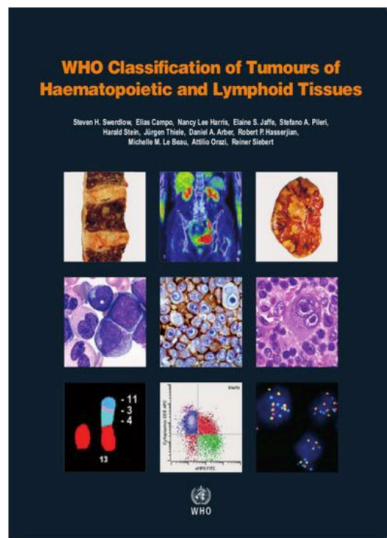


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Updated 4^o edition of WHO classification

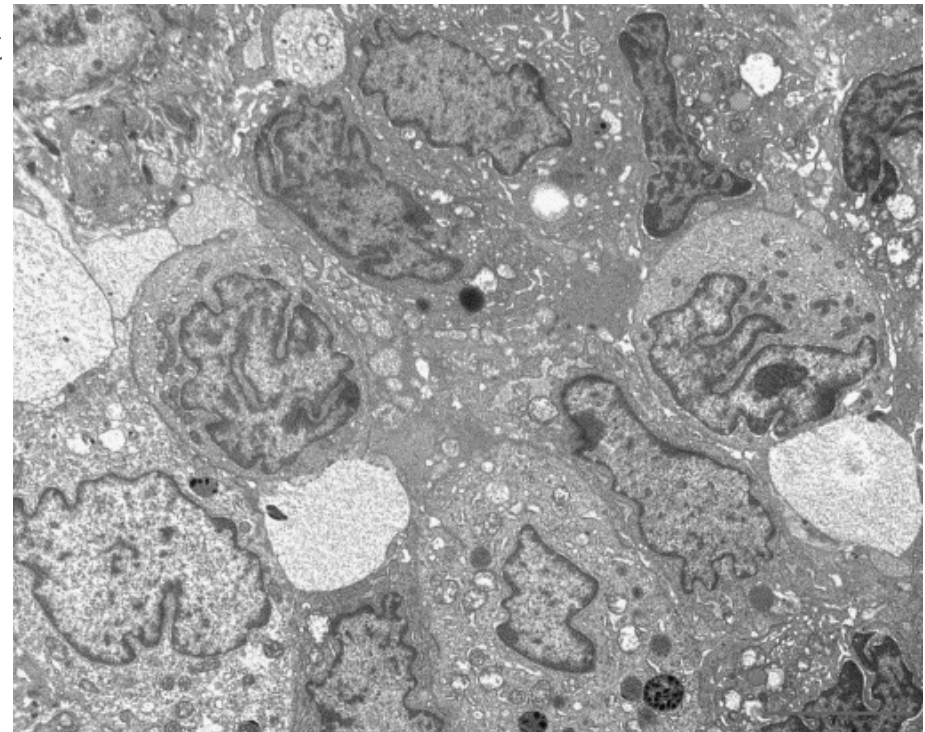


WHO-EORTC Classification 2018	Frequency, %*	5-y DSS, %*
CTCL		
MF	39	88
MF variants		
Folliculotropic MF	5	75
Pagetoid reticulosis	<1	100
Granulomatous slack skin	<1	100
SS	2	36
Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma	<1	NDA
Primary cutaneous CD30 ⁺ LPDs		
C-ALCL	8	95
LyP	12	99
Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma	1	87
Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type	<1	16
Chronic active EBV infection	<1	NDA
Primary cutaneous peripheral T-cell lymphoma, rare subtypes		
Primary cutaneous γ/δ T-cell lymphoma	<1	11
CD8 ⁺ AECTCL (provisional)	<1	31
Primary cutaneous CD4 ⁺ small/medium T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder (provisional)	6	100
Primary cutaneous acral CD8 ⁺ T-cell lymphoma (provisional)	<1	100
Primary cutaneous peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS	2	15



MYCOSIS FUNGOIDES

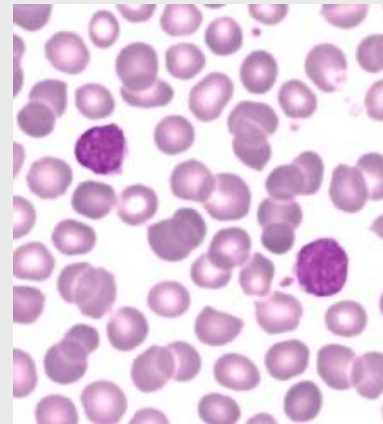
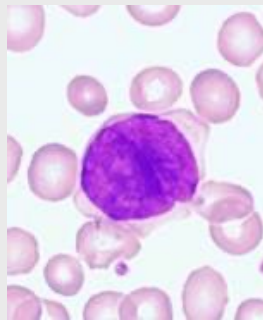
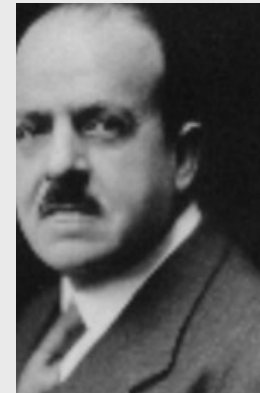
- Classic MF (Alibert-Bazin type) is the most frequent clinical subtype of CTCL
- A neoplastic clonal epidermotropic proliferation of small/medium-sized cerebriform effector memory T-cell
- Median age at diagnosis: 55 yrs (5^o-6^o decades of life)
- Male to female ratio: 1.6-2.0/1



Cerebriform cells

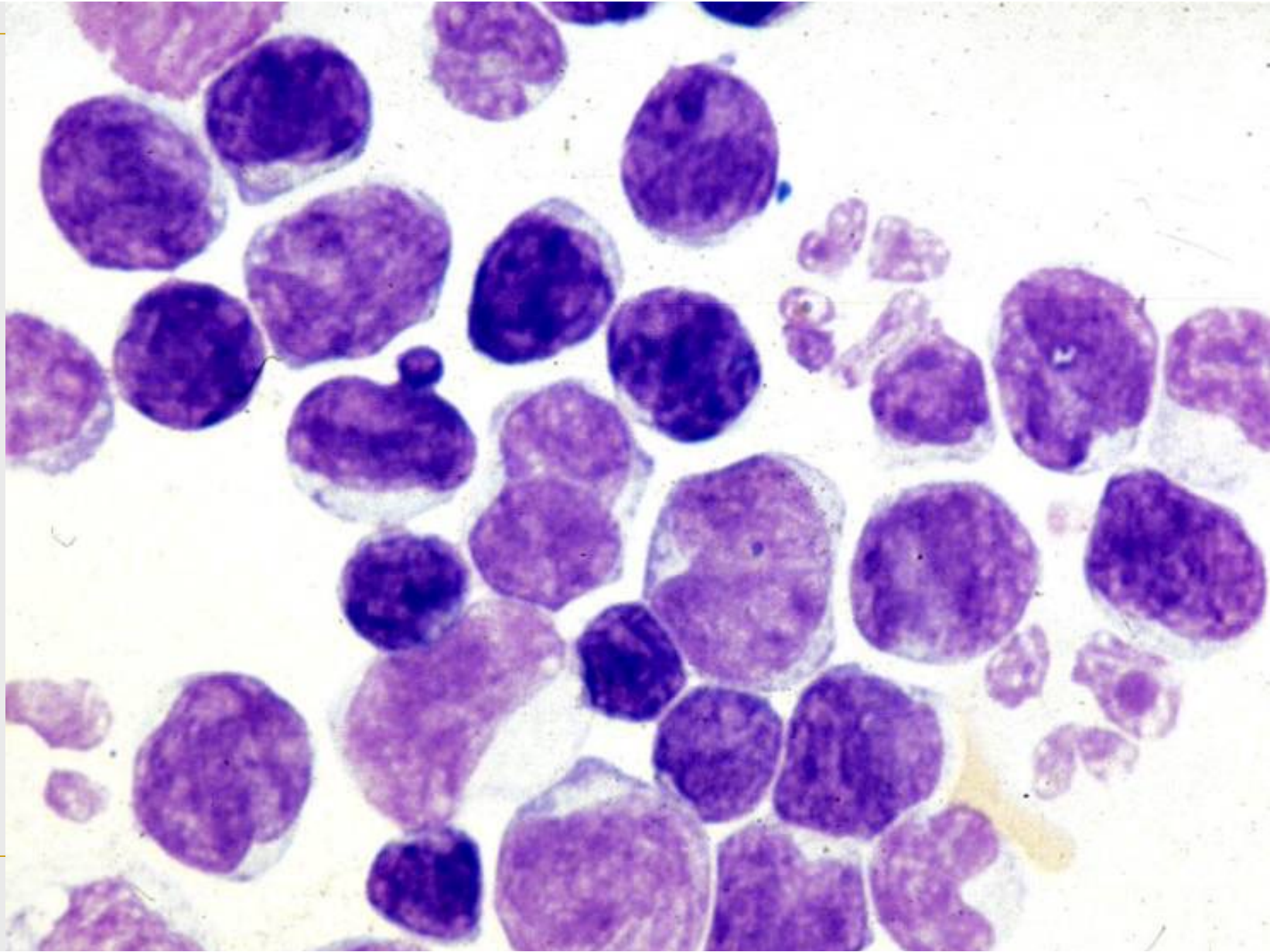


SINDROME DI SEZARY



Sézary A, Bouvrain Y : Erythrodermie avec présence de cellules monstrueuses dans le derme et dans le sang circulant . 1938; Bull Soc Fr Derm Symp 45:254.

Baccaredda A : Reticulohistiocytosis cutanea hyperplastica benigna cum melanoderma. 1939 ; Archiv Dermatol Sifil 179:210.



T CD4+ Broder, 1974

CD7 neg
Wood, 1990

CD45RO+
Sterry, 1989

CD26 neg
Bernengo, 2001

vβ1⁺vβ8⁺tr
Vonderheid, 2005

Loss/"dim"
Lima, 2003

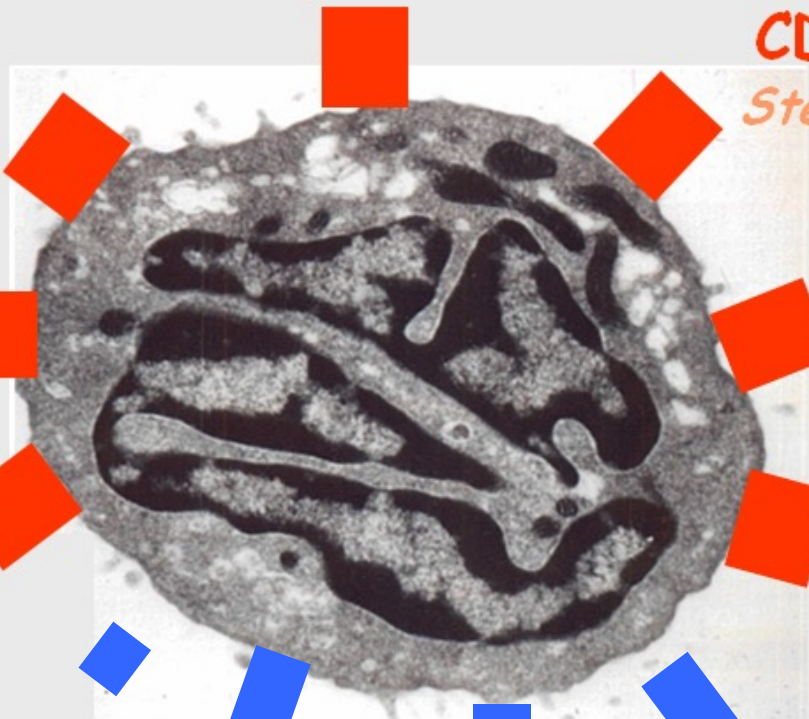
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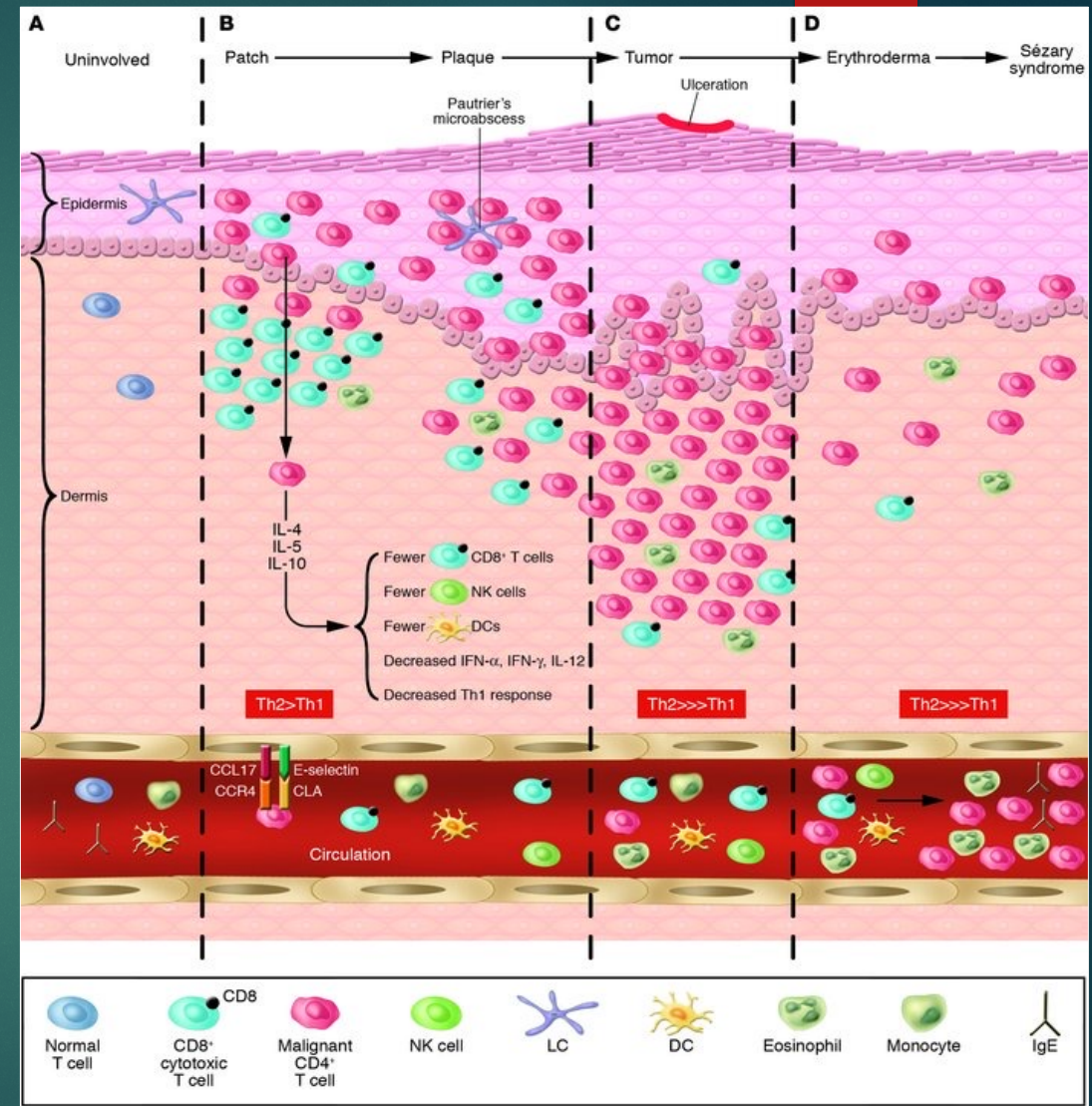
CD27/CCR4
Campbell, 2010



