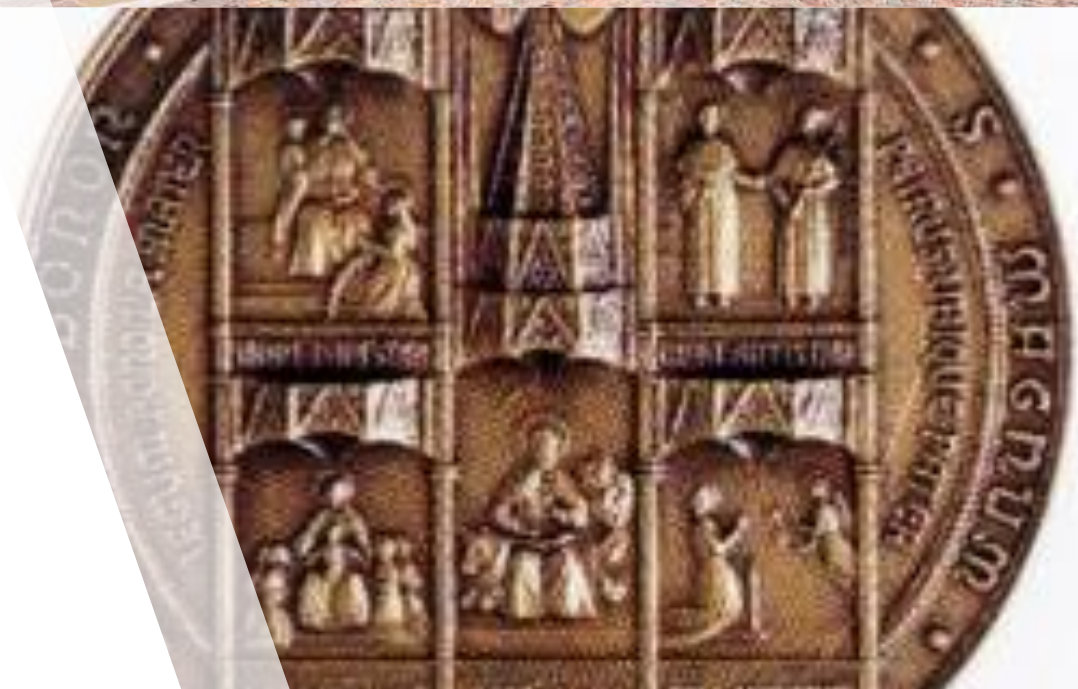


# Peripheral T-cell lymphomas

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## **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 positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders

    Lymphomatoid papulosis

    Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma

Primary cutaneous gamma-delta T-cell lymphoma

*Primary cutaneous CD8 positive aggressive epidermotropic cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma*

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

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

Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma

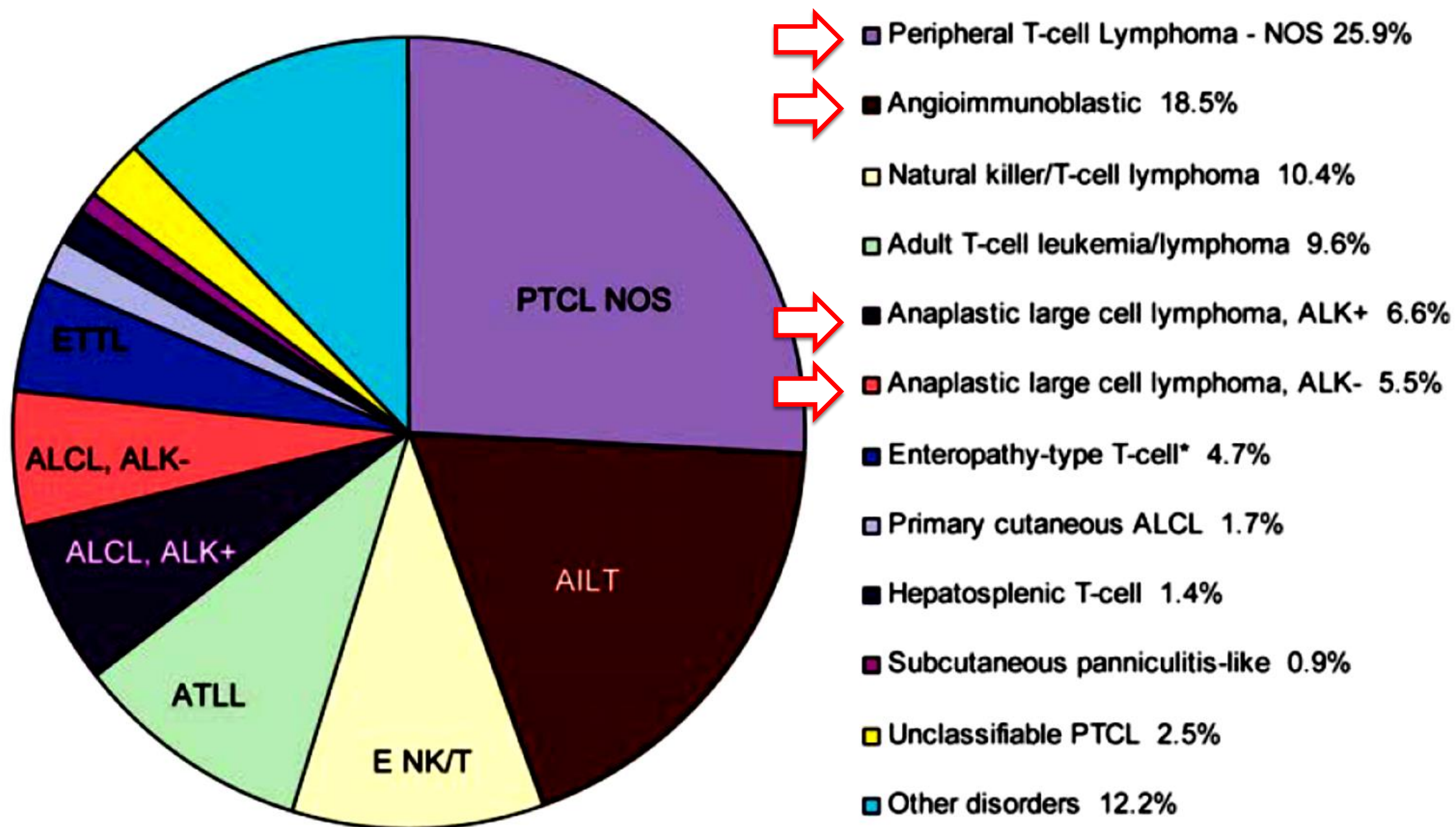
*Follicular T-cell lymphoma\**

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

Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK positive

Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK negative \*

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





## BIOLOGICAL INSIGHTS INTO LYMPHOID TUMORS

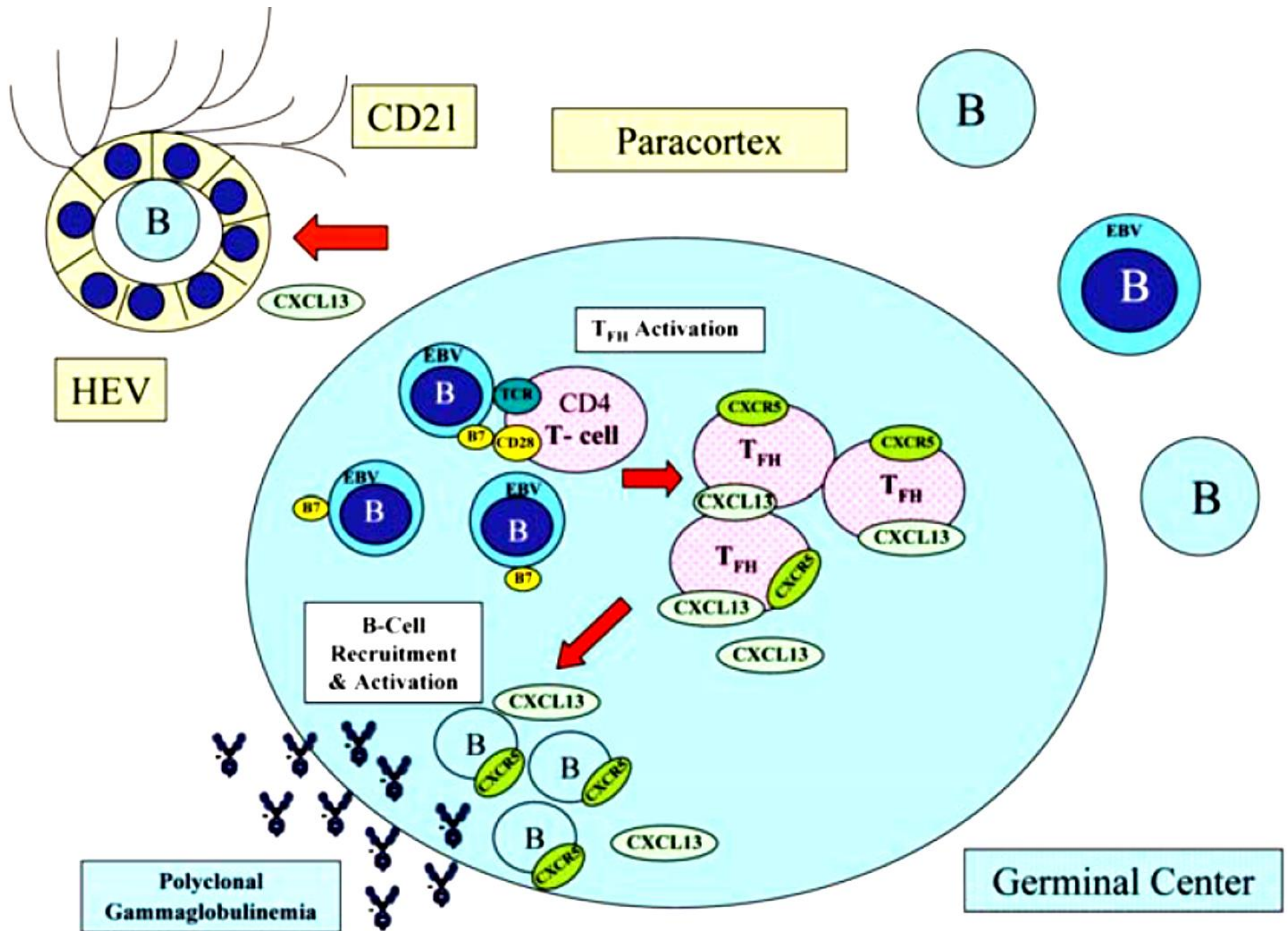
# Novel insights into the pathogenesis of T-cell lymphomas

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**T-cell lymphomas are a heterogeneous group of rare malignancies with overlapping clinical, immunologic, and histologic features. Recent advances in our understanding of T-cell differentiation based on gene expression profiling, next-generation sequencing, and transgenic mouse modeling studies have better elucidated the pathogenetic mechanisms underlying the diverse biology of T-cell lymphomas. These studies show that although genetic alterations in epigenetic modifiers are implicated in all subtypes of T-cell lymphomas, specific subtypes demonstrate enrichment for particular recurrent alterations targeting specific genes. In this regard, *RHOA* and *TET2* alterations are prevalent in nodal T-cell**

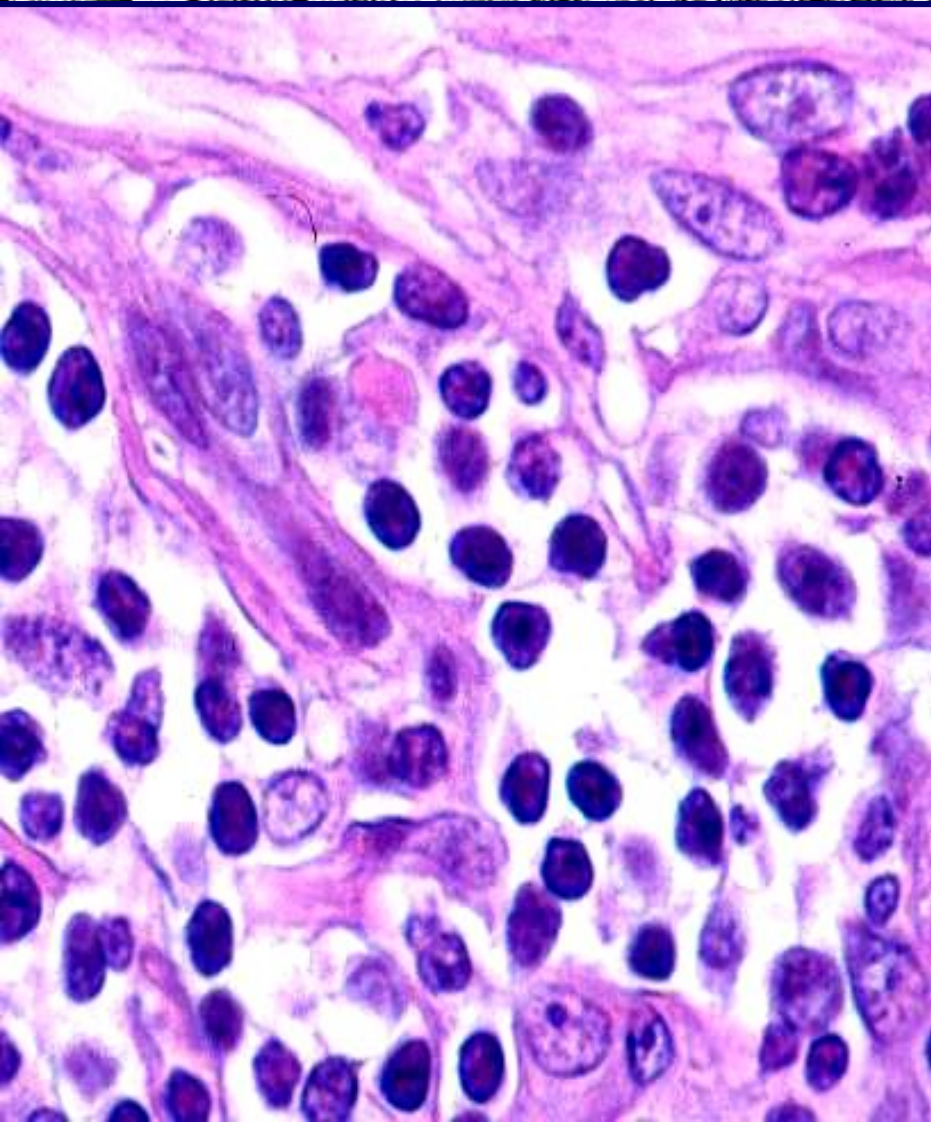
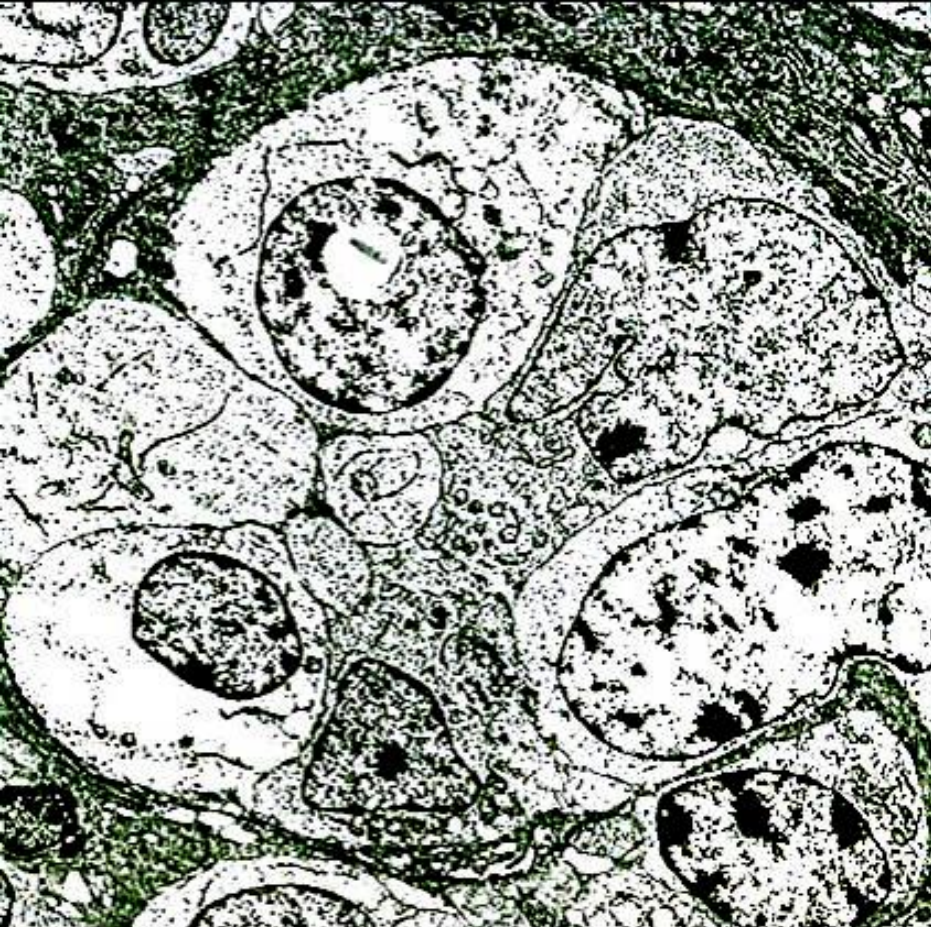
**lymphomas, particularly angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphomas, peripheral T-cell lymphomas (PTCLs) not otherwise specified, and nodal PTCLs with T-follicular helper phenotype. JAK-STAT signaling pathways are mutationally activated in many extranodal T-cell lymphomas, such as natural killer/T-cell and hepatosplenic T-cell lymphomas. The functional significance of many of these genetic alterations is becoming better understood. Altogether these advances will continue to refine diagnostic criteria, improve prognostication, and identify novel therapeutic targets, resulting in improved outcomes for patient with T-cell lymphomas. (*Blood*. 2018; 131(21):2320-2330)**





	AITL	Other TFH-PTCL	PTCL-NOS	p-value across entities (Fisher test)
<b>Clinical variables</b>				
Median age at diagnosis (years)	67.8	65.2	59.6	NA
Sex (M)	53/94 (56%)	10/19 (53%)	23/34 (68%)	0.4
Stage III-IV	84/85 (99%)	18/19 (95%)	29/34 (85%)	< 0.01
ECOG $\geq 2$	67/83 (53%)	7/17 (41%)	11/33 (33%)	0.47
IPI $\geq 3$	20/32 (81%)	11/17 (55%)	67/83 (63%)	0.08
Coombs (+)	25/56 (45%)	2/5 (40%)	0/6 (0%)	0.03
Anemia	47/71 (66%)	7/13 (54%)	10/27 (37%)	0.02
Hypergammaglobulinemia ( $\geq 16$ g/dl)	23/48 (48%)	2/11 (18%)	4/19 (21%)	0.05



