

Follicular lymphoma, how many diseases?

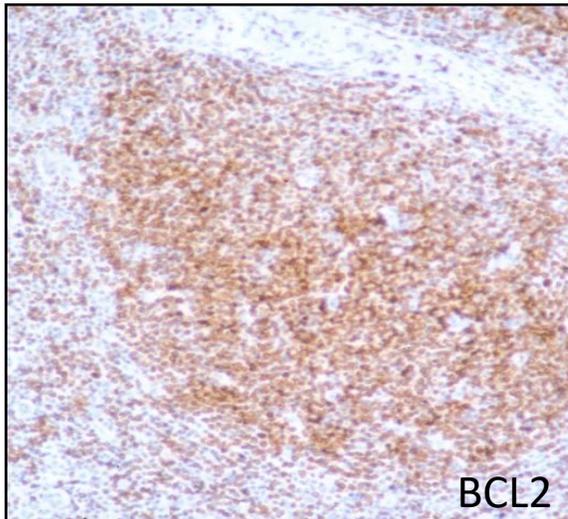
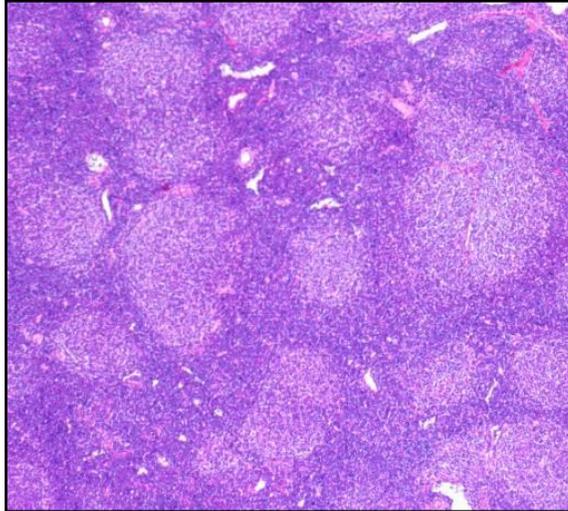


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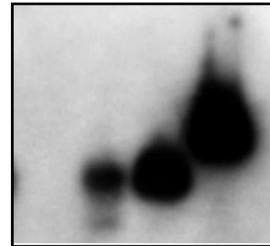
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Follicular lymphoma



Morphology: Follicular proliferation of centrocytes and centroblasts associated with FDC