Courtesy of Prof. Quaglino

MF/SS microenvironment

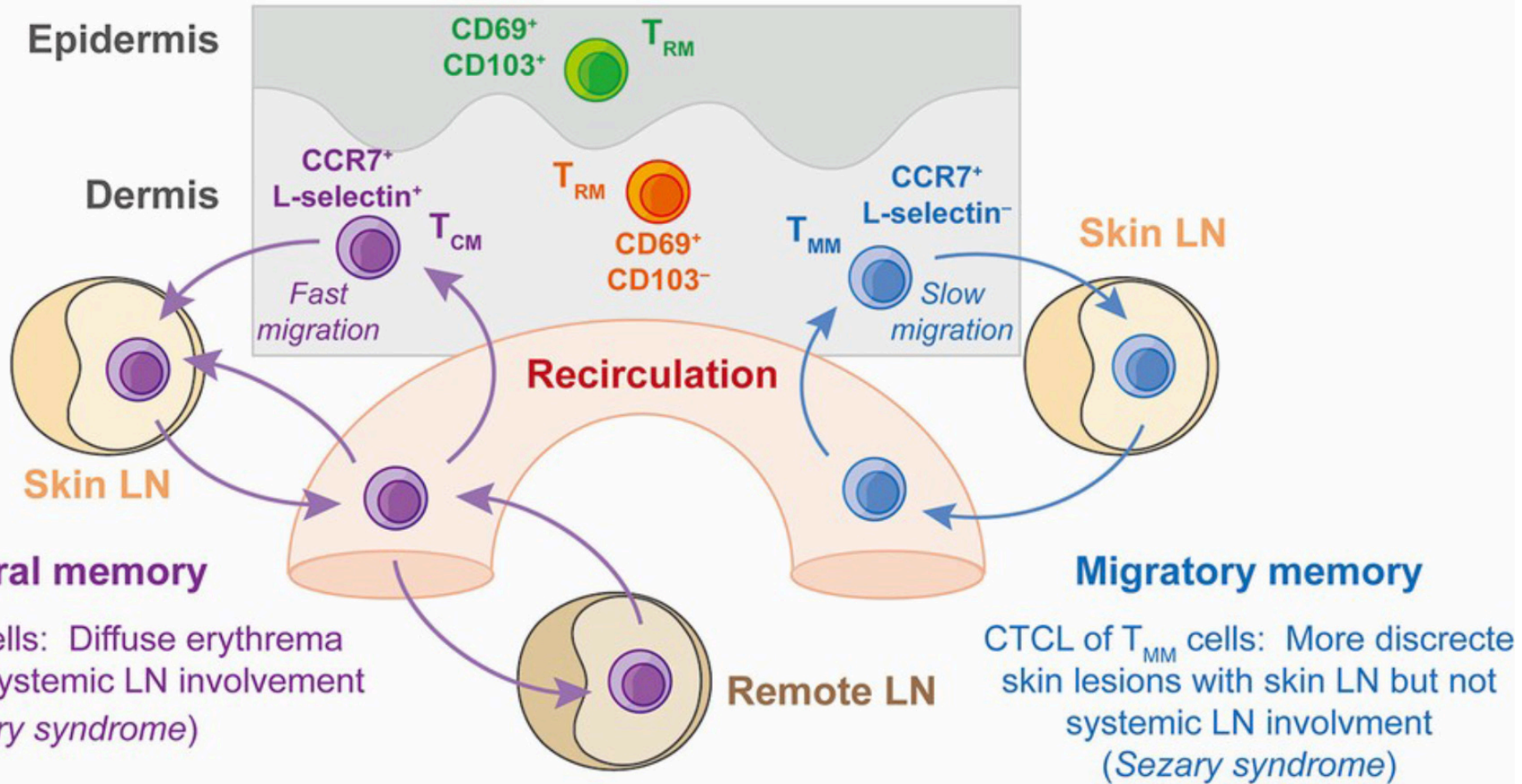
- Early MF
 - Th1 profile
 - IL2, IFN γ , Tbet
 - antitumor immune response
- Advanced MF/SS
 - Th2 profile
 - IL4, IL5, IL10 , GATA3
 - immune failure



Kim EJ.et al. J Clin Invest. 2005;115(4):798-812

Resident memory (CD103⁺ or CD103⁻)

CTCL of T_{RM} cells: Fixed skin lesions without LN involvement (*Mycosis fungoides*)




T Naive

CD45RA+
CCR7+CD62L+
CD27+CD28+

«cell origin» theory

Original Article

Naïve/Memory T-Cell Phenotypes in Leukemic Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma: Putative Cell of Origin Overlaps Disease Classification

Pedro Horna,¹ Lynn C. Moscinski,² Lubomir Sokol,³ and Haipeng Shao^{2*} 

TCM

CD45RO+
CCR7+CD62L+
CD27+CD28+

Encounter antigen, self-renewing, homing to secondary lymphoid tissues

MF - PLAQUE

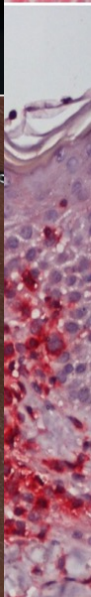
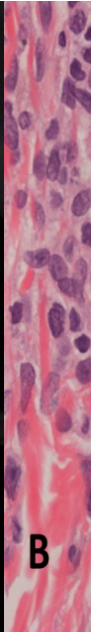
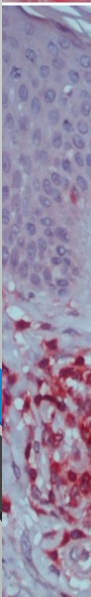
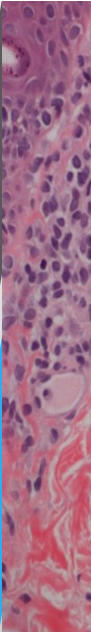
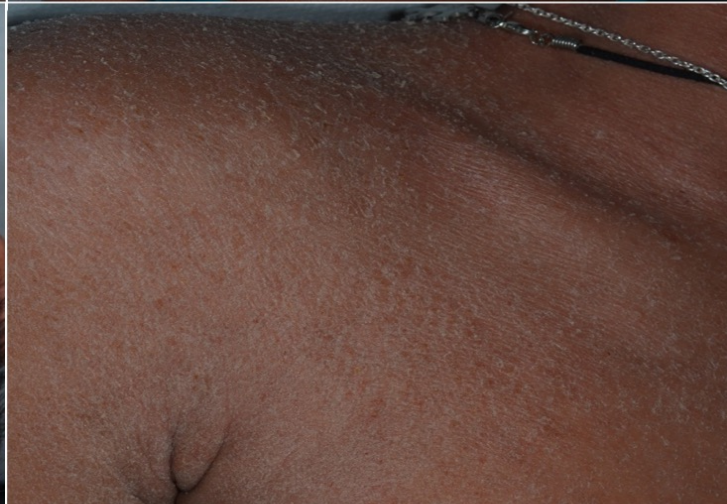


MF - TUMOR



MF - ERYTHRODERMA



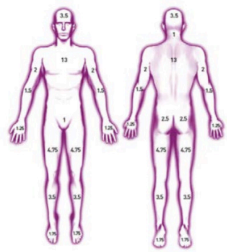


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MODIFIED SEVERITY WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT TOOL (MSWAT)

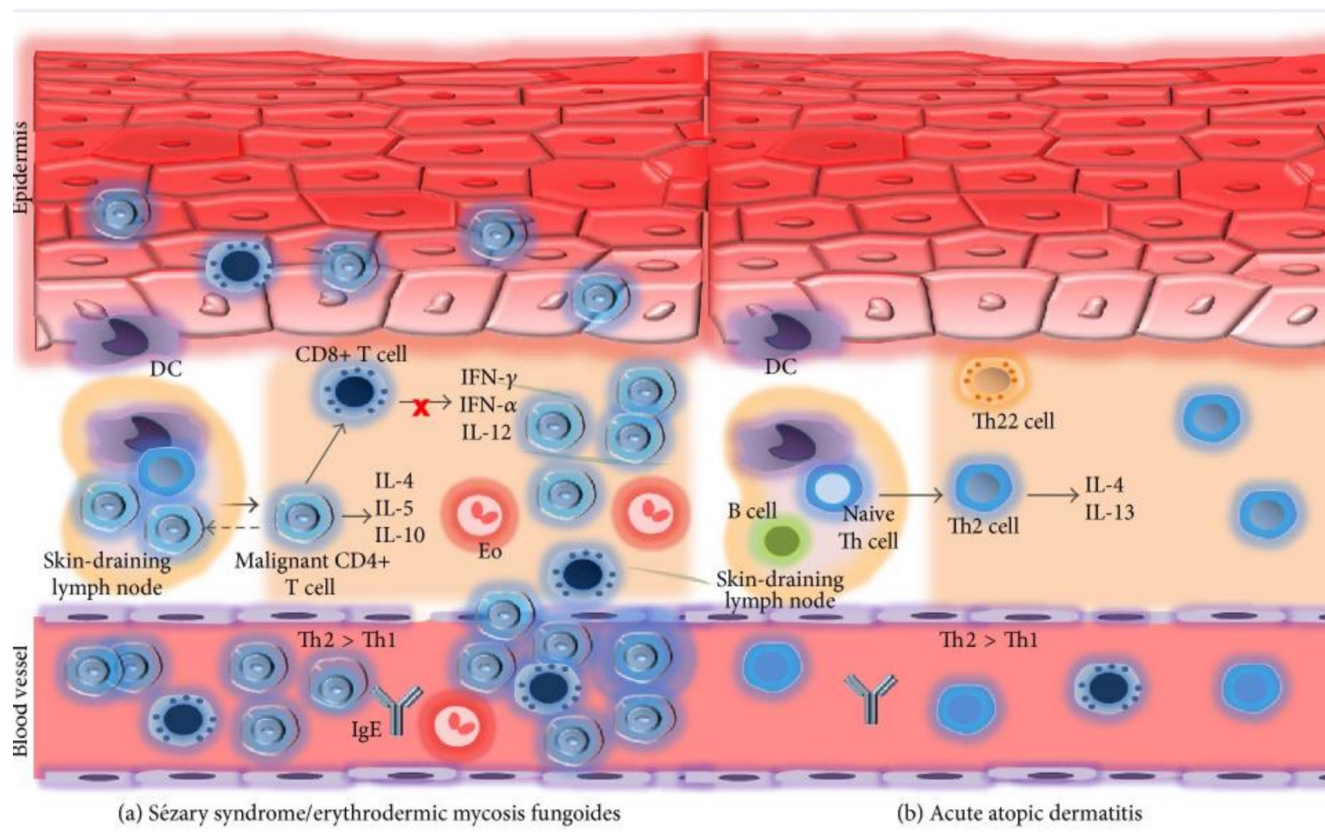


- The body is divided into 12 regions with pre-assigned percentages of total body surface area (BSA).
- The extent of skin disease is assessed for each region and weighted for more severe lesion per the assessment table below.
- The patient's palm (including four fingers and thumb), measured from wrist to fingertips is approximately 1% of total BSA.
- The mSWAT provides a numerical score of skin involvement between 0–400.