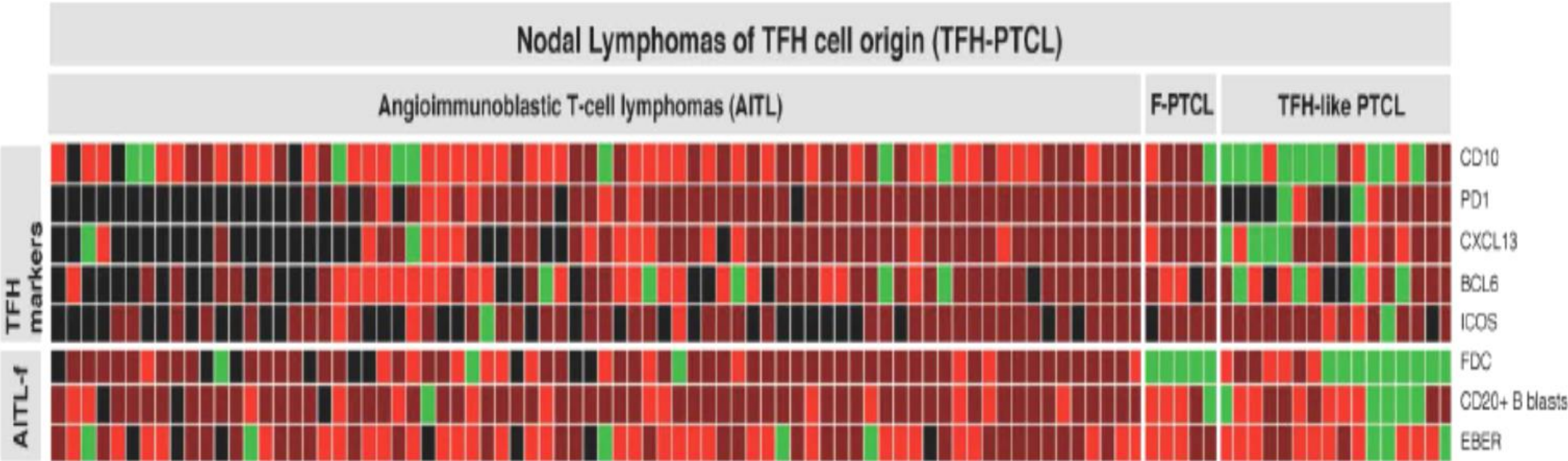




# A novel subset of T-helper cells: follicular T-helper cells and their markers

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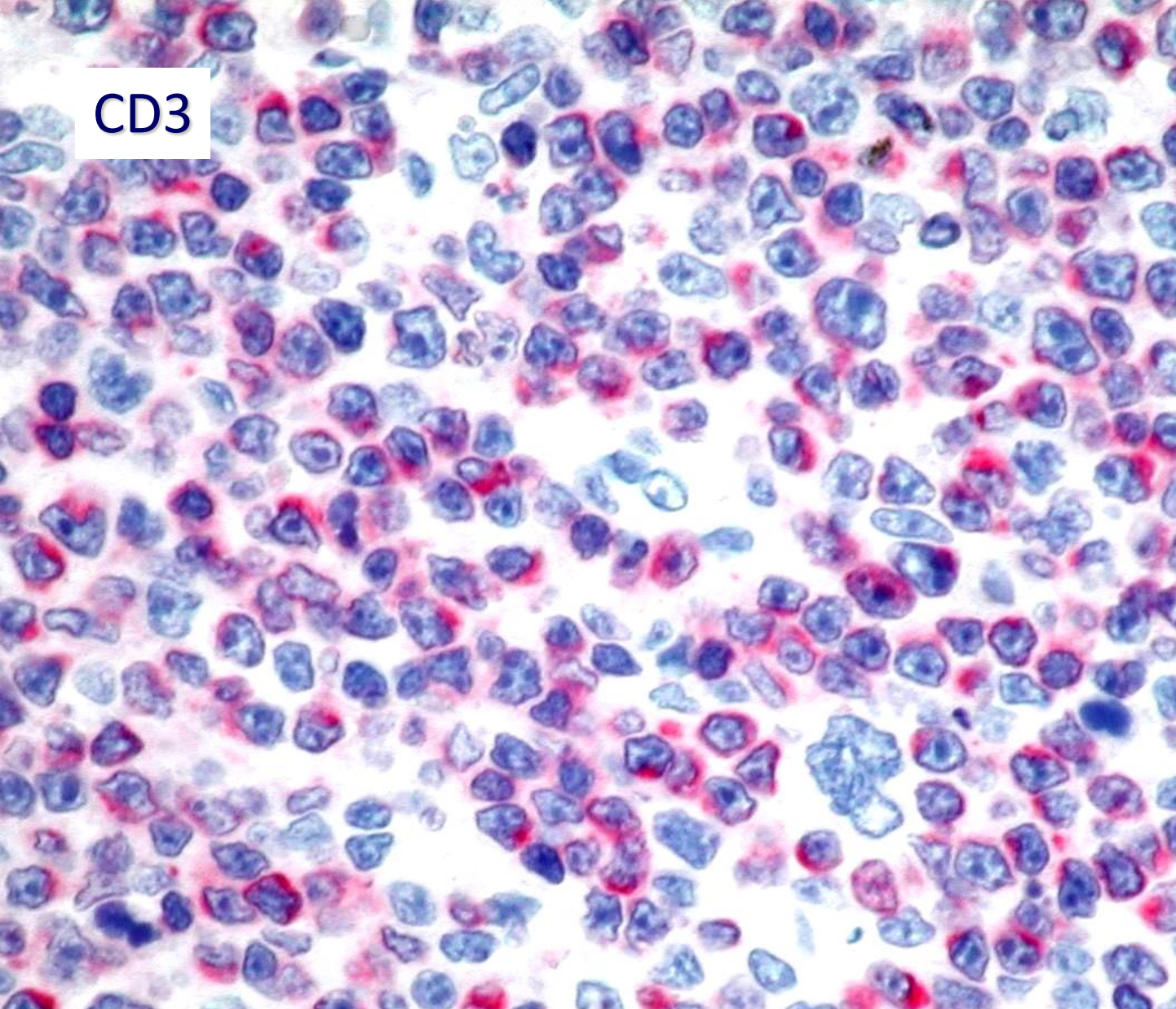
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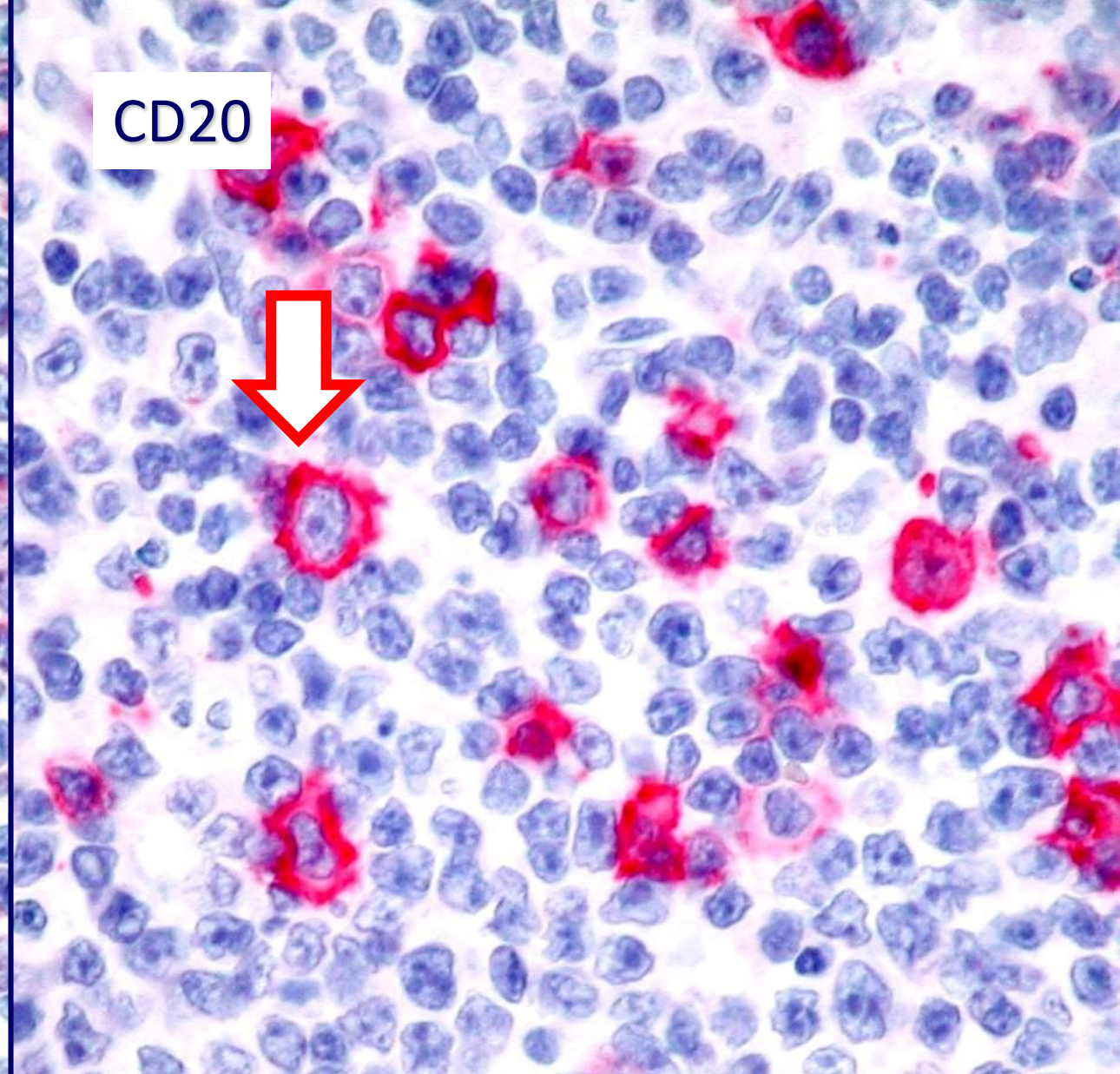
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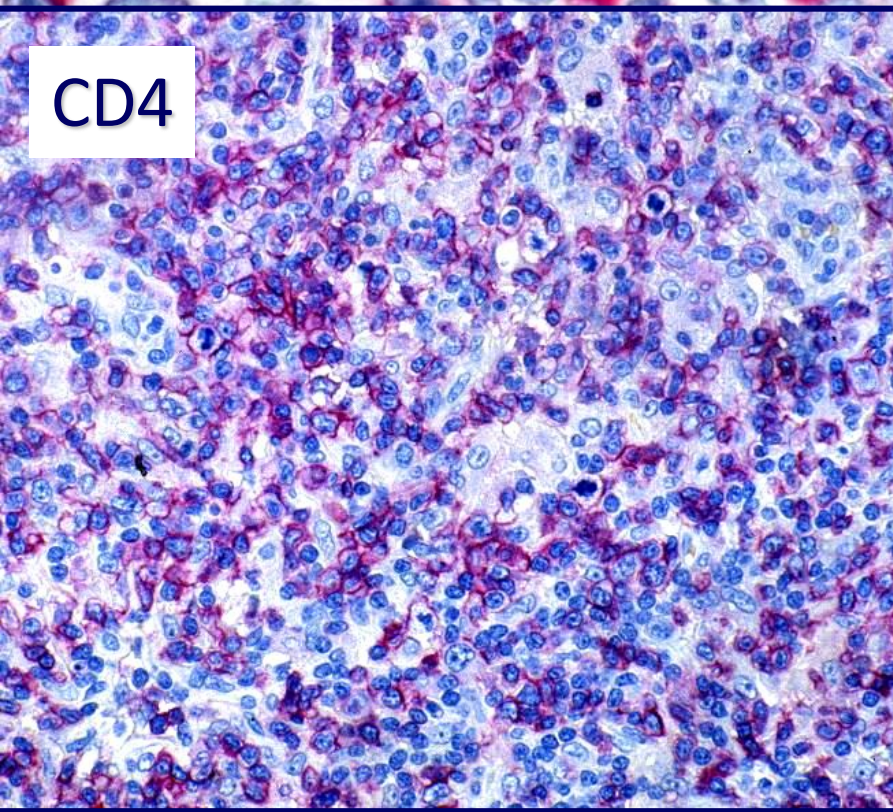
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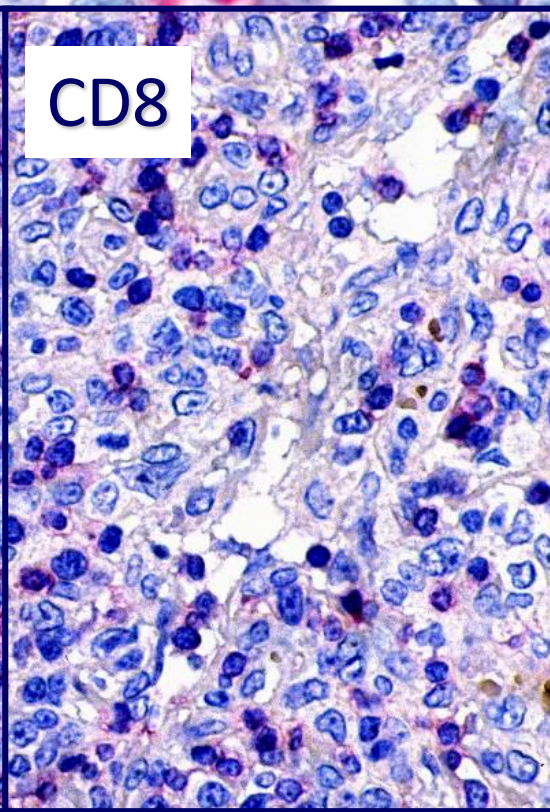
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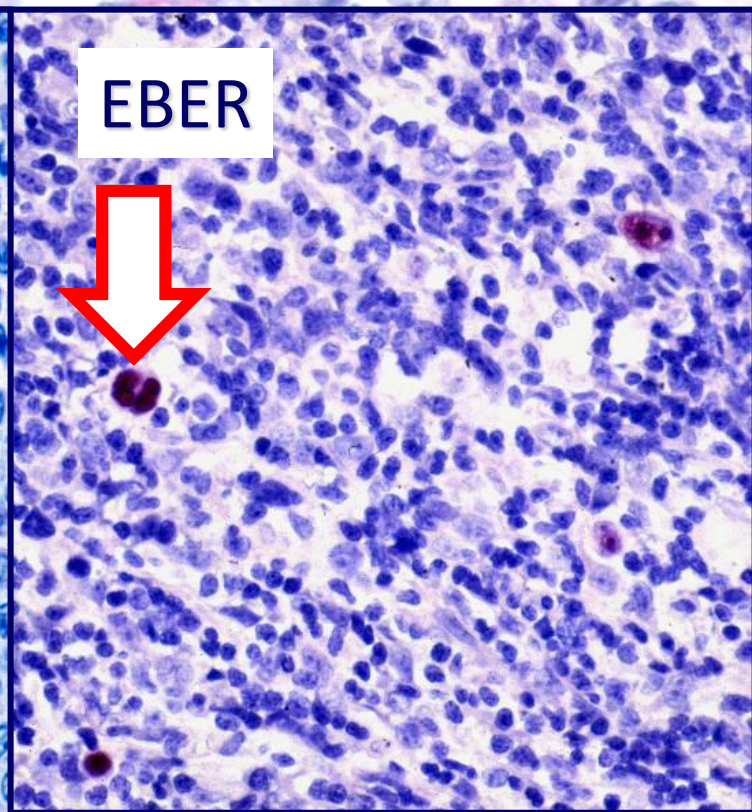
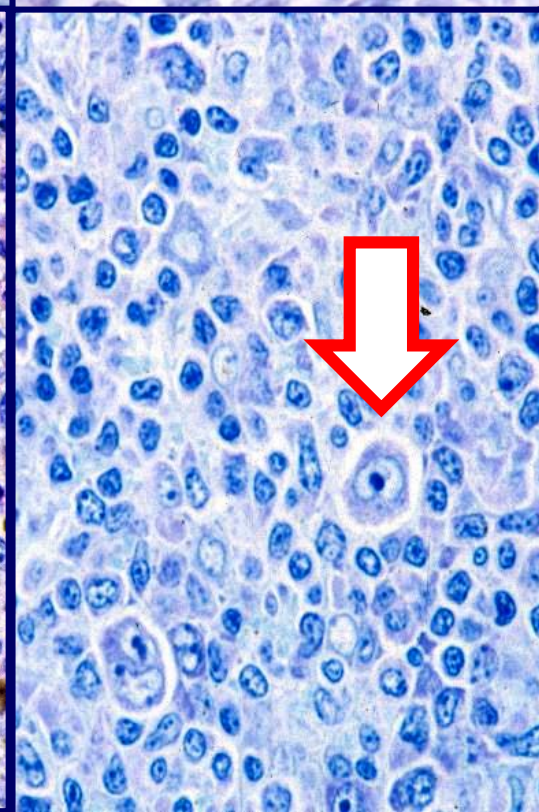
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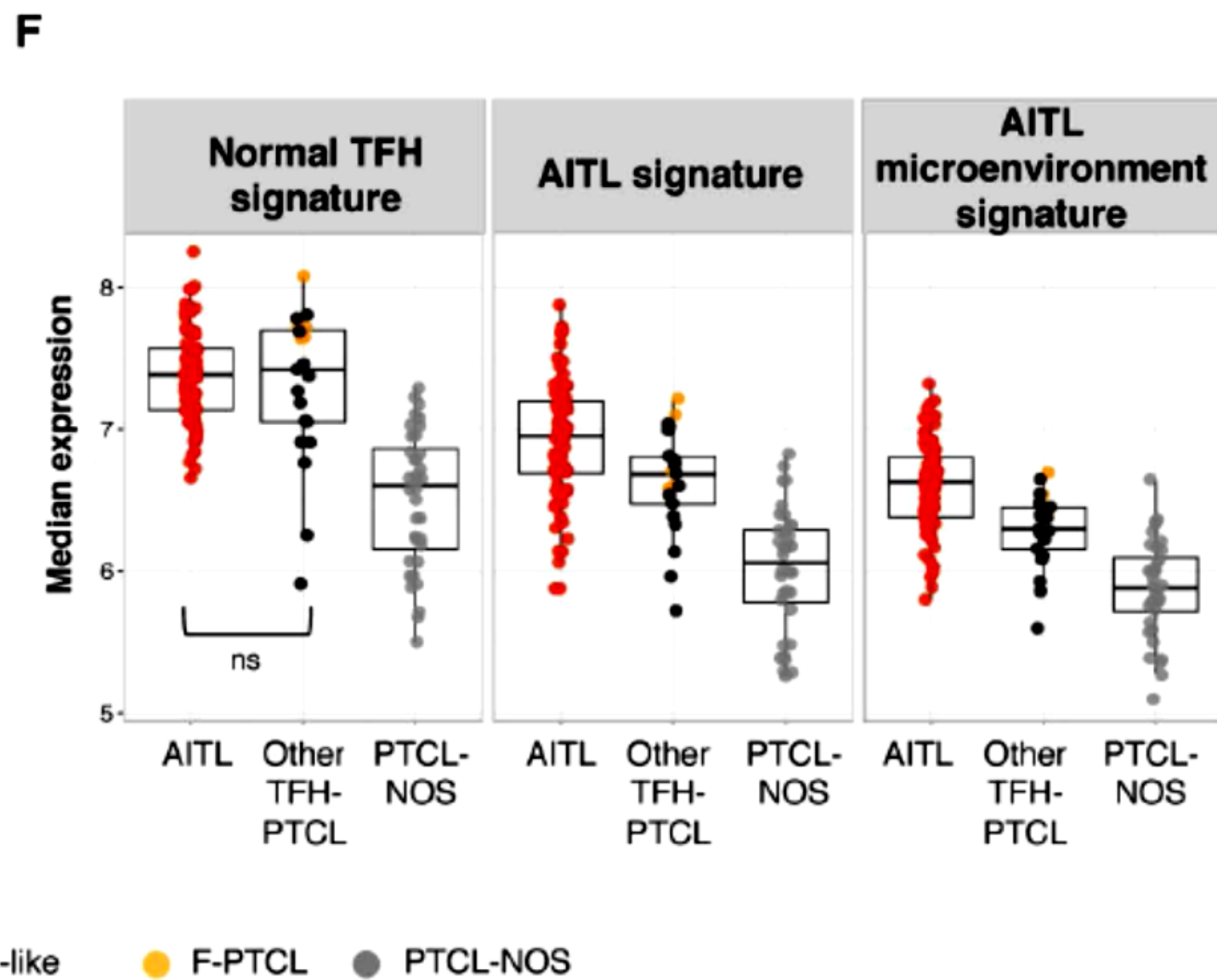
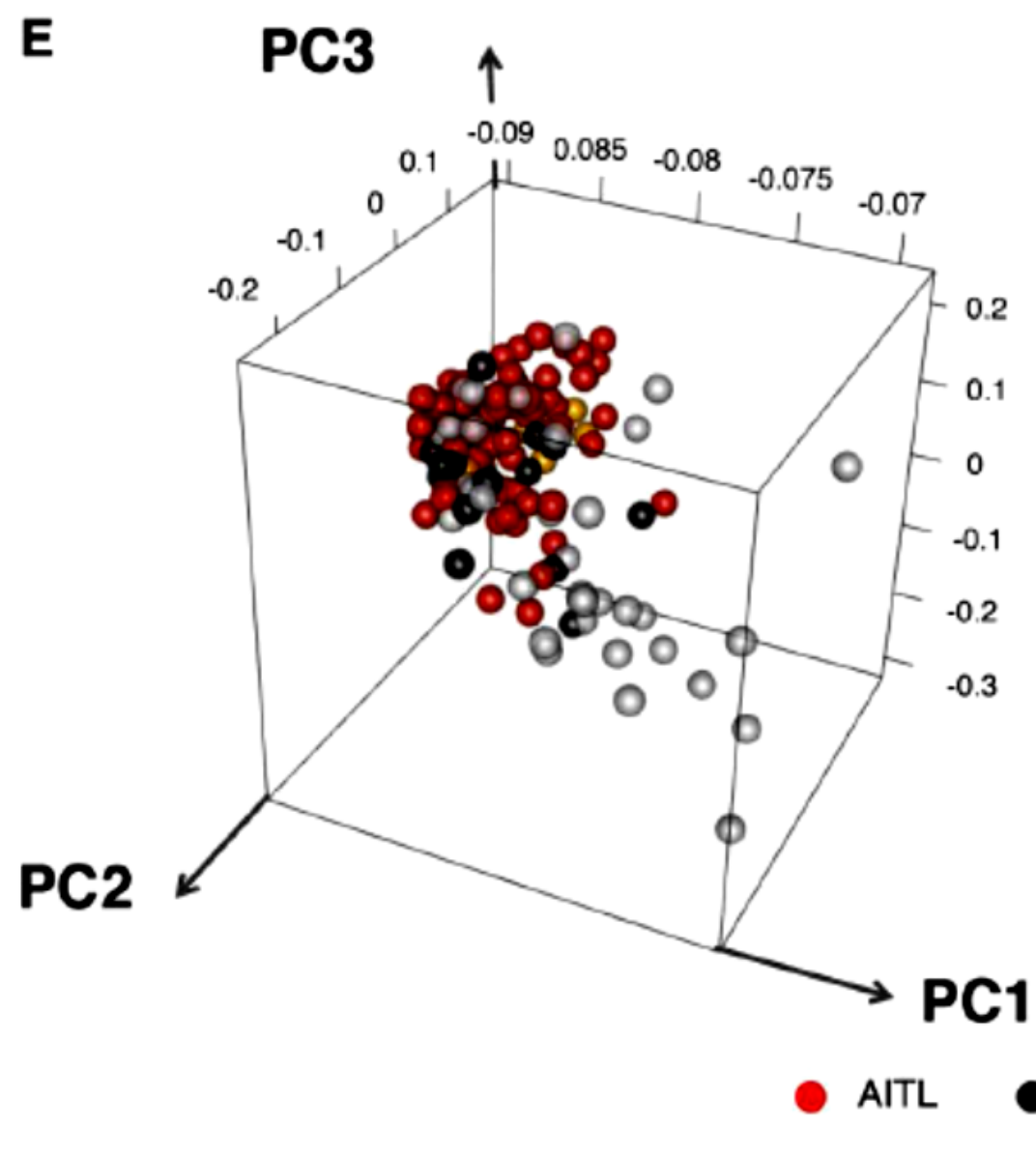


## **Peripheral T-cell lymphomas of follicular T-helper cell derivation with Hodgkin/Reed-Sternberg cells of B-cell lineage: Both EBV-positive and EBV-negative variants exist**

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Peripheral T-cell lymphomas (PTCL) are functionally and morphologically complex. EBV-positive B-cells have been reported in angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL) and other PTCL and may mimic Hodgkin/Reed-Sternberg (HRS) cells, but EBV-negative HRS-like B-cells have not been described. We wished to assess the nature of the PTCL associated with HRS-like cells, and to determine whether EBV-negative HRS-like cells may be seen. We identified 57 PTCL cases reported as containing HRS-like cells. These included 32 AITL, 19 PTCL-NOS, 3 PTCL-NOS, follicular variant, 1 PTCL-NOS, T-zone variant and 2 adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATLL). All patients were adults, median age, 63, and presented with lymphadenopathy. The male:female ratio was 31:26 (1.2:1). Clonal TRG rearrangement was detected in 46/53 cases. 6/38 cases had a concomitant clonal immunoglobulin gene rearrangement. In 52/57 cases the HRS cells were positive for EBV. Five cases, three classified as AITL and two as PTCL-NOS, follicular variant, contained HRS-like cells negative for EBV. All PTCL with EBV-negative HRS cells had a T<sub>FH</sub>-immunophenotype. The neoplastic T-cells expressed CD3, CD4, and PD-1, and formed rosettes around the HRS-like cells. The HRS-like cells were positive for CD20 (variable intensity), PAX5, CD30 and CD15 (4/5). We conclude that both EBV positive and EBV negative HRS-like B-cells may occur in the background of PTCL; caution is needed to avoid misdiagnosis as CHL. The close interaction between the HRS-like cells and the rosetting PD-1-positive T-cells suggests a possible pathogenetic role in this phenomenon, and provides new insights into the abnormal B-cell proliferations that occur in the context of T<sub>FH</sub> malignancies.

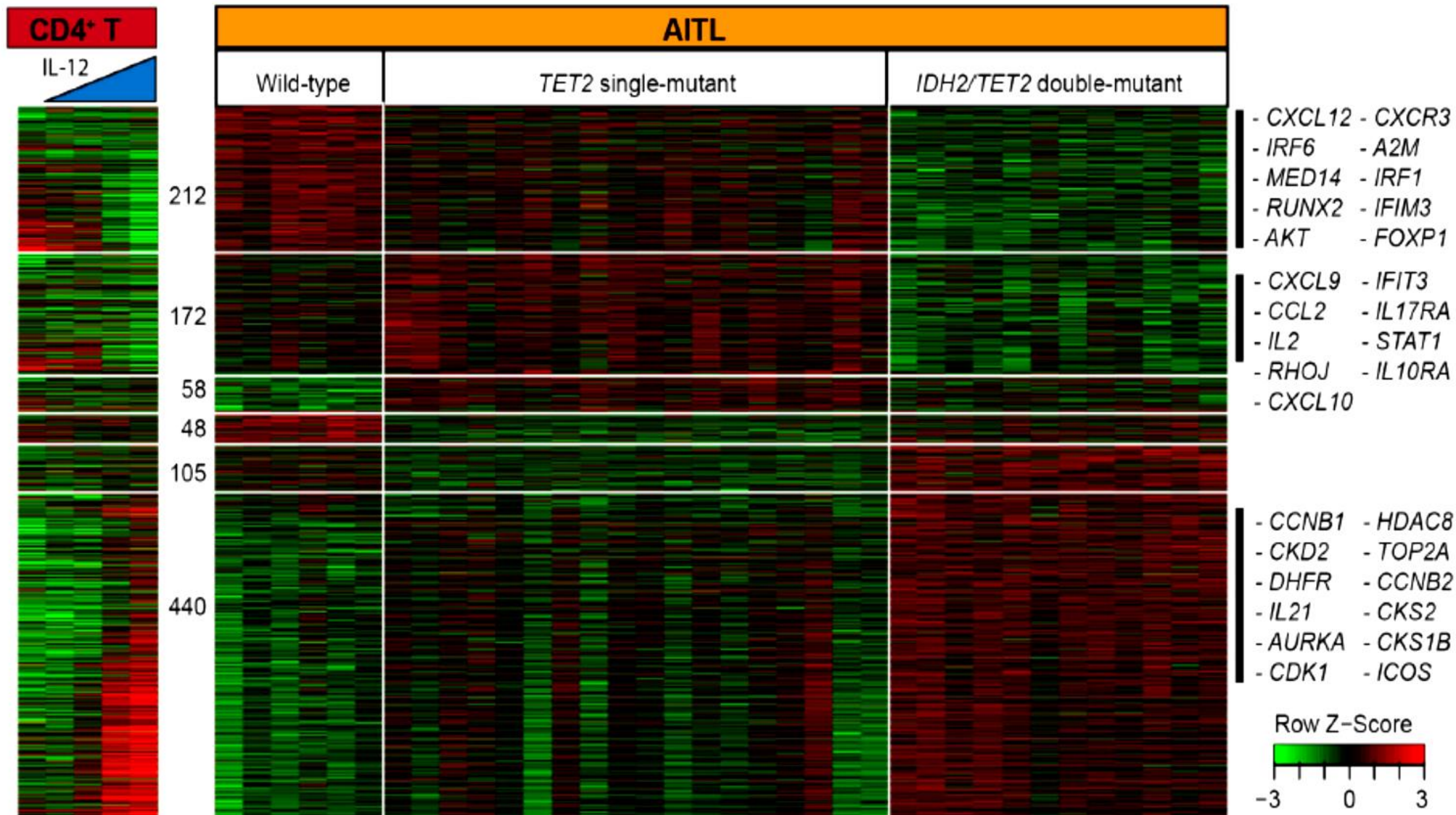






	<b>AITL</b>	<b>Other TFH-PTCL</b>	<b>PTCL-NOS</b>	<b>p-value across entities (Fisher test)</b>
<b>Mutations (%)*</b>				
<i>TET2</i>	31/64 (48%)	10/15 (67%)	4/24 (17%)	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$
<i>DNMT3A</i>	19/64 (30%)	2/14 (14%)	1/24 (4%)	0.02
<i>IDH2</i>	22/66 (33%)	1/16 (6%)	0/23 (0%)	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
<i>RHOA</i>	45/72 (63%)	11/19 (58%)	4/23 (17%)	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>Copy number variations</b>				
Events per patient (average)	3.17	3.15	10.8	
Patients with events	23/60 (38%)	5/15 (33%)	17/27 (63%)	0.38
Heavily-rearranged (>10 events) patients	6/60 (8%)	3/15 (20%)	11/27 (41%)	0.03
Patients with homozygous deletions or amplifications	3/60 (5%)	3/15 (20%)	12/27 (44%)	$< 0.01$







# Recurrent mutations in epigenetic regulators, *RHOA* and *FYN* kinase in peripheral T cell lymphomas

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Peripheral T cell lymphomas (PTCLs) are a heterogeneous and poorly understood group of non-Hodgkin lymphomas<sup>1,2</sup>. Here we combined whole-exome sequencing of 12 tumor-normal DNA pairs, RNA sequencing analysis and targeted deep sequencing to identify new genetic alterations in PTCL transformation. These analyses identified highly recurrent epigenetic factor mutations in *TET2*, *DNMT3A* and *IDH2* as well as a new highly prevalent *RHOA* mutation encoding a p.Gly17Val alteration present in 22 of 35 (67%) angioimmunoblastic T cell lymphoma (AITL) samples and in 8 of 44 (18%) PTCL, not otherwise specified (PTCL-NOS) samples. Mechanistically, the *RHOA* Gly17Val protein interferes with *RHOA* signaling in biochemical and cellular assays, an effect potentially mediated by the sequestration of activated guanine-exchange factor (GEF) proteins. In addition, we describe new and recurrent, albeit less frequent, genetic defects including mutations in *FYN*, *ATM*, *B2M* and *CD58* implicating SRC signaling, impaired DNA damage response and escape from immune surveillance mechanisms in the pathogenesis of PTCL.



## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Recurrent activating mutations of CD28 in peripheral T-cell lymphomas

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Peripheral T-cell lymphomas (PTCLs) comprise a heterogeneous group of mature T-cell neoplasms with a poor prognosis. Recently, mutations in TET2 and other epigenetic modifiers as well as RHOA have been identified in these diseases, particularly in angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL). CD28 is the major co-stimulatory receptor in T cells which, upon binding ligand, induces sustained T-cell proliferation and cytokine production when combined with T-cell receptor stimulation. We have identified recurrent mutations in CD28 in PTCLs. Two residues—D124 and T195—were recurrently mutated in 11.3% of cases of AITL and in one case of PTCL, not otherwise specified (PTCL-NOS). Surface plasmon resonance analysis of mutations at these residues with predicted differential partner interactions showed increased affinity for ligand CD86 (residue D124) and increased affinity for intracellular adaptor proteins GRB2 and GADS/GRAP2 (residue T195). Molecular modeling studies on each of these mutations suggested how these mutants result in increased affinities. We found increased transcription of the CD28-responsive genes *CD226* and *TNFA* in cells expressing the T195P mutant in response to CD3 and CD86 co-stimulation and increased downstream activation of NF-κB by both D124V and T195P mutants, suggesting a potential therapeutic target in CD28-mutated PTCLs.



## Activating mutations in genes related to TCR signaling in angioimmunoblastic and other follicular helper T-cell-derived lymphomas

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### Key Points

- A high frequency of diverse activating mutations in costimulatory/TCR-related signaling genes occurs in AITL and other TFH-derived PTCL.
- Deregulated TCR activation may play a role in the pathogenesis of TFH-derived PTCL, paving the way for developing novel targeted therapies.

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL) and other lymphomas derived from follicular T-helper cells (TFH) represent a large proportion of peripheral T-cell lymphomas (PTCLs) with poorly understood pathogenesis and unfavorable treatment results. We investigated a series of 85 patients with AITL (n = 72) or other TFH-derived PTCL (n = 13) by targeted deep sequencing of a gene panel enriched in T-cell receptor (TCR) signaling elements. *RHOA* mutations were identified in 51 of 85 cases (60%) consisting of the highly recurrent dominant negative G17V variant in most cases and a novel K18N in 3 cases, the latter showing activating properties in in vitro assays. Moreover, half of the patients carried virtually mutually exclusive mutations in other TCR-related genes, most frequently in *PLCG1* (14.1%), *CD28* (9.4%, exclusively in AITL), *PI3K* elements (7%), *CTNNA1* (6%), and *GTF2I* (6%). Using in vitro assays in transfected cells, we demonstrated that 9 of 10 *PLCG1* and 3 of 3 *CARD11* variants induced MALT1 protease activity and increased transcription from NFAT or NF-κB response element reporters, respectively. Collectively, the vast majority of variants in TCR-related genes could be classified as gain-of-function. Accordingly, the samples with mutations in TCR-related genes other than *RHOA* had transcriptomic profiles enriched in signatures reflecting higher T-cell activation. Although no

correlation with presenting clinical features nor significant impact on survival was observed, the presence of TCR-related mutations correlated with early disease progression. Thus, targeting of TCR-related events may hold promise for the treatment of TFH-derived lymphomas. (*Blood*. 2016;128(11):1490-1502)



COMMENTARY

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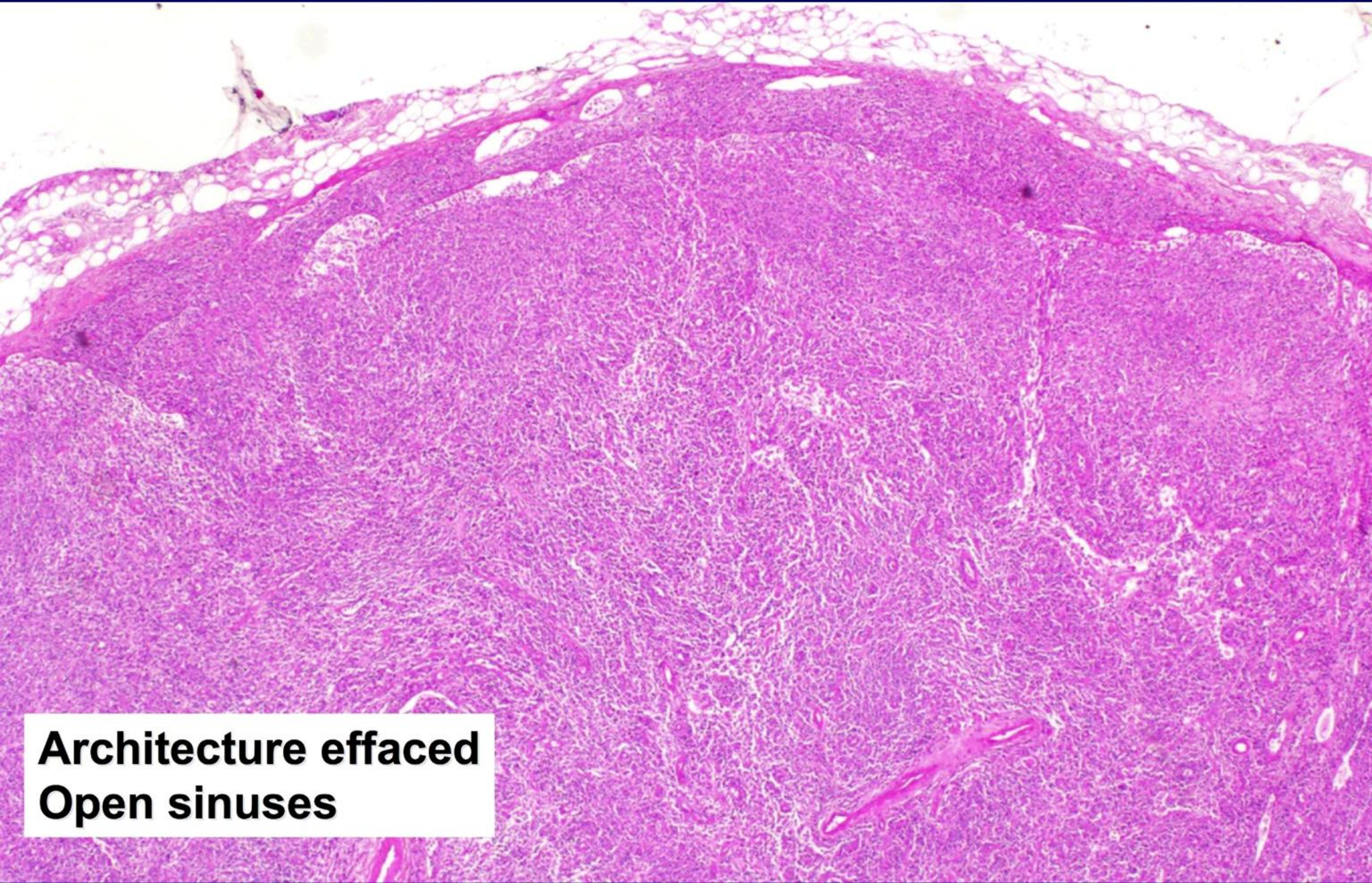


