

What's new on the horizon in T-cell lymphoma

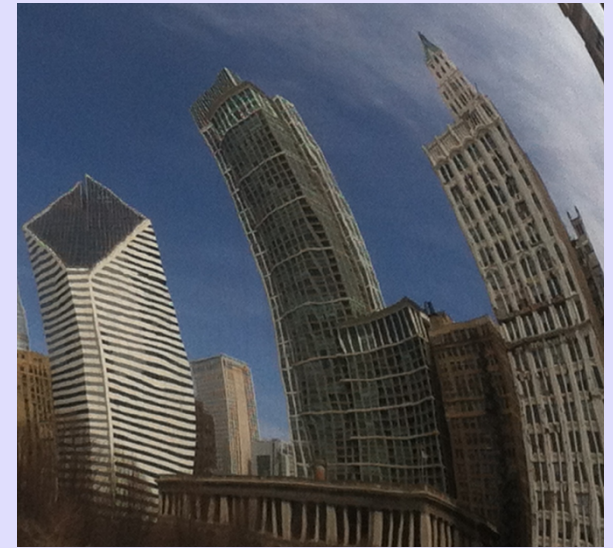
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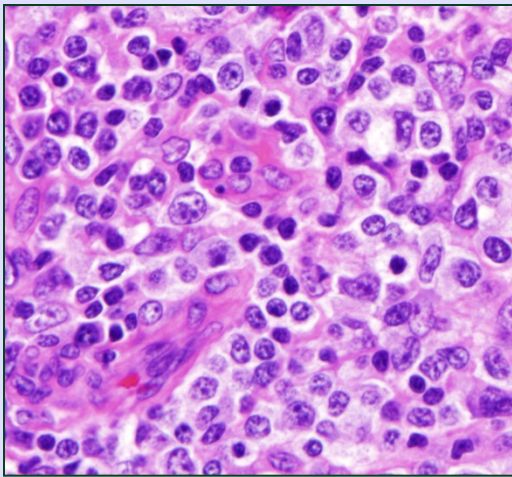
WHO classification: where are we today?

- Of 12 monographs planned for 4th Edition Bluebook series, only 7 are published
 - Series unlikely to be completed prior to 2017
- Appeal to Chris Wild, IARC Director
 - Need to update the classification, incorporate new data and concepts
- IARC authorized “Revised WHO classification” to be published in web-based format on *PUBCAN – target date 2016*
- Bluebook monograph and Ebook will be produced as well

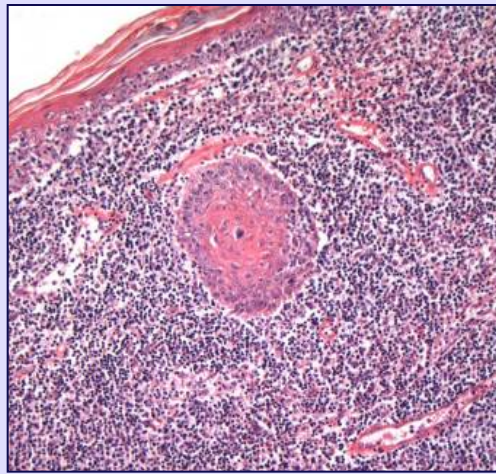


Clinical Advisory Meeting, March 31-April 1, 2014

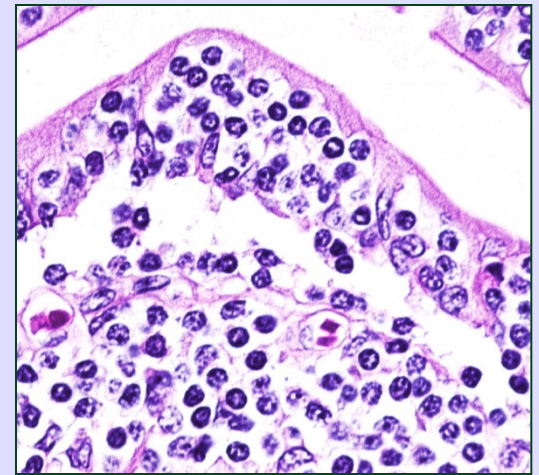




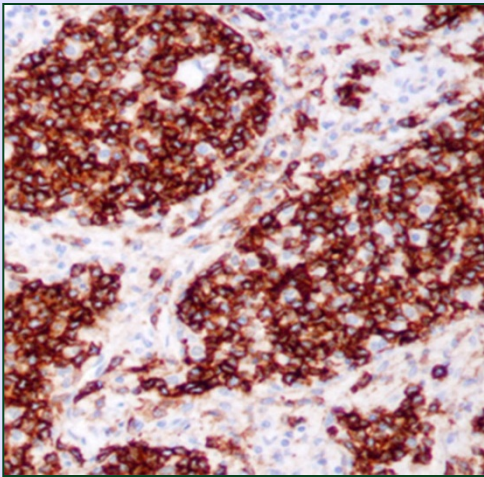
AITL & other nodal TFH lymphomas



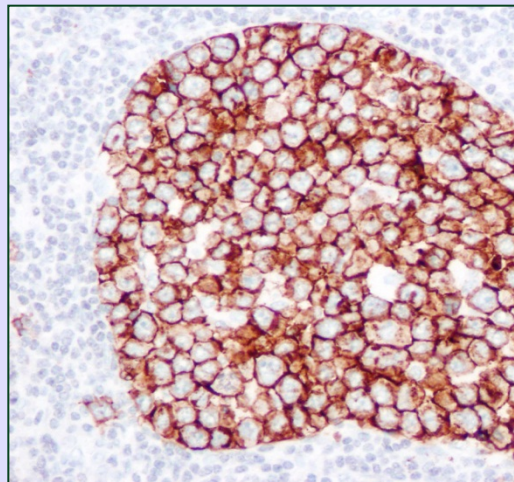
1°Cut CD4+ T-LPD



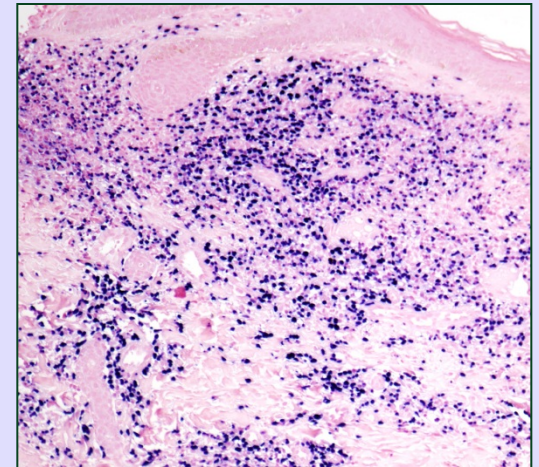
Intestinal T-cell lymphomas



HSTCL / $\gamma\delta$

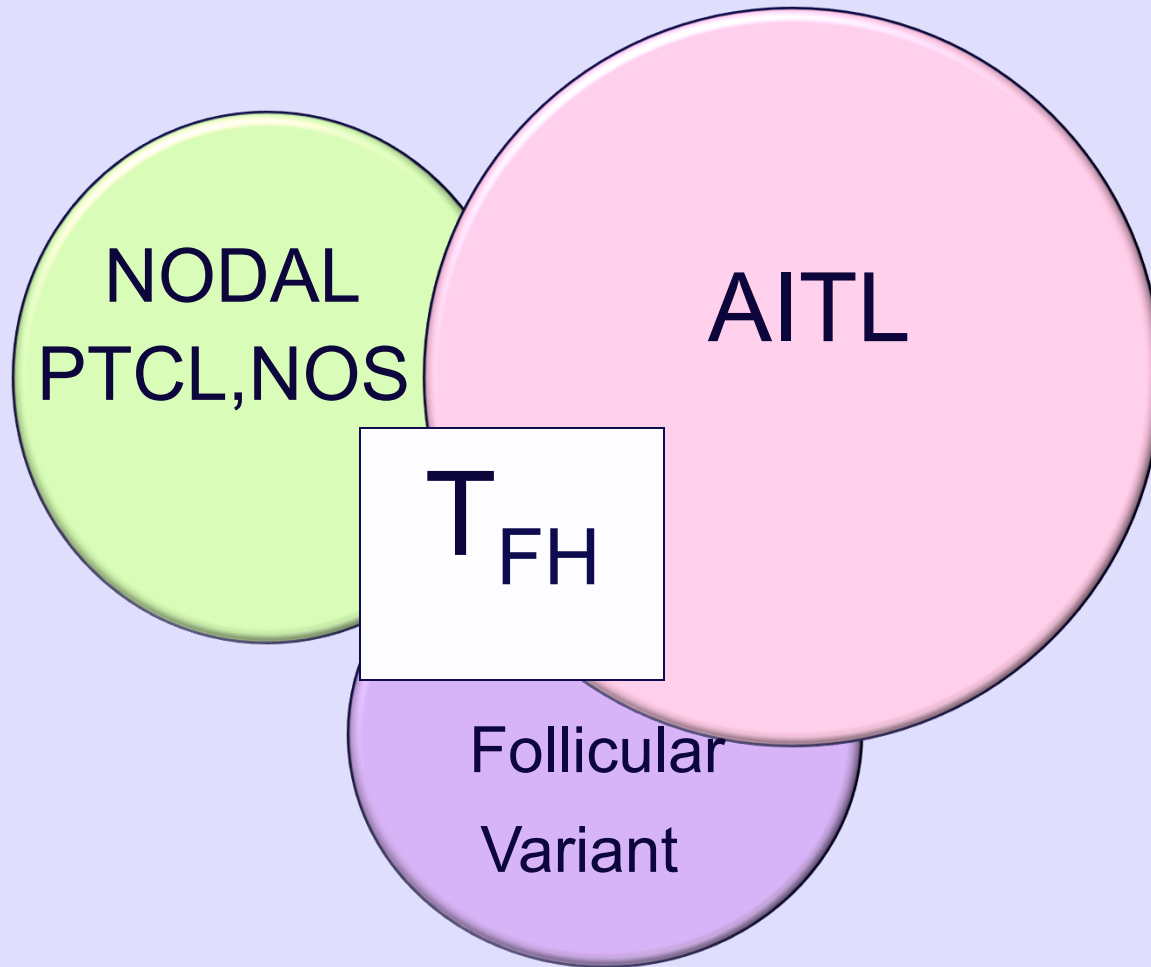


ALCL, ALK-negative



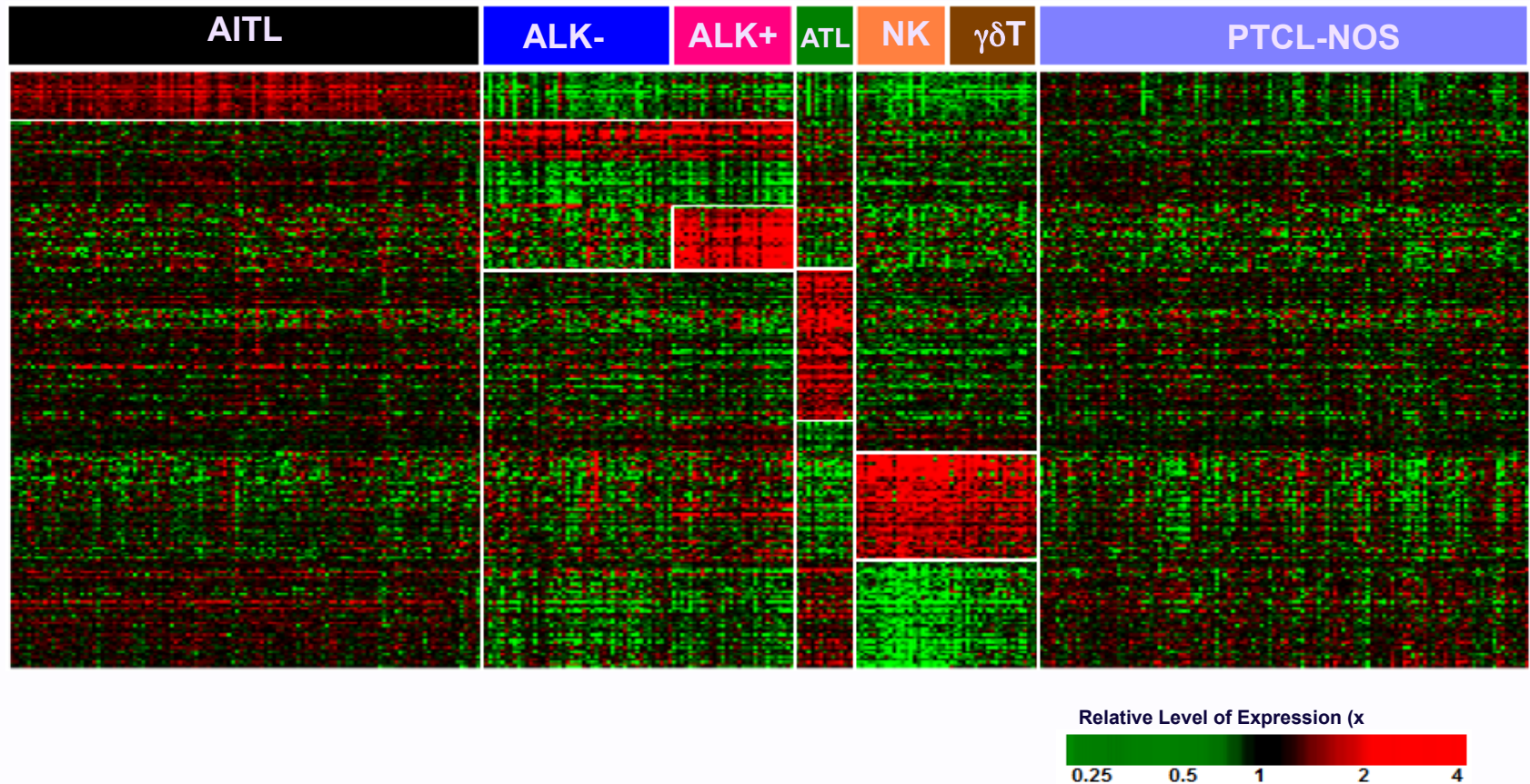
EBV+ T/NK disease

Nodal Peripheral T-cell Lymphomas of TFH Origin



- Gene expression profiling and mutation analysis has helped to clarify the interrelationship among nodal T-cell lymphomas of TFH origin