Assessment of involvement in patient's skin				
Body region	% BSA in Body region	Patch ^a	Plaque ^b	Tumour ^c
Head	7			
Neck	2			
Anterior trunk	13			
Arms	8			
Forearms	6			
Hands	5			
Posterior trunk	13			
Buttocks	5			
Thighs	19			
Legs	14			
Feet	7			
Groin	1			
Subtotal of lesion BSA weighting factor		×1	×2	×4



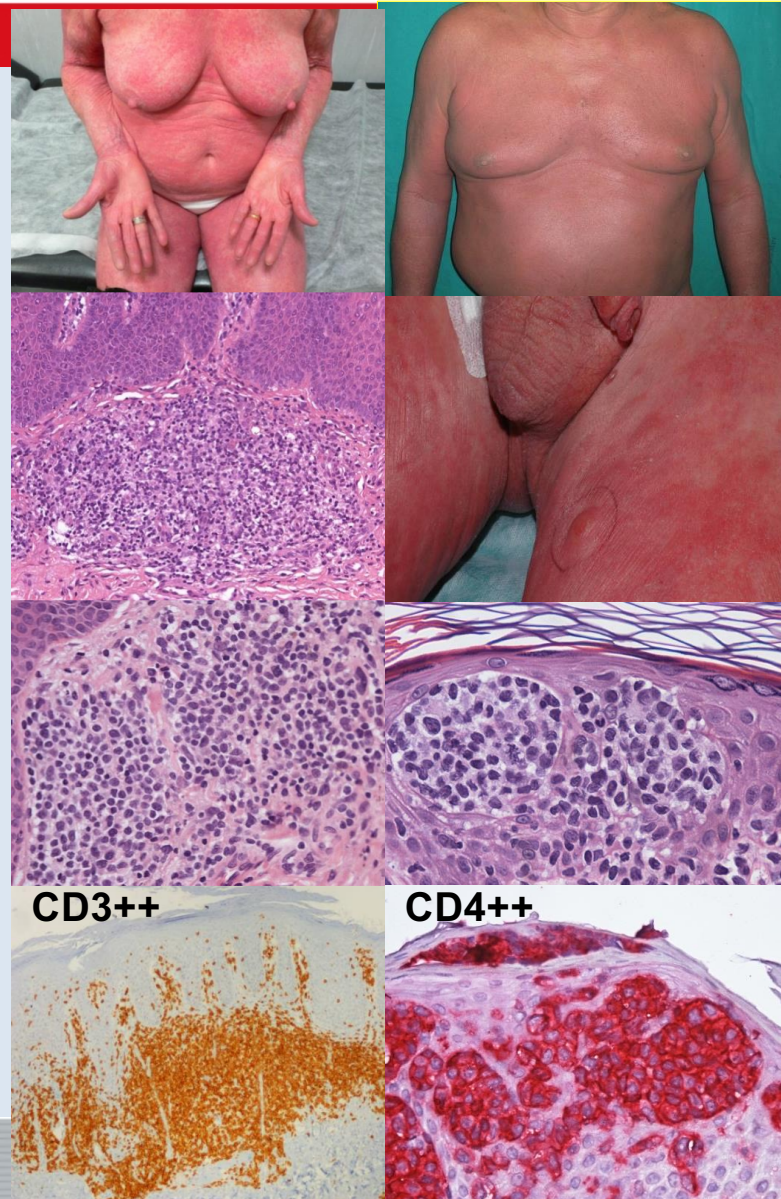
Leukemic CTCL (SS and eMF) and acute AD have both predominance of Th2 immune response

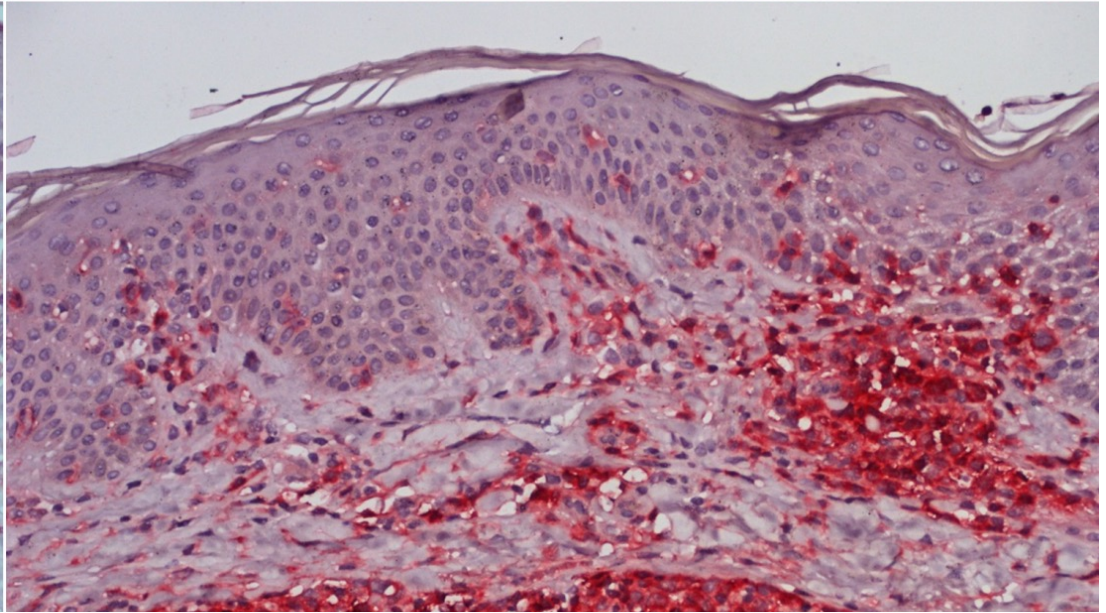
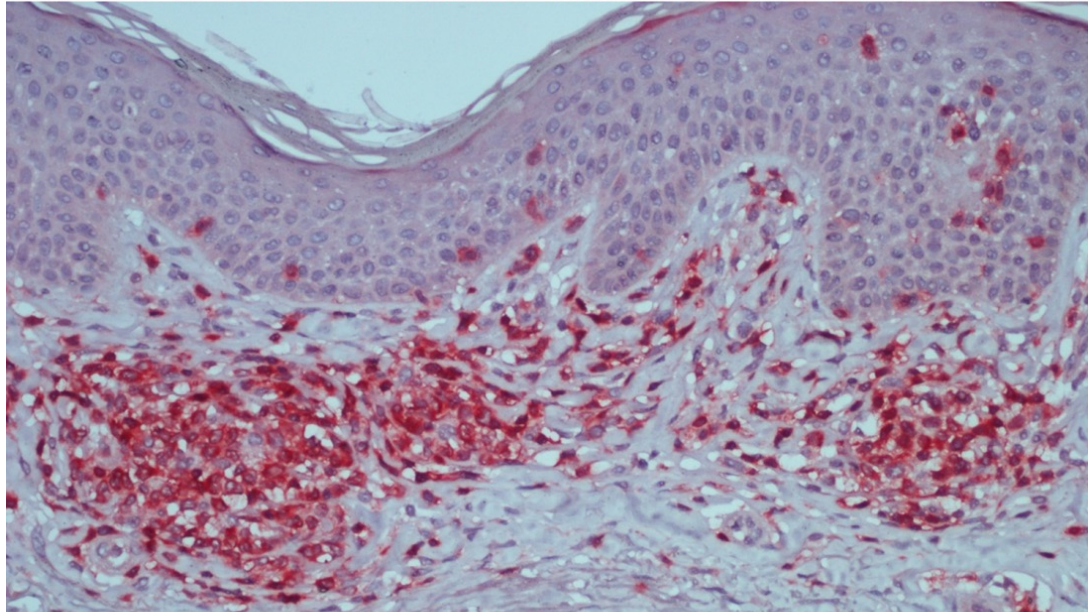
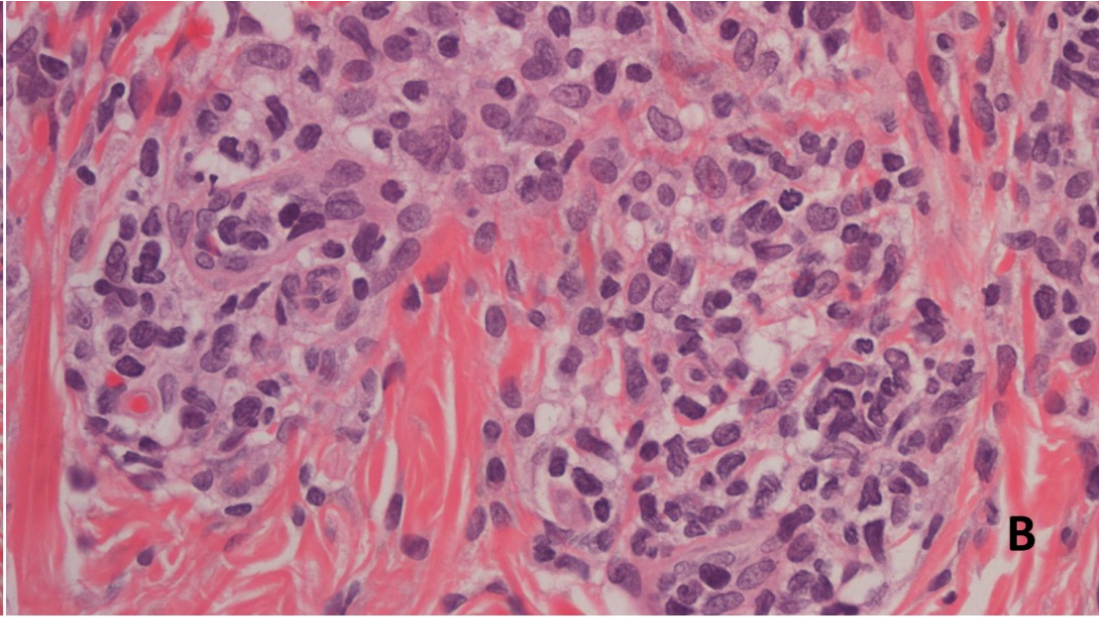
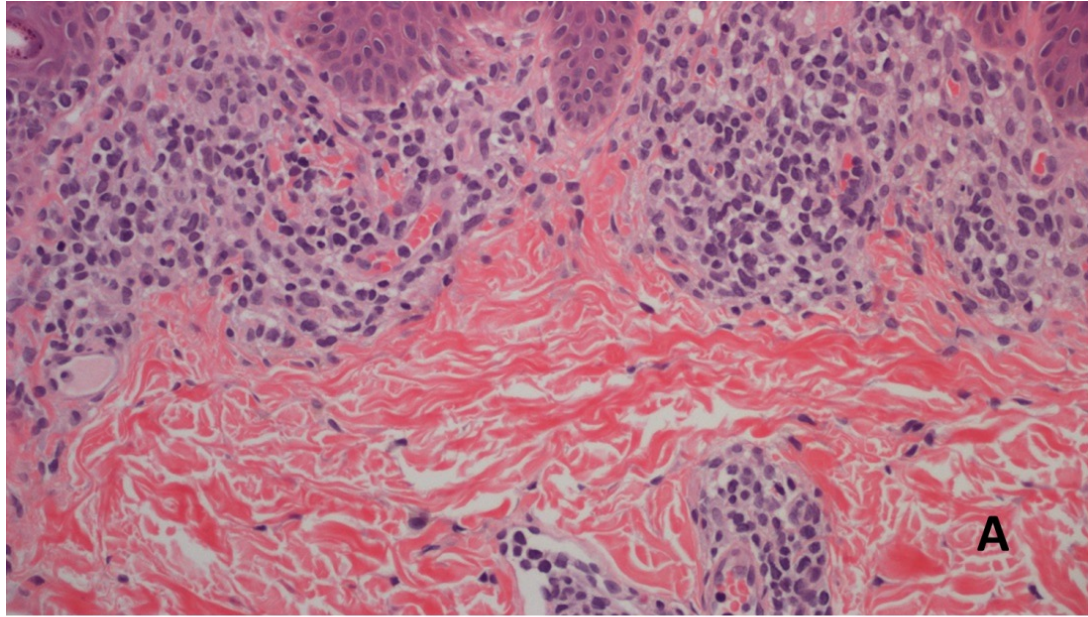


Saulite I, et al. Sézary syndrome and atopic dermatitis: comparison of immunological aspects and targets. Biomed Res Int 2016;epub.

Sézary Syndrome (aggressive)

- Sézary Syndrome is a *leukemic* form of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) defined by: *erythroderma*, *lymphadenopathy* and *peripheral blood involvement*; *the same neoplastic clone* is detected in skin, lymph nodes and in the blood.
- Sézary syndrome (SS) and MF thanks to different cellular origin and immunoprofile (with specific chromosomal imbalances in SS) are now considered two different diseases, but overlap exists with E-MF.



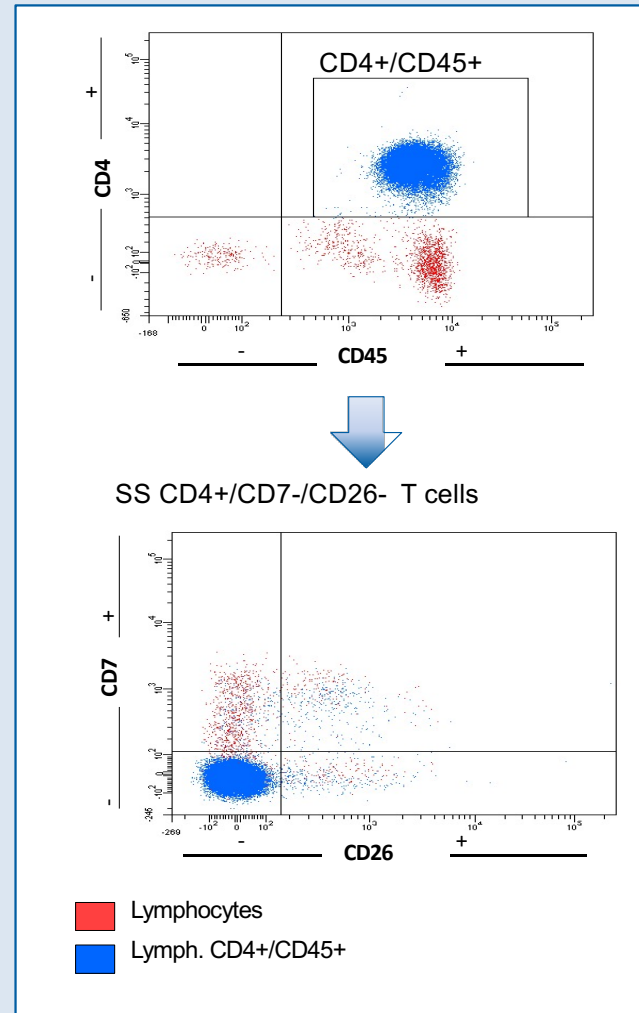


SÉZARY SYNDROME

- A leukemic form of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) defined by:
 1. *Erythroderma*
 2. *lymphadenopathy*
 3. *peripheral blood involvement (B2 stage)*
- B2 stage:
 1. *Monoclonal TCR*
 2. **$\geq 1000/\mu\text{l}$** Sézary cells
 3. *increased CD4+ and CD3+ with CD4/CD8 ≥ 10*
 4. *increased CD4+ with aberrant phenotype ($\geq 40\%$ CD4+/CD7- or $\geq 30\%$ CD4+/CD26-*
- Clonal proliferation of central memory T-cells
- OS 5 yrs: 11%