# Inappropriate costimulation and aberrant DNA methylation as therapeutic targets in angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma

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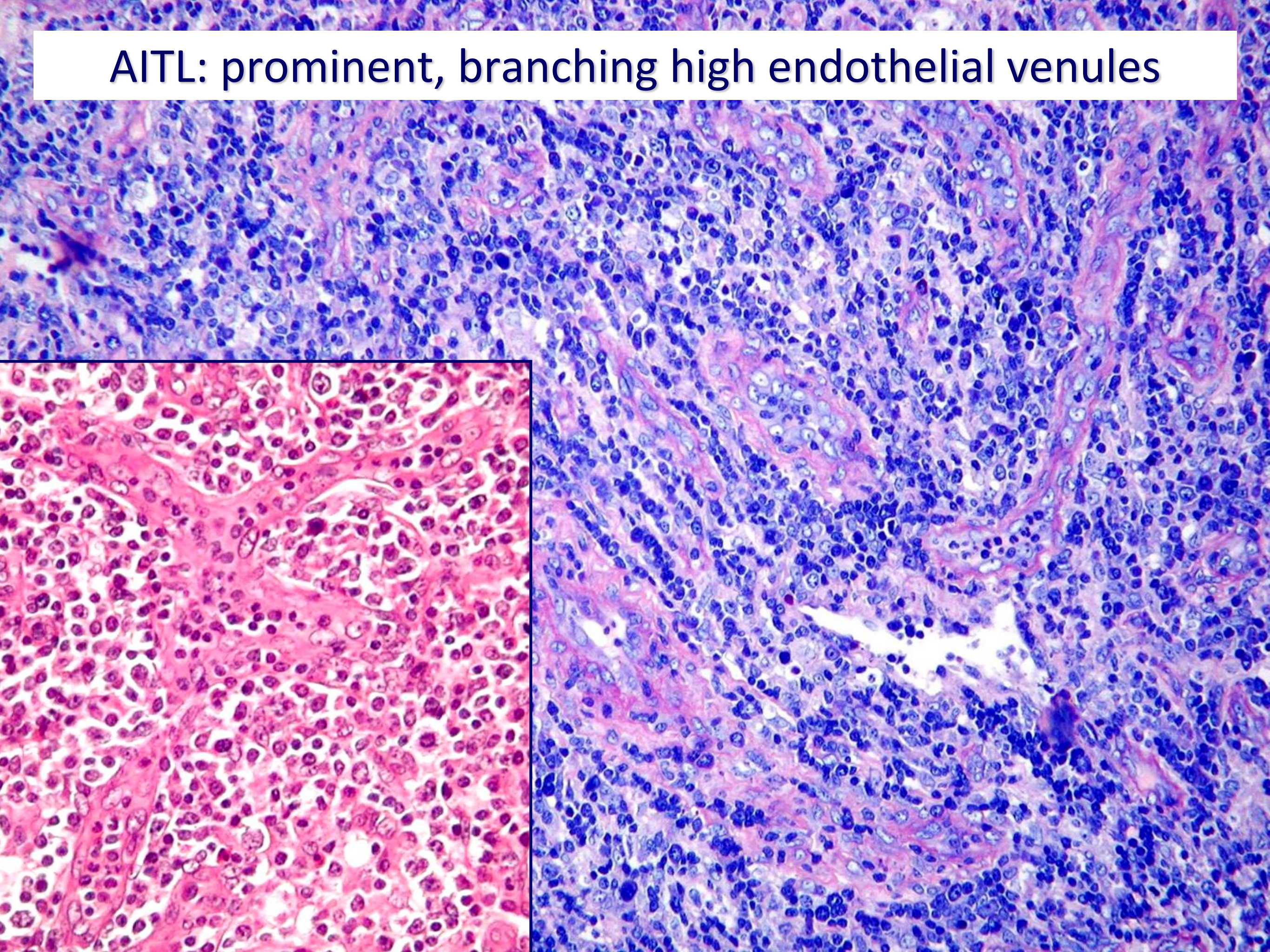
# Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma



**Architecture effaced**  
**Open sinuses**

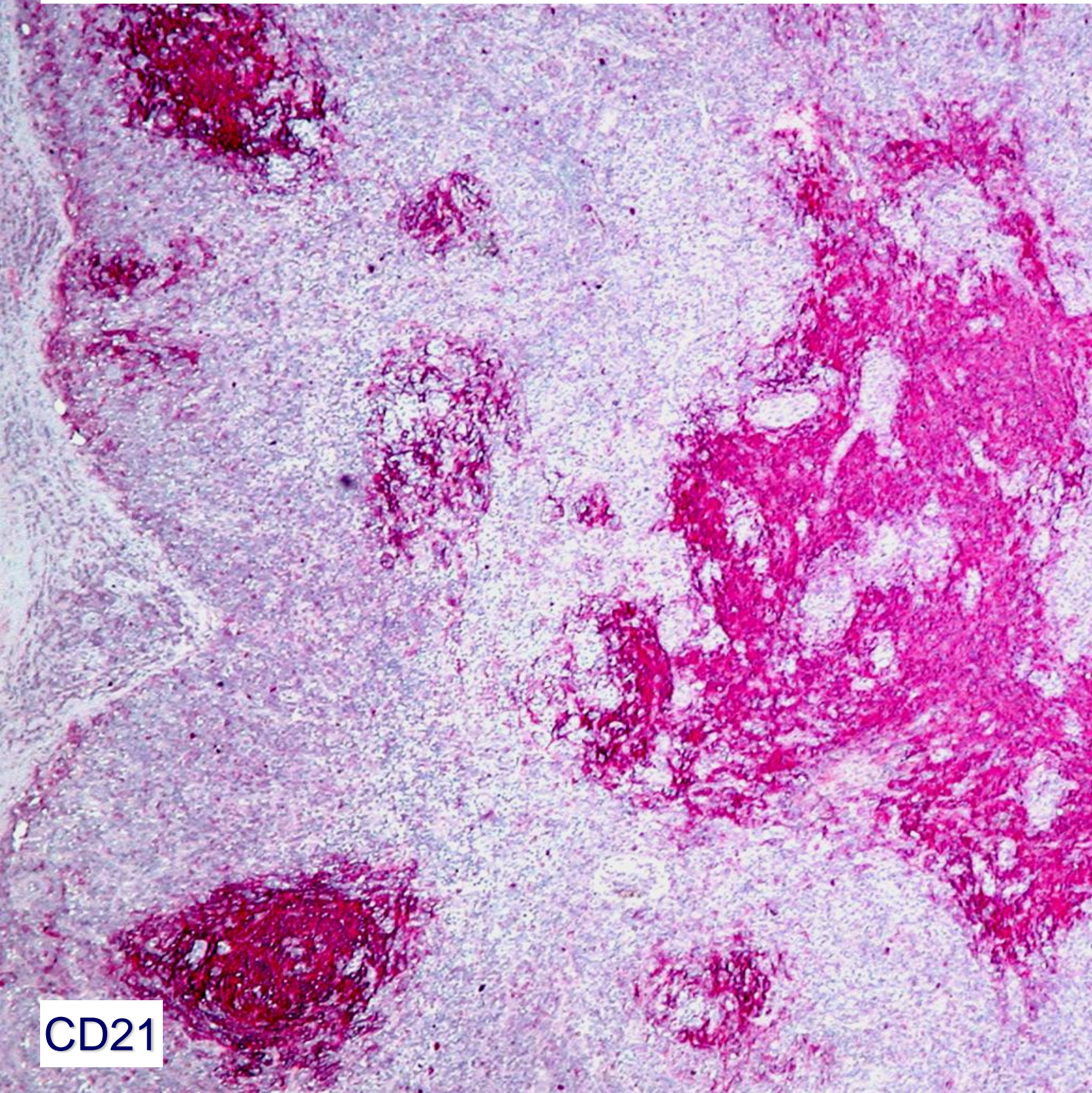


AITL: prominent, branching high endothelial venules

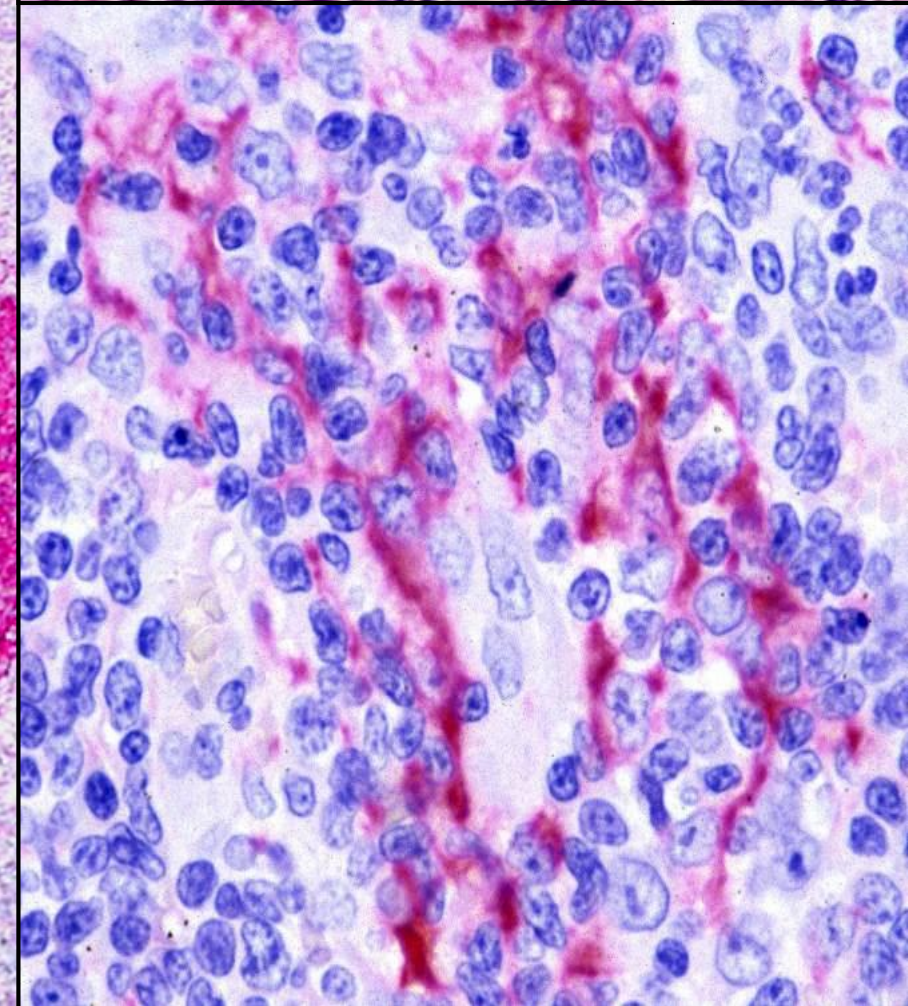
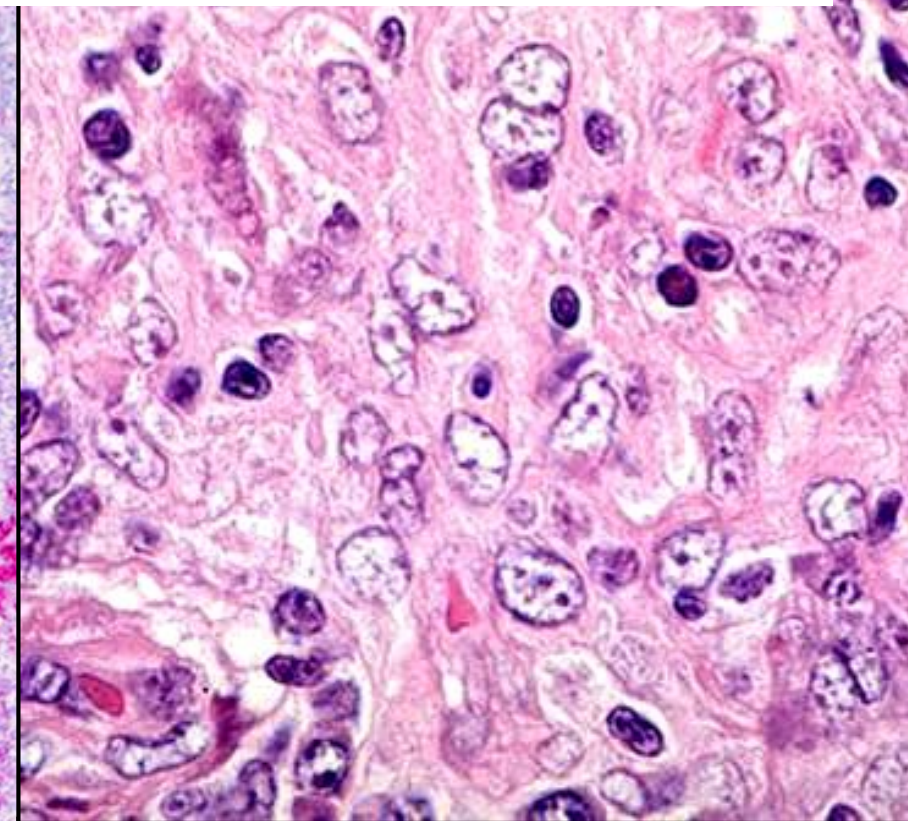




# AITL: Follicular dendritic cell hyperplasia

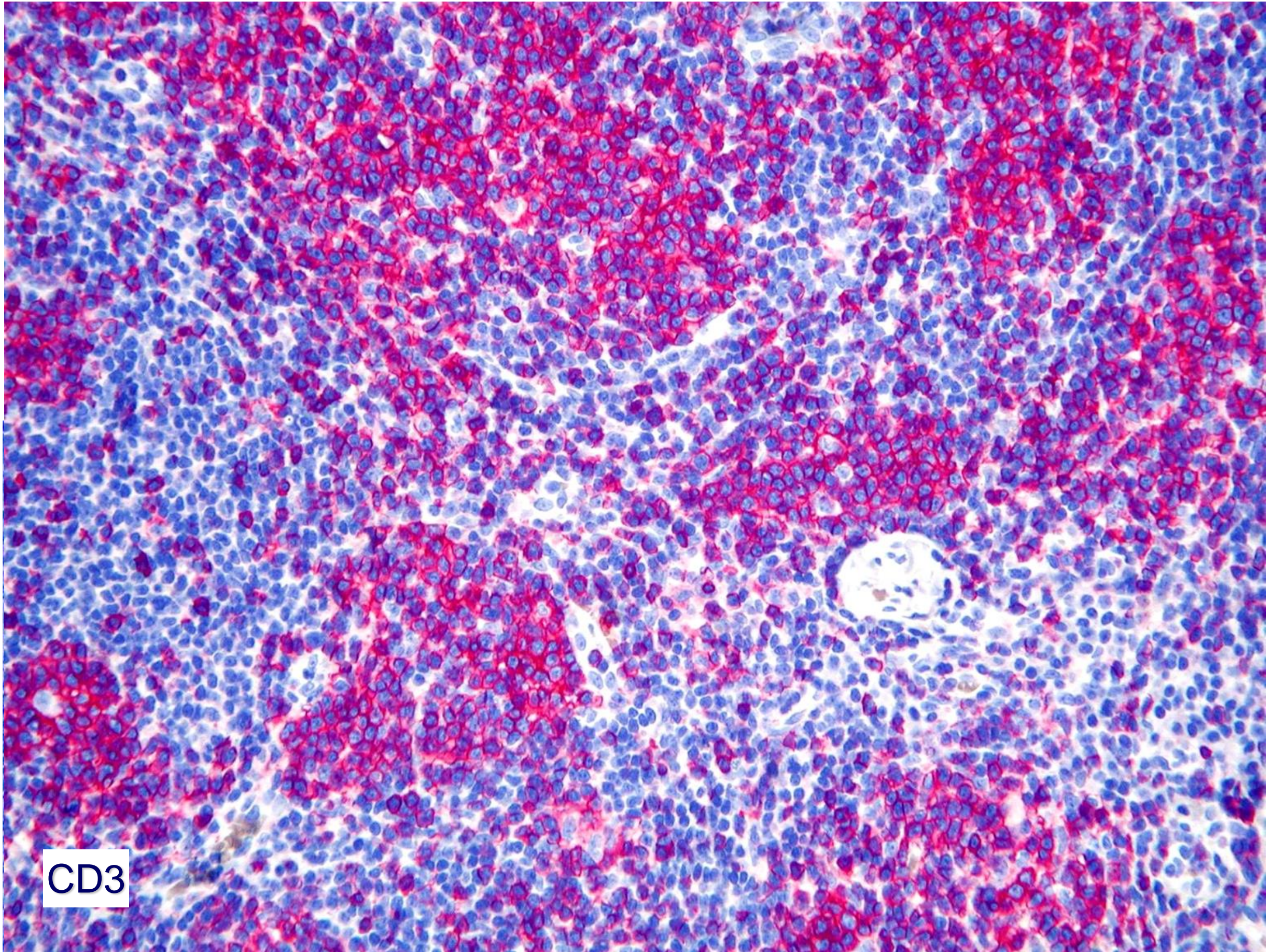


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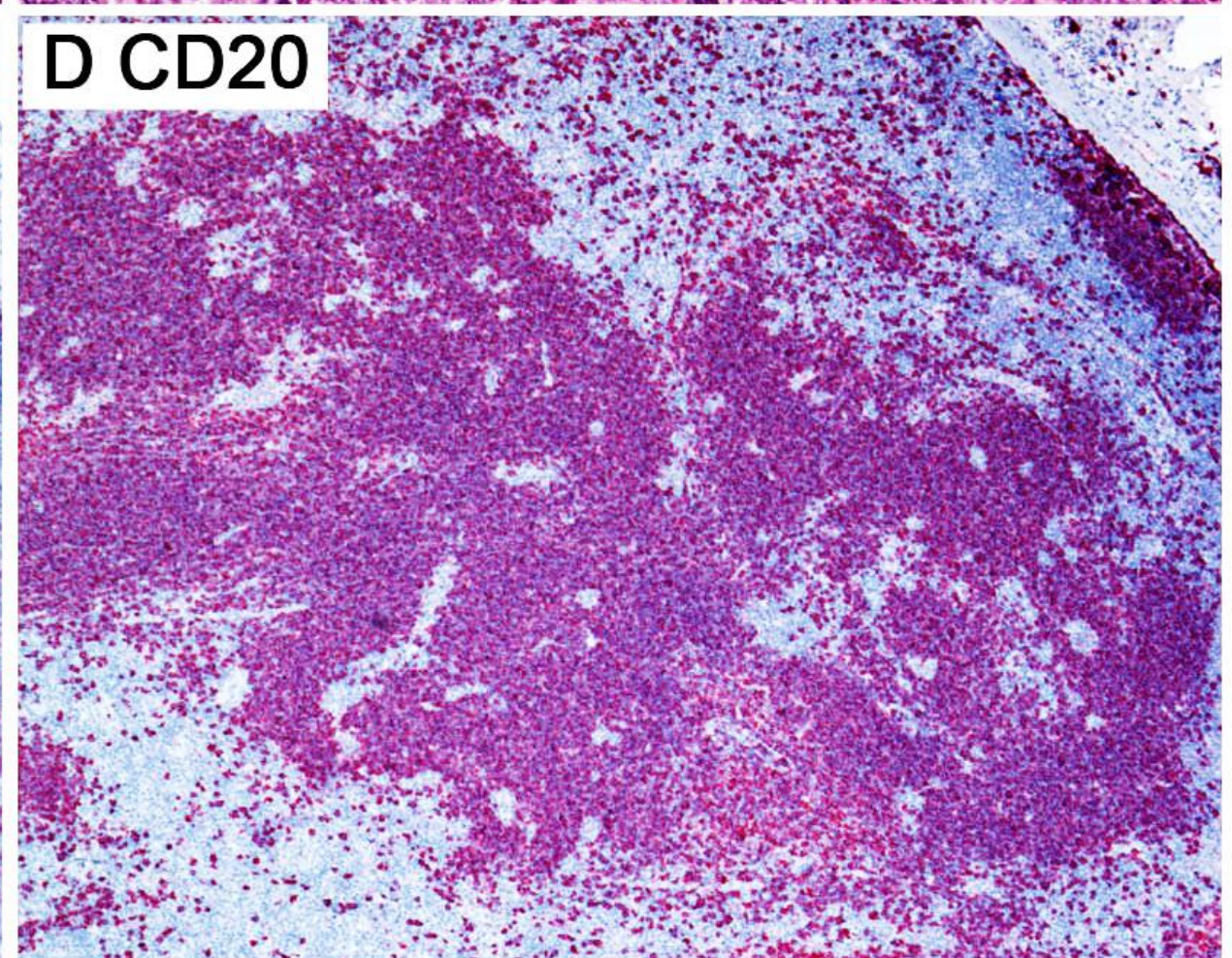
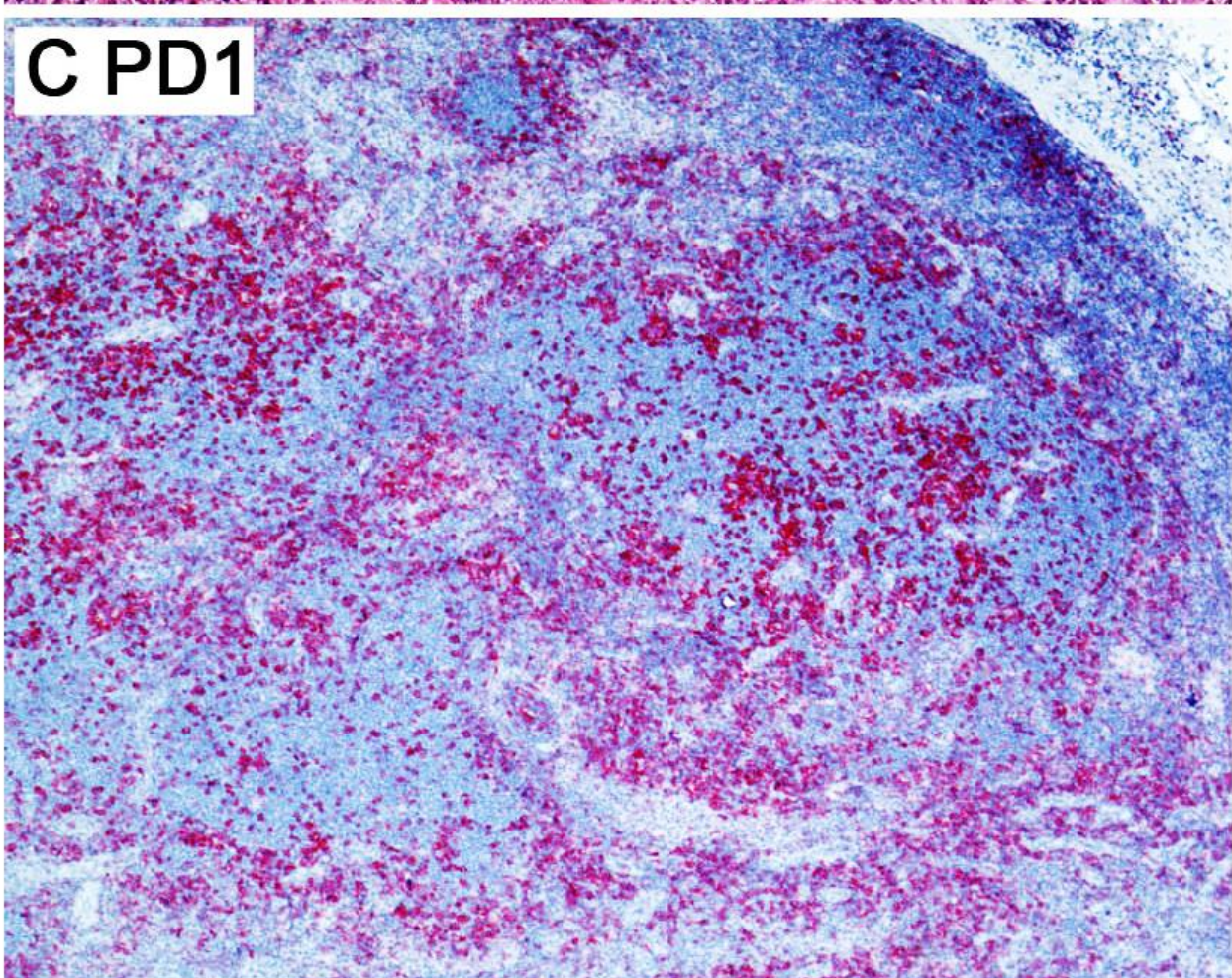
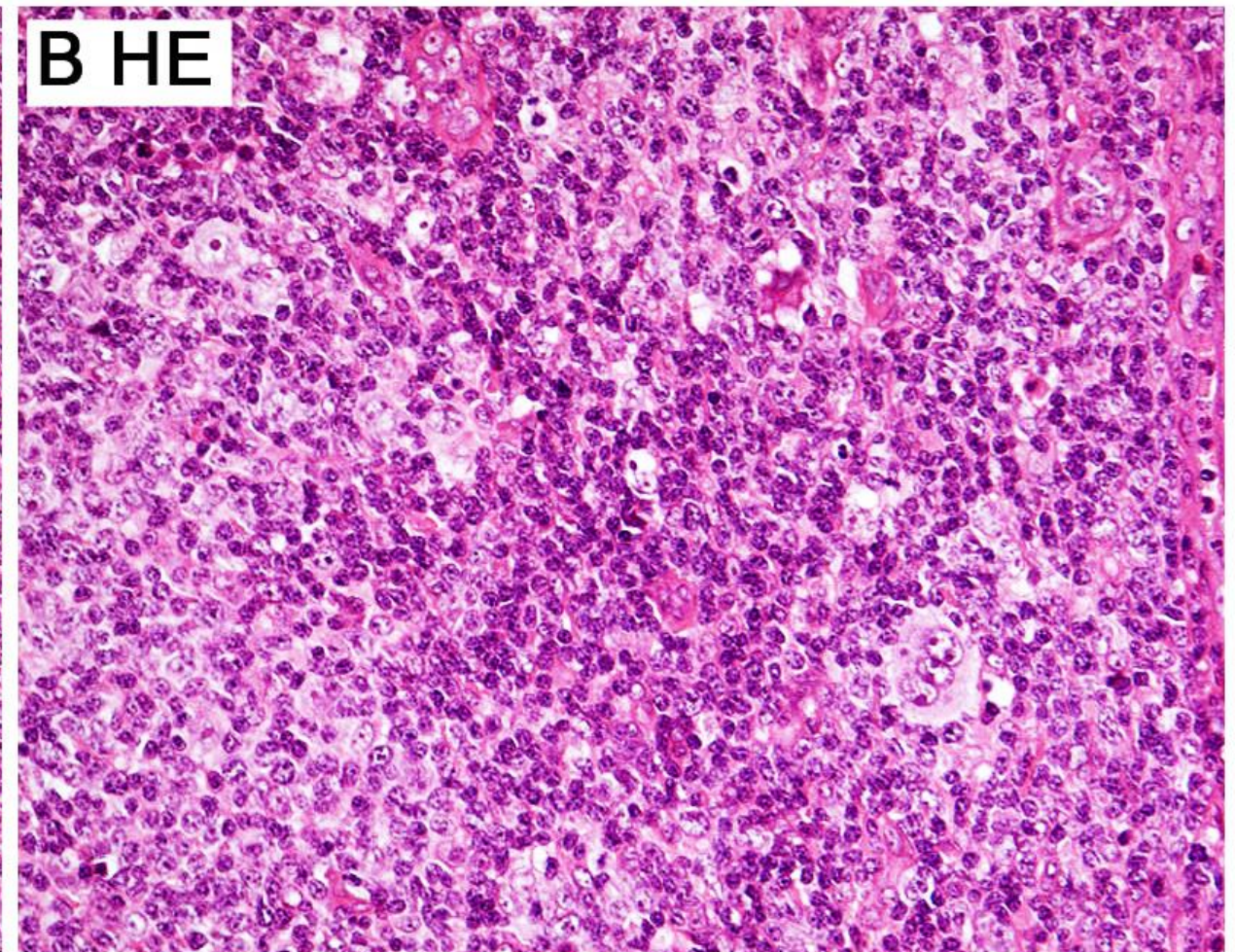
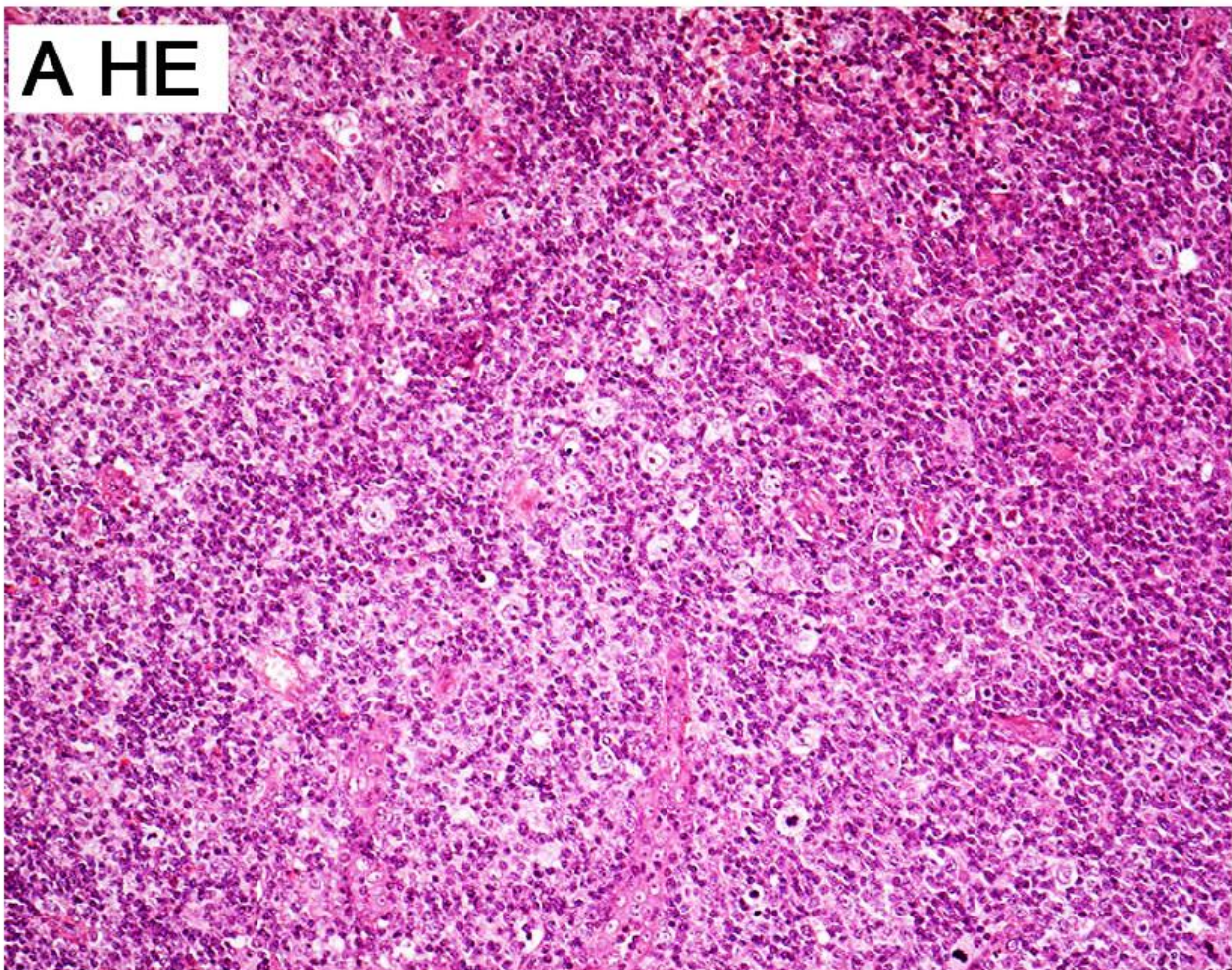