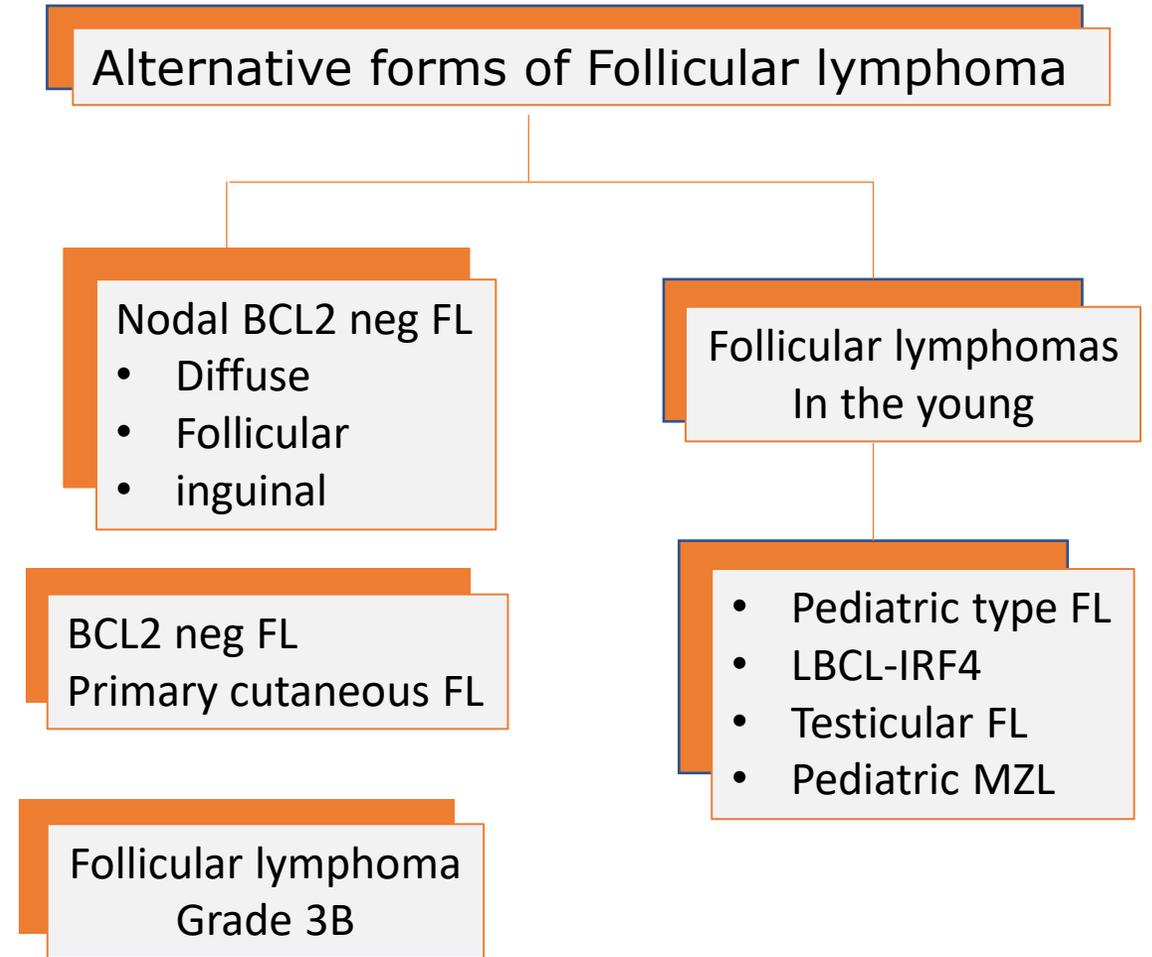
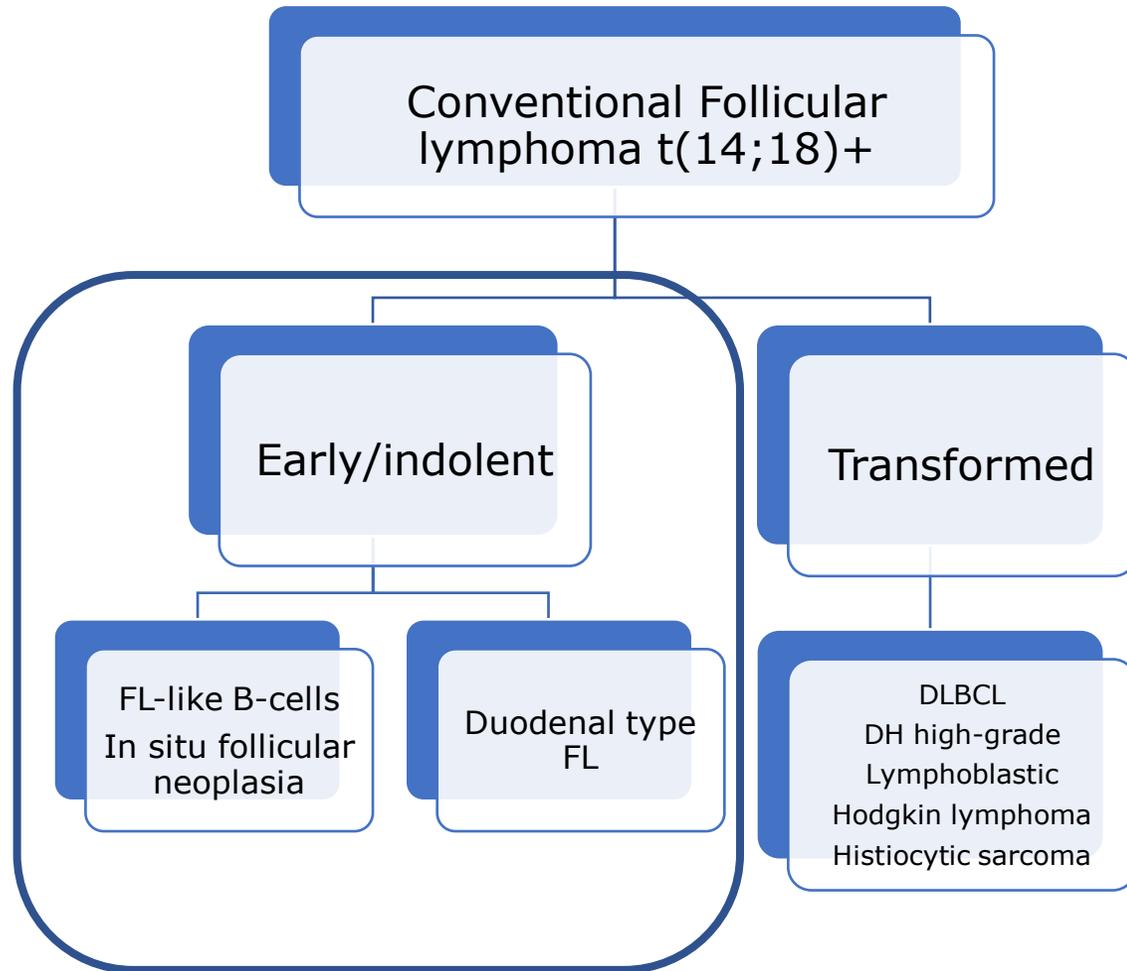
Immunophenotype: CD20+, CD19+, CD79a+
IgM, IgG, IgA, CD10+, BCL-2+, BCL-6+,
LMO2+, HGAL+, MEF2B+, EZH2+, GCET1+