Gene expression profiling allowed reclassification of 14% of PTCL, NOS as AITL



Gene expression signatures of PTCL ; Iqbal et al. *Blood* 2014

Genomic Findings in AITL and TFH derived lymphomas

- 20-45% in *IDH2*, *DNMT3A* and *TET2* in AITL
 - Genes involved in pathogenesis of gliomas, AML
- *TET2* mutations also seen in other PTCL of TFH origin (up to 60%)
- *RHOA* mutations in 60% of AITL and some PTCL, NOS, all with *TET2*

Lemonnier 2012, Cairns 2012; Couronne 2012, Sakata-Yanagimoto 2014, Palomero 2014

Nodal Peripheral T-cell Lymphomas (2008)

PTCL, NOS

T-zone variant

Lymphoepithelioid
cell variant

Follicular variant

Angioimmunoblastic
T-cell lymphoma

Nodal Peripheral T-cell Lymphomas (2015)

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Lymphoepithelioid
cell variant

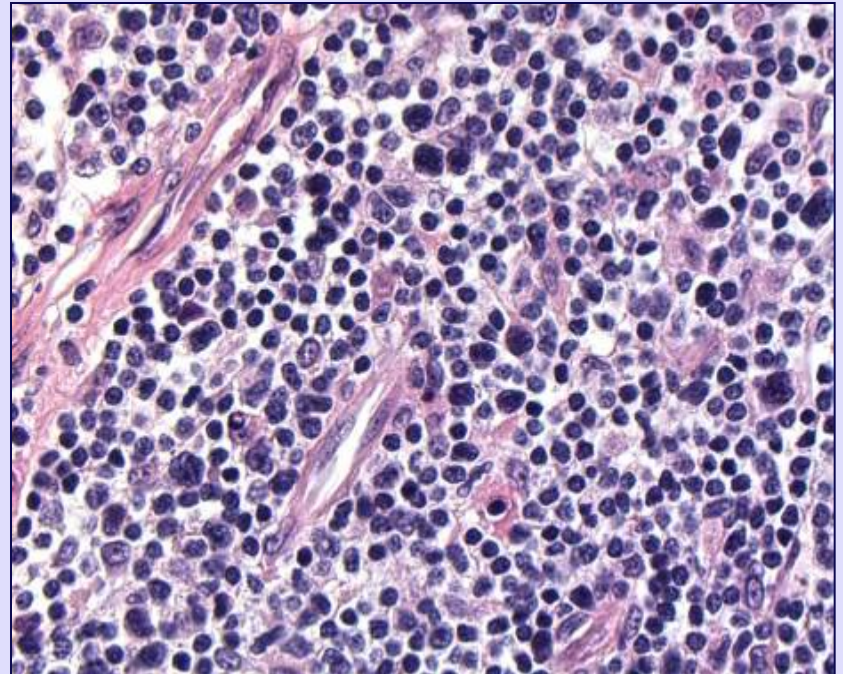
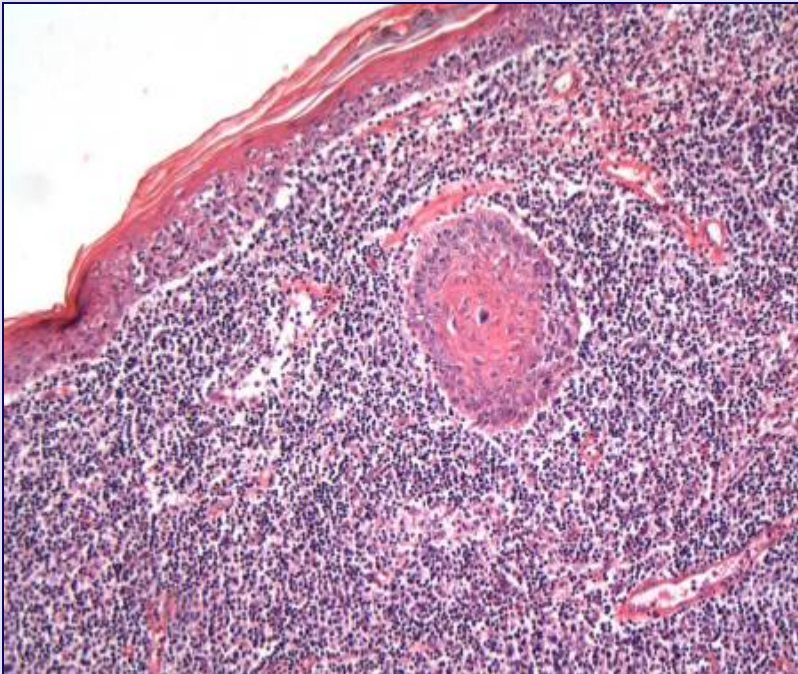
Angioimmunoblastic
T-cell lymphoma

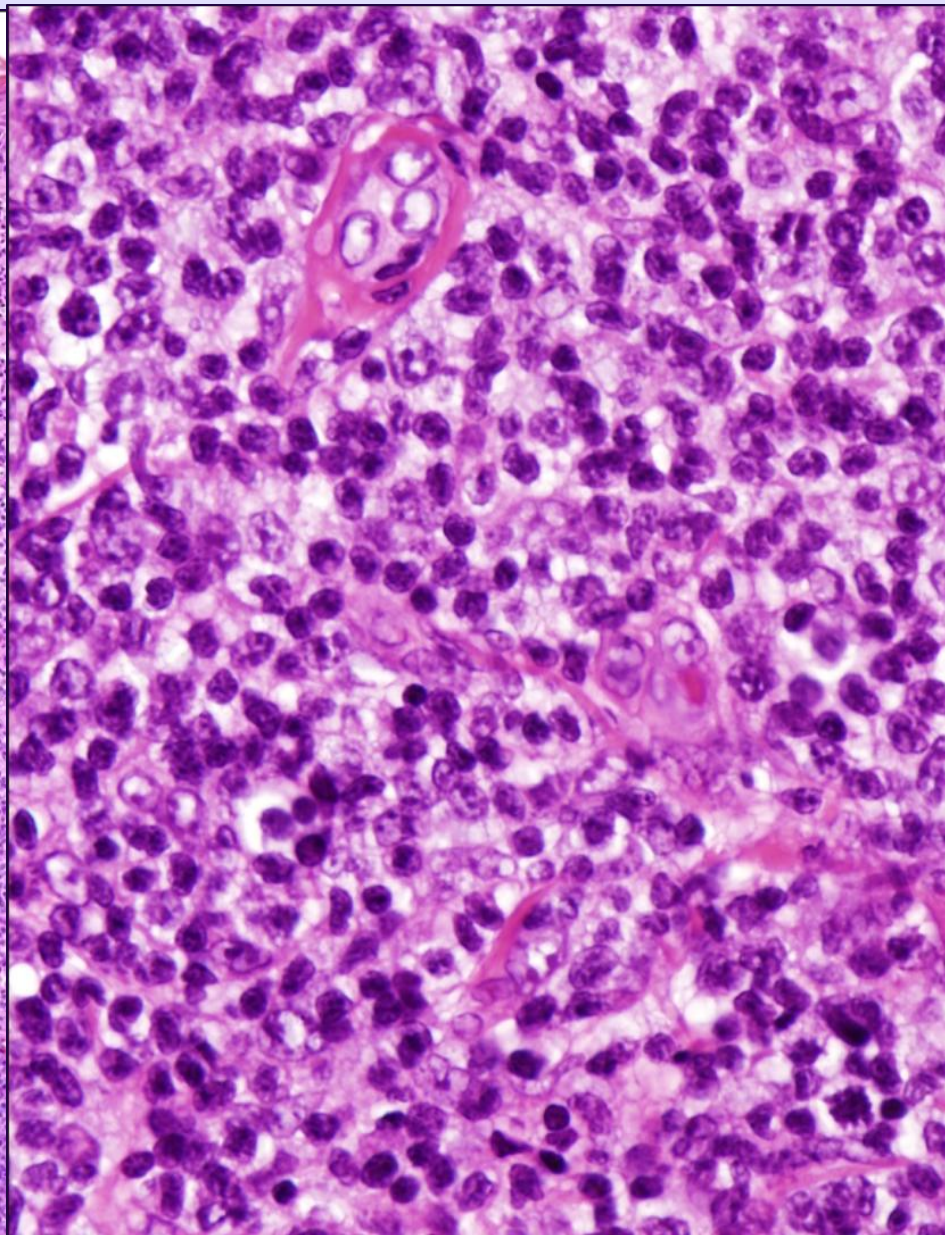
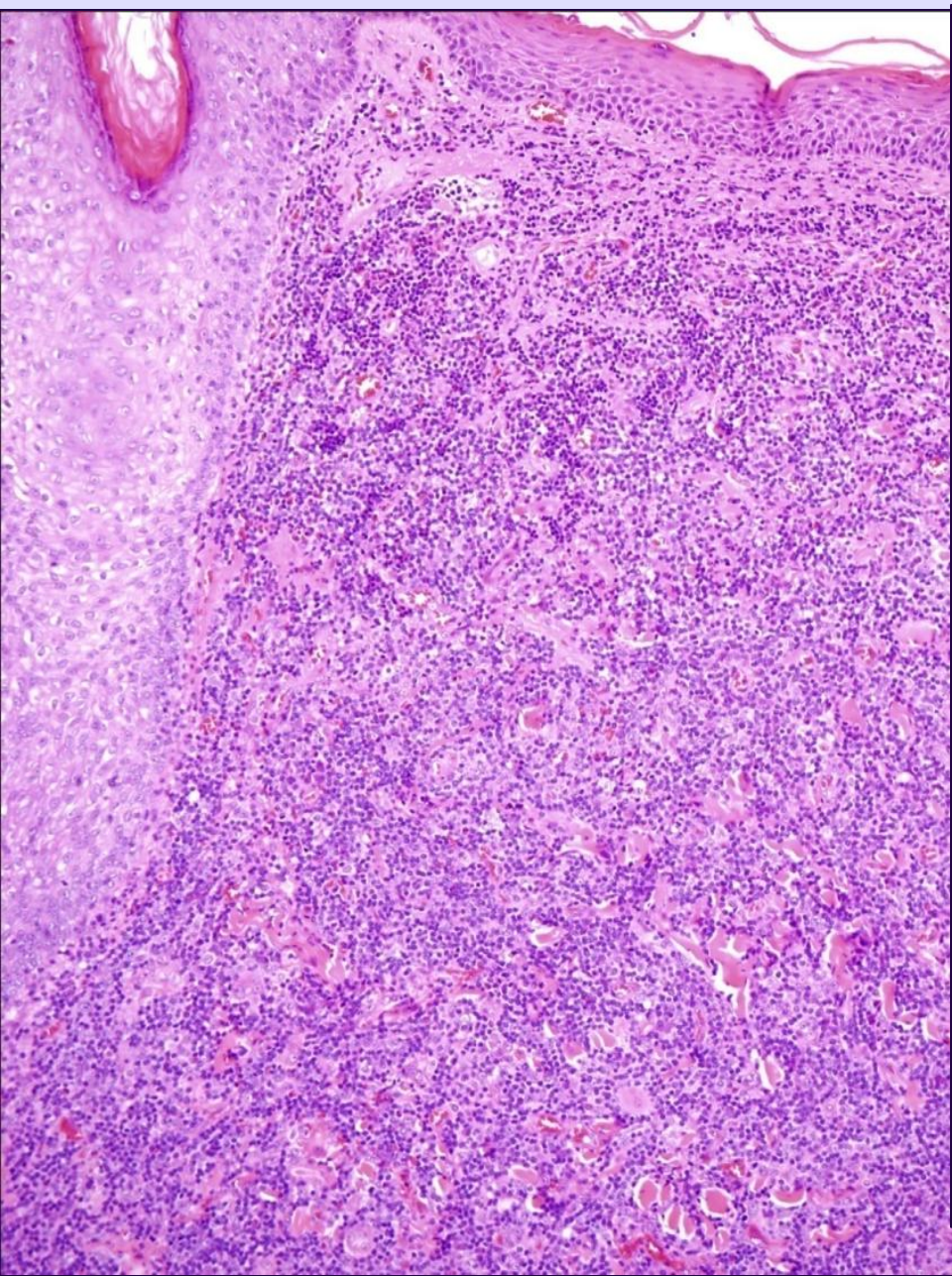
Nodal PTCL of TFH origin