# Follicular peripheral T- cell lymphoma

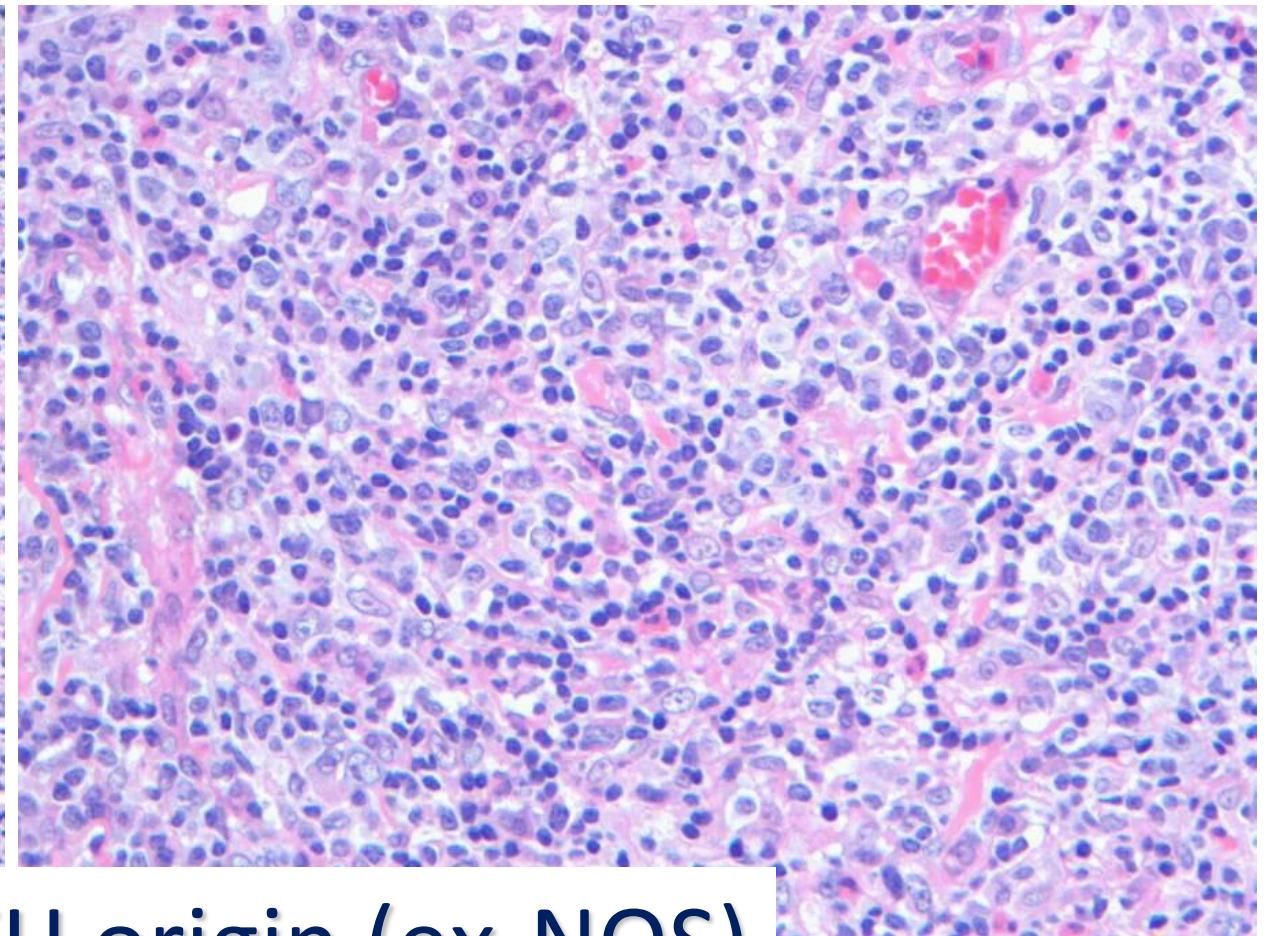
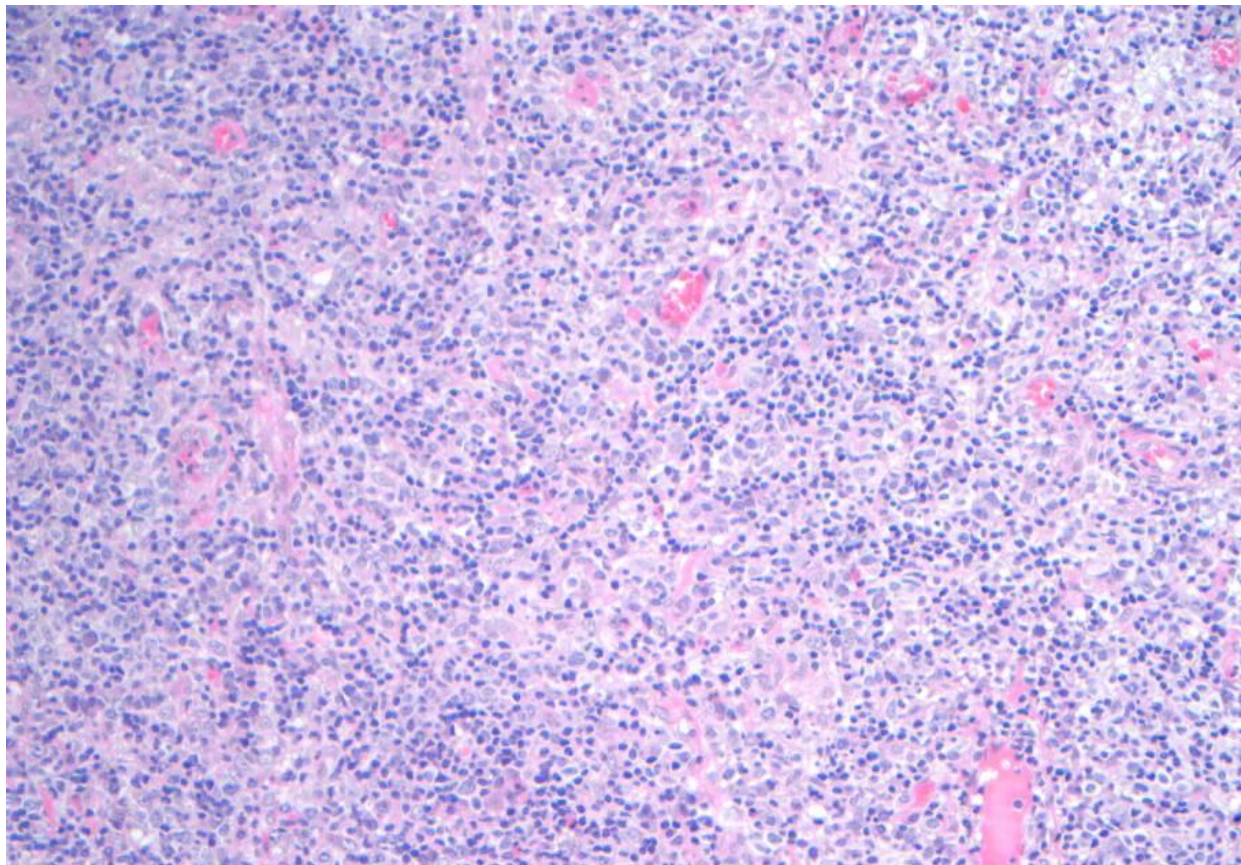


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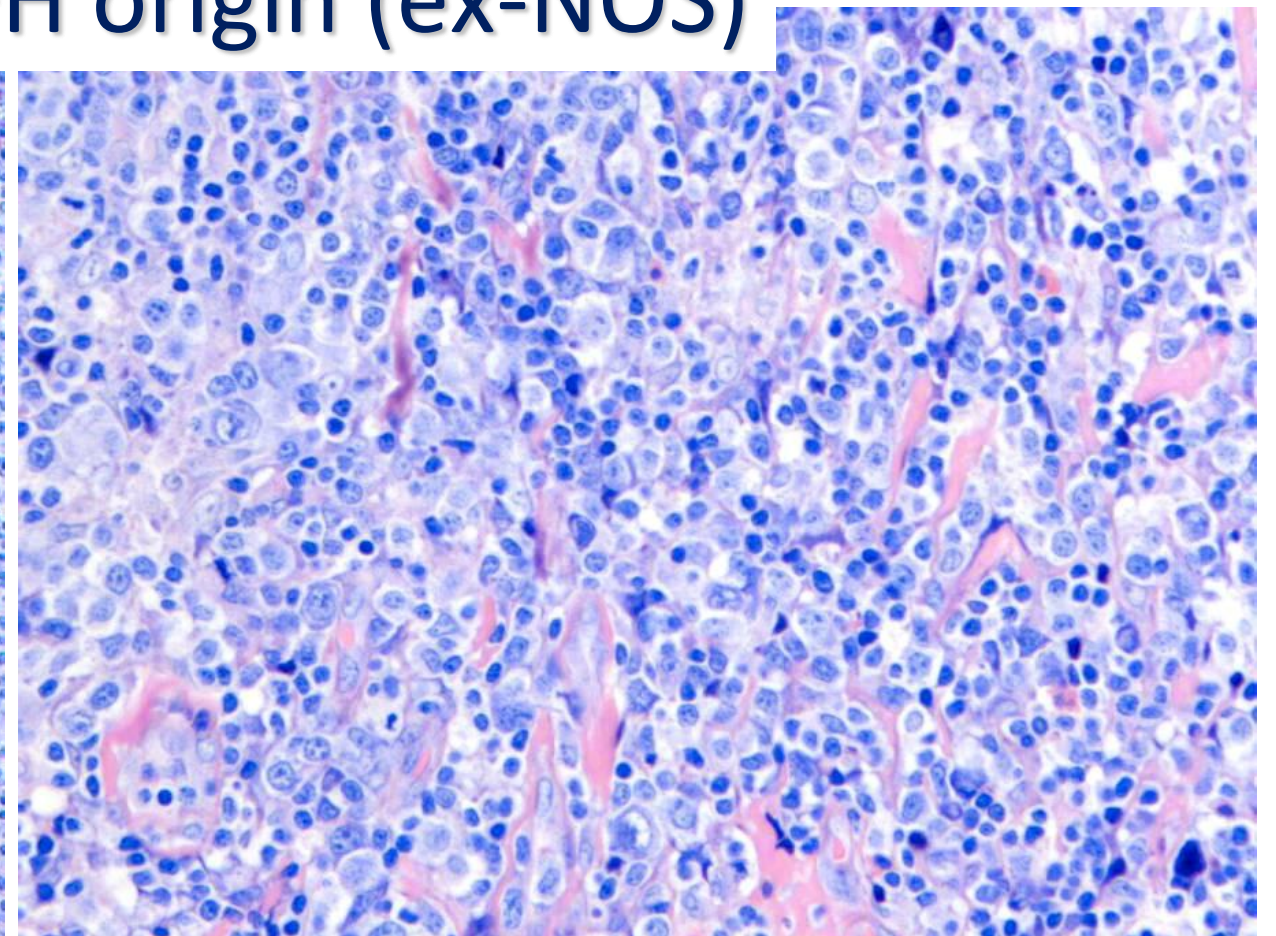
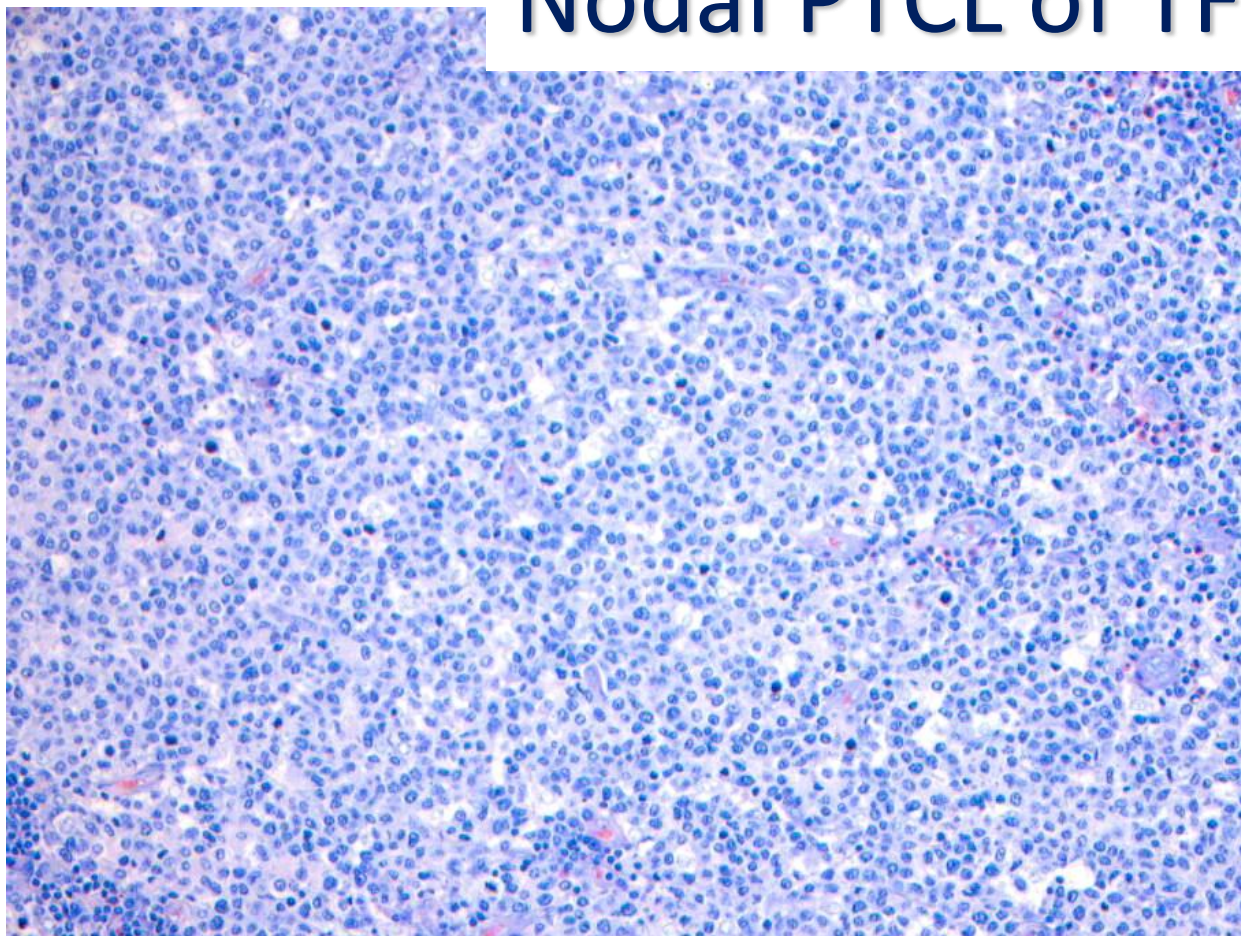








Nodal PTCL of TFH origin (ex-NOS)





# Follicular helper T-cell–related lymphomas

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In this issue of *Blood*, Wang et al describe the occurrence and pathogenetic relevance of *IDH2*<sup>R172</sup> mutations in angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL).<sup>1</sup>

**A** follicular helper T-cell (T<sub>FH</sub>)–related gene signature was for the first time reported in AITL by de Leval et al in 2007.<sup>2</sup> However, these authors found that a small group of peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified (PTCL/NOS) bore a similar signature.<sup>2</sup> Later, an increasing number of antibodies detected T<sub>FH</sub>–associated molecules (ie, CD10, B-cell lymphoma 6 [BCL6], programmed cell death-1 [PD1], CXC chemokine ligand 13 [CXCL13], CC chemokine receptor 5, signaling lymphocytic activation molecule–associated protein [SAP], and inducible T-cell costimulator [ICOS]), their use possibly surrogating for gene expression profiling

(GEP).<sup>2,3</sup> It was agreed that at least 3 of these antibodies should simultaneously be positive to suggest the derivation of a given T-cell neoplasm from T<sub>FH</sub> cells because a single marker might occur due to cell plasticity.<sup>4</sup> In 2008, the World Health Organization (WHO) Classification of Tumors of Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues, identified a variant of PTCL/NOS, characterized by a follicular growth pattern and sustained by T<sub>FH</sub>–related cells.<sup>5</sup> It was not lumped with AITL because it lacked hyperplasia of follicular dendritic cells (FDCs) and high endothelial venules (HEVs), that is, the morphologic hallmarks of AITL.<sup>5</sup> In addition, in about 20% of cases, t(5;9) is present, causing the formation of the hybrid

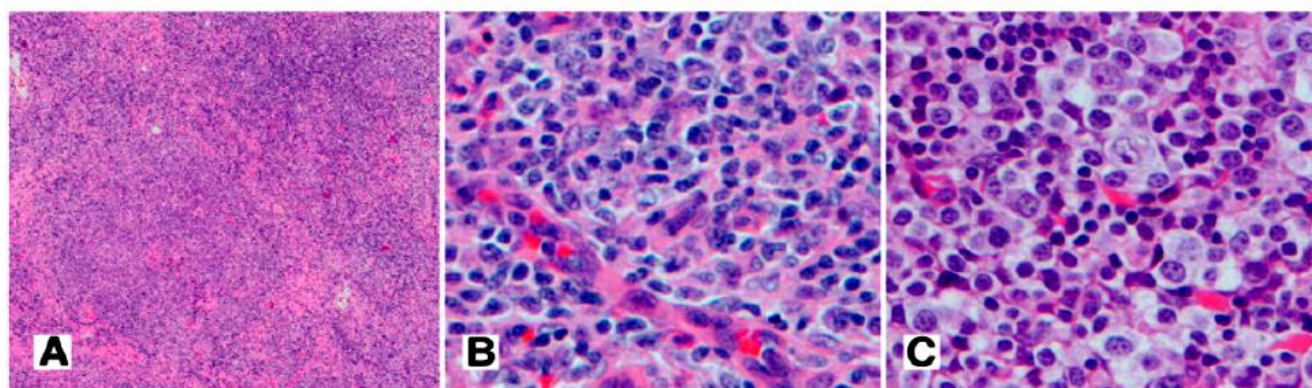
gene *ITK/SYK*, found only in these tumors.<sup>5</sup> In 2011, Agostinelli et al found that a wide spectrum of T-cell neoplasms carried the T<sub>FH</sub> phenotype, morphologically corresponding to AITL and PTCLs/NOS with and without follicular growth pattern.<sup>6</sup> As opposed to the follicular variant, the latter showed a diffuse effacement of the lymph node structure. When compared with AITL, these cases lacked FDC and HEV hyperplasia and did not show a residual open marginal sinus but contained variable amounts of B blasts (either Epstein-Barr virus positive or negative [EBV<sup>+</sup> or EBV<sup>−</sup>]) intermingled with neoplastic T cells. In some cases with serial biopsies, transition was observed from 1 pattern to the other (eg, follicular at disease onset, AITL at the time of the first relapse, and PTCL/NOS at the second relapse [see figure]). Such observations, along with the distinctive morphology of neoplastic cells (small-medium size, slightly irregular nuclear profile, and wide rim of clear cytoplasm) and the common phenotype, led to the idea that AITL and T<sub>FH</sub>–related PTCLs/NOS with and without follicular growth pattern might represent different aspects of the same family of neoplasms.<sup>6</sup> This concept was strengthened by the detection of the same gene mutations in AITL and PTCLs/NOS, although prevalence is different.<sup>7–9</sup> These mutations affected *TET2*, *IDH2*, *DNMT3A*, and *RHOA* among others.<sup>7–9</sup> Last but not least, *ITK/SYK* was also detected in AITL.<sup>10</sup> This array of mutations is relevant for 2 reasons. First, they can play an important role in the process of lymphomagenesis, although, as correctly pointed out by Wang et al,<sup>1</sup> some mutations like those affecting *TET2* and *DNMT3A* may represent early events comparable to *BCL2* rearrangement in the setting of follicular lymphoma. Second, they may have therapeutic implications.<sup>1</sup>

In this issue, Wang et al report on a study comparing *TET2*, *IDH2*, and *DNMT3A* mutations with GEP in 90 PTCLs of the

AITL, NOS, and anaplastic large-cell lymphoma (ALCL) types.<sup>1</sup> Interestingly, whereas *TET2* and *DNMT3A* mutations assessed by targeted resequencing were observed in all 3 categories, although with different frequencies, *IDH2* detected by Sanger sequencing occurred most frequently in AITL (32.8% vs 5% of NOS and 0% of ALCL). Moreover, the previously reported occurrence of *IDH2* mutations at R172 was confirmed, as was the common co-occurrence with *TET2* mutations. These findings are at variance with acute myeloid leukemia and glioblastoma, in which *IDH2* mutations are at R140 and are mutually exclusive of the *TET2* mutations. In particular, the *IDH2*<sup>R172</sup>–mutated cases showed a distinct GEP among AITLs and the *IDH2/TET2* double-mutant cases carried upregulation of T<sub>FH</sub>–associated genes and downregulation of genes associated with T helper 1 (Th1), Th2, and Th17 phenotypes. These double-mutant AITLs were highly enriched for the signature of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells stimulated by interleukin-12, suggesting a more polarized T<sub>FH</sub> phenotype. Finally, yet importantly, Wang et al provide experimental evidence that *IDH*<sup>R172</sup> mutations produce a significant increase in H3K27me3 and DNA hypermethylation of genes involved in T-cell receptor signaling and T-cell differentiation that likely contribute to lymphomagenesis in AITL. In addition, these findings give a strong rationale for the usage of hypomethylating agents in AITL treatment.

The Wang et al article highlights how sequencing analyses can help dissect apparently homogenous neoplasms using conventional techniques. This study provides new insights on the pathogenesis and subclassification of these tumors as well as on the detection of novel and hopefully more effective therapeutic targets.<sup>1</sup> The latter represent a real need because most PTCLs have a dismal prognosis when treated with current therapies.<sup>5</sup>

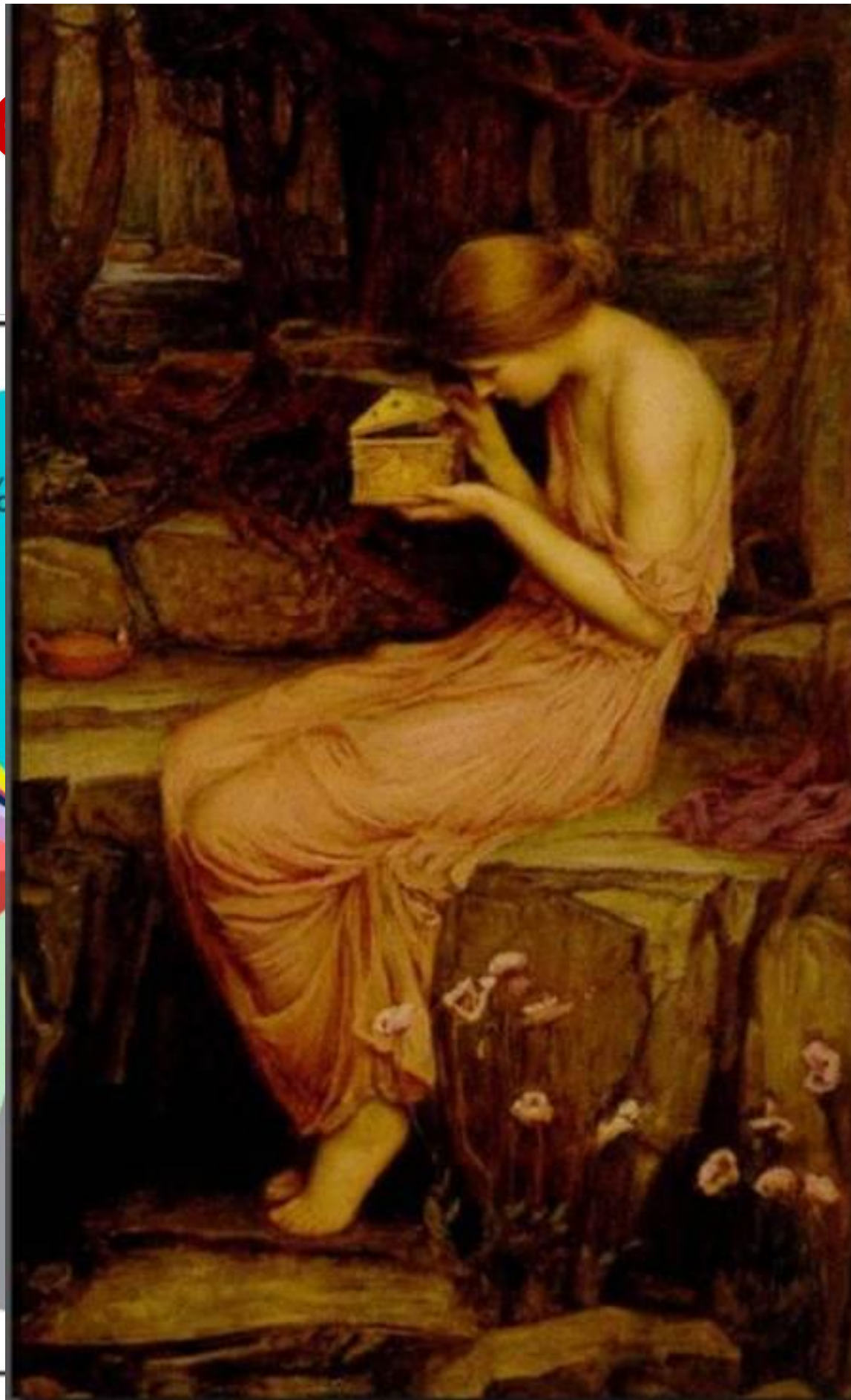
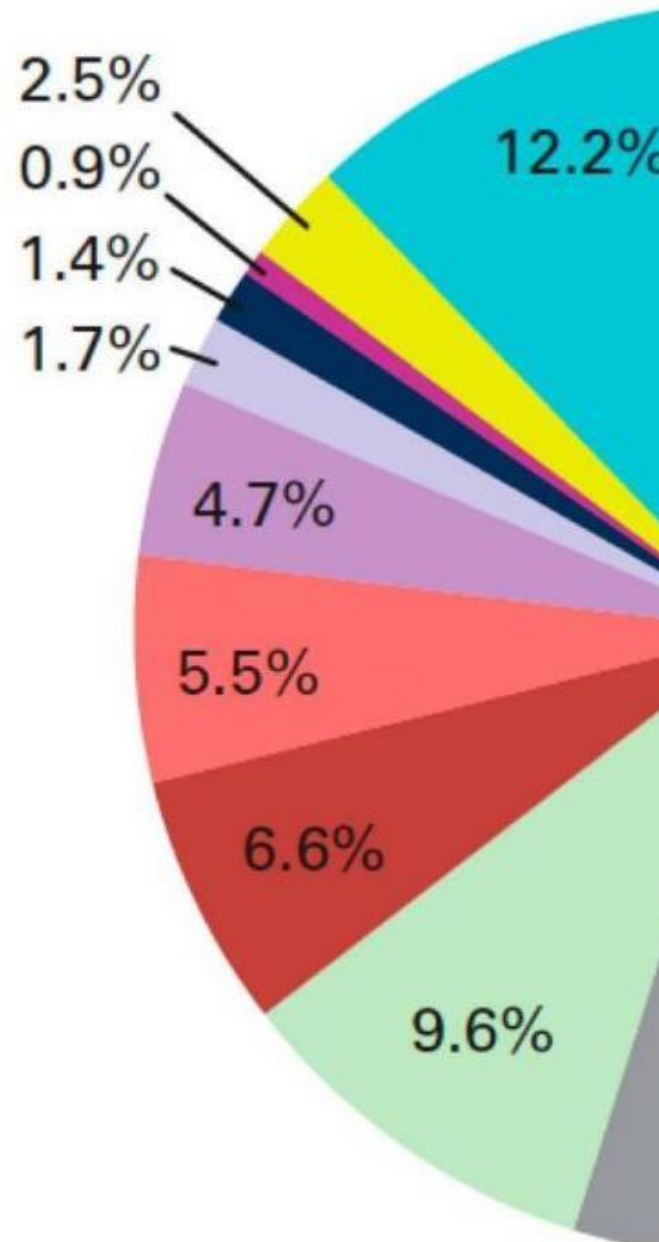
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The images referred to the same case at (A) disease onset, (B) first relapse, and (C) second relapse. The tumor consists of cells characterized by a clear rim of cytoplasm and T<sub>FH</sub> phenotype as defined by the expression of PD1, CXCL13, BCL6, CD10, and ICOS (not shown); in panel A, it has a “follicular” growth pattern (hematoxylin and eosin, ×20), and in panel B, it has the typical “angioimmunoblastic” appearance (please note the hyperplastic HEV and the inflammatory component [hematoxylin and eosin, ×400]). In panel C, the “angioimmunoblastic” characteristics are lost and neoplastic cells acquire at least in part a more blastic appearance (hematoxylin and eosin, ×400).

