

Changing concepts: T-cell lymphomas (including pitfalls)



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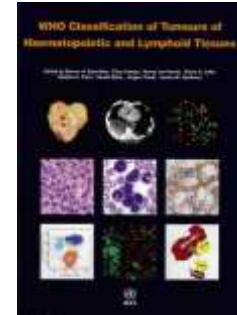
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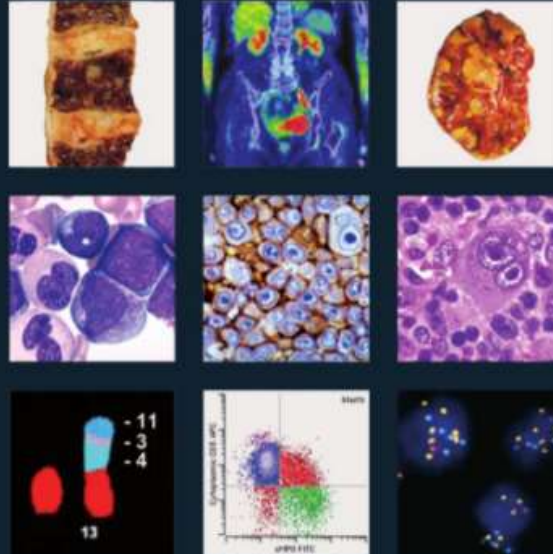
Mature T-and NK-cell neoplasms

- Significant advances have occurred since 2008
- Many changes are result of genomic studies
- Revisions to existing classification and introduction of new provisional entities



WHO Classification of Tumours of Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues

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- Grouping entities (previously separated) under a single umbrella category
- Separating previously grouped entities
- Introduction of new provisional entities
- Down-grading entities from lymphoma to lymphoproliferative disorder (LPD)
- Upgrading entities from LPD to lymphoma
- Increasing recognition of indolent T-cell lymphoproliferations

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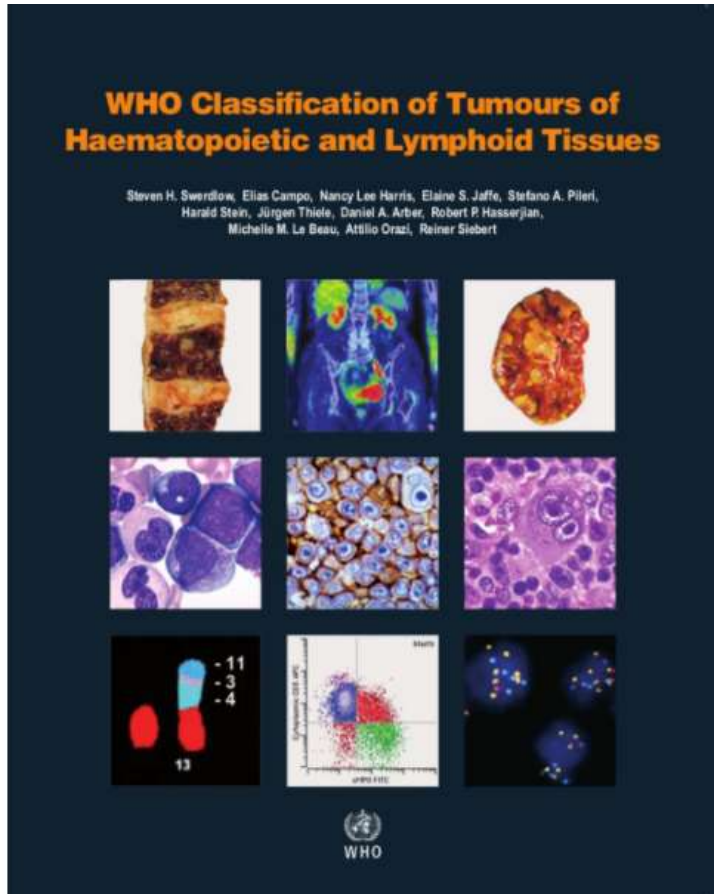
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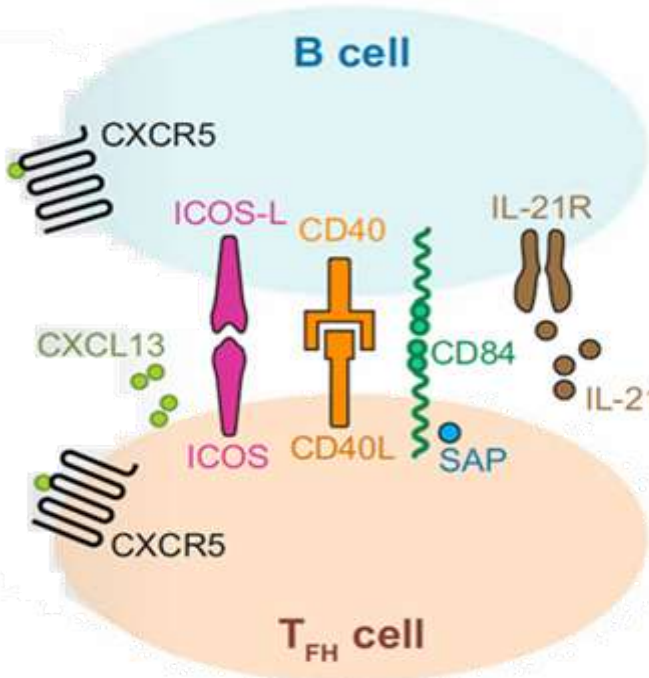


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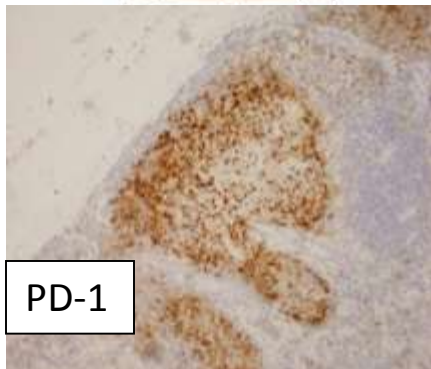
Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma and other nodal lymphomas of T follicular helper origin

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Follicular helper-T-cells (T_{FH} cells)

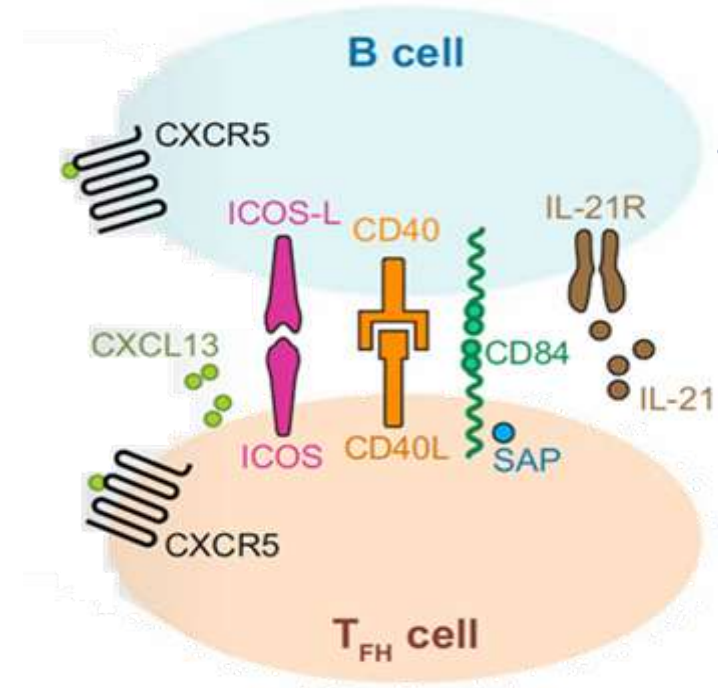


- Distinct functional subset of effector T-helper cells
- Reside in reactive germinal centres
- Specialise in providing help to B-cells during the germinal centre reaction
- Interactions b/w T_{FH} cells and B-cells critical to promote B-cell differentiation and survival (Ig class switch, somatic hypermutation)



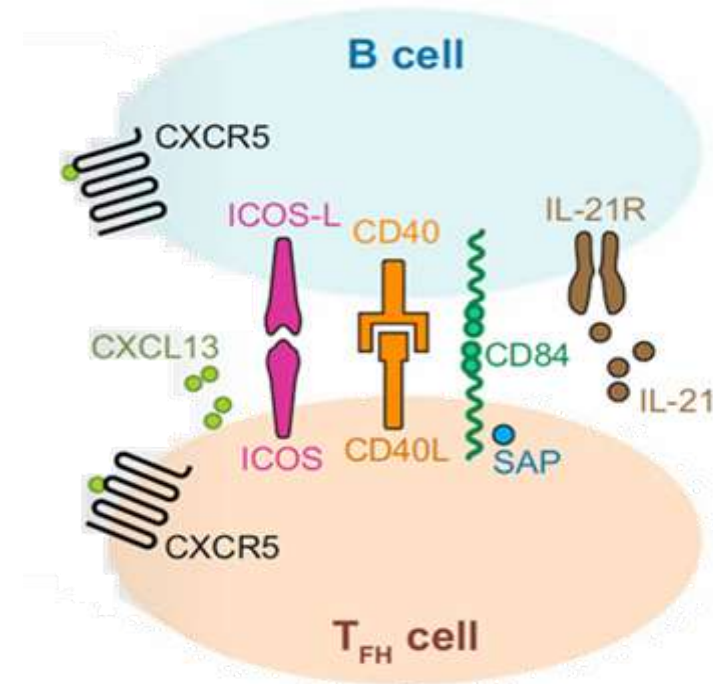
PD-1

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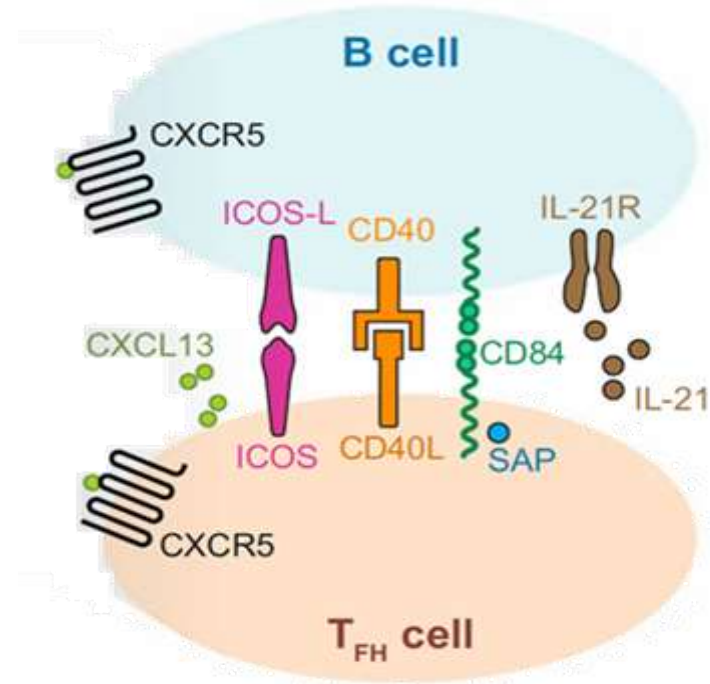
- Functions mediated through cytokines/chemokines (IL-10, IL-21, IL-4, CXCL13) and via co-stimulatory molecules (ICOS, CD28, CD40L, PD1) and other receptors (SAP, CXCR5)

Follicular helper-T-cells (T_{FH} cells) – functional properties



- CXCR5 is expressed by T_{FH} cells and GC B-cells
- CXCL13 (ligand for CXCR5) is expressed by T_{FH} cells and FDC
- CXCL13 crucial to **recruit B-cells** into GCs and for **B-cell activation**

Follicular helper-T-cells (T_{FH} cells)



- PD-1
- ICOS
- CXCL-13
- CD10 (subset)
- BCL-6
- c-MAF
- CD200
- CXCR5
- SAP

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL)

- Lennert (1973) –
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 - angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy
with dysproteinaemia (AILD)

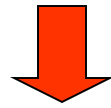
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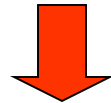
“Angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy with dysproteinaemia” (AILD)

? Atypical reactive “lymphoma – like”

? Disorder of immunoregulation



Deregulated response to antigen stimulation



Proliferating T- and B-cell clones



Lymphoma

REAL classification -1994
and
WHO classification - 2001

- Nodal peripheral T-cell lymphoma

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de novo T-cell lymphoma

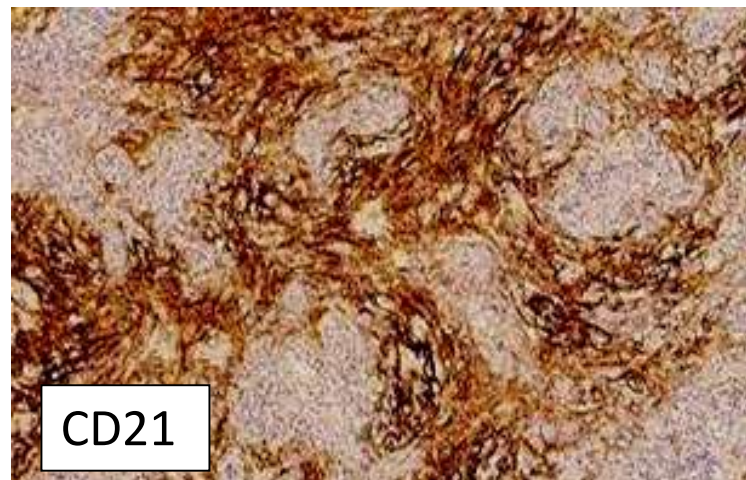
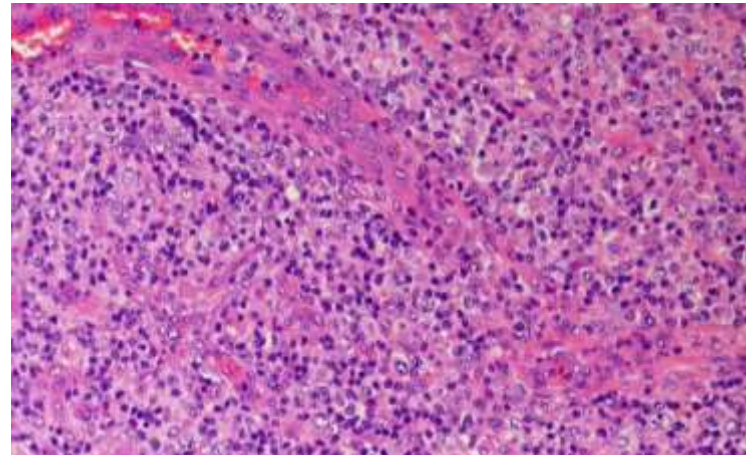
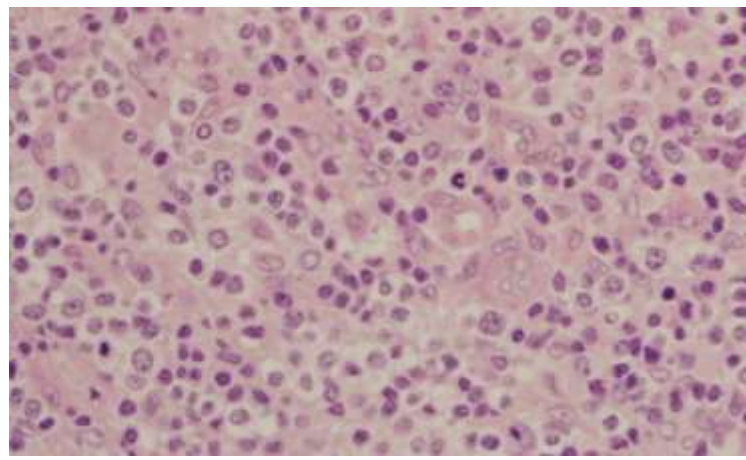
or

? preceded by atypical/oligoclonal proliferations

Definition (WHO, 2001,2008)

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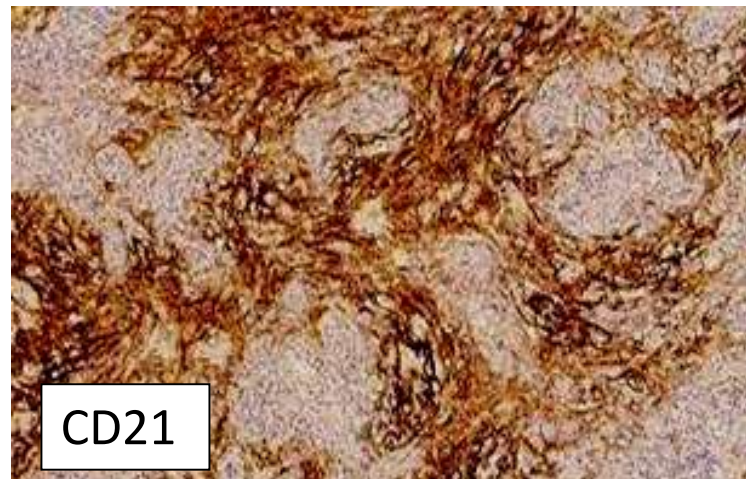
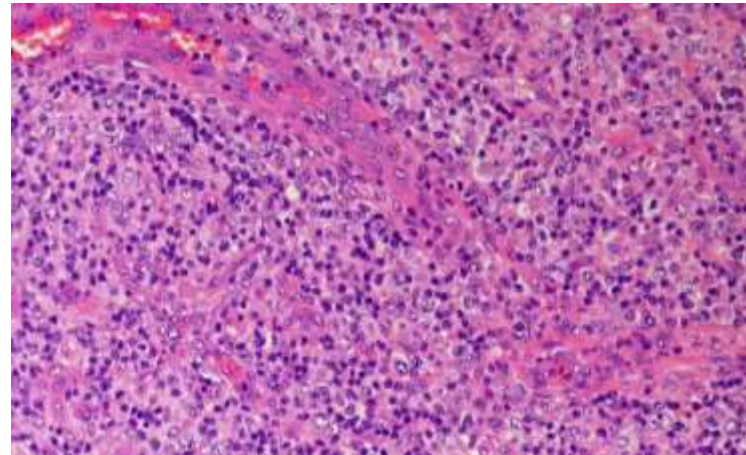
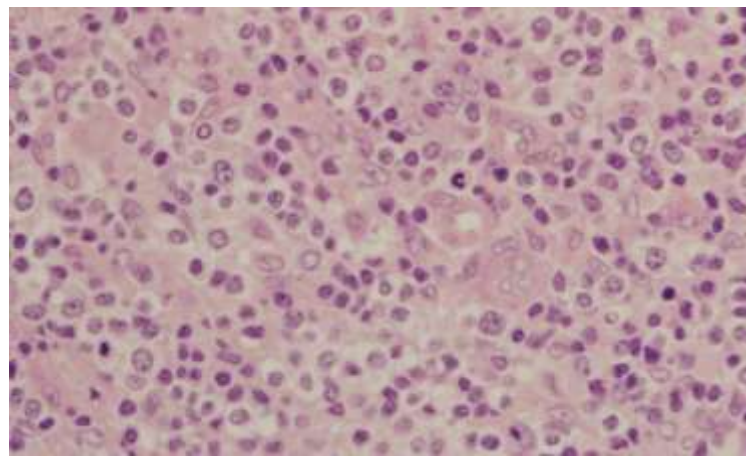
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Clinical features and sites of involvement

Age range (median age)	20-89 (62-65)
Sex ratio (M:F)	1.3
B-symptoms	69-72%
Stage III to IV (generalised LAD)	80-90%
Hepatomegaly	25%
Splenomegaly	55%
Skin rash (often pruritic)	44%
Effusions /oedema	26%
Arthritis	16%
Bone marrow involvement	28-47%

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL)

Laboratory findings

Anaemia	39-65%
Positive Coomb's test	15-33%
Polyclonal hypergammaglobulinaemia	44-50%
Lymphopaenia	49%
Thrombocytopaenia	20%
Hypereosinophilia	32%
Raised serum LDH	66%

Mourad et al 2008, Federico et al 2013

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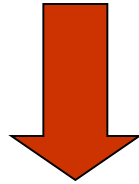
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Systemic/Lab findings - characteristic but **NOT MANDATORY** for diagnosis!

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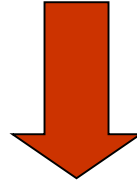
Functional properties of T_{FH} cells



Expansion of normal B-cells and plasma cells

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL)

Underlying immune dysfunction



Expansion of (often EBV-infected) B-cells (>90%)



B-cell clone
(24%)



secondary



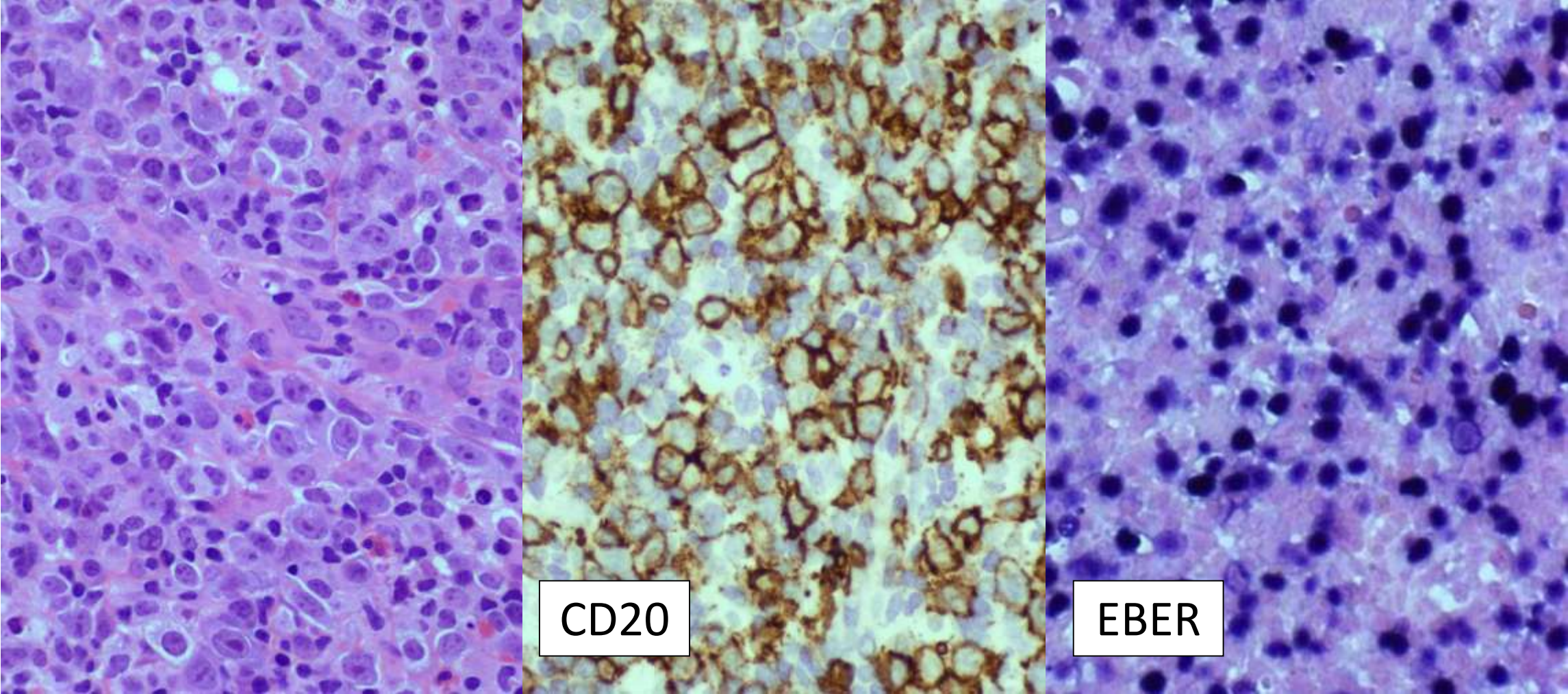
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
(most often EBV+)

B-cell proliferations in AITL

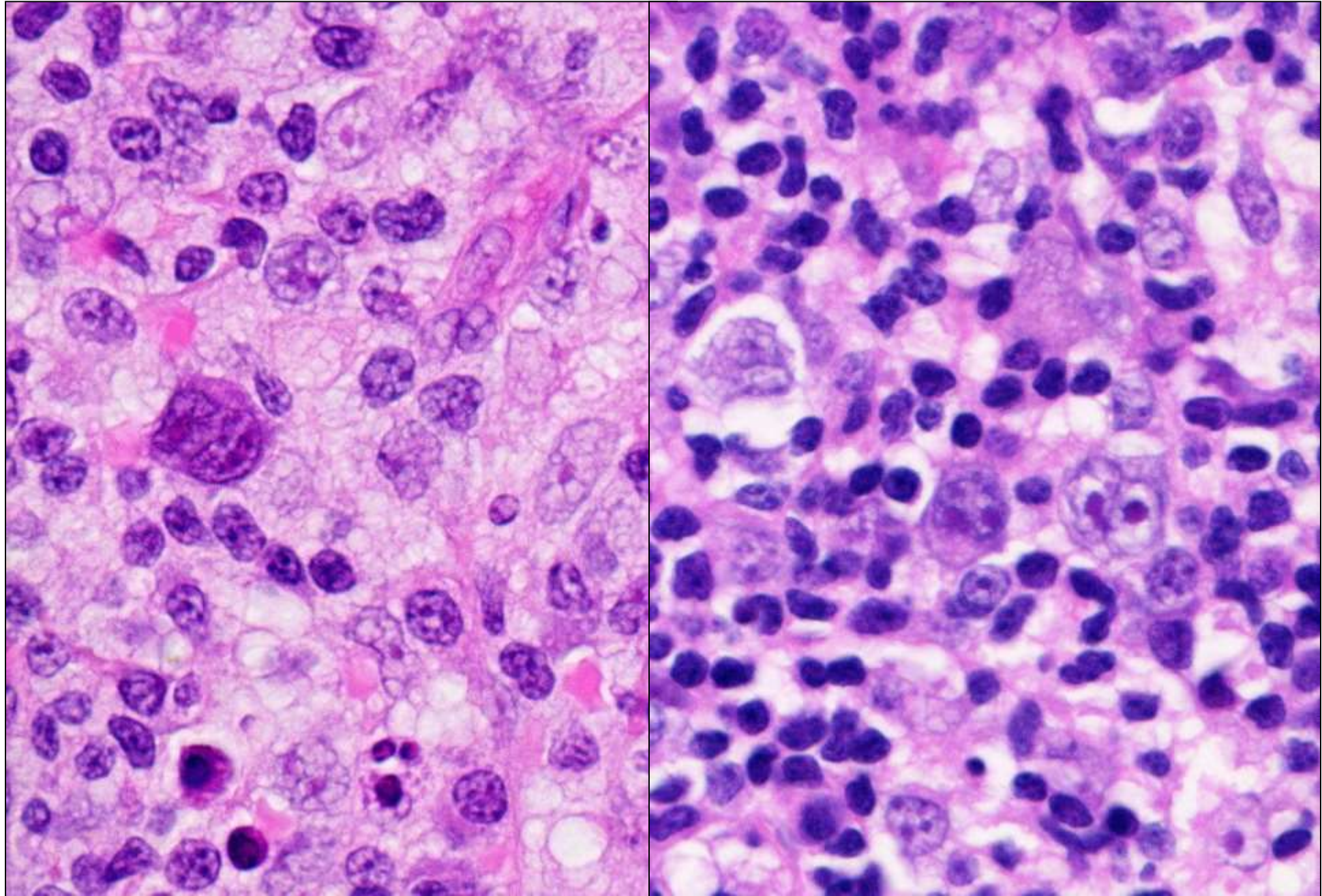
- Scattered EBV+ large B-cells
 - Polyclonal proliferation of EBV+ large B-cells
 - Clonal proliferation of EBV+ large B-cells

