

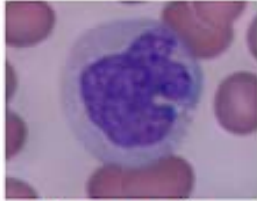


IHC classification of haematolymphoid tumours

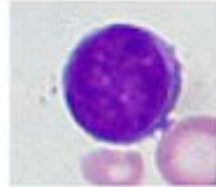
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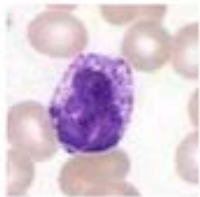
White blood cells - function



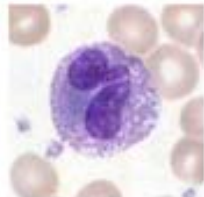
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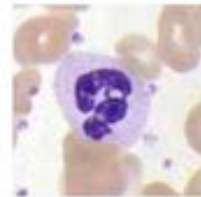
Lymphocyte



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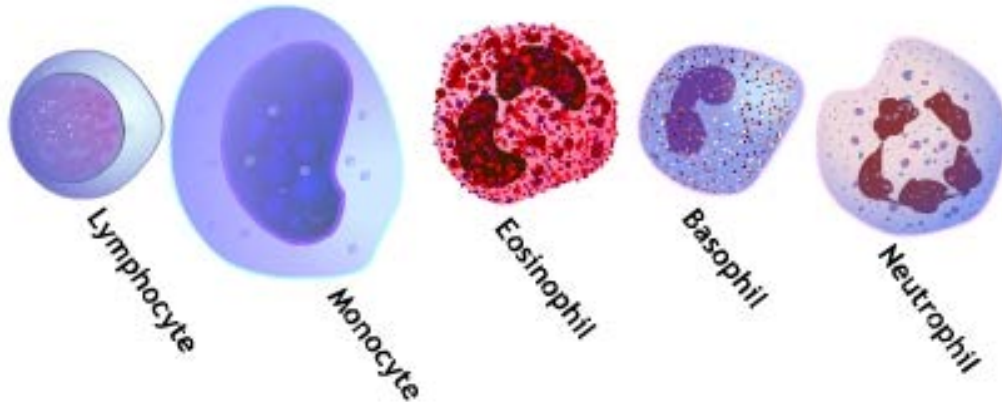


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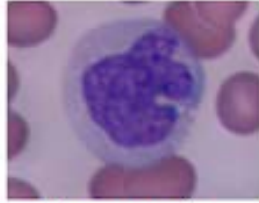


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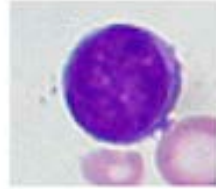
- Neutrophils: most abundant. First responders in inflammation. Target bacteria and fungi
- Eosinophils: Targets parasites. Abundant in mucous membranes. Elicits allergy reaction
- Basophils: Allergic and antigen reaction. Releases histamines that widens blood vessel



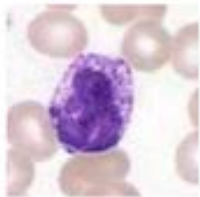
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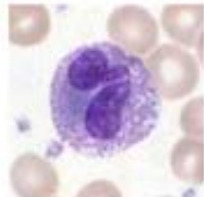
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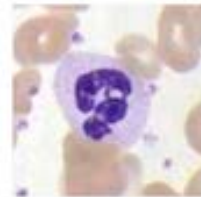
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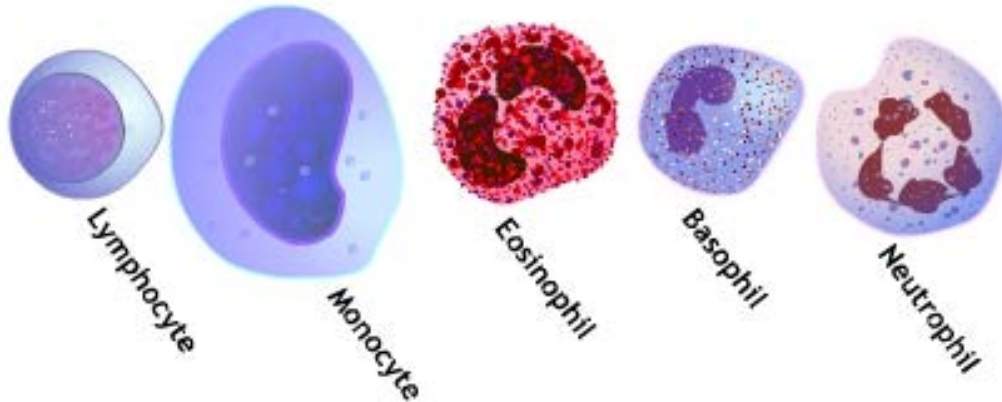


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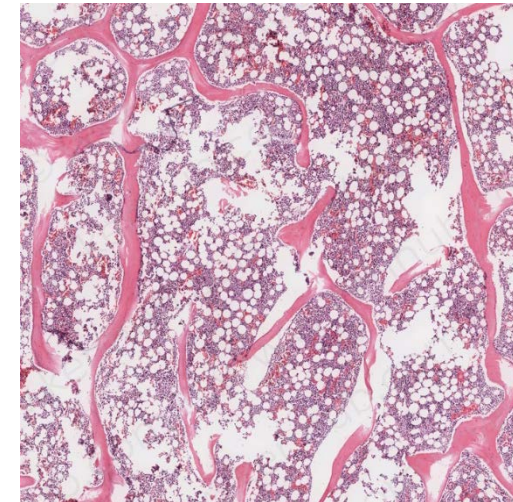
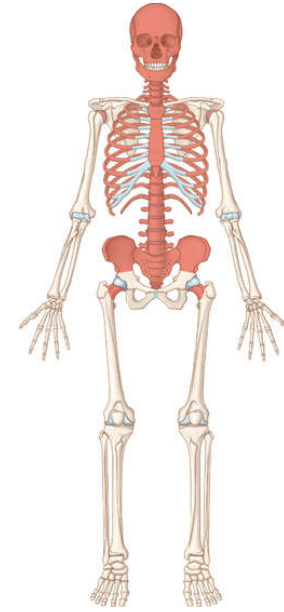
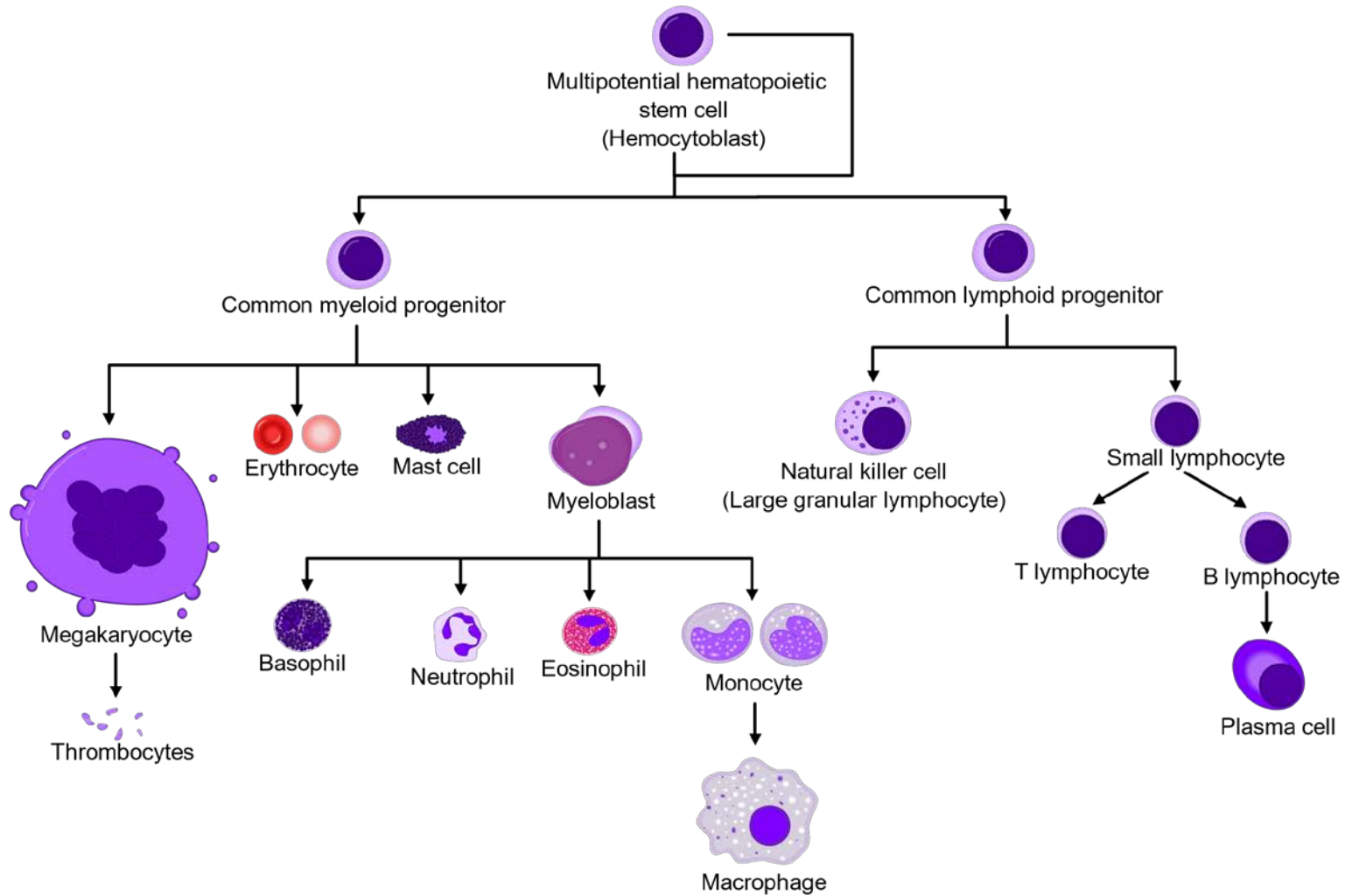


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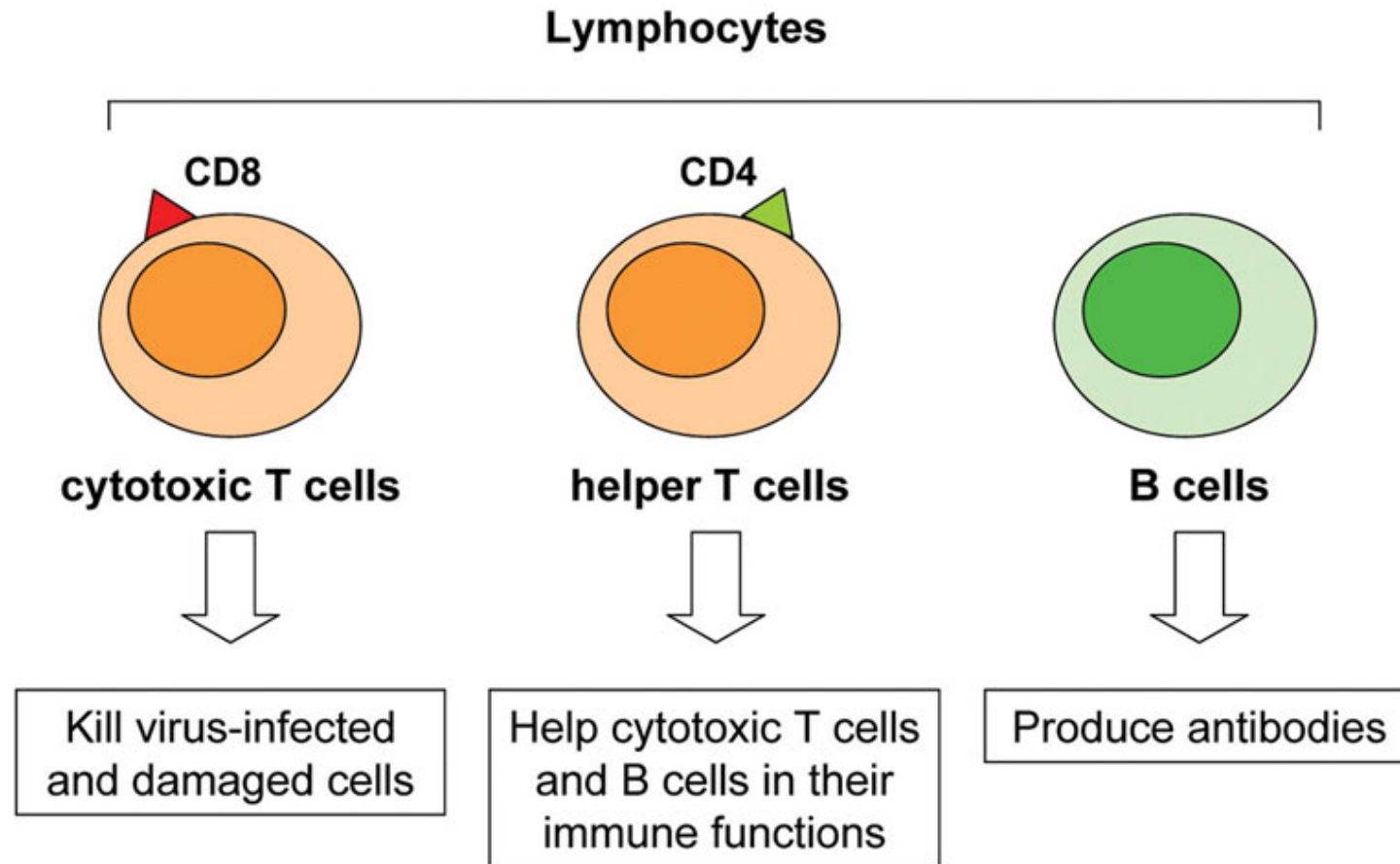
- Monocytes: Leaves blood stream to become tissue macrophages. They are phagocytic and functions as "vacuum cleaners" and degrade cell debris in inflamed tissue
- Lymphocyte: One of main cell types involved in the immune system. In blood, most lymphocytes are naive (unstimulated) circulating before activation