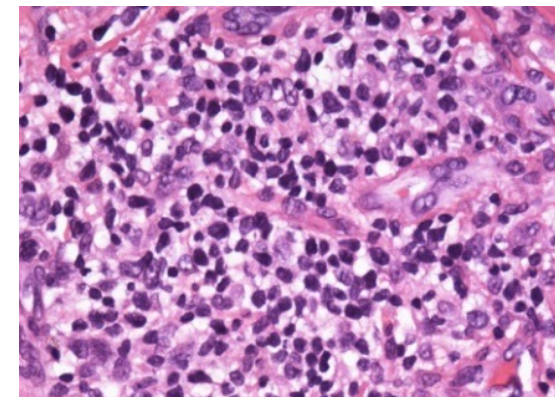
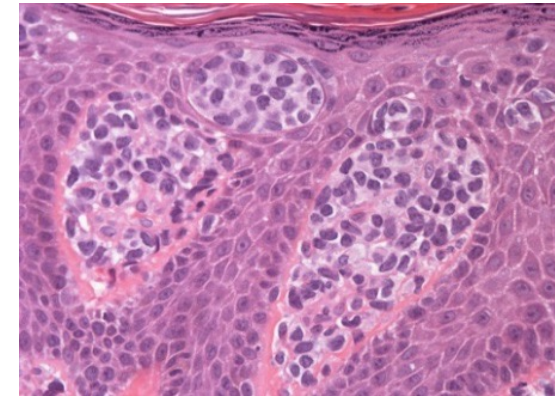
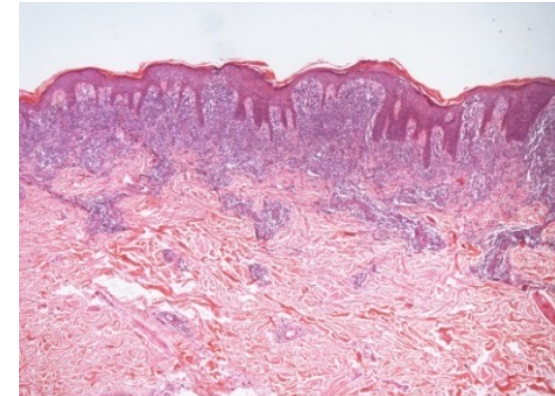


- Skin biopsy histology, histochemistry and clonality for TCR γ (heteroduplex or GeneScan analysis by using PCR and BIOMED-1/2 primers/protocol).
- Peripheral blood flow cytometry looking for Sézary cells (manual review), for lymphoid subsets (CD4/CD8 ratio), and for Sézary cells phenotype (CD4+, CD7-/+, CD26-) or for analysis of subfamilies of TCR- β .
- TCR γ / β clonality evaluation on total lymphocytes or better on separated CD4+ T-lymphocytes.
- BOM aspirate and biopsy: histology, immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry on aspirate, PCR for clonality, as cited above.
- Lymph-node biopsy: histology, immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry and PCR for clonality.



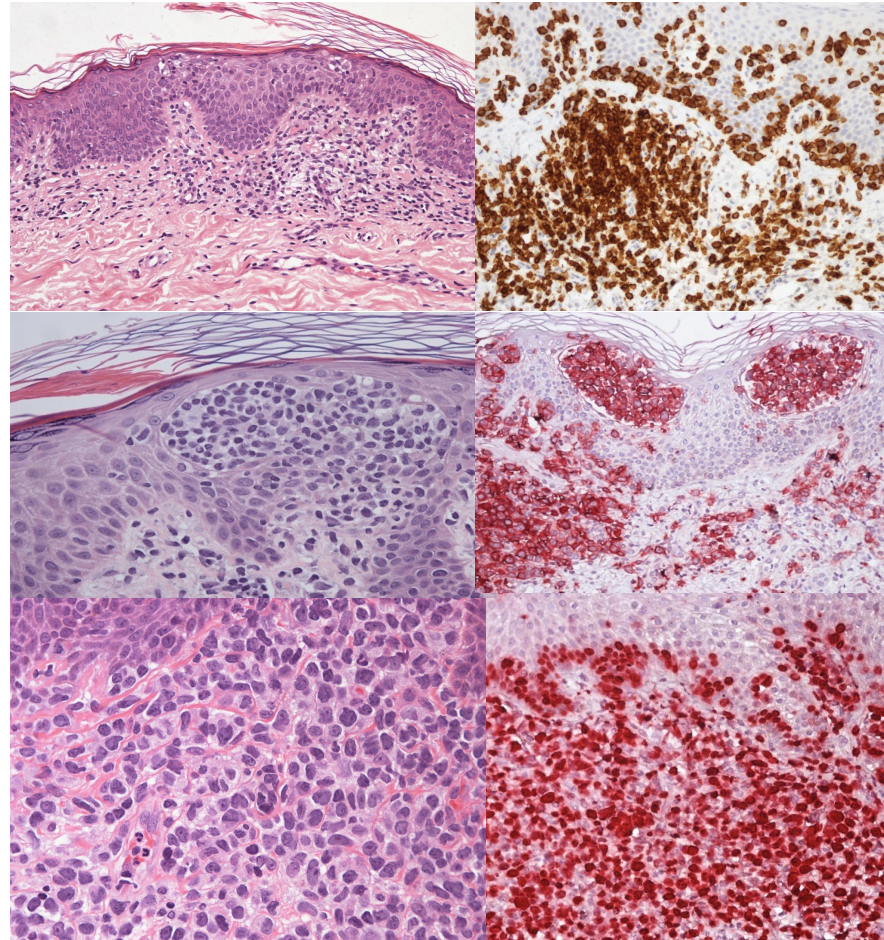
HISTOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR FINDINGS

- A neoplastic infiltrate of medium to large cerebriform cells can be detected in the superficial dermis (with a dense perivascular distribution) and in the epidermis (forming Pautrier microabscesses).
- No specific histologic features are possible
- Immunophenotype: CD2+, CD3+, CD4+, CD5+, CD7-/+, CD26-, CD27+, CD45RO+, TCR β +, CCR4+, CD30-, CCR7+ L-selectin+ (*central memory T cells*), PD1+, CD30+/- (>33% of cells) ; rare cases may be CD4-/CD8- or CD8+.
- The same T-cell clone in the skin, blood and lymph-nodes
- Detection of the same T-cell clone (by TCR- β analysis) in the skin, blood and lymph-nodes and of the cytogenetic SS profile (arrays-CGH): gains of 8q23-24.3, 17q23-24 and losses of 9p21, 10p12-11.2,, 10q22-24, 10q25-26, 17p13-q11. (Lahranne et al J. Invest. Dermatol. (2010) 130, 1707-18).

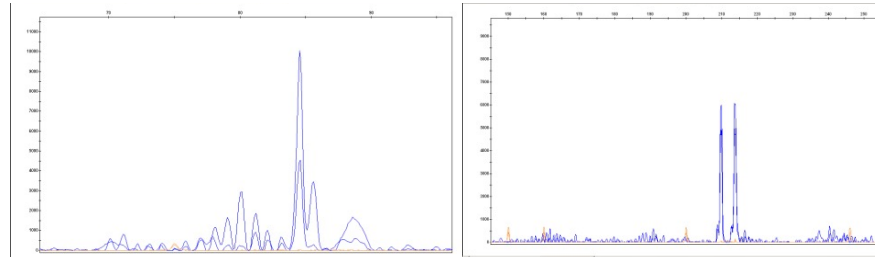


MYCOSIS FUNGOIDES

- Neoplastic T-cells are
- positive for β F1, CD3, CD4, CD45RO, CCR4
- Negative for CD7, CD8, CCR7/L-selectin, CD27).
- Less frequently MF cells may express CD8+ and cytotoxic markers (Tia-1+, Granzyme-B+, Perforin)

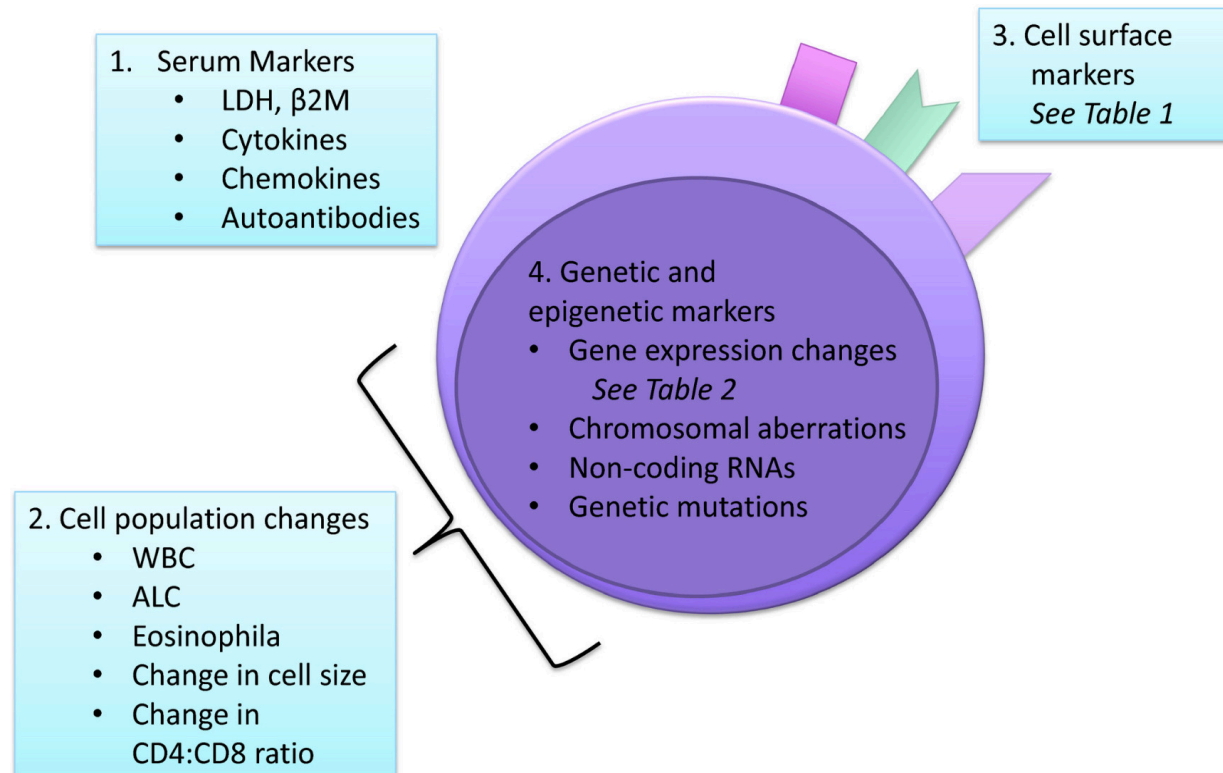


Molecular analysis by using PCR shows monoclonal rearrangement of the TCR





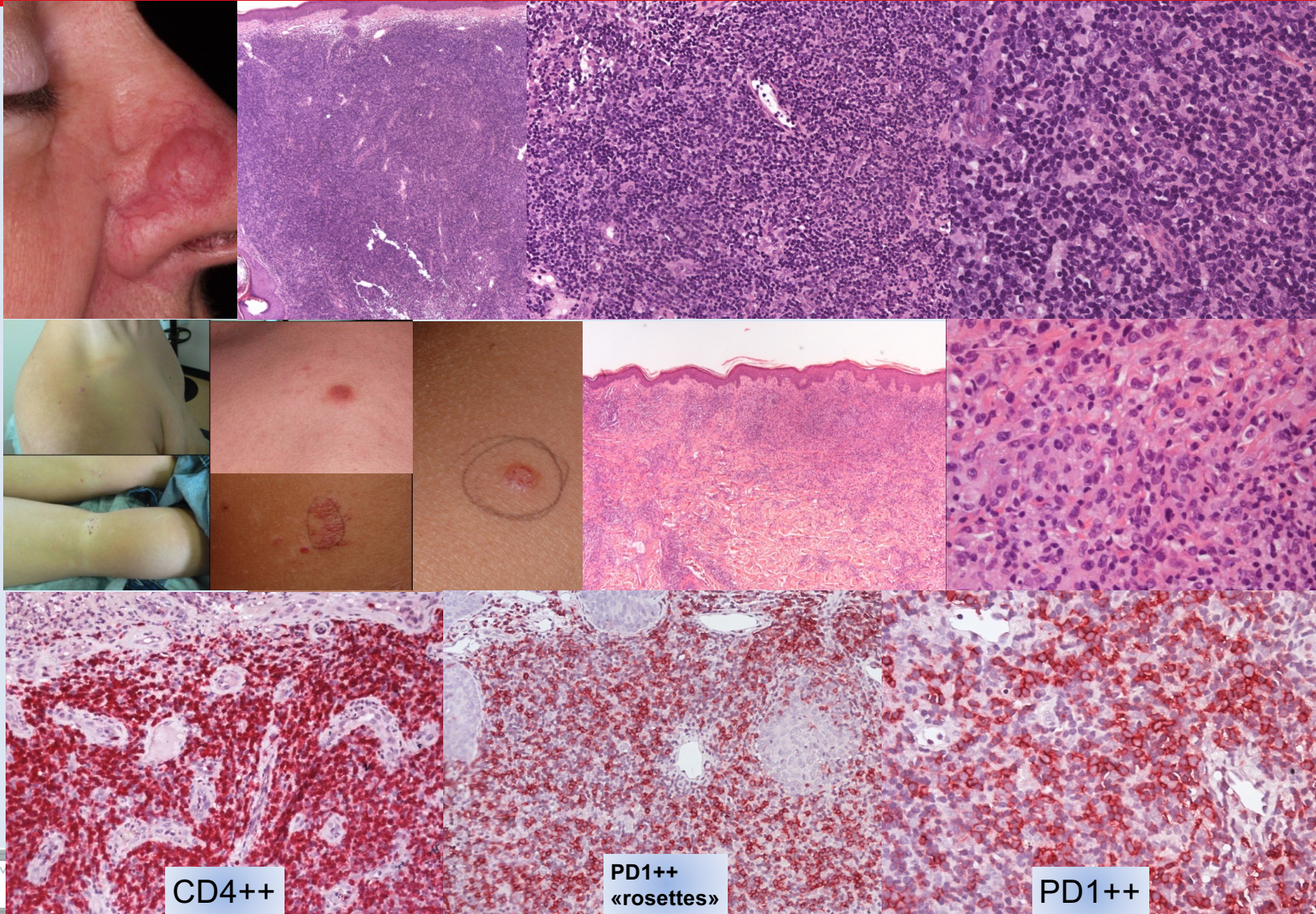
BIOMARKERS IN MF AND SS



Primary cutaneous small-medium sized pleomorphic CD4+ T-cell LPD

- Rare, provisional entity
- Solitary nodule or plaque; more frequent on head and neck
- No systemic symptoms
- Favourable outcome, OOS 5y 100%
- Dense, nodular/diffuse angiotropic dermal infiltrate, focally epidermotropic, small/medium sized pleomorphic cells
- Immunoprofile: CD3+, CD4+, CD8-, CD30-, EBV-, PD1+ (rosettes of + cells)