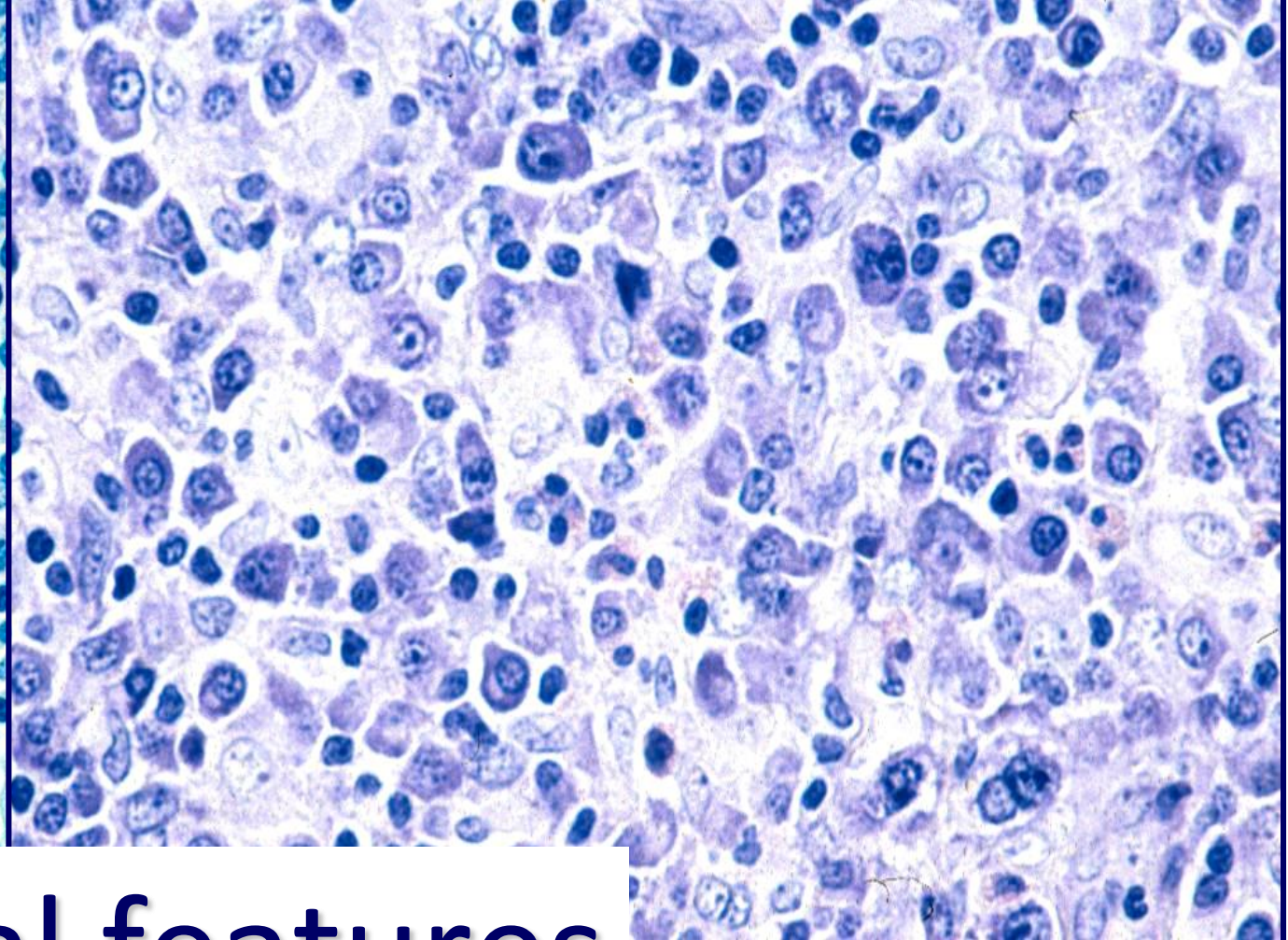
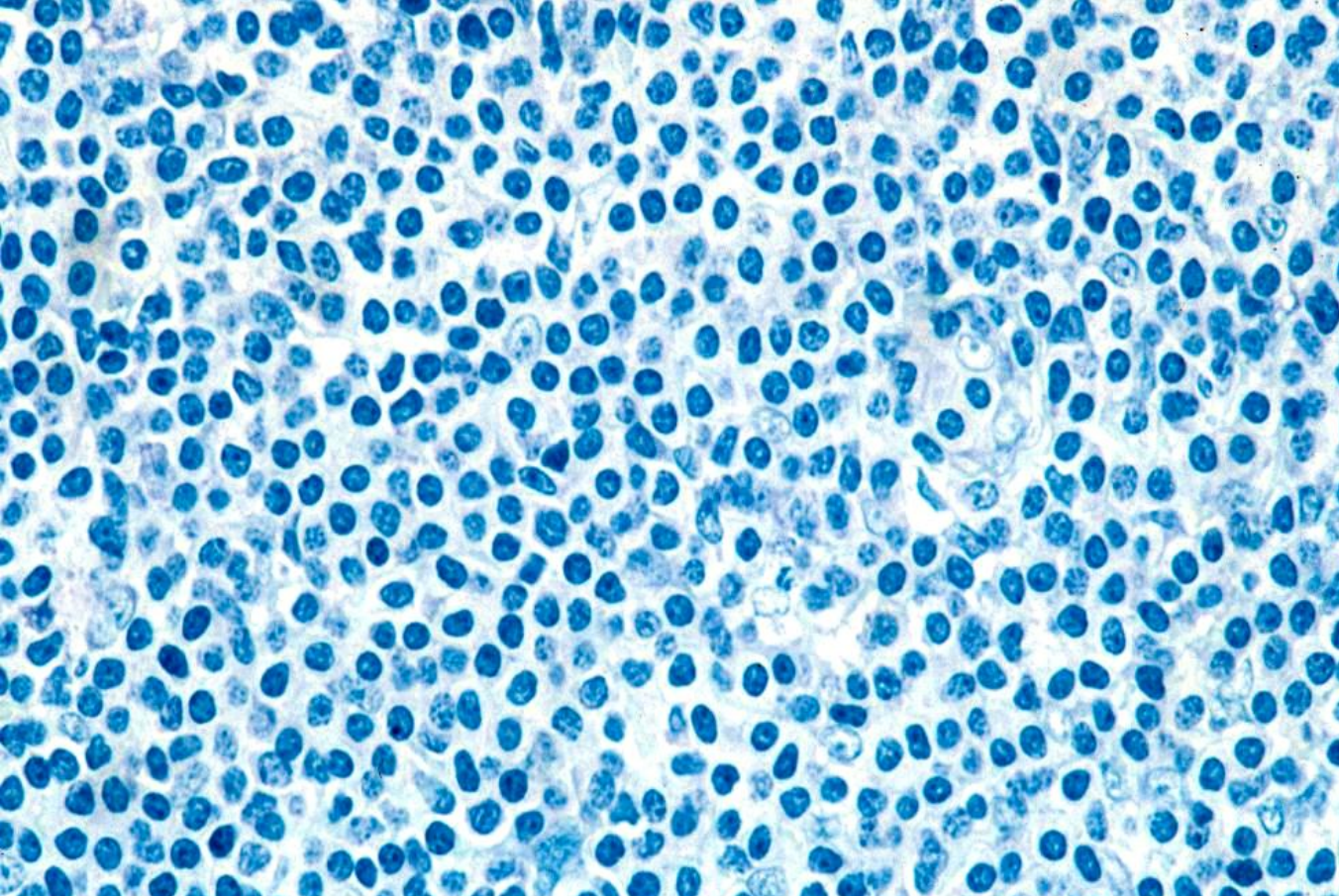


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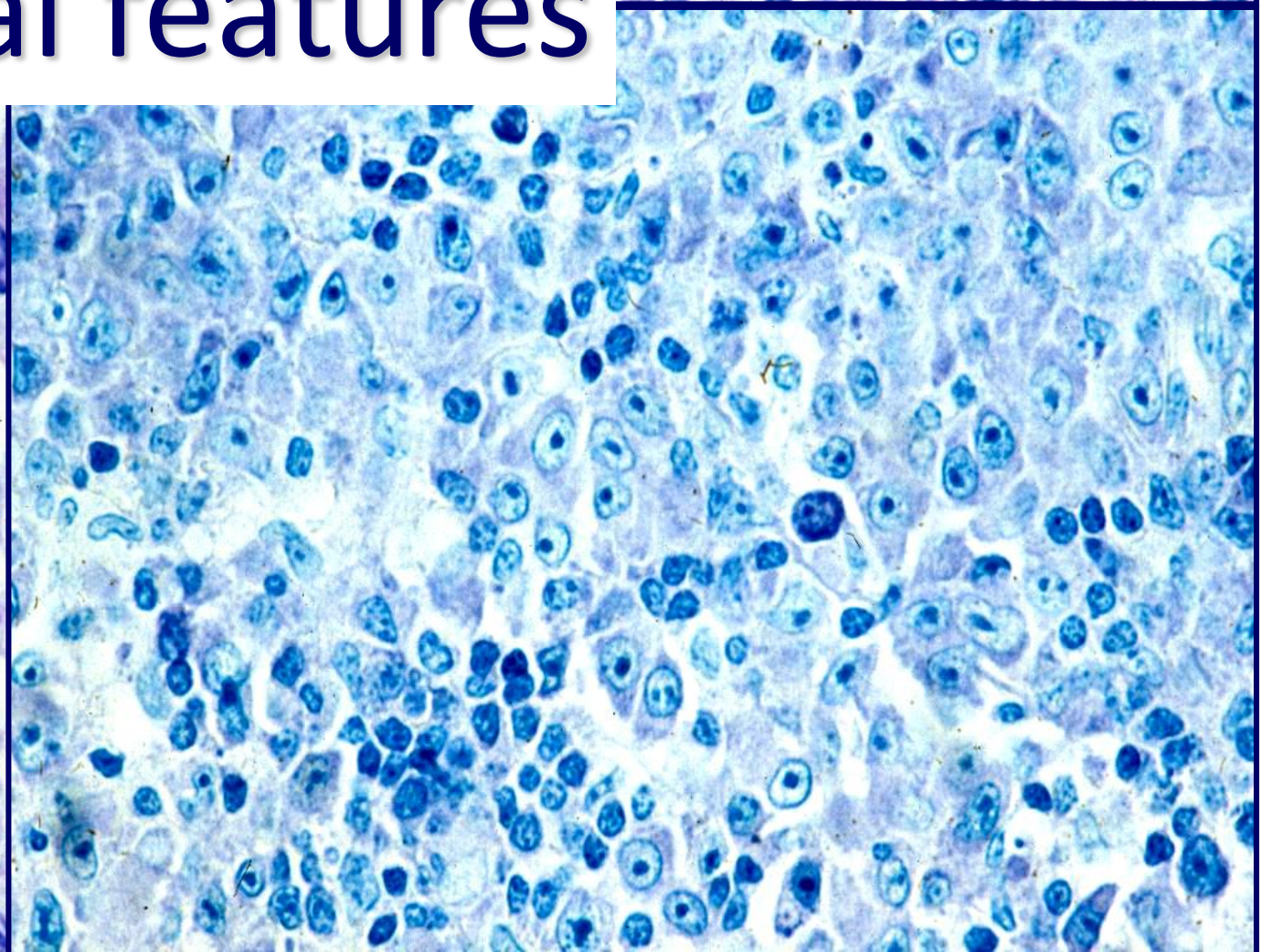
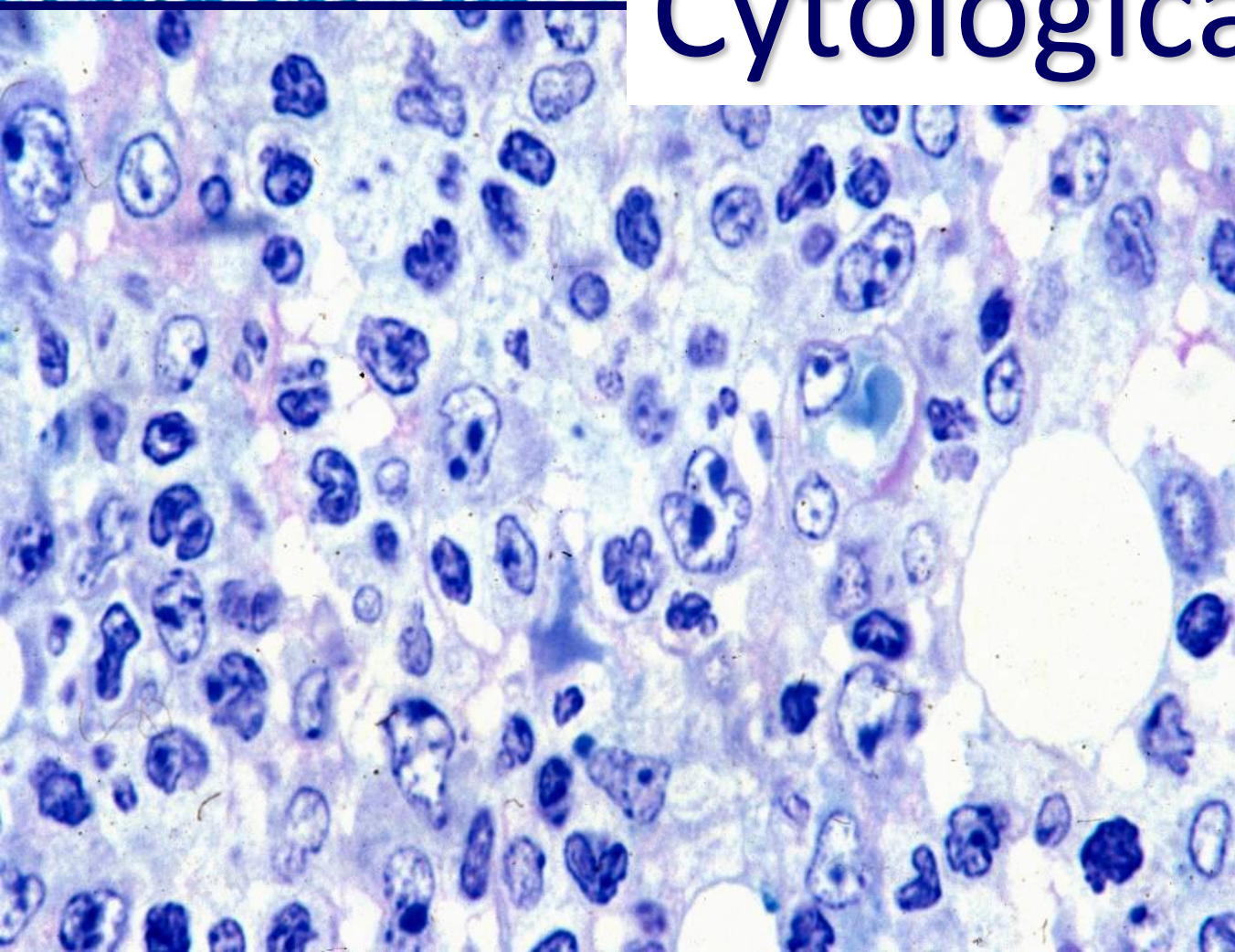


T-cell Lymphoma  
Angioimmunoblastic  
Hyper/T-cell lymphoma  
Acute leukemia/lymphoma  
Large cell lymphoma, ALK+  
Large cell lymphoma, ALK-  
Natural killer-type T-cell  
Primary cutaneous ALCL  
Aggressive T-cell  
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma-like  
Other PTCL  
Others





# Cytological features

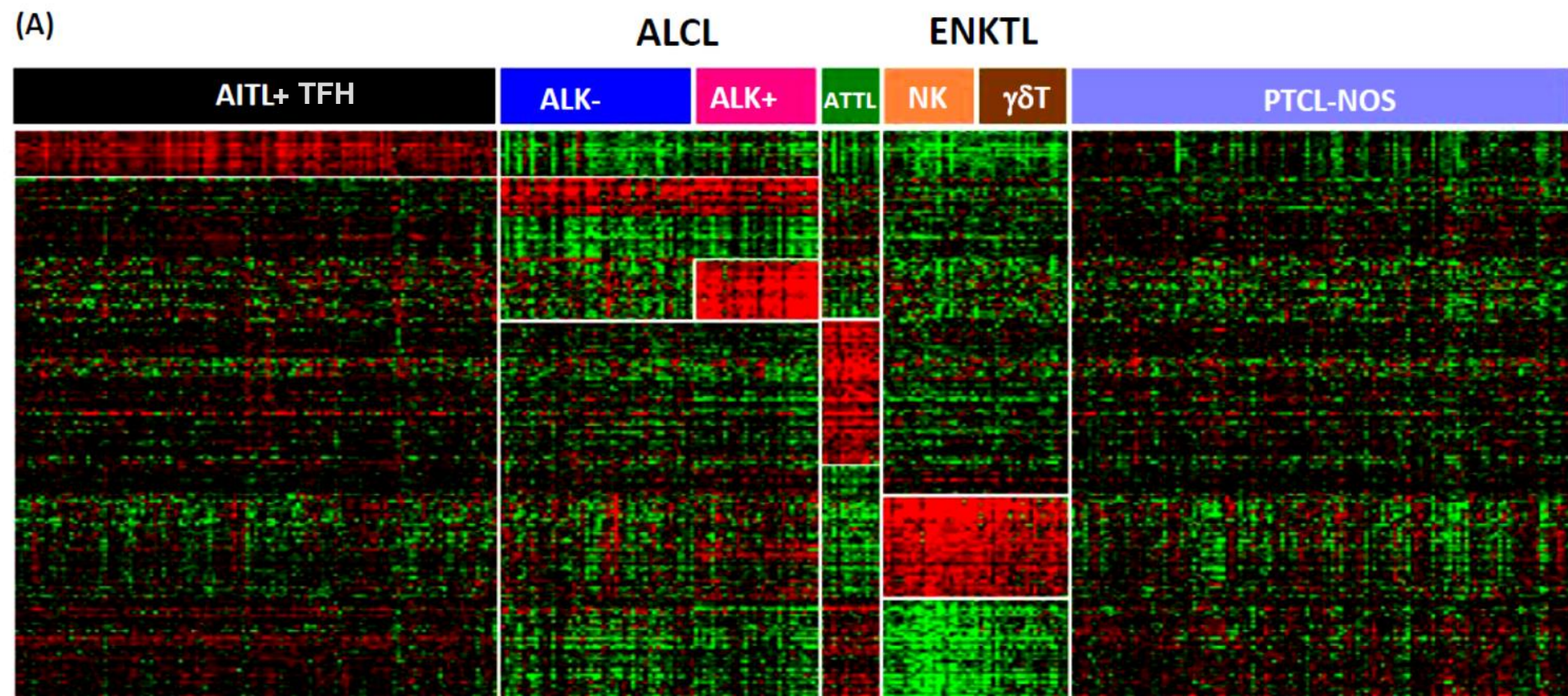




# Gene expression signatures delineate biologic and prognostic subgroups in peripheral T-cell lymphoma

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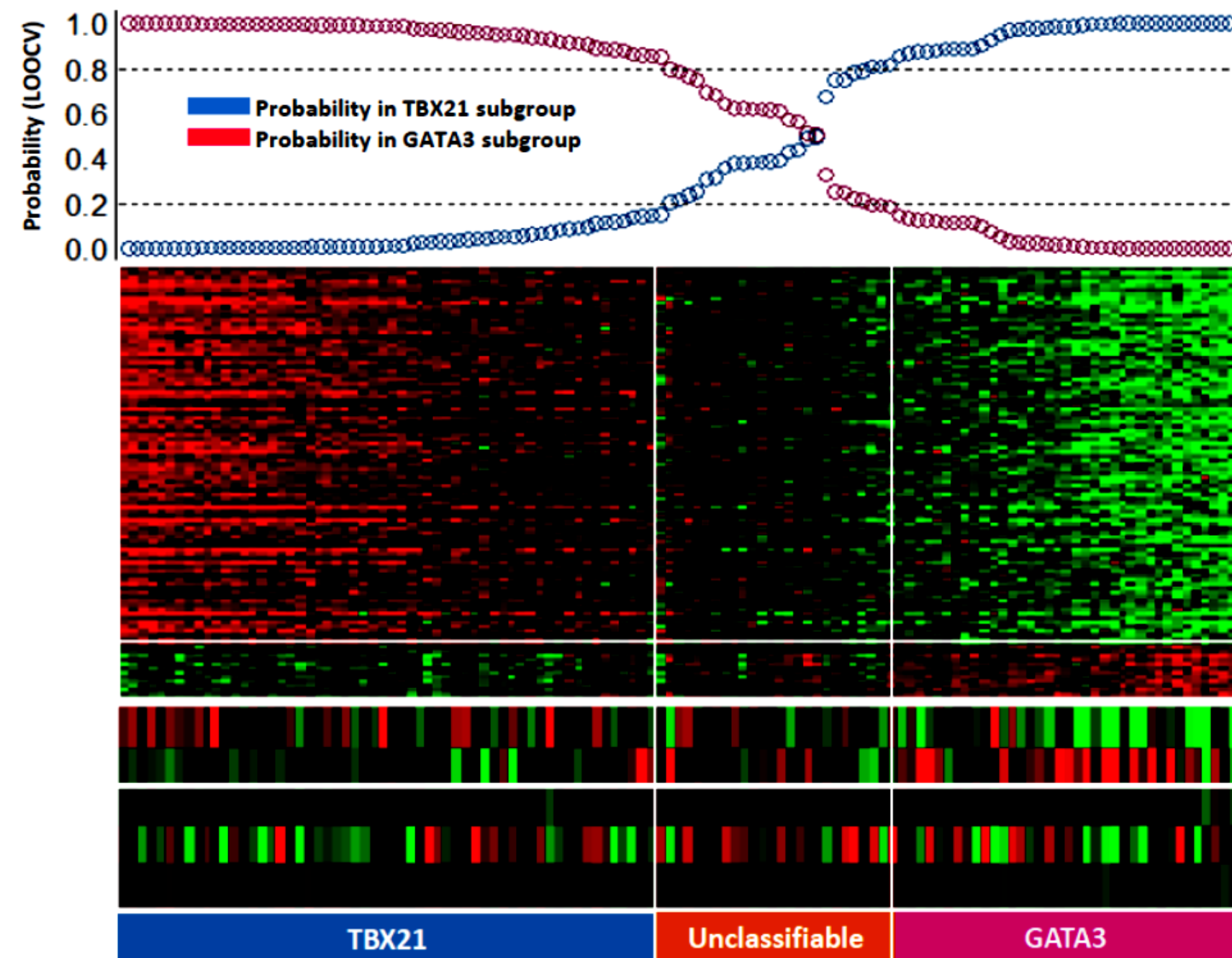




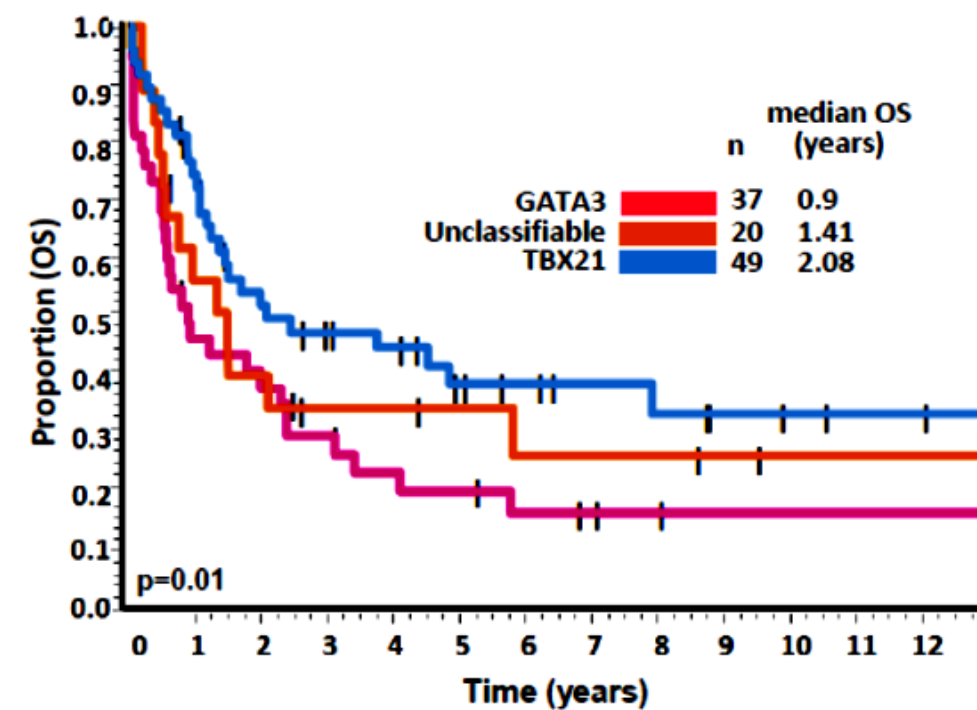
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Th1

Th2



(B)