 - DLBCL EBV+ /rarely EBV-
 - Clonal plasmacytic proliferations EBV+/-
- } **Masks underlying AITL – pitfall!**
- Hodgkin/Reed Sternberg-like cells EBV+ /less commonly EBV- – **may be misdiagnosed as classic Hodgkin lymphoma (pitfall!)**

Clonal EBV+ large B-cell proliferation ? DLBCL, masking underlying AITL

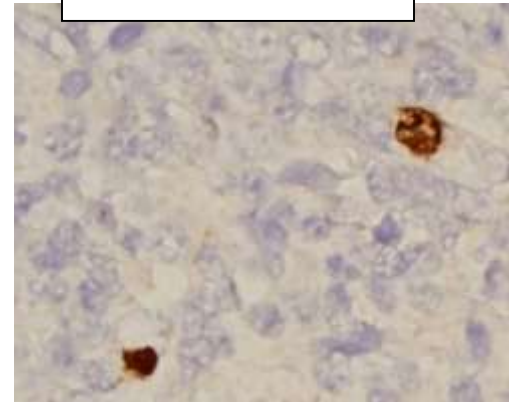
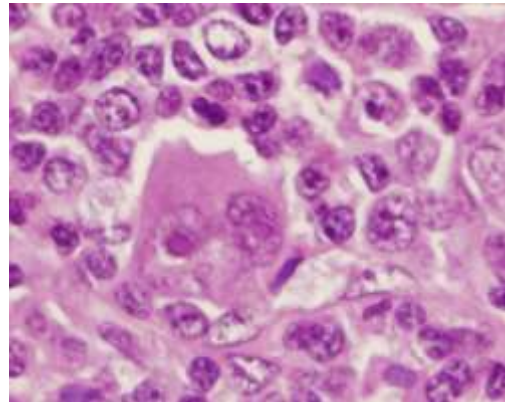
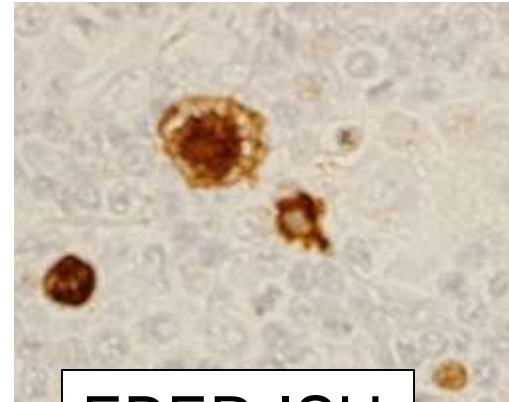
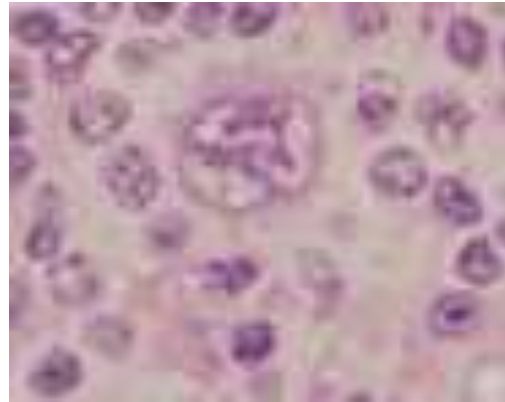


AITL-RS-like B-cells



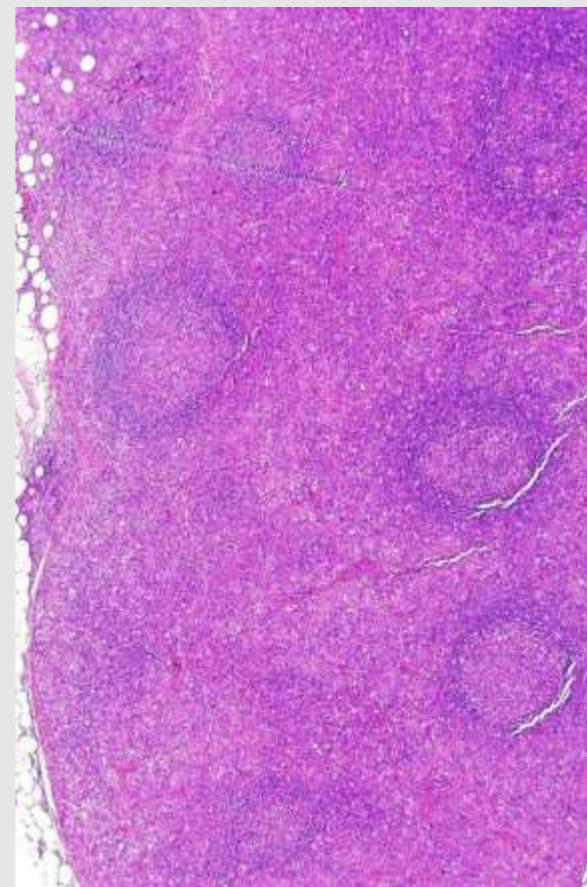
HRS-like cells :

- mostly EBV positive, but may be EBV negative



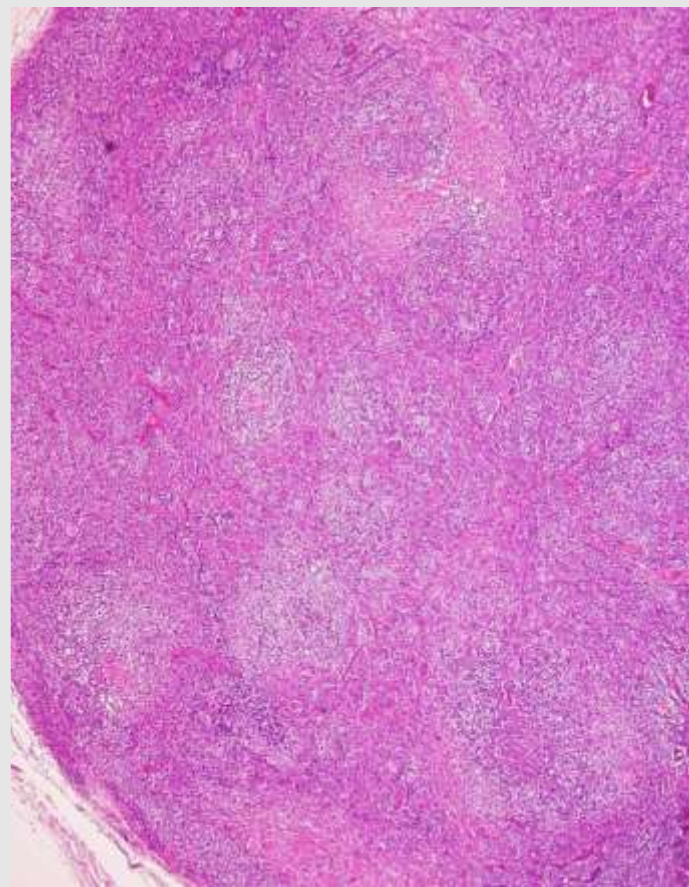
AITL- (often overlapping) histological patterns

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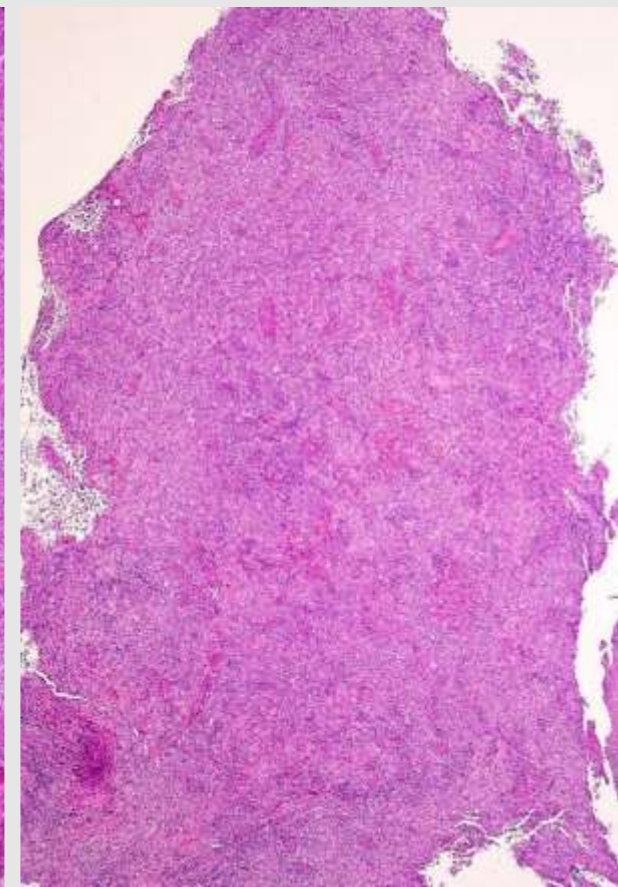
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33%

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47%

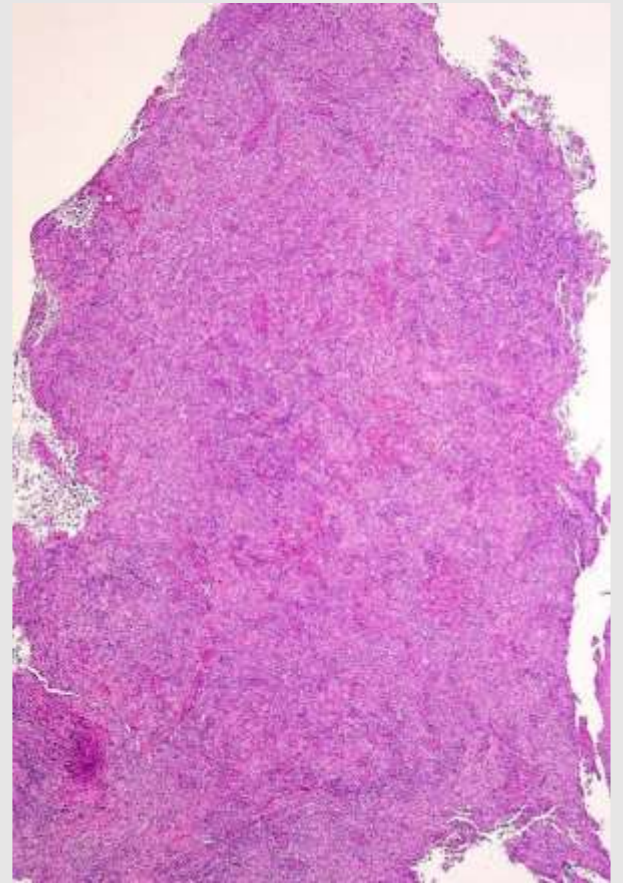
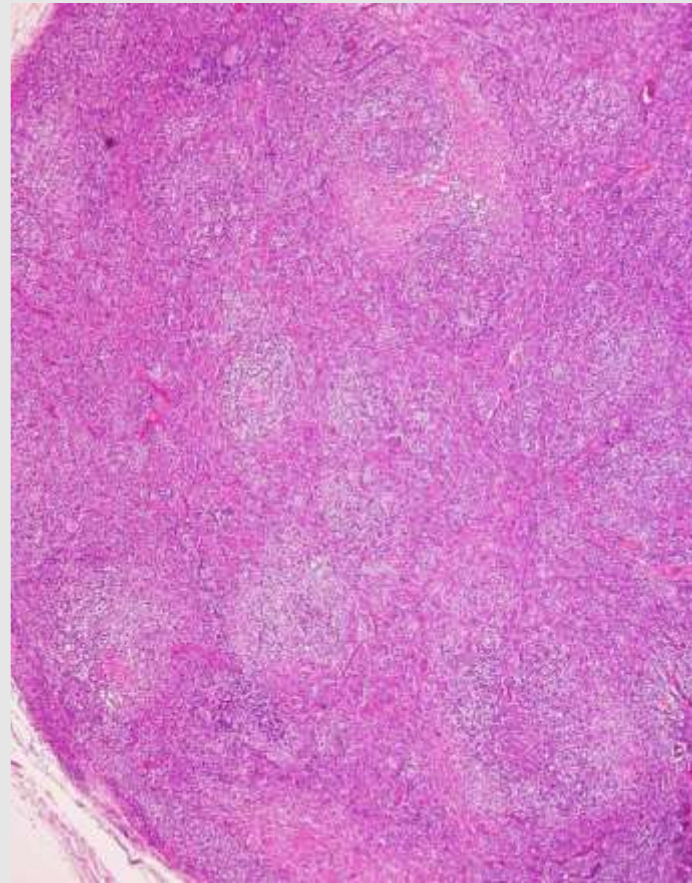
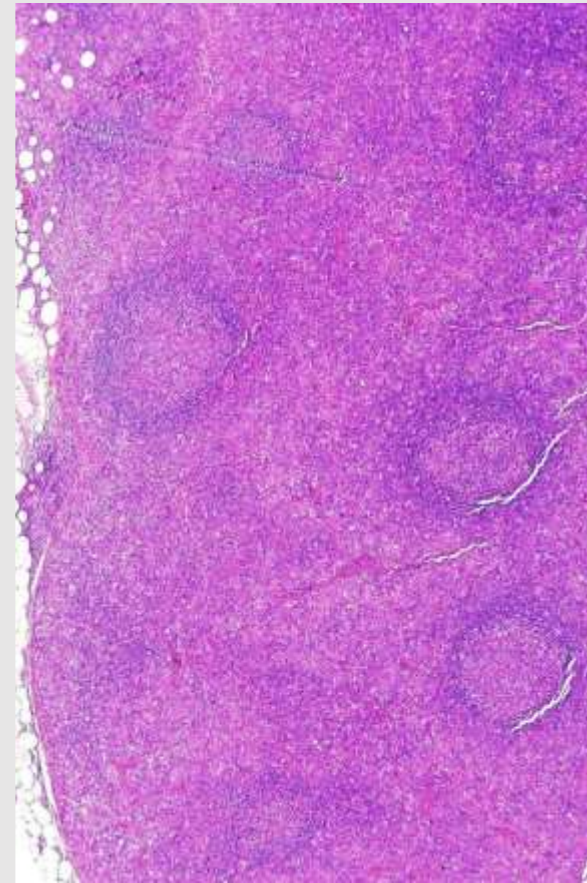
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Patterns 2 and 3 = "Typical AITL"

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20%

33%

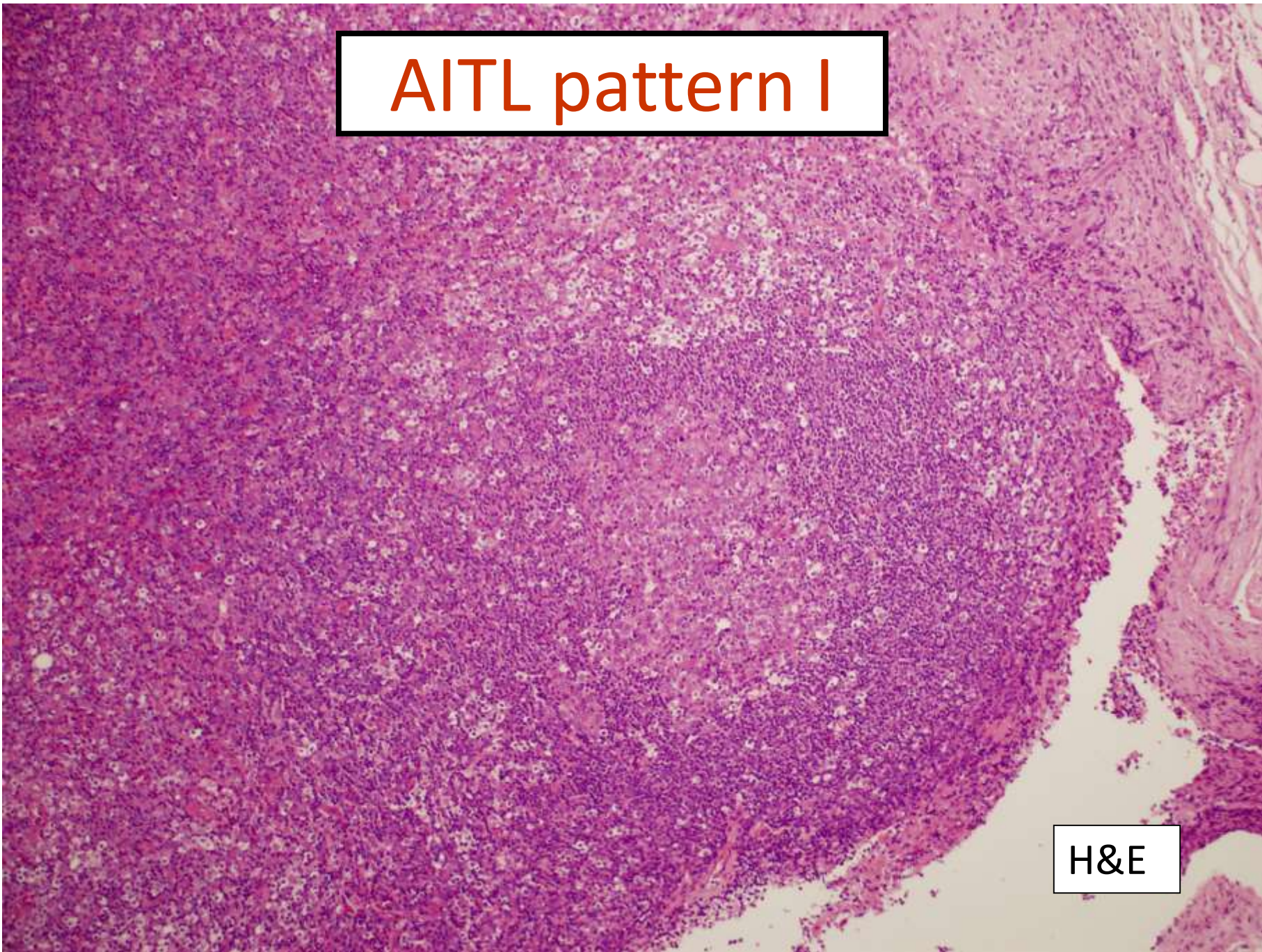
47%

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AITL pattern I

- Partial nodal involvement, but usually disseminated (stage III or IV) disease
- Systemic/immune manifestations often present.
- May relapse as pattern I, II or III or overlap of patterns

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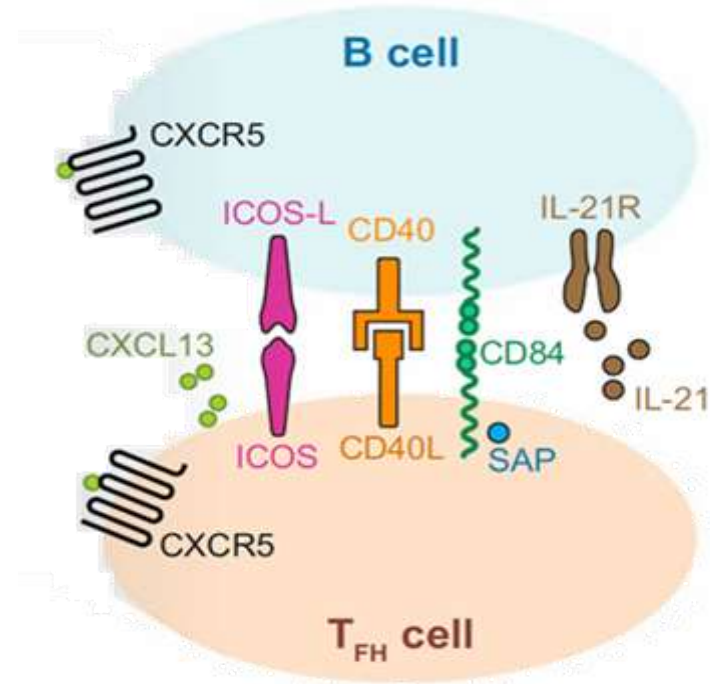


H&E

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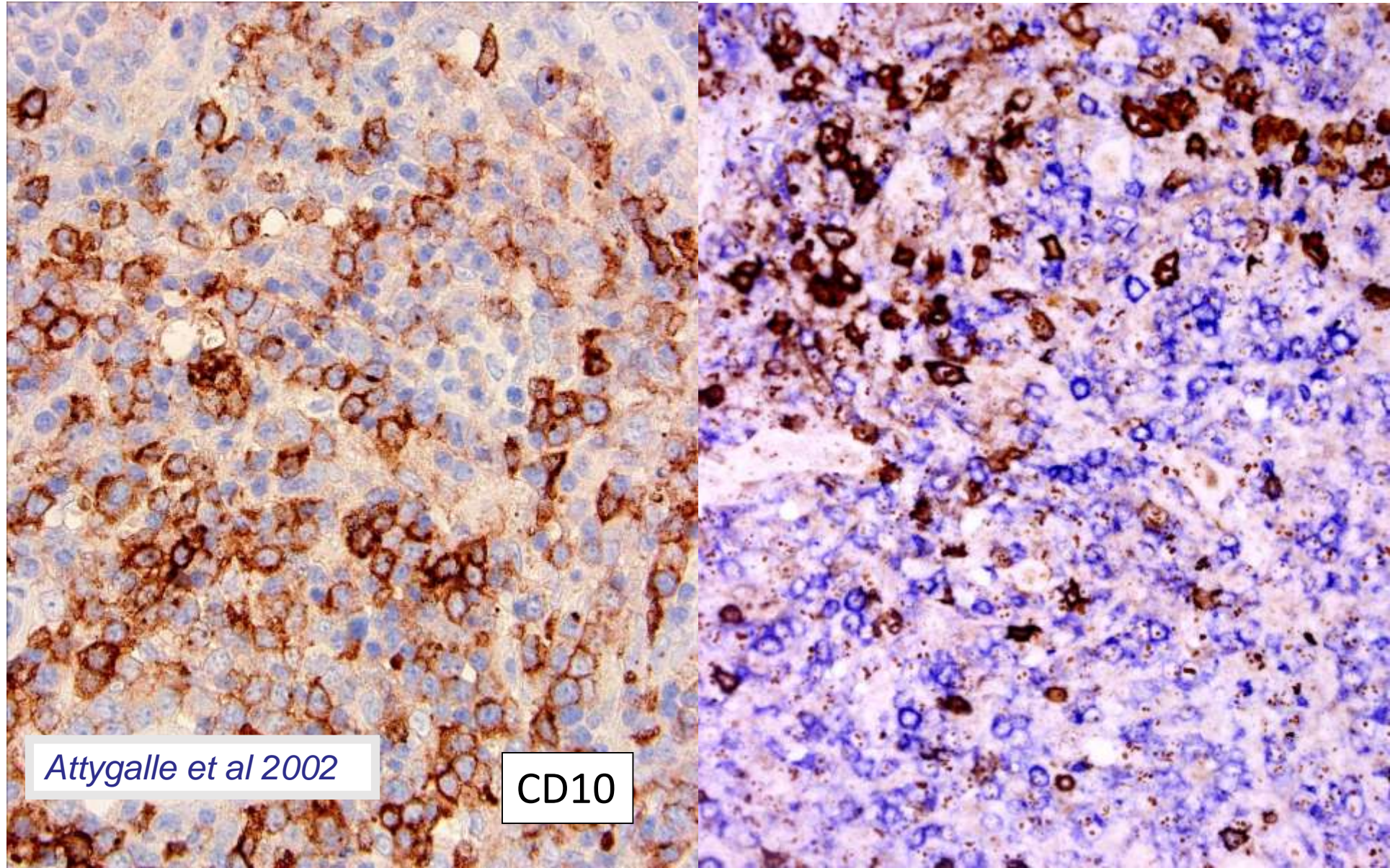
- Reactive? **Pitfall!**
- 61-year old male
- Widespread lymphadenopathy, inguinal, axillary and cervical

Follicular helper-T-cells (T_{FH} cells)



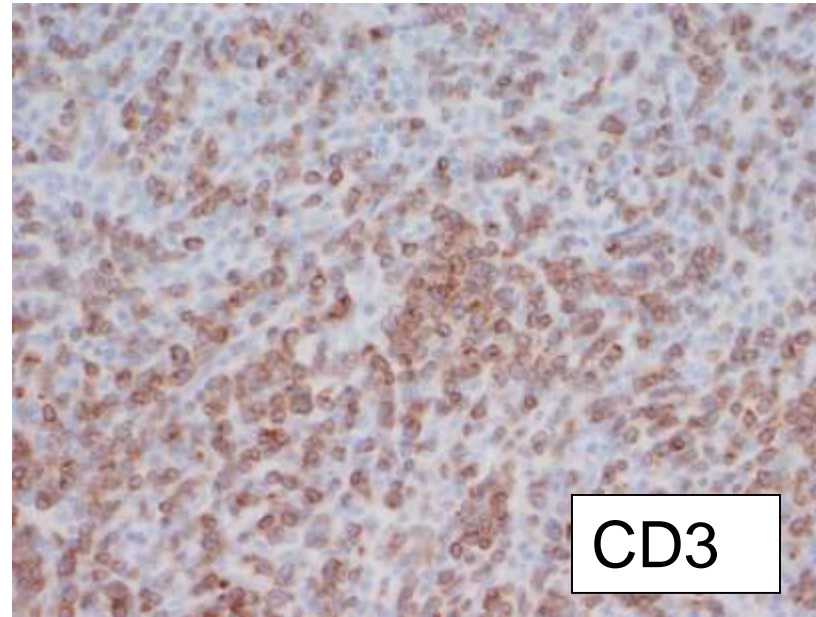
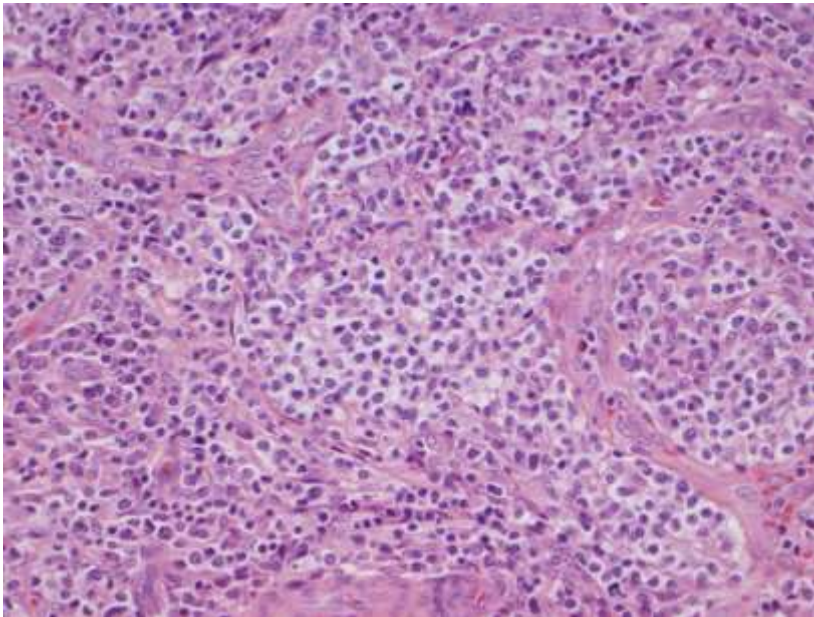
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CD10 expression in angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma

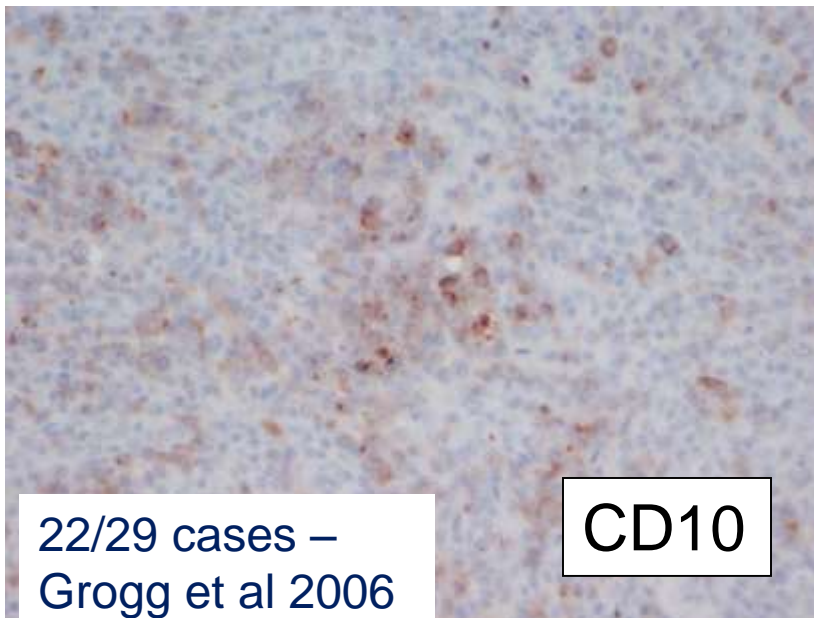


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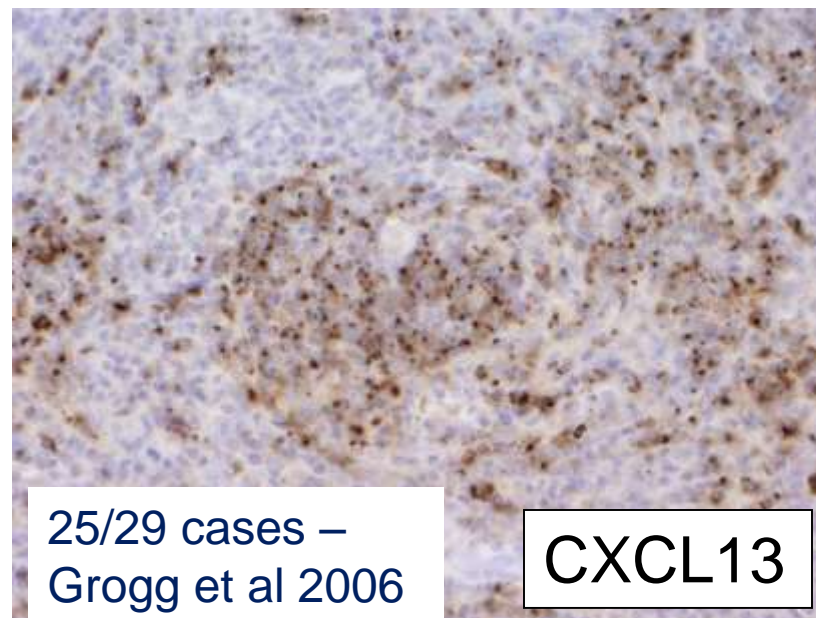


CD3



22/29 cases –
Grogg et al 2006

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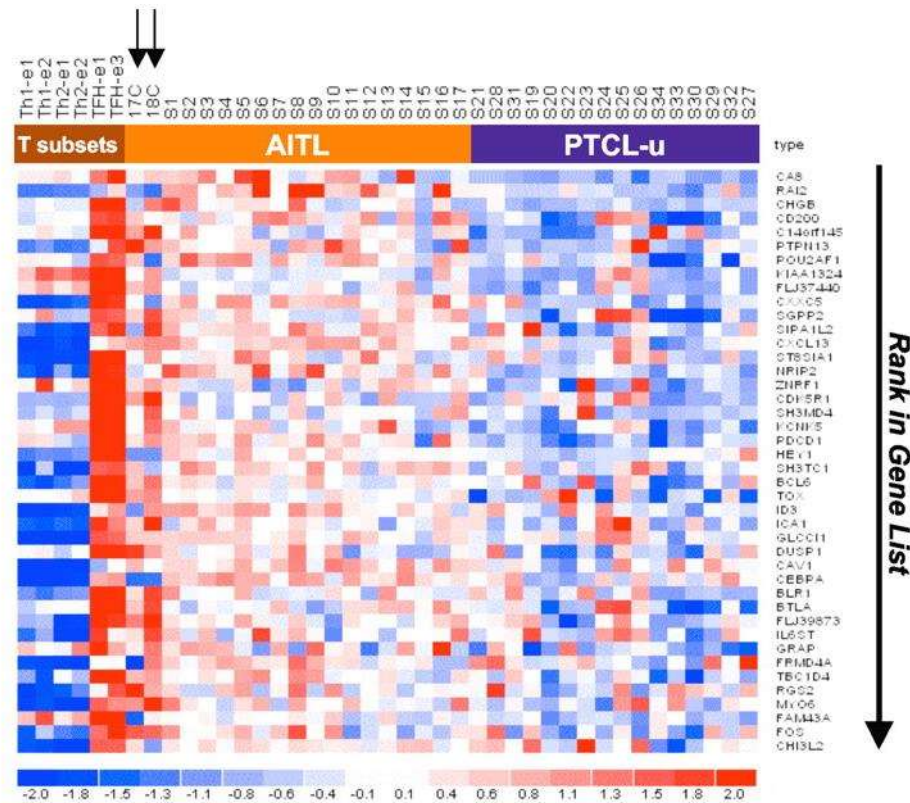


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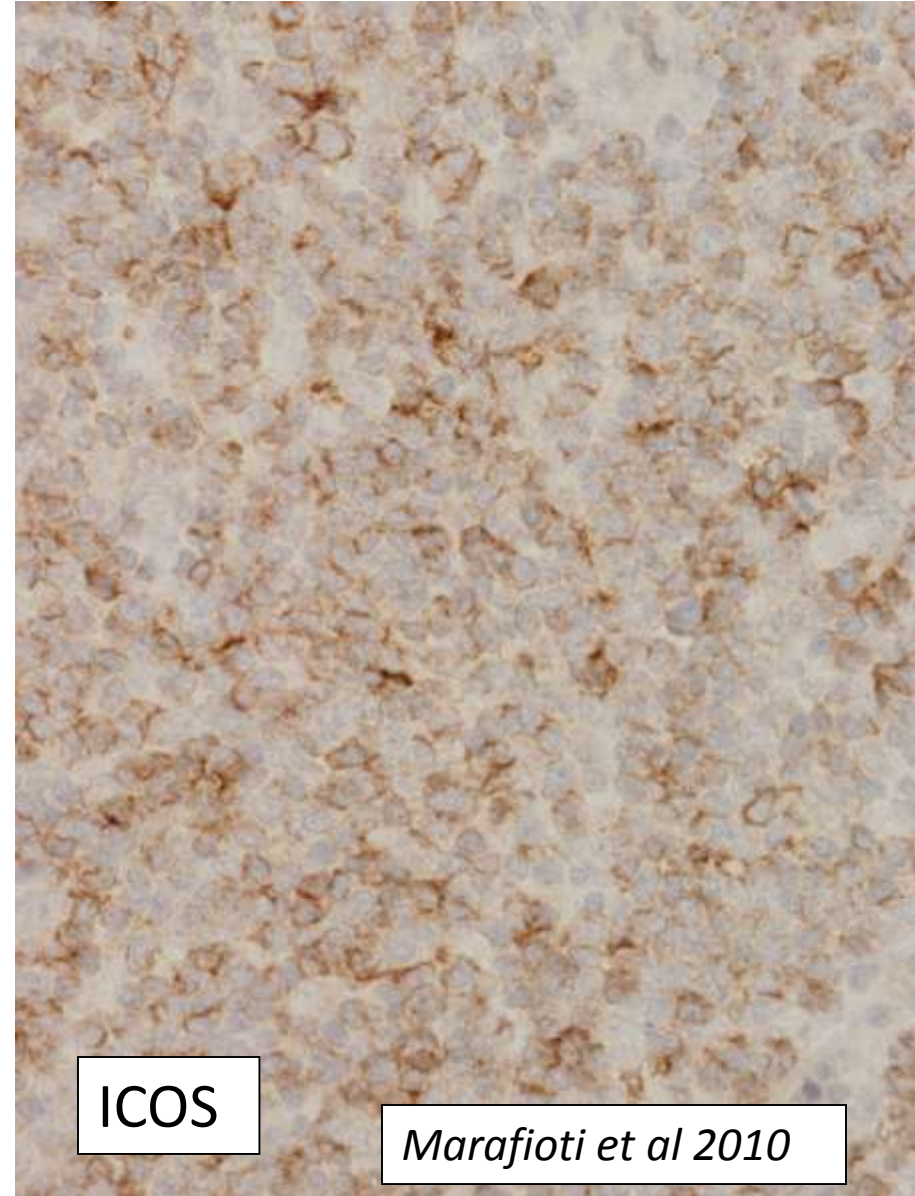
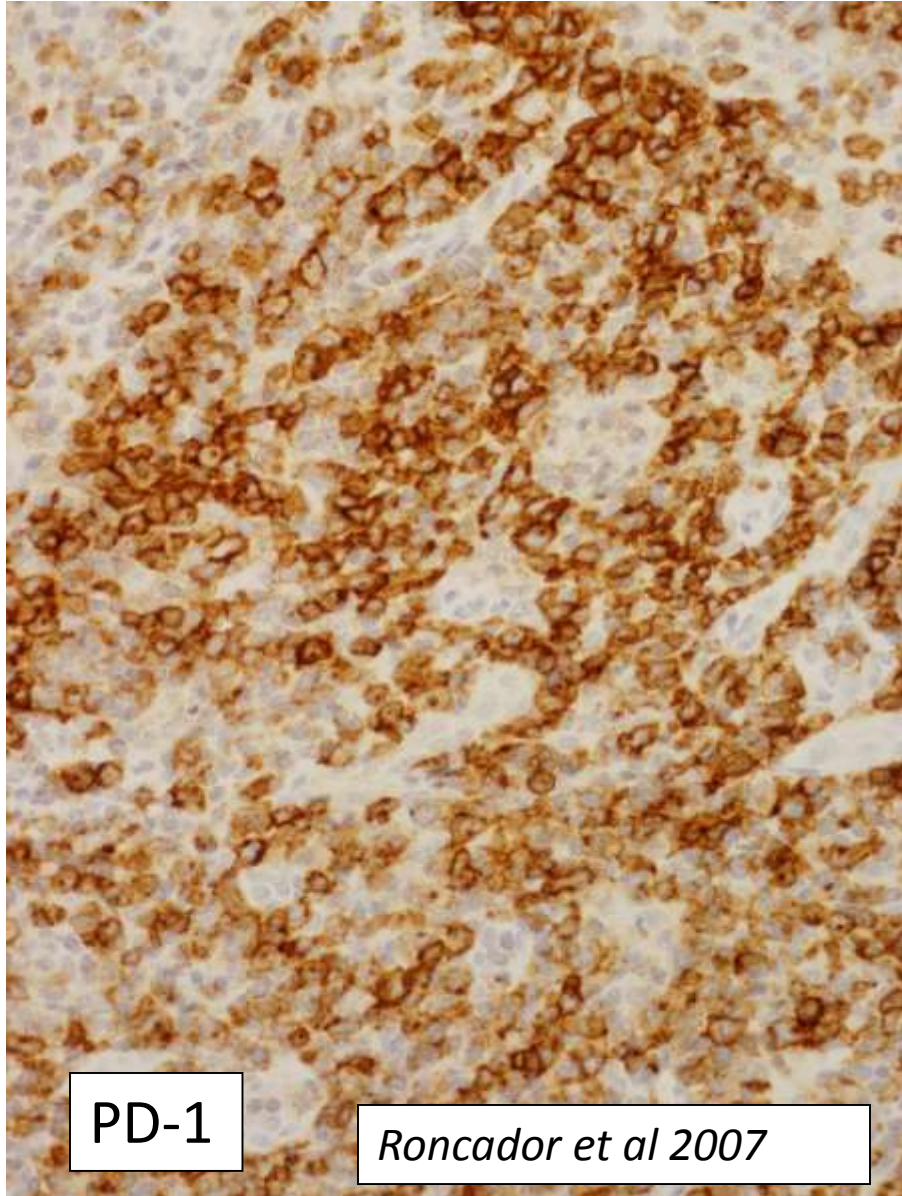
CXCL13

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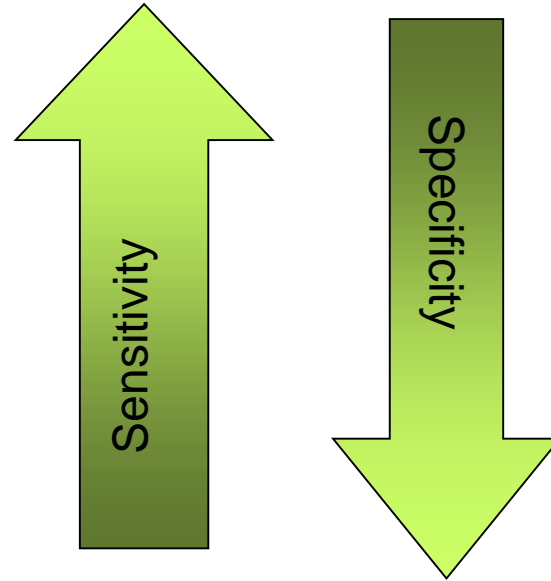


Other T_{FH} markers

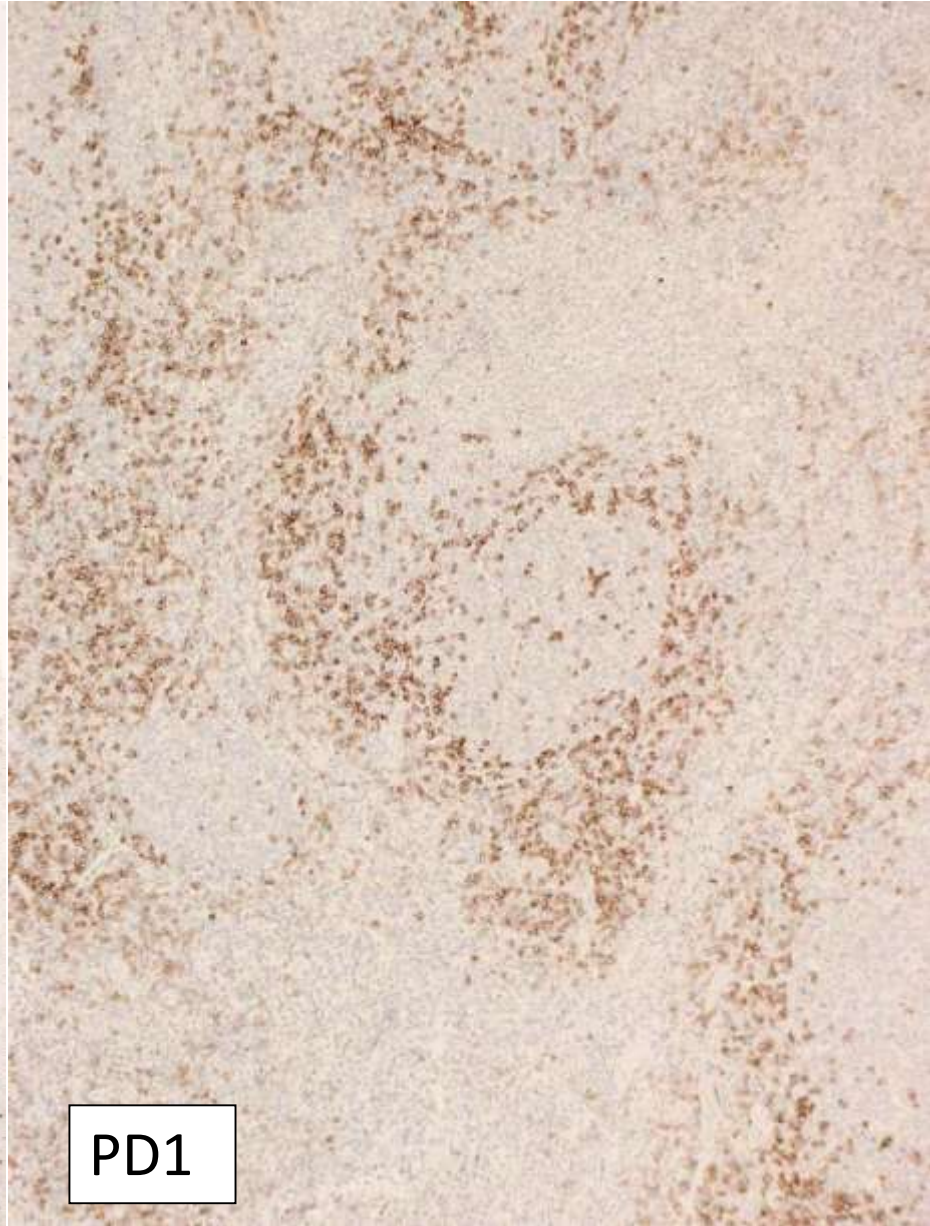
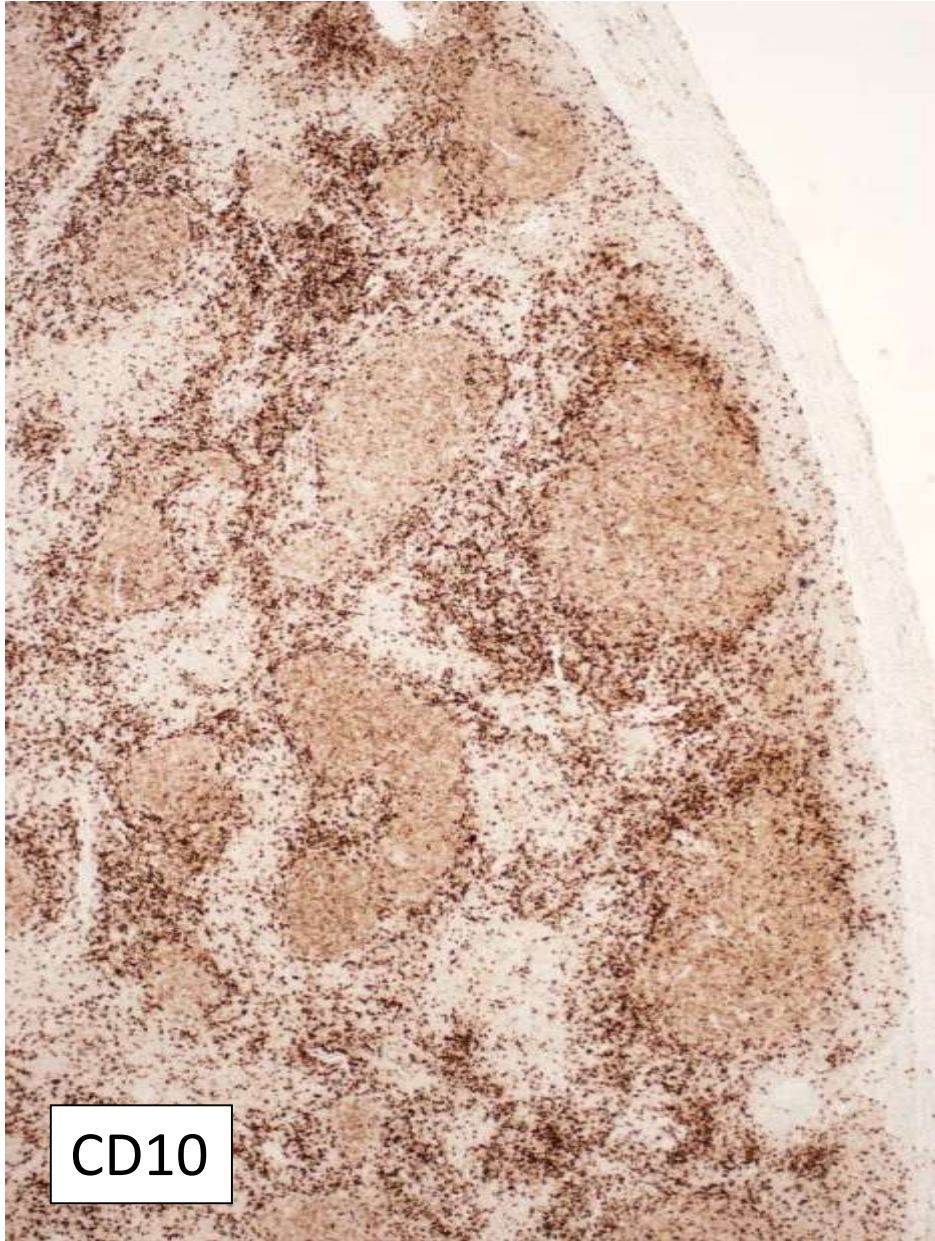


How useful is the T_{FH} phenotype in diagnosis?

- ICOS
- PD-1
- CXCL13
- CD10



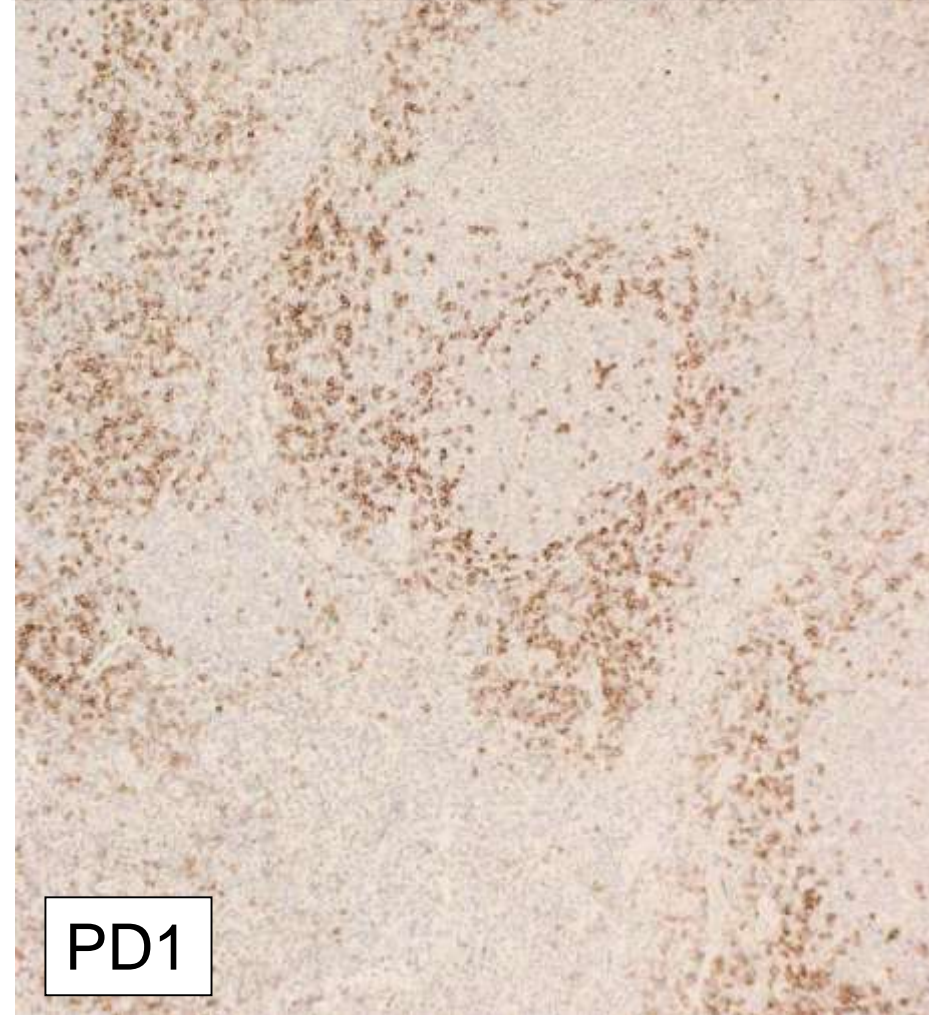
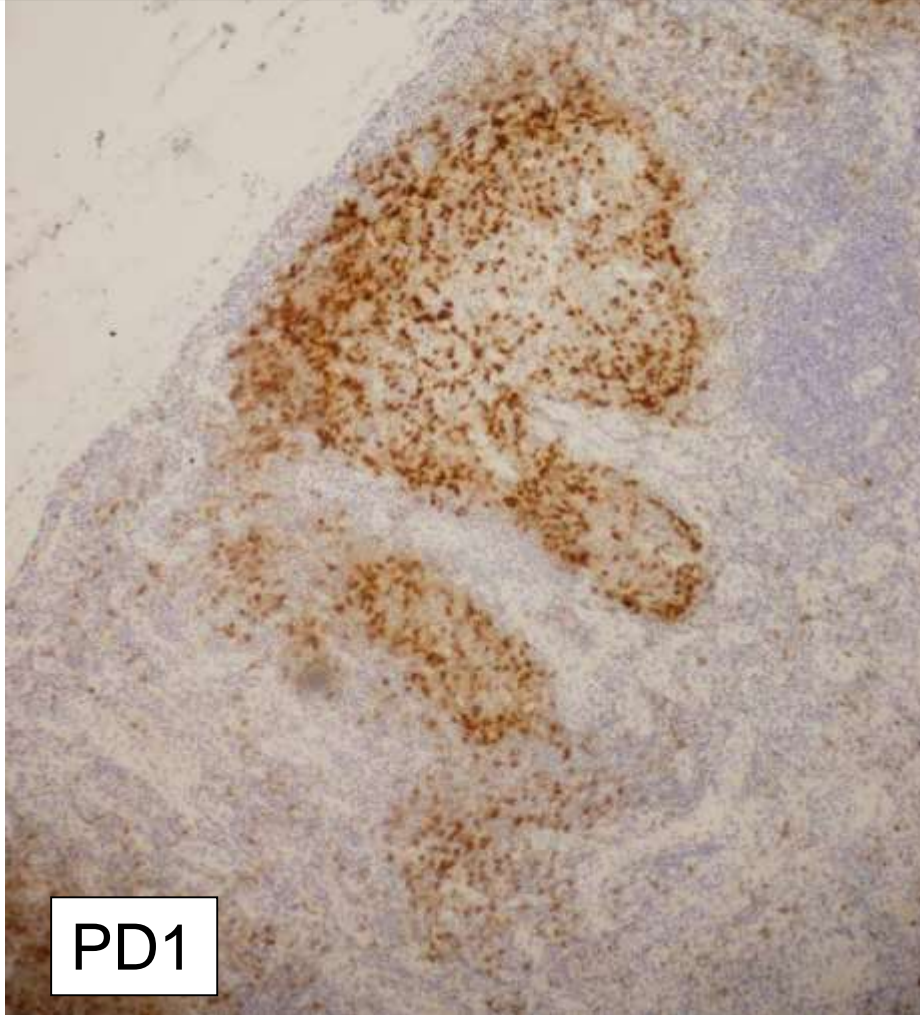
Marafioti et al 2010, Krishnan et al 2010, Grogg et al 2005, Grogg et al 2006, Dupuis et al 2006, Yu et al 2009, Attygalle et al 2007,