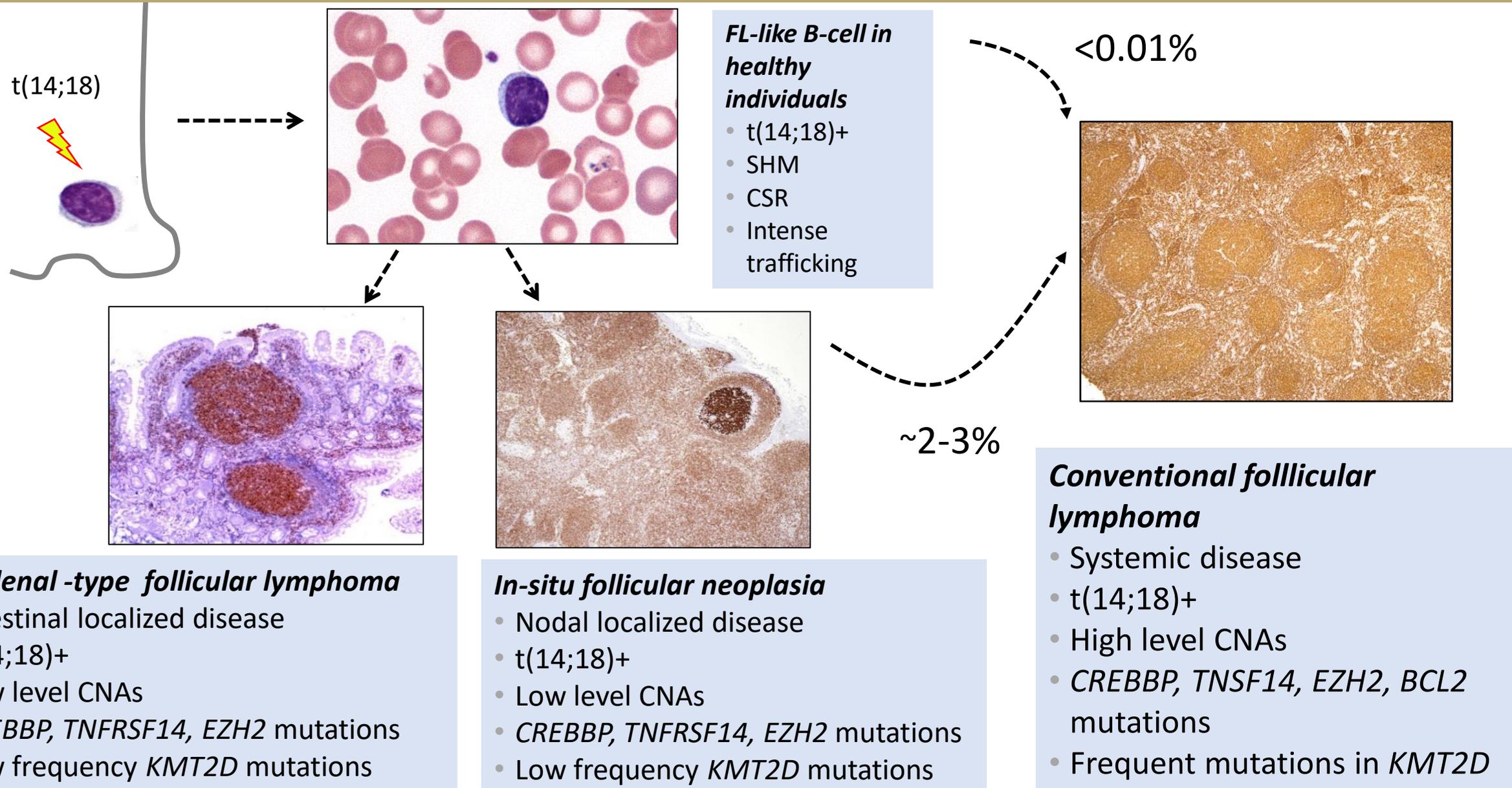
Genetics: JH/BCL-2 rearrangement
t(14;18); somatic mutations in VH