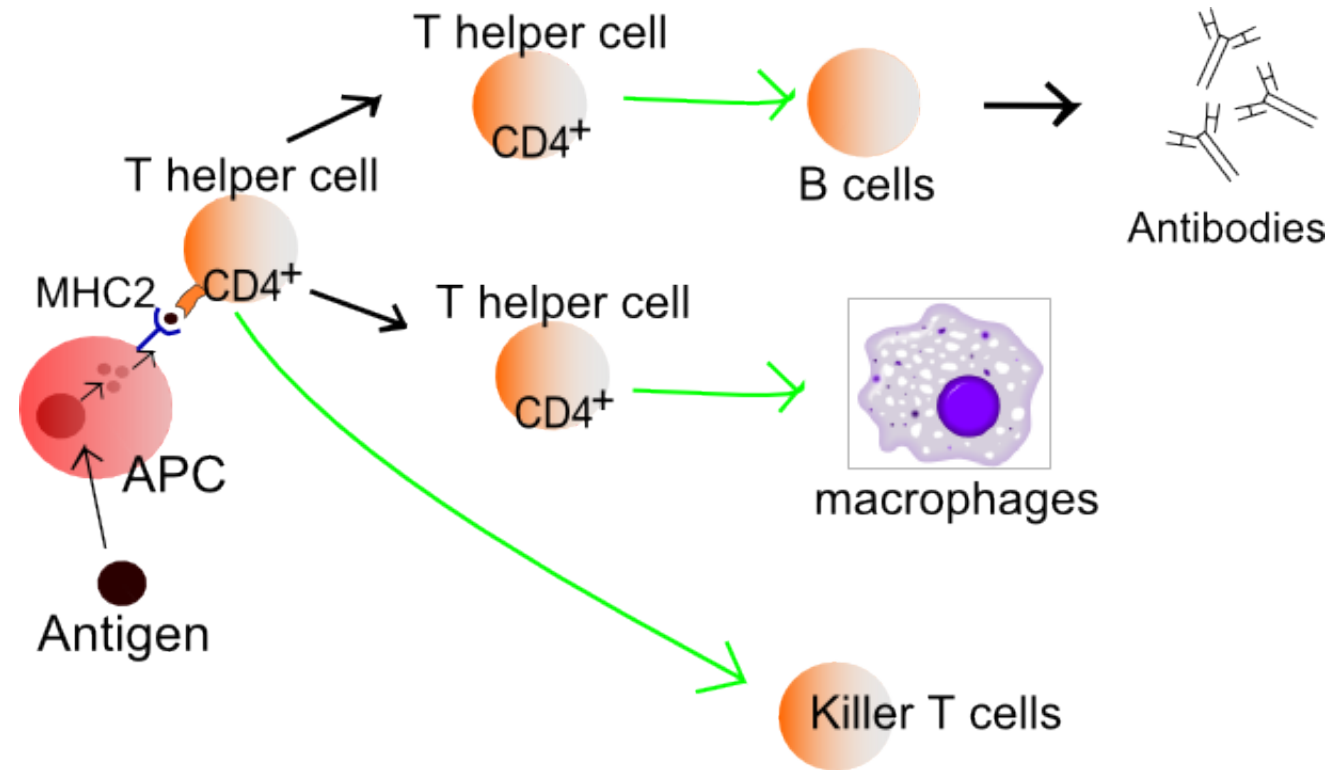
Haematopoiesis



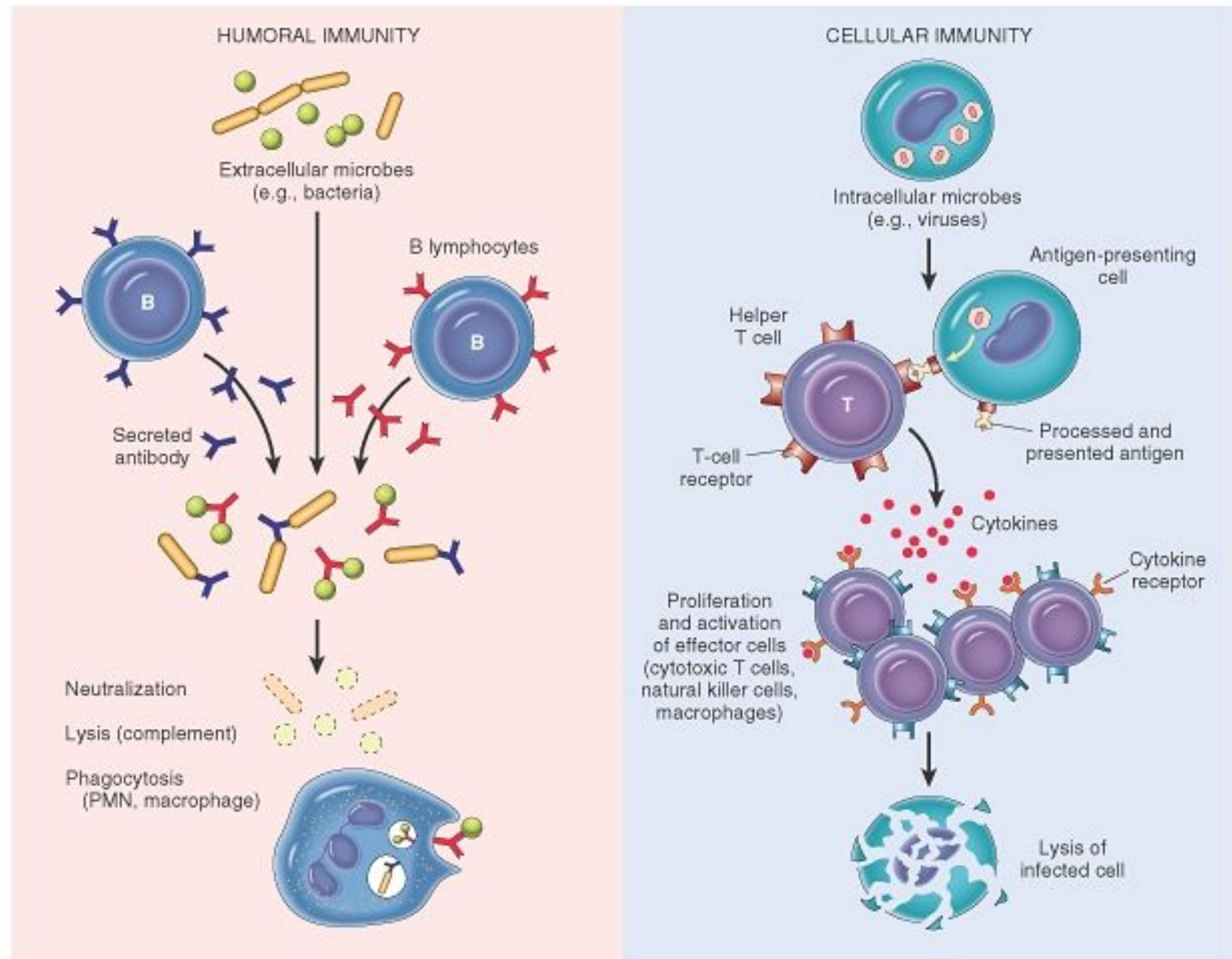
Lymphocyte subtypes



Immune system

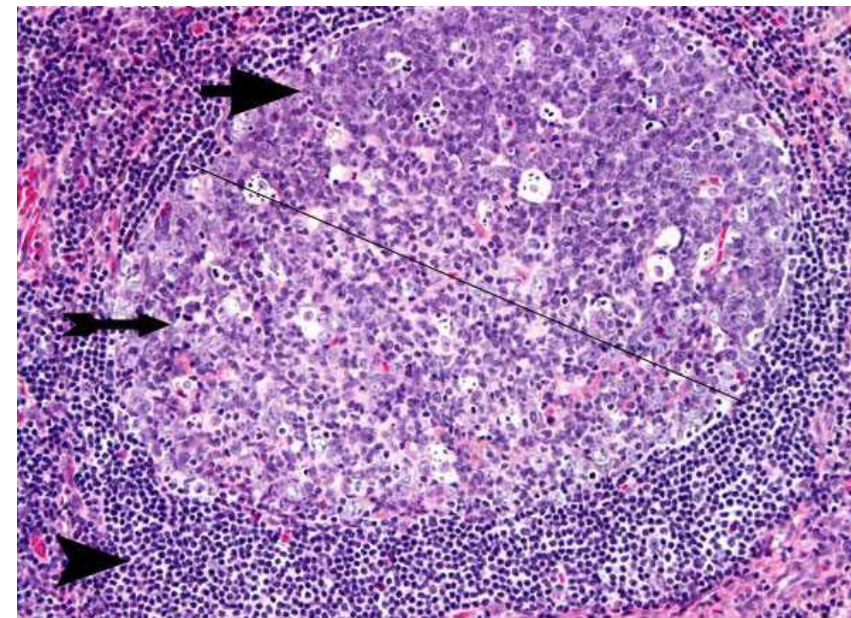
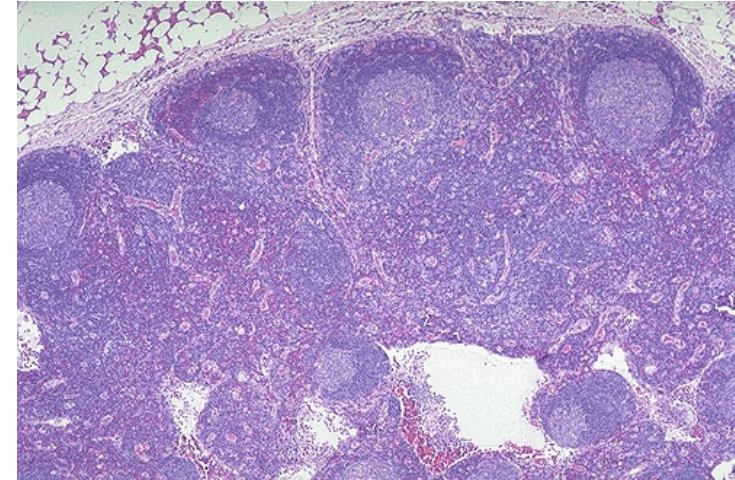
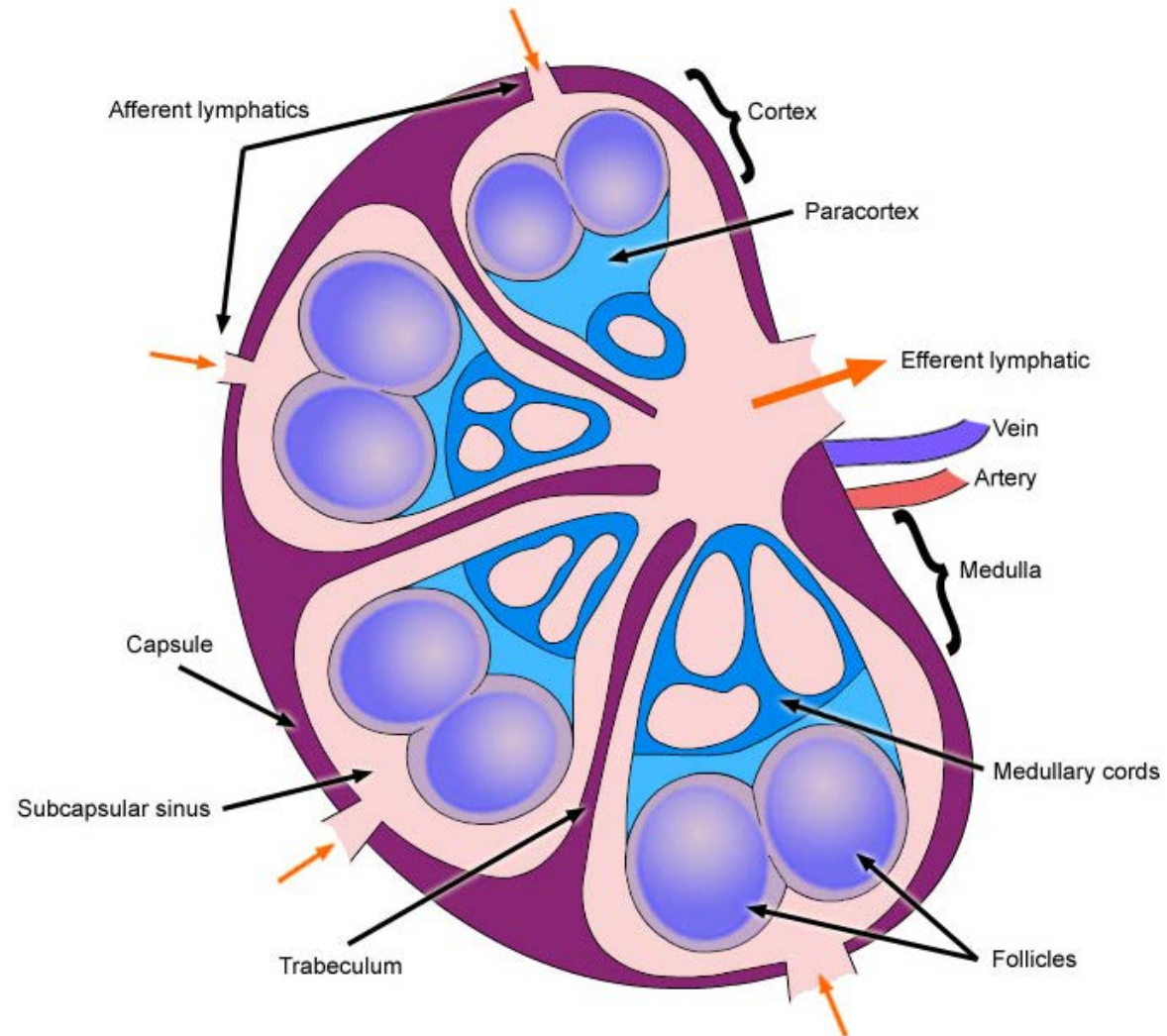


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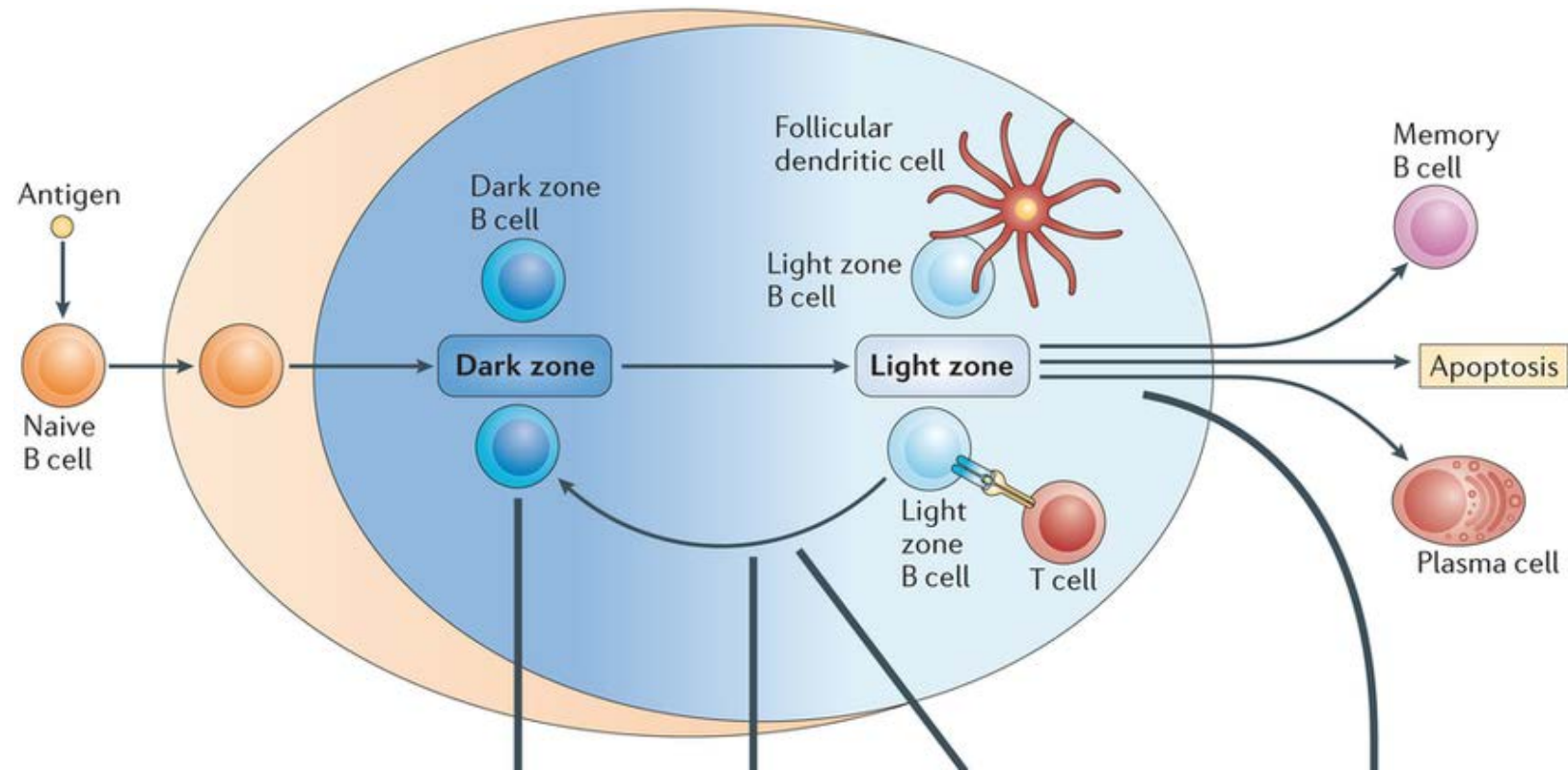


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Lymph node

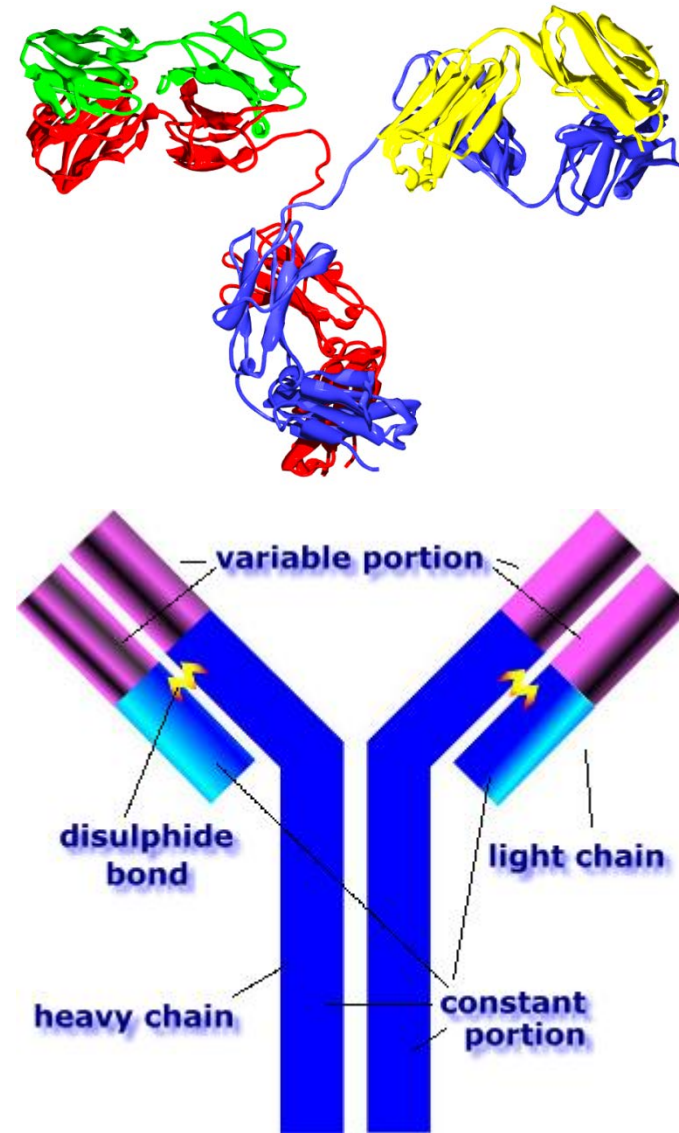


B-cell development



Antibodies – structure

- Antibody (Ab) or Immunoglobulin (Ig)
- Produced by mature plasma cells
- Can exist as membrane-bound (BCR) or secreted form
- Structured by two heavy chains and two light chains

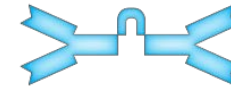


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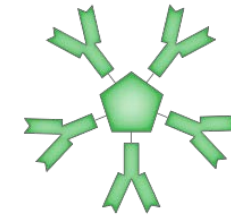
- Light chains (211-217 amino acids) – either type κ or λ
- Heavy chains (450-550 amino acids) – either type α , δ , γ , μ or ϵ
- Heavy chains determines isoform / isotype
- IgA, IgD, IgG, IgM or IgE



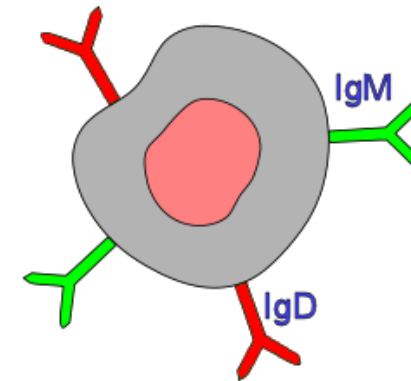
Monomer
IgD, IgE, IgG



Dimer
IgA

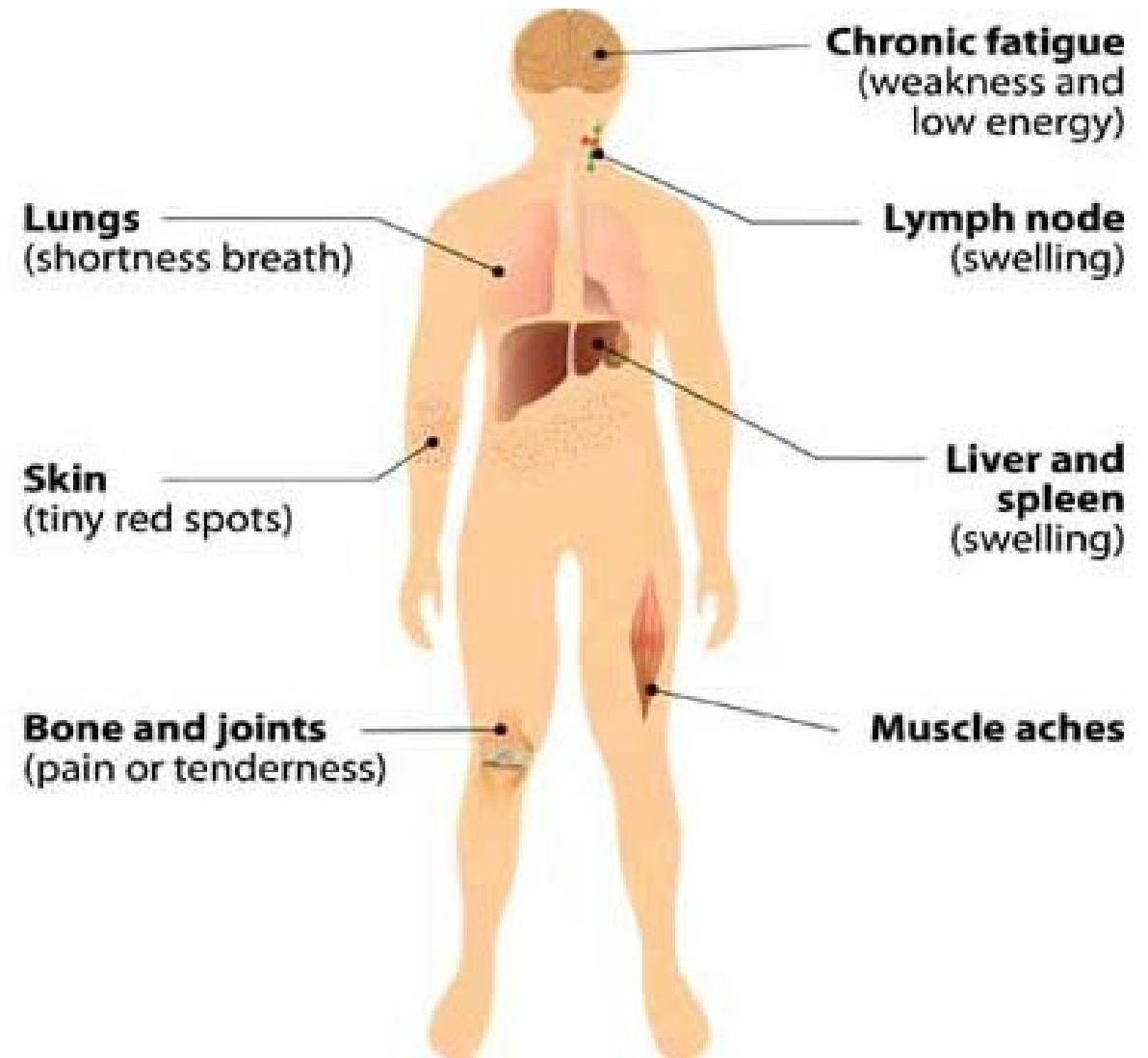


Pentamer
IgM



Signs and symptoms of lymphoma

- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Fever
- Drenching sweats (particularly at night)
- Unintended weight loss
- Itching
- Feeling tired