Differential diagnoses

Reactive LN

AITL pattern I



T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms account for 12% of all non-Hodgkin lymphomas

AITL

- 18.5% of all mature T-cell lymphomas (International T-cell lymphoma project, 2008)
- Europe :29% of all mature T-cell lymphomas
- Asia: 18% of all mature T-cell lymphomas

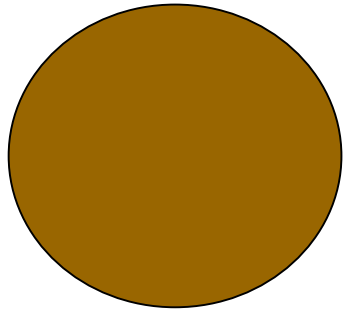
Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma is the most common T-cell lymphoma in two distinct French information data sets

AITL 36.1 % vs PTCL,NOS 26.9%

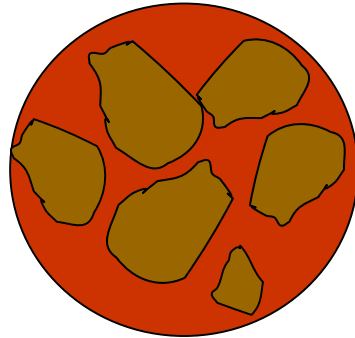
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PTCL, NOS, follicular variant (PTCL-F) (2008)

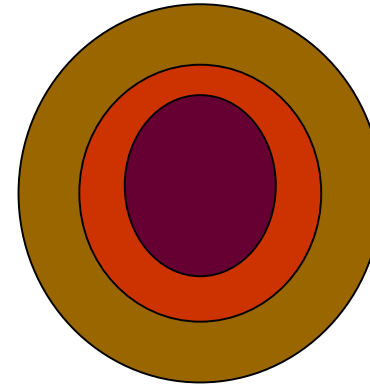
“Folliculotropic” T_{FH} neoplasms with no significant FDC expansion,



mimicking follicular lymphoma



mimicking nodular LPHL



mimicking nodal MZL

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Novel t(5;9)(q33;q22) fuses *ITK* to *SYK* in unspecified peripheral T-cell lymphoma

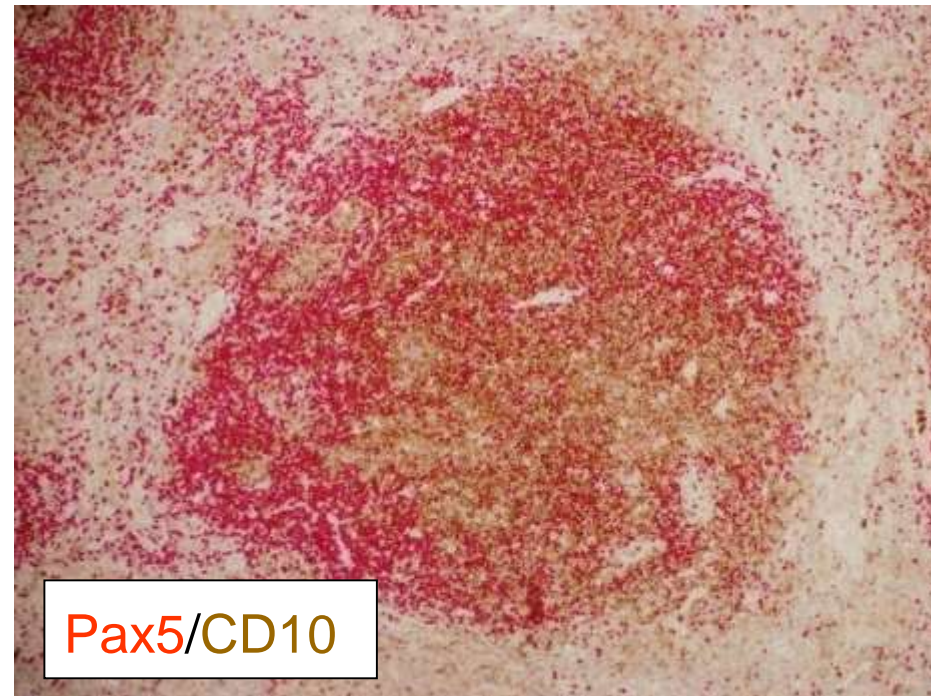
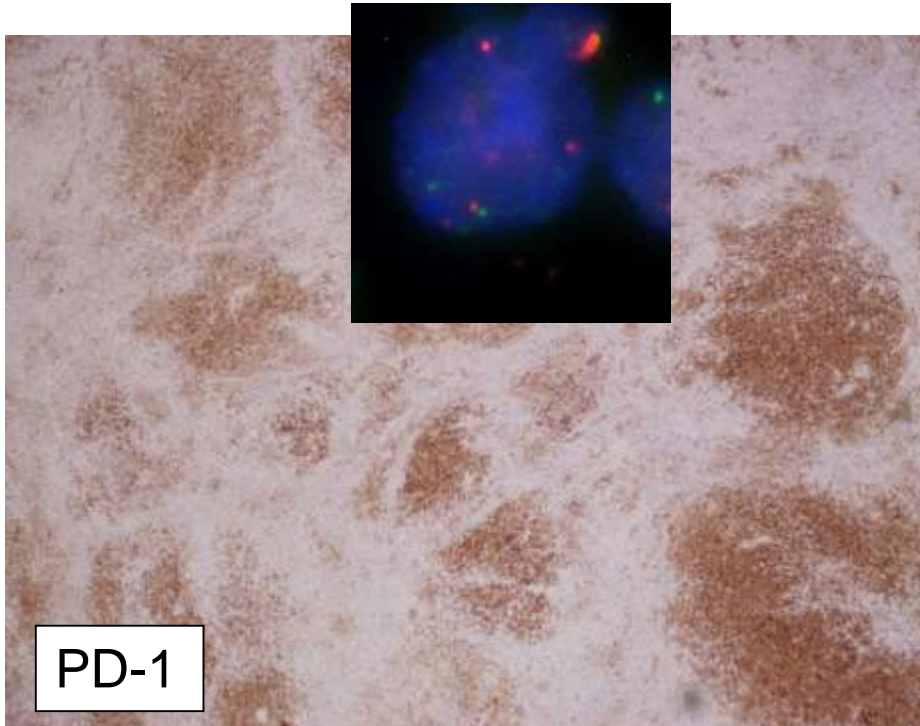
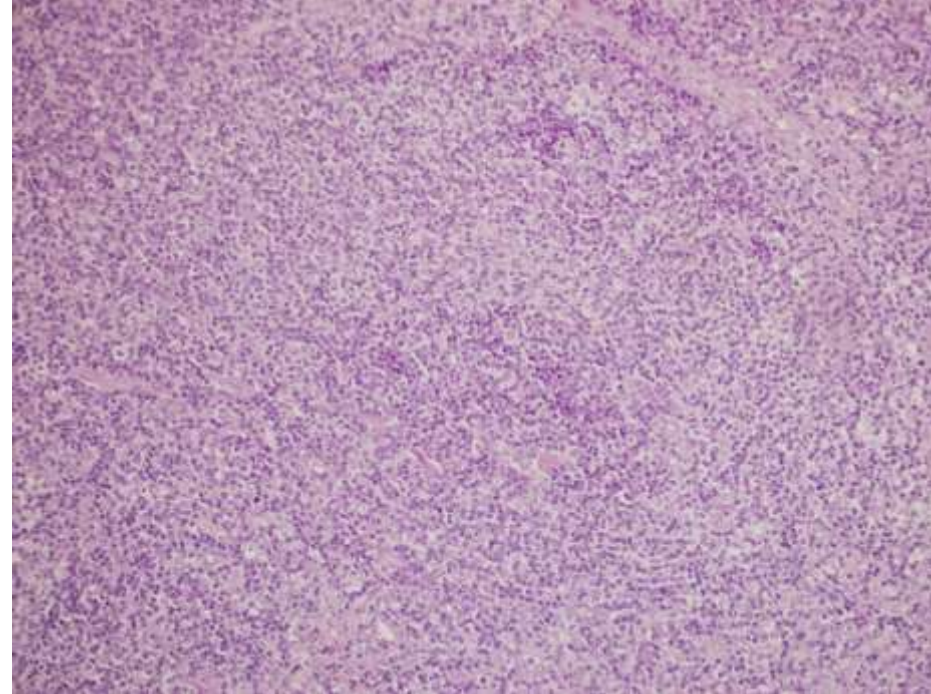
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Peripheral T-cell lymphoma (NOS), follicular variant (WHO 2008)

Rudiger et al 2000, de leval et al 2001, Hatano et al 2002, Uherova et al 2002, Jiang et al 2005, Hu et al 2012

- Early stage, partial involvement, lack of FDC proliferation, lack of prominent HEV (WHO, 2008)
- t(5;9)(q33;q22) ITK/SYK – in proportion of cases - *Streubel et al 2006*



PTCL-F (FTCL)

Clinical features and laboratory findings

Age range (median age)	27-90 years (62yrs)
Sex ratio (M:F)	1.2:1
B-symptoms	29%
Stage III to IV	73%
Multiple lymphadenopathies	86%
Hepatomegaly	23%
Splenomegaly	24%
Skin rash (often pruritic)	23%
Bone marrow involvement	26%
Elevated LDH	45%
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Coomb's positive AIHA	50%

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*Two out of 5 F-PTCL (40%) had *ITK-SYK* translocation by FISH, 1/5 (20%) was negative and 2/5 (40%) had non- interpretable results. None of the other PTCL with interpretable signals (9 AITL, 5 TFH-like PTCL, and 4 PTCL-NOS) disclosed *ITK-SYK* rearrangement. *P-value < 0.05 when TFH-like PTCL and F-PTCL are calculated as a single entity (Other TFH-PTCL).

Peripheral T-cell Lymphomas With a Follicular Growth
Pattern are Derived From Follicular Helper T Cells (T_{FH})
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Angioimmunoblastic T-cell Lymphomas

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4/23 cases positive for t(5;9)

Huang et al 2009

- 1 case presented with generalised lymphadenopathy, haemolytic anaemia, splenomegaly typically associated with AITL
- 1 case presented with disseminated disease with multiple lymphadenopathy with PTCL-F appearance and on relapse had areas reminiscent of AITL

ITK/SYK translocation in AITL

- EAHP/SH meeting 2012: A single case of pattern I AITL positive was for t(5;9)
- One case of typical AITL positive for t(5;9)
–*Attygalle et al 2013*

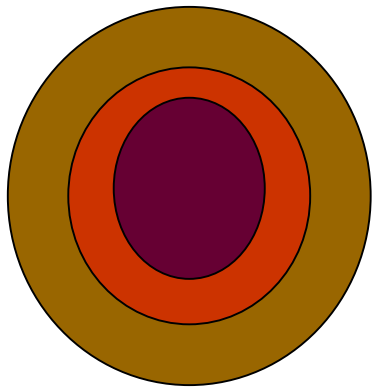
EAHP/SH meeting Lisbon 2012 –
3 cases that showed overlapping features
between AITL and PTCL-F

AITL –pattern I vs PTCL-F (perifollicular/MZL-like)

- “in particular, cases of PTCL-F with a MZL-like pattern have similarities with early phase AITL, so called pattern I and II, as summarized by *Attygalle et al*”

Hu et al 2012

PTCL-F (perifollicular/MZL-like)?
Or
spectrum of AITL (pattern I)?



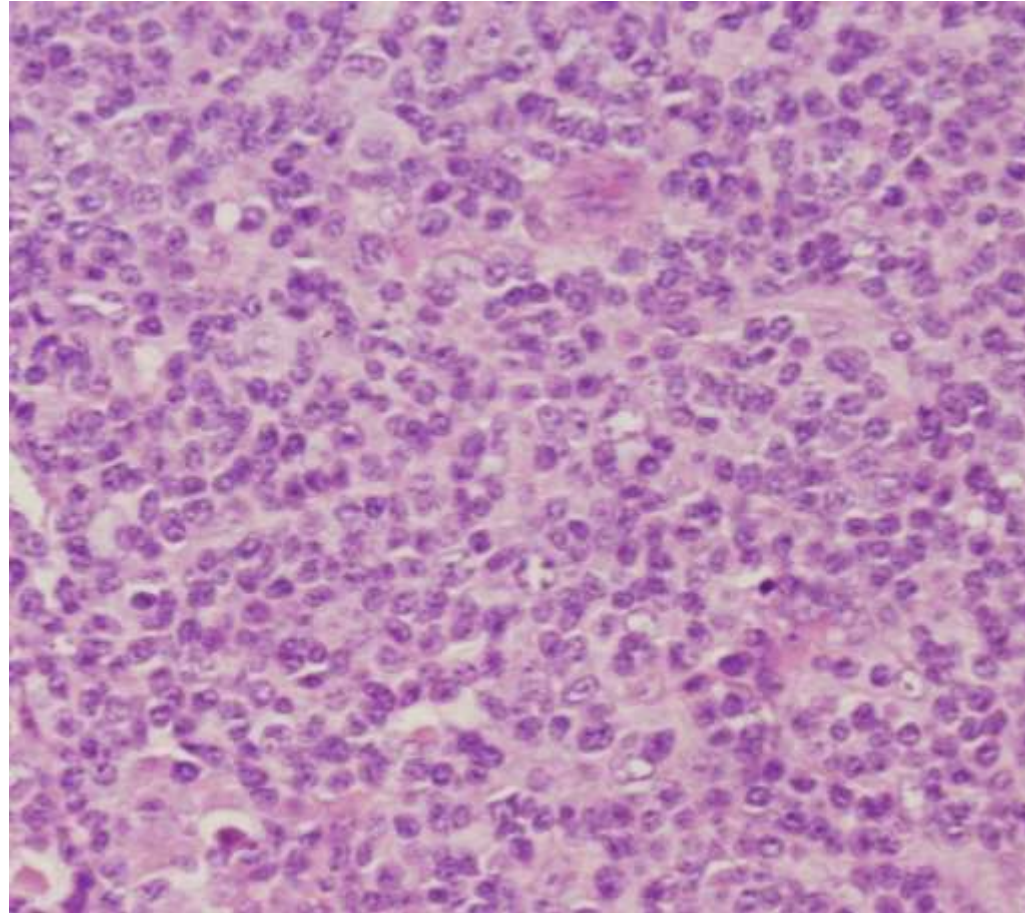
AITL that deviates from existing diagnostic criteria, but categorised as AITL in WHO 2008

- AITL (pattern 1) - there is no/subtle FDC expansion

Are there other cases of “AITL” that deviate from existing diagnostic criteria?

AITL or PTCL (NOS)?

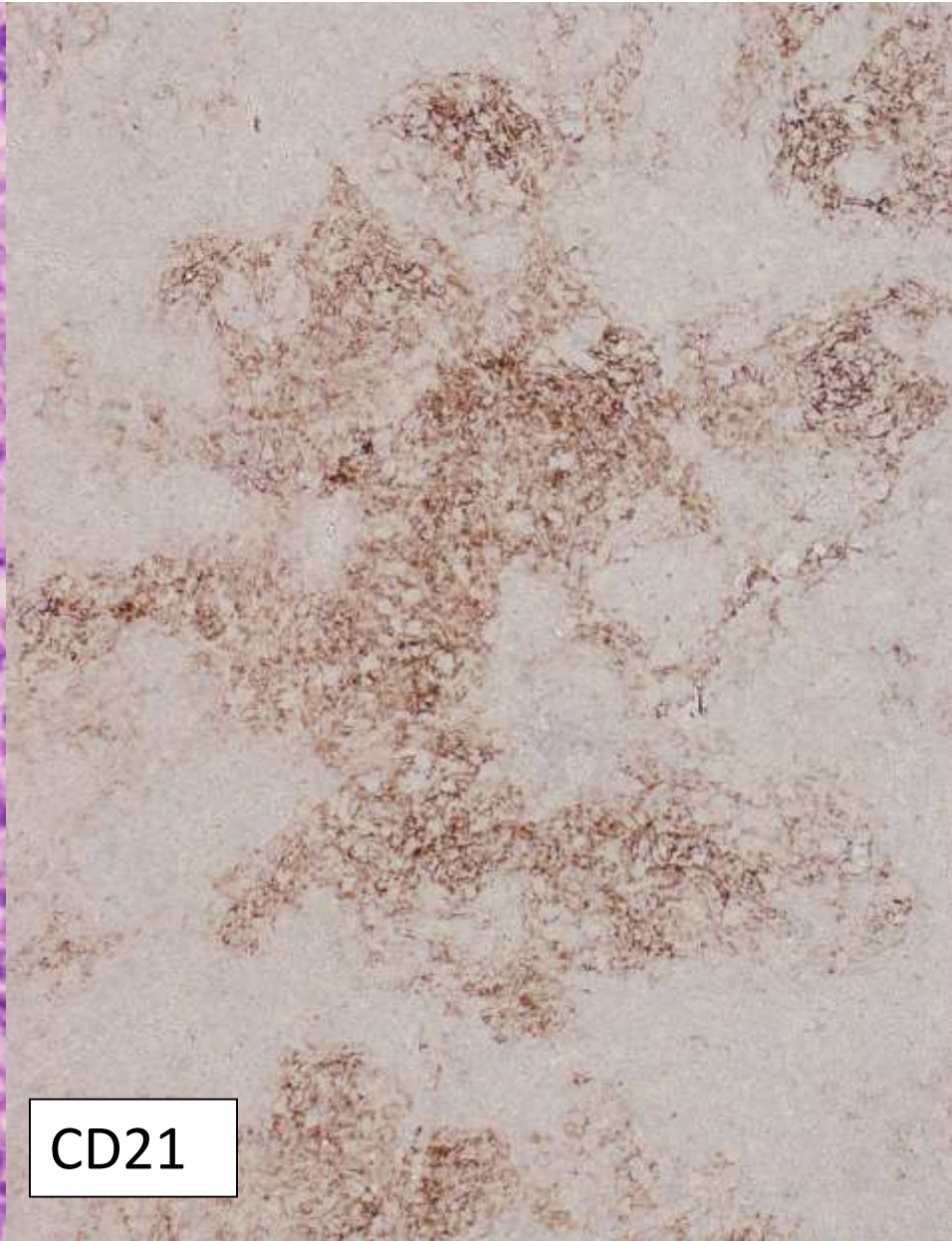
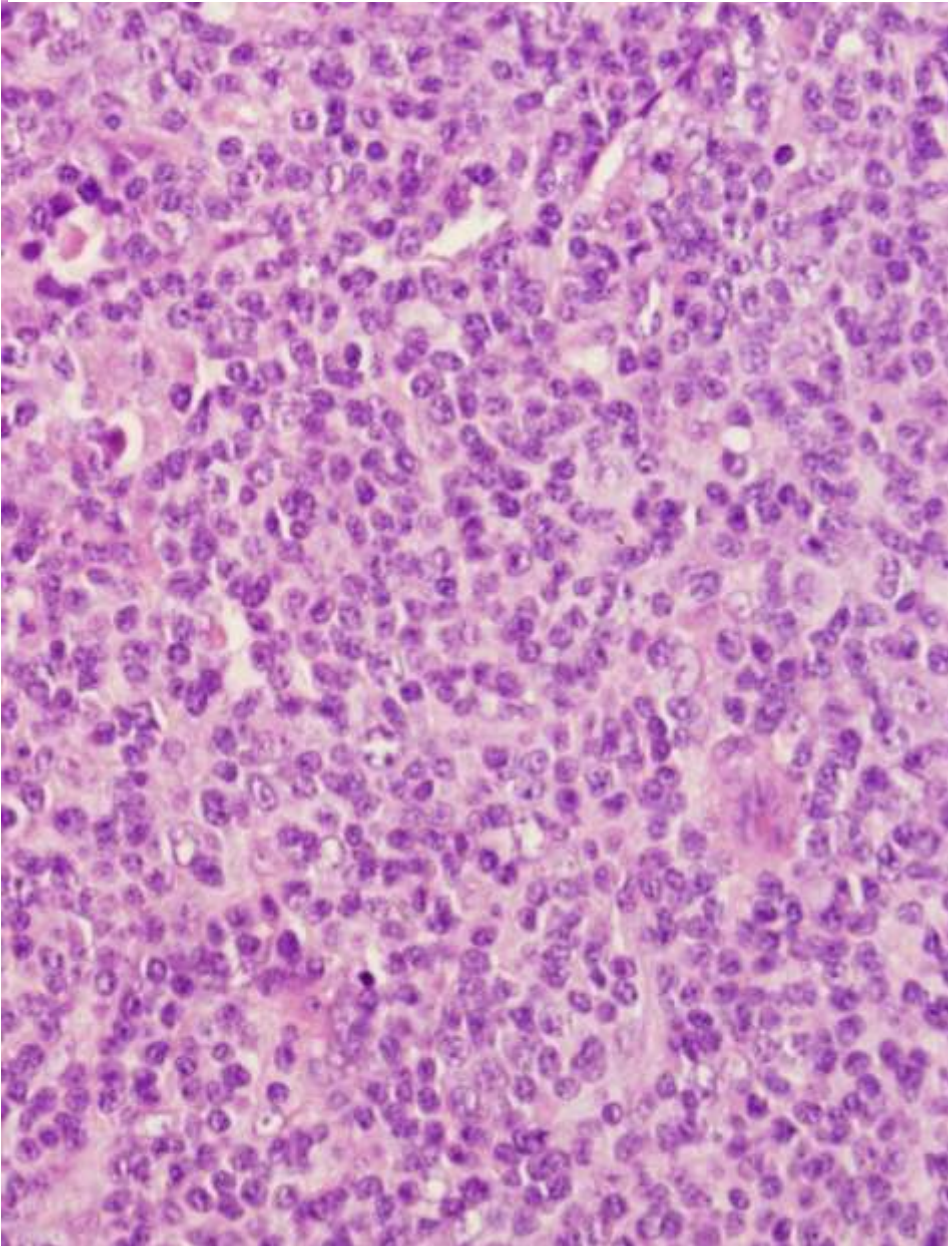
When infiltrate is monomorphous and HEV hyperplasia limited –
? PTCL (NOS)



EAHP/SH 2012 - AITL "tumour cell rich"

Case# Submittor	Clinical syndrome /B symp /skin rash	LN	infiltrate	HEV	Clear cells	FDC	EBER	CD10/ TFH marker
332 Kansal	None	Inguinal pelvic	mono	+/-	+	increase	-	ICOS+ PD1 wk CXCL13+ CD10+
145 Li	None	gen	mono	++	+	increase	+	ICOS+ PD1+ CXCL13+ CD10+
55 Tzankov	Syn ? B-symp+ Rash+	gen	1 st – Poly 2 nd mono	1 st ++ 2 nd -	+	Increase	-	ICOS+ PD1+ CXCL13+ CD10 ND
39 van Krieken	N/A	N/A	Limited poly	+	-	Increase	++	ICOS+ PD1+ CXCL13+ CD10+
296 Ambrose	None	gen	mono	-	-	increase	+	ICOS+ PD1 wk CXCL13+ CD10 f+

58 yrs old male, progressive disease: - generalized lymphadenopathy and splenomegaly, no skin lesions



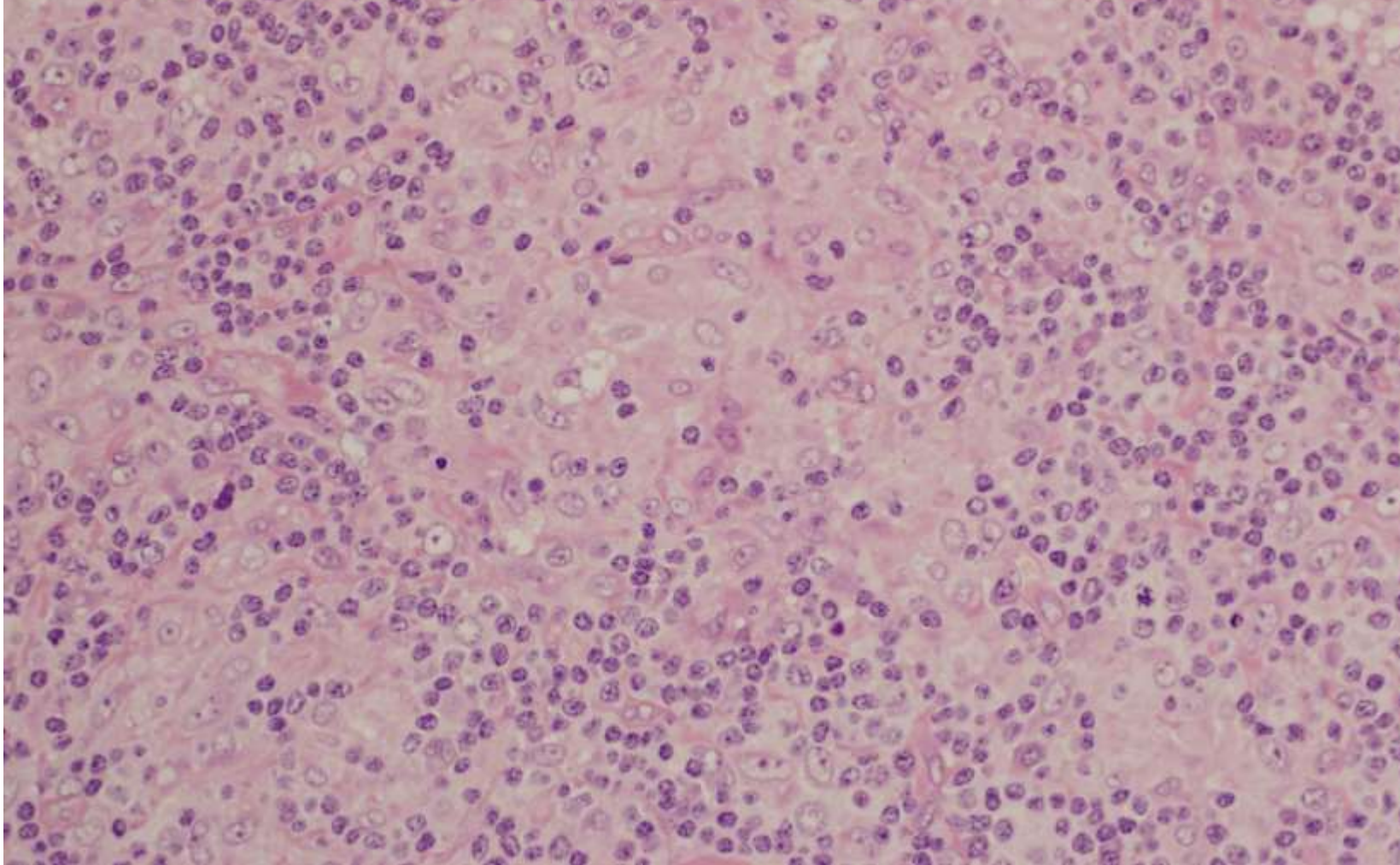
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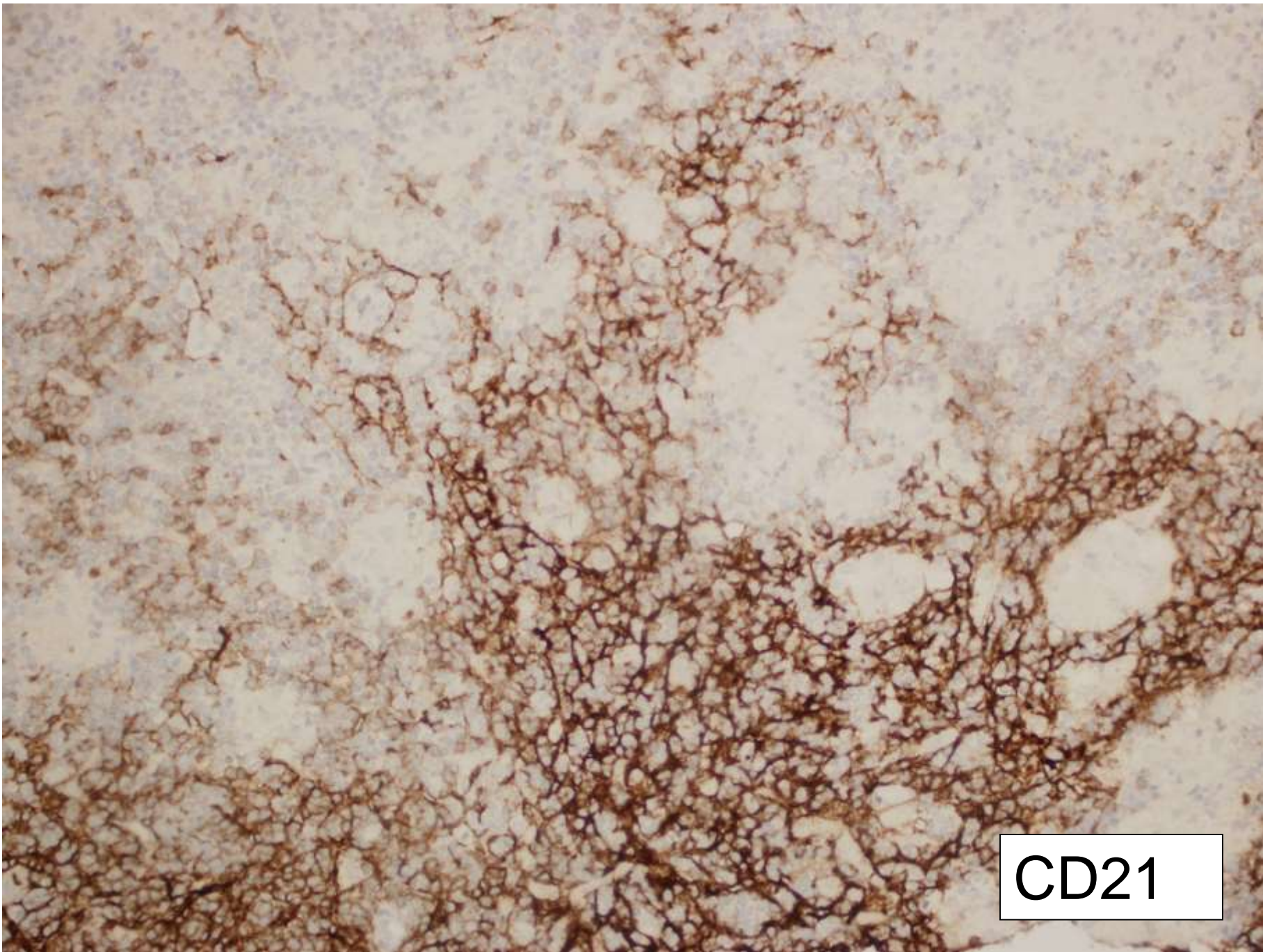
PTCL , rich in epithelioid histiocytes