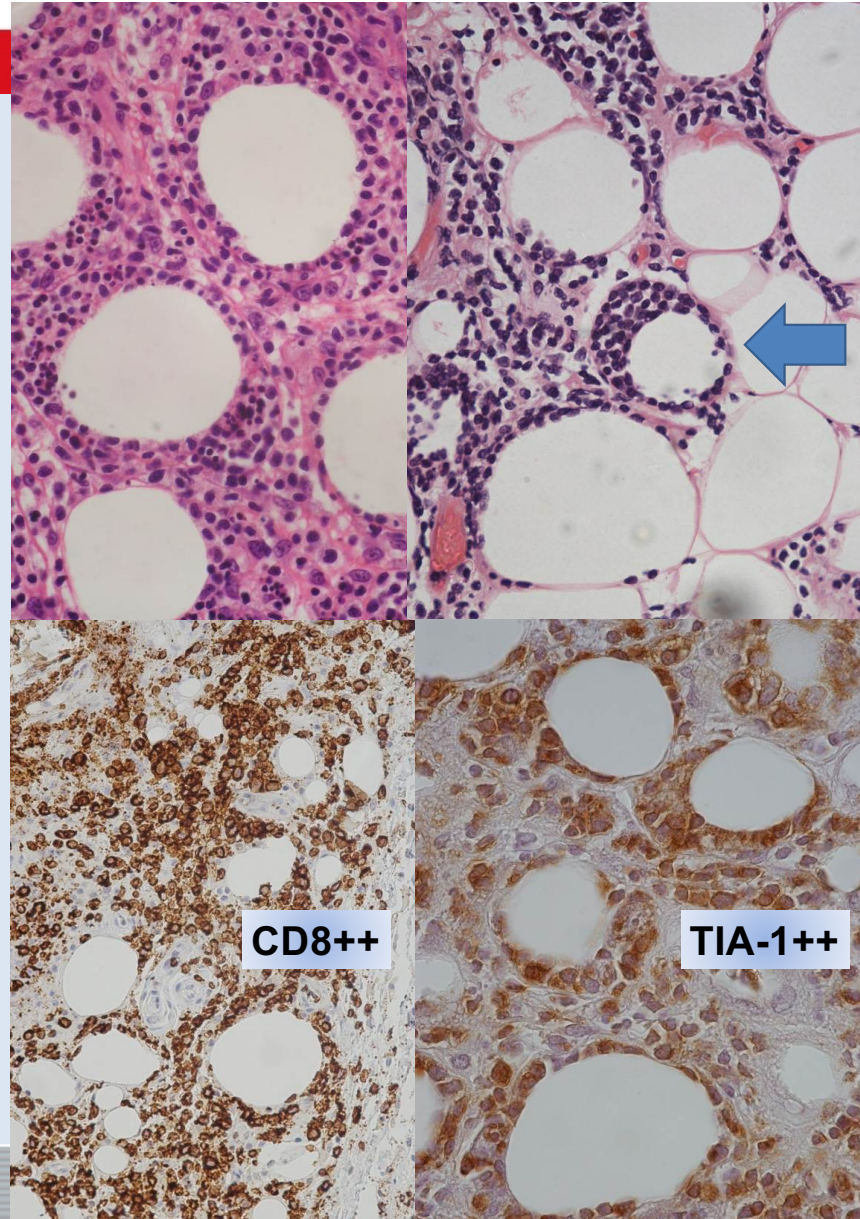
Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell Lymphoma (Indolent)

- Rare: 1% 4th decade of life
male/female ratio 0,5.
- 19% of patients being 20 years or younger
- Male/female ratio 0,5
- Subcutaneous nodules, plaques involving the legs and the arms, more rarely diffuse.
- Initially asymptomatic, then B-symptoms frequent.
- 17% develop a haemophagocytic syndrome (more aggressive).
- 5 years overall survival rate is about 82%



Histology

- Low magnification shows a specific “lipotropic” lymphoid infiltrate in the adipous tissue, usually sparing septa, whole dermis and epidermis. Adipous tissue may be necrotic or hypertrophic.
- Neoplastic cells (small/medium size pleomorphic T-cells) and then macrophages distribute between individual adipose lobules (arrow), proliferating and forming “rim” and “capping” images, around lymphocytes, conferring a lace-like appearance.
- **Immunoprofile** (cytotoxic) **βF1+** (TCR- $\alpha\beta$), **CD8+**, **CD2+**, **CD3+**, **CD5+**, **CD45RO+**, **TIA-1+**, Granzyme B+, **EBV-**
- **TCR** rearranged (PCR, GenScan)



Primary cutaneous aggressive epidermotropic CD8+ T-cell lymphoma (AECTCL)

- Rare, a provisional entity.
- Nodules and plaques (Fig.4, 6), haemorrhagic-ulcerated (Fig.1-3, 5) or hyperkeratotic verrucoid lesions (Fig.2, 7).
- Rapid progression, few months-1 year, sparing superficial lymph nodes.
- Systemic involvement of CNS, testis, oral cavity, heart, spleen, liver, lung and frequent coagulopathy (Fig.8).
- Medium survival 32 months
- Histology: strongly epidermotropic and angiocentric-angiodestructive medium/large pleomorphic, immunoblastic CD8+ T-cell infiltrate.
- Partial response to multiagent chemotherapy or BMT



Fig.1: haemorrhagic plaque



Fig.2: ulcerated verrucoid Fig.3: typical papulonodular necrotic lesions



Fig.4: nodules-plaques, D.D. with large-B-cell lymphoma of the leg



Fig.5: pyoderma-like ulcerations



Fig.6: nodular lesions



Fig.7: Verrucoid, hyperkeratotic diffuse lesions



Fig.8: purpuric diffuse eruption (coagulopathy)

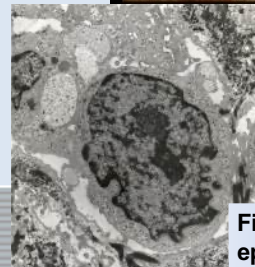


Fig.9: histology: note the highly epidermotropic-angiocentric infiltrate.

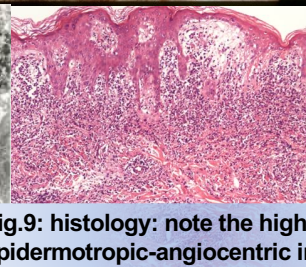


Fig.10: CD8+

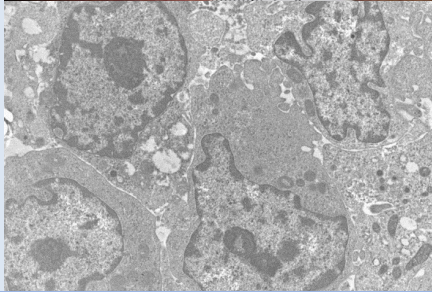
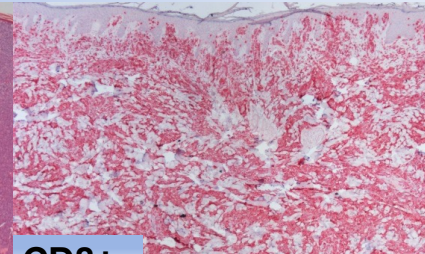
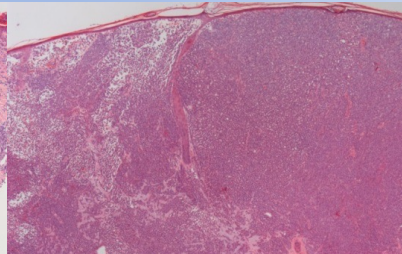
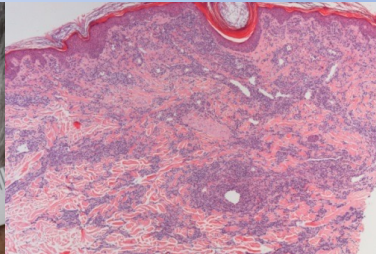
Patients suffering from primary cutaneous AECTCL CD8+ T-cell lymphoma :

- Present with localized or disseminated, rapidly growing erosive or ulcerative cutaneous nodules, plaques and verrucoid lesions (see Fig.1-8).
- Histology: tumor cells shows heavy epidermotropism (PR-like), with blister formation or keratinocyte necrosis and an angiocentric-angiodestructive pattern, subcutaneous tissue is frequently involved.
- Immunoprofile is: CD8+, β -F1+ (TCR- $\alpha\beta$), CD3+, CD7+/-, CD43+, CD45RA+, TIA-1+, Granz-B+, Perforin+, EBV-; rare cases are CD45RO+ or CD45RO-/CD45RA-, CD56+, EBV+.
- No treatments guidelines: partial response to multiagent chemotherapy or new polychemotherapy association for CTCL or PTCL/NOS; new agents in clinical experimental studies, allogeneic transplant or non-myeloablative allogeneic transplant, when possible.

This PTL/NOS provisional entity has to be distinguished from CD8+ MF or CD8+ LYP (type-D). Clinically D.D. with other aggressive NK/T-T-lymphomas

Primary cutaneous acral CD8+ T-cell lymphoma :

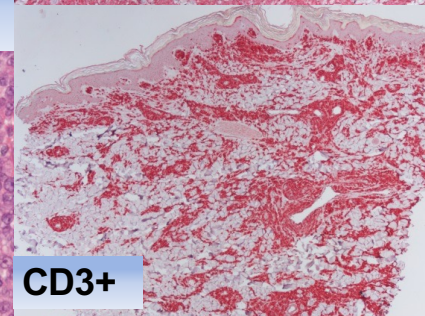
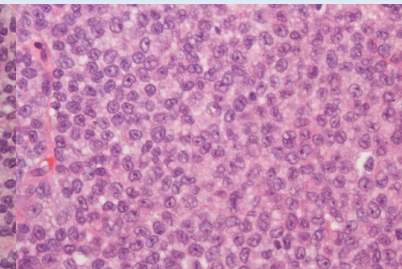
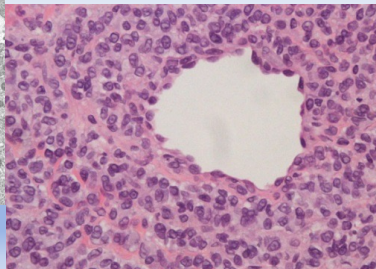
Phenotype: CD3+, CD5+, CD8+, CD45RO+, TIA-1+, GR-B-



Early lesion: monotonous proliferation of small-medium size lymphocytes: angiocentric pattern

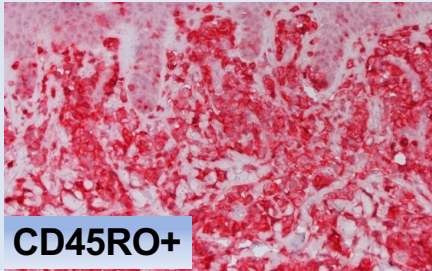
Nodule: proliferation of blasts-like cells with central nucleoli and abundant clear cytoplasm

CD8+

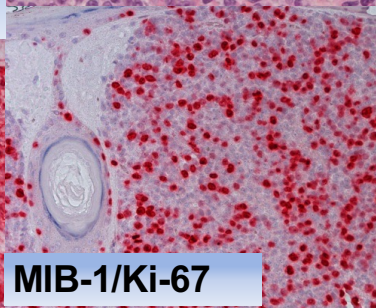


CD3+

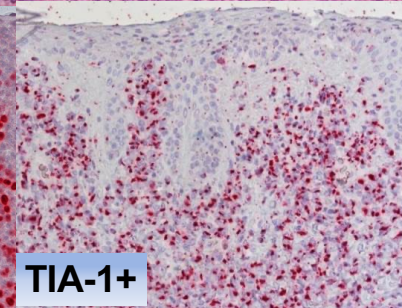
PTL of the Ear: Electron Microscopy showing lymphoid cells with roundish nuclei, abundant clear cytoplasm, cytotoxic granules, central nucleoli and villous plasma membrane