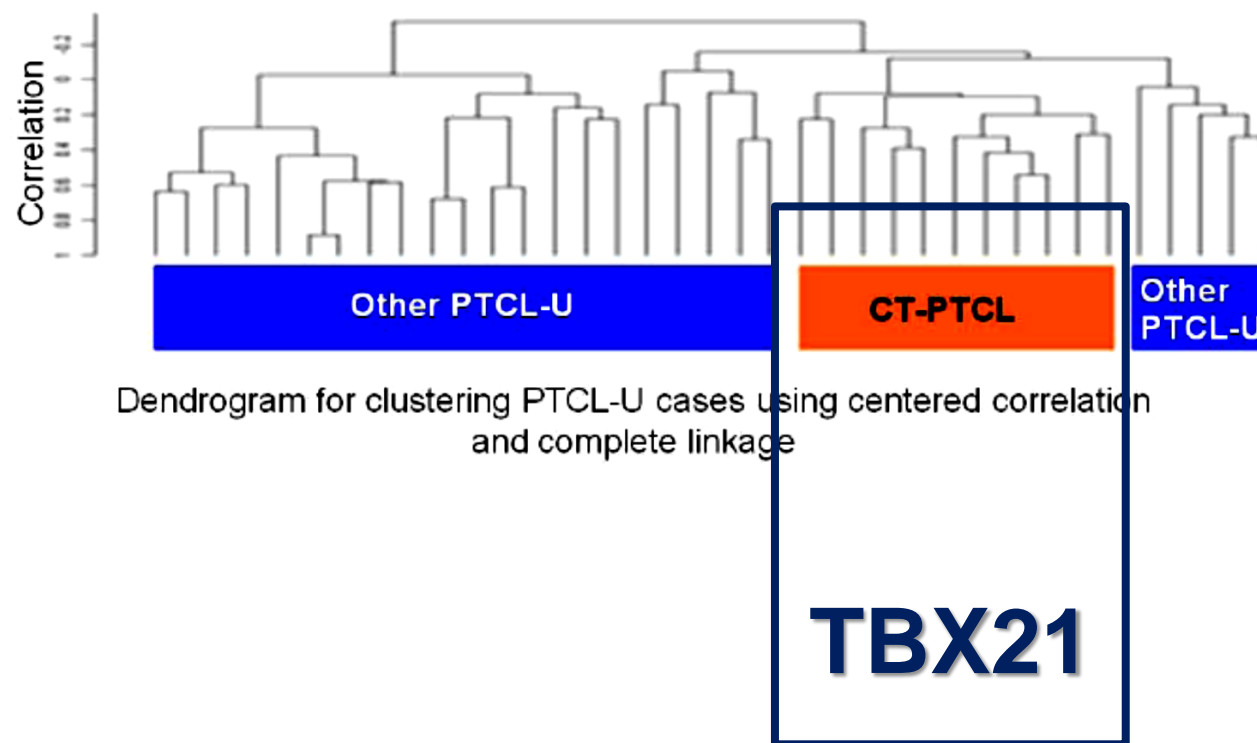




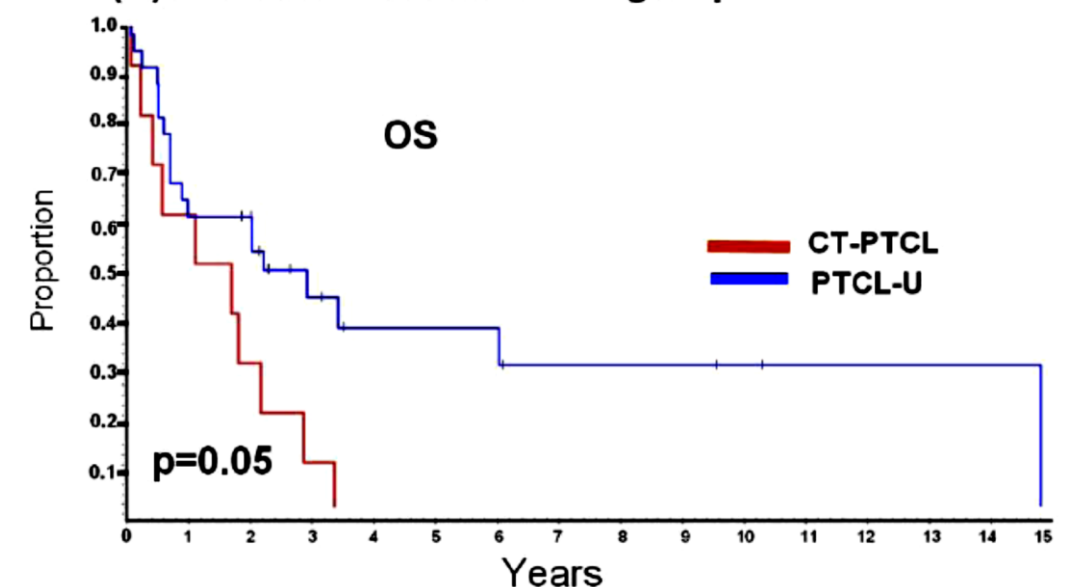
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### (A) Hierarchical clustering



### (D) Survival of the CT-PTCL group





# Signatures to be moved to Nanostring





# Histone modifier gene mutations in peripheral T-cell lymphoma not otherwise specified

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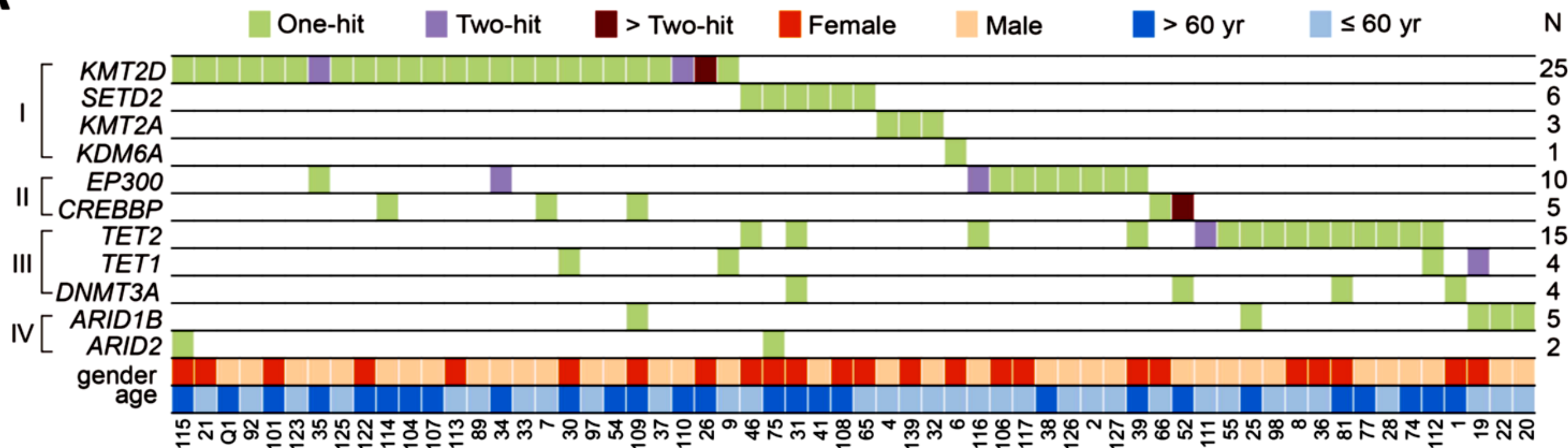
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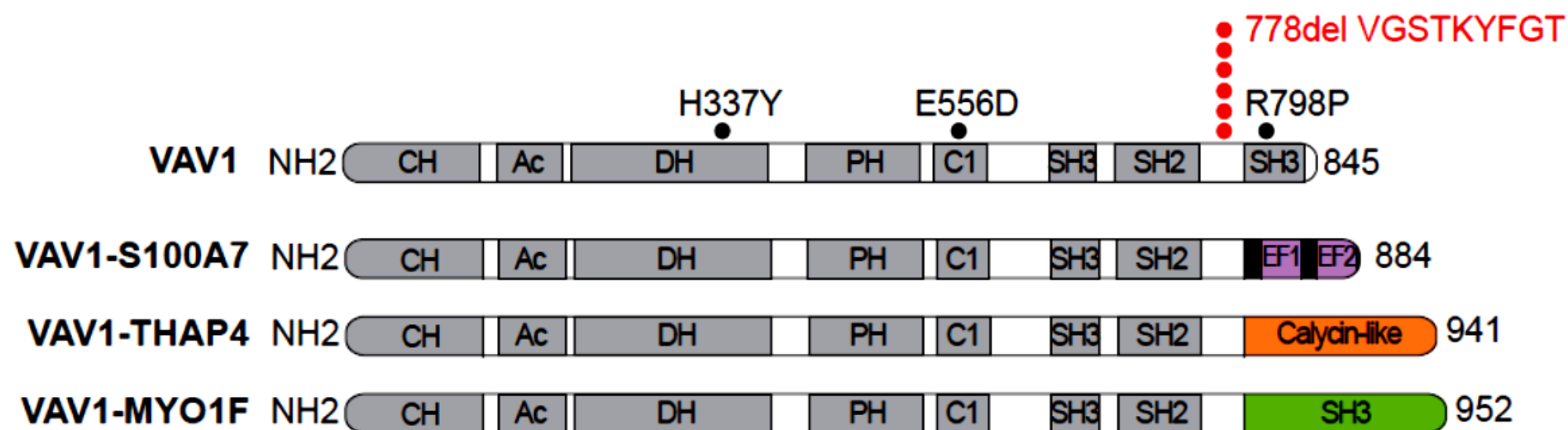
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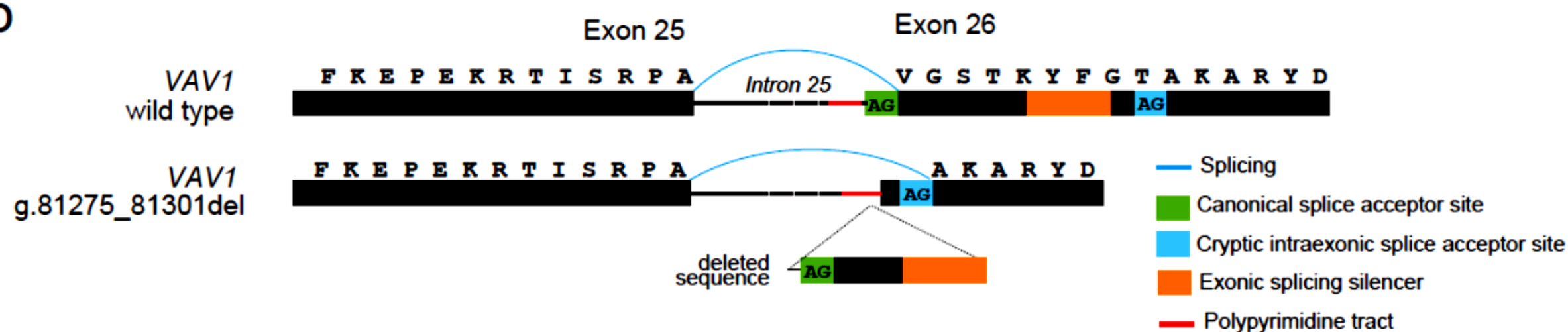




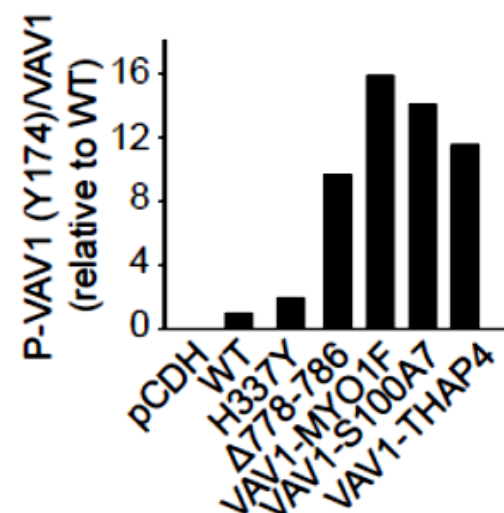
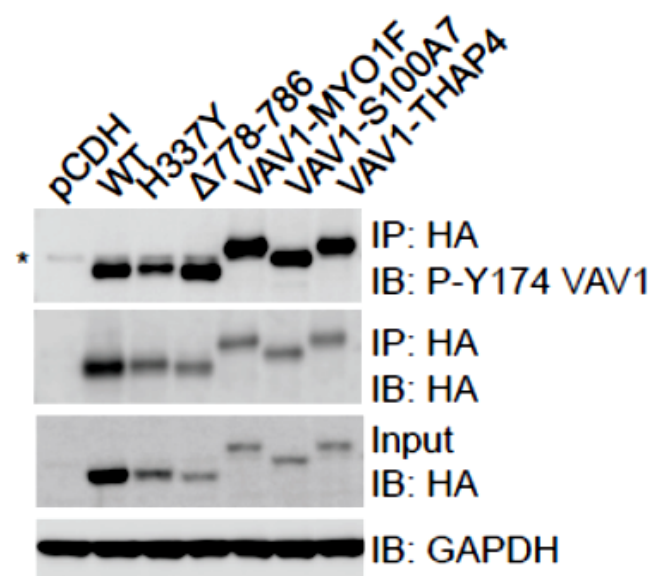
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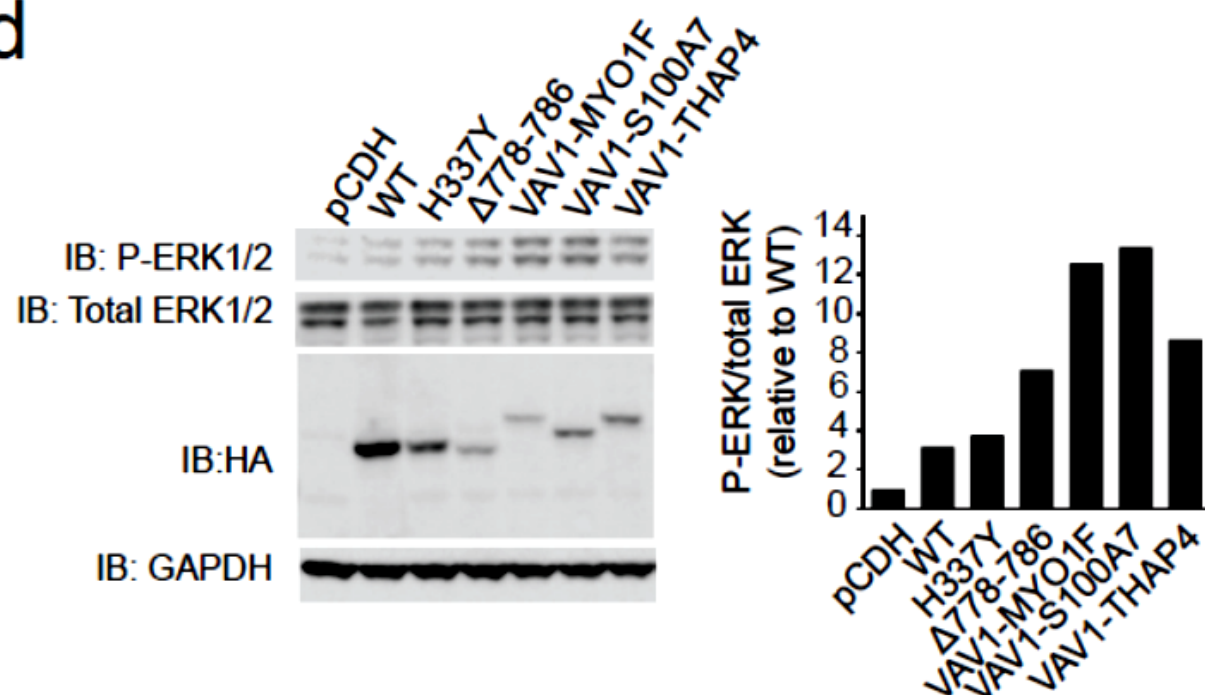
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# Whole Exome Sequencing in PTCL/NOS – Data analysis in cooperation with Francesco Bertoni

## Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) (HiScan SQ (Frozen)

### Discovery Set

23 PTCLs/NOS (5 matched with saliva of the corresponding patient)

### Saliva pool

- Saliva from the 5 patients with matched PTCL/NOS sample
- Saliva from 11 patients with tumors other than PTCL
- Saliva from 9 healthy donors

RNA SEQ data available in 21/23 cases

## Targeted Sequencing-MiSeq Platform

### Validation Set

23 PTCLs/NOS that underwent WES

### Extension Set

50 FFPE\_PTCLs/NOS (8 matched with saliva of the corresponding patient)

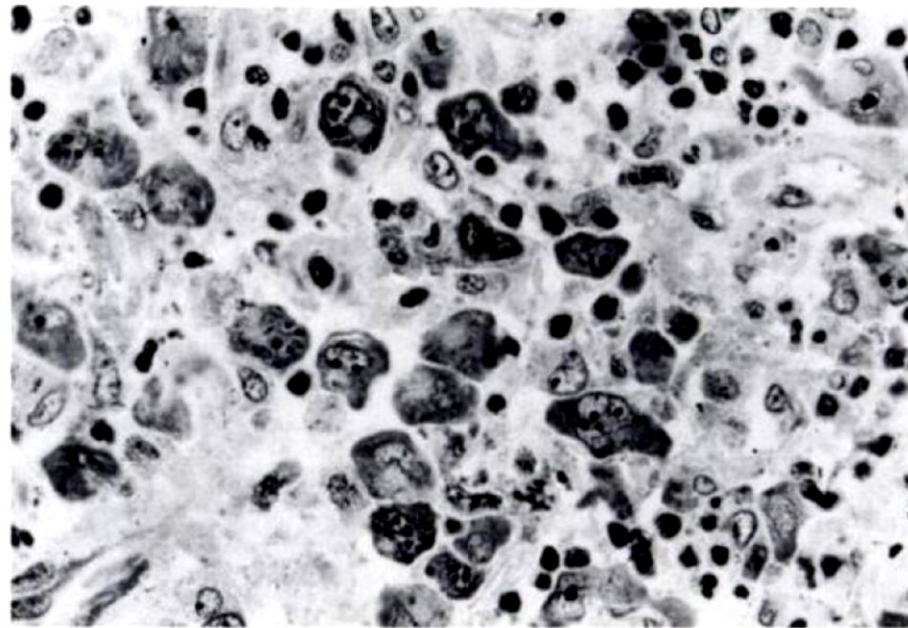
9 Cell Lines





# Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) was first described by Stein et al. (Blood, 66:848-58) in 1985.

The tumour – previously often misdiagnosed as malignant histiocytosis or metastatic involvement by occult carcinoma – was characterised by distinctive morphology, cohesive growth pattern, frequent intra-sinusoidal diffusion, and regular expression of the lymphoid activation molecule Ki-1/CD30.



At that time, no distinction was made among anaplastic large cell lymphoid tumours carrying T, null or B-cell phenotype.



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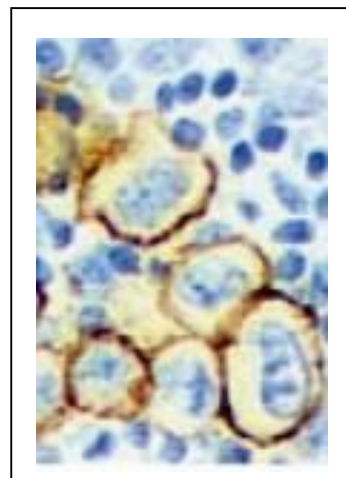
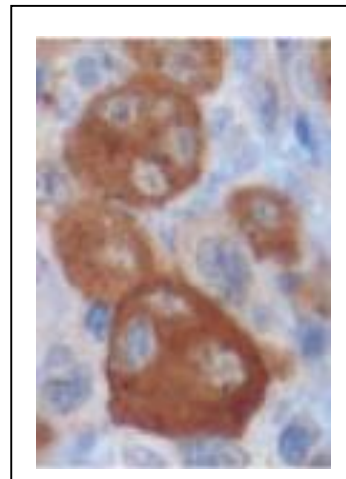
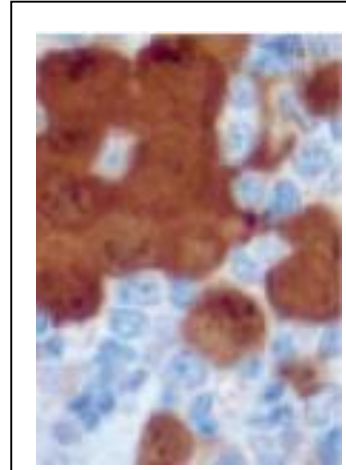


# Translocations and fusion proteins involving the ALK gene in ALK<sup>+</sup> ALCL

**Table 1** Chromosomal translocations involving the ALK gene in human lymphoma

Disease	Chromosomal abnormalities	Fusion protein (kDa)	Partner gene	Frequency (%)	ALK IHC stains	Principal references
ALCL-DLBCL	t(2;5)(p23;q35)	NPM-ALK (80)	<i>NPM1</i>	75-80	Cyto/nuclear Nuclear	7, 18
ALCL-IMT	t(1;2)(q25;p23)	TPM3-ALK (104) (104)	<i>TPM3</i>	12-18	Cyto	45
ALCL	t(2;3)(p23;q21)	TGF-ALK 113,97.85)	<i>TFG</i>	2	Cyto	46, 47
ALCL-IMT	inv(2)(p23;q35)	ATIC-ALK (96)	<i>ATIC</i>	2	Cyto	48, 73
ALCL-IMT-DLBCL	t(2;17)(p23;q23)	CLTC1-ALK (250)	<i>CLTL1</i>	2	Cyto	49
ALCL	t(2;17)(p23;q25)	AL017-ALK (ND)	<i>AL017</i>	<1	Cyto	51
ALCL	t(2;X)(p32;q11-12)	MSN-ALK (125)	<i>MSN</i>	<1	Cyto	50, 73
ALCL-IMT	t(2;19)(p23;p13)	TPM4-ALK(95-105)	<i>TPM4</i>	<1	Cyto	73
ALCL	t(2;22)(p23;q11.2)	MYH9-ALK (220)	<i>MYH9</i>	<1	Cyto	52

Abbreviations: ALCL, anaplastic large-cell lymphoma; ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; ATIC, 5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide ribonucleotide formyltransferase/IMP cyclohydrolase; CLTL1, Clathrin heavy chainlike1; cyto, cytoplasmic; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; MSN, moesin; NPM, nucleophosmin.



**Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma.**

**Inghirami G and Pileri SA. Sem Diagn Pathol 2011; 28:190-201.**



# **Translocations and fusion proteins involving the ALK gene in ALK<sup>+</sup> ALCL**

## **The oncogenic role of ALK fusion proteins**

- **Translocations involving ALK produce fusion proteins with constitutive tyrosine kinase activity in most cases deriving from spontaneous dimerization induced by the different fusion partners**
- **Transforming ability *in vitro***
- **Tumorigenic role in transgenic mouse models**
- **Engagement of intracellular pathways**

**ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase.**

**Chiarle R, *et al.* Nat Rev Cancer 2008;8:11–23.**



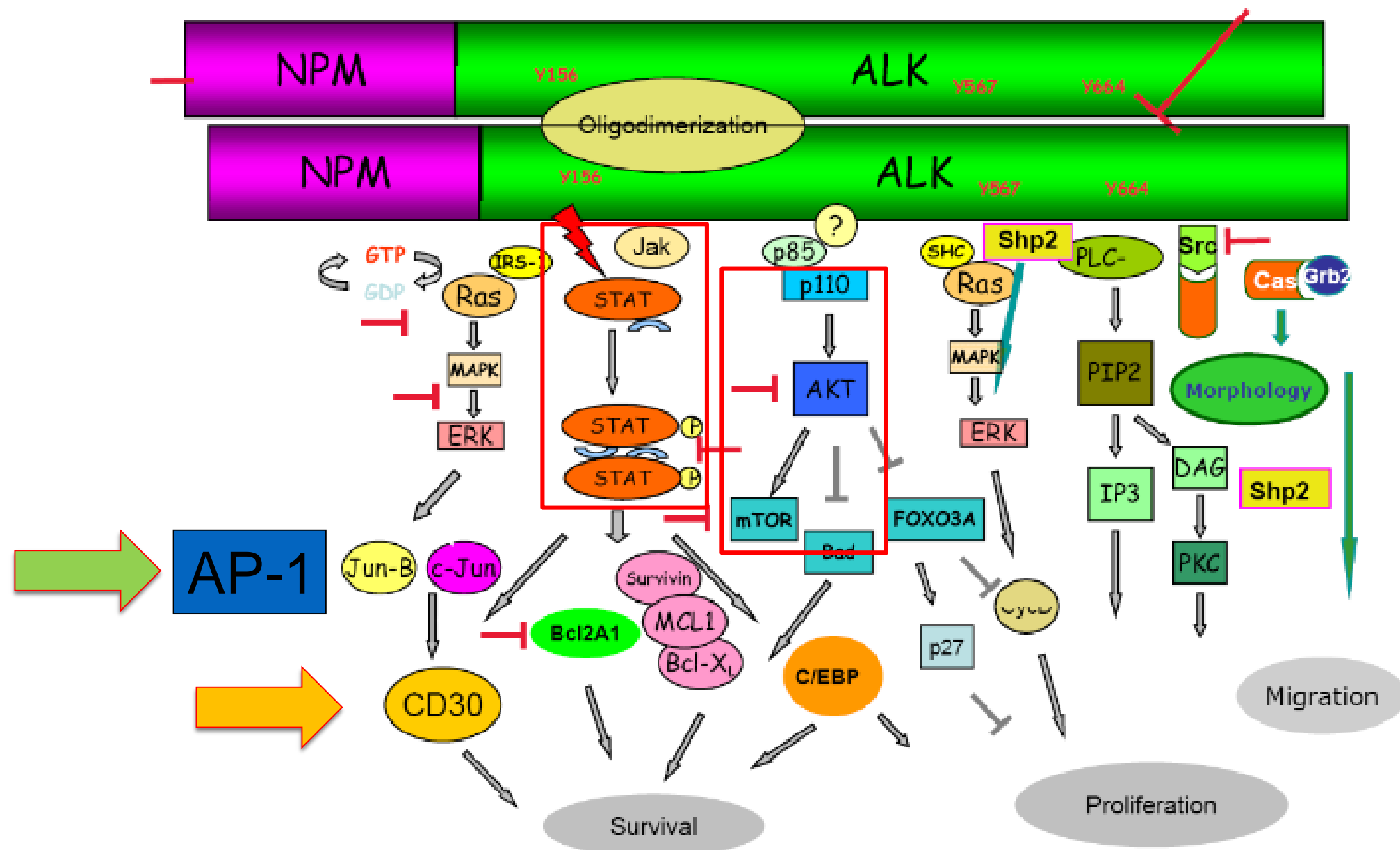
# ALK<sup>+</sup> ALCL

## Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma

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Small Molecule ALK-Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors





# Five-year outcomes for frontline brentuximab vedotin with CHP for CD30-expressing peripheral T-cell lymphomas

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## KEY POINTS

- **100% response rate (92% CR) in 26 patients treated with frontline BV+CHP. After ~5 years, 50% remained in CR (PFS 37.8+ to 66.0+ months).**
- **18 of 19 patients (95%) with treatment-emergent PN reported resolution or improvement in symptoms; 9 had resolution of all PN events.**

**This phase 1 study evaluated frontline brentuximab vedotin in combination with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone (BV+CHP; 6 cycles, then up to 10 cycles of brentuximab vedotin monotherapy) in 26 patients with CD30<sup>+</sup> peripheral T-cell lymphoma, including 19 with systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma. All patients (100%) achieved an objective response, with a complete remission (CR) rate of 92%; none received a consolidative stem cell transplant. After a median observation period of 59.6 months (range, 4.6-66.0) from first dose, neither the median progression-free survival (PFS) nor the median overall survival (OS) was reached. No progression or death was observed beyond 35 months. The estimated 5-year PFS and OS rates were 52% and 80%, respectively. Eighteen of 19 patients (95%) with treatment-emergent peripheral neuropathy (PN) reported resolution or improvement of symptoms. Thirteen patients (50%) remained in remission at the end of the study, with PFS ranging from 37.8+ to 66.0+ months. Eight of these 13 patients received the maximum 16 cycles of study treatment. These final results demonstrate durable remissions in 50% of patients treated with frontline BV+CHP, suggesting a potentially curative treatment option for some patients. This trial was registered at [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) as #NCT01309789. (*Blood*. 2018;131(19):2120-2124)**