Follicular T-cell lymphoma
(provisional)

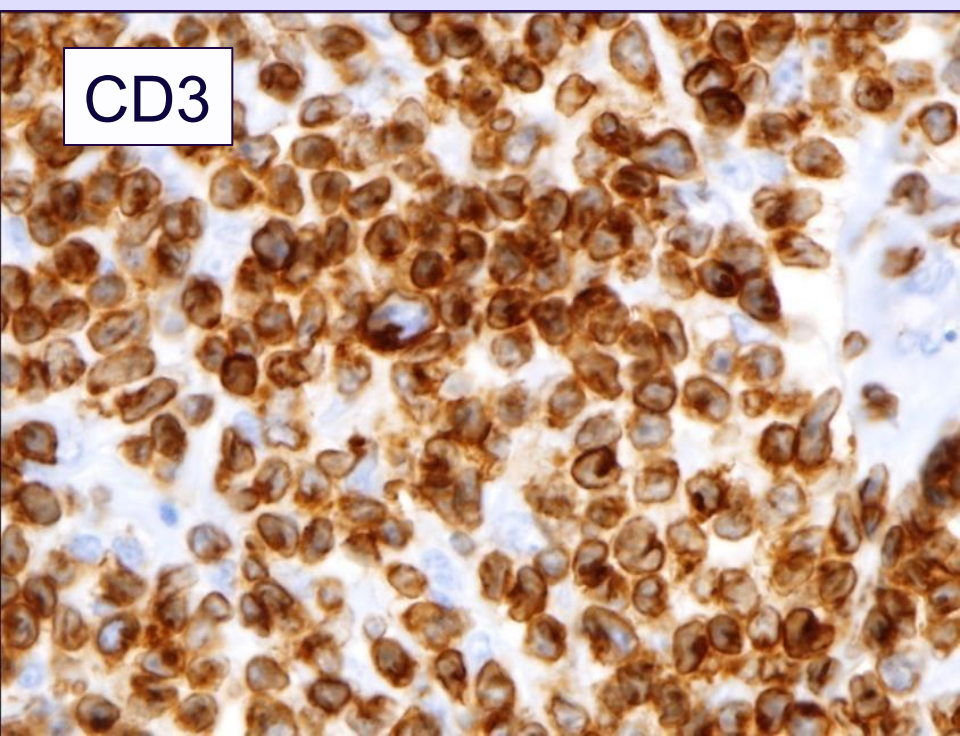


- *Primary cutaneous CD4 positive small/medium T-cell lymphoma*
- *Was provisional in 2008*
- *Another TFH derived neoplasm*

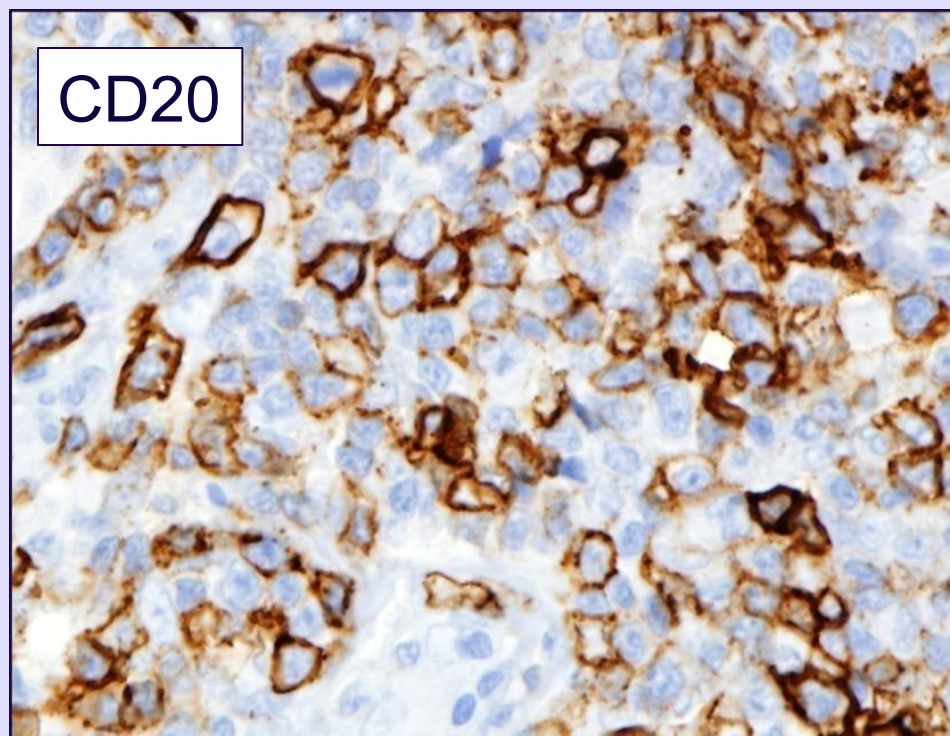




CD3



CD20

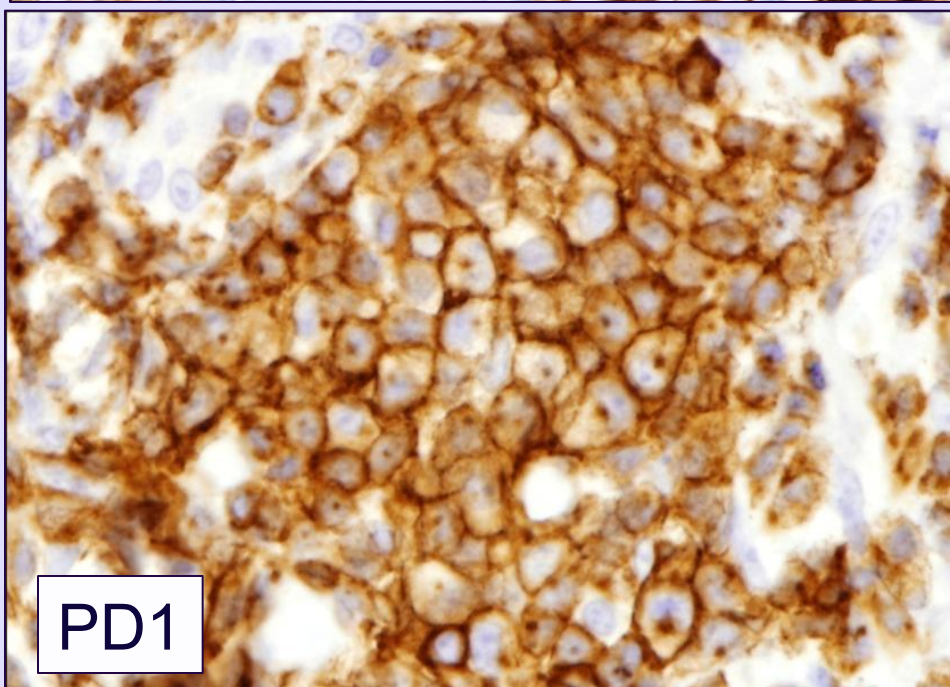


TFH phenotype, PD-1+
rarely CD10+

Contains abundant B-cells, fewer
plasma cells

Clonal TCR with rare B-cell clonality

PD1



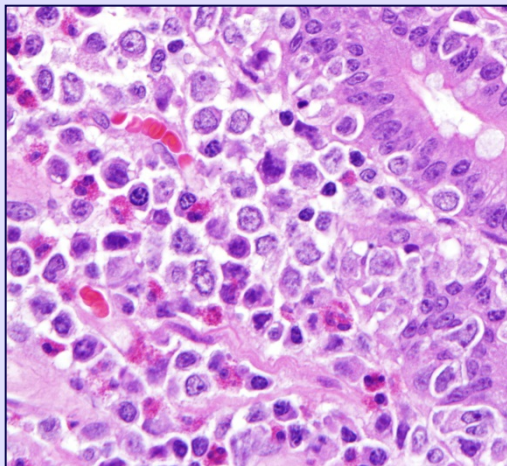
Primary cutaneous small/medium CD4 positive T-cell proliferations

Grogg (2008) Garcia Herrerra (2008) Beltraminelli (2009)

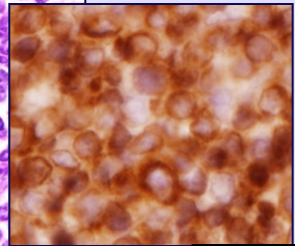
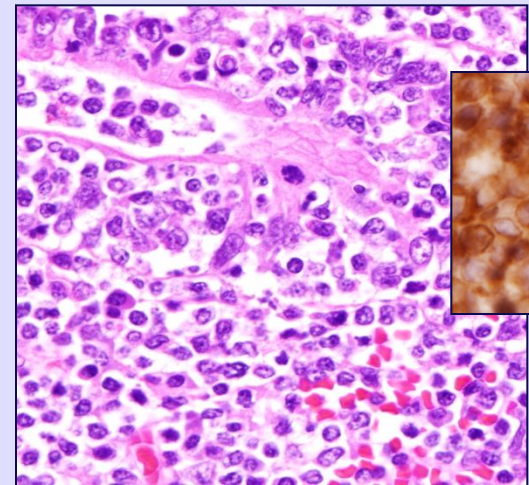
- Vast majority of patients have an isolated single lesion
- 75% head and neck area
- Excellent prognosis following simple excision
 - Only patients with multiple or bulky disease had an aggressive clinical course
- Proposal: Primary cutaneous CD4+ T-cell lymphoproliferative disease (not lymphoma)