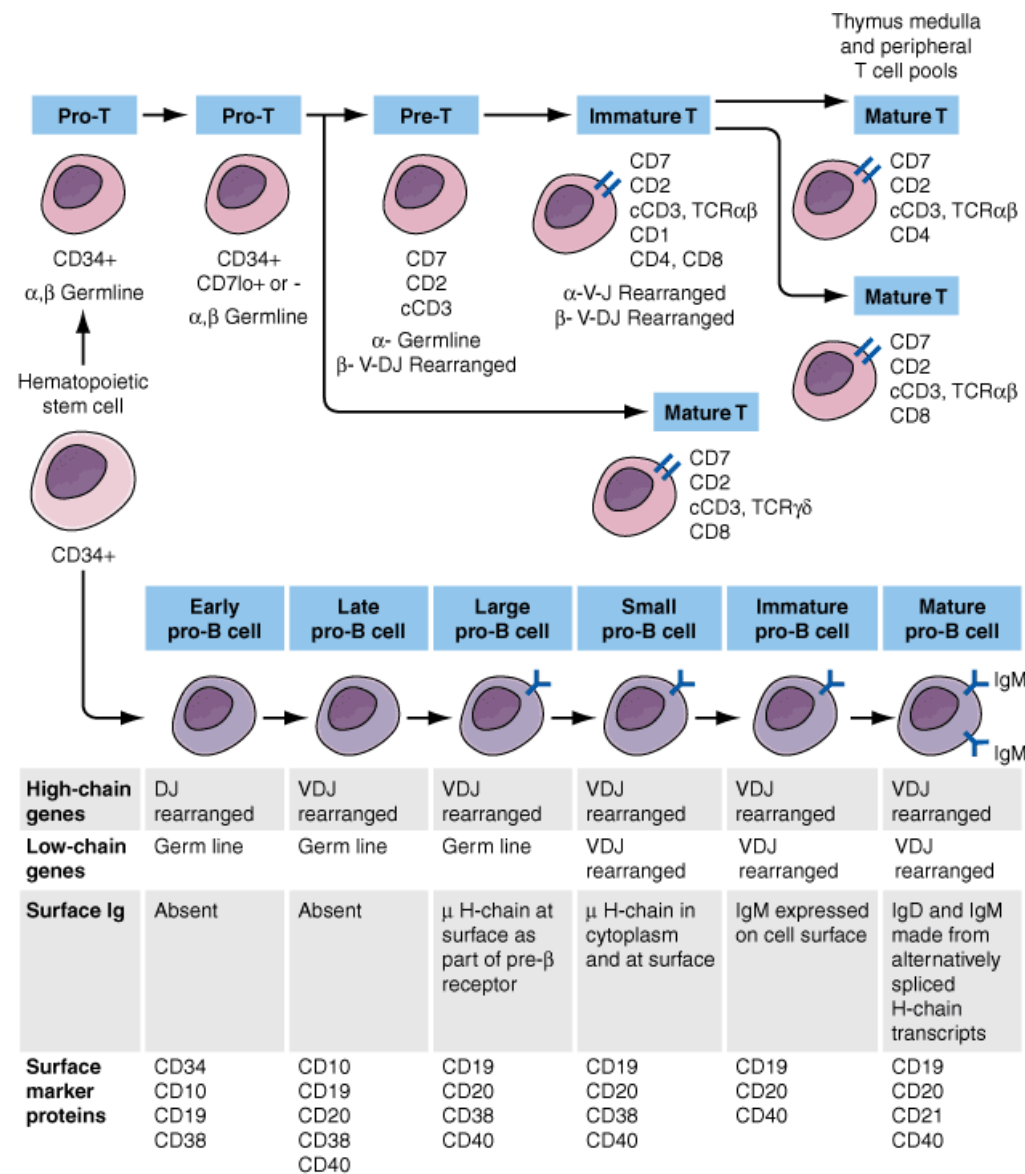
What is a lymphoma?

Clonal proliferation of mutated lymphoid cells

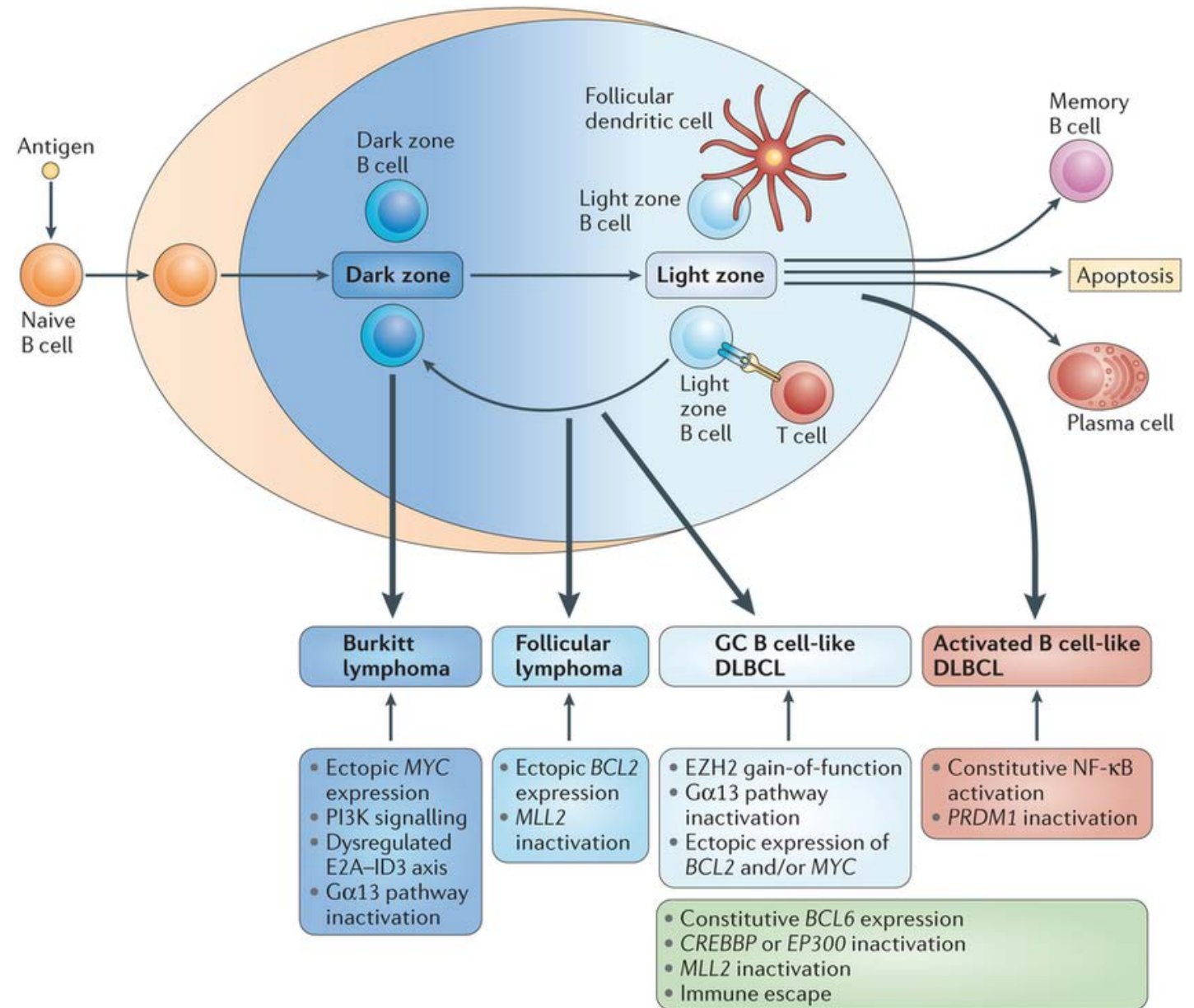
Mutations cause cells to freeze at a single stage of normal lymphocyte differentiation

Morphology, immunophenotype and molecular features mirror stages of normal lymphocyte development

T- and B-cell differentiation: Stage specific surface antigen expression



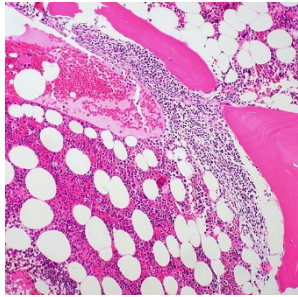
Lymphoid neoplasms: Correlation with normal B-cell development



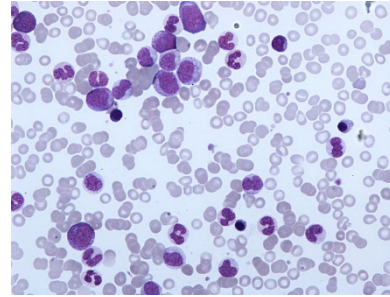
Haematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasias

Anatomical location

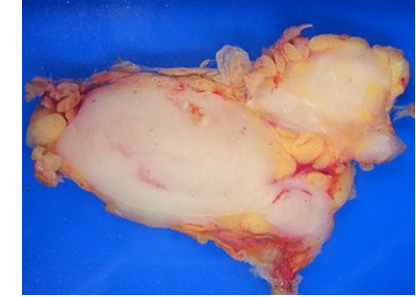
Bone marrow



Blood



Lymph node(s)
Extranodal



Leukaemia

Lymphoma

Adapted from S. Hamilton

What is the cause of lymphoma?

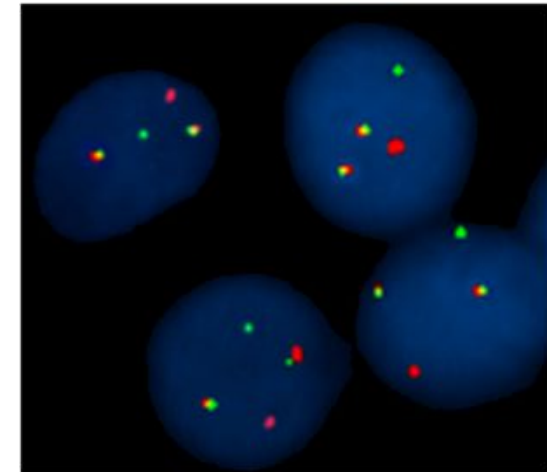
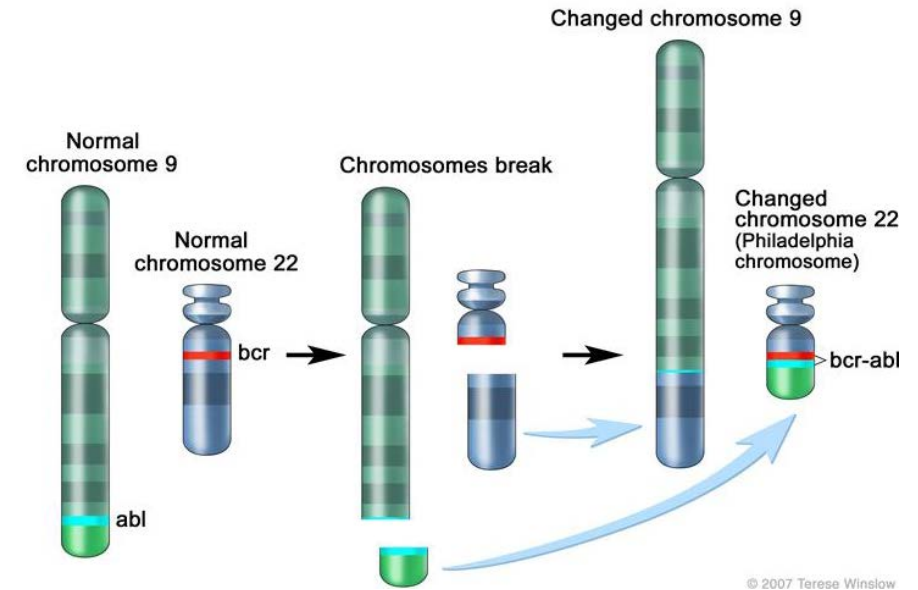
- DNA mutations
- DNA translocations

Risk factors

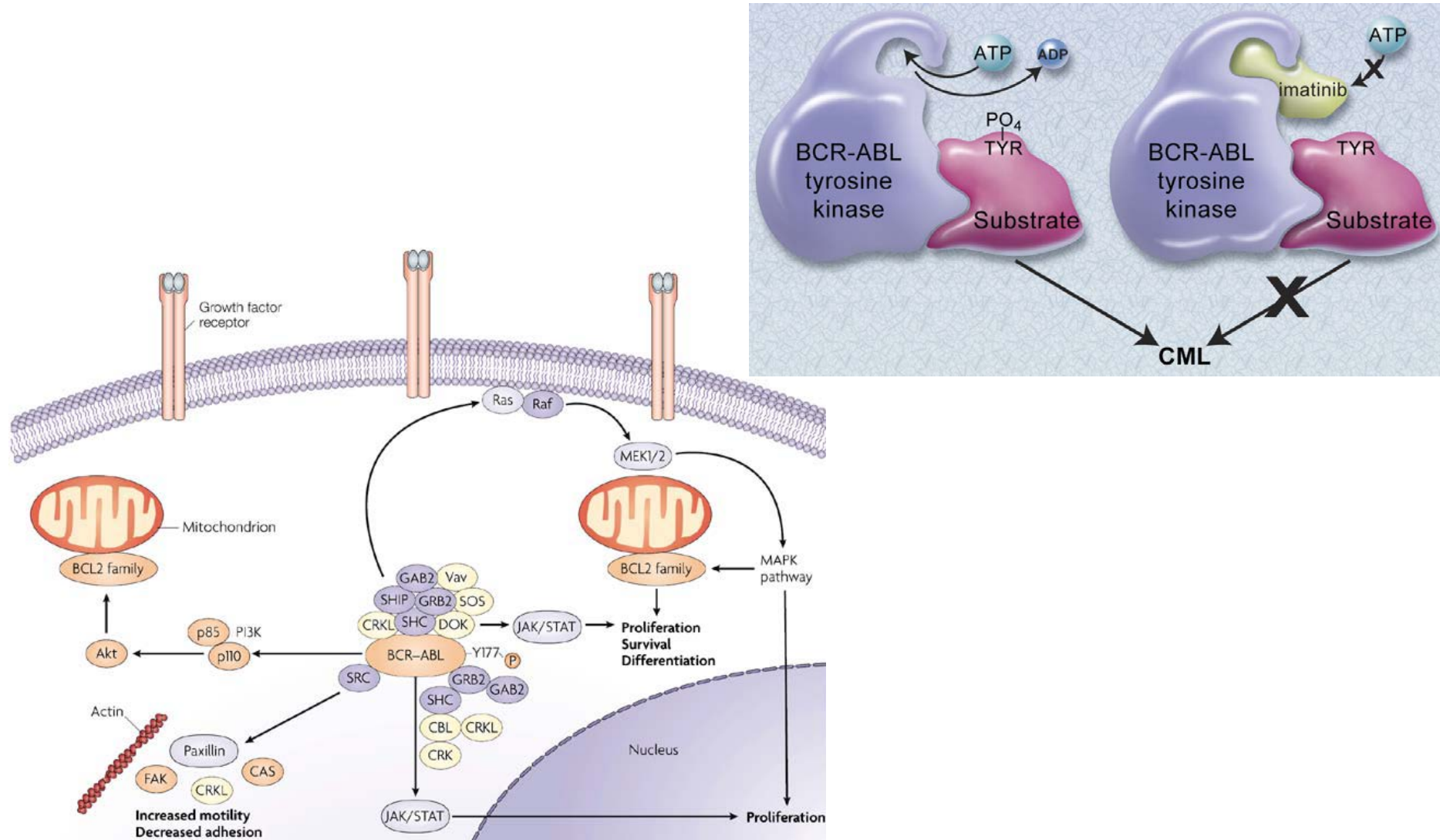
- M>F
- Chemical (benzene, herbicides, insecticides)
- Drugs (methotrexate, TNF-inhibitors, chemotherapy)
- Radiation
- Immune deficiency
- Autoimmune diseases
- Chronic infections

Translocations – examples

- Philadelphia chromosome: Translocation of (9;22) (q34;11.2). Seen in CML. Creates a fusion gene BCR-ABL1 coding for an “always-on” tyrokin kinase that induces cell to uncontrolled proliferation.
- Follicular lymphoma: Translocation of (14;18). Results in overexpression of BCL-2 and unopposed proliferation.
- Can be visualized using FISH

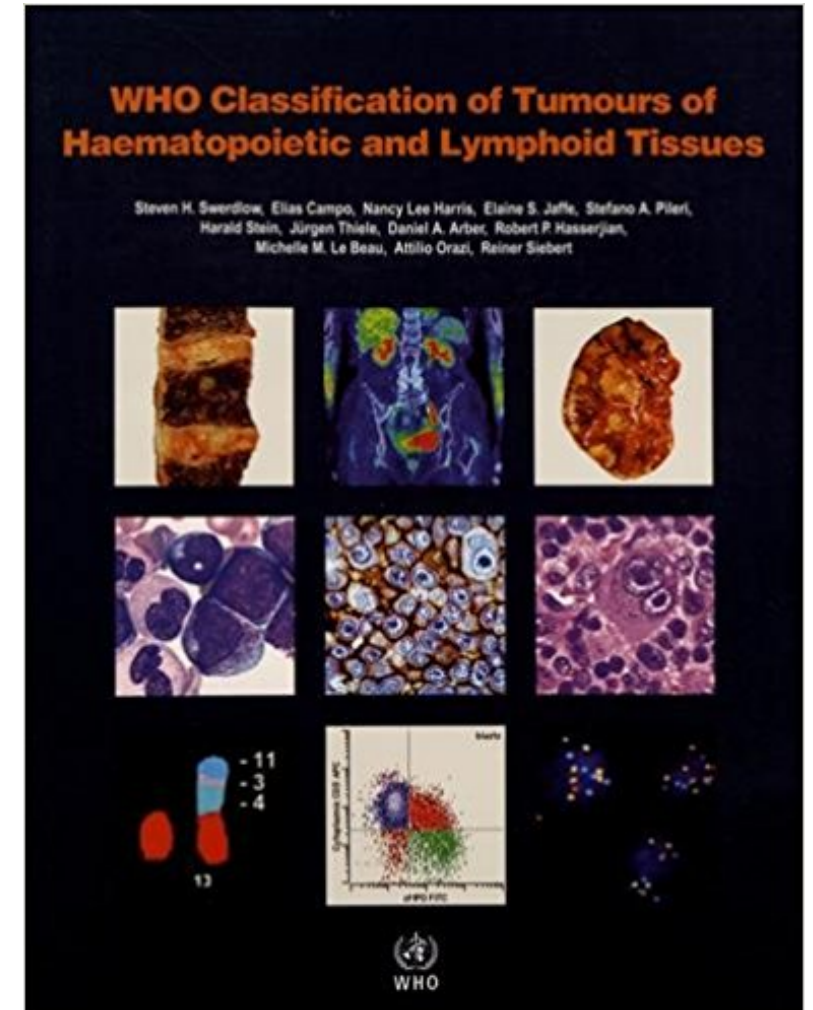


CML



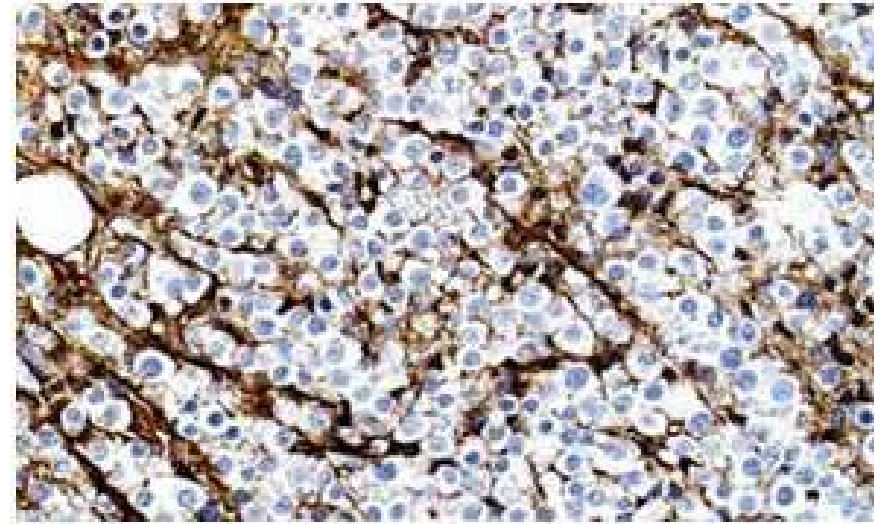
WHO Classification – update 2016

- “WHO Classification of Tumours of Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues - revised 4th edition”
- More than 100 lymphoma entities!
- Contains
 - Clinical features
 - Morphology
 - **Immunophenotypes**
 - Molecular genetics