Clinical: Adults, indolent course but generally incurable. Most patients present with advanced stage disease, III/IVA

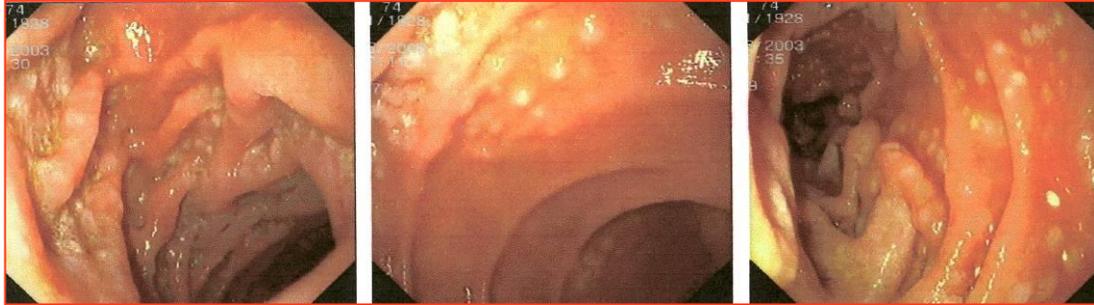
Evolving Spectrum of Follicular Lymphoma



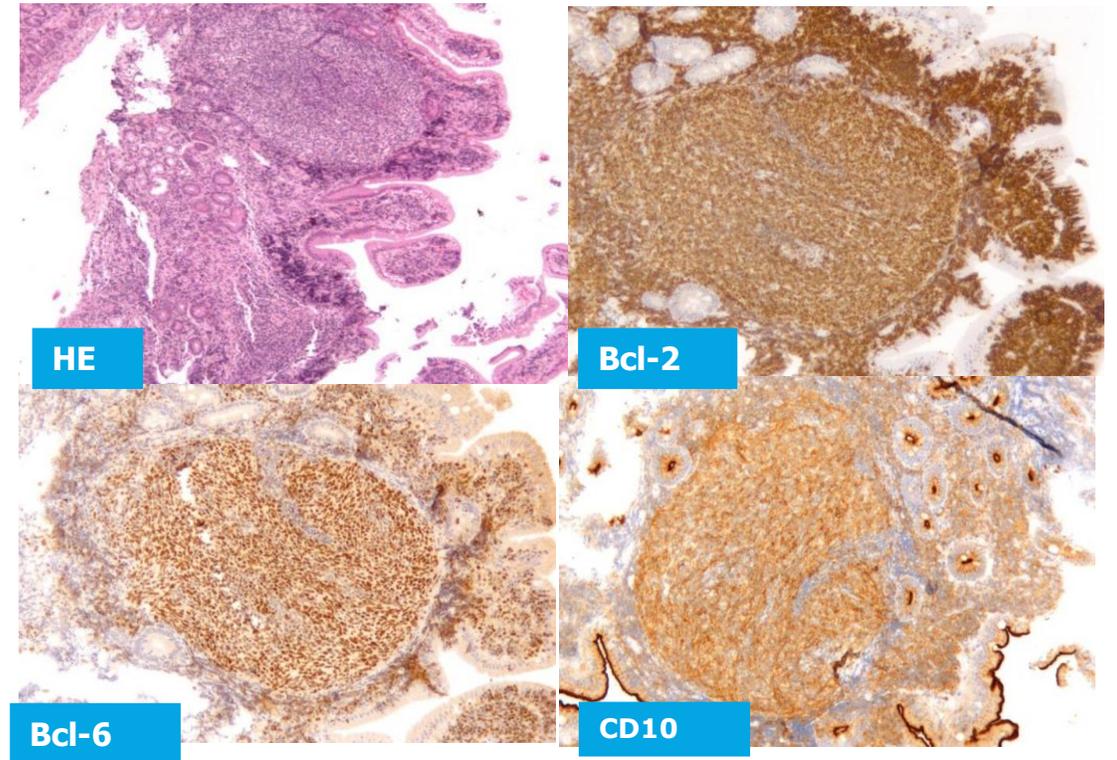
Follicular lymphoma pathogenesis



Duodenal-type follicular lymphoma