Enteropathy Associated T-cell Lymphoma, Types I & II are distinct

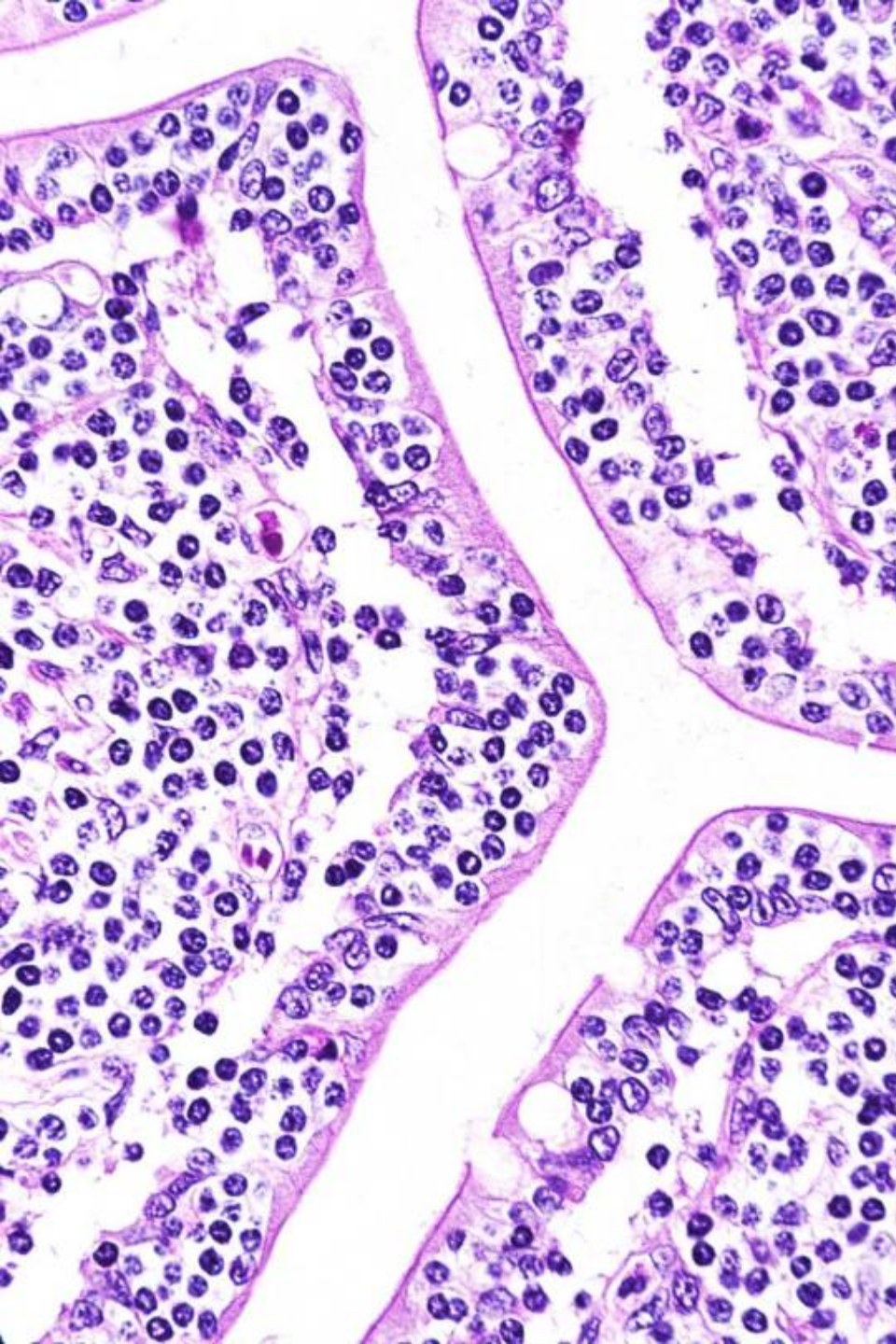
EATL I
Usually $\alpha\beta$
Celiac
disease
N European



EATL II
Usually $\gamma\delta$
Epitheliotropic
Asian, Hispanic



$\gamma\delta$



Monomorphic
epitheliotropic intestinal
T-cell lymphoma
(EATL II)

- Medium sized cells with clear cytoplasm
- CD56 +, CD8+, CD4-
- Gamma delta +
- MAT kinase +
- 8q24(myc) amplifications

T-cell & NK cell Lymphomas of Gastrointestinal Tract

EATL
“Classical”
 $\alpha\beta$

Monomorphic
epitheliotropic
intestinal T-cell
lymphoma
 $\gamma\delta$

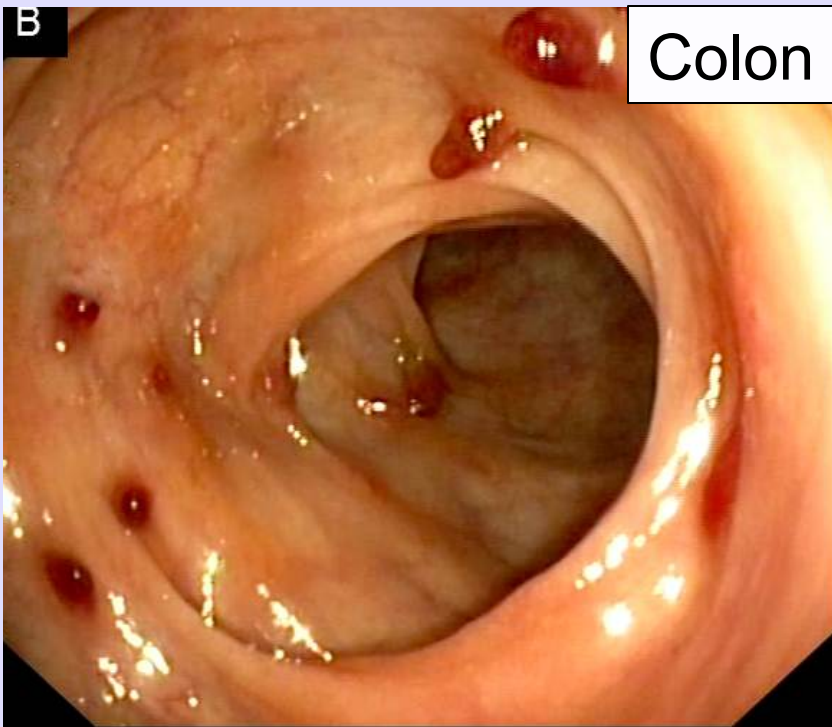
Extranodal NK/T
EBV+ NK or T
Mainly Asian

PTCL, NOS
($\alpha\beta$ or $\gamma\delta$ or
TCR silent)

All clinically aggressive

Indolent T-cell Lymphoproliferative diseases of low malignant potential

Indolent T-LPD of the GI Tract
Perry et al., Blood 2013



Multiple mucosal polyps
Can affect entire GI Tract

Most common in:
small intestine
colon

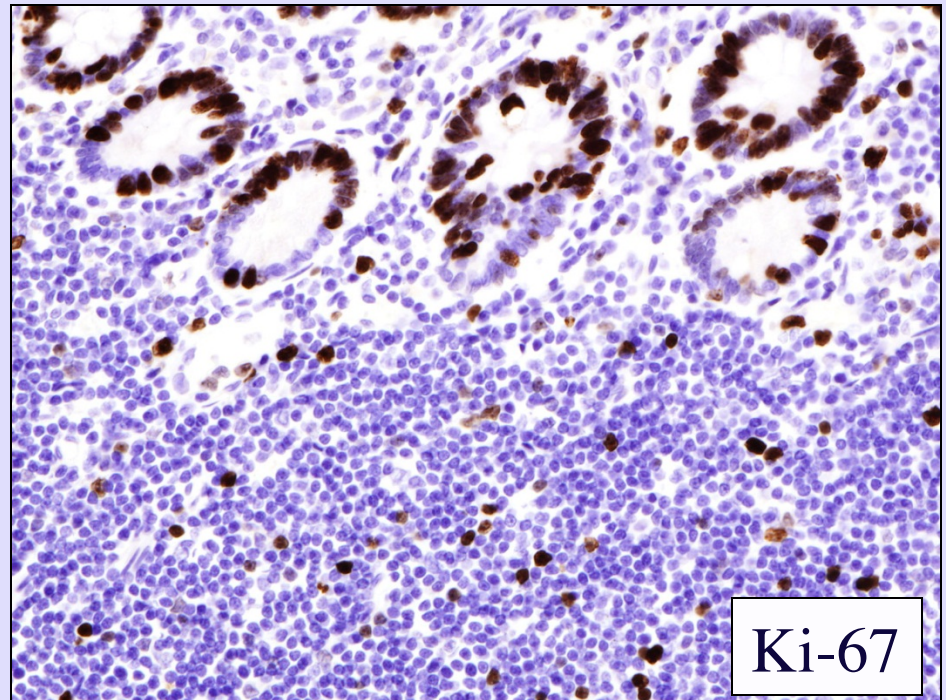
Less often:
stomach
oral mucosa



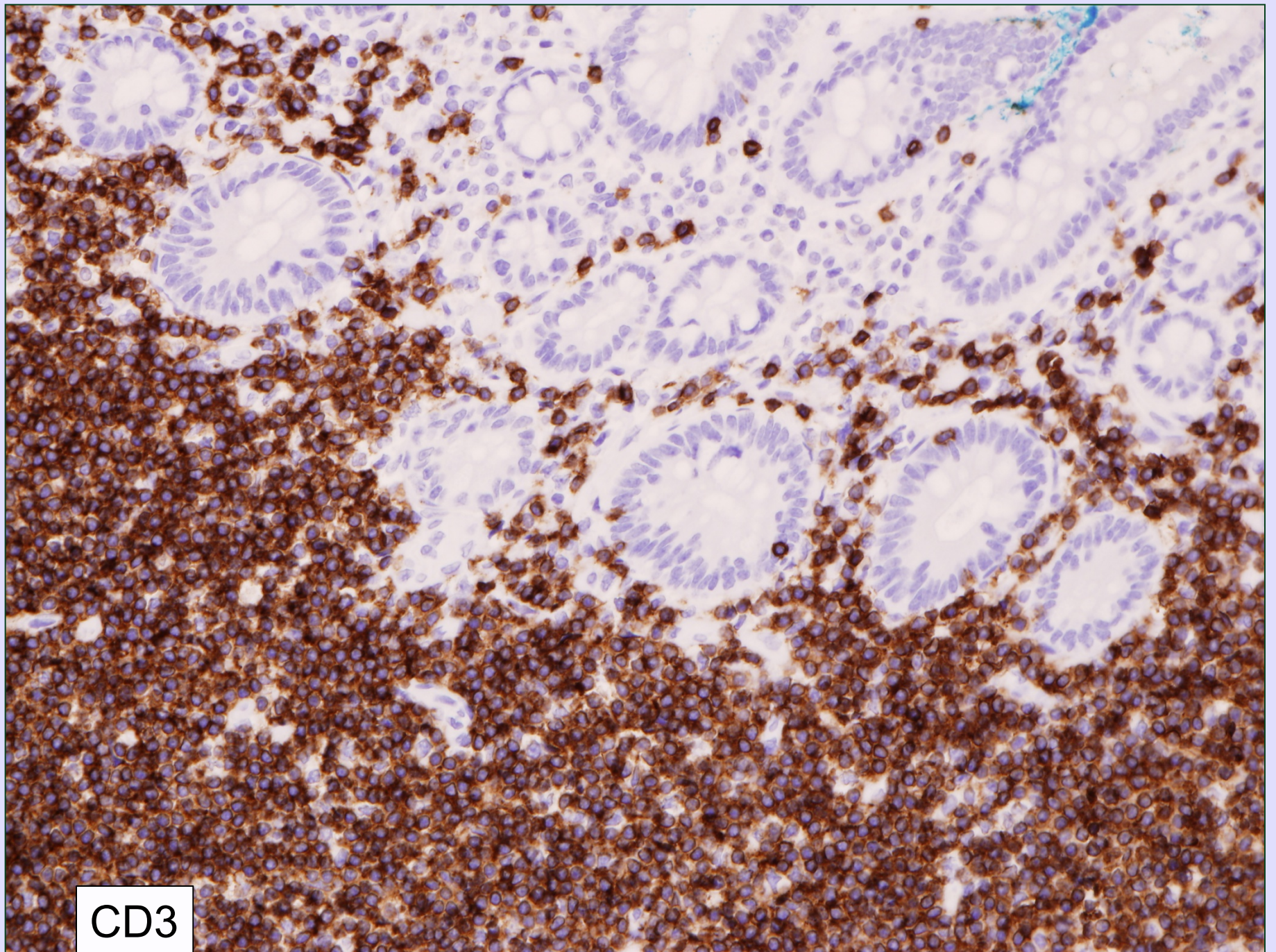
Superficial infiltrate
Confined to mucosa
No invasion of the wall

Very low proliferation rate
No destruction of the glands
No cytological atypia
Very bland infiltrate