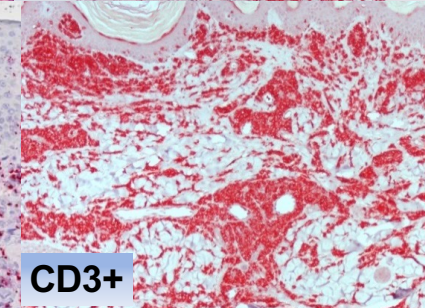
CD45RO+



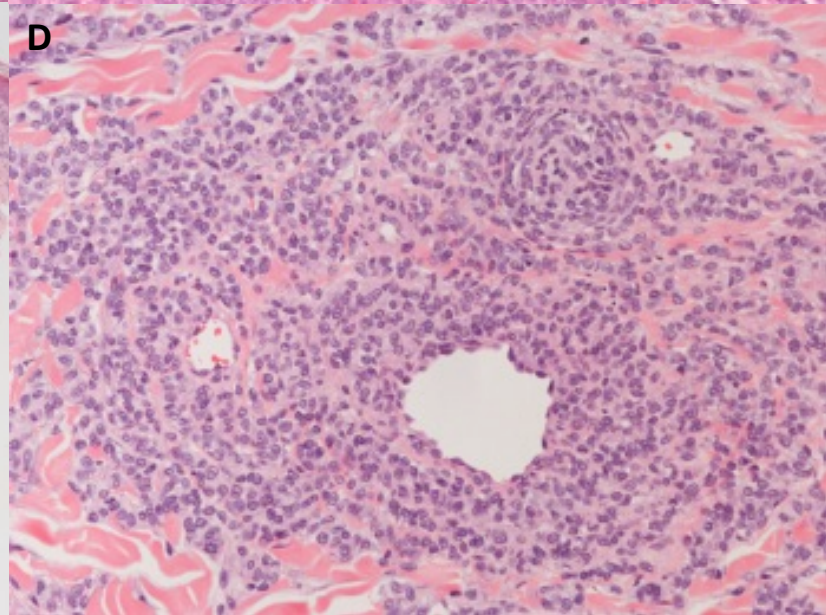
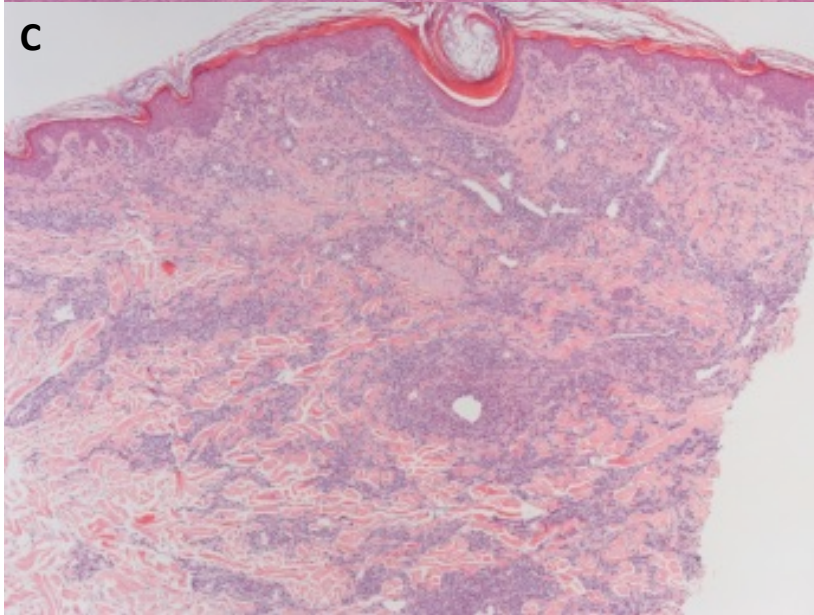
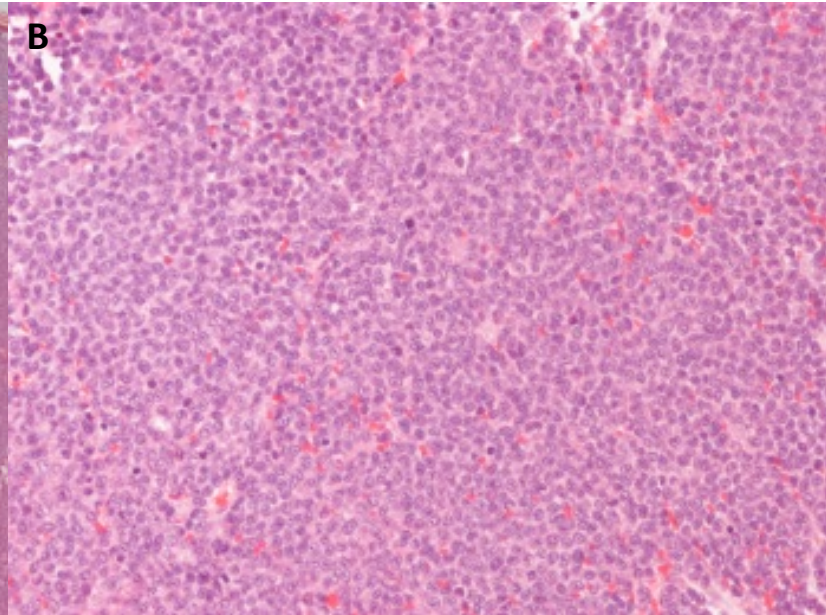
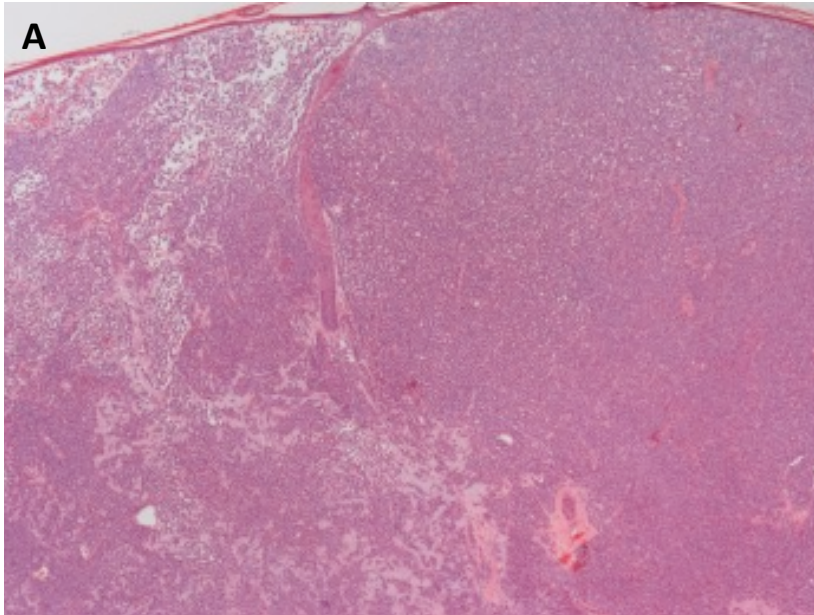
MIB-1/Ki-67



TIA-1+



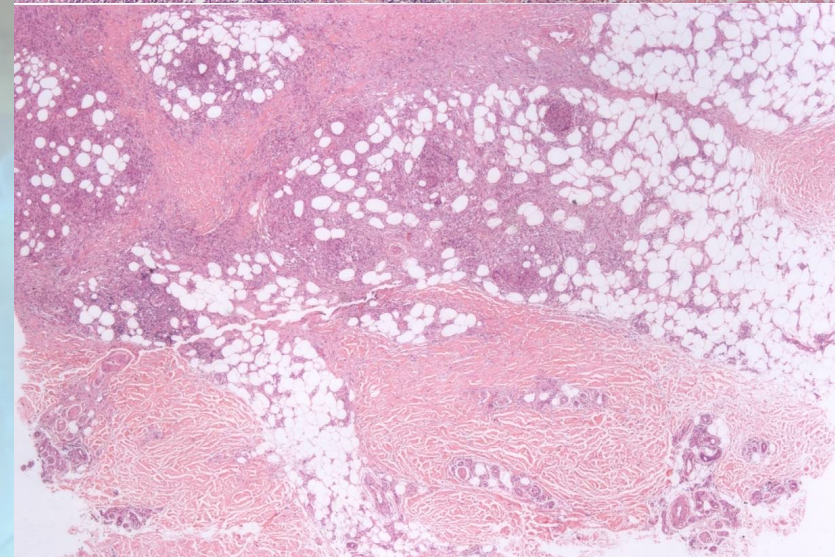
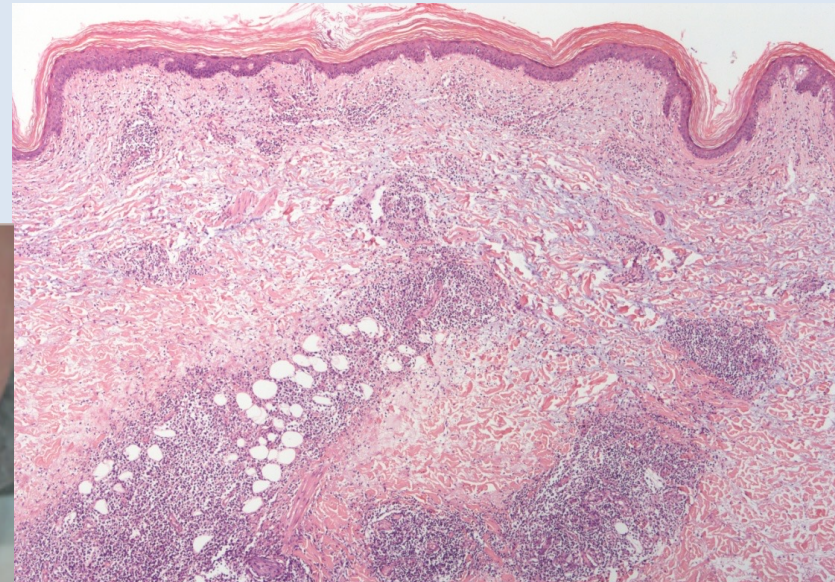
CD3+



Cutaneous Gamma/Delta TCL

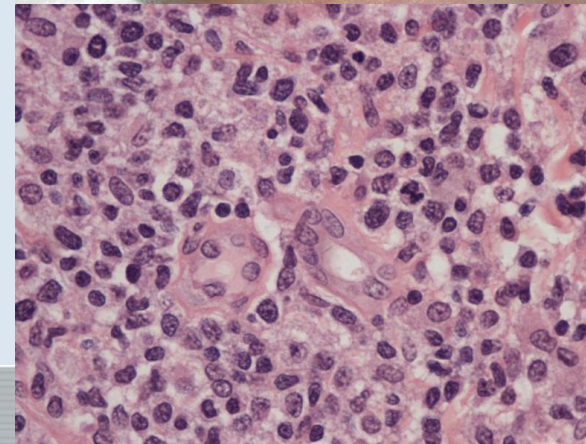
- **Bad prognosis for all types (epidermotropic, dermal or panniculitic).**
- **Systemic involvement and no response to conventional Polychemotherapy or Bone Marrow Transplant**
- **Immunophenotype and evolution similar to those of mucosal gamma/delta TCLs**
- **CD4-/CD8- cases or CD56+ SPTCL, Beta F1 negative, TCR-gamma/delta+**

C-GD-TL with SPTCL presentation: the epidermis and dermis are also infiltrated by neoplastic cells.



EXTRANODAL PC ENT-NK/T LYMPHOMA (aggressive)

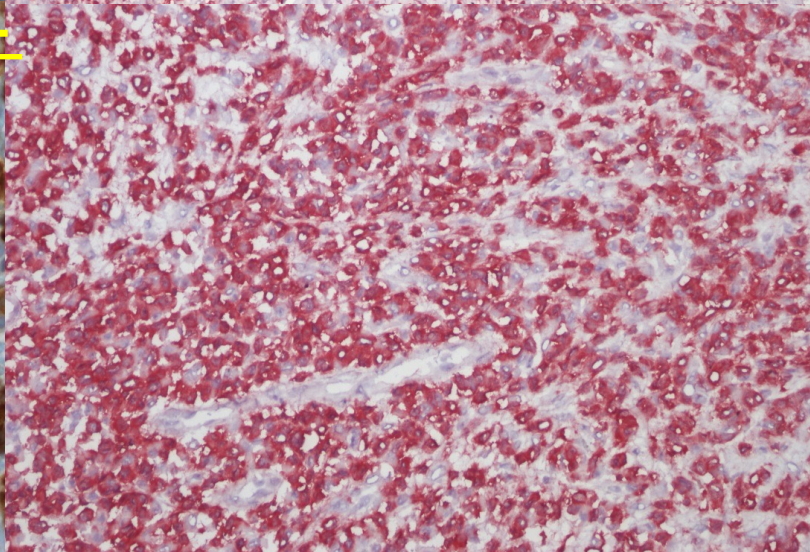
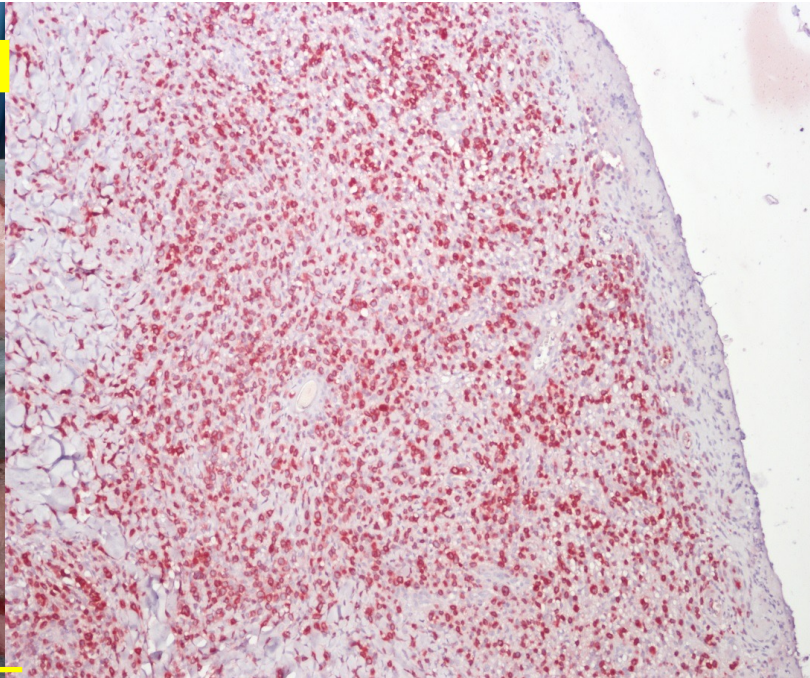
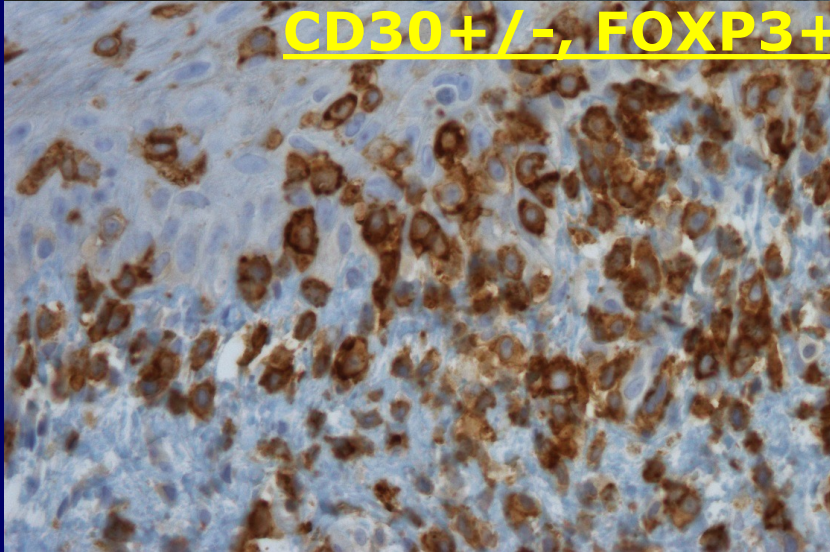
- Rare
- Rapidly disseminated nodulo-tumoral necrotic lesions
- Localization: face, trunk and extremities .
- Immunophenotype: CD2+, CD56+, CD45RO+, surface CD3-, cytoplasmic CD3+.
- EBV tumor cell integration (EBER1-2+)**
- TCR germline configuration – rare cases with TCR monoclonal rearrangement.
- poor prognosis