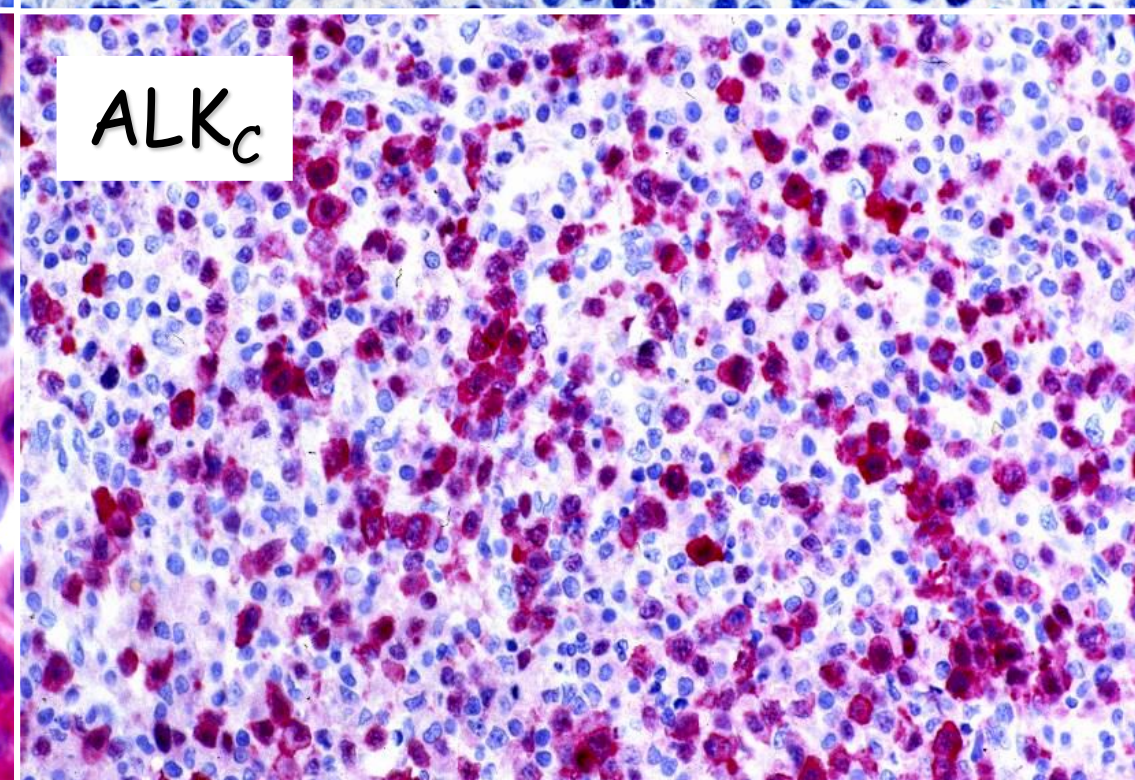
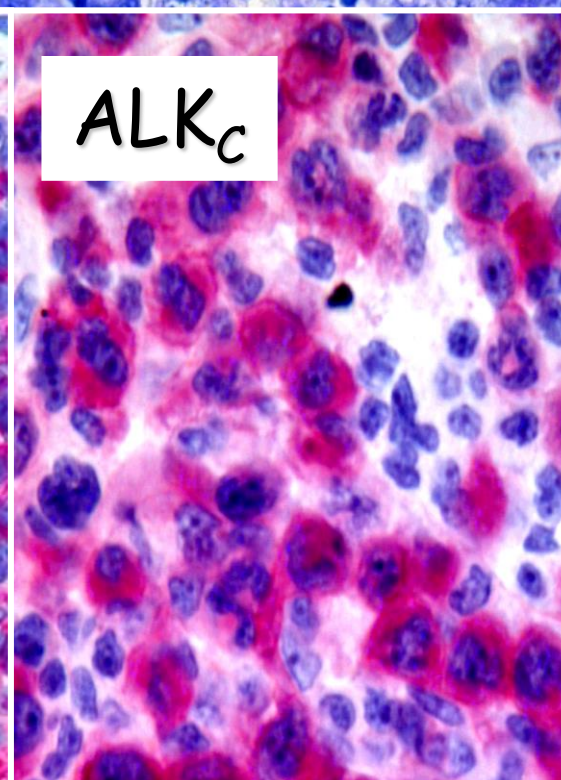
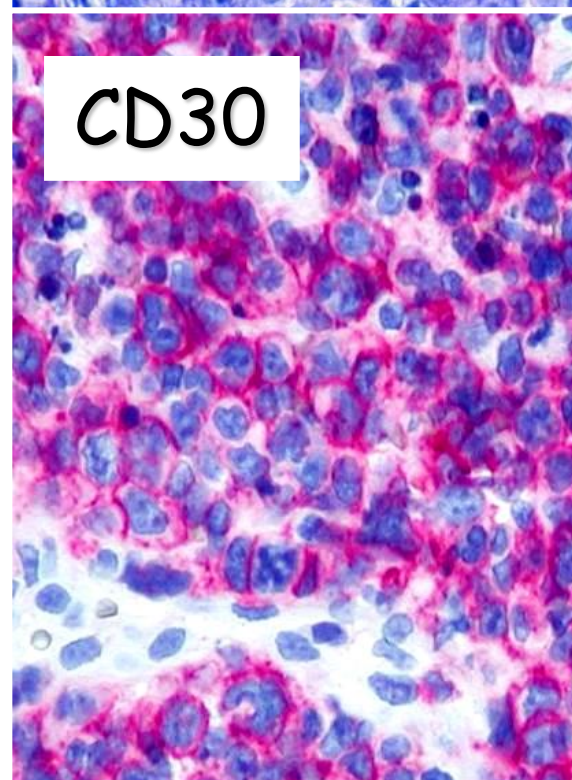
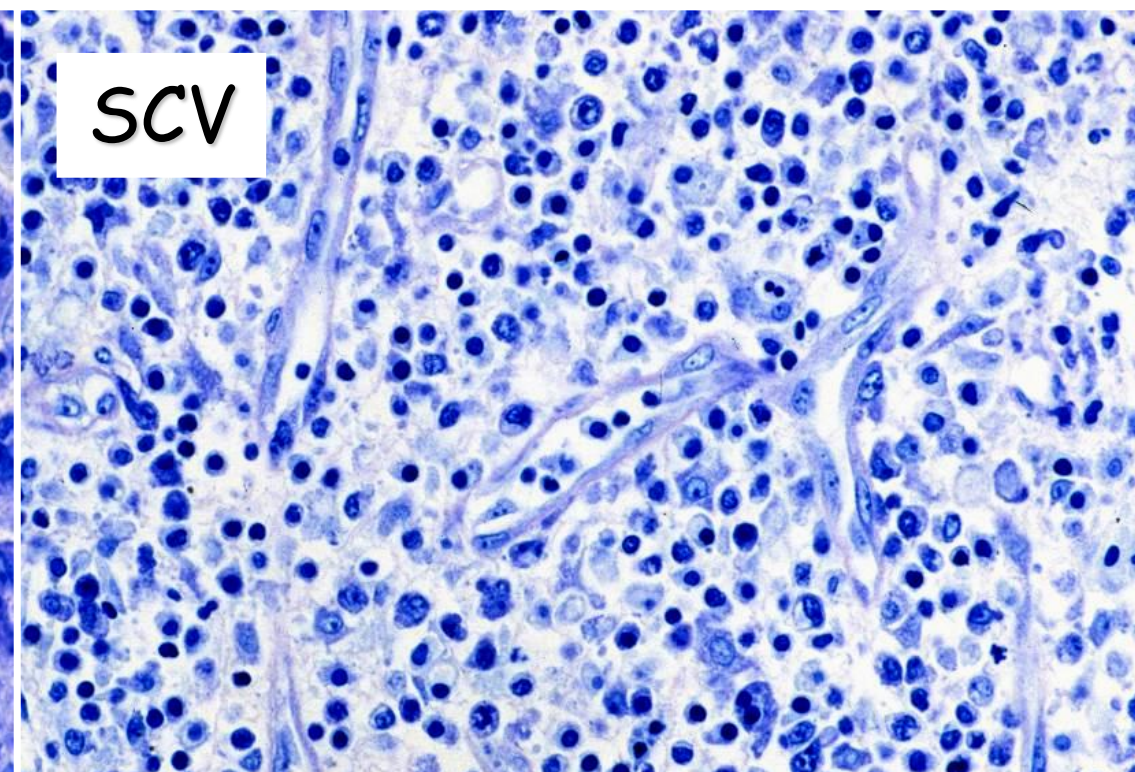
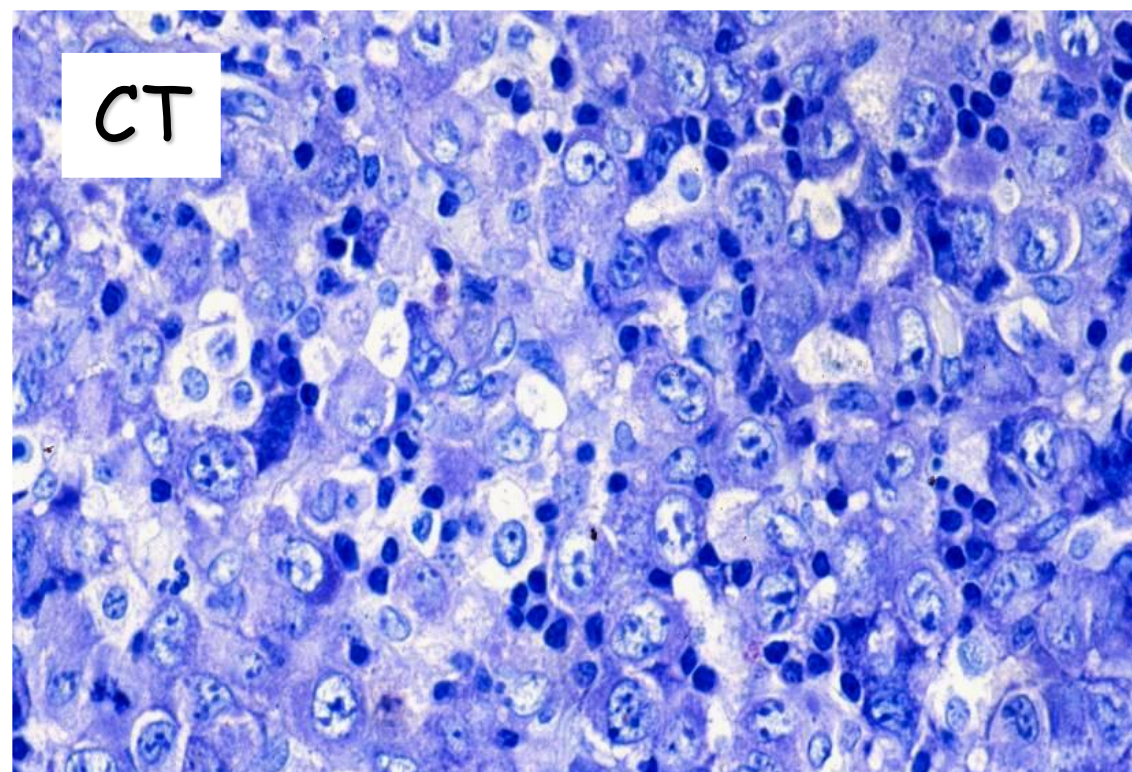
# Anaplastic large cell lymphoma

**Sinusoidal pattern**

**CD30**

**Anaplastic morphology**





Onset

Relapse



# Programmed Death Ligand 1 Is Expressed by Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas and Inhibits the Activity of Tumor-Associated T Cells

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## Abstract

**Purpose:** Programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1) is expressed on antigen-presenting cells and inhibits activation of T cells through its receptor PD-1. PD-L1 is aberrantly expressed on some epithelial malignancies and Hodgkin lymphomas and may prevent effective host antitumor immunity. The role of PD-L1 in non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL) is not well characterized.

**Experimental Design:** PD-L1 expression was analyzed in cell lines and lymphoma specimens by using flow cytometry and immunohistochemistry. Functional activity of PD-L1 was studied by incubating irradiated lymphoma cells with allogeneic T cells with or without anti-PD-L1 blocking antibody; T-cell proliferation and IFN- $\gamma$  secretion served as measures of T-cell activation. Similar experiments were conducted using cultures of primary lymphoma specimens containing host T cells.

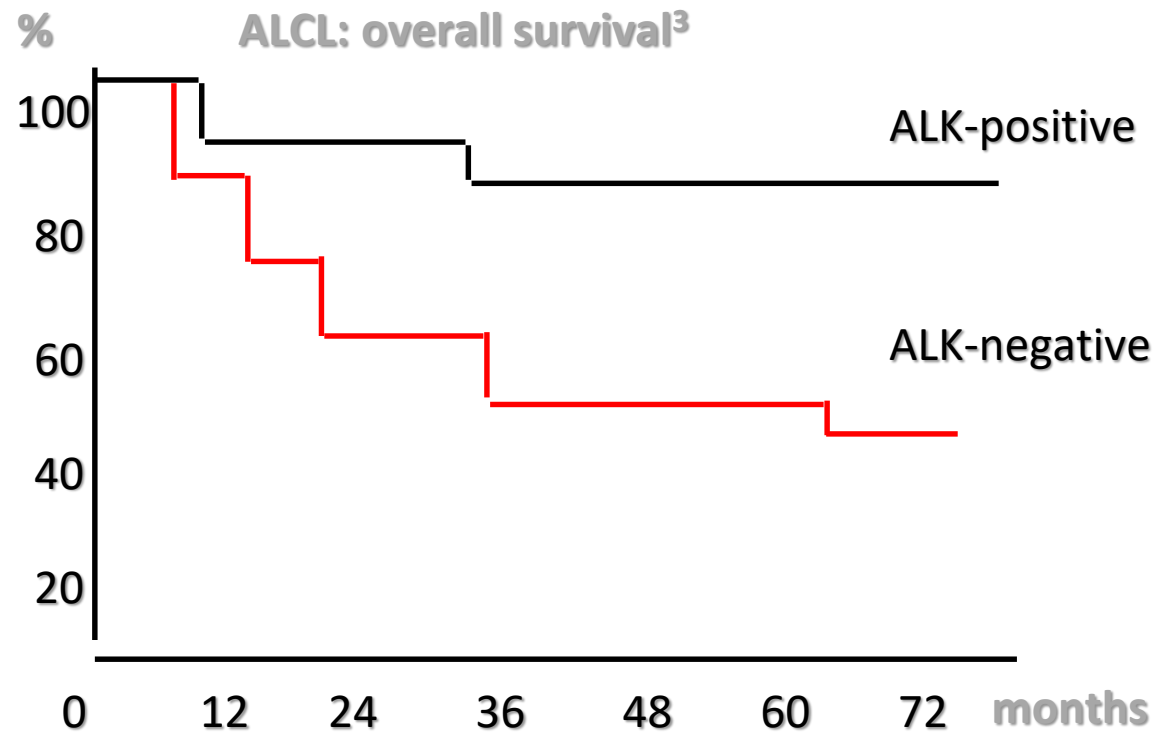
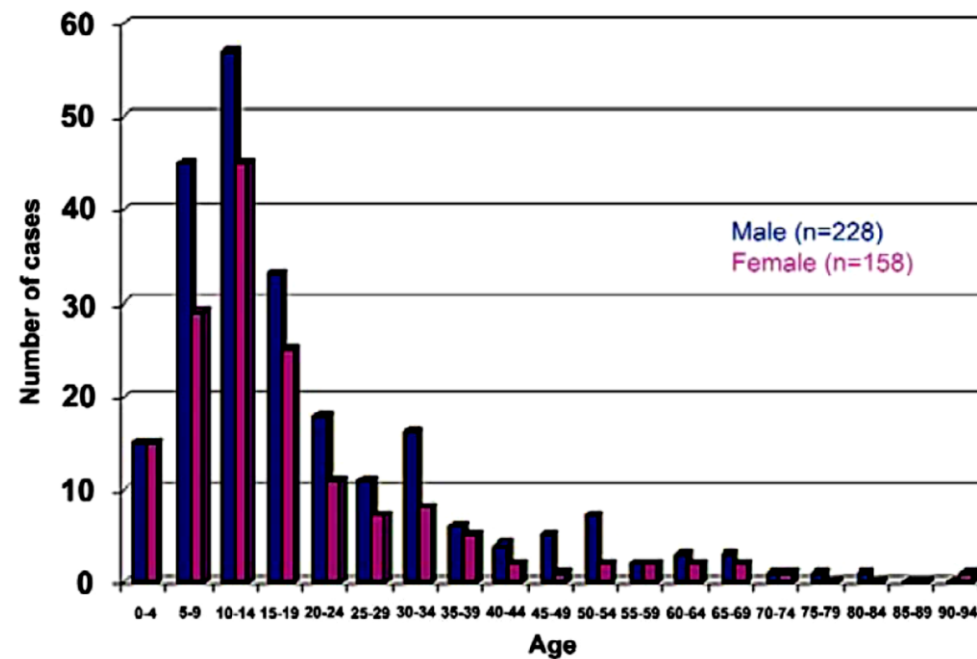
**Results:** PD-L1 was expressed uniformly by anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) cell lines, but rarely in B-cell NHL, confined to a subset of diffuse large B-cell lymphomas (DLBCL) with activated B-cell features (3 of 28 cell lines and 24% of primary DLBCL). Anti-PD-L1 blocking antibody boosted proliferation and IFN- $\gamma$  secretion by allogeneic T cells responding to ALCL and DLBCL cells. In autologous cultures of primary ALCL and DLBCL, PD-L1 blockade enhanced secretion of inflammatory cytokines IFN- $\gamma$ , granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, interleukin (IL)-1, IL-6, IL-8, IL-13, TNF- $\alpha$ , and macrophage inflammatory protein-1 $\alpha$ . In establishing cell lines from an aggressive PD-L1<sup>+</sup> mature B-cell lymphoma, we also noted that PD-L1 expression could be lost under certain *in vitro* culture conditions.

**Conclusions:** PD-L1 may thwart effective antitumor immune responses and represents an attractive target for lymphoma immunotherapy. *Clin Cancer Res*; 17(13); 4232–44. ©2011 AACR.



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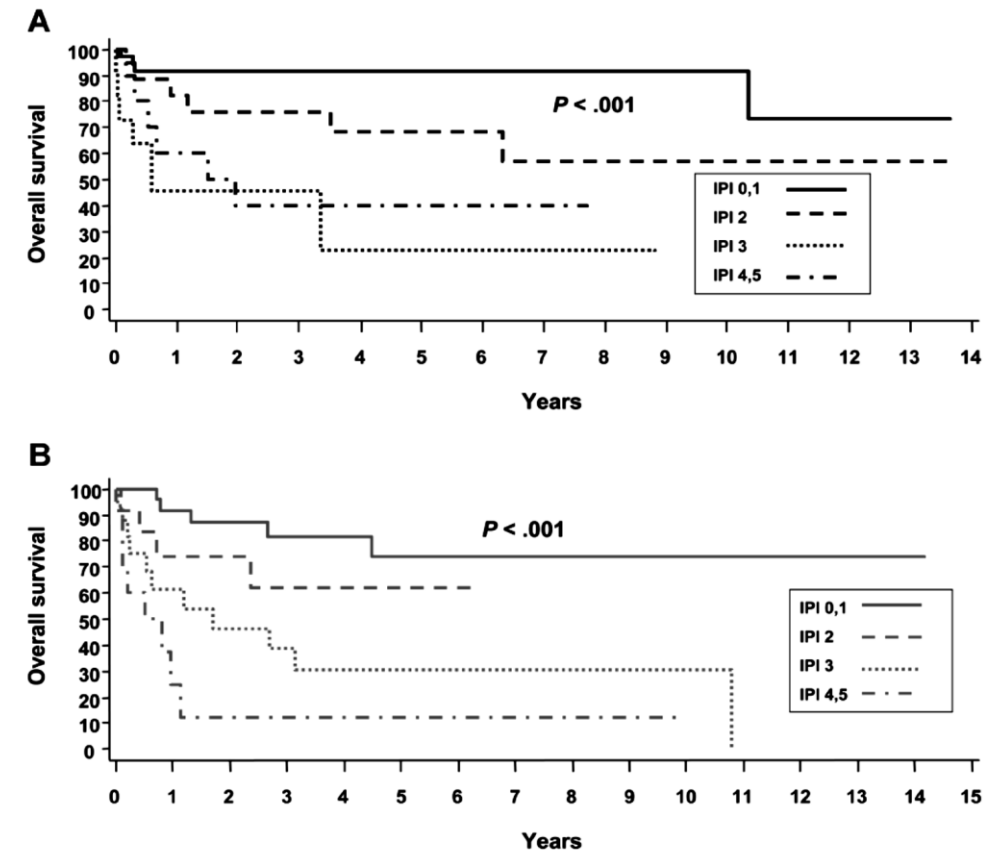
ALK-positive: most frequent in the first three decades of life<sup>1</sup>



Overall survival of systemic ALK according to ALK status<sup>2</sup>

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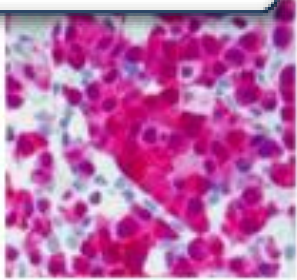
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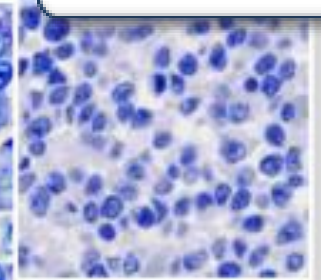


# Anaplastic large cell lymphoma

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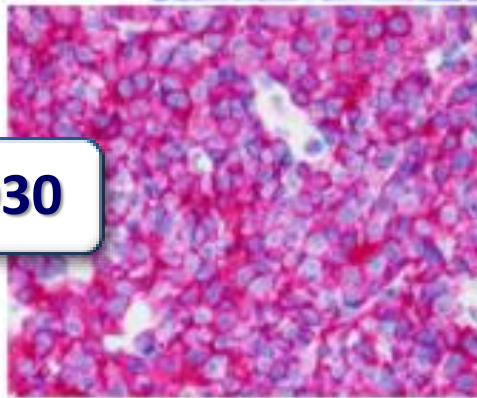


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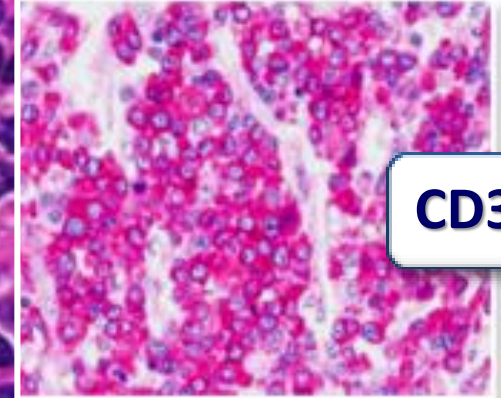