? Optimal management
Do not respond to chemorx



Ki-67



Indolent T-cell Lymphoproliferative Disorder
of the Gastrointestinal Tract

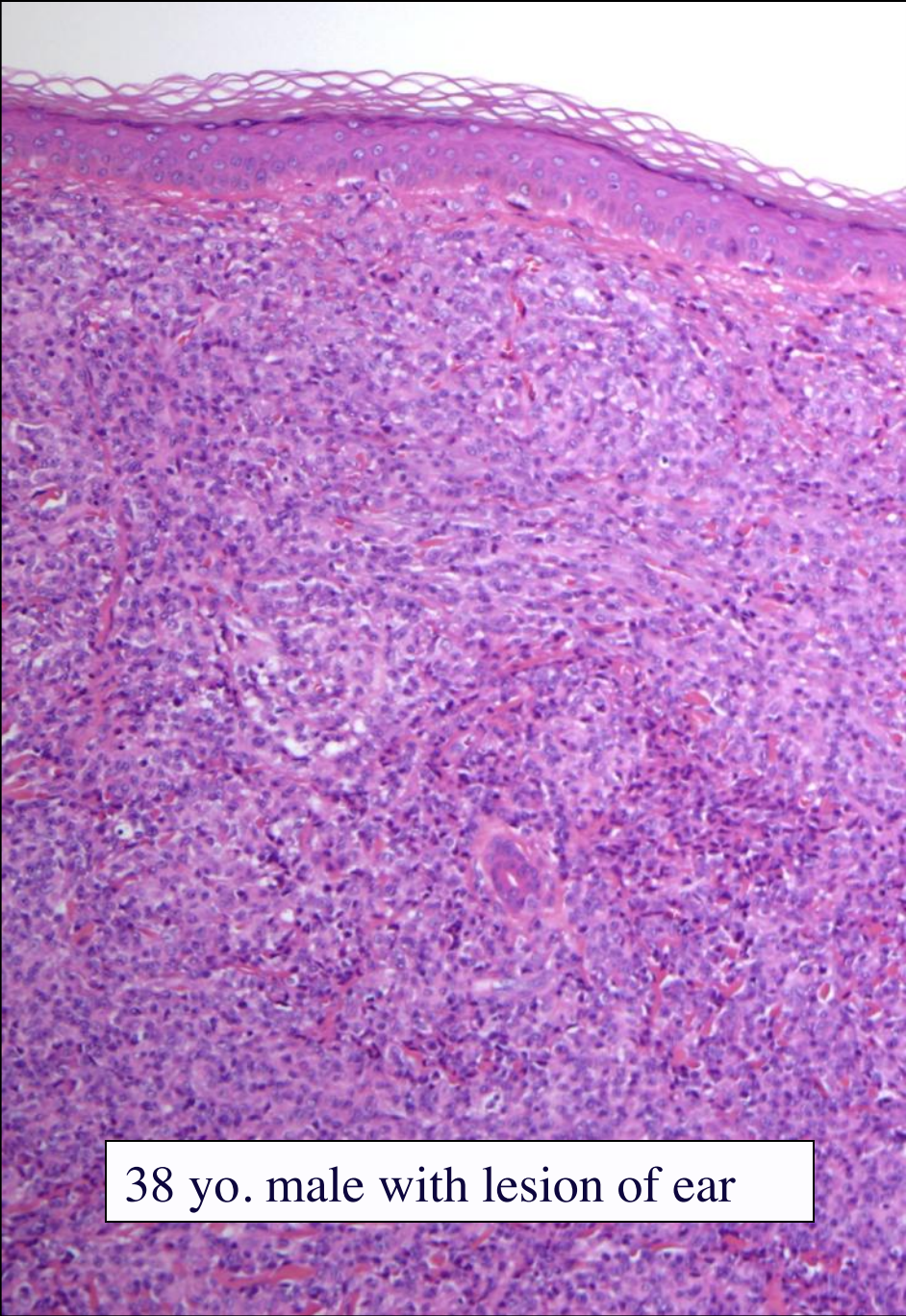
A new provisional entity

CD3

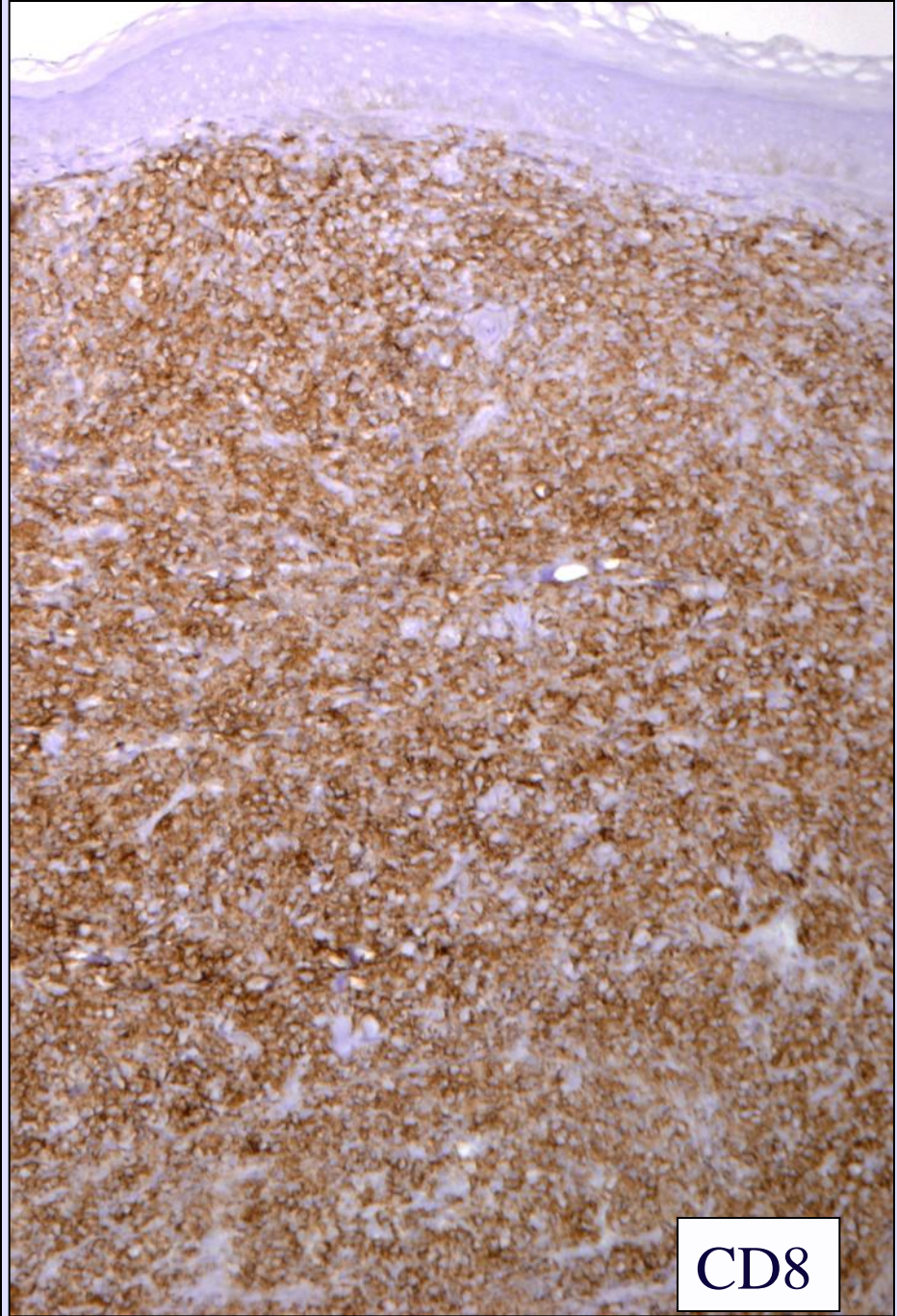
Indolent CD8+ lymphoid proliferation of the ear (Petrella et al, 2007)

- Dense, non-epidermotropic; Clonal
- Rx with local radiotherapy or excision
- Local recurrence in some, but no progression
- Also involves other acral cutaneous sites

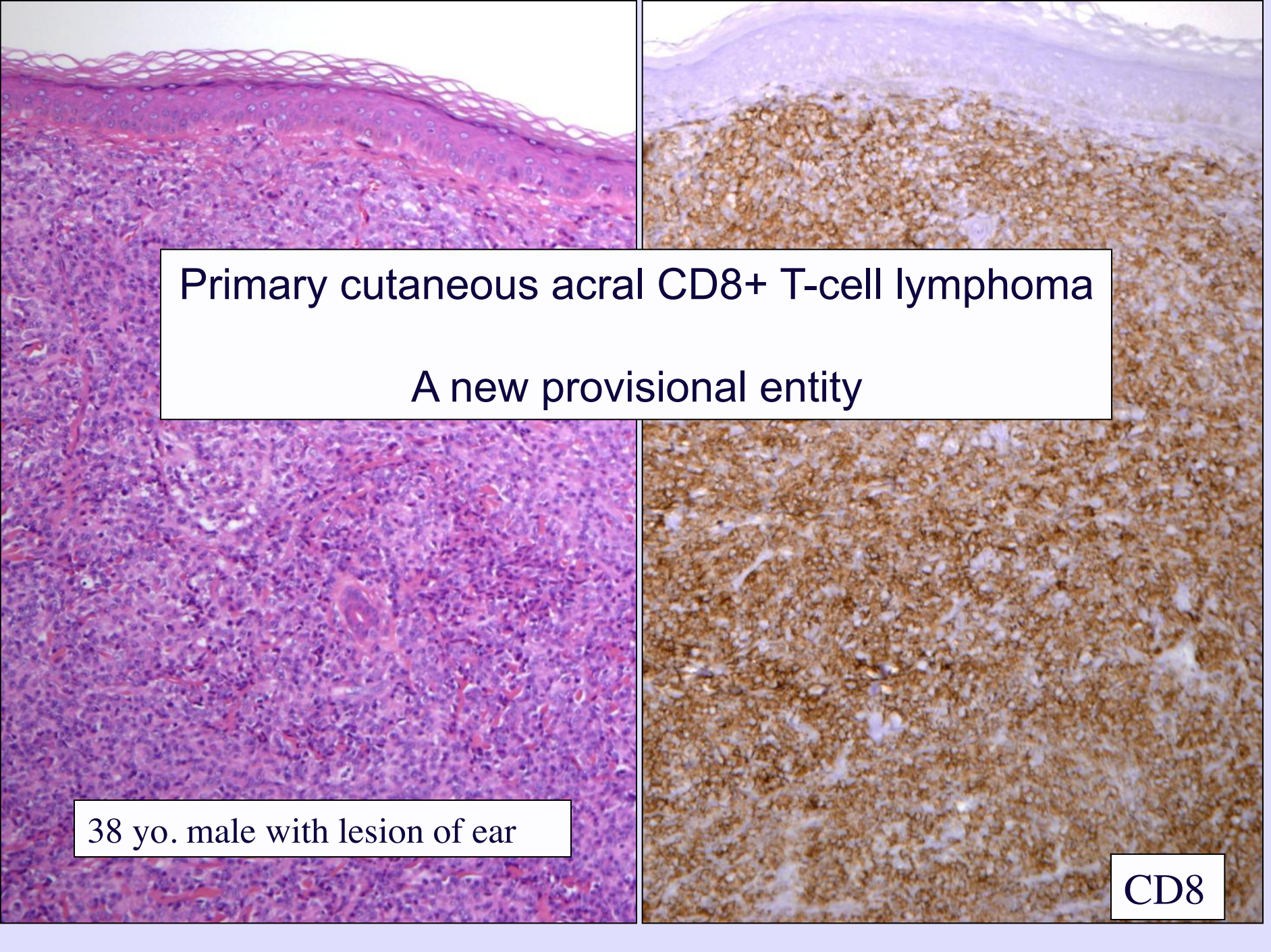




38 yo. male with lesion of ear



CD8

The image is a composite of four histological panels. The top-left panel shows a low-power view of a skin biopsy with a thickened epidermis and a dense infiltrate of lymphocytes in the dermis. The top-right panel shows a high-power view of the same area, highlighting the dense cellular infiltrate. The bottom-left panel is a high-power view of the dermal infiltrate, showing a dense collection of small, dark-staining lymphocytes. The bottom-right panel is a high-power view of the same area, showing brown staining (immunohistochemistry) indicating CD8 positivity of the lymphocytes.