CD4+ T-REG. LYMPH



CD3+, CD4+, CD25+,
CD30+/-, FOXP3+



TERAPIA "TARGET" CTCL

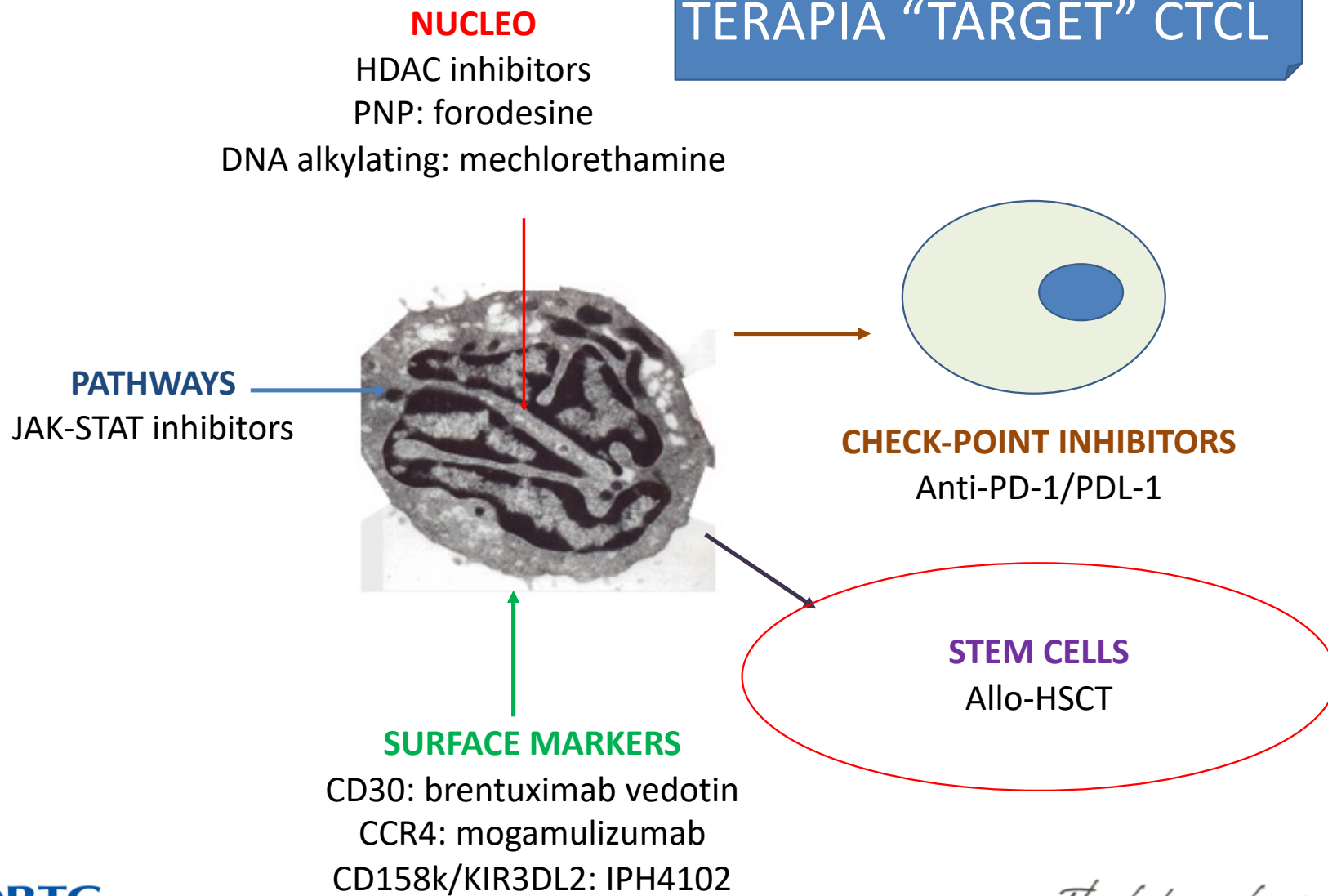
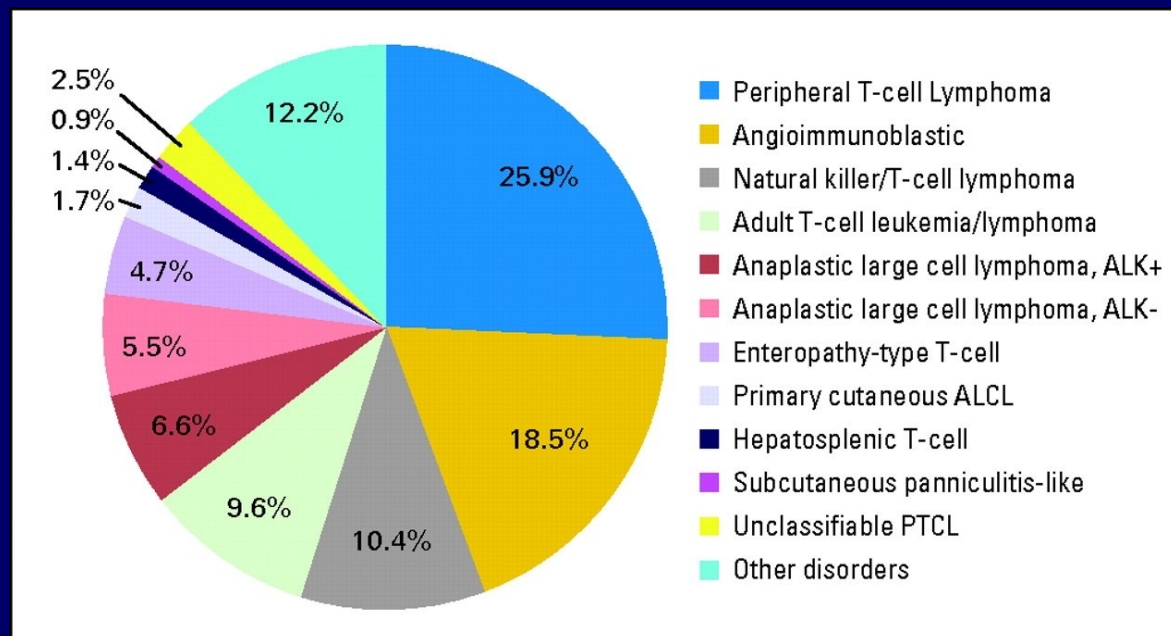


Fig 1. Distribution of 1,314 cases of PTCL by consensus diagnosis



International T-Cell Lymphoma Project, J Clin Oncol; 26:4124-4130 2008

Primary cutaneous CD30 positive large cell lymphoma (PC-ALCL)

(INDOLENT)

- 5th and 6th decade of life male/female ratio 3:1
- Rarely in pediatric age.
- No clinical evidence or history of LyP, MF, or another type of CTCL.
- No evidence of nodal and visceral involvement
- (workup studies essential)
- Expression of the CD30 antigen by more than 75% of tumor cells
- Anaplastic lymphoma Kinase (p80) and t(2;5)(p23;q35) negative
- OOS 5Y 95%.



PC-ALCL

- Solitary, grouped, or multifocal nodular nodulo-tumoral lesions of deep-red colour, with frequent central ulceration.
- Sometimes infiltrative plaques or lesions clinically comparable to the papulo-nodules of LYP or dermo-hypodermal nodules.
- Distribution of lesions is locoregional
- 10% of cases widespread cutaneous involvement.
- Locations: limbs, head, nape, trunk, and genitals.
- 10-20% of cases extensive legs involvement and aggressive course with lymph nodes extension.
- In some cases, PC-ALCL manifests in MF patients or precedes the appearance of a classic MF. If this is the event, it's a sign of MF large cell transformation, and carries a poor prognosis.
- Skin secondarily involved by nodal or visceral CD30+ ALCL: simple clinical observation and ancillary studies do not allow D.D. from Nodal ALCL
- **FULL WORKUP STUDIES MUST BE ALWAYS PERFORMED**



Classic PC-ALCL



PC-ALCL: leg involvement



PC-ALCL: diffuse lesions

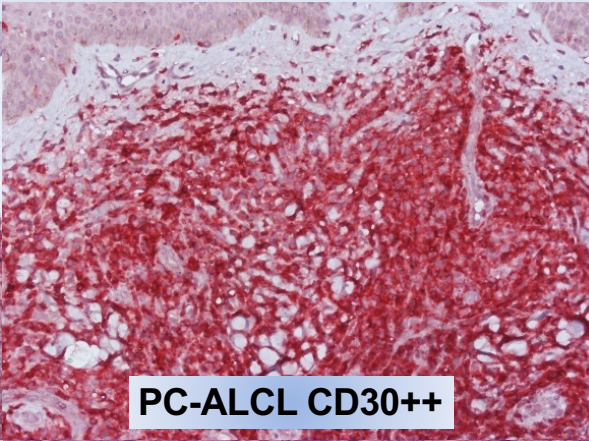
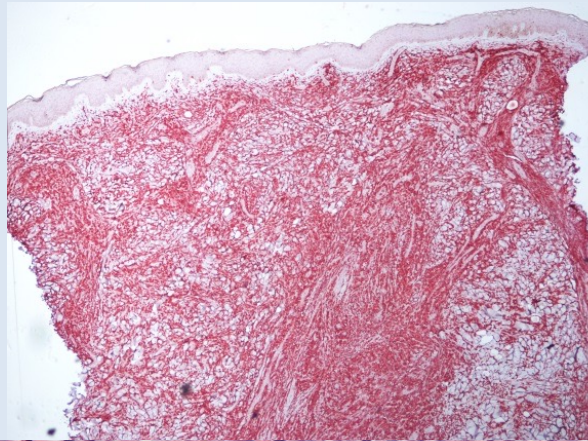


PC-ALCL in a 13 years old female

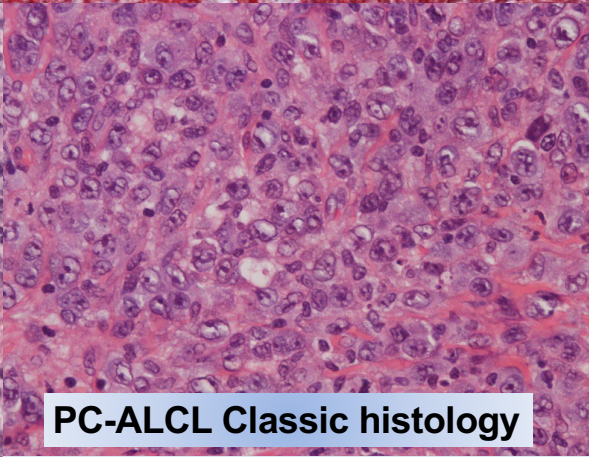
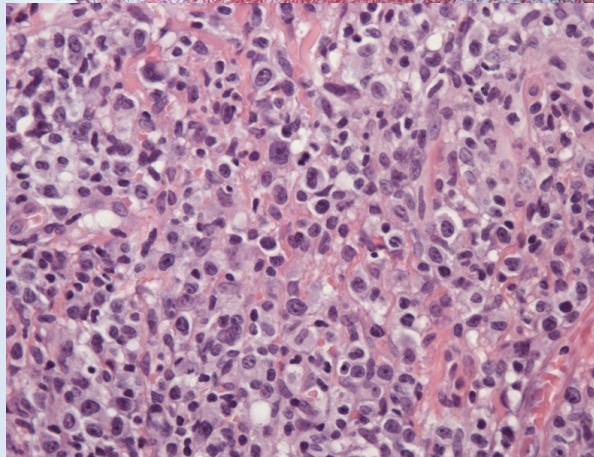
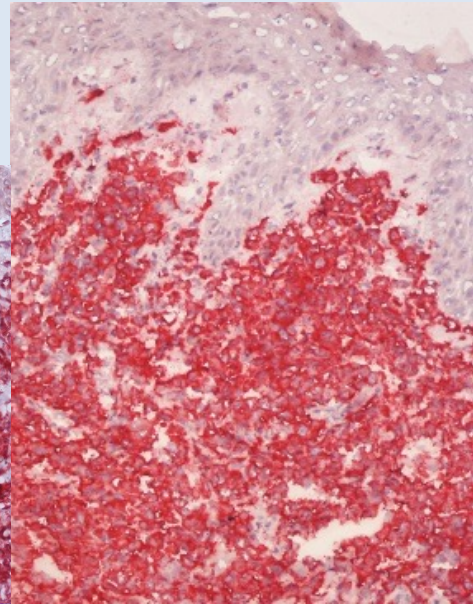


MF/ALCL: CD30+ nodules

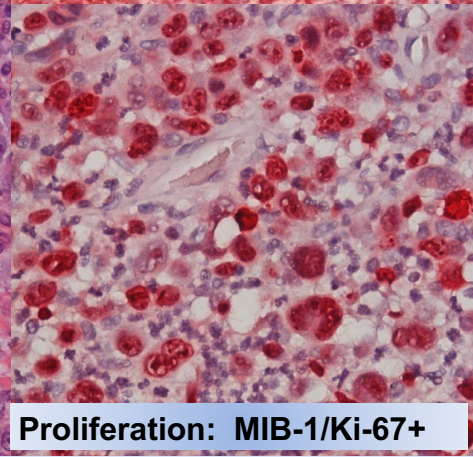
PC-ALCL



PC-ALCL CD30++



PC-ALCL Classic histology



Proliferation: MIB-1/Ki-67+

Targeting T-cell Lymphoma

Surface Antigens/Receptors

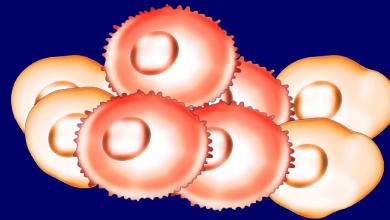
CD2

CD4

CD25

CD30

Chemokine recepto



Microenvironmental Factors

Angiogenesis

Immunomodulation

Viral Pathogens

Cellular Survival Mechanisms

Proteasome Inhibition

HDAC inhibition

Death Receptors & Ligands

Cell Cycle Arrest

Signal Transduction Inhibition

Novel Agents: MoAbs for the Treatment of PTCL

MoAb	Target	Notes
MDX-060	CD30	Fully human IgG1
SGN-30	CD30	Chimeric murine/human antibody
Brentuximab vedotin (SGN-35)	CD30	SGN-30 fused with antitubulin agent
Zanolimumab	CD4	IgG1 ; targets T-helper cells
Alemtuzumab	CD52	IgG1; CD52 highly expressed on malignant T cells
KW-0761	CCR4	Defucosylated humanized IgG1

MoAb=monoclonal antibody.