?AITL

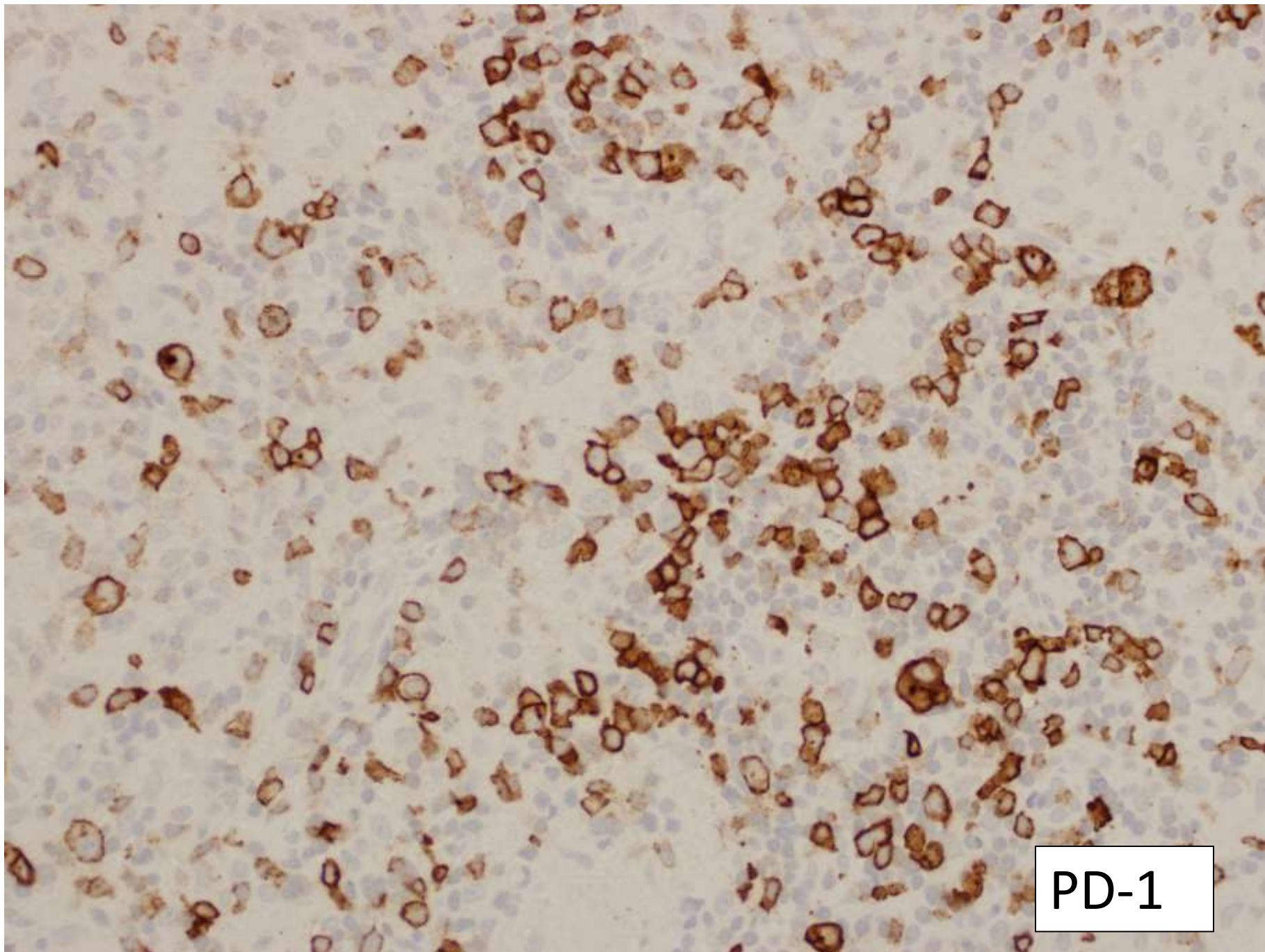
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?PTCL(NOS), lymphoepithelioid variant (Lennert lymphoma)

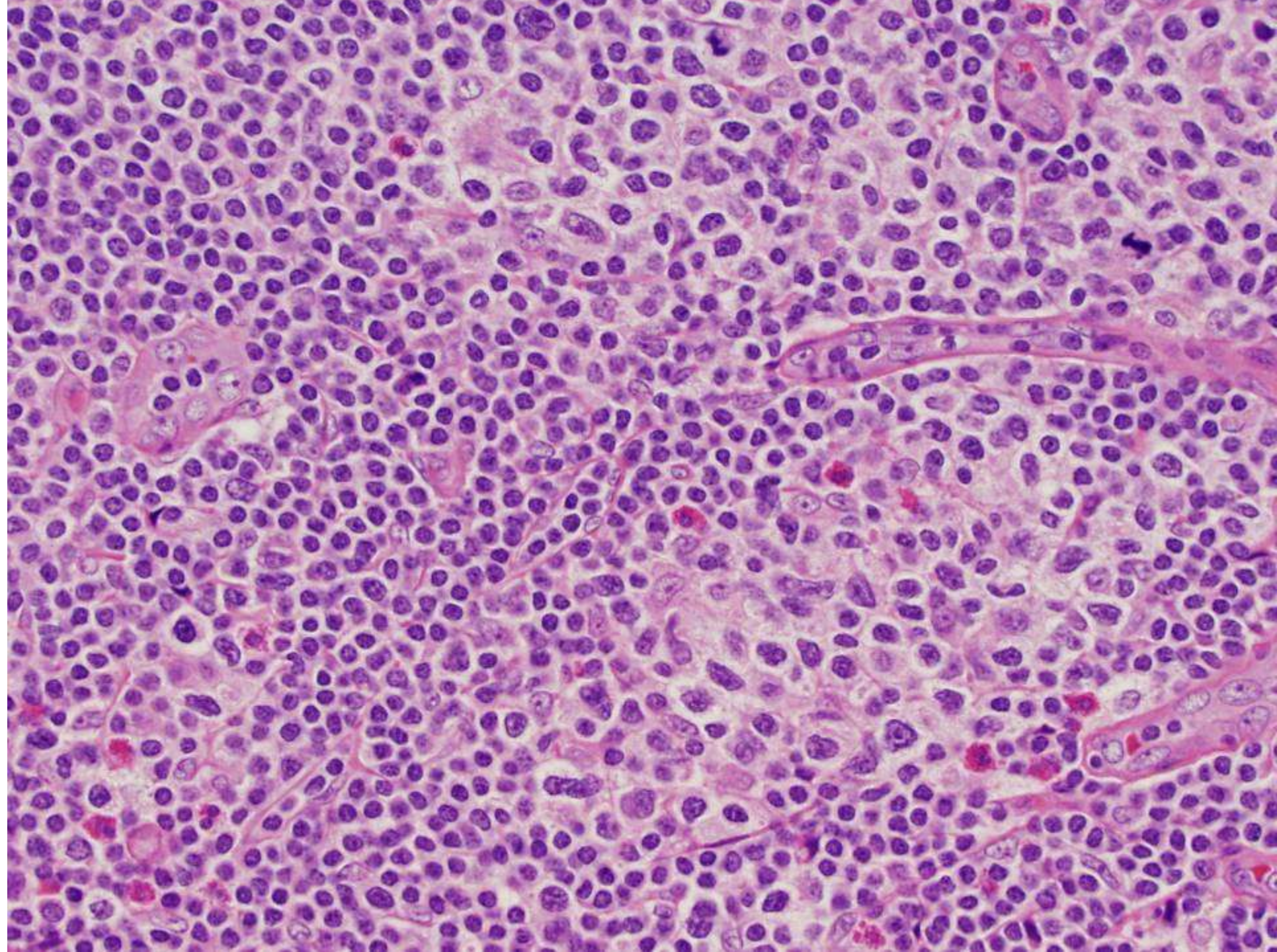


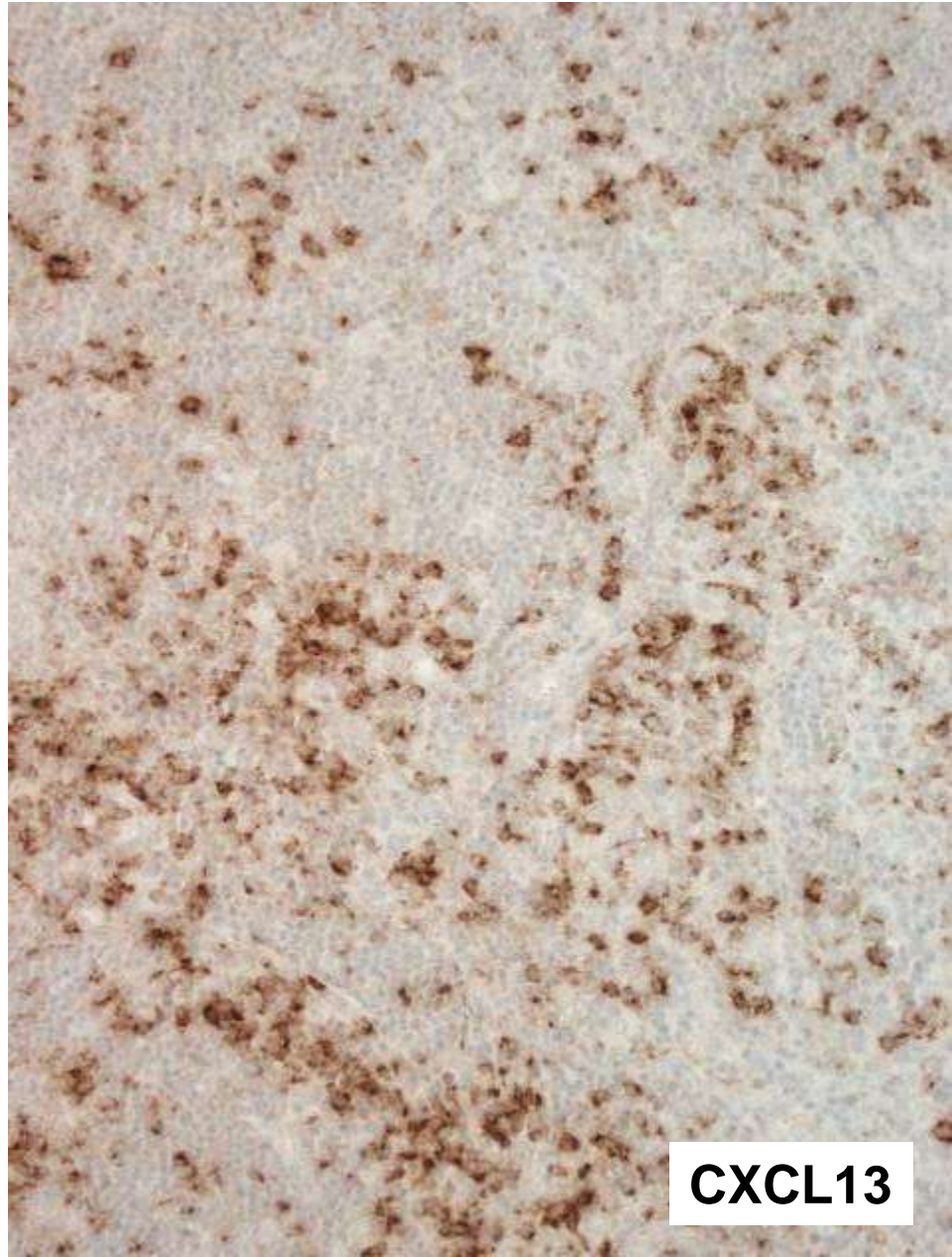
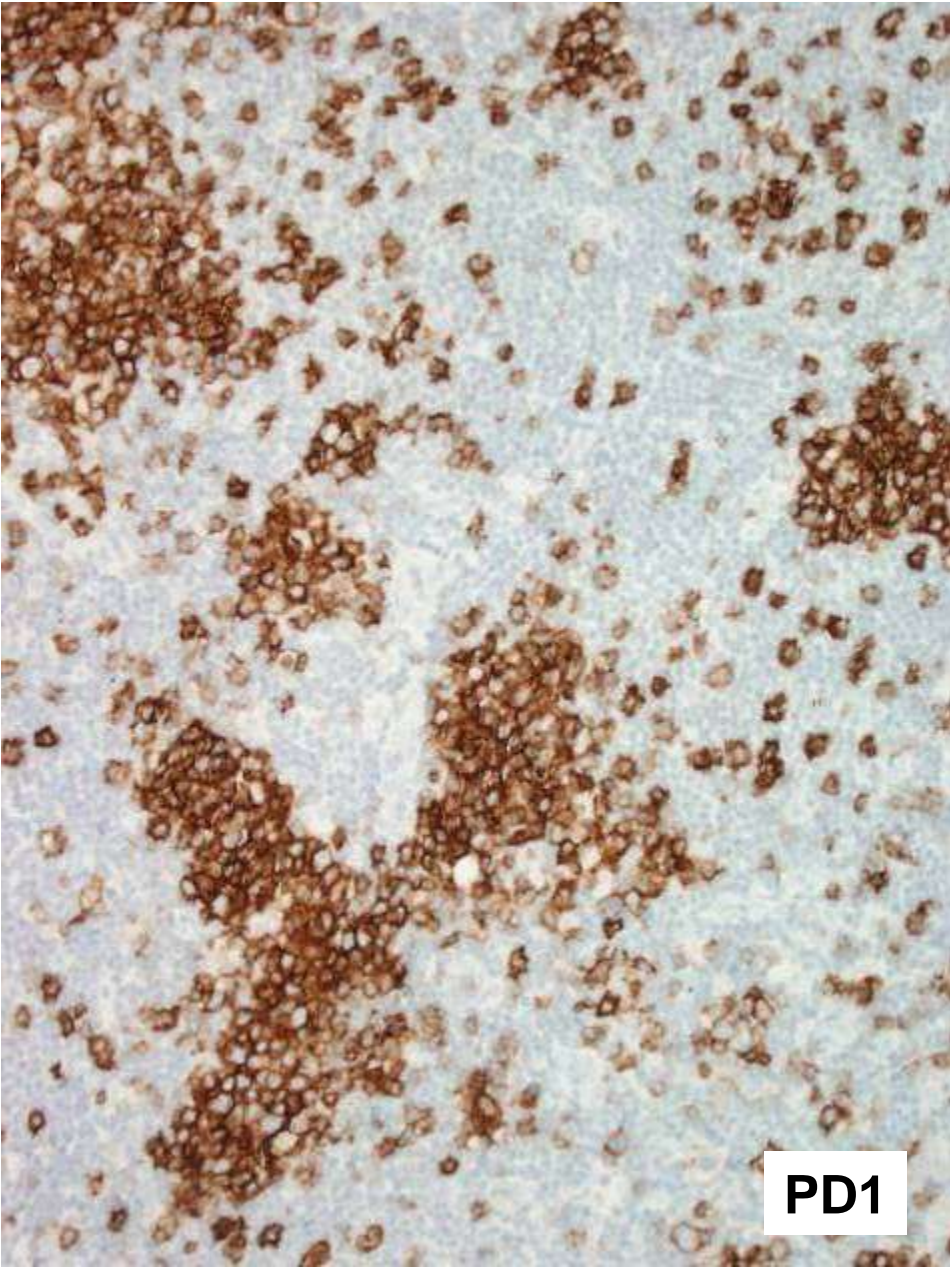


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Conclusion at EAHP/SH 2012: Spectrum of AITL broader than currently recognised

AITL – variants

- Hyperplastic follicles (pattern 1)
- *Tumour cell rich/clear cell rich*
- *Epithelioid cell rich*
- *Associated with IgD positive small B-cells/primary follicles*

EAHP 2012 (Attygalle et al 2014)

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Nodal PTCLs with a T_{FH} phenotype (classified on WHO 2008)

- Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL)
- PTCL, (NOS) follicular variant
- PTCL (NOS) with a T_{FH} phenotype

Unified under one
umbrella term?

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Molecular genetics

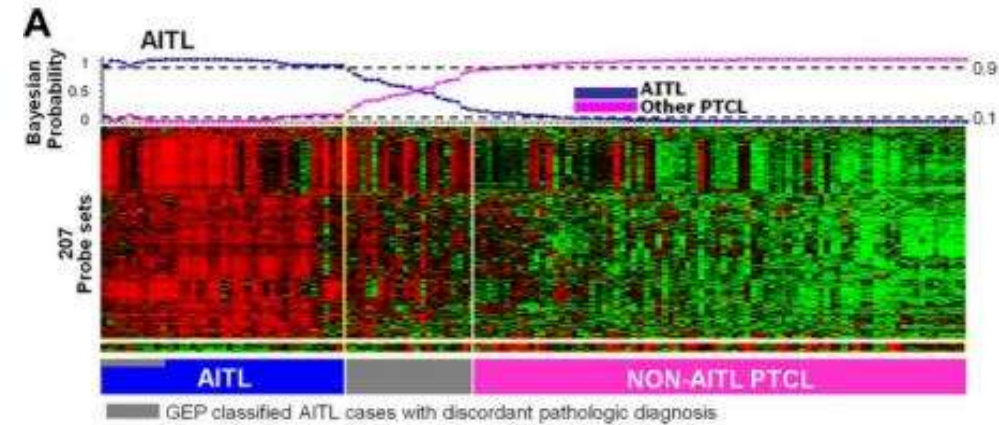
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AITL: related to microenvironment and T_{FH} origin

- B-cell signature
- FDC signature
- Cytokine signature – prominent group of immunosuppressive cytokines/receptors
 - genes expressed by T_{FH} cells (CXCL13, CXCR5)



- **AITL microenvironment signature** expressed at lower levels in PTCL of T_{FH} origin than in AITL on average, but higher than in PTCL-NOS,
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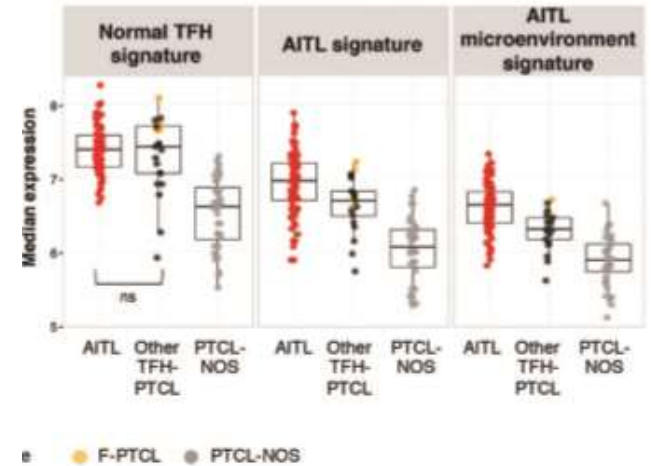


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Revision to 4th edition of WHO classification of lymphoid neoplasms

Nodal T-cell lymphomas with T-follicular helper (TFH) phenotype

- An umbrella category created to highlight the spectrum of nodal lymphomas with a T_{FH} phenotype including ***AITL, FT-cell lymphoma, and other nodal PTCL with a T_{FH} phenotype*** (specific diagnoses to be used to due to clinicopathologic differences)
- Overlapping recurrent molecular/cytogenetic abnormalities recognized that could impact on therapy

Revision to 4th Edition of WHO classification of lymphoid neoplasms (*Blood 2016*)

- Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma
- *Follicular T-cell lymphoma (provisional entity)*
- *Nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype (provisional entity)*

Follicular T-cell lymphoma

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Definition:

FTCL is a lymph node-based neoplasm of T_{FH} cells with a predominantly follicular growth pattern and lacking characteristic features of AITL such as proliferation of high endothelial venules or extrafollicular follicular dendritic cells.

Follicular T-cell lymphoma

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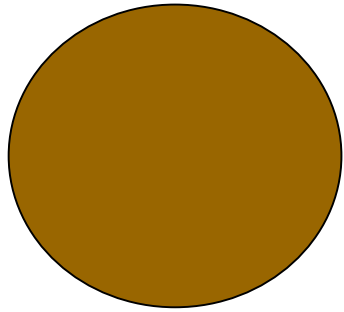
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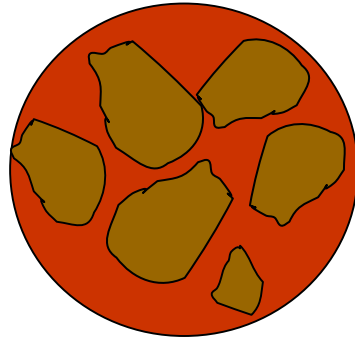
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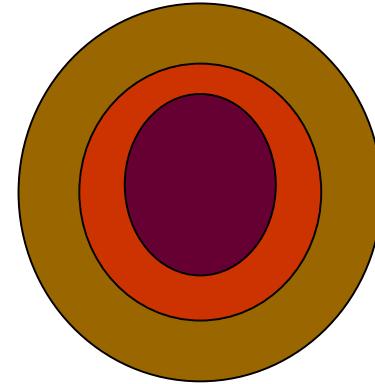
PTCL, NOS, follicular variant (PTCL-F) – WHO 2008



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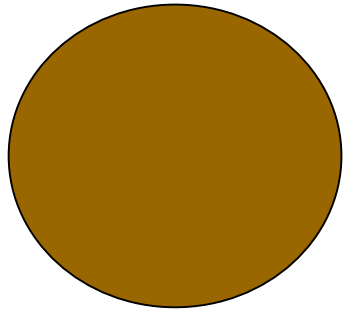


mimicking nodular
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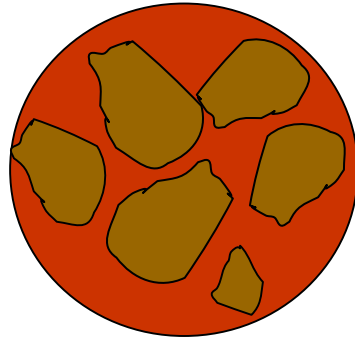


mimicking nodal MZL

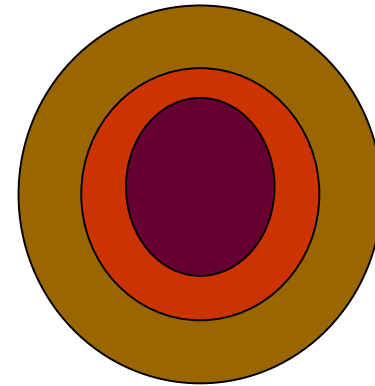
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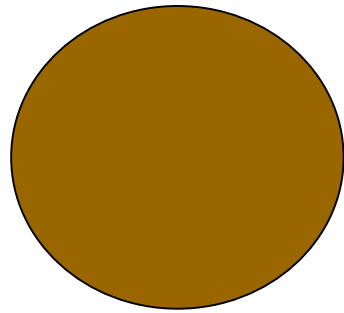
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AITL- pattern I

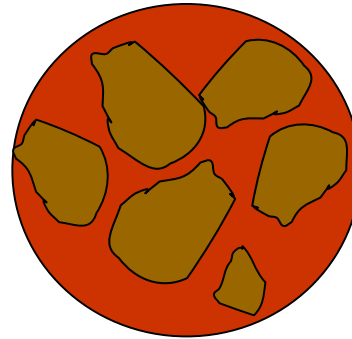
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- Interfollicular areas lack polymorphous infiltrates and HEV, characteristic of AITL
- A subset may have HRS-like cells
- **Consecutive biopsies may show change of morphology from FTCL to AITL or vice versa suggesting the two entities may constitute different morphological representations of the same biological process**

Nodal peripheral T-cell lymphoma with a T_{FH} phenotype

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- A subset of PTCL classified as NOS have a T_{FH} phenotype (positive for CD4, PD1, CD10, BCL6, CXCL13 and ICOS) and some pathological features of AITL
- Minimum criteria for assignment of T_{FH} phenotype: at least 2, preferably 3, T_{FH} markers in addition to CD4

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- Diffuse pattern without the prominent polymorphic inflammatory background - **tumour cell rich**
- Without prominent vascular proliferation or expansion of FDCs
- Some cases: T-zone pattern
- Share some genetic alterations seen in AITL (mutations in TET2, DNMT3A and RHOA)

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma

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- Are they related to AITL? Do they constitute tumour cell rich AITL?
- Until further evidence: classify as PTCL with T_{FH} phenotype

Summary of AITL and other nodal lymphomas of TFH origin

- Despite some morphological differences, there is extensive overlap in clinical features, recurrent mutations, GEP patterns
 - Cases may present as AITL and relapse with features of FTCL and vice versa
 - Cases may present as AITL and relapse as nodal PTCL with T_{FH} phenotype
- which suggests that AITL, FTCL and nodal PTCL with T_{FH} phenotype likely to be are part of a spectrum.