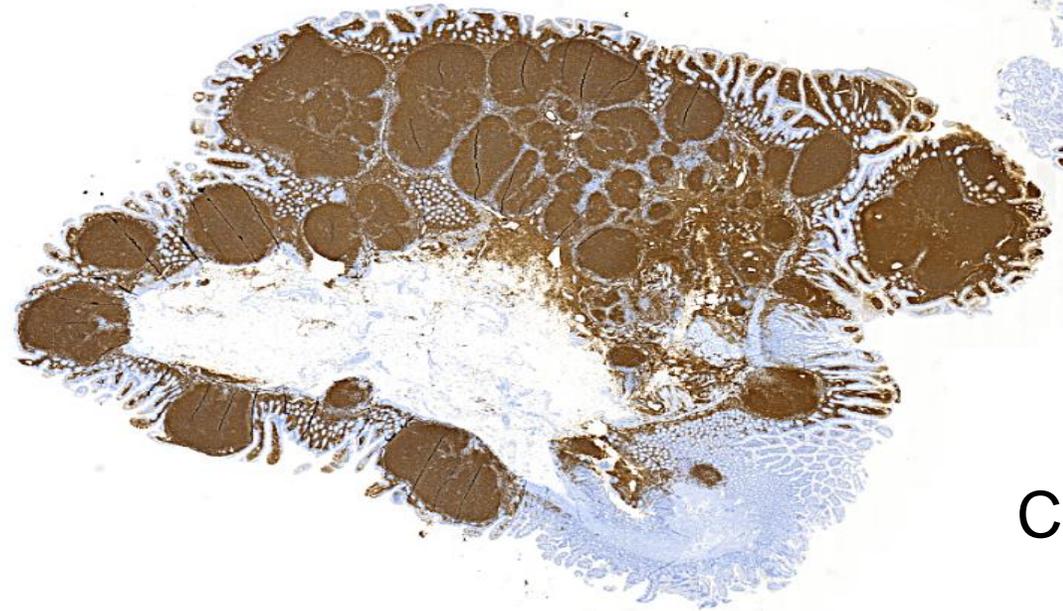
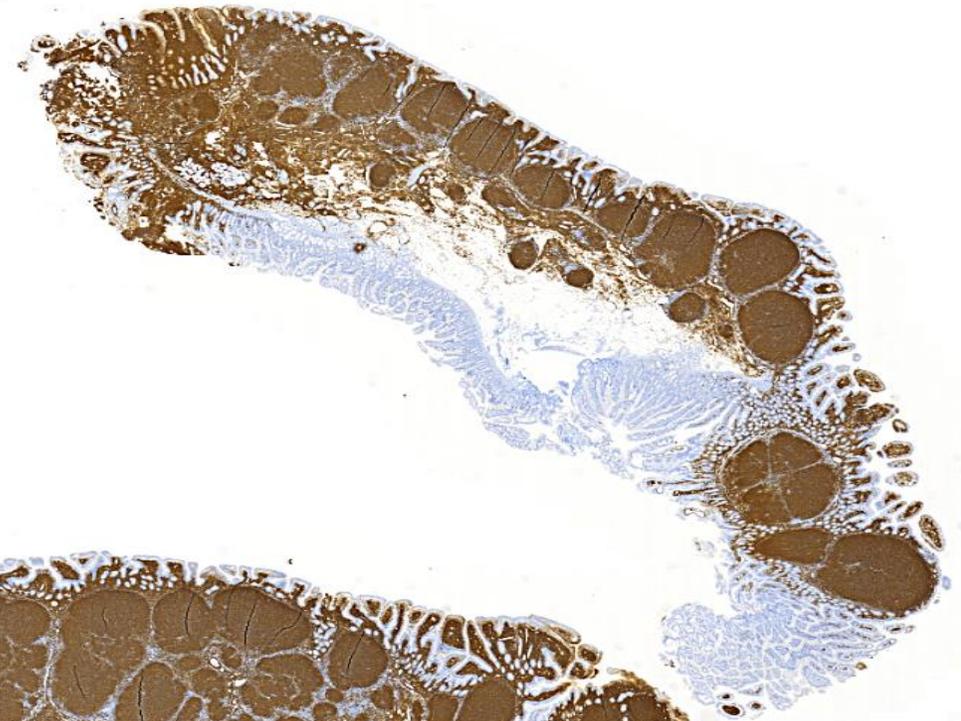
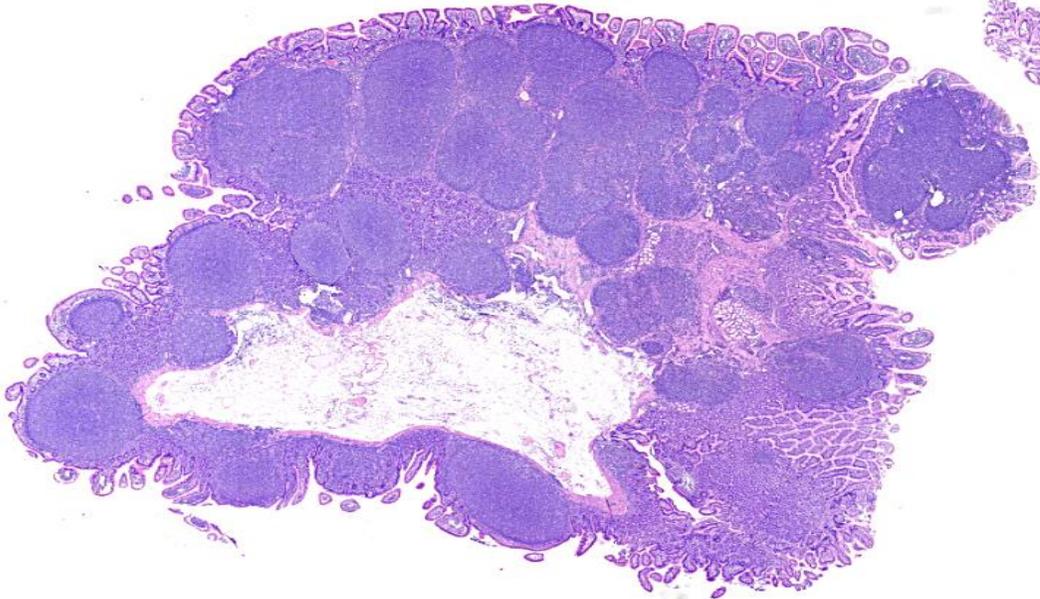
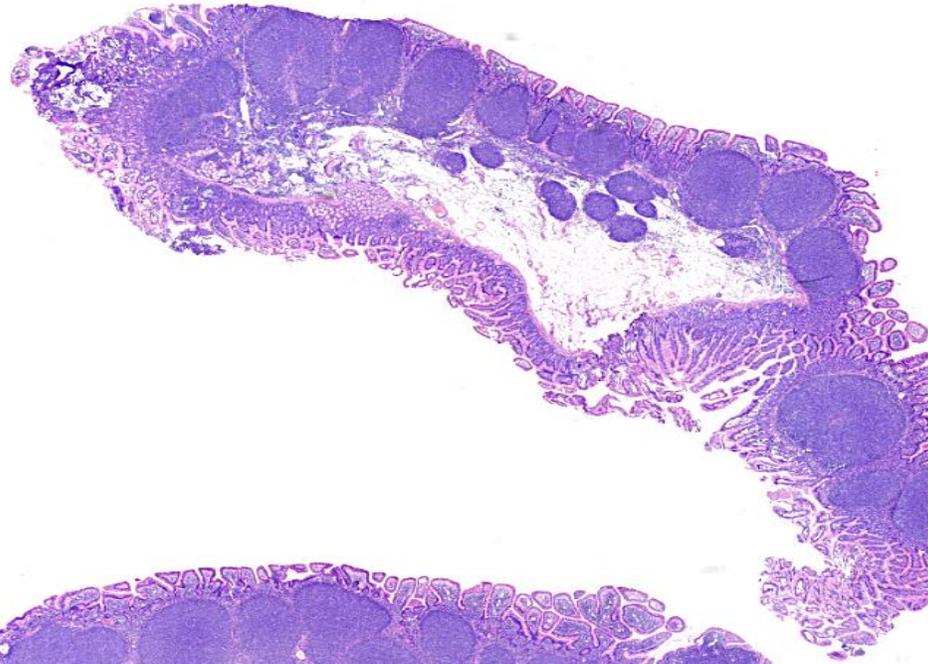