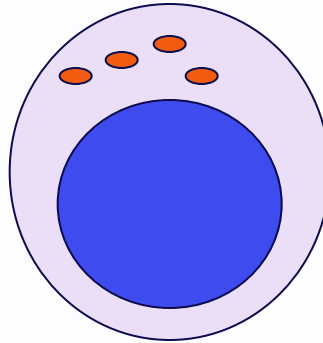
Primary cutaneous acral CD8+ T-cell lymphoma

A new provisional entity

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CD8

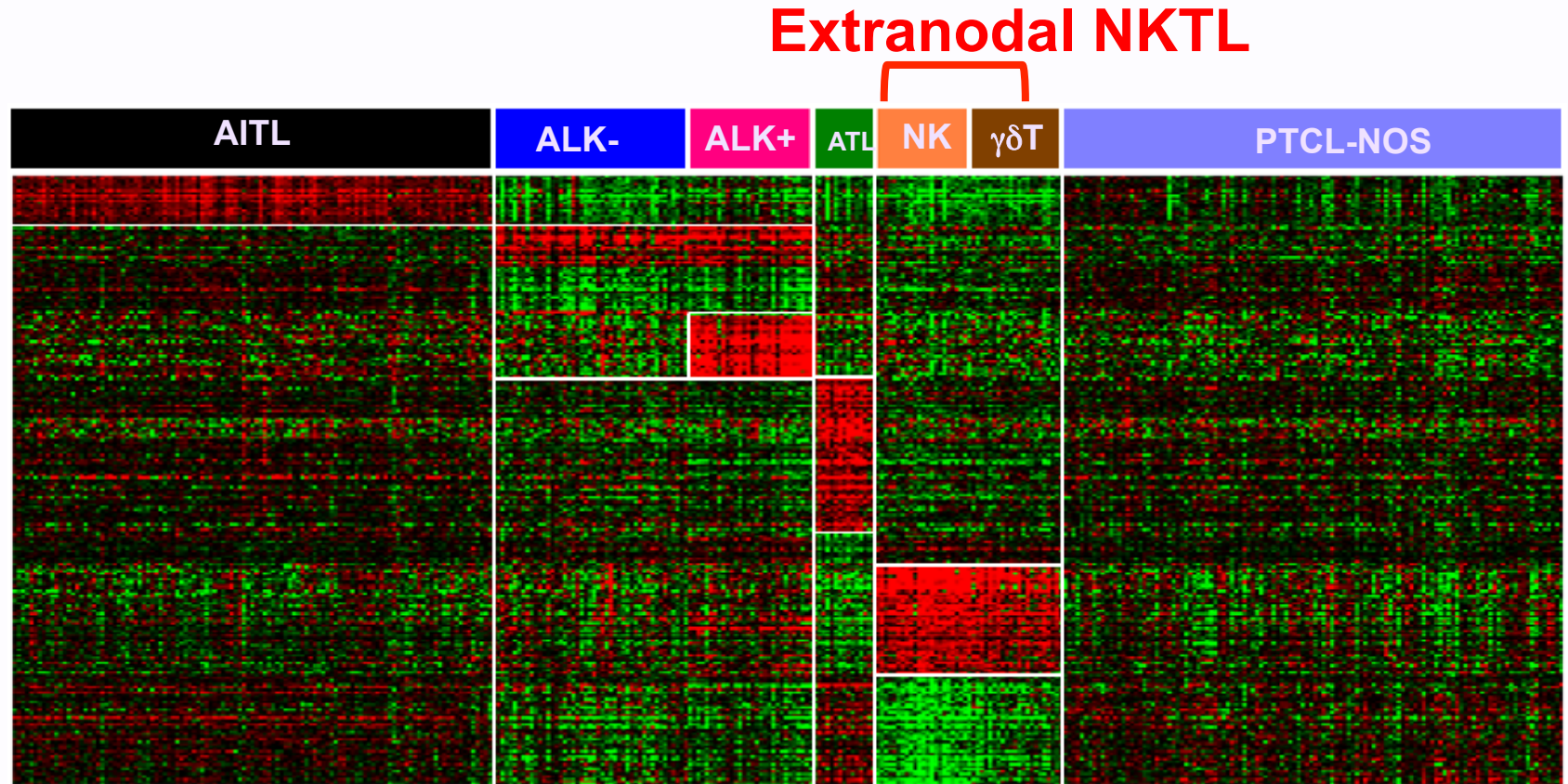
Lymphomas of the Innate Immune System



- Includes $\gamma\delta$ T-cells, NK-like T-cells, NK-cells
- Commonly involve
 - Skin, mucosa & other extranodal sites
 - Spleen & BM
- Infrequent lymphadenopathy

Similarities in gene expression profile and in genetic features

Overlap in the Gene Expression Profile of $\gamma\delta$ T-cell and NK-cell lymphomas



Gene expression signatures in peripheral T-cell lymphoma;
Iqbal et al. Blood 2014

Recurrent Mutations in $\gamma\delta$ T-cell & NK-cell lymphomas and T-LGL leukemia

Nicolae, et al. 2014

- $\gamma\delta$ HSTCL

Kucuk et al. 2015

- $\gamma\delta$ cutaneous & HSTCL
- EATL, II ($\gamma\delta$)
- NKTCL

Koskela et al., Jerez et al. 2012

- T-cell & NK-cell LGL

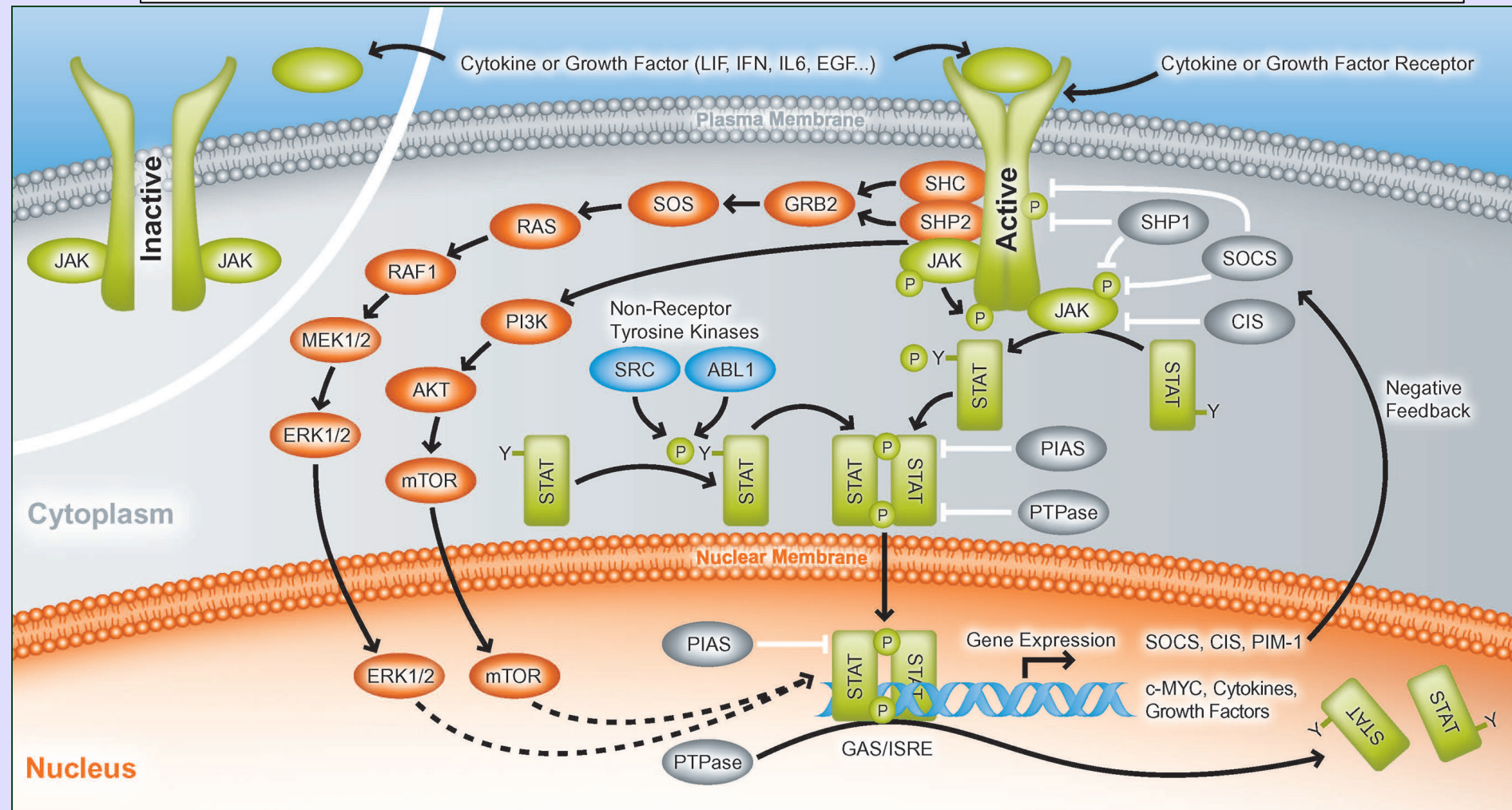
Mutations

- 33% STAT5B, 10% STAT3

- 33% STAT5B; 8% STAT3
- 36% STAT5B
- 6% STAT3; 6% STAT5B

- 40% STAT3; 2% STAT5B

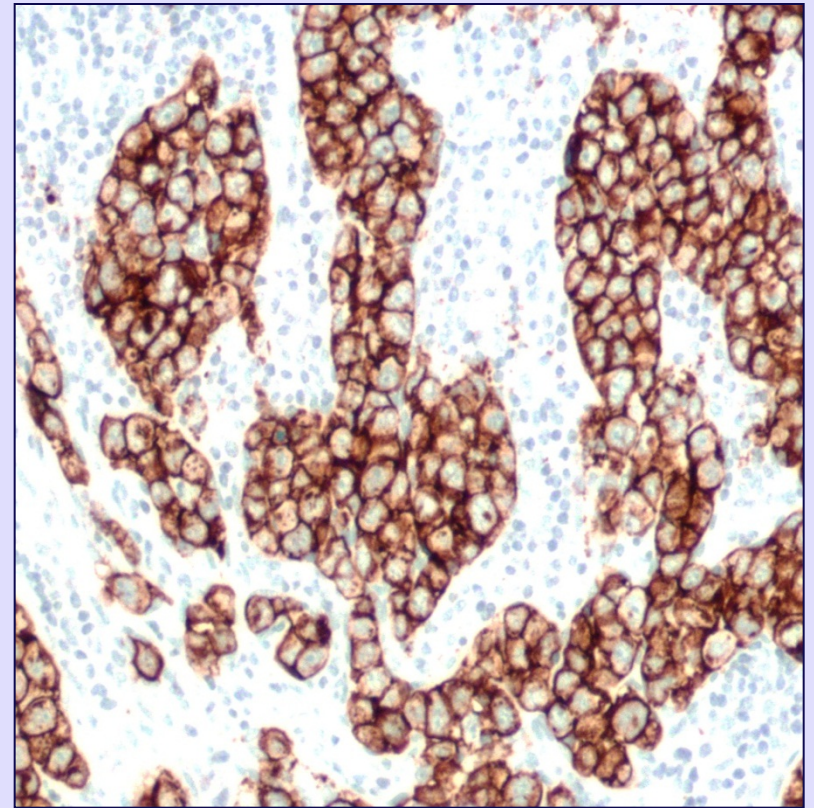
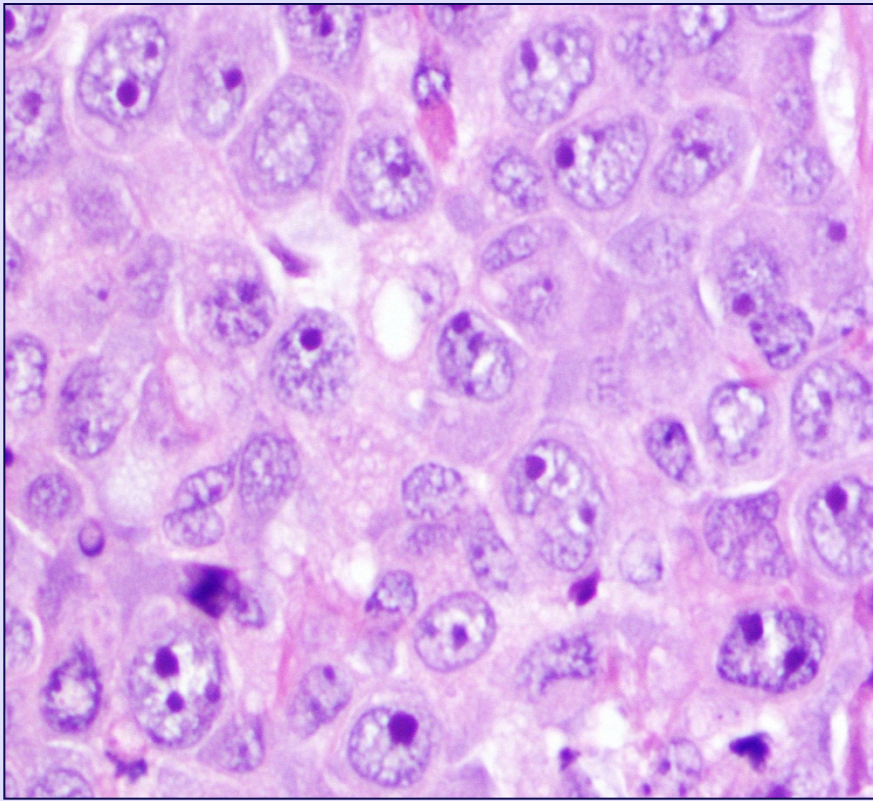
Similar rate of mutations in STAT5B (33%) in most $\gamma\delta$ T-cell lymphomas (Hepatosplenic, Intestinal, Cutaneous)