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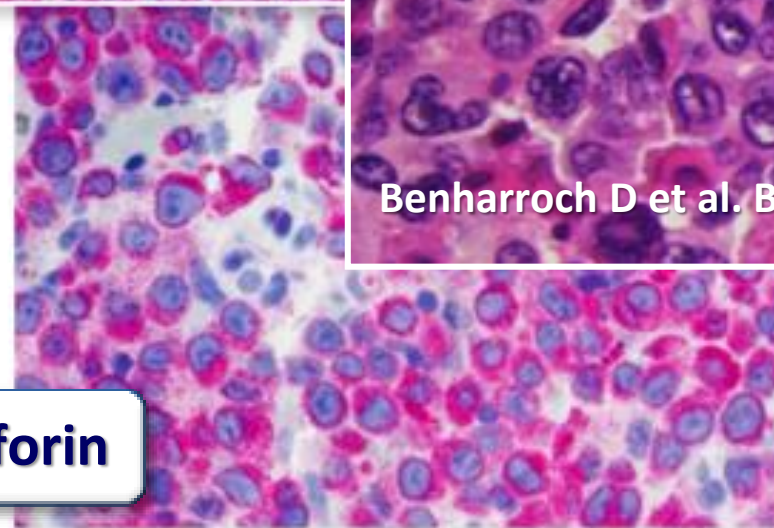
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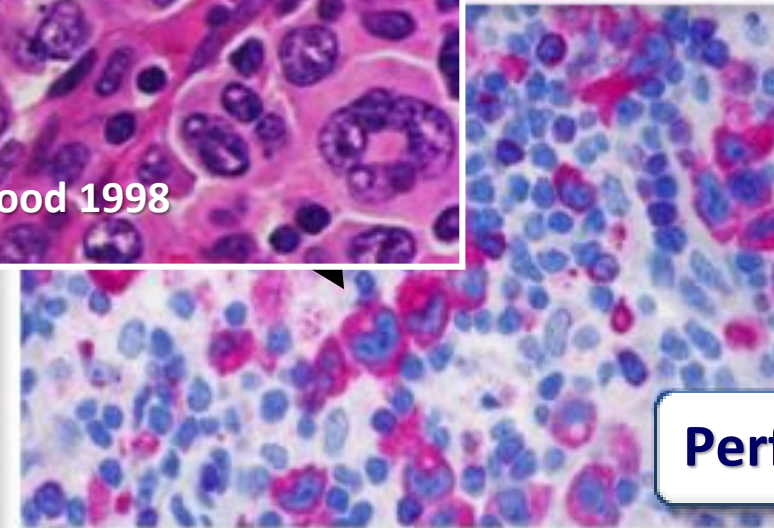
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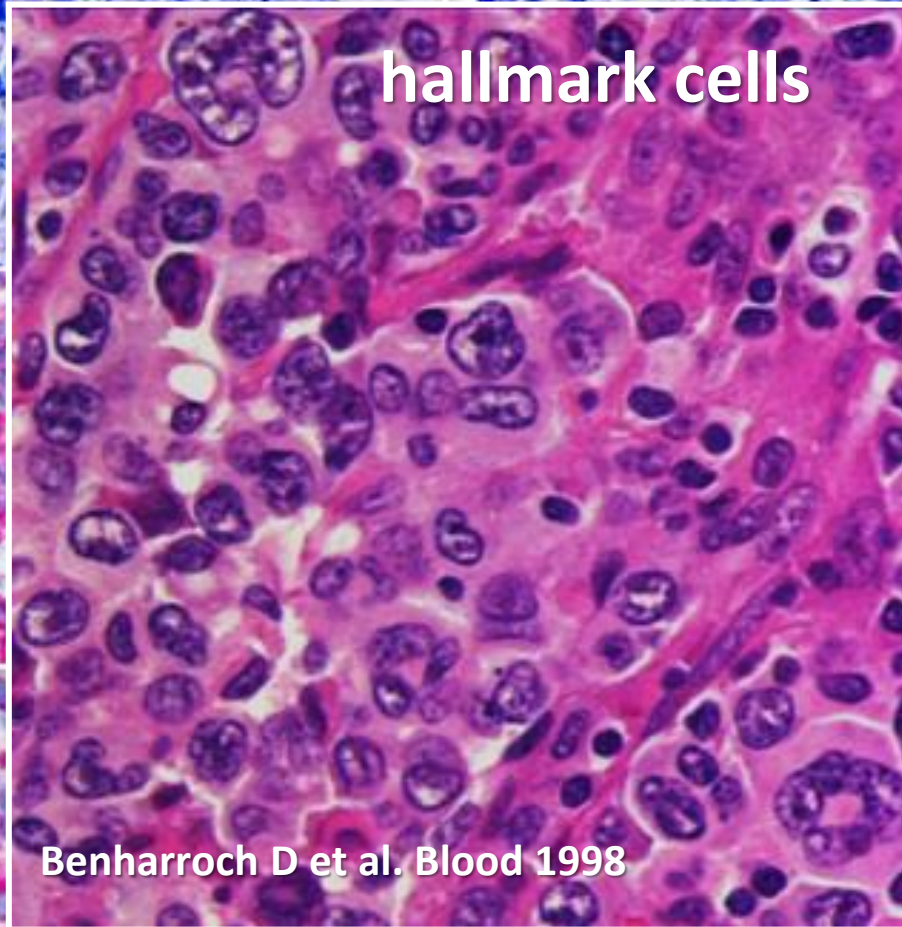
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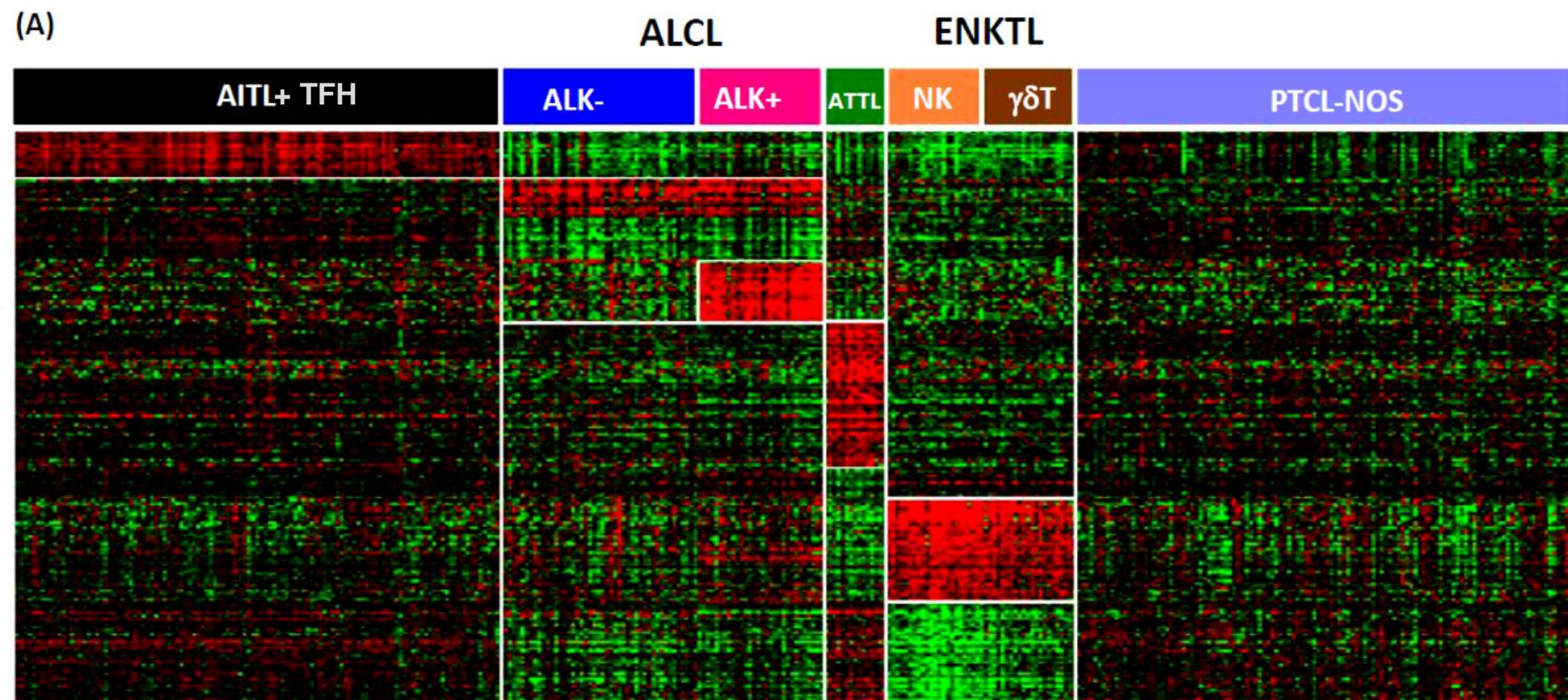
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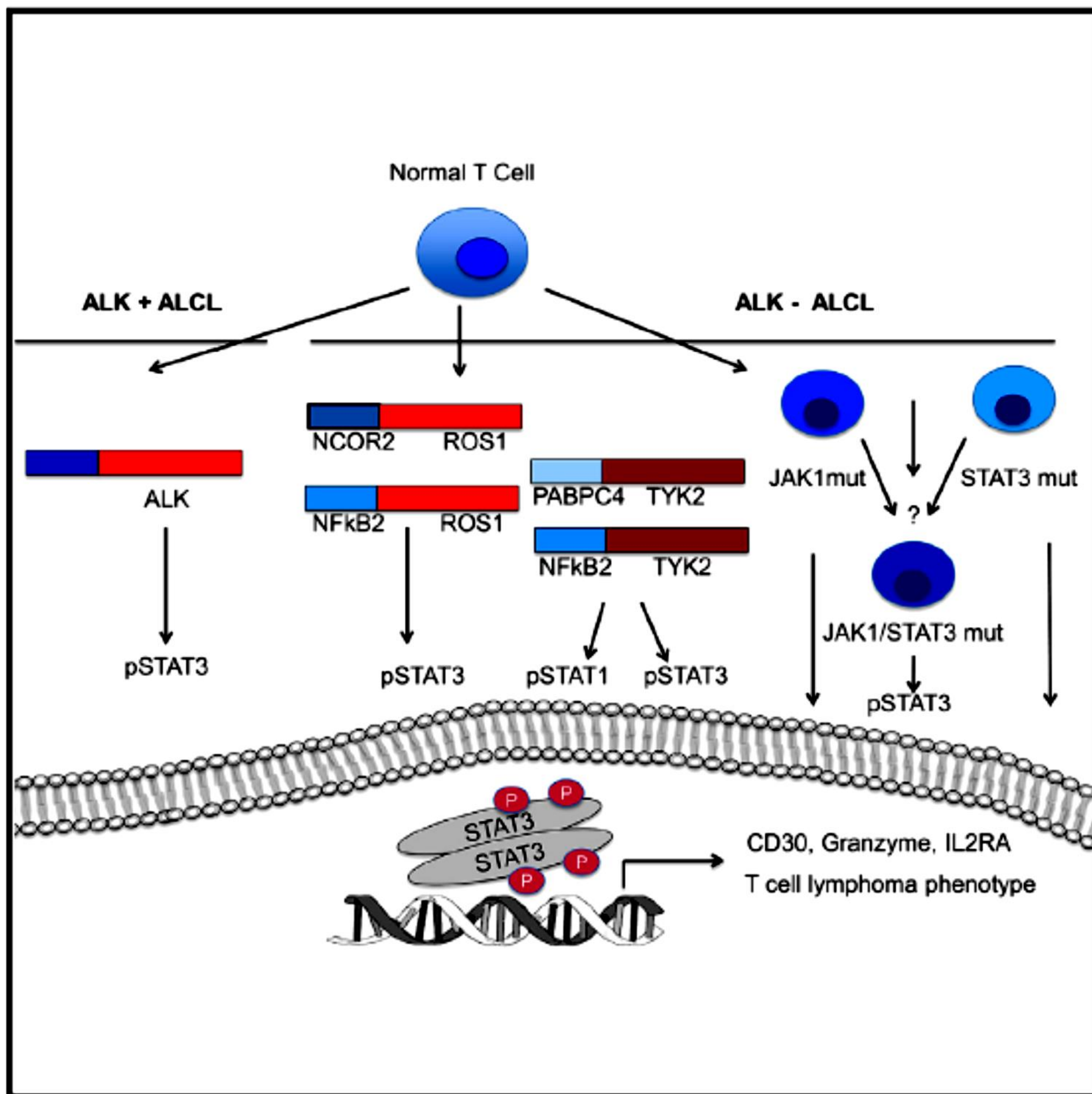
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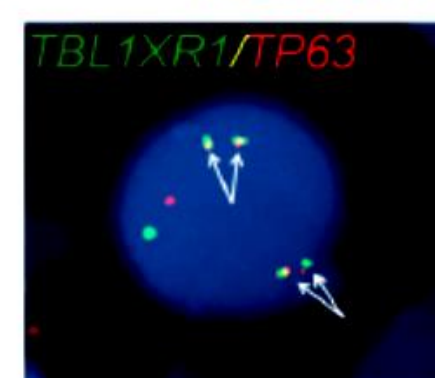
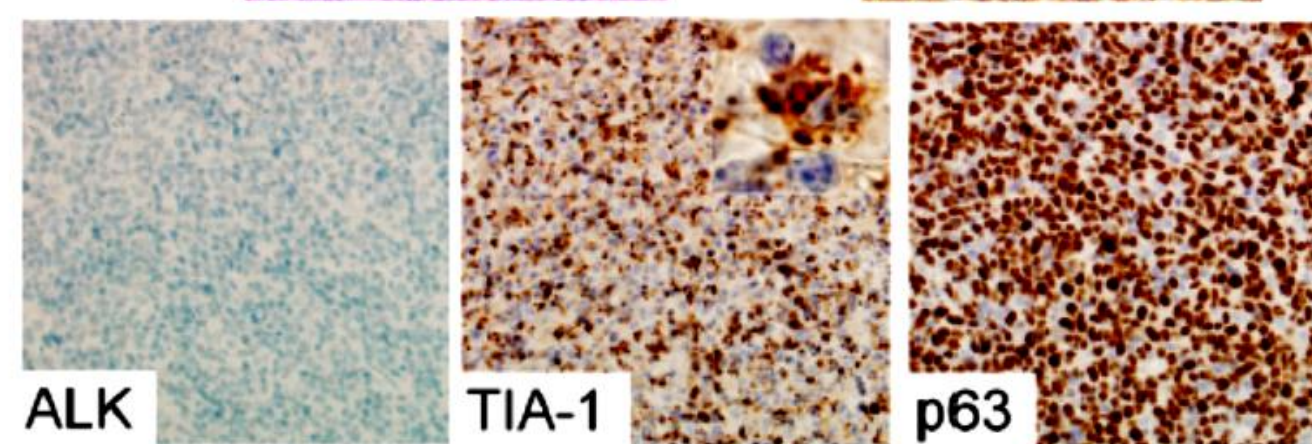
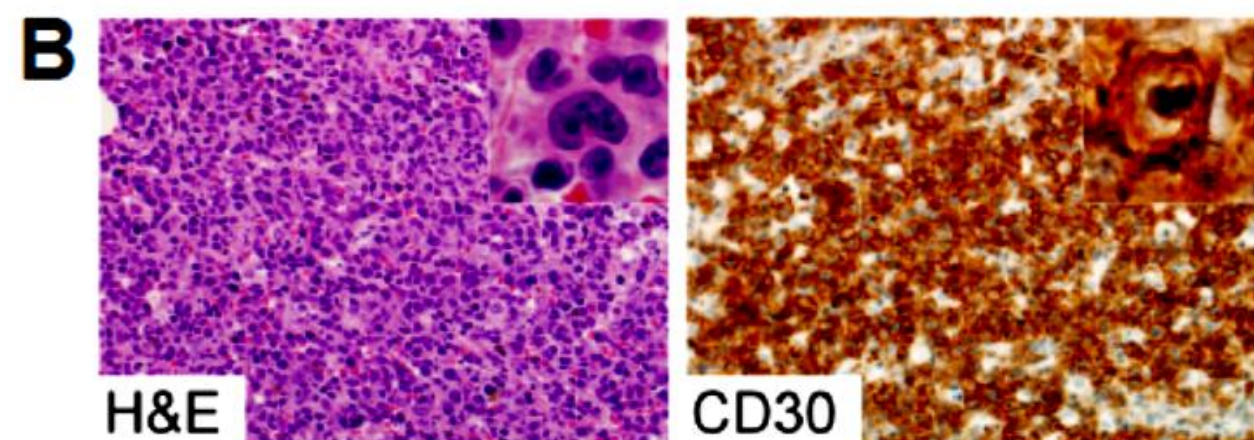
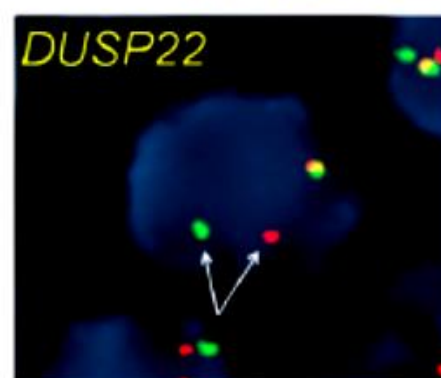
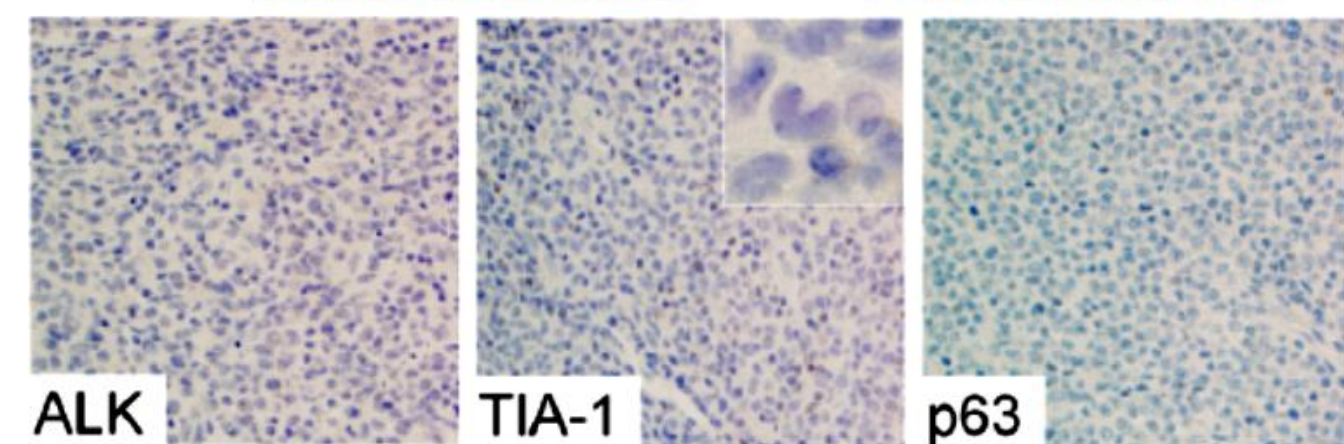
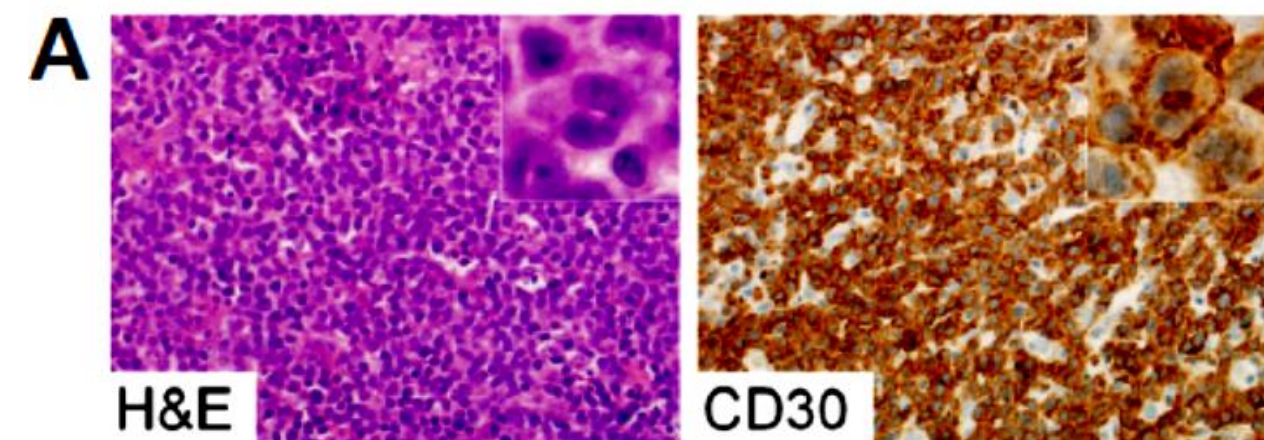
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# Expression of p63 protein in anaplastic large cell lymphoma: implications for genetic subtyping<sup>☆, ☆ ☆</sup>

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**Summary** Anaplastic large cell lymphomas (ALCLs) are CD30-positive T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas that bear chromosomal rearrangements of the *TP53* homologue *TP63* in a subset of cases that demonstrate aggressive clinical behavior. In the present study, we examined the relationship between p63 protein expression by immunohistochemistry and the results of fluorescence in situ hybridization using *TP63* probes in 116 ALCLs. We also determined the relative expression of full-length TAp63 and truncated  $\Delta$ Np63 isoforms (eg, p40) in ALCL cell lines and a subset of clinical cases. Overall, 35.3% of ALCLs were positive for p63 protein. Primary cutaneous and anaplastic lymphoma kinase–negative ALCLs were positive more frequently than anaplastic lymphoma kinase–positive ALCLs ( $P = .0034$ ). As previously reported, cases with *TP63* gene rearrangements expressed p63 uniformly. p63 expression in nonrearranged cases was associated with extra copies of *TP63* on 3q28 ( $P < .0001$ ). Extra copies of *TP63* correlated with extra copies of the *DUSP22* locus on 6p25.3 ( $P < .0001$ ). Results of immunohistochemistry, Western blotting, and RNA sequencing indicated that p63 expression in nonrearranged cases was entirely attributable to TAp63 isoforms. Taken together, these findings indicate that ALCLs without *TP63* rearrangements may express TAp63 isoforms of p63 and that this expression is associated with extra copies of *TP63*, probably due to widespread genomic copy number abnormalities rather than focal gains. Immunohistochemistry for p63 in ALCL is not specific for *TP63* rearrangements but is useful clinically as a screening test to select cases



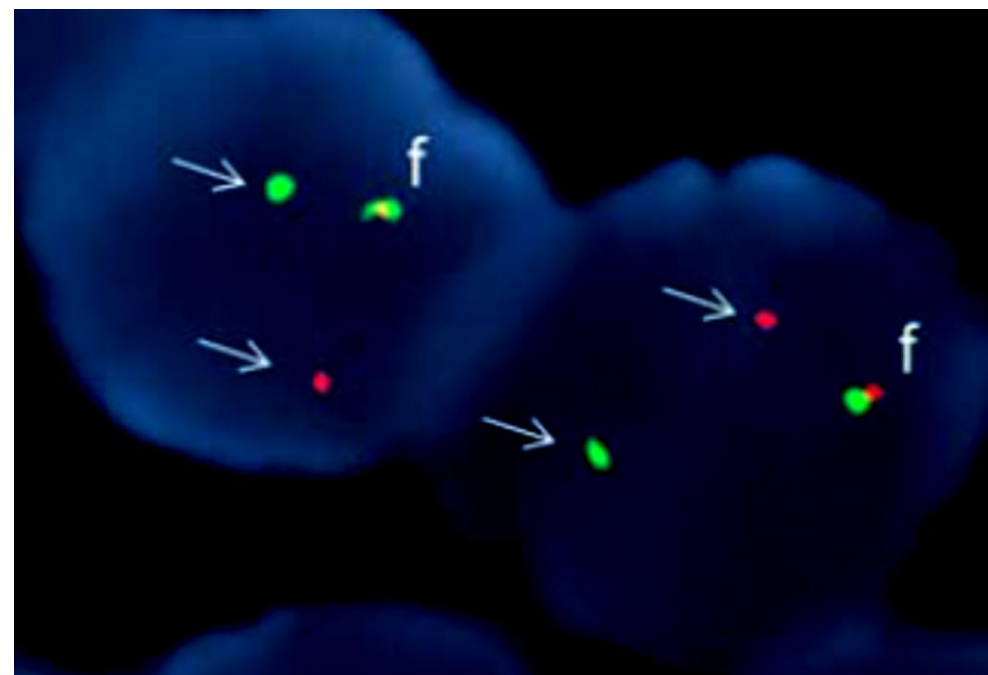
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# ALK<sup>-</sup> ALCL with *DUSP22* rearrangement shows:

- lack of STAT3 activation,
- over-expression of immunogenic cancer-testis antigen genes,
- marked DNA hypomethylation,
- minimal expression of PD-L1,
- high expression of CD58 and HLA class II.

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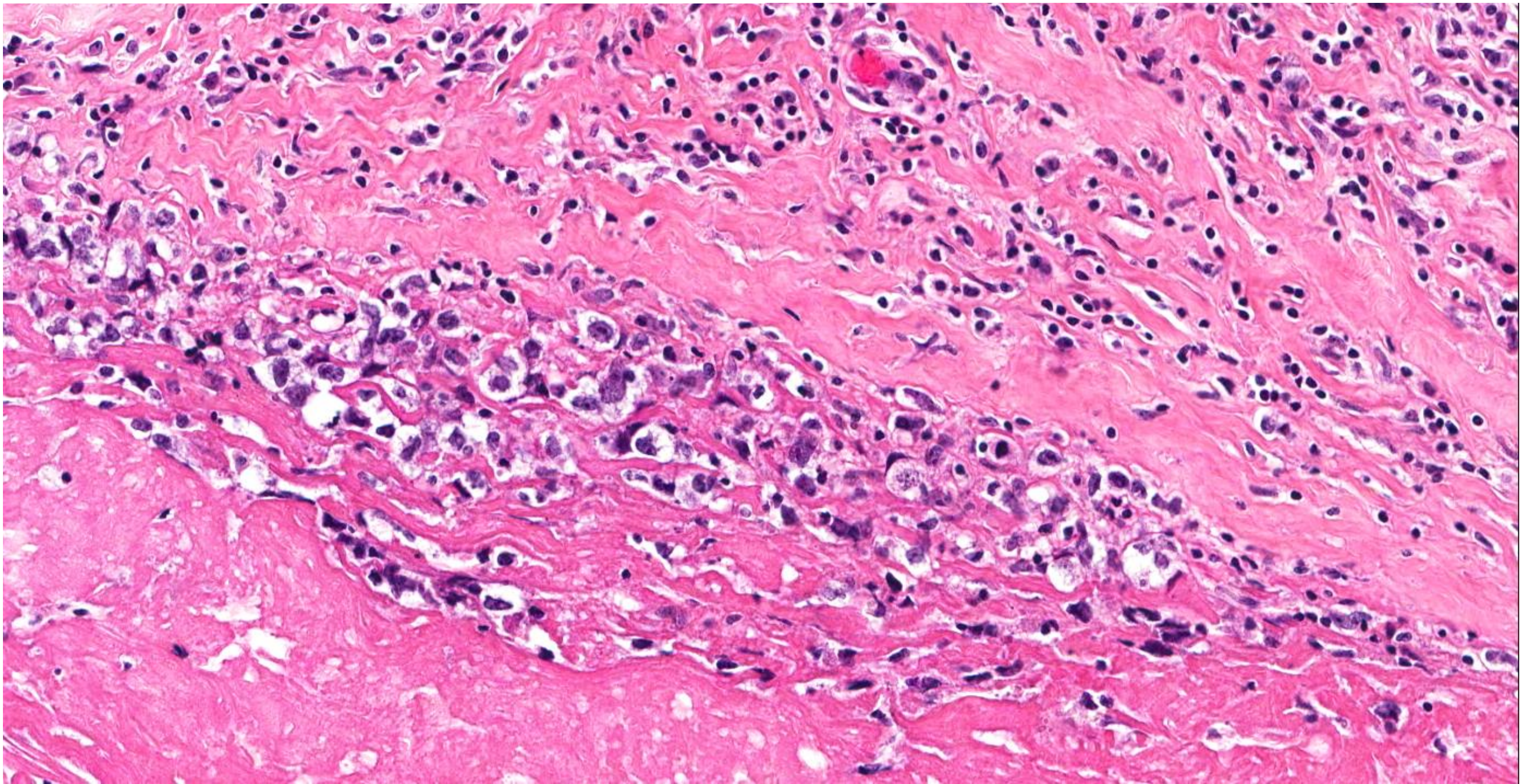
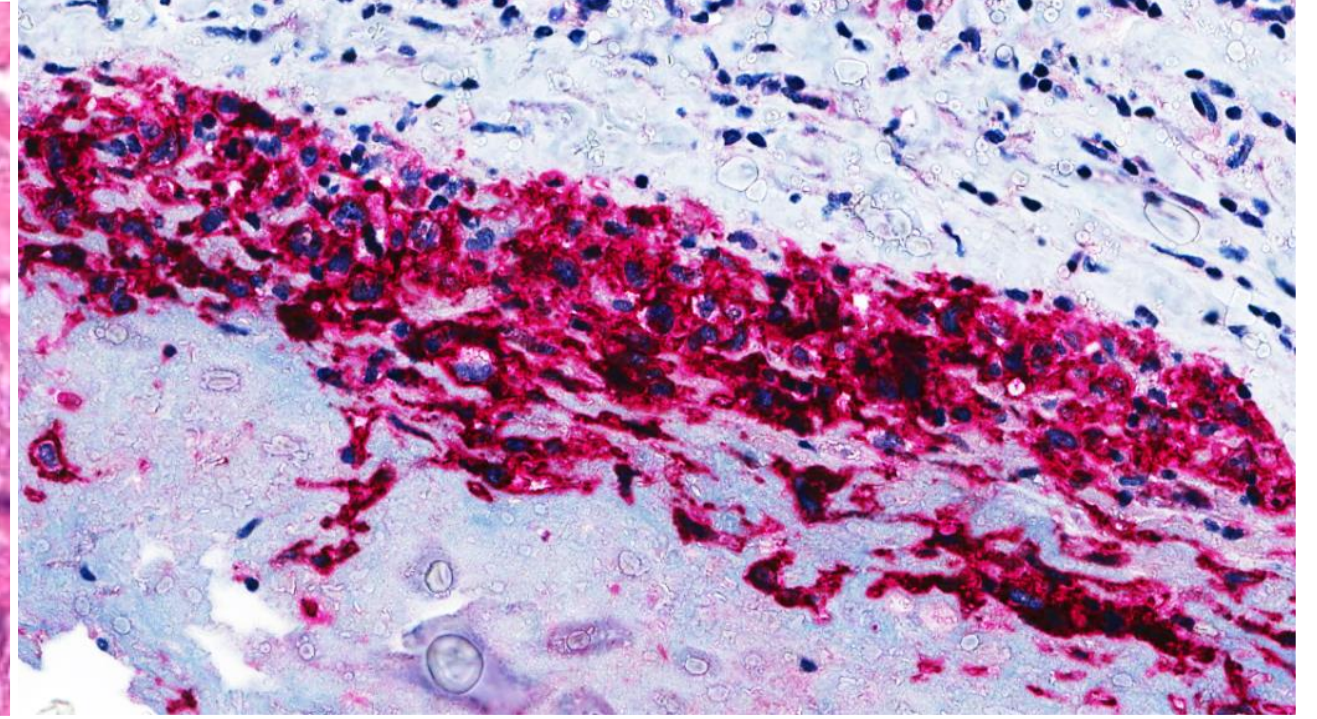
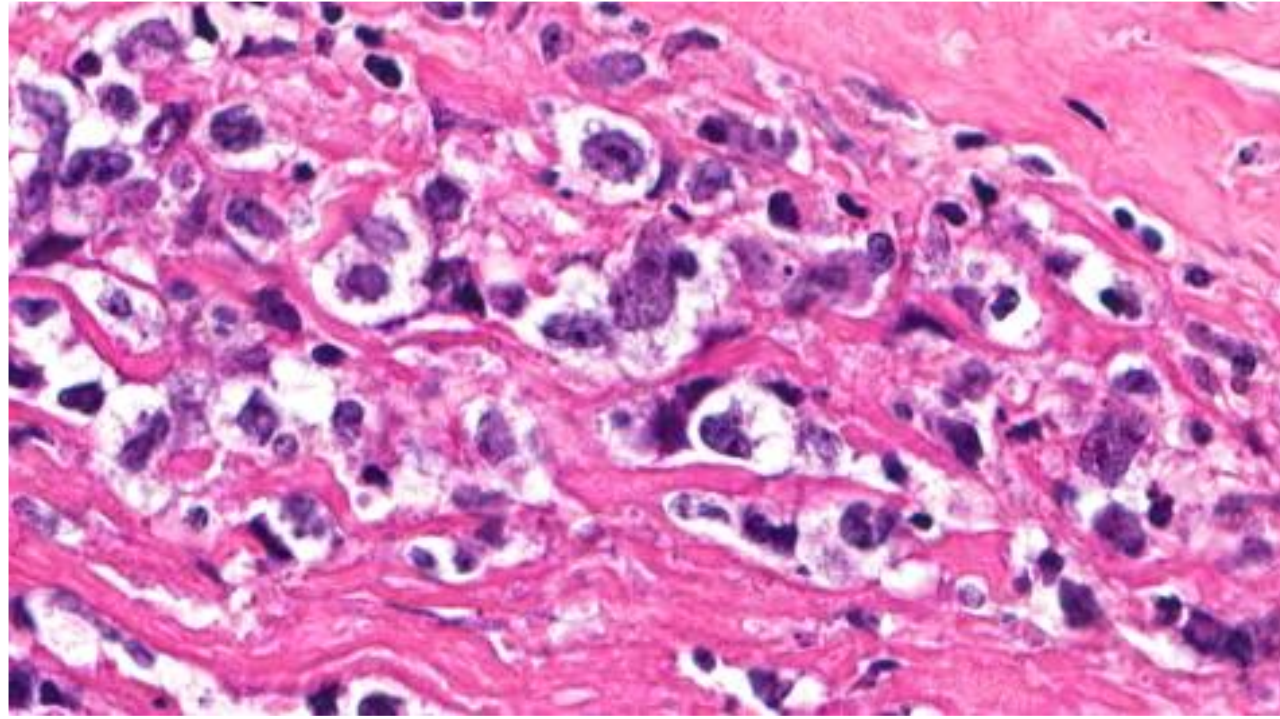


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# Genetic subtyping of breast implant–associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma

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Parameter	No. positive/ no. studied	Percent positive
Capsular infiltration (T3*)	4/33	12
Mass/infiltration beyond capsule (T4)	10/33	30
Lymph node involvement†	4/30	13
ALK (IHC‡)	0/36	0
<i>DUSP22</i> rearrangement (FISH)	0/36	0
<i>TP63</i> rearrangement (FISH)	0/36	0
pSTAT3 <sup>Y705</sup> (IHC)	27/27	100
<i>JAK1</i> mutation (NGS)	1/15	7§
<i>JAK3</i> mutation (NGS)	0/15	0
<i>STAT3</i> mutation (NGS)	3/15	20
<i>STAT5A</i> mutation (NGS)	0/15	0
<i>STAT5B</i> mutation (NGS)	0/15	0



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