



## Letter to the Editor: About the Von Willebrand Factor

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## ABOUT THE VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR

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I have read with pleasure the review article of Perutelli et al., entitled "von Willebrand Factor: Biology Function and Molecular Defects" in *Pediatr Hematol Oncol.* 1997;14:499-512. In the summary it was stated that von Willebrand factor (vWF) plays a role in blood coagulation. May I indicate that vWF primarily is a hemostatic factor and its role in coagulation of blood is secondary.

For the diagnosis of vWD I was expecting the authors to mention simple approaches, such as prolonged aPTT and bleeding time in addition to mucosal (including prolonged menses) bleeding with lack of hemarthrosis in general.

For the management of vWD, in addition to desmopressin, adrenaline and corticosteroid and other hormonal effects would better be mentioned [1-3], since DDAVP is expensive in developing countries.

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