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BIOMARKERS DI SUPERFICIE

- **Syndecan 4**
 - Over-espresso nella SS → DD con altre leucemie e dermatiti infiammatorie
- **Sialomucina (CD164)**
 - Over-espressione nella SS
 - Correlazione inversa tra CD164 e CD26 → marker per diagnosi, prognosi e staging
- **CCR4**
 - Normalmente espresso dalle TH2 e Treg e promuove la migrazione delle cellule T nella pelle dopo il legame con i suoi ligandi (CCL17 e CCL22)
 - tMF e SS hanno un'espressione significativamente maggiore di CLA e CCR4 sulle cellule della cute e del sangue rispetto alle cellule sane
 - Target terapeutico (Mogamulizumab)

Mogamulizumab vs Vorinostat in Previously Treated Pts With CTCL (MAVORIC): Background

- Pts with CTCL have poor quality of life due to severe itching and recurrent skin infections^[1]
- Mogamulizumab: defucosylated humanized monoclonal antibody directed against CCR4^[2,3]
 - CCR4 overexpressed on malignant T cells in CTCL^[4]
 - Mogamulizumab demonstrated tolerable safety profile and 37% ORR in pts with CTCL in phase I/II trial^[4]
 - Approved in Japan for CCR4+ R/R ATL, PTCL, and CTCL^[5,6]
- Current phase III study sought to evaluate efficacy and safety of mogamulizumab vs vorinostat in pts with previously treated CTCL^[7]



BIOMARKERS DI SUPERFICIE

- **KIR3DL2/CD158k**

- Killer-cell immunoglobulin-like receptor
- Espresso dalle NK e dalle cellule di Sézary
- Importanza per **diagnosi** e **follow-up** della SS
- valutazione del tumor burden
- Diagnosi differenziali con dermatiti infiammatorie, soprattutto nelle forme di SS iniziale che non rispecchia ancora i criteri diagnostici
- Therapeutic target (IPH4102)
- Evidenza di eterogeneità delle KIR3DL2+SC che mostrano una diversa maturazione tra sangue e pelle

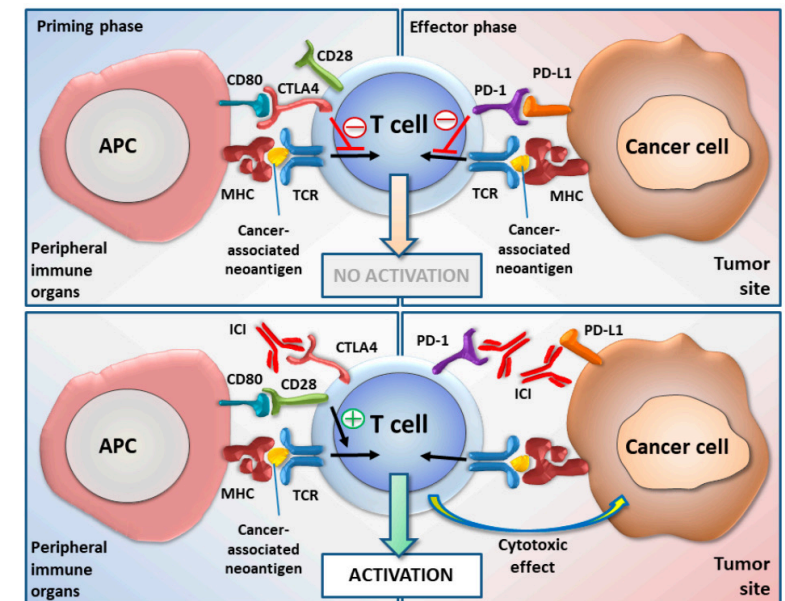
BIOMARKERS DI SUPERFICIE

- **PD1**

- Gioca un ruolo regolatorio del sistema immunitario promuovendo l'immunosoppressione
- Espresso dalle cellule T, inibisce la proliferazione T cellulare mediata dal TCR
- È parte di un nuovo gruppo di immune-checkpoint che promuovono l'apoptosi delle cellule T antigene specifiche e inibiscono l'apoptosi di quelle regolatorie
- Over-espressione nella SS >>> MF
- Target terapeutico

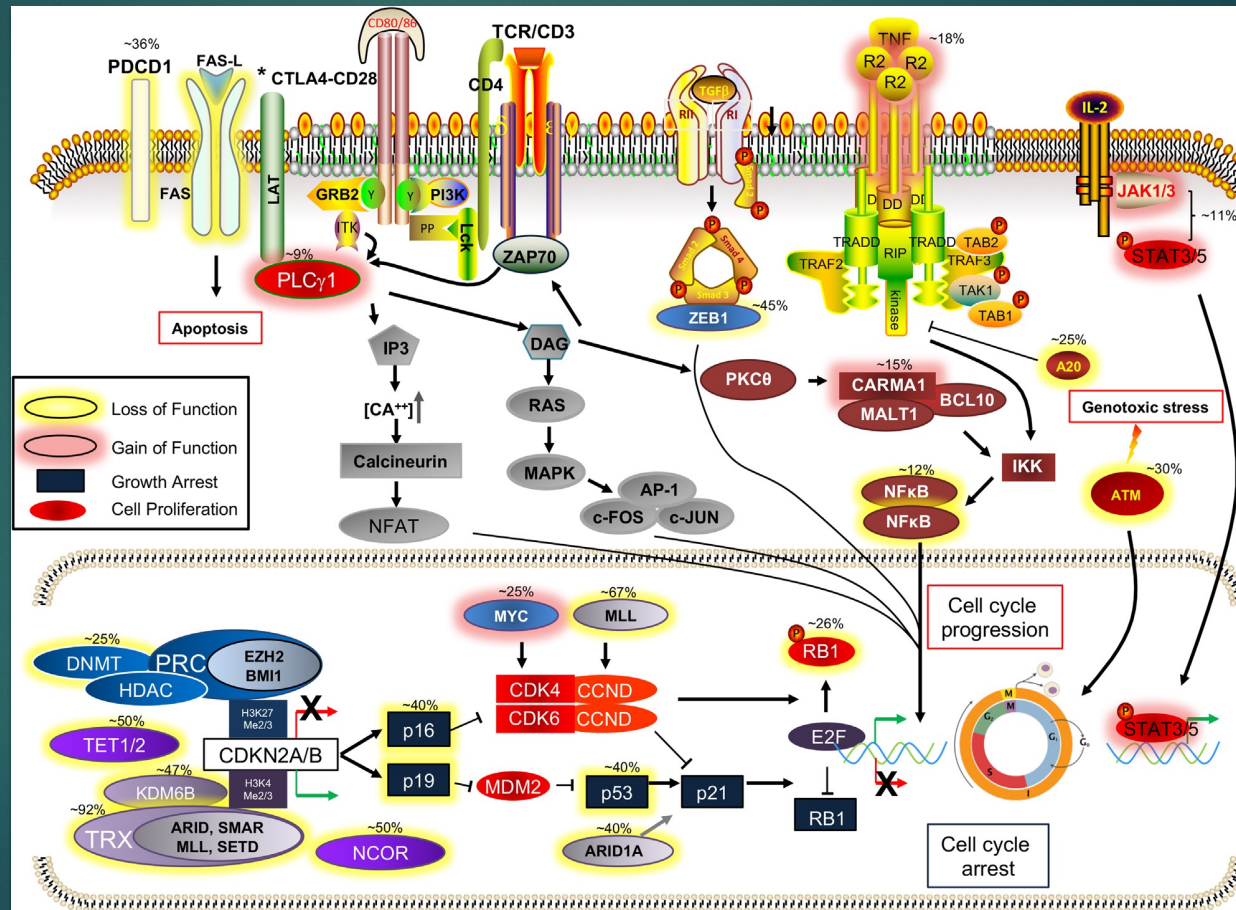
- **CTLA-4**

- T cell surface protein
- Overespressione del gene di fusione CTLA4-CD28 nella SS e MF
- Target terapeutico

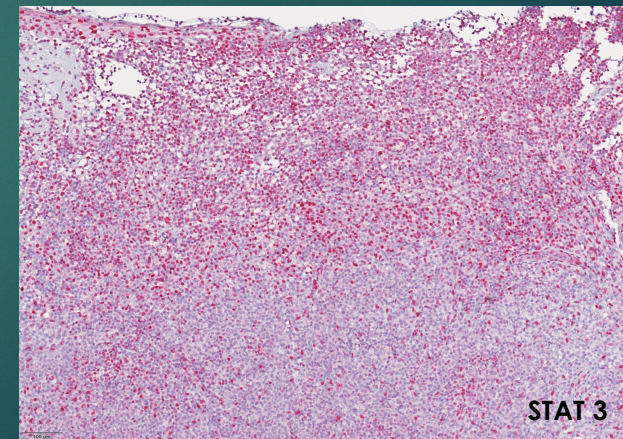
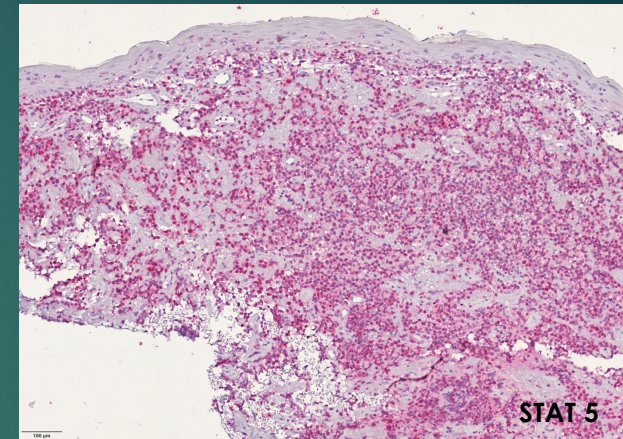
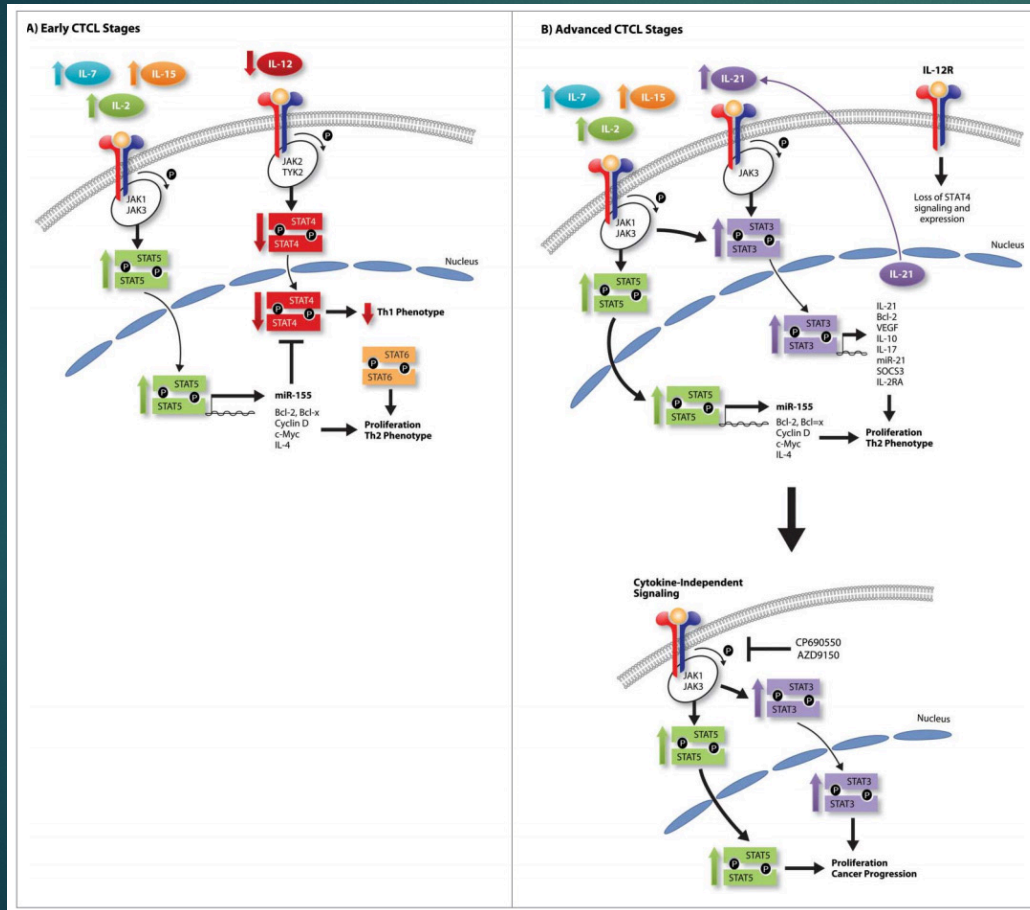


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MF/SS – genomic landscape



JAK/STAT signaling changes in CTCL



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EPIGENETIC BIOMARKERS - MIRNA

22 pts

MicroRNA profiling reveals that miR-21, miR486 and miR-214 are upregulated and involved in cell survival in Sézary syndrome

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UP: miR-199a; miR-214; miR-486; miR-21, miR-155

DOWN: miR-31; miR-125b