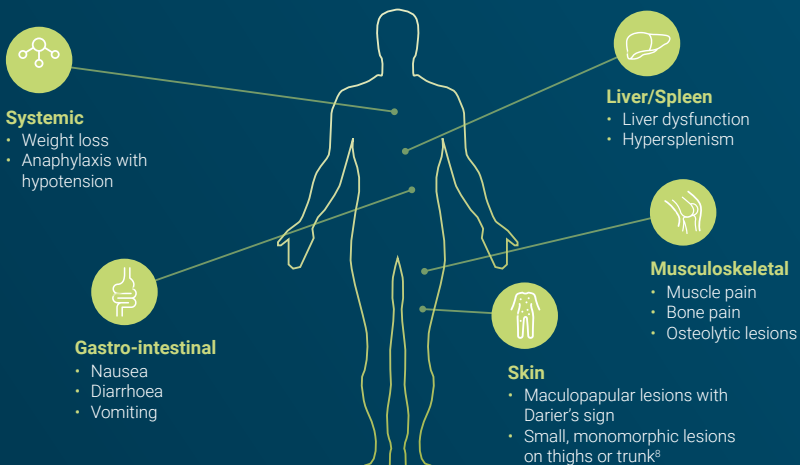
**Aggressive systemic mastocytosis (ASM)**

**Systemic mastocytosis with an associated haematological neoplasm (SM-AHN)**

**Mast cell leukaemia (MCL)**

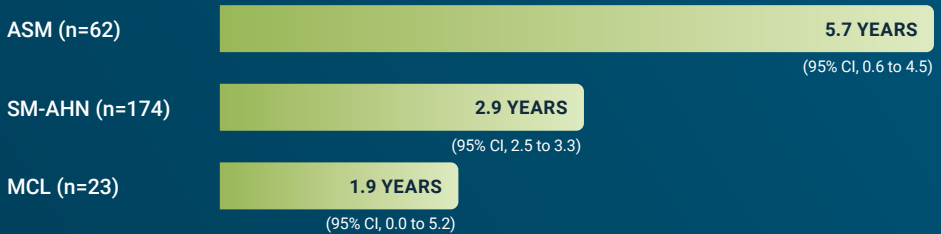
## Identifying Advanced SM in your practice

Patients with Advanced SM can experience debilitating mast cell mediator symptoms that impair quality of life and cause organ damage.<sup>5-7</sup>



# Advanced SM is associated with a poor prognosis and decreased overall survival<sup>9</sup>

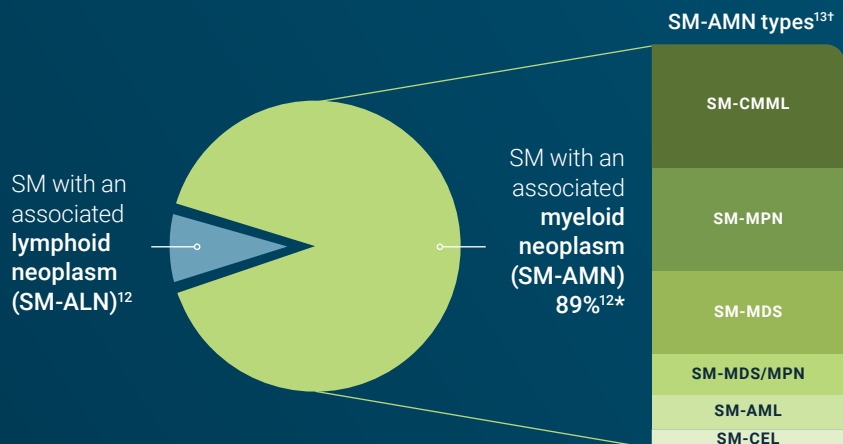
## Historical median overall survival for patients with Advanced SM<sup>9</sup>



Data based on the ECNM registry of patients diagnosed with mastocytosis between 1978 and 2017. Only patients with Advanced SM are shown here (N=259).<sup>9</sup>

## Advanced SM may be missed in patients with concurrent myeloid neoplasms<sup>10</sup>

Approximately two-thirds of patients with Advanced SM present with an associated haematological neoplasm,<sup>11</sup> primarily of myeloid origin<sup>12</sup>