JAK/STAT Pathway is an attractive target for therapy of Cytotoxic T-cell Lymphomas and Leukemias

ALK-negative ALCL – No Longer a Provisional Entity
Should have very similar morphology and phenotype as ALK + ALCL

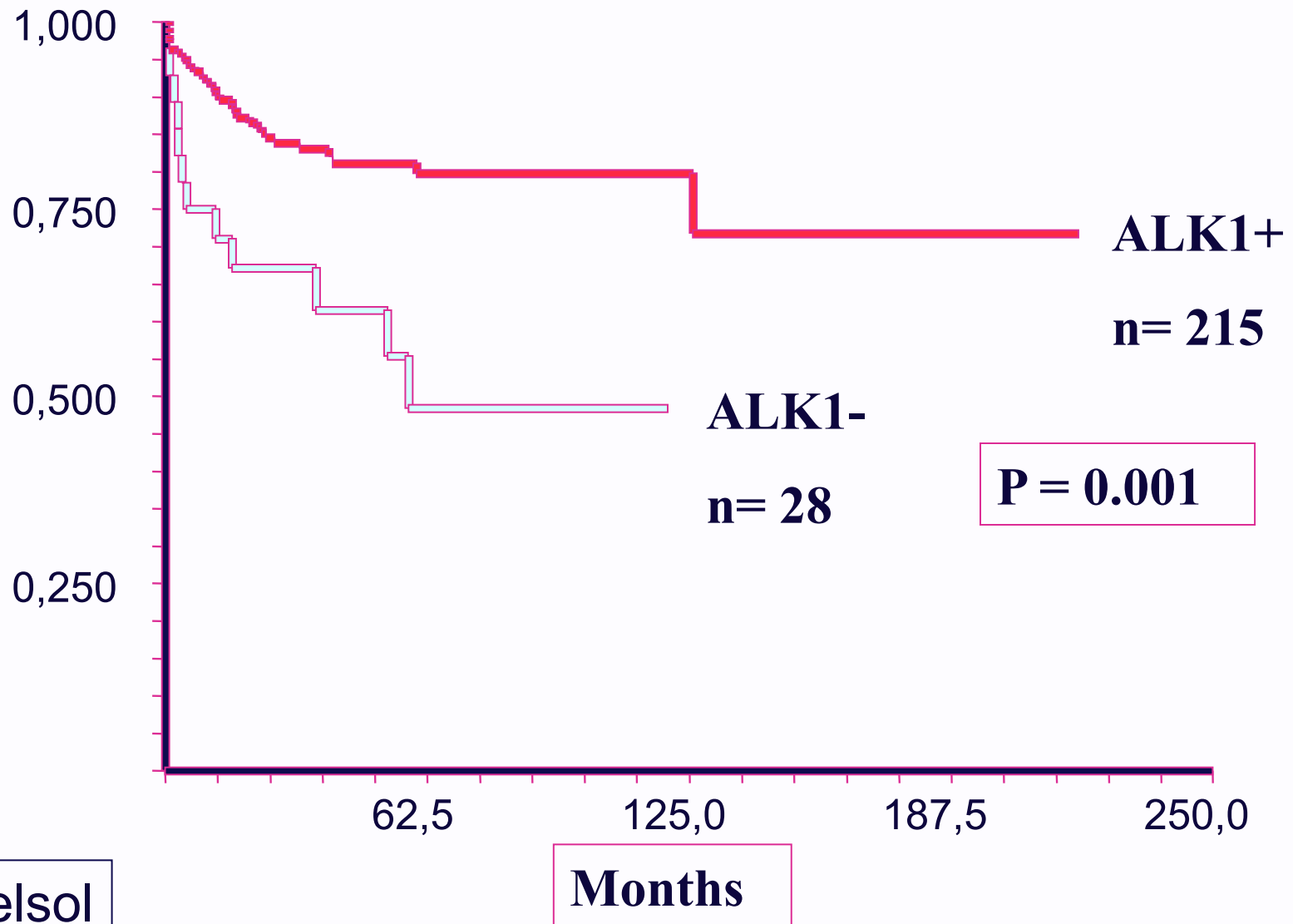
Diagnostic Criteria for ALK neg ALCL vs. CD30+ PTCL
have been clarified



Required: Cohesive growth pattern with hallmark-like cells
Strong and uniform CD30 expression

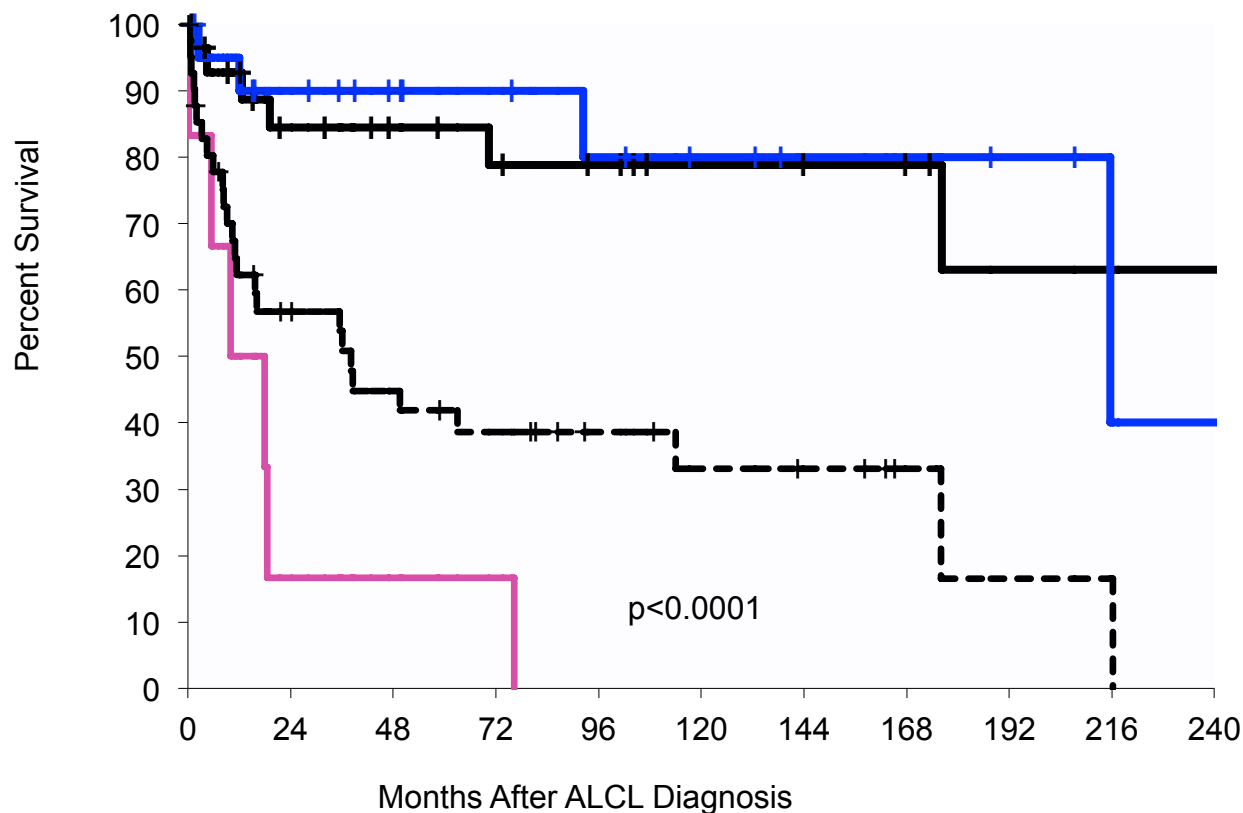
Desirable but not essential: EMA+, Cytotoxic +, Sinusoidal growth, Loss of “T-cell ag”

Overall survival of ALCL, ALK+ / ALK- Pediatric and Adult cases



Genetic correlates with survival in ALCL, ALK+/ ALK-

Feldman et al. Blood 2014

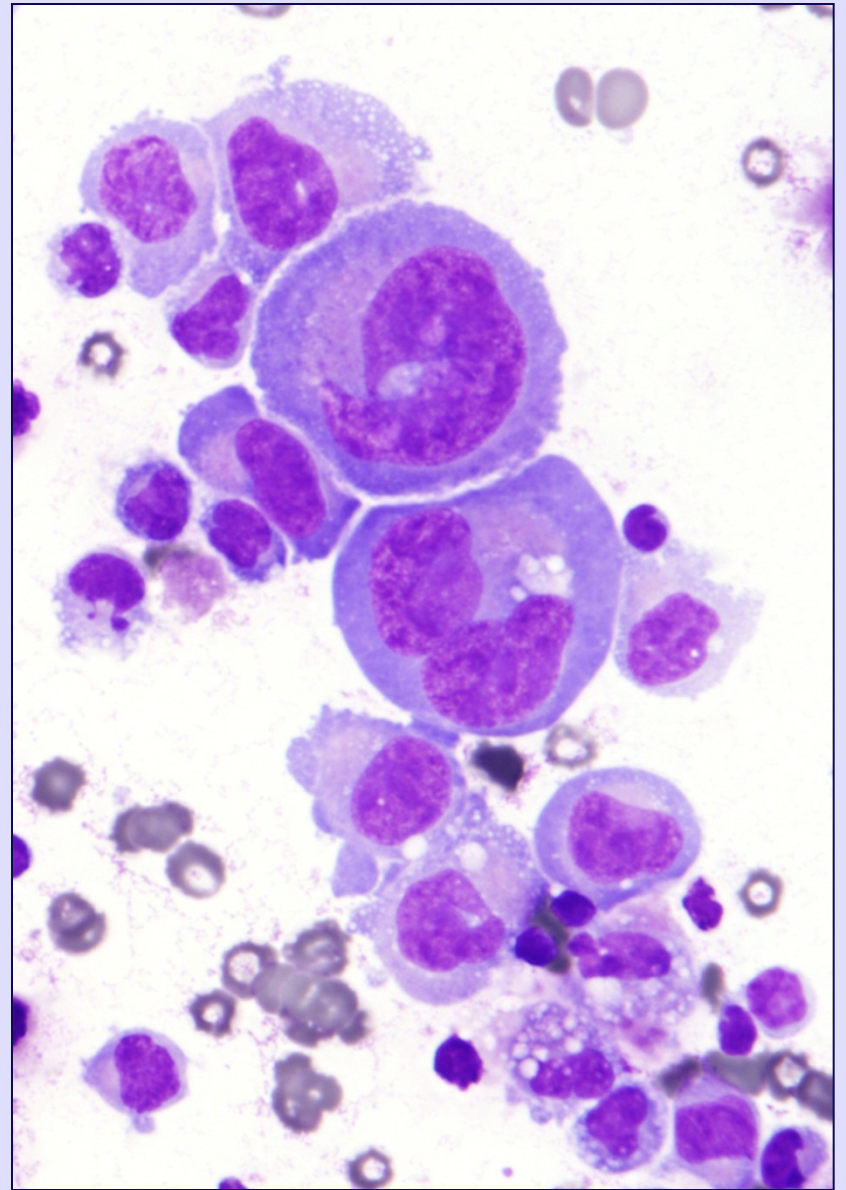
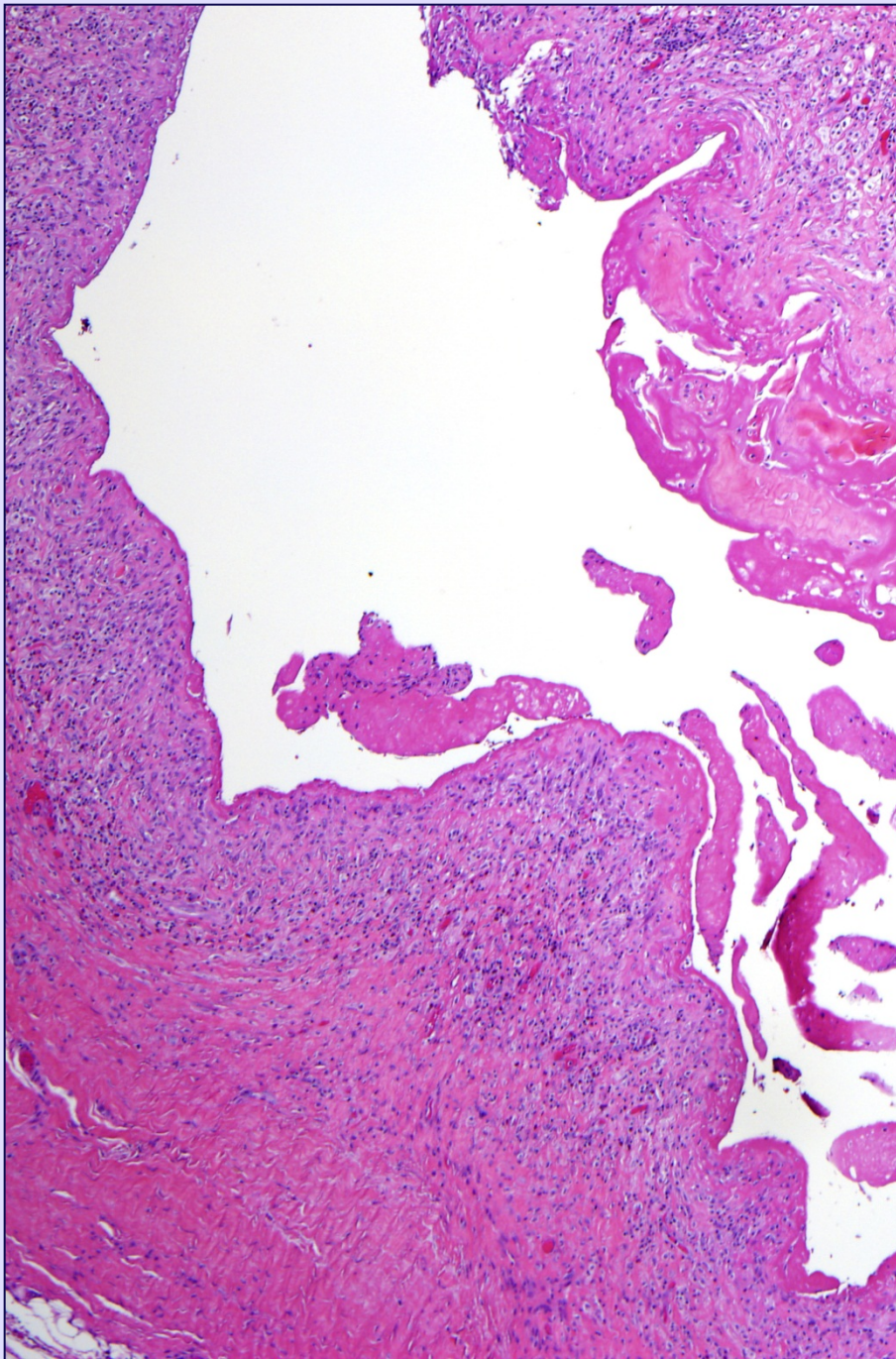