Clonality

- Normal immunoglobulin producing lymphoid tissue make both kappa and lambda light chain
- B-cell lymphomas producing immunoglobulins all make the same light chain (kappa or lambda) (light chain restriction)
- Expression of one type of immunoglobulin in a lymphoid tissue is indicative of clonality (neoplasia)



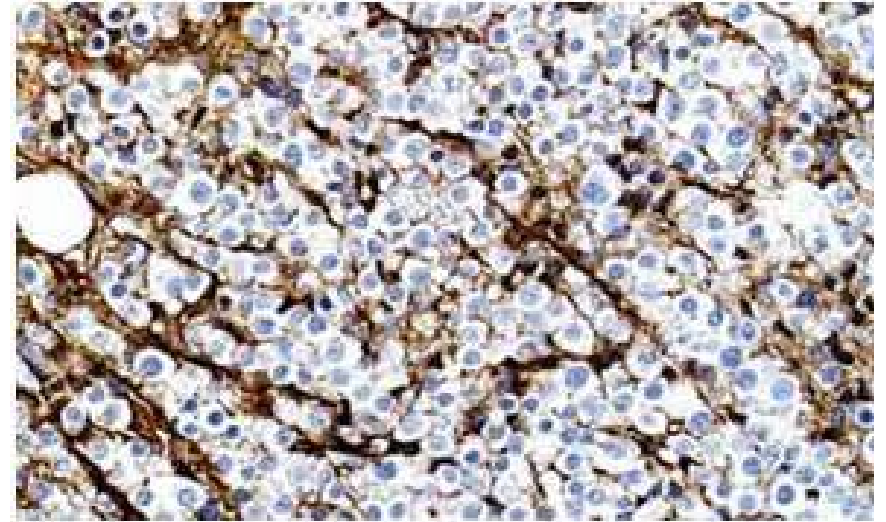
DLBCL: kappa



DLBCL: lambda

Basic IHC stains – Ig kappa/lambda

- B-cell specific
- Monotypic immunoglobulin light chain suggests clonality
- Assay is relatively easy to optimize and interpret in high-level expressing lymphomas (as myeloma)
- Assay is challenging in low-level expressing lymphomas, where sensitive protocols must be optimized. Interpretation is difficult due to serum immunoglobulins



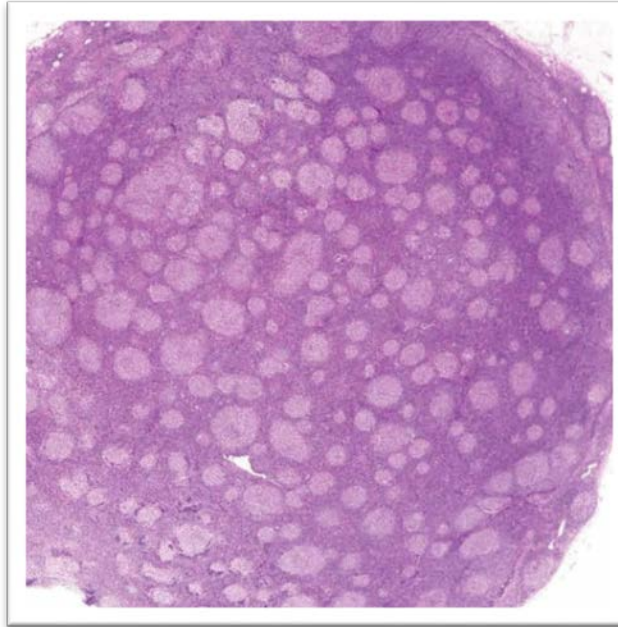
DLBCL: kappa



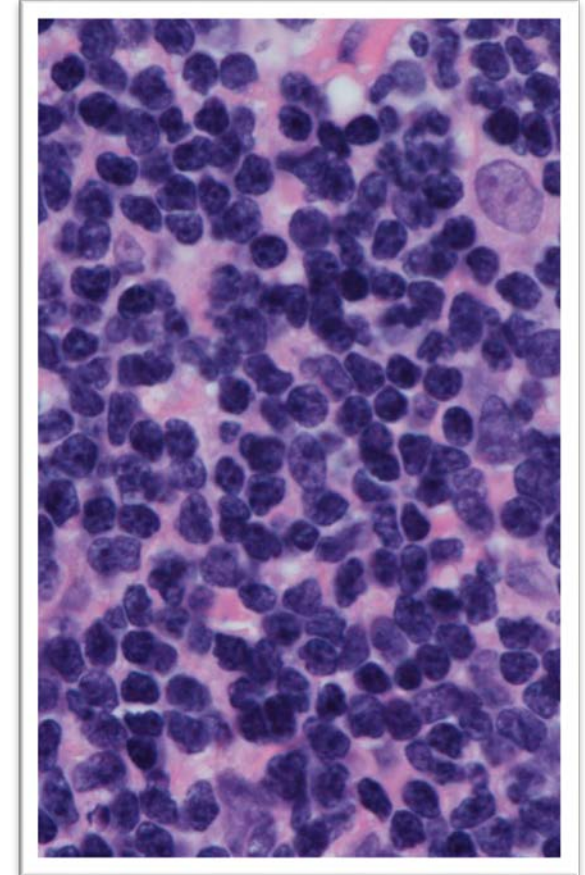
DLBCL: lambda

How are lymphomas diagnosed

- Morphology
 - Cell size
 - Cell types (uniform or different)
 - Mitosis
- Architecture
 - Normal architecture?
 - Growth through capsule?
 - Sclerosis?
- Immunophenotype
 - IHC
 - Flow cytometry
- Material
 - Biopsy (excision of lymph node preferred)
 - No fine needle aspiration



Abnormal architecture in follicular lymphoma



Irregular nuclei in mantle cell lymphoma

Basic IHC stains for lymphoma diagnosis

Marker	
CD45	
CD20	
CD79a	
PAX5	
Kappa/lambda	
CD3	
CD5	
CD30	
Bcl-2	
Bcl-6	
CD23	
Cyclin D1	
Ki67	

What CD numbers?

- CD = "Cluster of differentiation" or "Cluster of designation"
- Classification system for antigens
- Antigens are located on cell surfaces (but also in other compartments) on leucocytes (but also other cell types)
- More than 370 CD antigens has been identified
- The antigens can function as receptors or ligands important to cell signaling or adhesion. However, in many cases function is unknown.
- Important in haematopathology for immunophenotyping of morphologically similar cells

Cluster of differentiation

Cell type	CD Markers
stem cells	<u>CD34</u> +, CD31-, CD117
all leukocyte groups	<u>CD45</u> +
Granulocyte	CD45+, CD11b, CD15+, CD24+, CD114+, CD182+
Monocyte	CD45+, CD14+, CD114+, CD11a, CD11b, CD91+, CD16+
T lymphocyte	CD45+, <u>CD3</u> +
T helper cell	CD45+, CD3+, <u>CD4</u> +
T regulatory cell	CD4, CD25, and Foxp3
Cytotoxic T cell	CD45+, CD3+, <u>CD8</u> +
B lymphocyte	CD45+, CD19+ or CD45+, <u>CD20</u> +, CD24+, CD38, CD22
Thrombocyte	CD45+, CD61+
Natural killer cell	CD16+, <u>CD56</u> +, CD3-, CD31, CD30, CD38

Primary panel

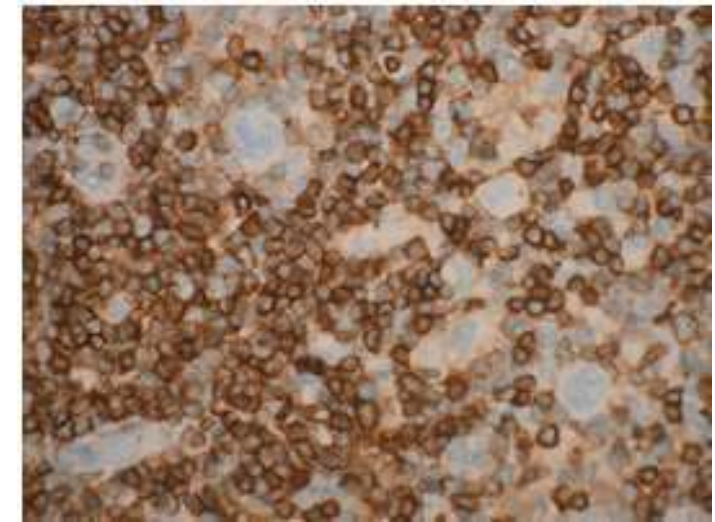
Primary panel for the unknown primary tumour

"Real"	CD45	CK	S-100	VIM
Haemato-lymphoid neoplasms	+ / (-)	- / (+)	- / (+)	+ / (-)
Epithelial neoplasms	-	+ / (-)	- / +	- / +
Mesothelial neoplasms	-	+	-	+
Mesenchymal and neuronal neoplasms	-	- / (+)	- / +	+
Non-neuronal neuroepithelial neoplasms	-	- / (+)	+	+
Germ cell neoplasms	-	- / +	- / +	+

Courtesy of M. Vyberg

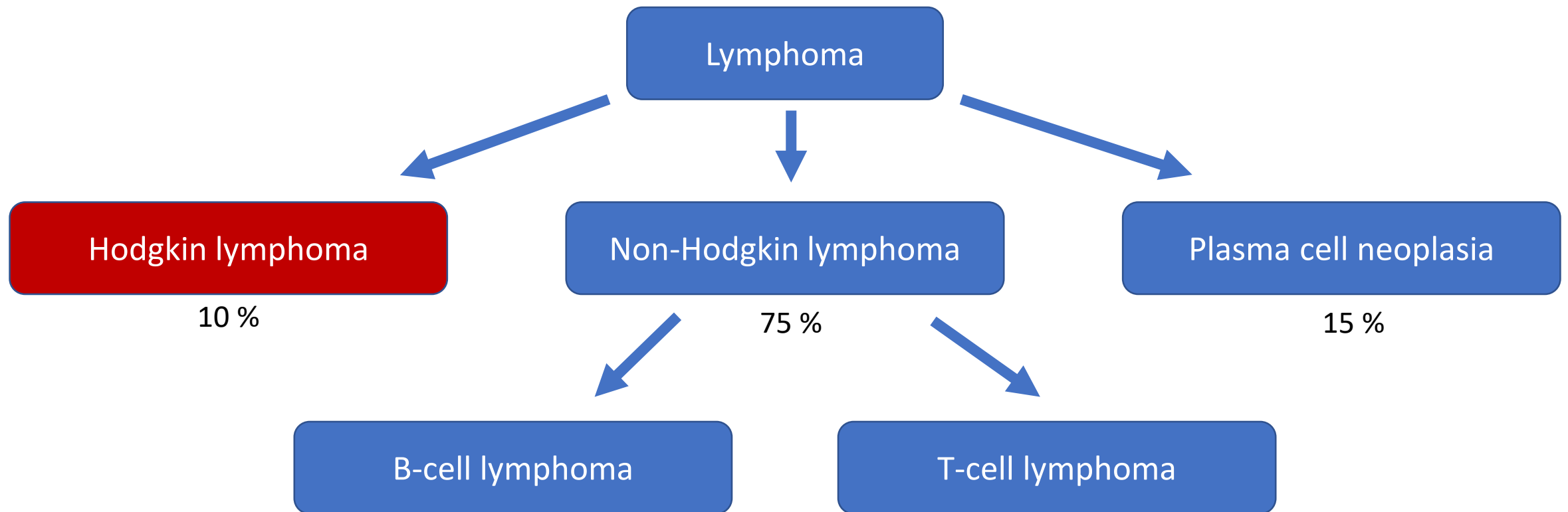
Basic IHC stains: CD45

- Membrane bound tyrosine phosphatase regulating B- and T-cell antigen receptor signaling
- Positive in most haematopoietic cells
- Several isoforms exist (more lineage specific)
- Not expressed on non-bone marrow derived cells
- Lymphomas
 - Most non-HL are positive
 - Can be negative in Precursor LB, plasma cell neoplasia and ALCL
 - HL: Reed Sternberg cells in classical HL are negative



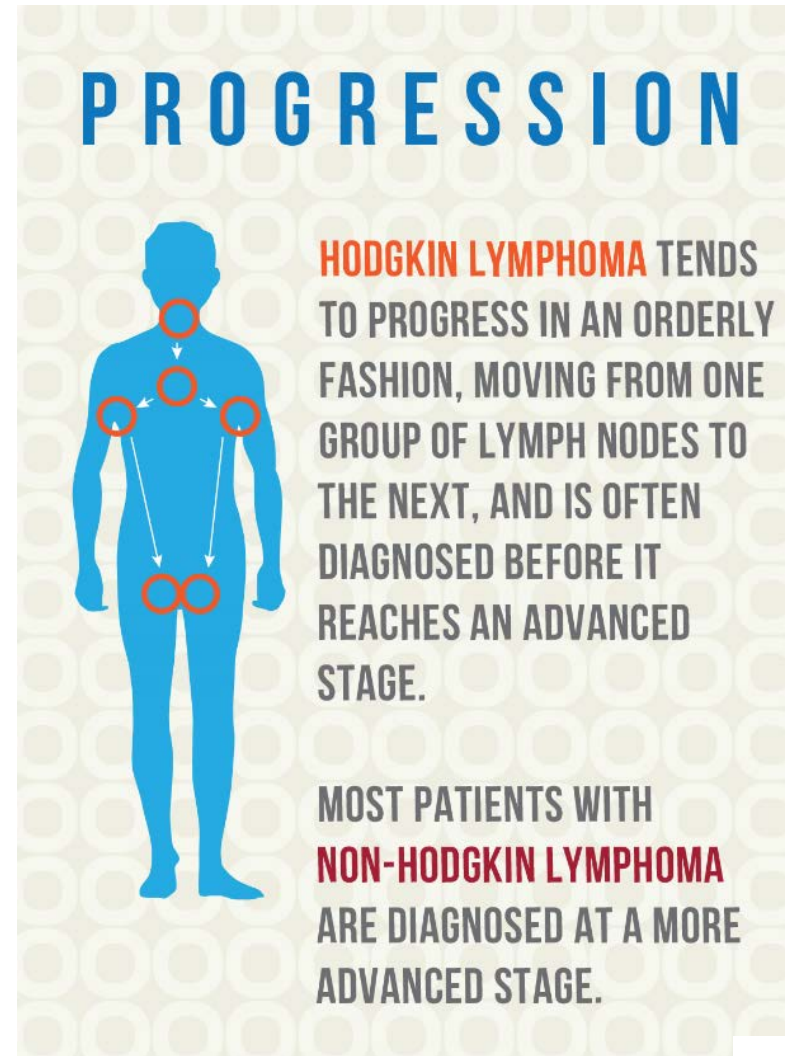
HL: CD45- in Reed Sternberg
Courtesy of S. Hamilton

Classification of lymphomas

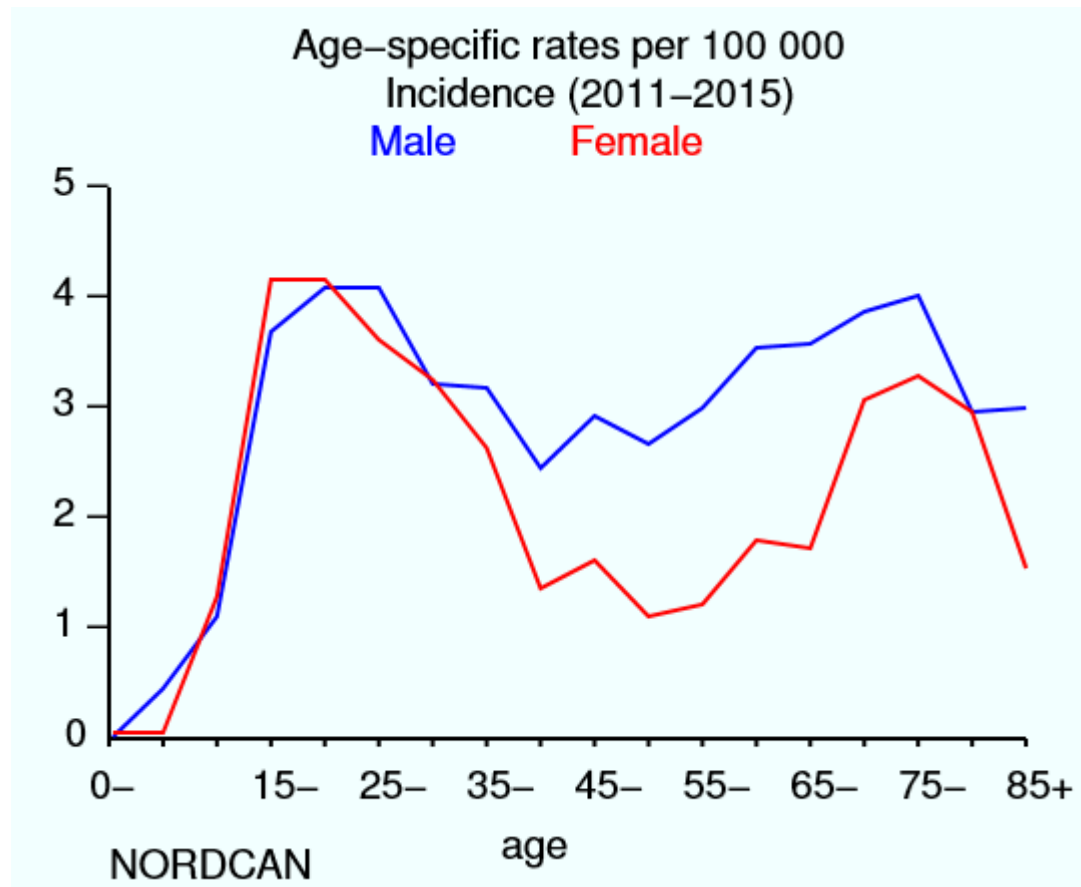


Hodgkin versus non-Hodgkin lymphoma

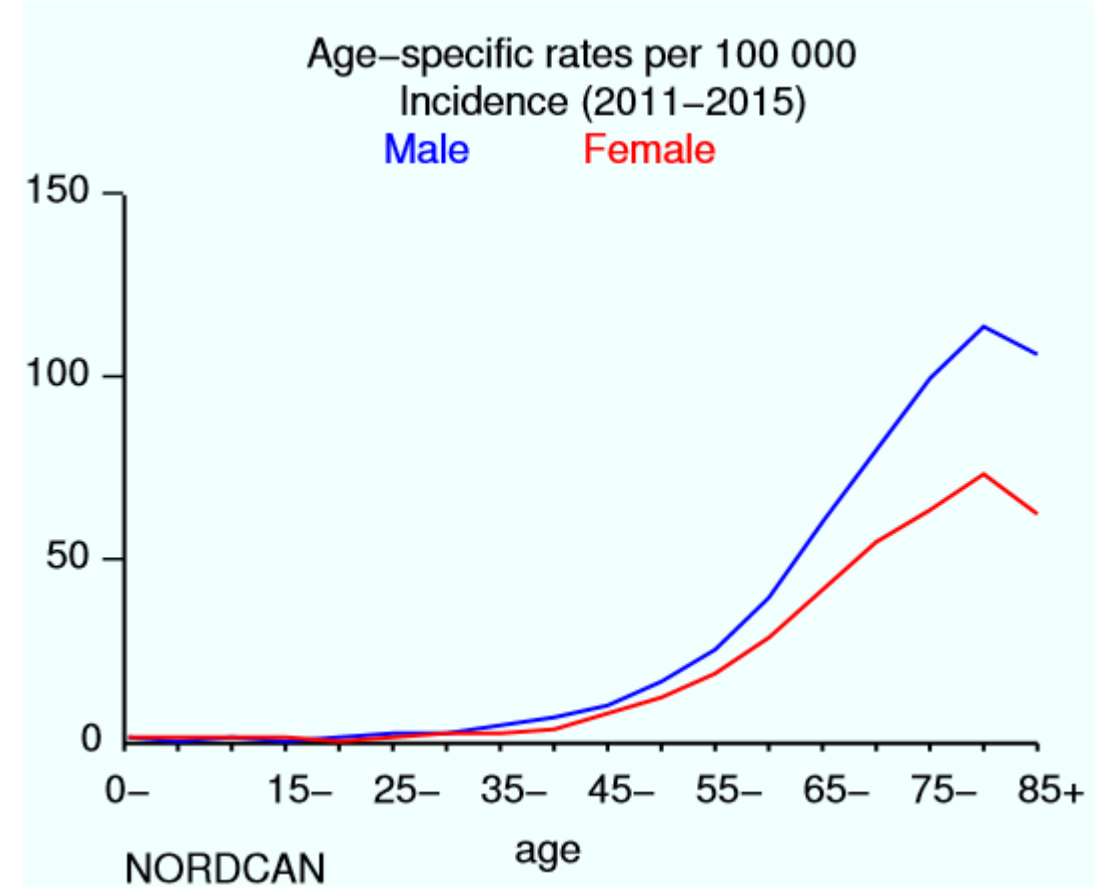
- Generally both types of lymphoma are developed from lymphocytes
- Age of onset is different
- HL tend to develop on neck or chest, while non-HL can arise throughout the body
- Non-HL tend to be diagnosed at a more advanced stage than HL
- HL have better survival (5-year: 90%) than non-HL (overall)