\*Data based on a retrospective study at the Mayo Clinic. Only patients with SM-AHN are reported (N=138).<sup>12</sup>

†Estimated prevalence among all reported cases of SM-AHN, based on published data (PubMed) reported in the Valent 2024 study.<sup>13</sup>

AML=acute myeloid leukaemia; CEL=chronic eosinophilic leukaemia; CMML=chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia; ECNM=European Competence Network of Mastocytosis; MDS=myelodysplastic syndrome; MDS/MPN=myelodysplastic syndrome/myeloproliferative neoplasm; MPN=myeloproliferative neoplasm.

# Suspecting Advanced SM: A combination of diagnostic tests is required due to its heterogeneity<sup>14</sup>



## Serum tryptase

Serum tryptase testing is recommended as an initial step in evaluating SM upon suspicion.<sup>14</sup>



## High-sensitivity *KIT* D816V testing

High-sensitivity PCR methods such as droplet digital polymerase chain reaction (ddPCR; ~0.01% sensitivity) are recommended for detecting *KIT* D816V in peripheral blood.<sup>14</sup>

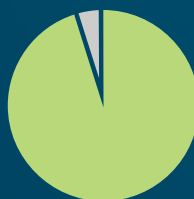
Next-generation sequencing (NGS) assays have low sensitivity and are insufficient for reliably detecting *KIT* D816V:

*In a study of ISM patients (n=39)<sup>15\*</sup>*



**28%**  
detection of  
*KIT* D816V  
with NGS

*Statistical analysis  
was not performed*



**95%**  
detection of  
*KIT* D816V  
with ddPCR

*\*Although this study was conducted in ISM, similar principles apply — ddPCR offers superior sensitivity for *KIT* D816V detection across the SM spectrum.*



## Bone marrow biopsy

A bone marrow examination is recommended for patients with clear signs of SM:<sup>14</sup>



Typical skin  
lesions



Spontaneous  
anaphylaxis



Persistently  
elevated  
tryptase levels



REMA score<sup>†</sup> ≥2



*KIT*-activating  
mutation



Splenomegaly



Unexplained  
osteoporosis



Blood cell count  
abnormalities

<sup>†</sup>The REMA scoring system assigns points as follows: male (+1) or female (-1); basal serum tryptase <15 ng/mL (-1) or >25 ng/mL (+2); presence (-1) or absence (+1) of urticaria/pruritus/angioedema, and presence of presyncope or syncope (+3). It is a predictive model for clonal mast cell disorders, with a score 2 indicating high risk.

ISM=indolent systemic mastocytosis; PCR=polymerase chain reaction; REMA=Red Española de Mastocitosis (Spanish Network on Mastocytosis).

# Diagnosing Advanced SM

## WHO DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR SM<sup>4</sup>

1 major and  $\geq 1$  minor criterion, or  $\geq 3$  minor criteria

### Major Criterion



**Multifocal dense infiltrates of mast cells ( $\geq 15$  mast cells in aggregates)** in bone marrow biopsies and/or in sections of other extracutaneous organ(s)

### Minor Criteria



**$\geq 25\%$  of all mast cells are atypical cells (type I or type II) on bone marrow smears or are spindle-shaped in mast cell infiltrates** in sections of bone marrow or other extracutaneous organs



**KIT-activating *KIT* point mutation(s) at codon 816 or in other critical regions of *KIT*** in bone marrow or another extracutaneous organ



**Mast cells in bone marrow, blood or another extracutaneous organ express one or more of: CD2 and/or CD25 and/or CD30**



**Baseline serum tryptase concentration  $>20$  ng/mL. In the case of a known HaT, the tryptase level should be adjusted**

## **Advanced SM is associated with a poor prognosis and decreased overall survival due to organ damage<sup>9</sup>**

Advanced SM predominantly presents with an associated haematological neoplasm (SM-AHN), most commonly of myeloid origin.<sup>10</sup> The presence of persistent non-chemotherapy-specific symptoms or unexplained organopathy due to mast cell infiltration in AHNs should prompt further investigation for SM.<sup>10,14</sup>

*For more information on SM-AHN, download the **SM-AHN leaflet***

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