Will the distinction between these entities be maintained in future classifications?

Mature T and NK neoplasms

T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia

T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukemia

Chronic lymphoproliferative disorder of NK cells

Aggressive NK-cell leukemia

Systemic EBV⁺ T-cell lymphoma of childhood*

Hydroa vacciniforme–like lymphoproliferative disorder*

Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma

Extranodal NK-/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type

Enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma

Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma*

*Indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder of the GI tract**

Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma

Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma

Mycosis fungoides

Sézary syndrome

Primary cutaneous CD30⁺ T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders

Lymphomatoid papulosis

Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma

Primary cutaneous $\gamma\delta$ T-cell lymphoma

Primary cutaneous CD8⁺ aggressive epidermotropic cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma

*Primary cutaneous acral CD8⁺ T-cell lymphoma**

*Primary cutaneous CD4⁺ small/medium T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder**

Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS

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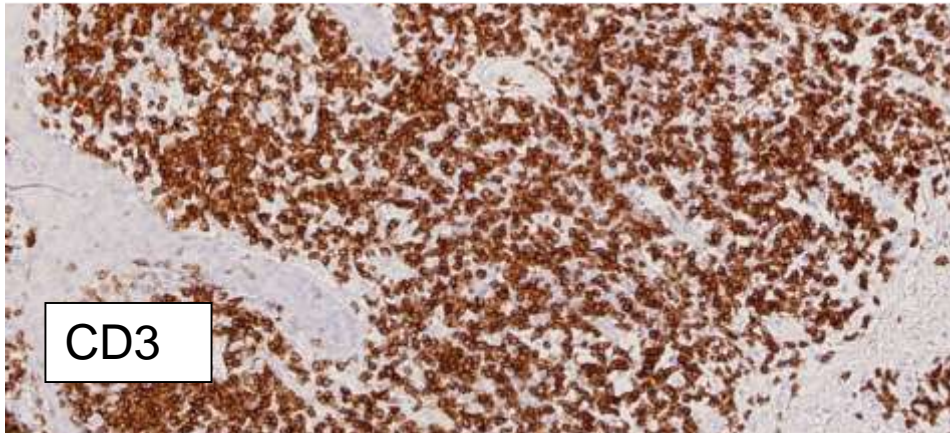
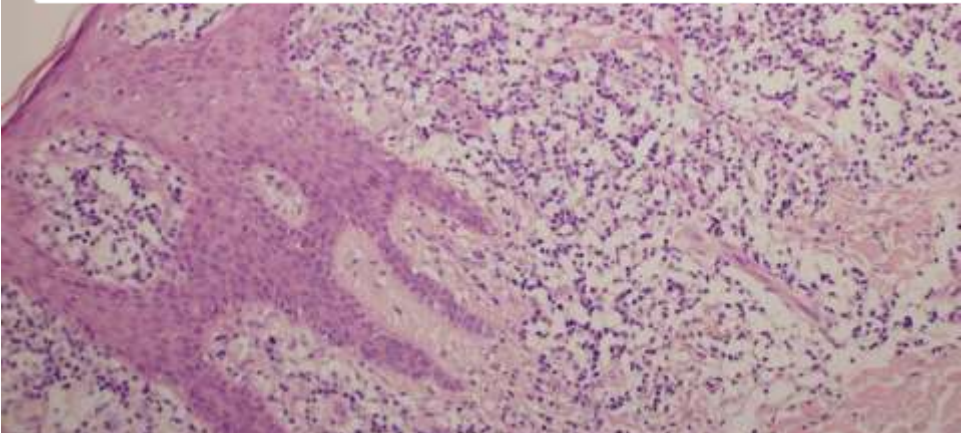
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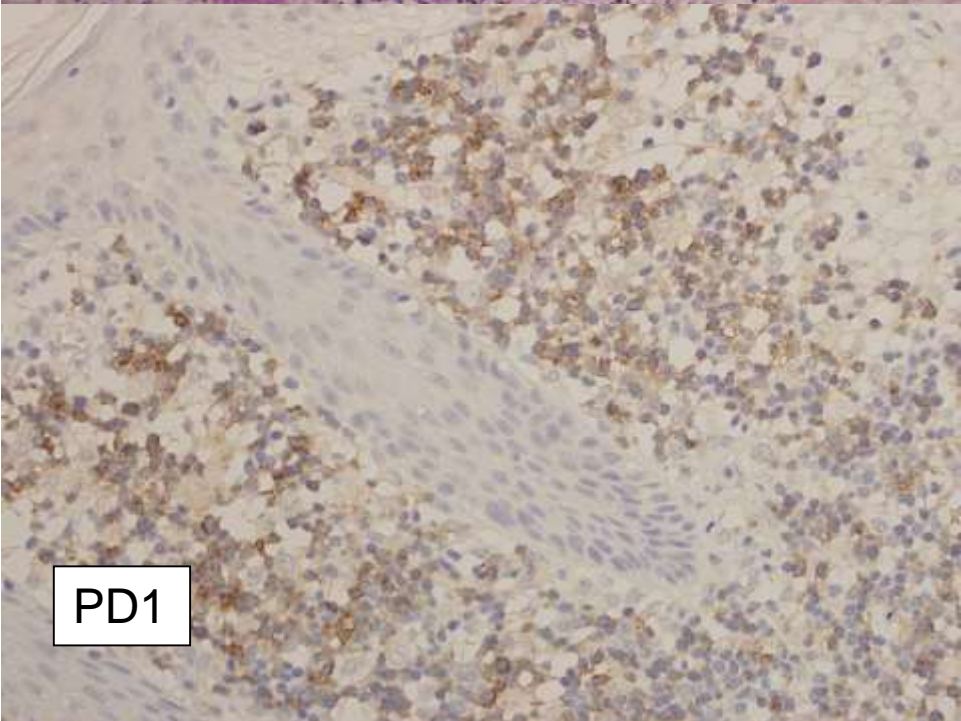
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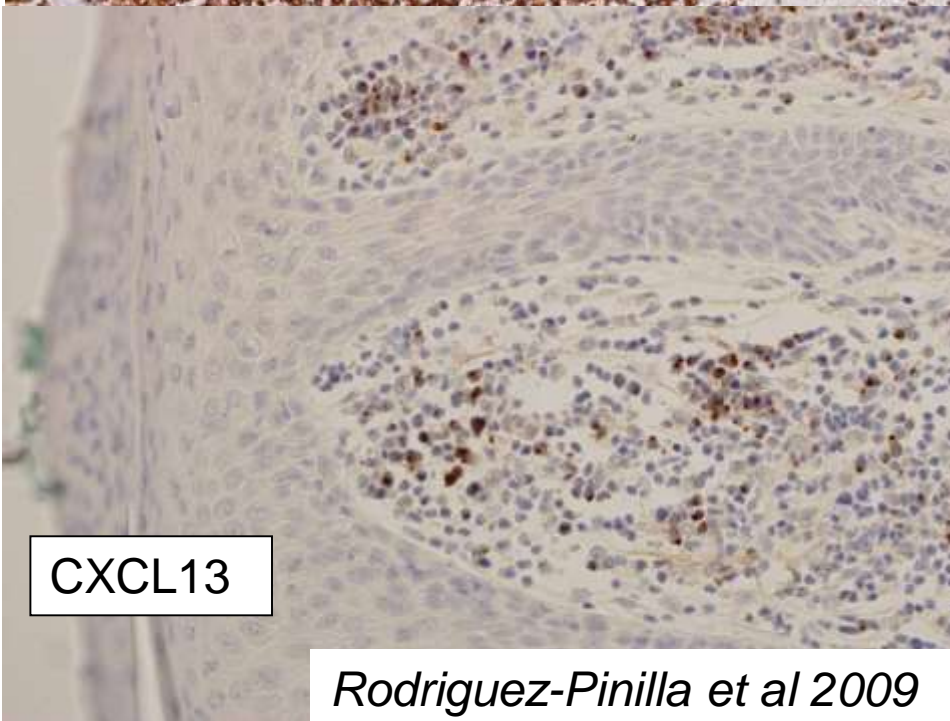
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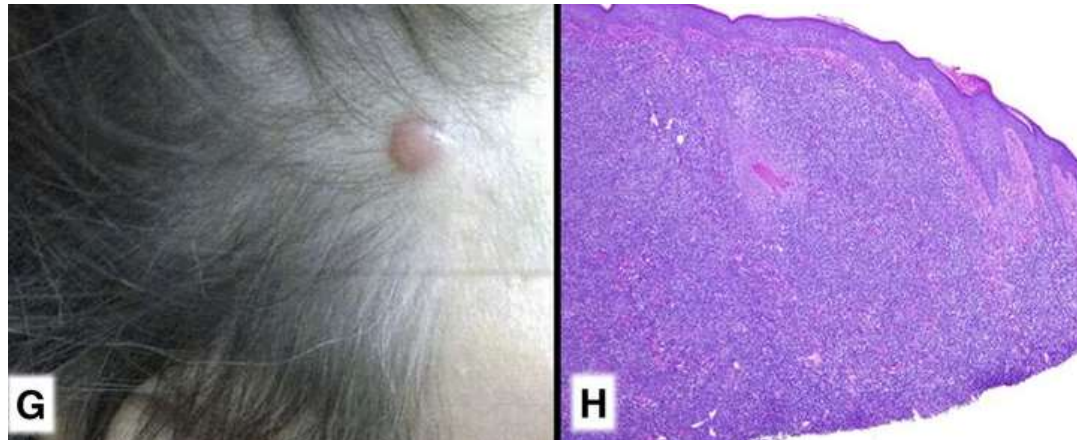


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Primary cutaneous CD4+ small/medium T-cell **lymphoproliferative disorder**

- No longer diagnosed as an overt lymphoma, due to limited clinical risk, localised disease and similarity to clonal drug reactions
- Remains a provisional entity



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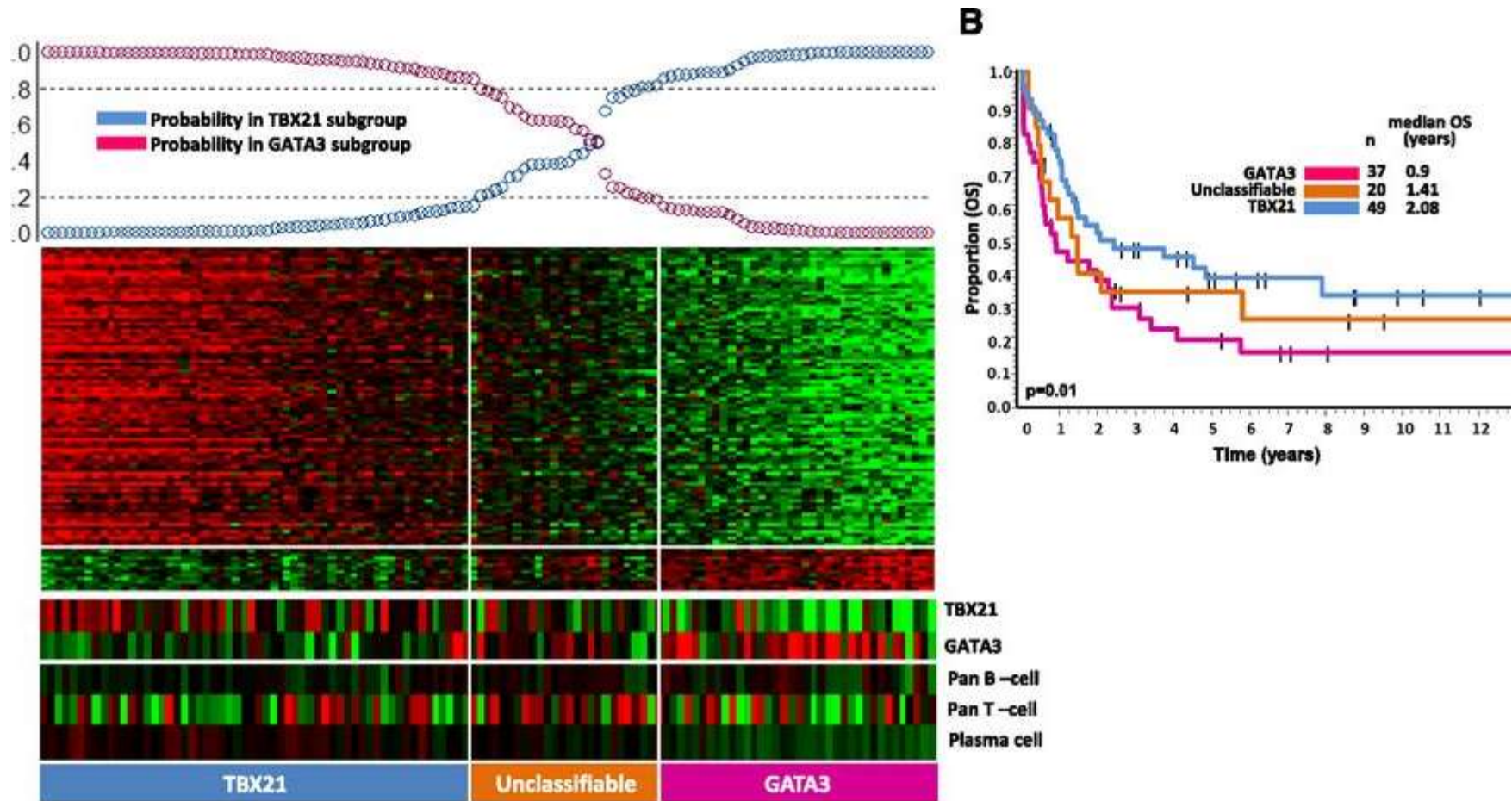
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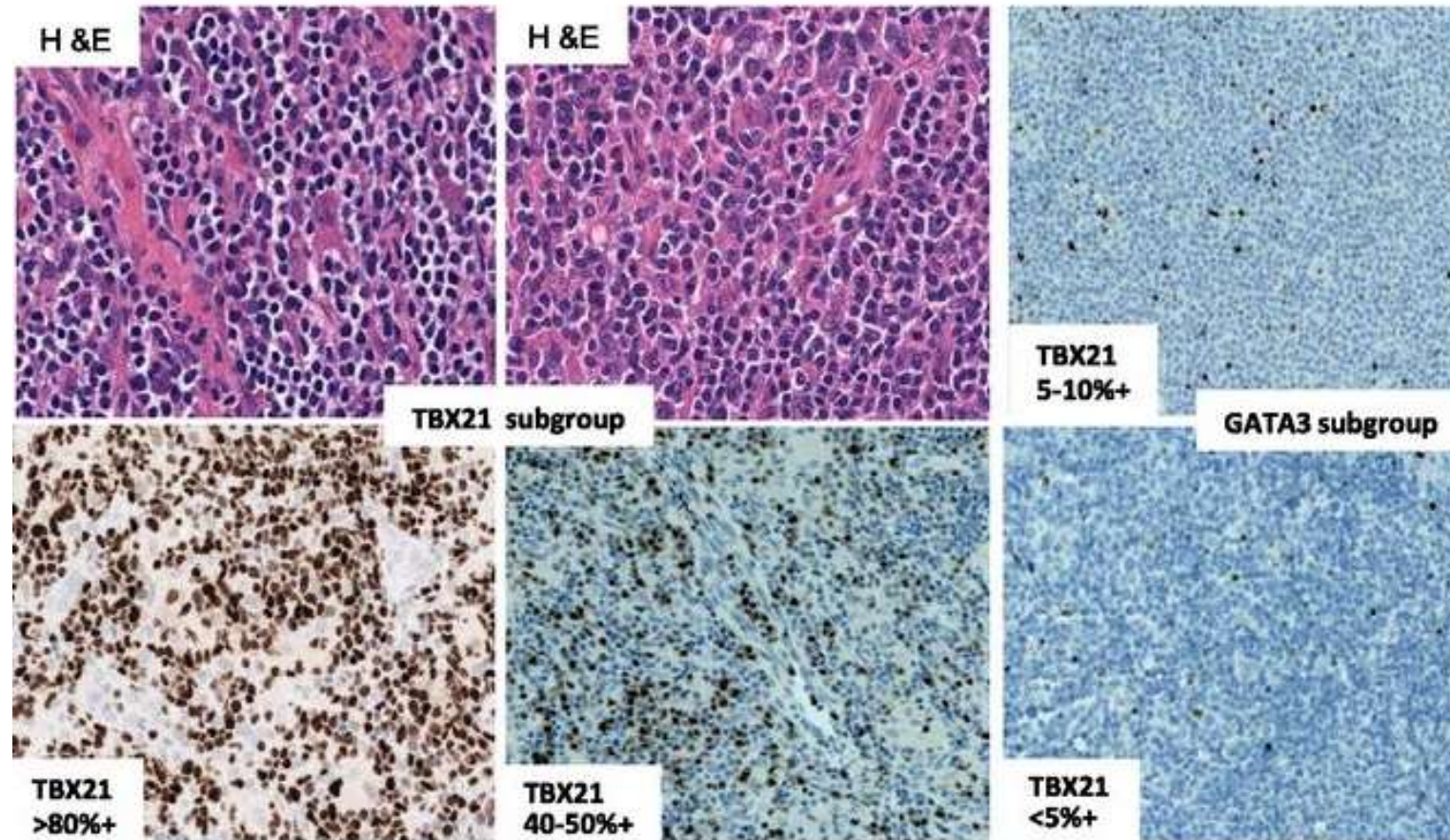
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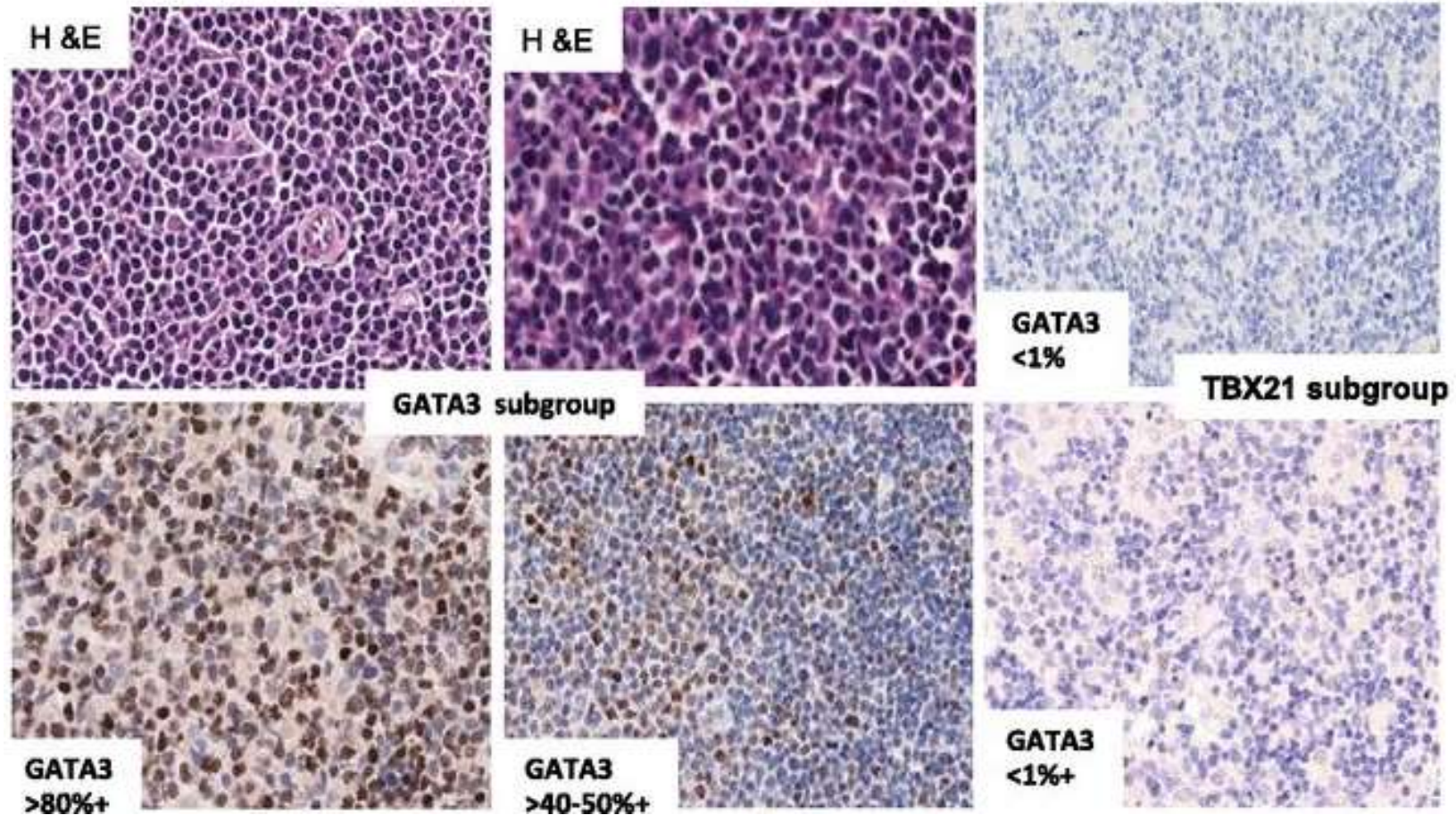
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Variants:

-Lymphoepithelioid lymphoma

Other variants

- follicular variant (2008), now classified as FTCL and under 'AITL and other nodal lymphomas of T_{FH} origin'

-T-zone (2008) now regarded as a non-specific morphological pattern and not as a variant; a proportion classified as nodal PTCL with T_{FH} phenotype

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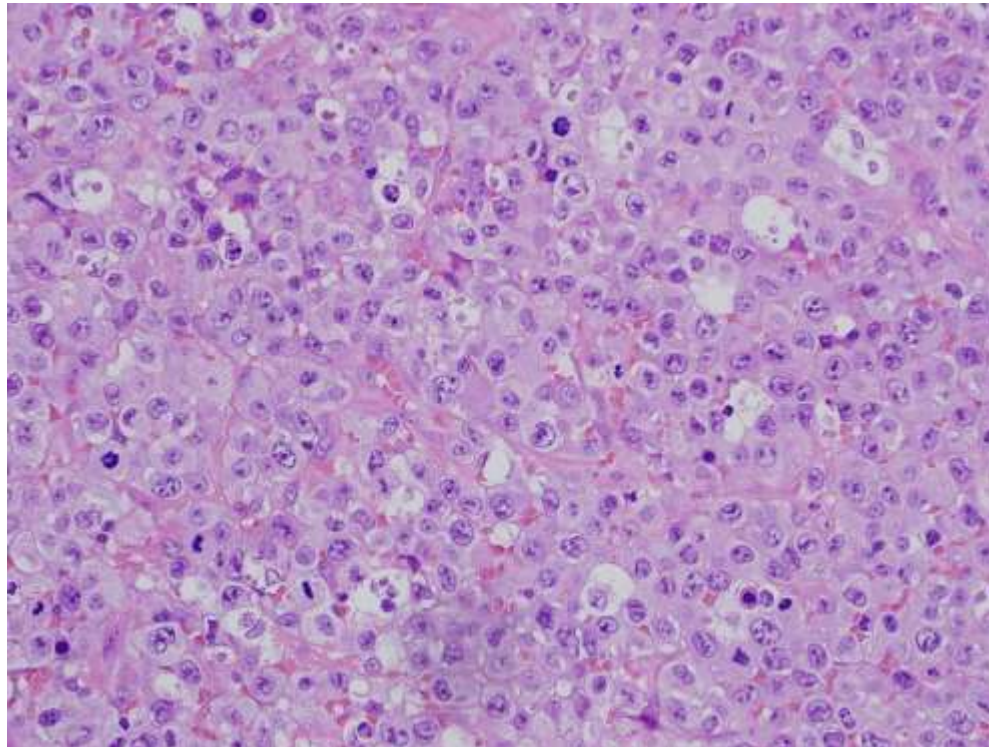
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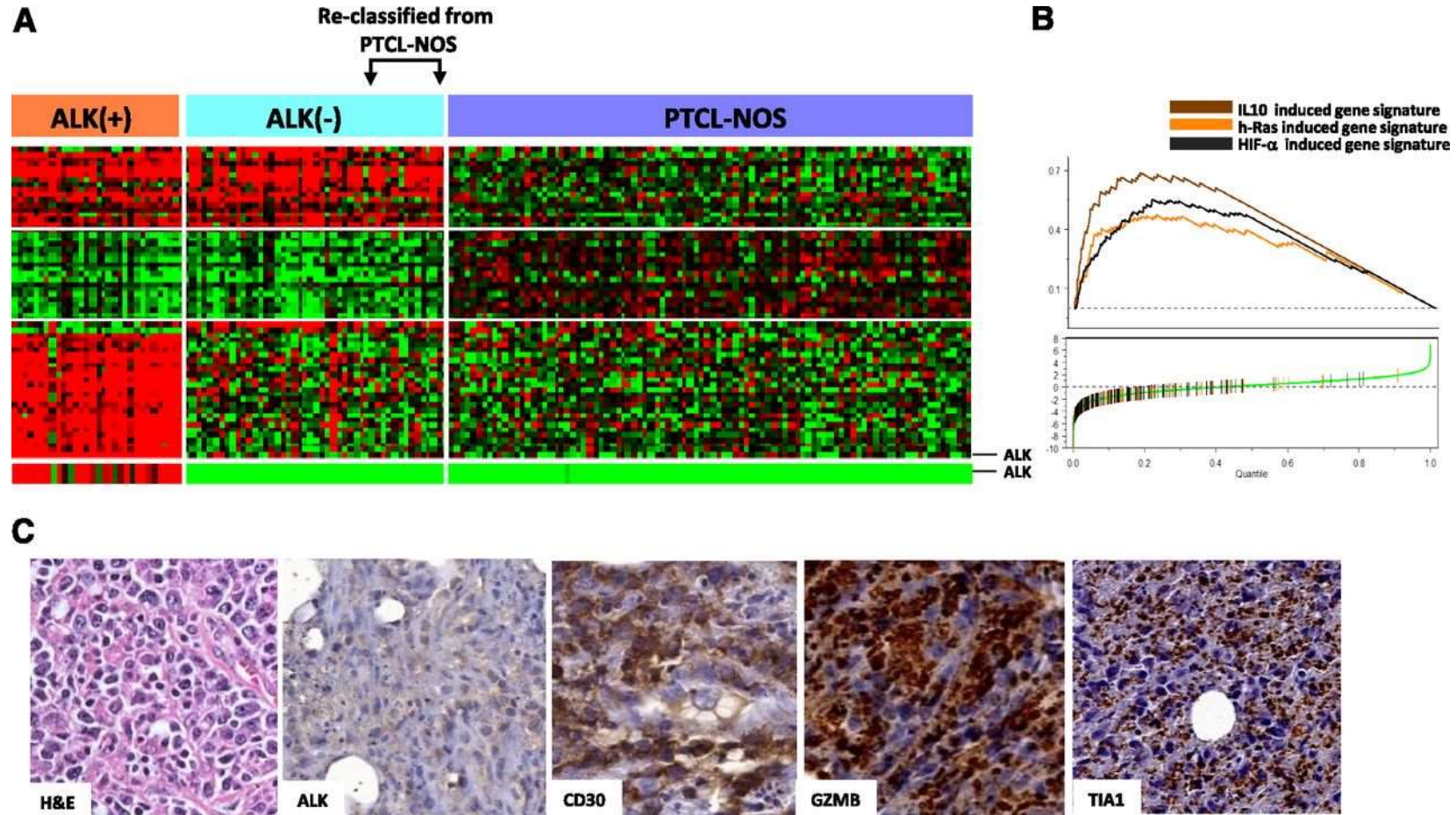
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Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (WHO 2008)

- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK+
- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK- (provisional entity)



ALK(-)ALCL is molecularly distinct from PTCL-NOS and ALK(+)ALCL.