Hodgkin vs. non-Hodgkin lymphoma (age)

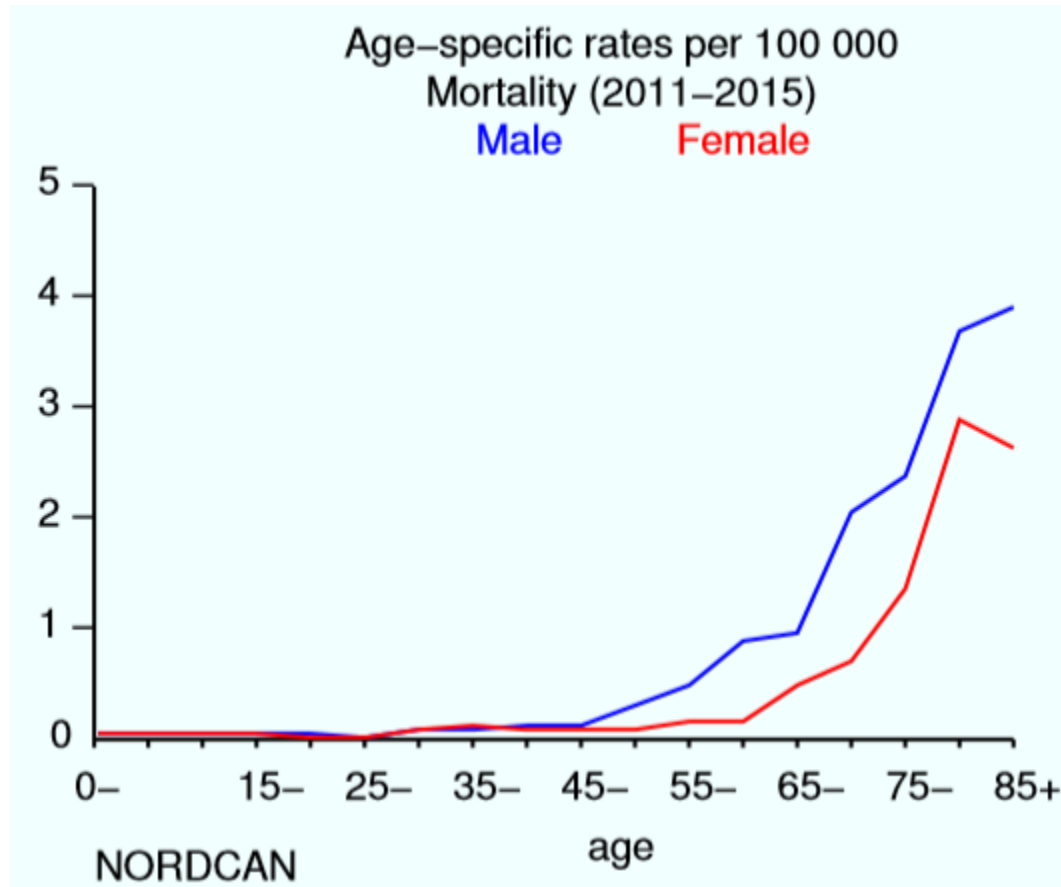


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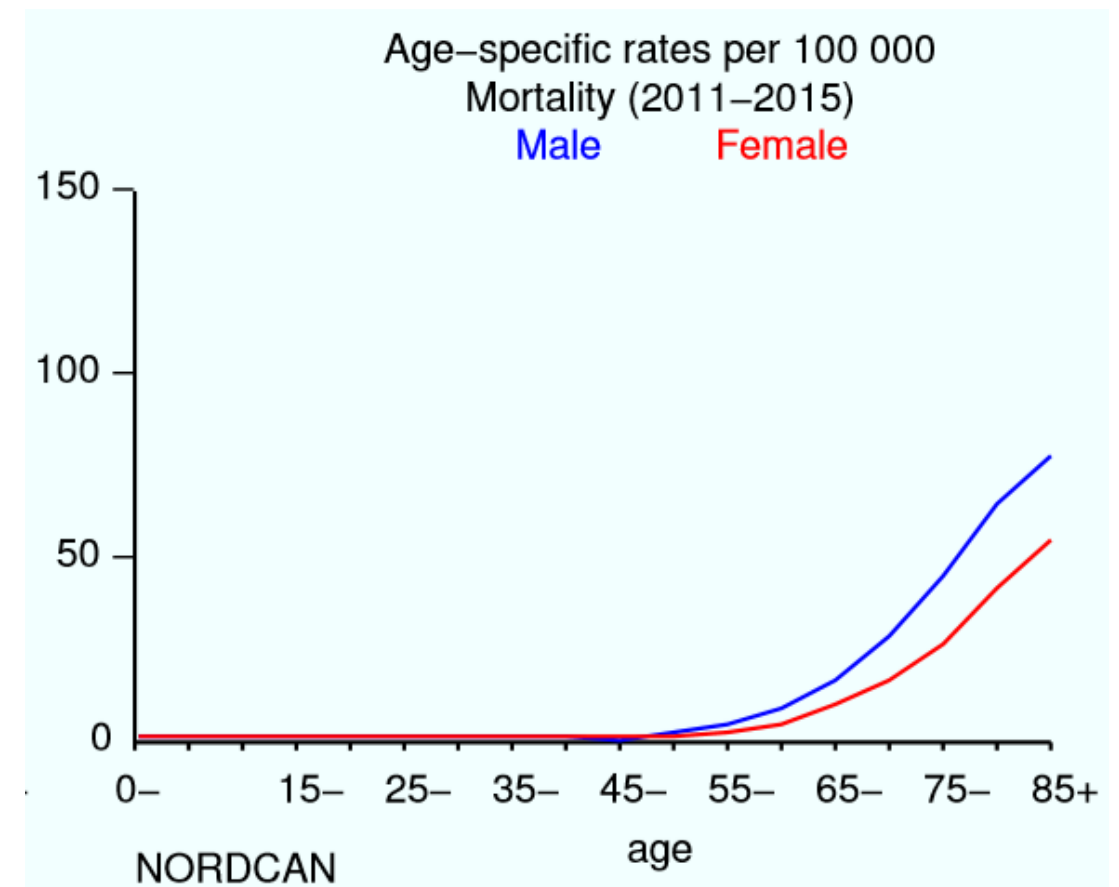


Non-Hodgkin lymphoma

Hodgkin vs. non-Hodgkin lymphoma (mortality)



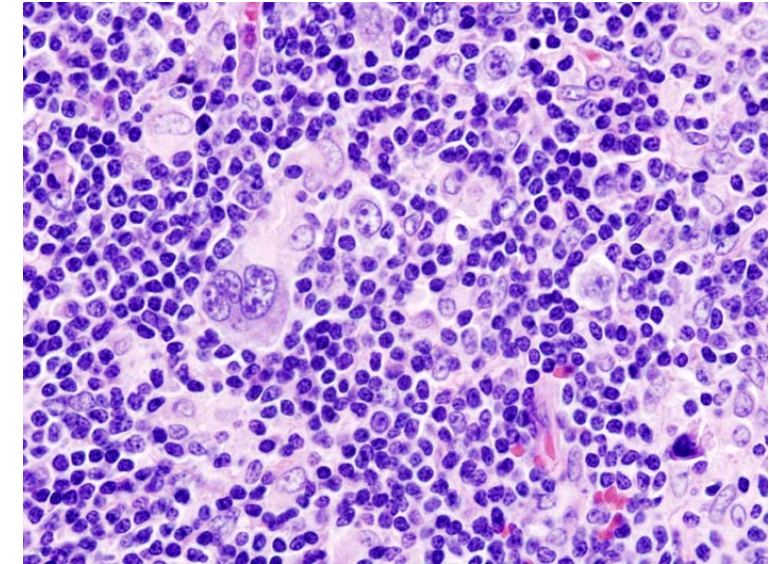
Hodgkin lymphoma



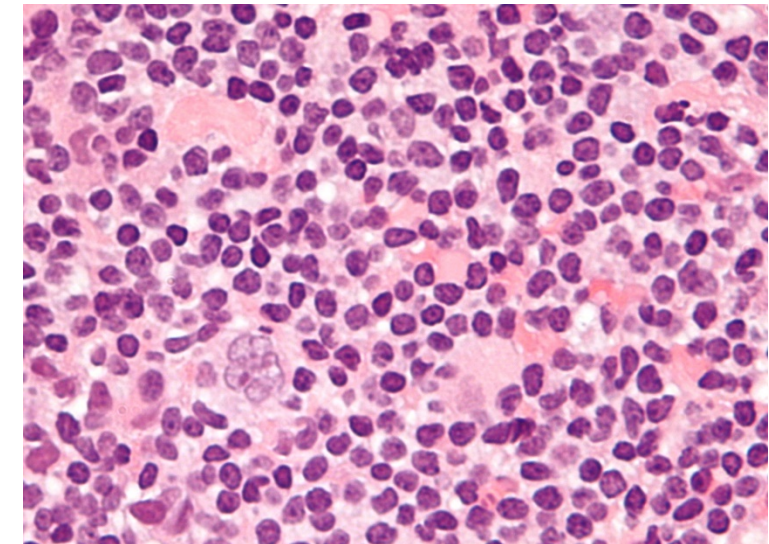
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma

Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)

- Reed-Sternberg cells: large multinucleated cells with abundant cytoplasm
- Mononuclear RS = Hodgkin cells
- Eosinophils
- Divided in
 - Classical HL
 - Nodular sclerosis CHL
 - Lymphocyte rich CHL
 - Mixed cellularity CHL
 - Lymphocyte depleted CHL
 - Nodular lymphocyte predominant HL
 - Popcorn cells



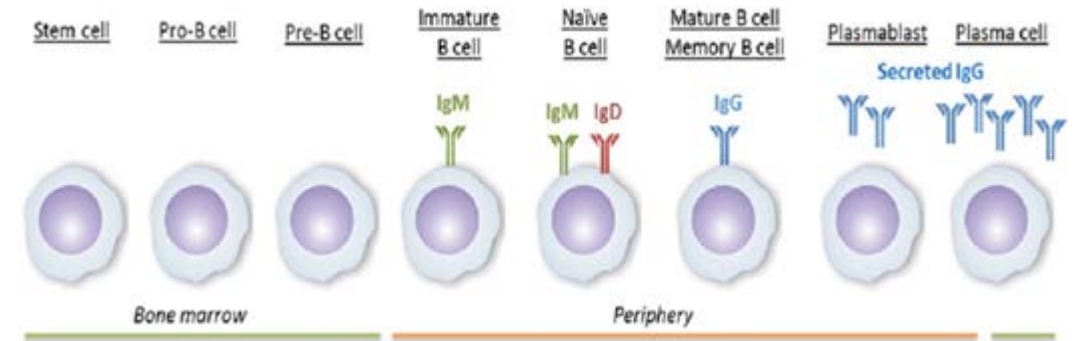
*Reed-Sternberg and Hodgkin cells
in classical HL*



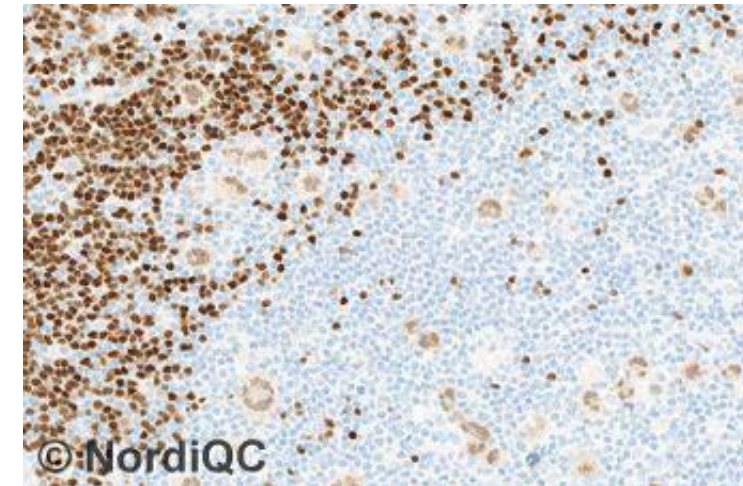
Popcorn cells in NLPHL

Basic IHC stains: PAX5 / BSAP

- Transcription factor involved in B-cell development
- Nuclear staining reaction
- Specific B-cell marker
- Positive in nearly all B-cell non-HL and HL (RS-cells)
- Negative in plasma cell neoplasms, T-cell lymphomas



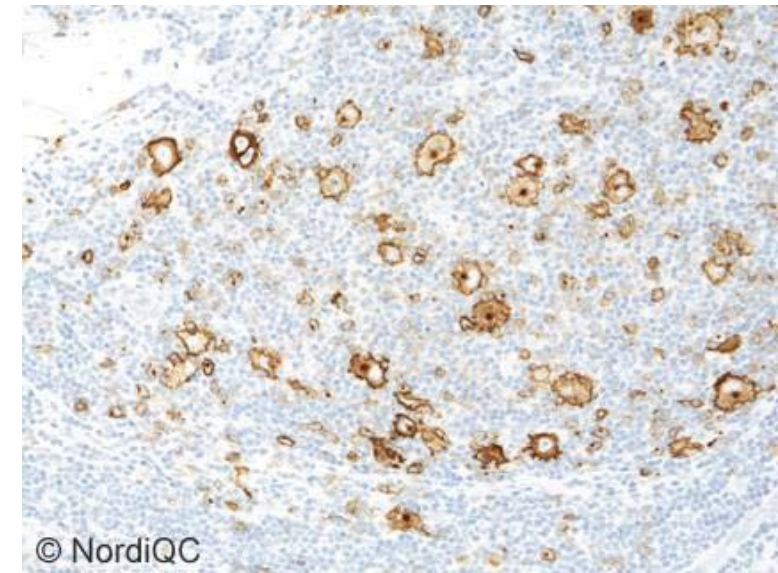
PAX5



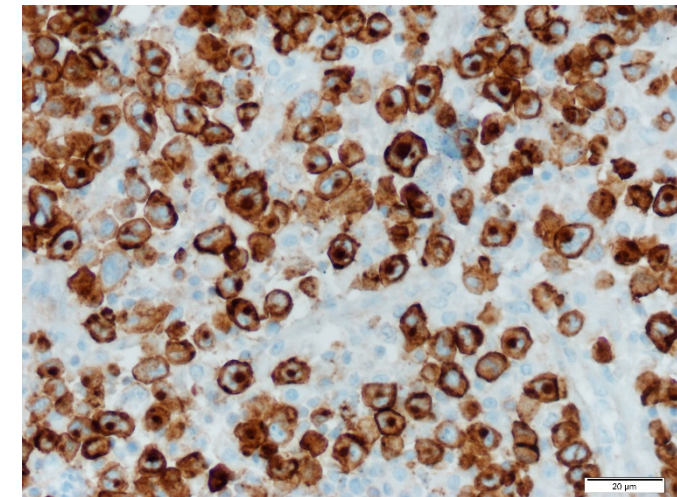
*Weak PAX5 staining reaction of
Hodgkin and Reed Sternberg cells.
Strong staining of B lymphocytes.*

Basic IHC stains: CD30

- Tumor necrosis factor (cytokin) receptor. Regulator of cell apoptosis
- Expressed in activated cells
- Expressed on activated B- and T-cells, macrophages and immunoblasts and in some macrophages
- Membranous staining with a dot in Golgi-zone
- Target for brentuximab
- Positive
 - Hodgkin (Reed Sternberg and Hodgkin cells), minor proportion of Pop corn cells in HL-LP)
 - Anaplastic large cell lymphoma
 - Some T-cell lymphomas
 - Some DLBCL

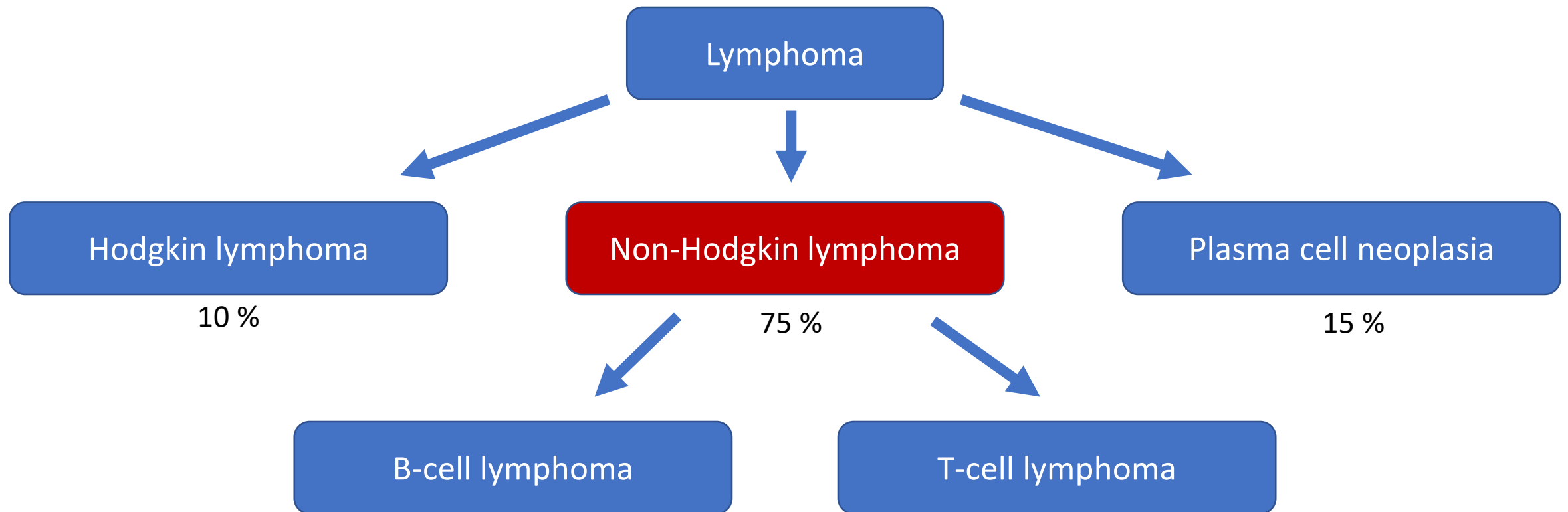


CD30 staining in lymph node with HL. Reed-Sternberg and Hodgkin cells display moderate membranous and Golgi-zone staining