- DUSP22 (# 22)
- ALK+ (# 32)
- P63 (# 6)
- - - ALK neg, no aberrations (#45)

Subset with DUSP22 R
Comparable to ALK+

Implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative

- Seen with a variety of breast implants, both saline and silicone
- Usually years after implant
- Symptoms related to accumulation of **seroma fluid** in cavity surrounding the implant
- **Diagnosis best made by cytology**
- Cells grow within cavity and on surface of cavity lining, usually without invasion

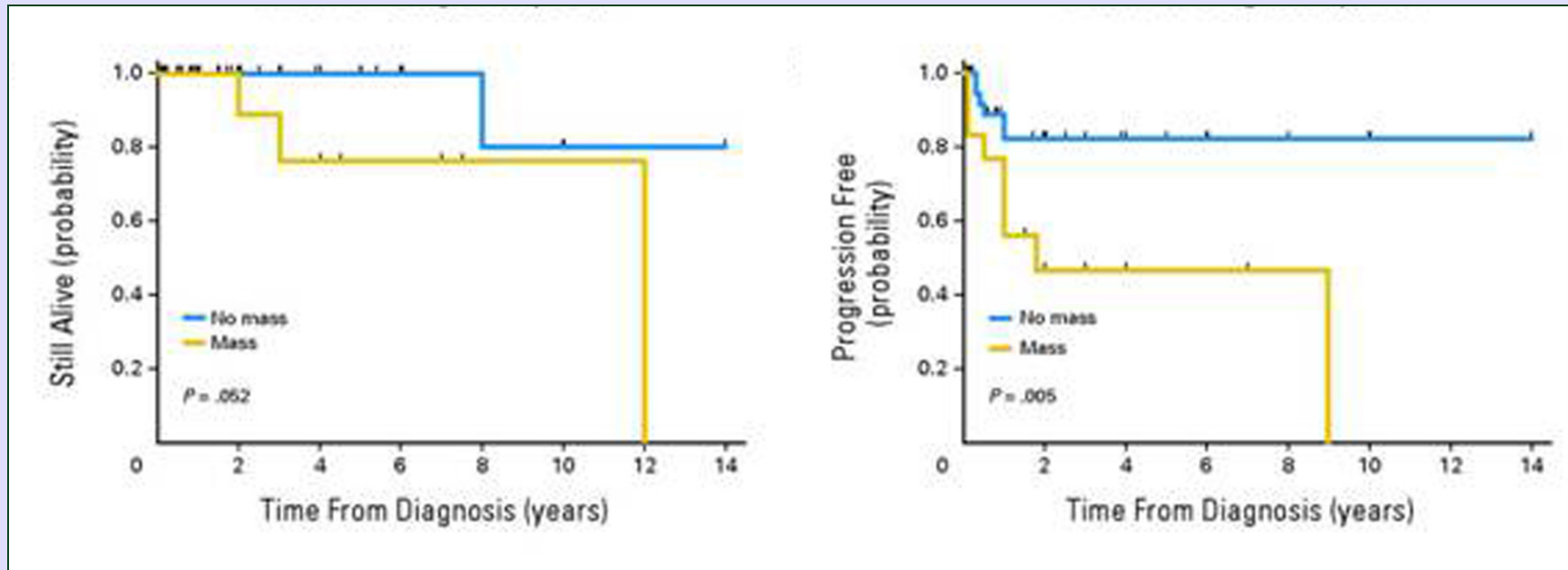


Breast implant assoc. ALCL
A provisional entity

Breast implant–associated anaplastic large-cell lymphoma

Long Term Follow up in 60 Patients

Miranda R N et al. JCO 2014;32:114-120



93% CR in patients with disease confined to the capsule
72% CR in patients with a mass
No difference in OS or PFS in patients who had chemorx
Recommended rx: Implant removal with capsulectomy

Biological & Clinical Features

- Clonal TCR reported in most but not all cases
- Surprisingly indolent course, despite very atypical cytological features
- Therapy varies in literature
 - Chemo, Radiation, Observation following removal
- Removal of implant & capsule is probably adequate therapy in most cases, e.g. no invasion
 - Miranda et al. JCO 2014 (review of 60 cases from literature)

Most EBV+ T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms share a similar epidemiology (WHO 2008)

- *Chronic Active EBV-infection*
 - *Systemic CAEBV of T or NK cell type*
 - *Hydroa vacciniforme-like lymphoma (T>NK)*
 - *Mosquito-bite allergy (NK >T)*
- *Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type*
- *Aggressive NK-cell leukemia*
- *Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoproliferative disease of childhood*

CAEBV vs acute EBV-associated HLH vs Systemic EBV+ T-cell Lymphoma

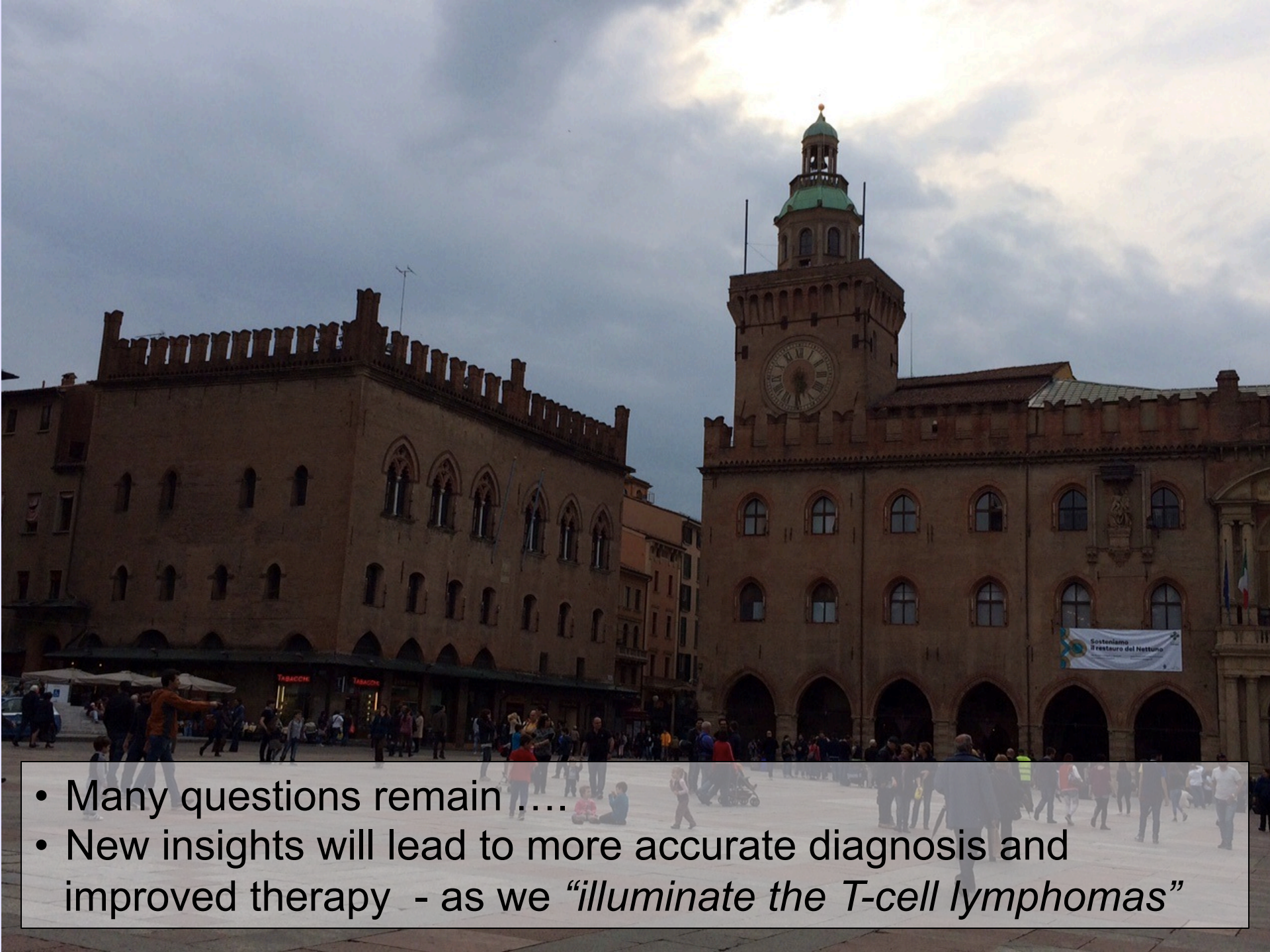
- Challenging differential diagnosis
 - All can have clonal EBV-infection of T-cells or NK-cells
- CAEBV requires > 3-6 mos symptoms
- Poor prognostic factors in HLH include marked elevations of Ferritin, Bilirubin (Kogawa et al. 2014)
- Clonality of T-cells is helpful but not definitive

(2016) EBV+ T/NK - Variation in Clinical Aggressiveness from Chronic to Fulminant

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- *EBV+ Nodal T/NK cell lymphoma (new)*
- *Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoma of childhood*
 - *Terminology changed from systemic EBV+ T-cell LPD to emphasize the aggressive clinical course*

What's new in the WHO classification

- Integrated approach to AITL and other TFH lymphomas
- Altered terminology for primary cutaneous CD4+ T-cell LPD
- Formal separation of EATL Types I and II
- Introduction of new provisional entities for indolent T-cell LPD's in the GI tract & Skin
- New Insights into the genetics of $\gamma\delta$ T-cell lymphomas
- ALK-negative ALCL no longer provisional entity
 - More clearly defined & new genetic findings
- Breast implant associated ALCL - a provisional entity
- Improved definition of EBV+ T-cell and NK-cell malignancies



- Many questions remain
- New insights will lead to more accurate diagnosis and improved therapy - as we “illuminate the T-cell lymphomas”