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ALK-negative anaplastic large cell lymphoma is a genetically heterogeneous disease with widely disparate clinical outcomes

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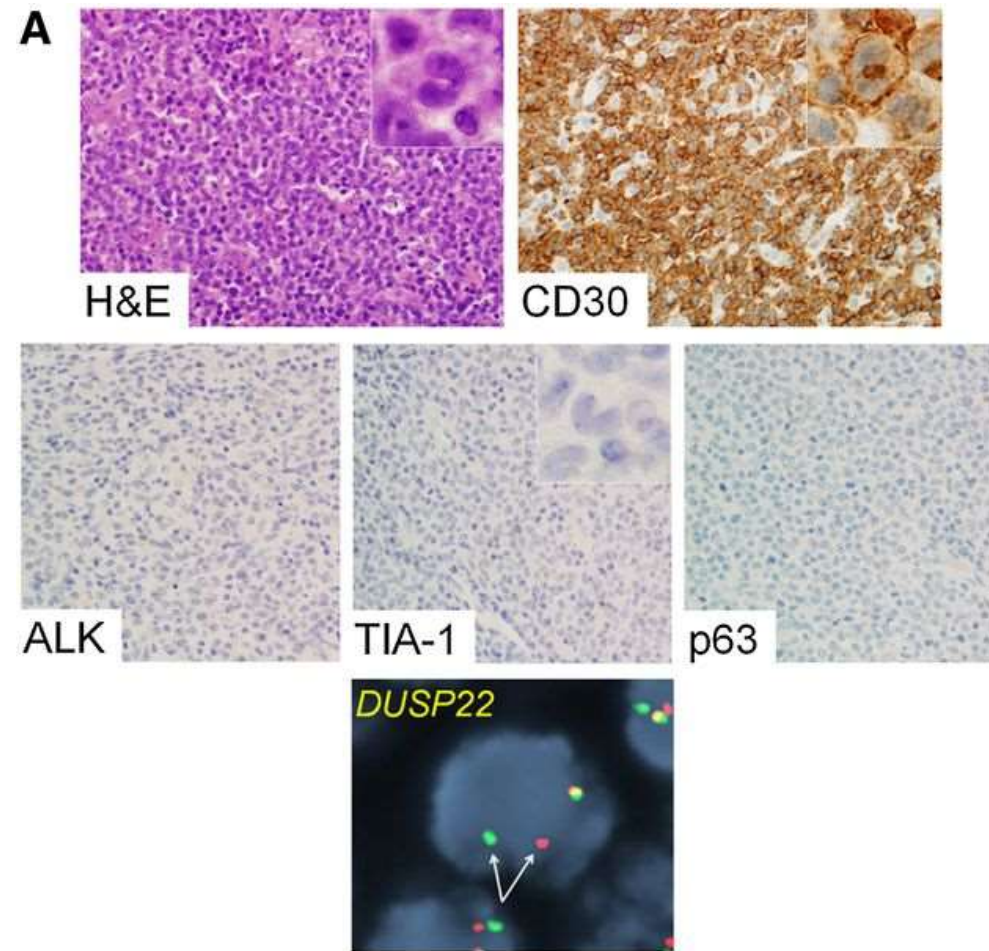
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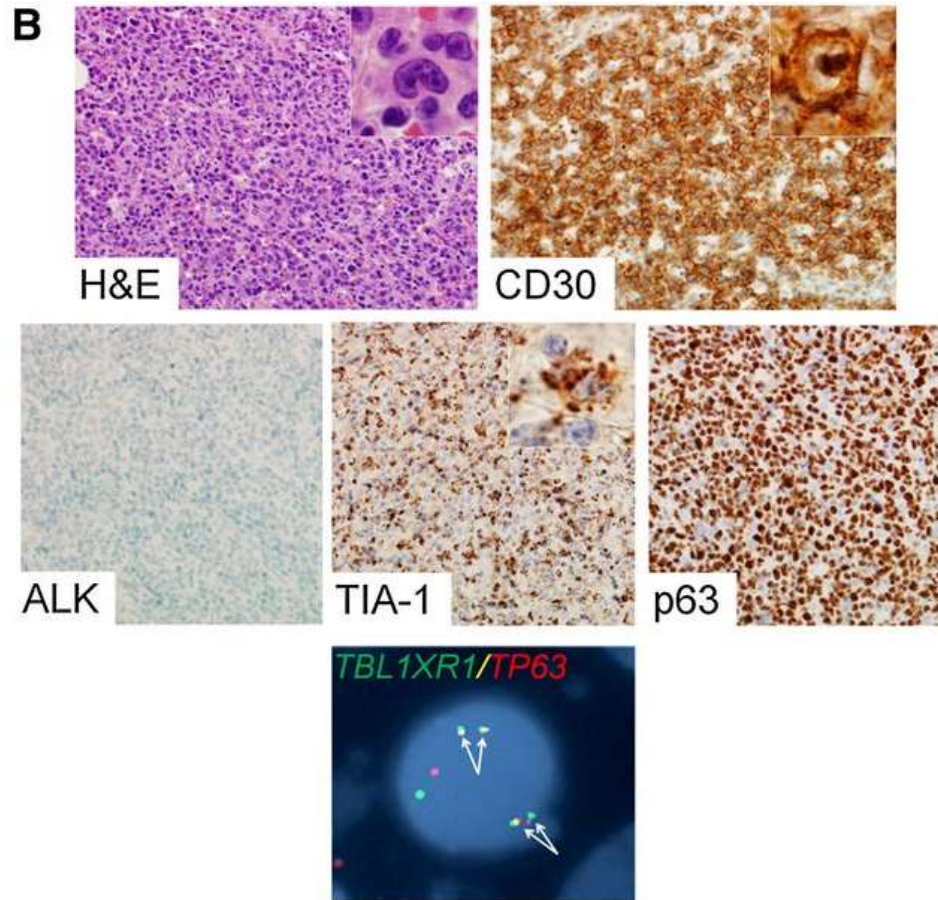
- ALK-negative ALCLs have chromosomal rearrangements of *DUSP22* or *TP63* in 30% and 8% of cases, respectively.
- *DUSP22*-rearranged cases have favorable outcomes similar to ALK-positive ALCLs, whereas other genetic subtypes have inferior outcomes.

Representative cases of genetic subtypes of ALCL.

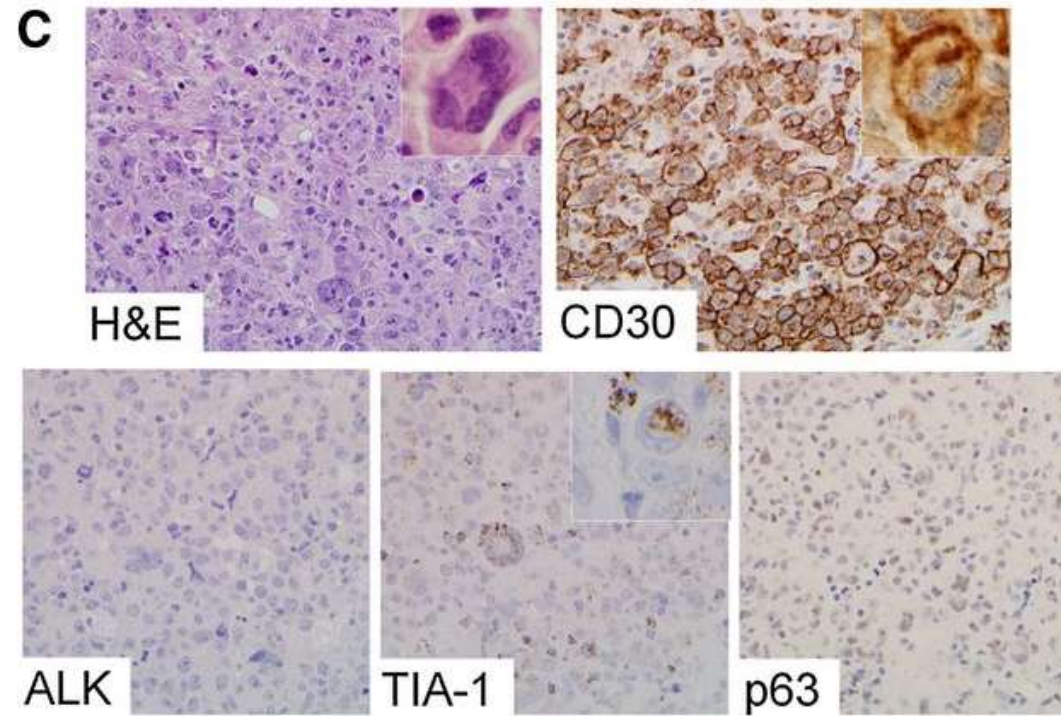
(A) ALK-negative ALCL with DUSP22 6p25 rearrangement



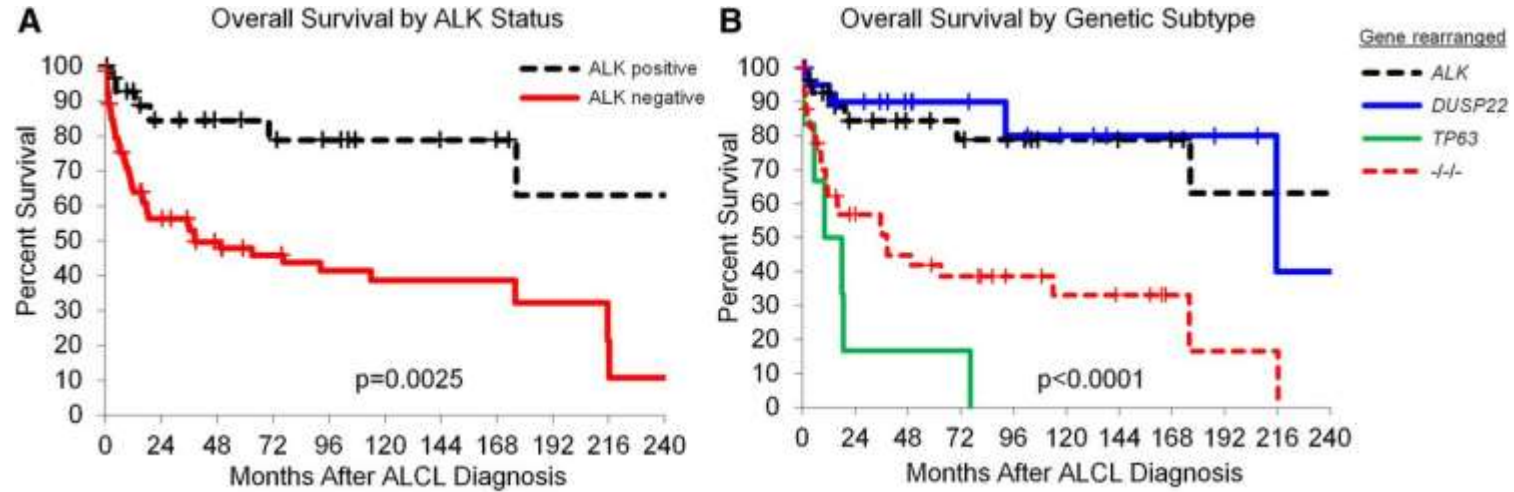
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(B) ALK-negative ALCL with TP63 rearrangement



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(C) ALK-negative ALCL, triple negative



Outcomes in patients with ALCL based on genetic subtype.



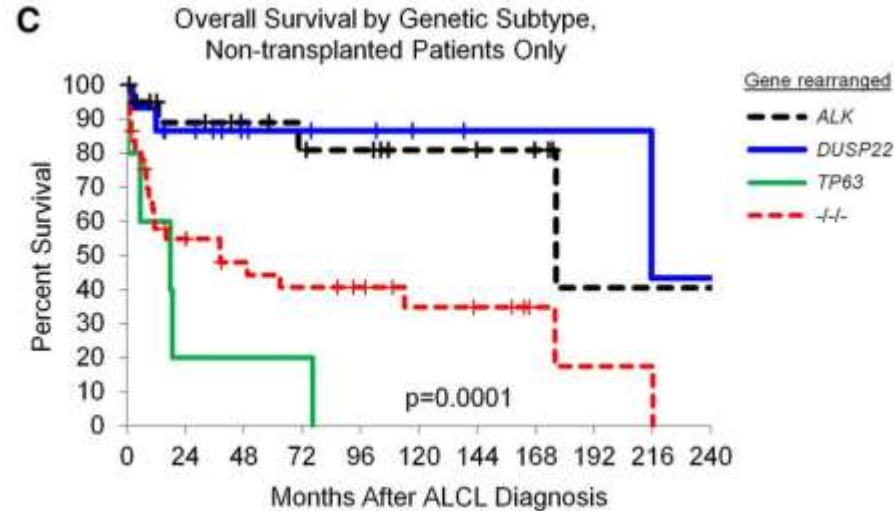
5-year survival

ALCL, ALK+: 85%

ALCL, ALK-, DUSP22-rearranged: 90%

ALCL, ALK-, TP63 rearranged: 17%

ALCL, triple negative: 42%



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Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (WHO 2017)

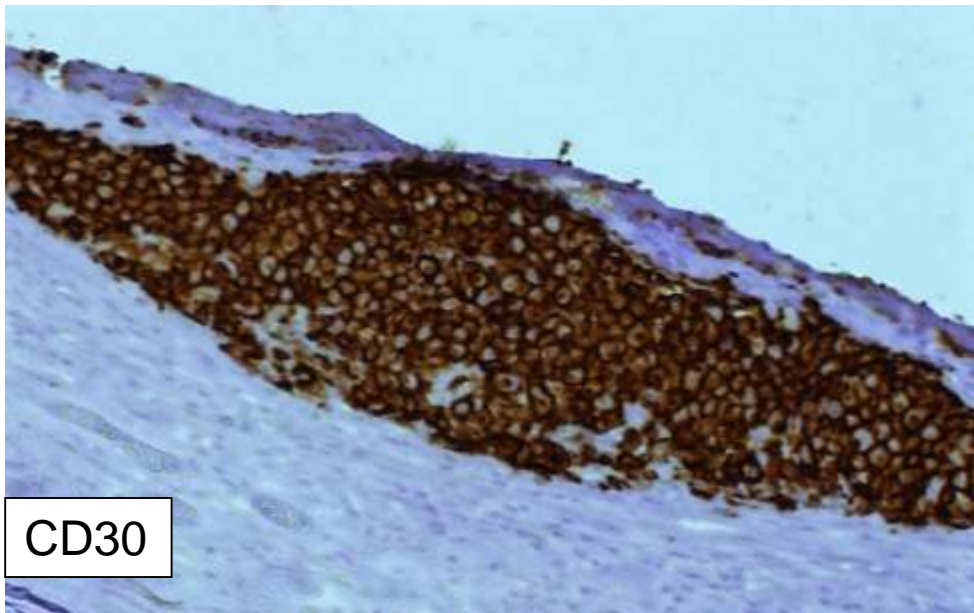
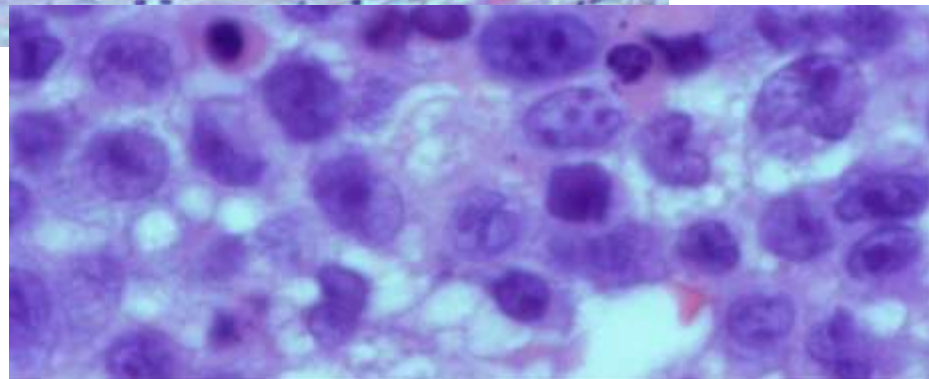
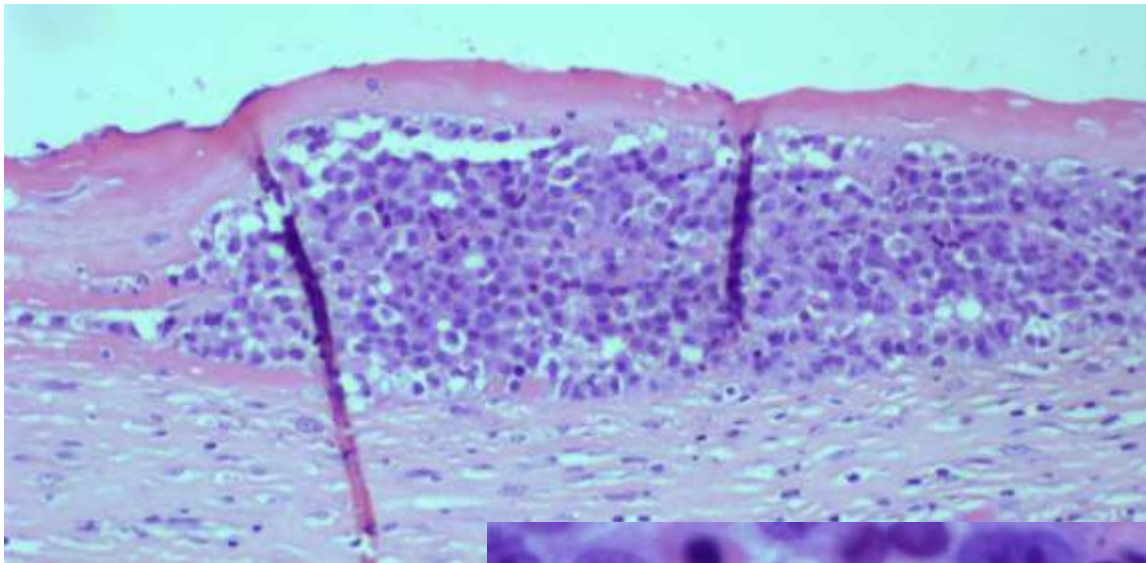
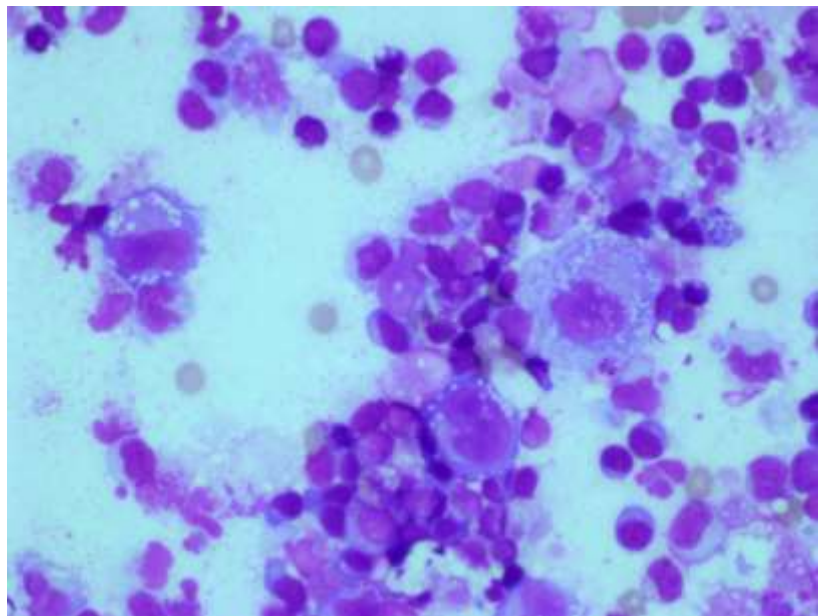
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- *Breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma (provisional entity)*

Breast implant associated ALCL

- Unique form of ALCL ALK-, associated with breast implants
- Median interval to development of lymphoma, 10 yrs
- Most cases confined to seroma fluid with no invasion of capsule (treat conservatively; remove capsule)
- Most important adverse feature: solid mass
- If invasion of capsule, risk of LN and systemic spread – treat with chemotherapy



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Cutaneous CD30+ LPD – (WHO 2017 updates)

Lymphomatoid papulosis

- New histopathological subtypes:
 - **Type D:** mimics cutaneous aggressive epidermotropic CD8+ cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma
 - **Type E:** angioinvasive
 - **with 6p25 rearrangement:** histologically may resemble tumour stage of mycosis fungoides

Histologically may mimic very aggressive TCLs but clinically similar to other forms of LYP (**potential pitfall!**)

IRF4/DUSP22 locus at chromosome 6p25.3

- Rearranged in 30% of systemic ALCL, ALK-
- Rearranged in 30% of primary cutaneous ALCL
- Rearranged in small subset of Lymphomatoid Papulosis

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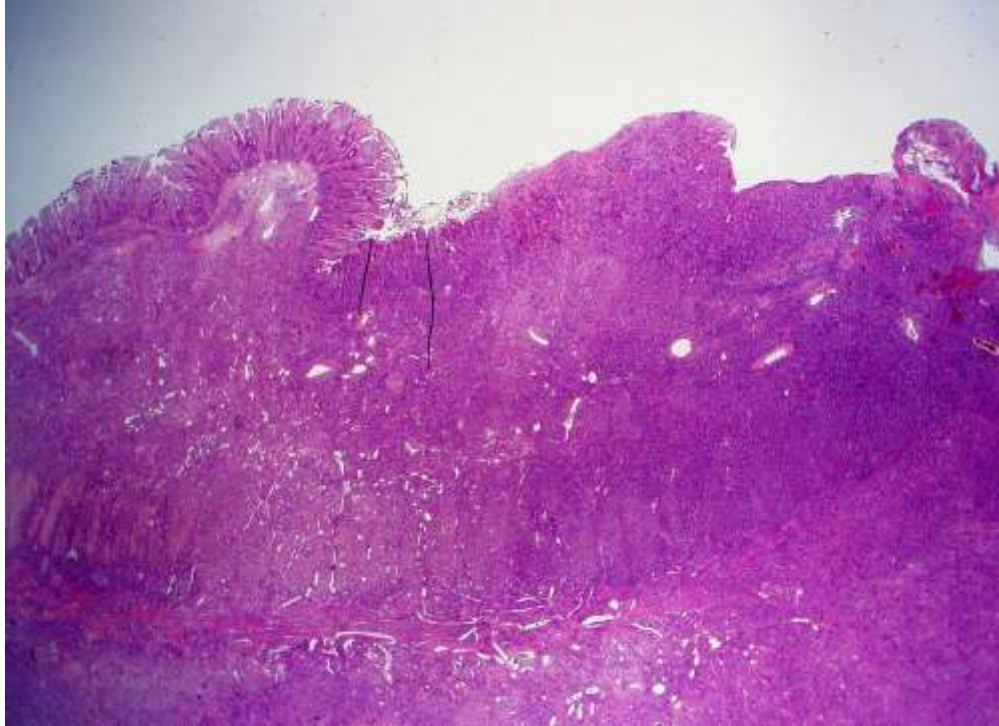
- Type I, closely linked with coeliac disease, primarily affecting those of northern European origin
- Type II, no association with coeliac disease, more frequent in Asian/Hispanic, monomorphic and prominent epitheliotropism