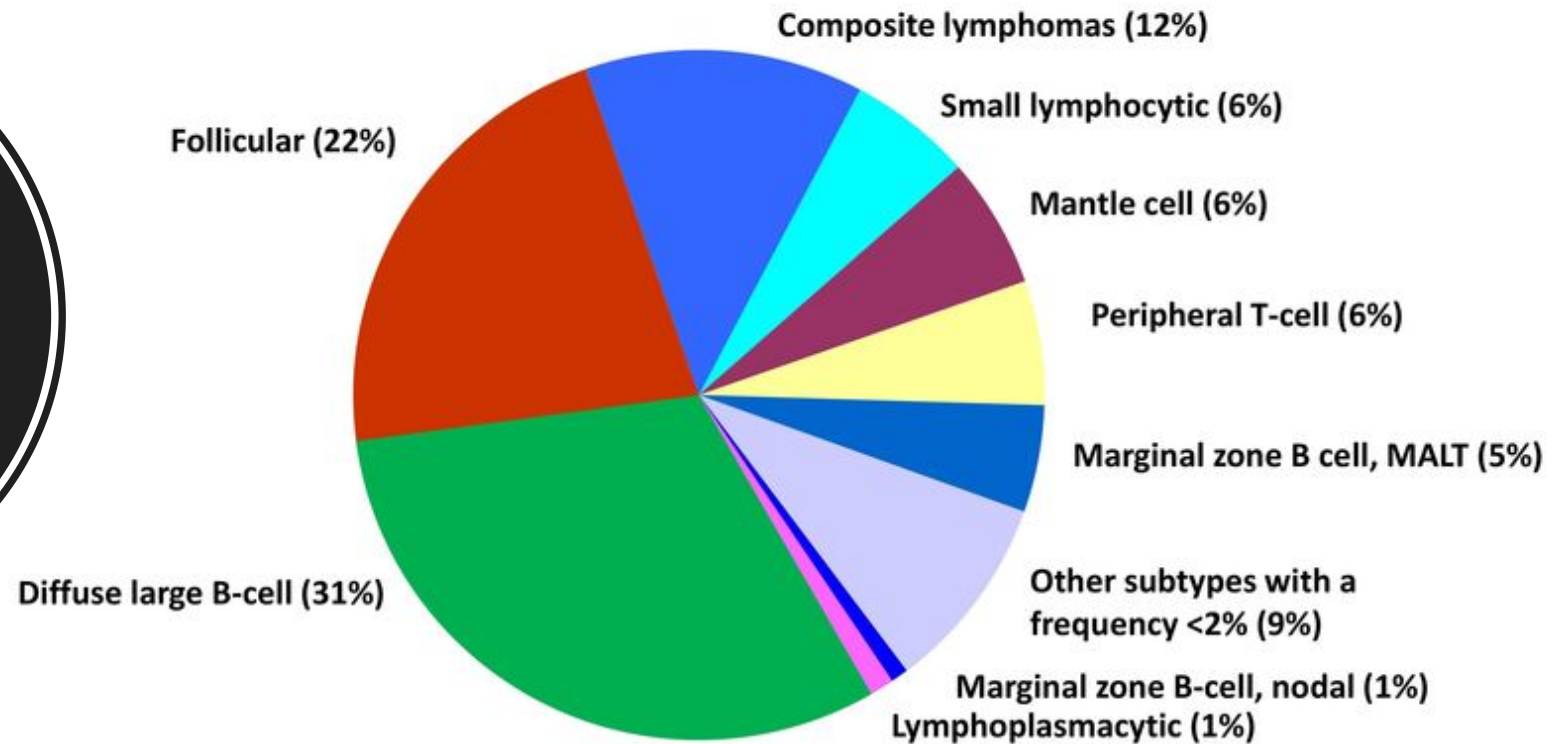
CD30 staining in lymph node with ALCL. Neoplastic cells all display moderate to strong membranous and Golgi-zone staining

Classification of lymphomas



Frequency of Non-Hodgkin lymphomas

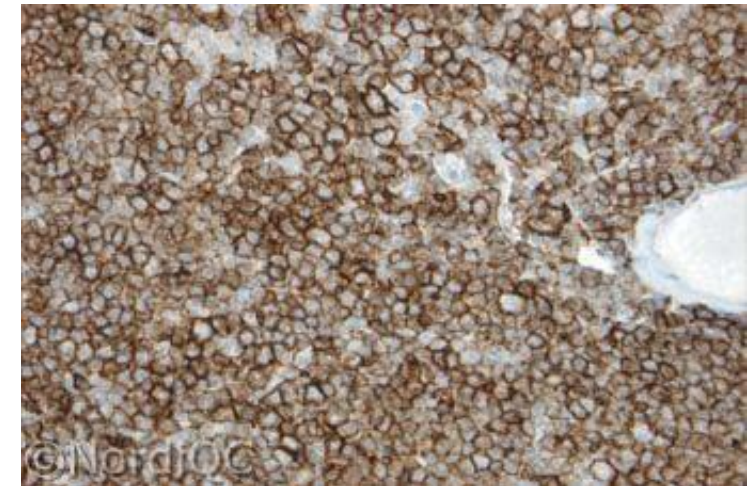
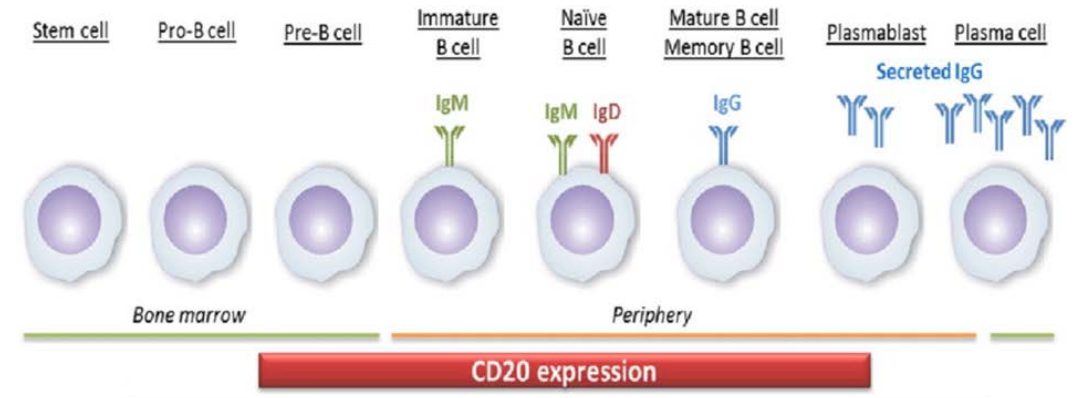
Frequency of NHL subtypes in adults



MALT: mucosa associated lymphoid tissue; NHL: non-Hodgkin lymphoma
Armitage JO, Weisenburger DD. *J Clin Oncol* 1998; 16: 2780-2795.

Basic IHC stains: CD20

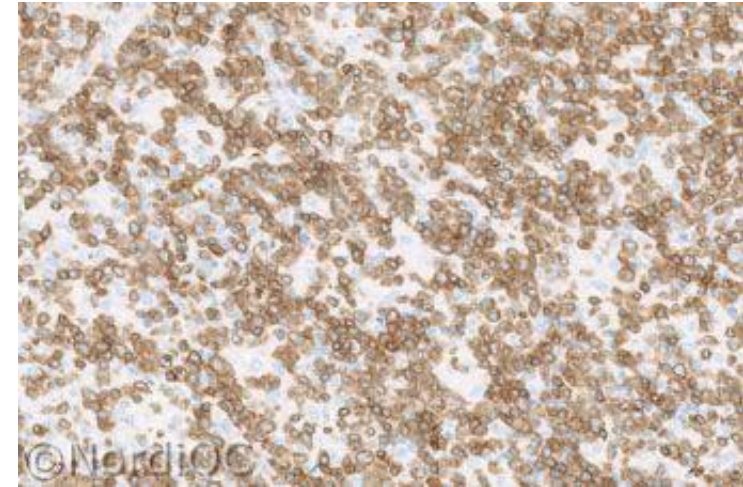
- Surface protein involved into differentiation of B-cells to plasma cells
- Common B-cell marker
- Expressed from Pro-B cells until maturity
- Target for treatment (i.e. rituximab)
- Positive in the majority of B-cell neoplasms (except precursor B-LB and myeloma)
- Negative in T-cell lymphomas



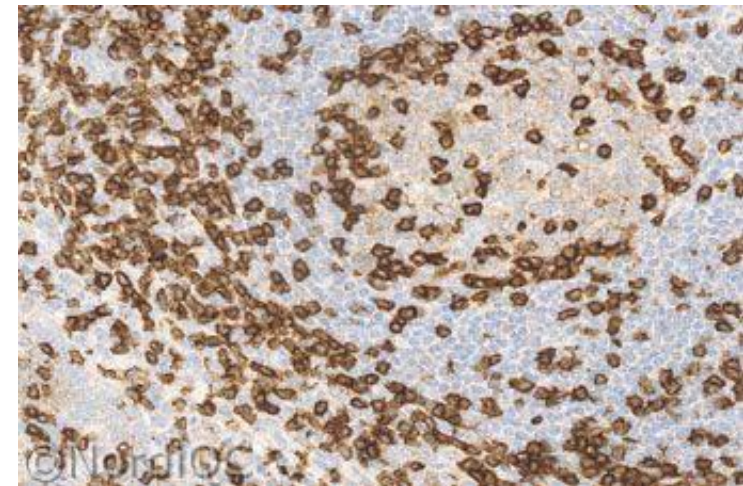
B-CLL/SLL: Strong membranous CD20 staining reaction

Basic IHC stains: CD3

- Part of the T-celle (co)receptor consisting of several subunits. Transmits signals through the cell membrane.
- Expressed on T-lymphocytes (CD4 and CD8)
- Positive
 - T-cell lymphomas
- Negative
 - B-cell lymphomas
 - Hodgkin lymphoma

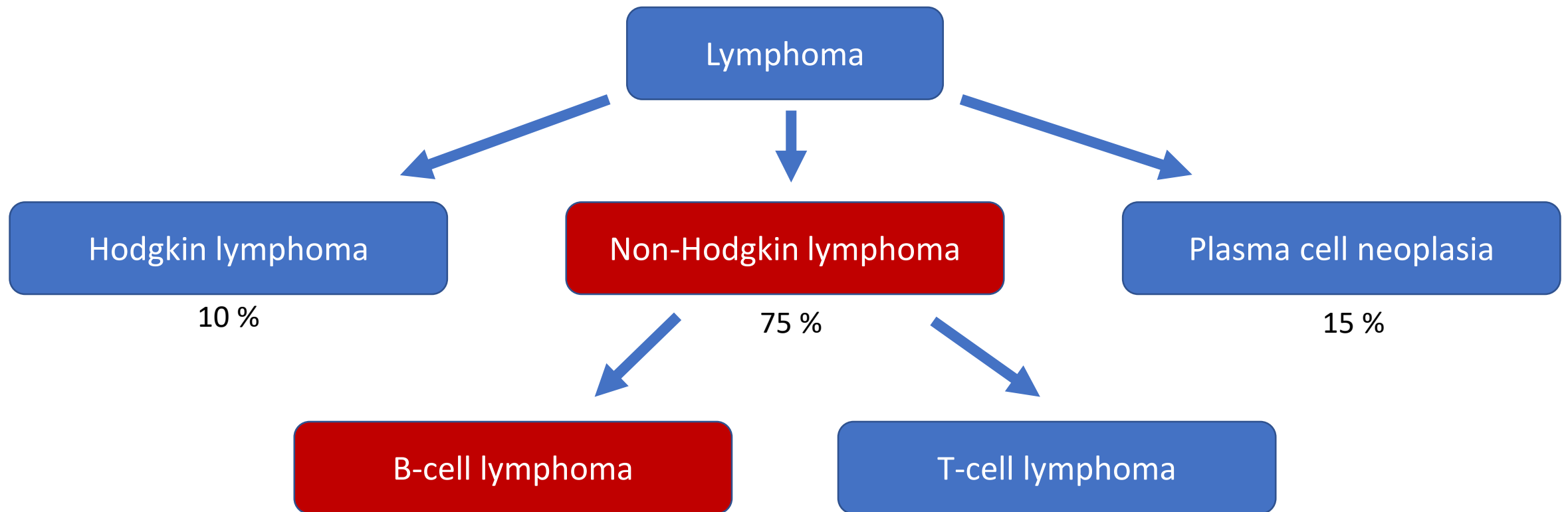


CD3 staining in peripheral T-cell lymphomas. All neoplastic cells display a moderate to strong membranous staining

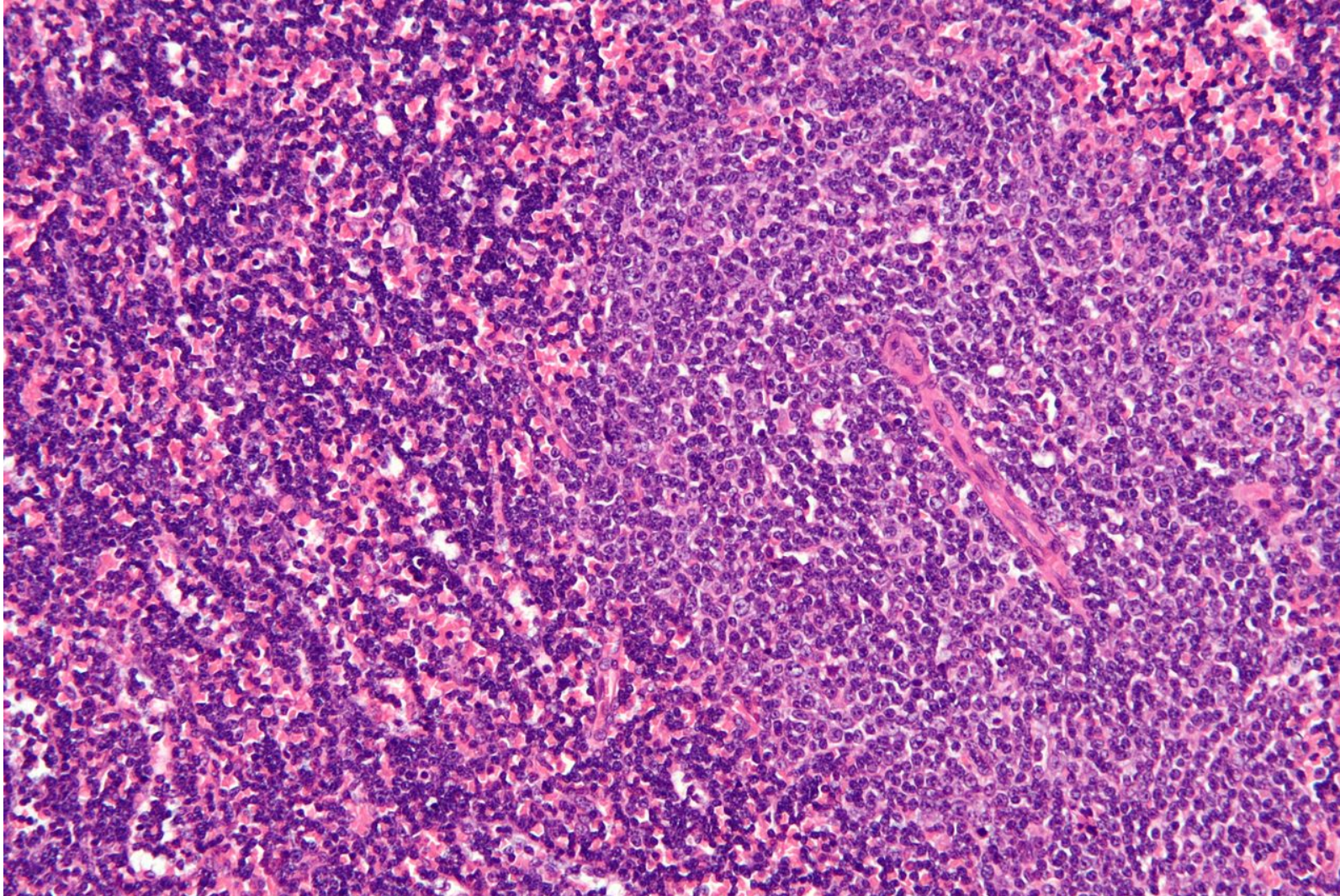


CD3 staining in tonsil, strong membranous staining in T cells

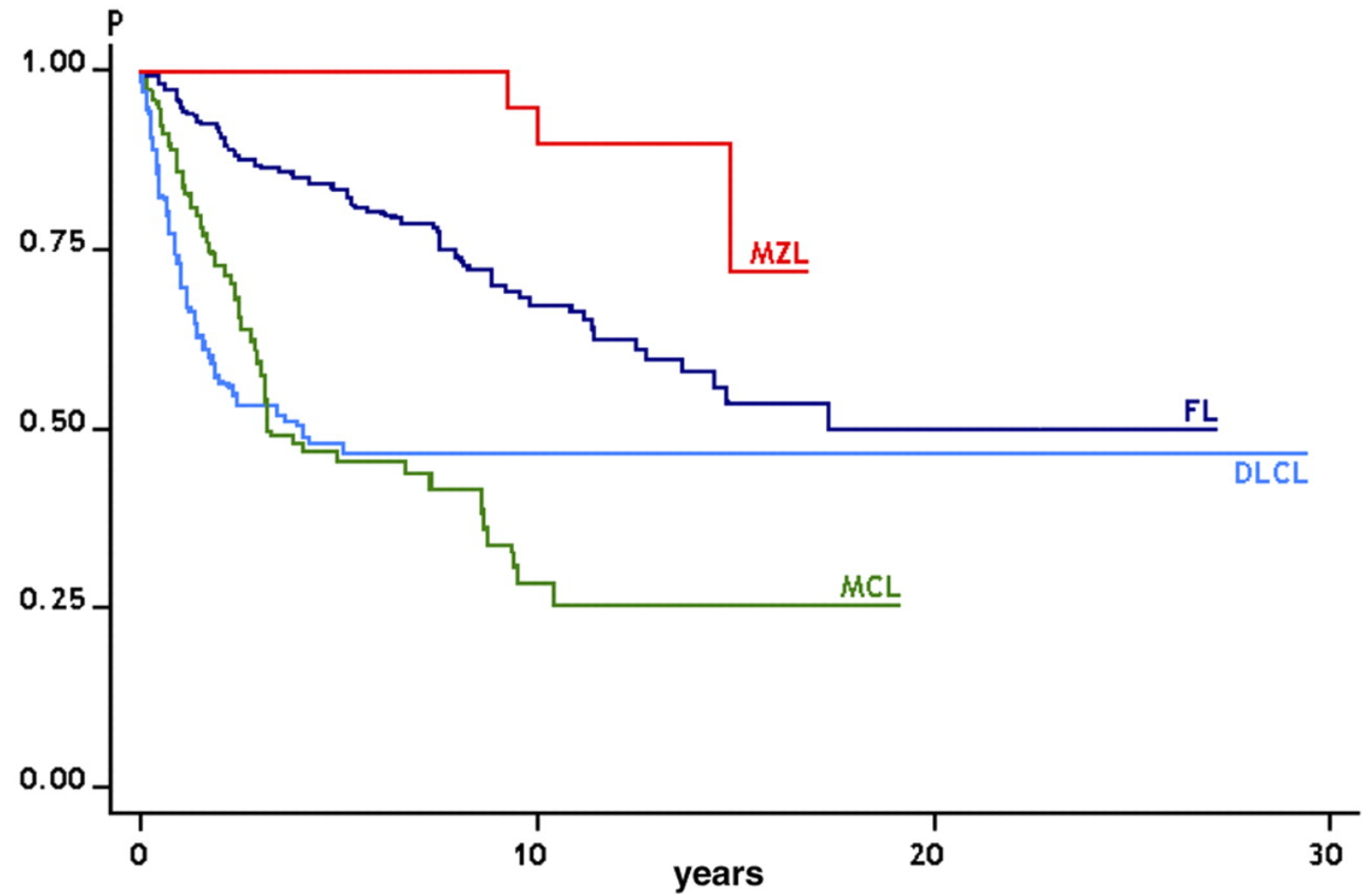
Classification of lymphomas



Small B-cell lymphomas



Survival B-cell lymphomas



Cause-specific survival of the main B-cell lymphoma subtypes in the series of the Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland, 1980-2006.

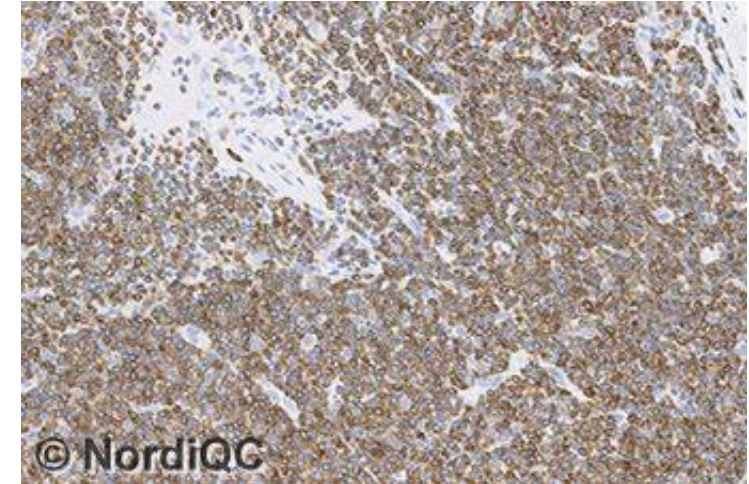
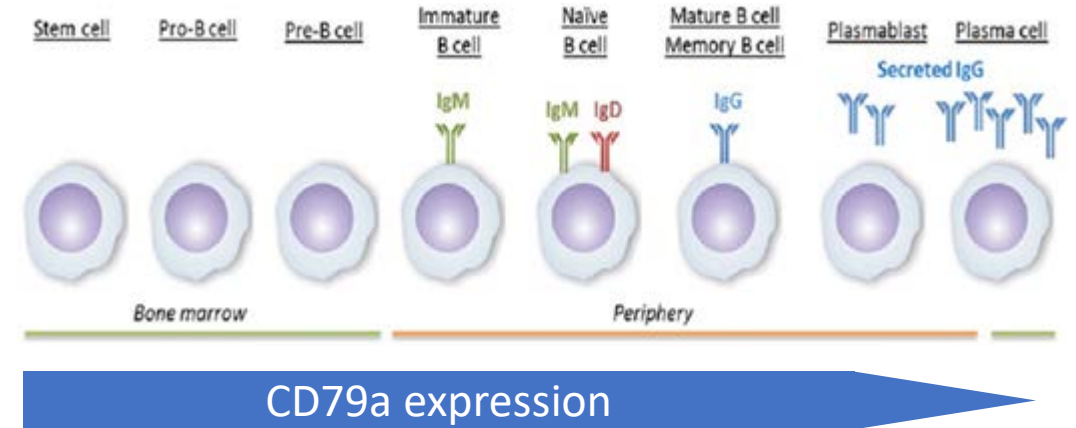
IHC: Small B-cell lymphomas

Immunophenotype: Small B-Cell Lymphomas

	CD20	CD79A	CD10	CD23	CD5	CD43	bcl-2	CyclinD1	TdT
CLL	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
FL	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
MCL	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
LPL	+	+	-	-	-	- / +	+	-	-
MZL	+	+	-	-	-	- / +	+	-	-
SMZ	+	+	-	-	-	- / +	+	-	-
MALT	+	+	-	-	-	- / +	+	-	-
HCL	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
BLB	- / +	+	+ / -	+ / -	-	-	+	-	+

Basic IHC stains: CD79a

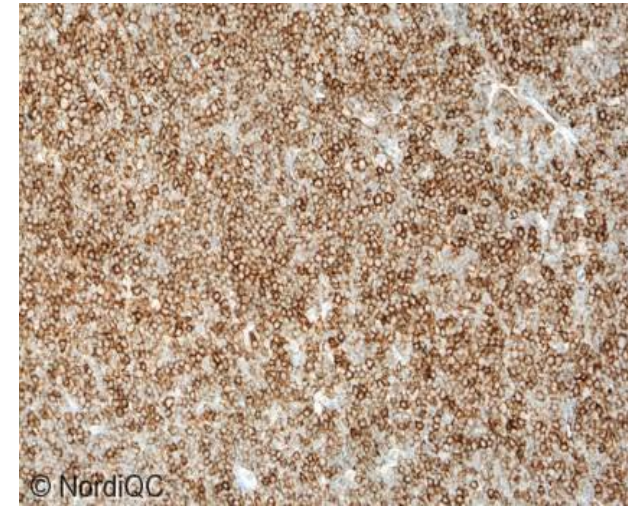
- Transmembrane protein involved in signal transduction following antigen recognition. Forms heterodimer complex with CD79b
- Specific and sensitive marker expressed in all steps of B-cell maturation
- Positive in most B-cell lymphomas, myeloma (50%), HRS (20%)
- Negative in T-cell lymphomas



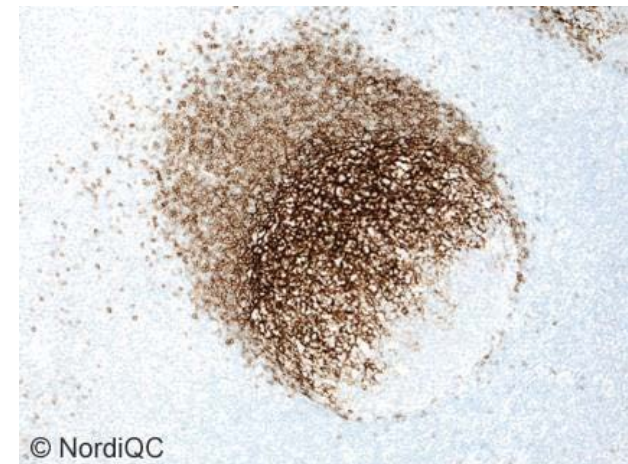
B-CLL/SLL: Moderate membrane CD79a staining reaction

Basic IHC stains: CD23

- Low affinity receptor for IgE and via this involved in allergic response and defence against parasites
- In normal cells, expressed in eosinophils, mature B-cells (mantle and marginal zone), activated macrophages and platelets
- Can be used as a marker of follicular dendritic cells (CD21 alt.)
- Positive
 - B-SLL/CLL
- Negative
 - Mantle cell lymphomas
 - T-lymphomas



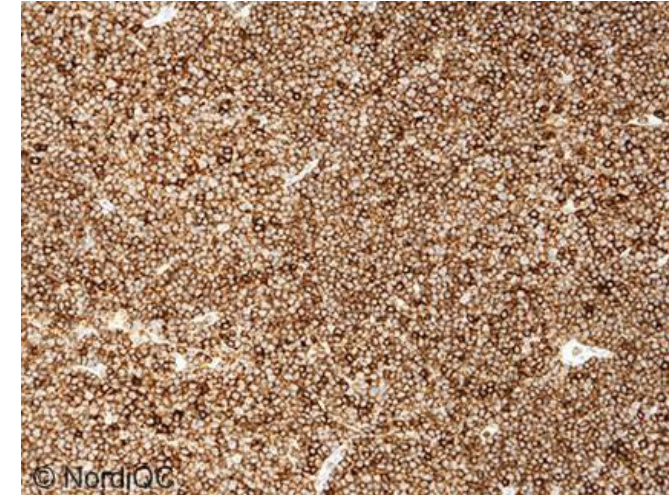
CD23 staining reaction of B-CLL, all neoplastic cells display a strong membranous staining



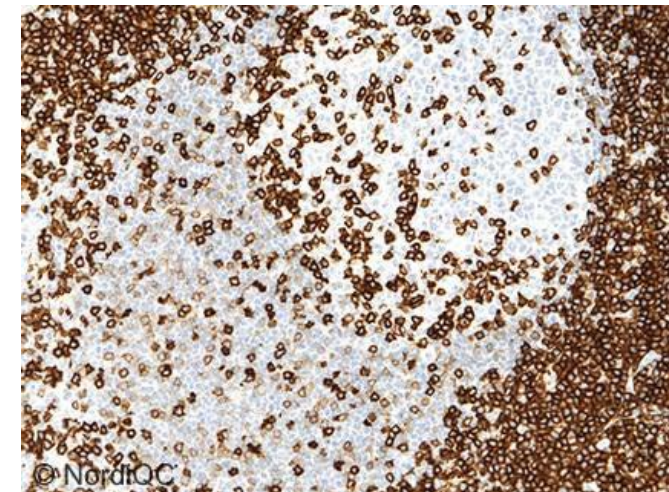
CD23 staining reaction in tonsil, moderate staining of B-cells in mantle zone, strong staining of dendritic cells

Basic IHC stains: CD5

- Unknown function, may be involved in signal mediation of proliferation and apoptosis
- Relative specific T-cell marker, although a subset of B-lymphocytes may express CD5
- Positive
 - Most T-cell lymphomas
 - Some non-HL B-cell lymphomas
 - B-CLL
 - Mantle cell
 - DLBCL (minority)
- Negative
 - Most other non-HL B-cell lymphomas
 - Hodgkin lymphoma



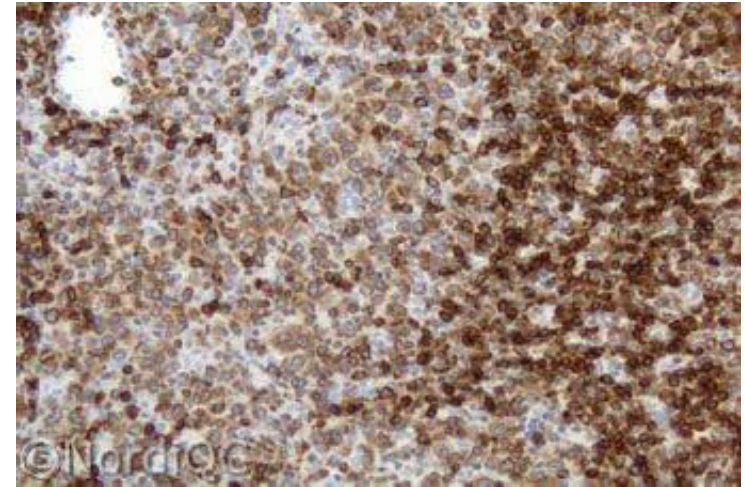
Strong membranous staining for CD5 in all neoplastic cells of B-CLL



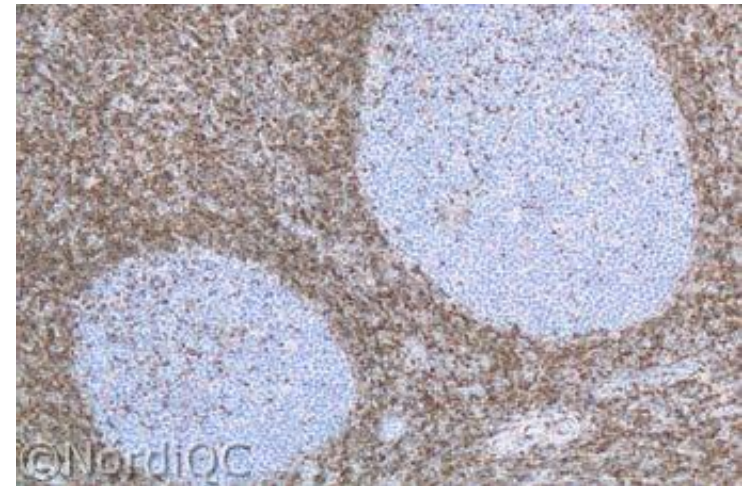
Staining pattern in tonsil

Basic IHC stains: Bcl-2

- Protein that regulate cell cycle by inhibiting apoptosis
- Cytoplasmic and nuclear staining reaction
- Expressed in mature T- and B-cells, but negative in germinal centers
- Associated with t(14;18)
- Positive
 - Most B- and T-non-HL
 - Distinguish reactive (-) versus neoplastic germinal centers (+)
- Negative
 - Burkitt lymphoma



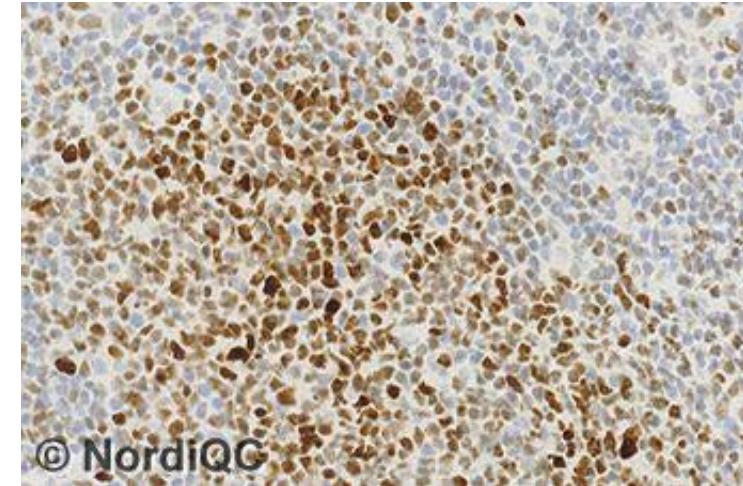
Bcl-2 staining in lymph node with follicular lymphoma, where neoplastic cells show moderate staining reaction



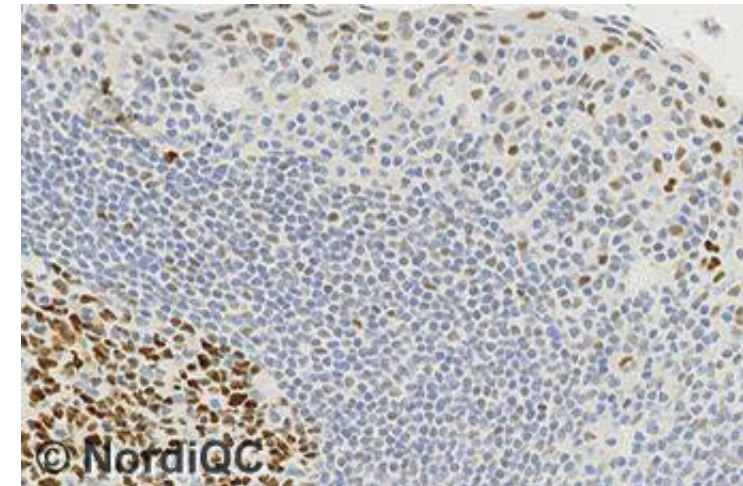
Bcl-2 staining in lymph node. Germinal center cells are negative

Basic IHC stains: Bcl-6

- Transcription factor involved in regulation of germinal centers
- Nuclear staining
- Positive in normal germinal center cells
- Positive
 - Follicular lymphomas
 - Burkitt lymphoma
 - DLBCL
- Negative
 - Mantle cell lymphoma



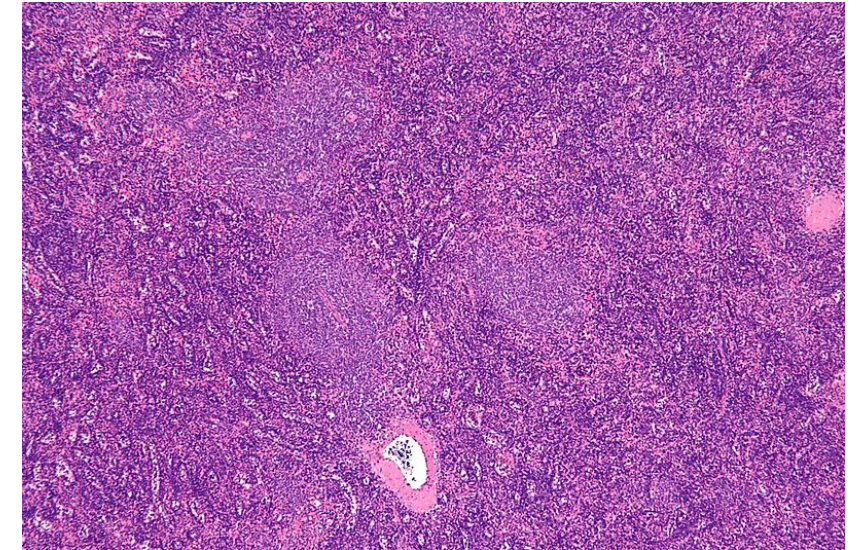
Bcl-6 staining in lymph node with follicular lymphoma, where neoplastic cells show moderate nuclear staining reaction



Bcl-6 staining in lymph node. Germinal center cells are positive, while mantle zone is negative

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (B-CLL) / Small-cell lymphocytic lymphoma (B-SLL)

- B-cell derived neoplasia
- Presentation: If present in blood (alone $>5 \times 10^9$ in 3 months), BM and spleen = B-CLL. If $<5 \times 10^9$, but lymph node involvement = B-SLL
- Morphology: small lymphocytes, small amount of cytoplasm, dense chromatin
- Symptoms: very few
- Good prognosis, but no cure. May transform to DLBCL (Richter transformation).