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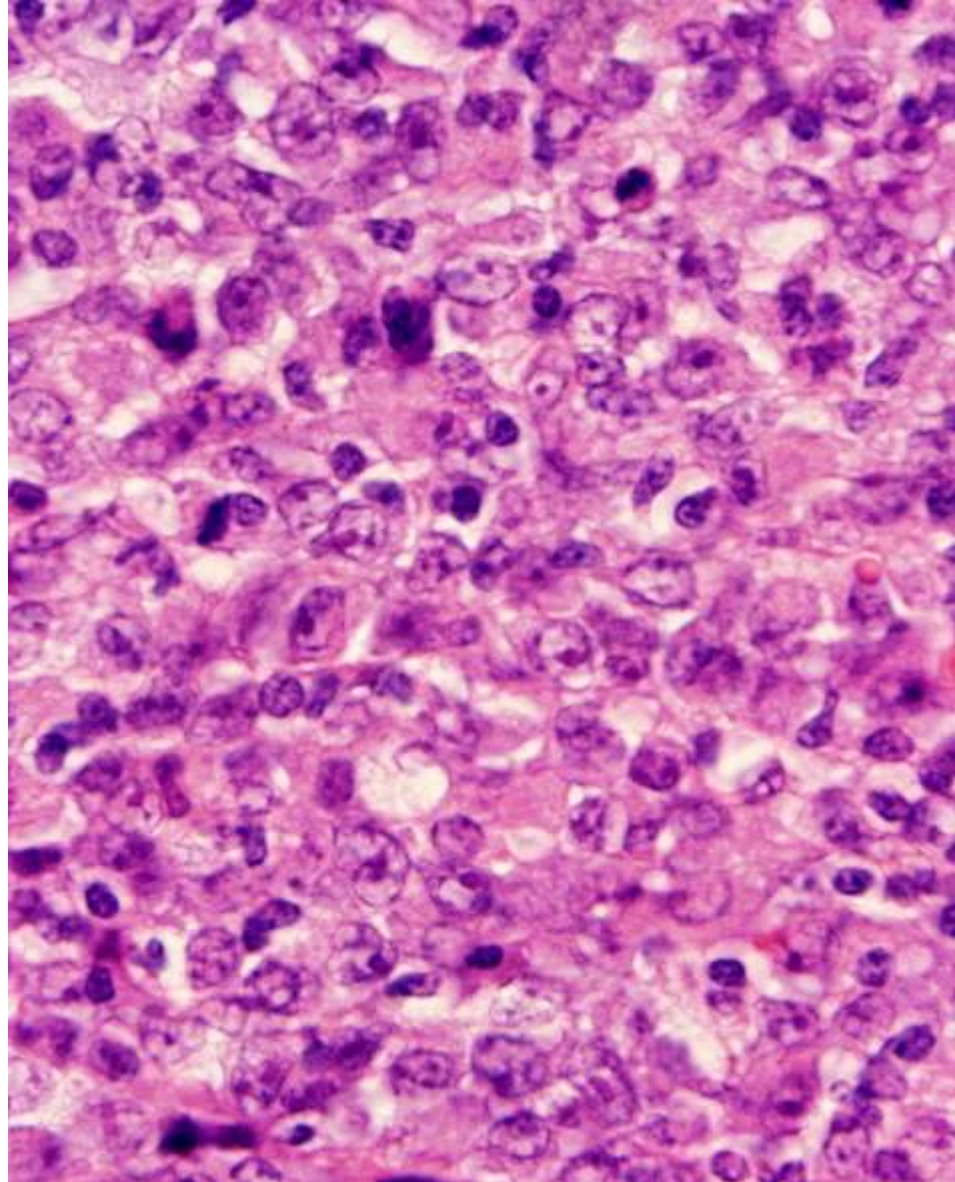
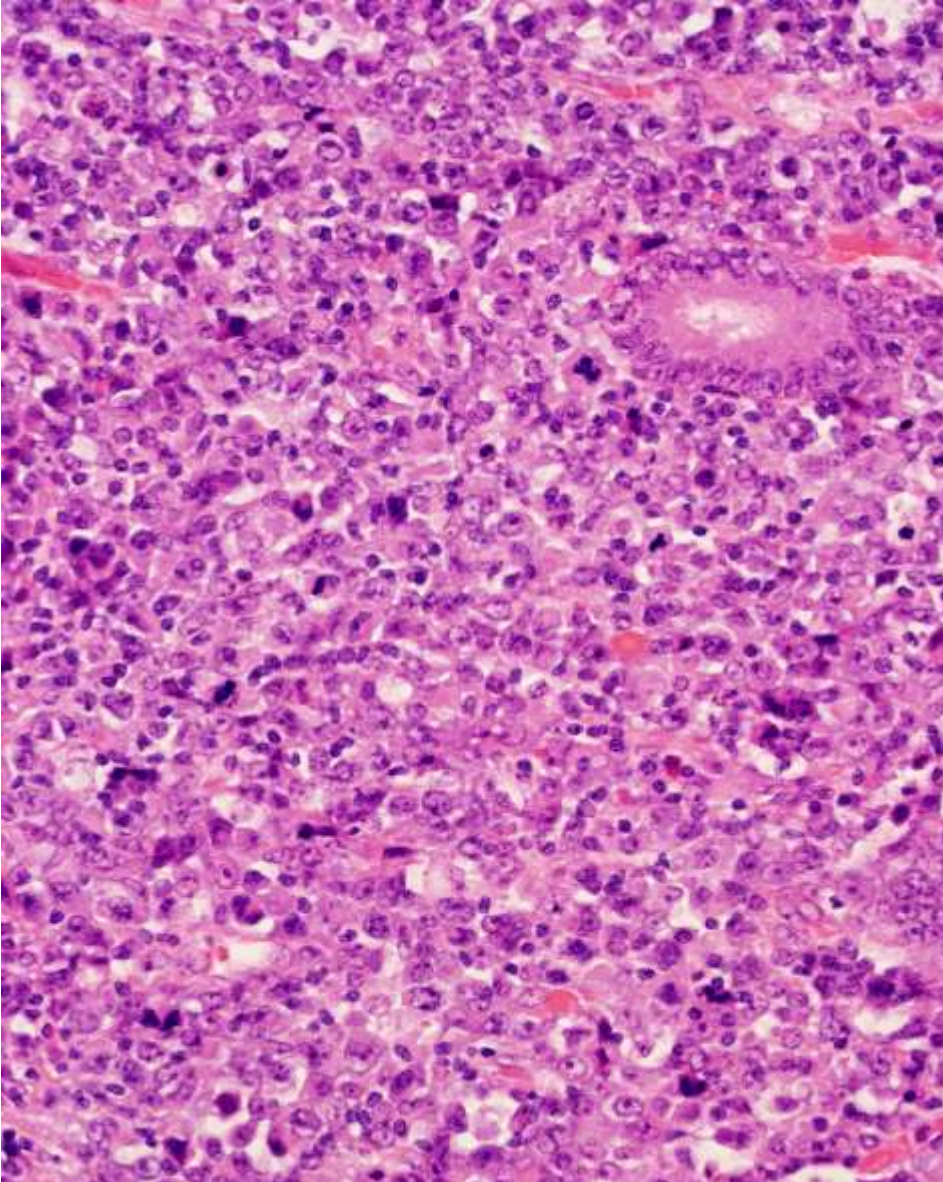
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- **Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma (MEITL)**
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EATL

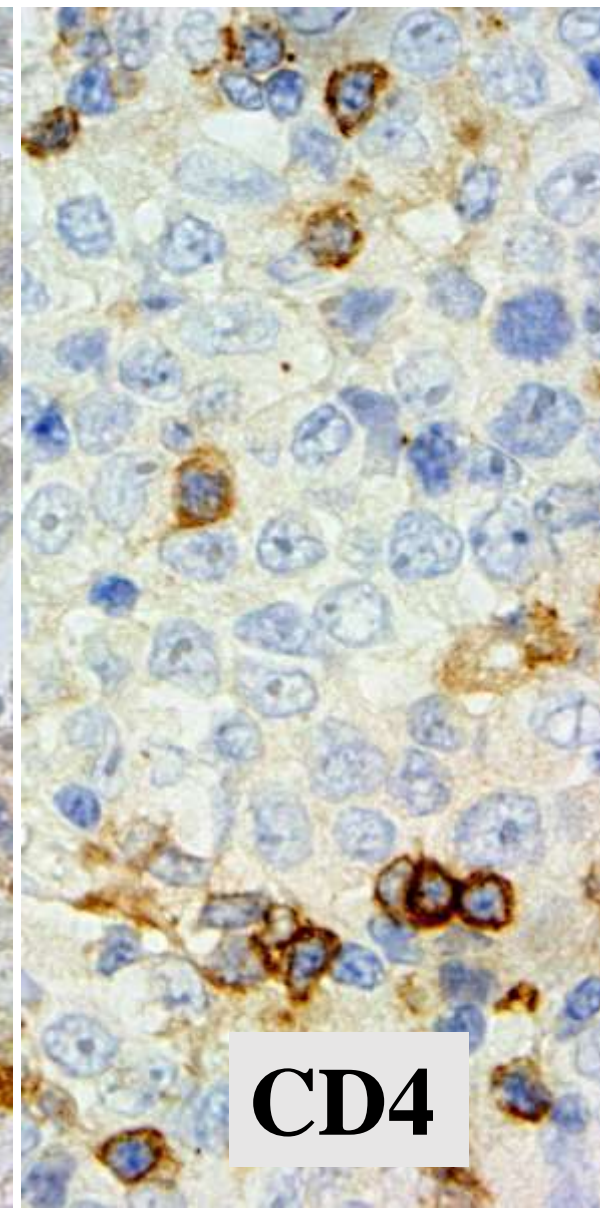
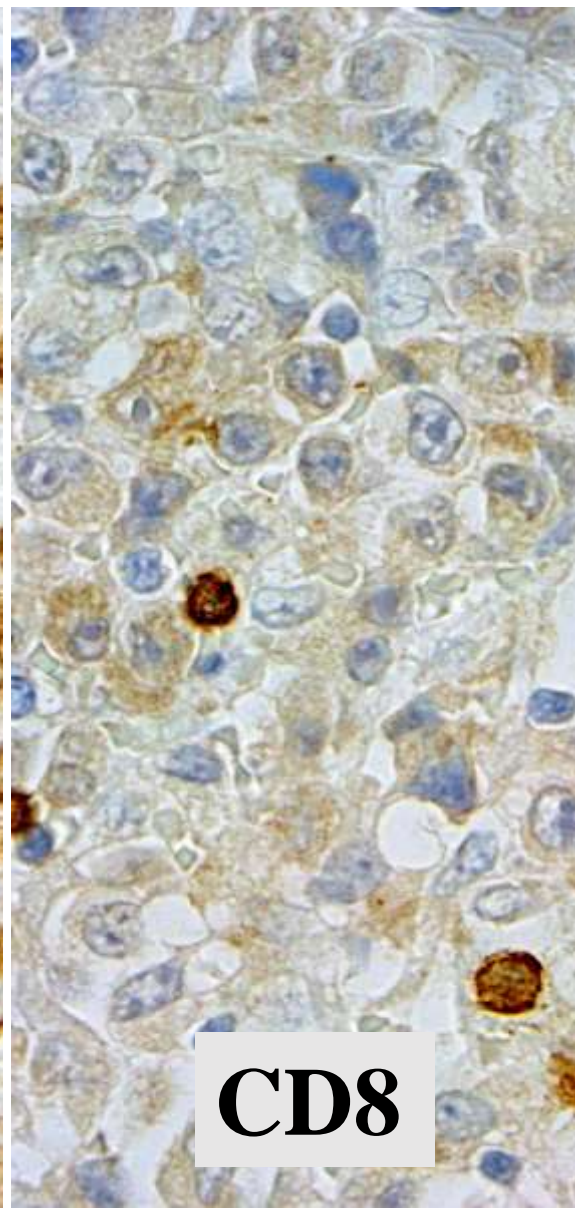
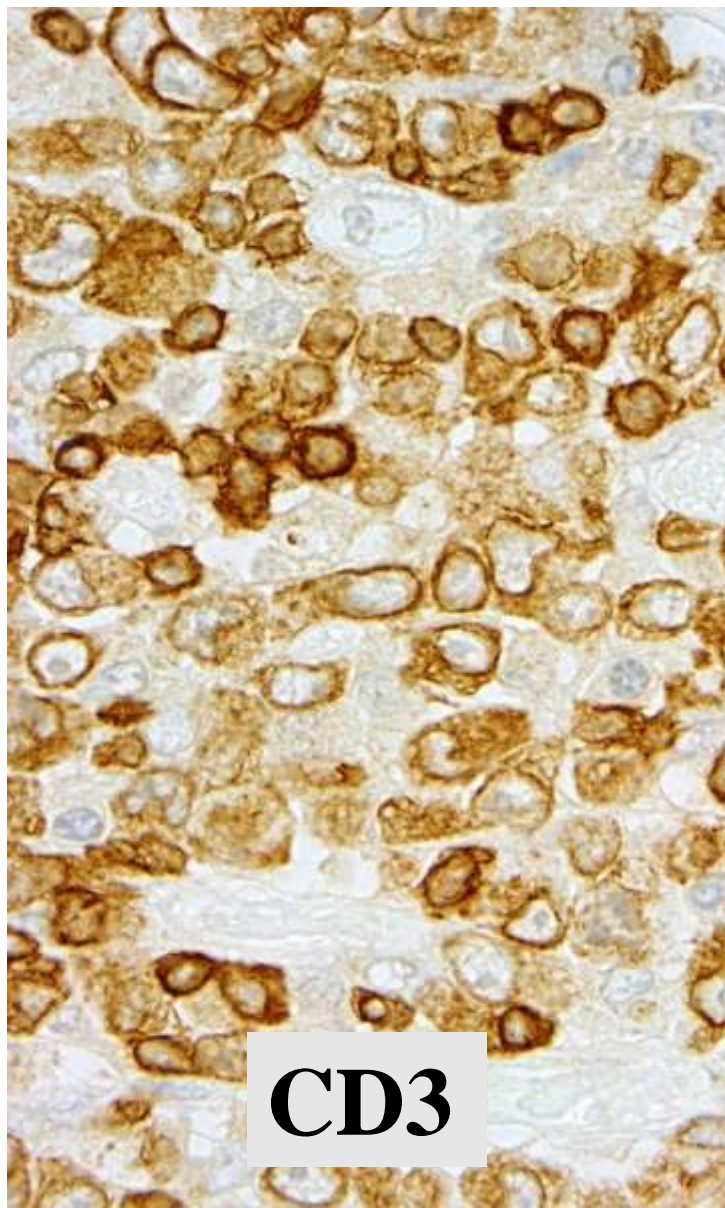


- Closely linked to coeliac disease
- Primarily in Northern Europeans
- Polymorphous infiltrate
- Most $\alpha\beta$, but $\gamma\delta$ variants exist

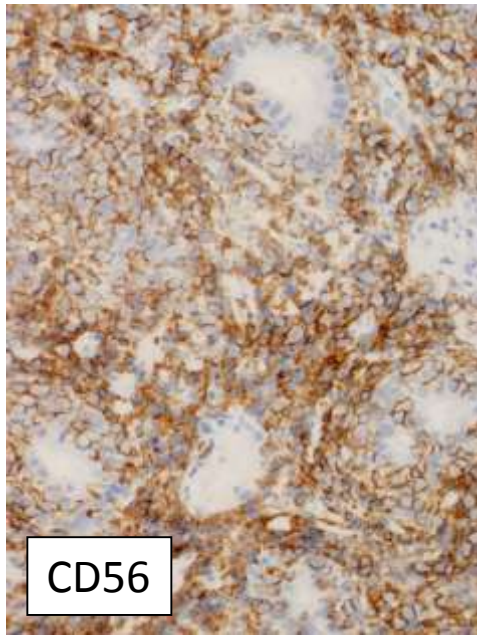
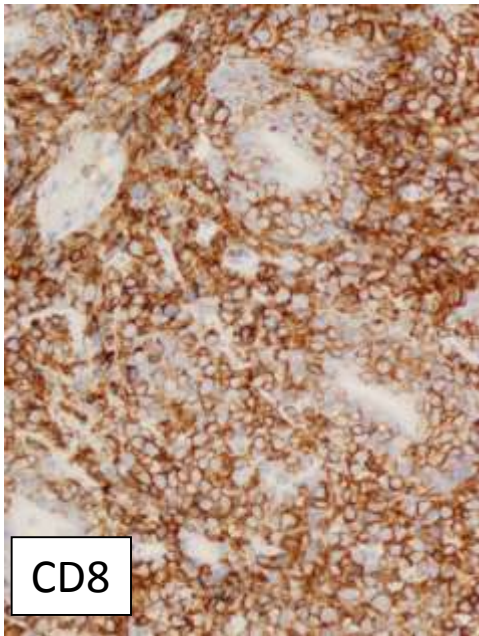
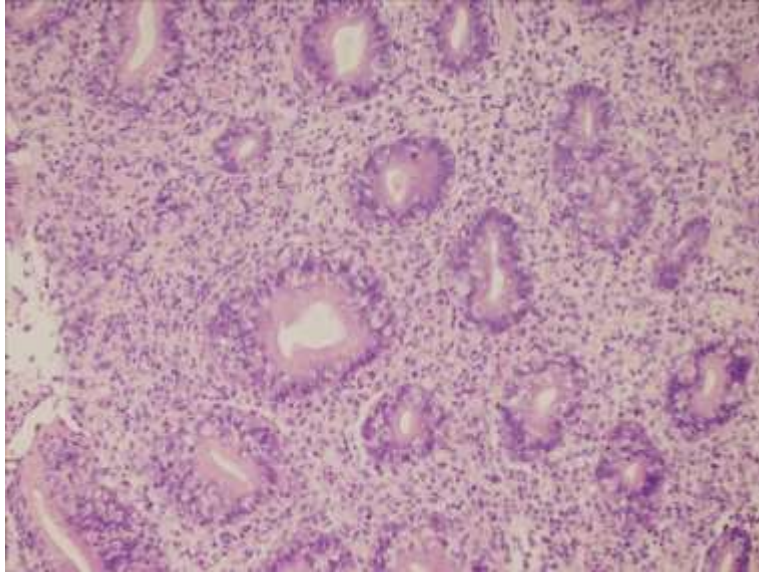
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Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma (MEITL)



- No association with coeliac disease
- World wide. Increased incidence in Asians/Hispanics
- Monomorphic
- Highly epitheliotropic
- CD8+, CD56+, MATK+
- Most are of $\gamma\delta$ origin
- Gains in 8q24 involving MYC in high proportion; STAT5B mutations in 36%; SETD2 mutations in >90%

Indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disease of the gastrointestinal tract

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Key Points

- Ten cases of an indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disease of the gastrointestinal tract are reported.
- It is important to recognize this condition because it can be mistaken for aggressive T-cell lymphoma, which may lead to unnecessary therapy.

Primary gastrointestinal (GI) T-cell lymphoma is an infrequent and aggressive disease. However, rare indolent clonal T-cell proliferations in the GI tract have been described. We report 10 cases of GI involvement by an indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disease, including 6 men and 4 women with a median age of 48 years (range, 15-77 years). Presenting symptoms included abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, food intolerance, and dyspepsia. The lesions involved oral cavity, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, and colon. The infiltrates were dense, but nondestructive, and composed of small, mature-appearing lymphoid cells. Eight cases were CD4⁻/CD8⁺, 1 was CD4⁺/CD8⁻, and another was CD4⁻/CD8⁻. T-cell receptor- γ chain gene rearrangement identified a clonal population in all 10 cases. There was no evidence of *STAT3* SH2 domain mutation or activation. Six patients received chemotherapy because of an initial diagnosis of peripheral T-cell lymphoma, with little or no response, whereas the other 4 were followed without therapy. After a median follow-up of 38 months (range, 9-175 months), 9 patients were alive with persistent disease and 1 was free of disease. We propose the name "indolent T-LPD of the GI tract" for these lesions that can easily be mistaken for intestinal peripheral T-cell lymphoma, and lead to aggressive therapy. (*Blood*. 2013;122(22):3599-3606)

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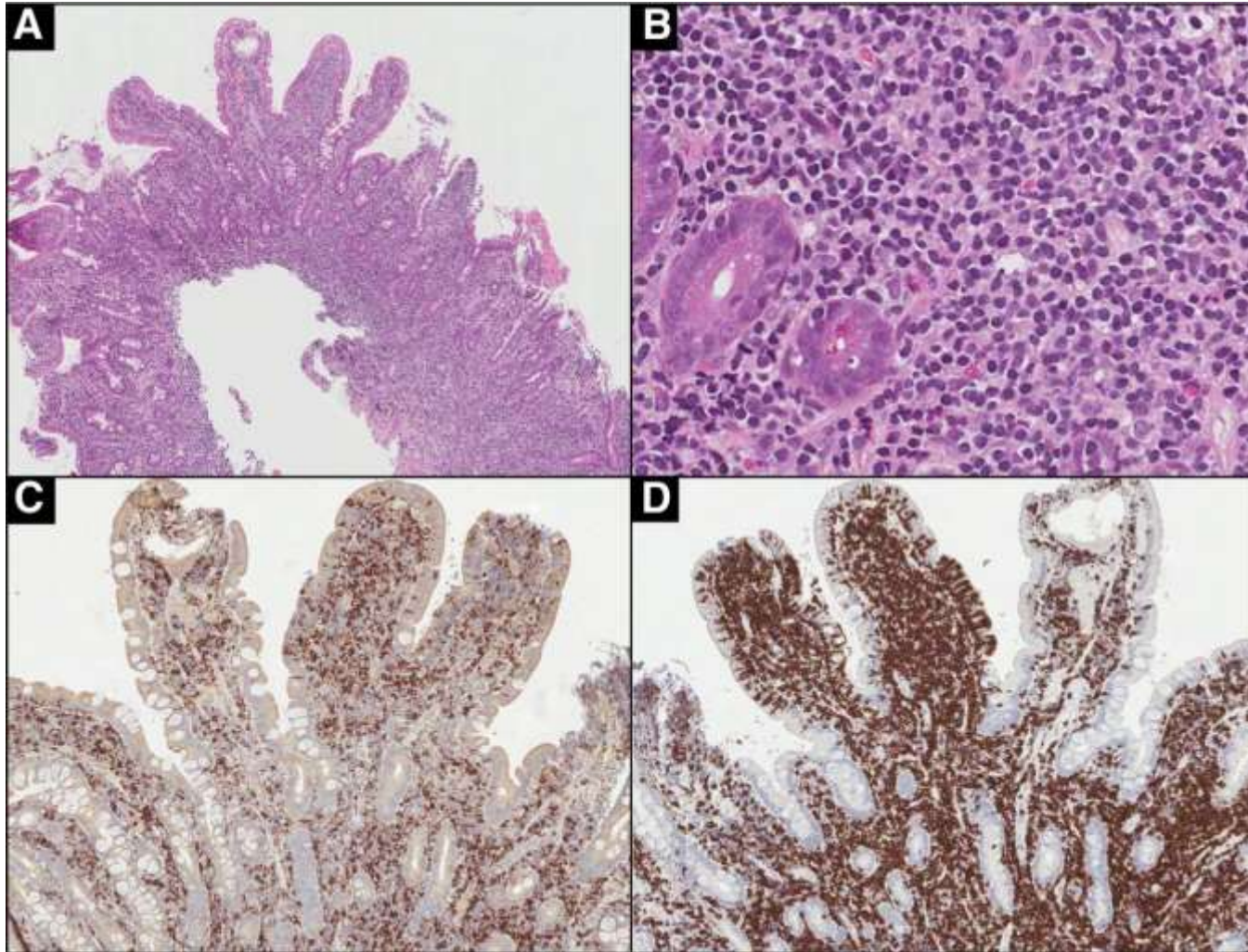
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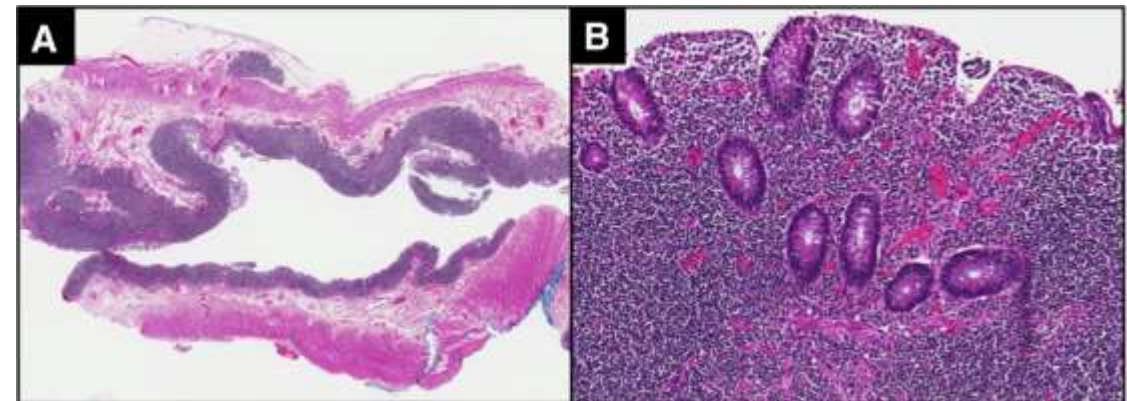
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- A clonal T-cell LPD that can involve mucosa in all sites of GIT, but most common in small intestine and colon.
- Infiltration of lamina propria; usually no invasion of epithelium
- Course indolent, but most patients do not respond to conventional chemotherapy.
- A subset may progress to higher grade T-cell lymphoma and spread beyond the GI tract

Indolent T-LPD of the duodenum (case 9).



Indolent T-LPD of the ileum (case 10).



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Primary cutaneous $\gamma\delta$ T-cell lymphoma (revised 4th edition of WHO classification)

- Emphasises the importance of excluding other T-cell lymphomas/LPD that may be derived from $\gamma\delta$ T-cells such as mycoses fungoides, lymphomatoid papulosis

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*Follicular T-cell lymphoma**

*Nodal peripheral T-cell lymphoma with TFH phenotype**

Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma, ALK⁺

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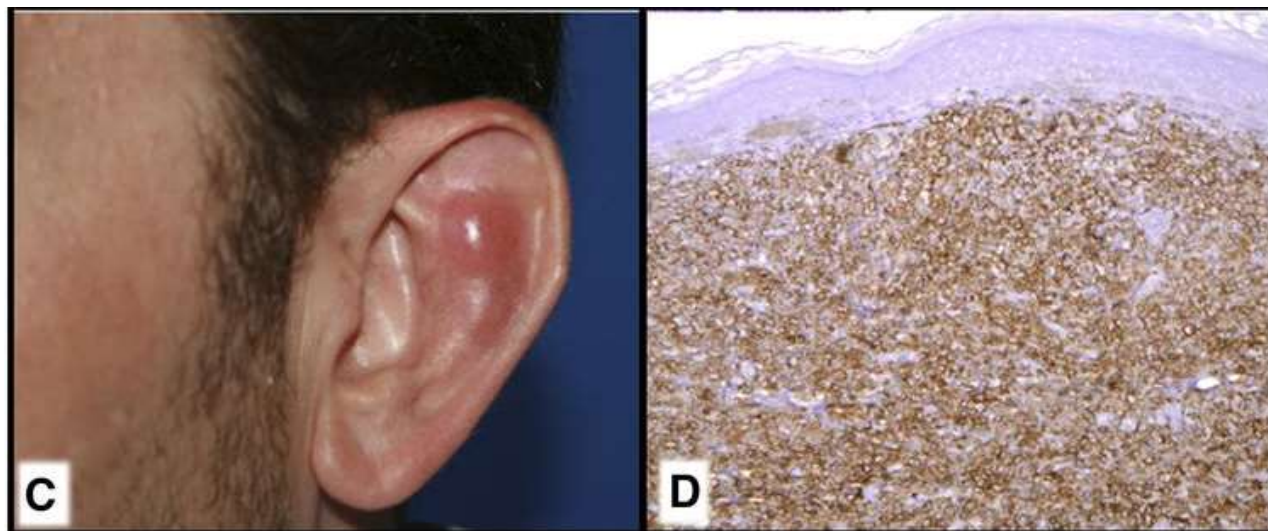
*Breast implant–associated anaplastic large-cell lymphoma**

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New indolent T-LPD/lymphomas (provisional entities) in revised 4th edition of WHO classification

- Primary cutaneous acral CD8+ T-cell lymphoma



- Indolent
- Nearly always localised to single site
- Originally described in the ear, but may involve other sites
- Can be managed conservatively

- Indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder of the GI tract

Mature T and NK neoplasms

T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia

T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukemia

Chronic lymphoproliferative disorder of NK cells

Aggressive NK-cell leukemia

Systemic EBV⁺ T-cell lymphoma of childhood*

Hydroa vacciniforme–like lymphoproliferative disorder*

Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma

Extranodal NK-/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type

Enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma

Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma*

*Indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder of the GI tract**

Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma

Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma

Mycosis fungoides

Sézary syndrome

Primary cutaneous CD30⁺ T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders

Lymphomatoid papulosis

Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma

Primary cutaneous $\gamma\delta$ T-cell lymphoma

Primary cutaneous CD8⁺ aggressive epidermotropic cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma

*Primary cutaneous acral CD8⁺ T-cell lymphoma**

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EBV+ T-cell and NK-cell lymphomas -changes in revised 4th Edition of WHO classification

- Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoma of childhood (no longer, referred to as LPD), as it has a fulminant clinical course
- Hydroa vacciniforme-like LPD, name changed from lymphoma to LPD, due to its relationship with chronic active EBV infection and a spectrum in terms of clinical course
- Node based EBV+ PTCL, included under broad heading of PTCL, NOS

Summary -changes in WHO 2017 update -1

- Nodal T-cell lymphomas with a T-follicular helper phenotype
 - umbrella category created to highlight spectrum of nodal lymphoma with T_{FH} phenotype. Include entities, AITL, *FTCL and nodal PTCL with a T_{FH} phenotype*
- PTCL (NOS) subsets based on phenotype/molecular abnormalities being recognised; may have clinical impact, but not part of routine practice at this time

Summary -changes in WHO 2017 update -2

- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-, now definite entity that includes subsets that have prognostic implications
- *Breast implant associated ALCL – new provisional entity*
- *Primary cutaneous small/medium T-LPD (name change: no longer diagnosed as lymphoma) (remains a provisional entity)*

Summary -changes in WHO 2017 update -3

- Enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma (EATL) (name change: previously EATL, type I)
- Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma (MEITL), (name change: previously, EATL, type II)
- *Indolent T-cell LPD of GI tract (new provisional entity)*
- *Primary cutaneous acral CD8+ T-cell lymphoma (new indolent provisional entity)*

Summary -changes in WHO 2017 update -4

- Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoma of childhood (name changed from LPD to lymphoma)
- Hydroa vacciniforme-like LPD (name changed from lymphoma to LPD)