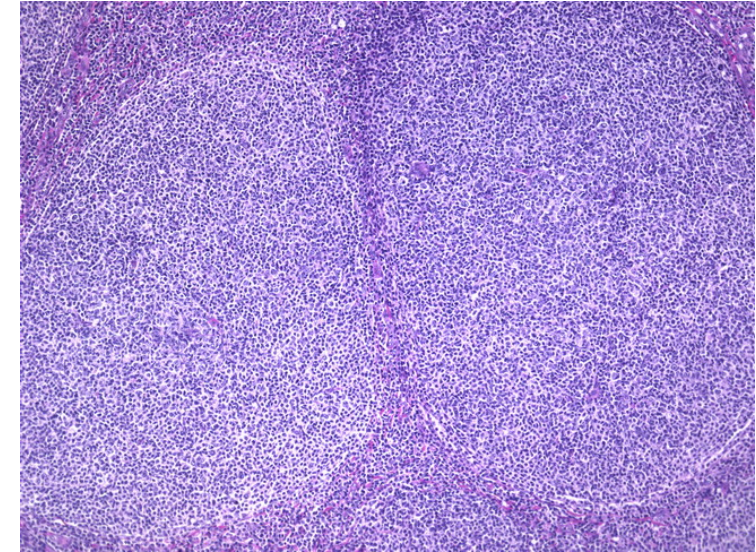


IHC

CD19, CD20, CD79a	+
Bcl-2	+
CD5	+
CD10	-
Ki67	low

Follicular lymphoma

- B-cell lymphoma
- Morphology: similar to germ center cells (both centrocytes and centroblasts). Growth pattern with abnormal follicles
- Cytogenetics: 90% with translocation t(14;18), (q32;q21), which creates overexpression of Bcl-2.
- Peak presentation at 60 years.
- Prognosis: 5 year between 90% and 50% depending on stage

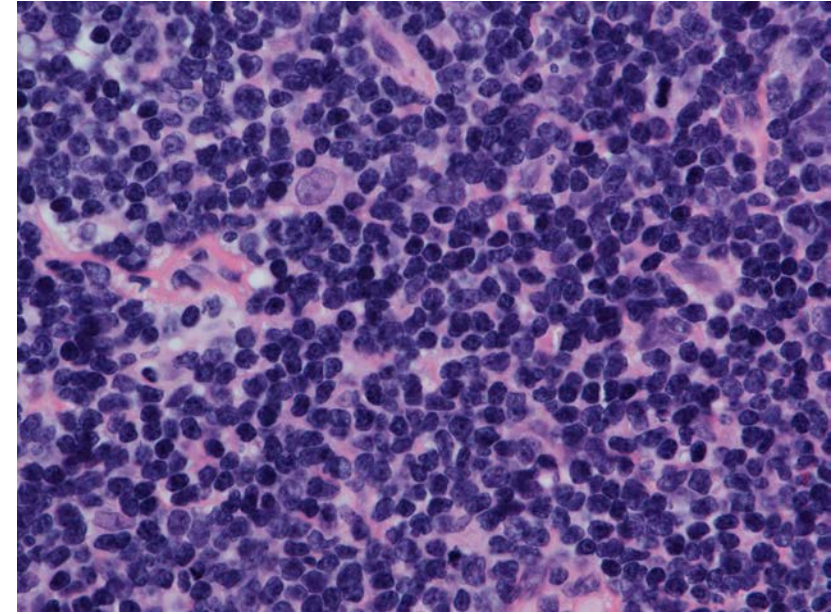


IHC

CD19, CD20, CD79a	+
Bcl-2	+
CD10	+/-
Bcl-6	+
CD5	-
Ki67	low

Mantle cell lymphoma

- B-cell neoplasia, monomorphic cells with irregular nuclei.
- IHC: CD15, CD20, Cyclin D1, SOX11
- Cytogenetics: translocation t(11,14) (q13;q32) induces Cyclin D1 expression that, in turn, stimulates cell proliferation
- Epidemiology: Rare
- Prognosis: 5 year: 50-70%

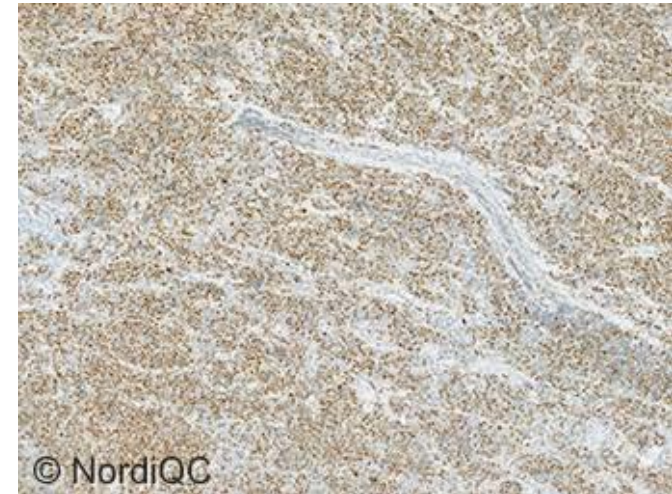


IHC

CD19, CD20, CD79a	+
CD5	+
CD23	-
CD10	-
Cyclin D1, SOX11	+

Basic IHC stains: Cyclin D1

- Part of the cyclin family – highly conserved protein family involved in cell mitosis. Expressed in G1 phase
- Nuclear staining reaction
- Normal expression in proliferating cells
- Upregulated in cells with translocation 11;14
- Positive
 - Mantle cell lymphomas (most)
 - Myeloma (minority)
- Negative
 - Other lymphomas



Cyclin D1 staining in mantle cell lymphoma, moderate nuclear staining in all neoplastic cells

SOX11 expression is highly specific for mantle cell lymphoma and identifies the cyclin D1-negative subtype

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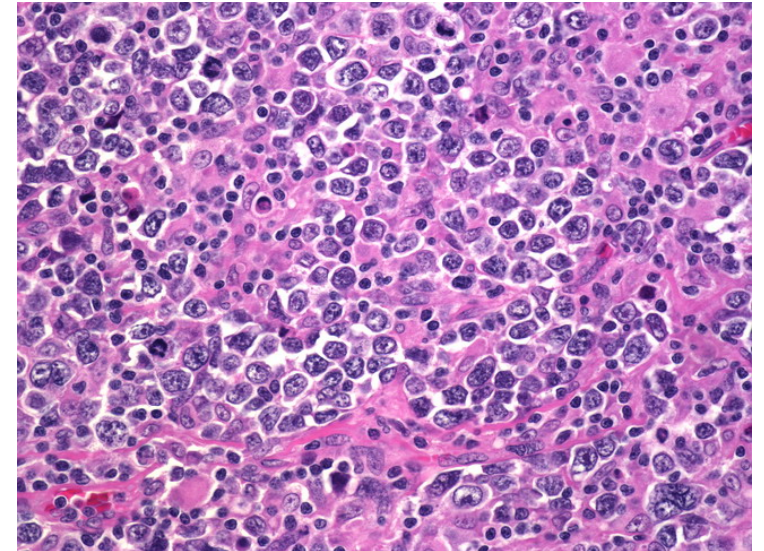
Conclusions

SOX11 mRNA and nuclear protein expression is a highly specific marker for both cyclin D1-positive and negative mantle cell lymphoma.

SOX11

Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)

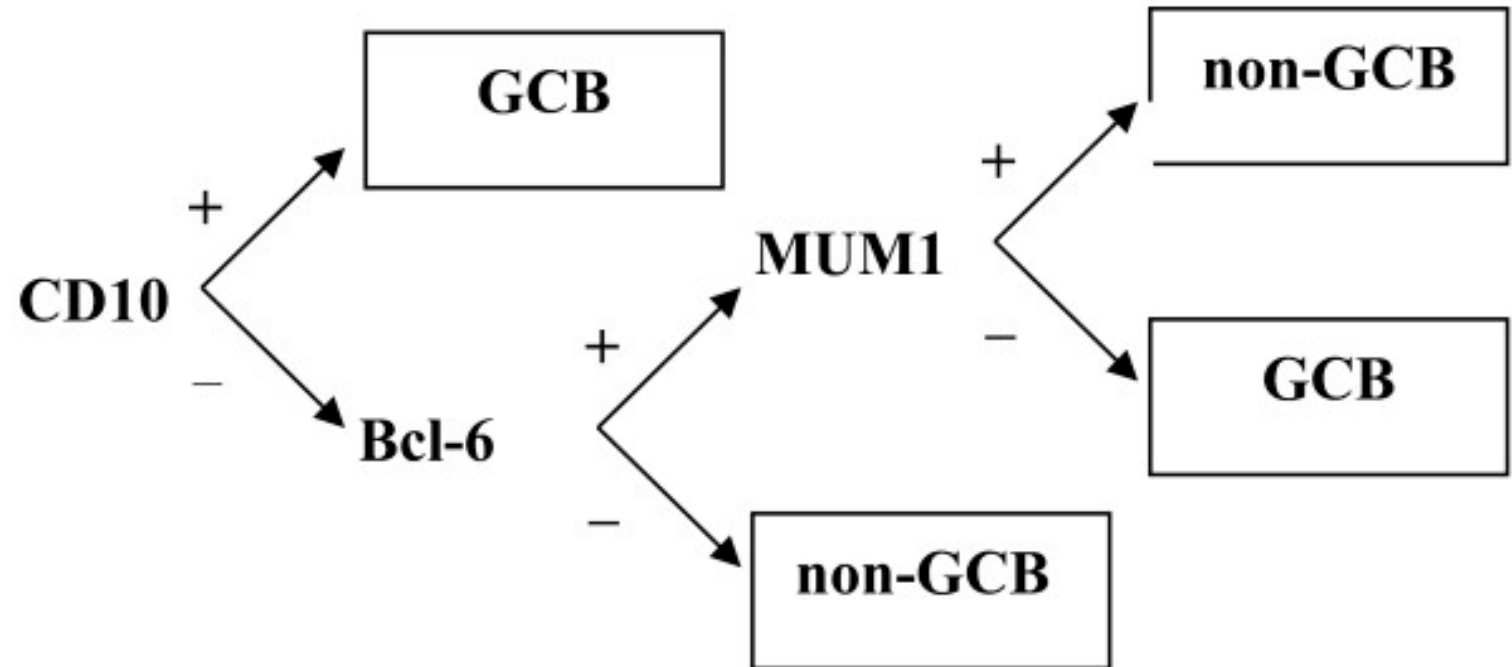
- Highly malign B-cell neoplasia. May be primary or transformation of other B-cell lymphomas
- Morphology: Large lymphoid cells with diffuse growth . Subtypes:
 - Centroblastic (marginalized nucleoli)
 - Immunoblastic (centra nucleoli)
 - Anaplastic (may resemble Hodgkin)
- Both nodal and extra nodal. 25% have involvement of BM
- Epidemiology: Elderly patients
- Prognosis: Dependent of stage



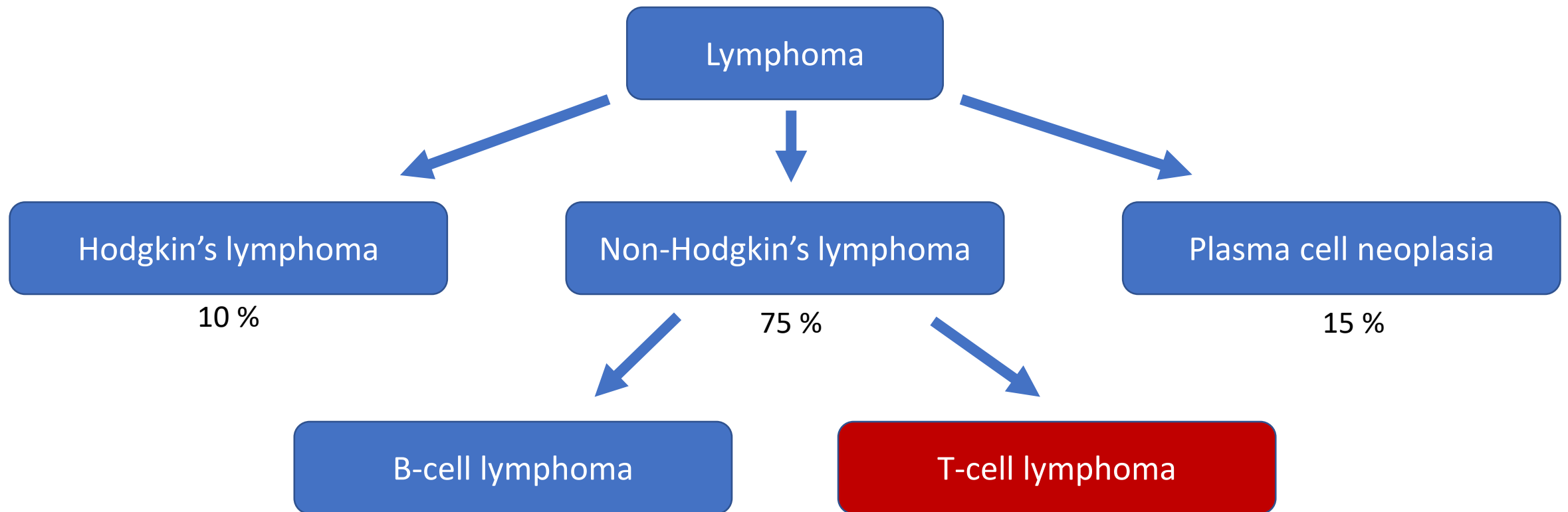
IHC

CD19, CD20, CD79a	+
CD5	10%
CD10	40%
Bcl-6	80%

DLBCL –
Hans' classification



Classification of lymphomas



Classification of T-cell lymphomas

TABLE 3: Immunophenotypic and histochemical markers of T-cell lymphomas/leukemias

Histology	CD3	CD5	CD7	CD4	CD8	CD30	NK16/56	Cytotoxic granules	TCR
T-PLL	+	-	+	+(+)	-(+)	-	-	-	α/β
T-LGL disease*	+	-	+	-	+	-	+/-	+	$\alpha/\beta \gg \gamma/\delta$
Mycosis fungoides	+	+	+	+	-(+)	-(+)	-	-	α/β
Cutaneous ALCL	+	+(+)	+(+)	+(+)	(-)	++	-(+)/-(+)	+/-	α/β
Primary systemic ALCL [^]	+(+)	+(+)	+(+)	-(+)	-(+)	++	-	-	α/β
Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, unspecified	+(+)	+(+)	-(+)	+(+)	-(+)	-(+)	-(+)/-(+)	-(+)	$\alpha/\beta > \gamma/\delta$
Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell	+	+	+	-(+)	+(+)	-(+)	-/(+)	+	$\gamma/\delta \gg \alpha/\beta$
Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma	+	-	+	-	-	-	+/(+)	+	$\gamma/\delta \gg \alpha/\beta$
Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma [^]	+	+	-	+(+)	-(+)	-	-	-	α/β^*
Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma	S -, C +	-	-(+)	-(+)	-	-	-/+	+	-
Enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma	+	+	+	-(+)	+(+)	+(+)	-	+	$\alpha/\beta \gg \gamma/\delta$
Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma [^]	+	+	-	+(+)	-(+)	+(+)	-	-	α/β

* = > 90% positive; +(+) = > 50% positive; -(+) = < 50% positive; - = < 10% positive; ALCL = anaplastic large cell lymphoma; C = cytoplasmic; LGL = large granular lymphoproliferative; NK = natural killer; PLL = prolymphocytic leukemia; S = surface; TCR = T-cell-rearranged (molecular)

[^] Approximately 15% to 20% of LGL cases arise from a NK lineage; they are typically CD56+ and CD16-negative.

[^] The anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) protein is expressed in 50% to 60% of cases.

[^] Expanded follicular dendritic cell clusters (CD21+) are present around proliferated venules; Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) genomes are detected in most cases (eg, EBER) and may be present in either T or B cells; in addition, TCR may be negative or oligoclonal in 20% to 25% of cases, whereas B-cell immunoglobulin may be rearranged in 10% of cases.

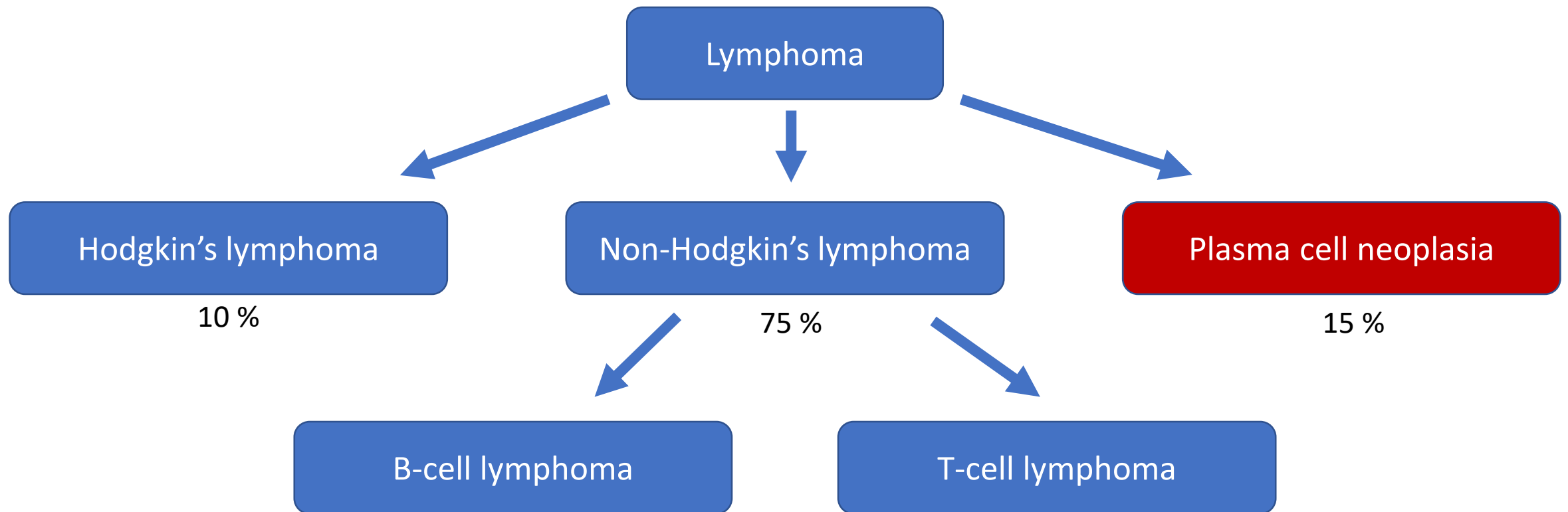
[^] Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma cases are always associated with the presence of HTLV-I; further, CD25 is expressed in the majority of cases.

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Additional IHC for T-cell lymphomas

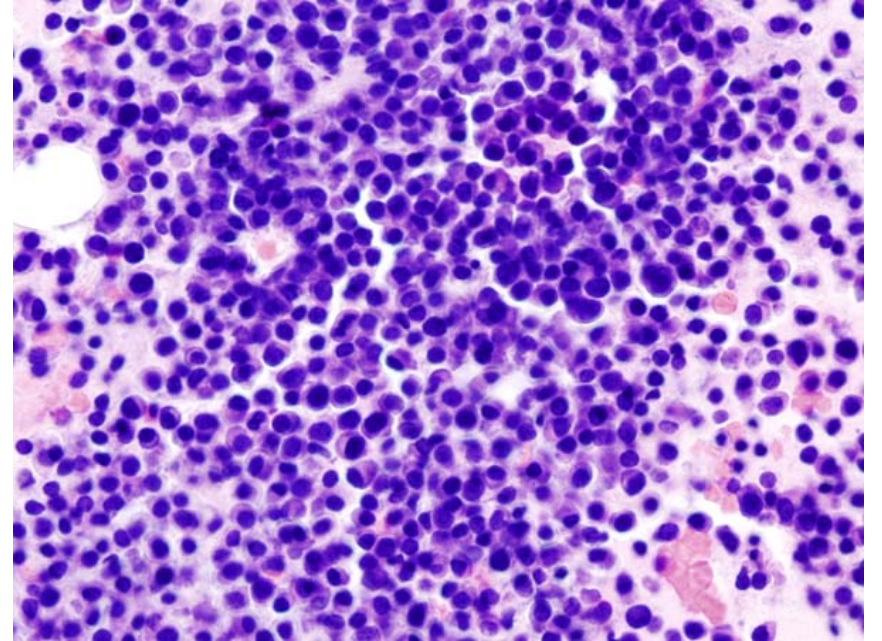
- CD1a: Langerhans cells Positive in precursor lymphoblastomas.
- CD4 / CD8: T-helper cells vs. Cytotoxic. Most T-lymphomas are CD4+
- CD7: Early pan-T marker. Positive in precursor lymphoblastomas.
- TdT: Thymocytes. Positive in precursor lymphoblastomas.
- CD56: NK-cells. Positive in NK-lymphoma.
- Cytotoxic granules (perforin, granzyme)

Classification of lymphomas



Multiple myeloma

- Neoplastic proliferation plasma cells.
- Cells synthesize monoclonal immunoglobulin chains
- Morphology: Small or large groups of plasma cells in BM. Increased number of osteoklasts
- Median age of onset: 70 years
- Prognosis: Overall 5 year: 35%



IHC

CD79a	+
CD138, MUM1	+
CD19	-
Cyclin D1	(+)