- Duodenal type FL is often diagnosed accidentally
- Is confined to mucosa/submucosa (stage IE cytologically grade 1/2)
- Rarely patients develop nodal disease
- No large cell transformation
- Features similar to in situ follicular neoplasia
- Therapy: watch & wait or radiotherapy
- t(14;18) translocation is present

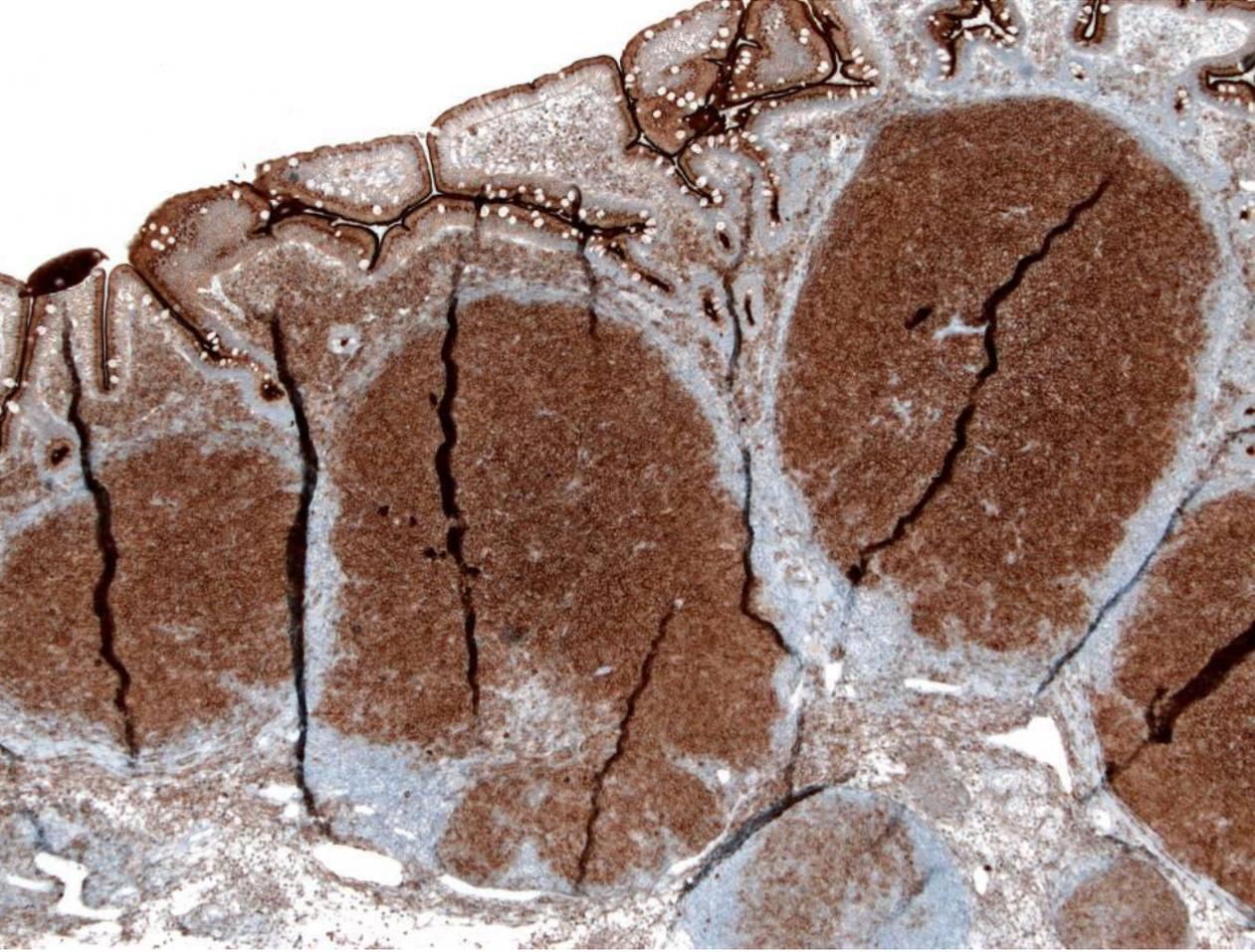


Schmatz AI et al., *J Clin Oncol* 2011, 29:1445

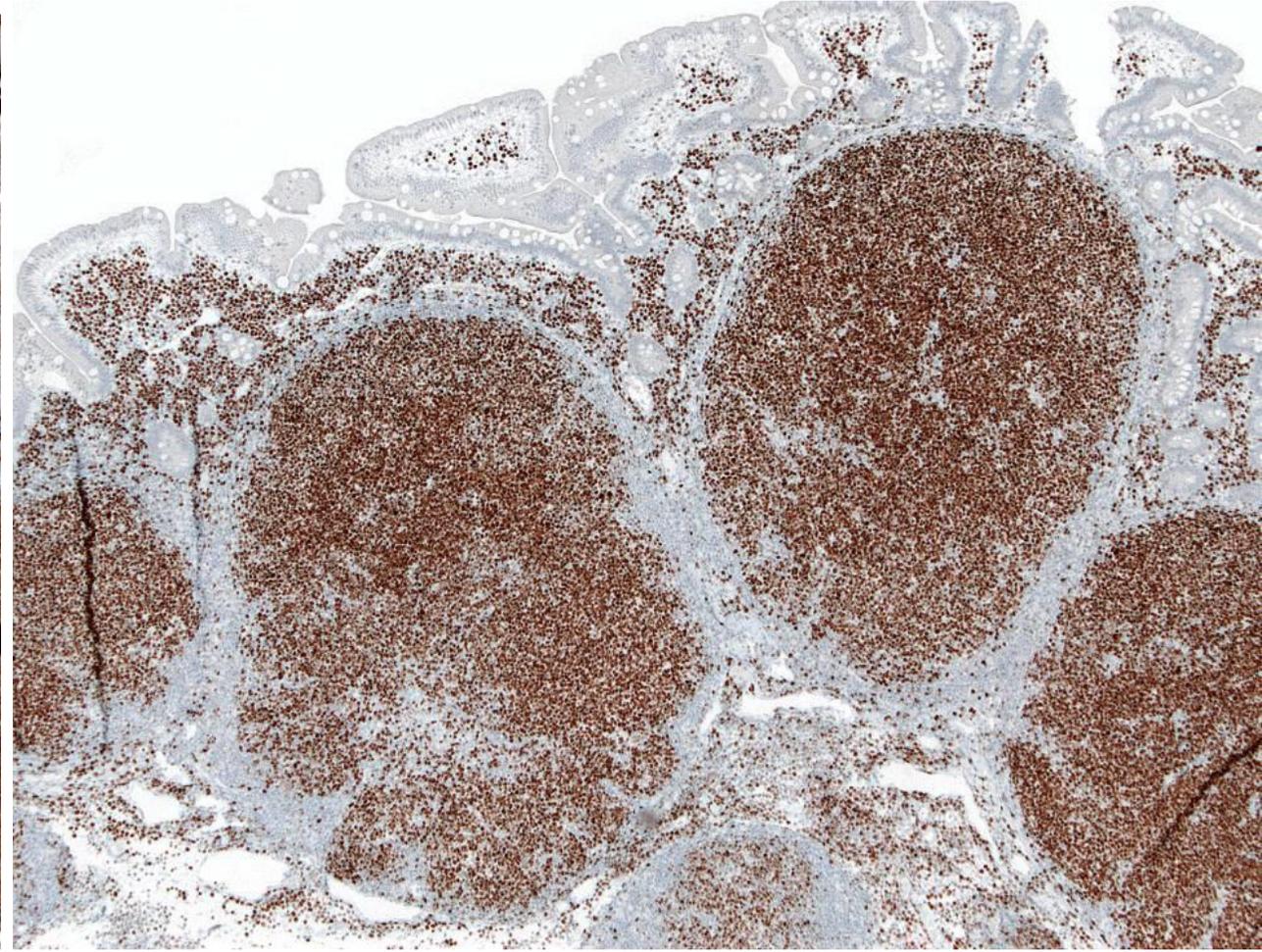
Morphological features



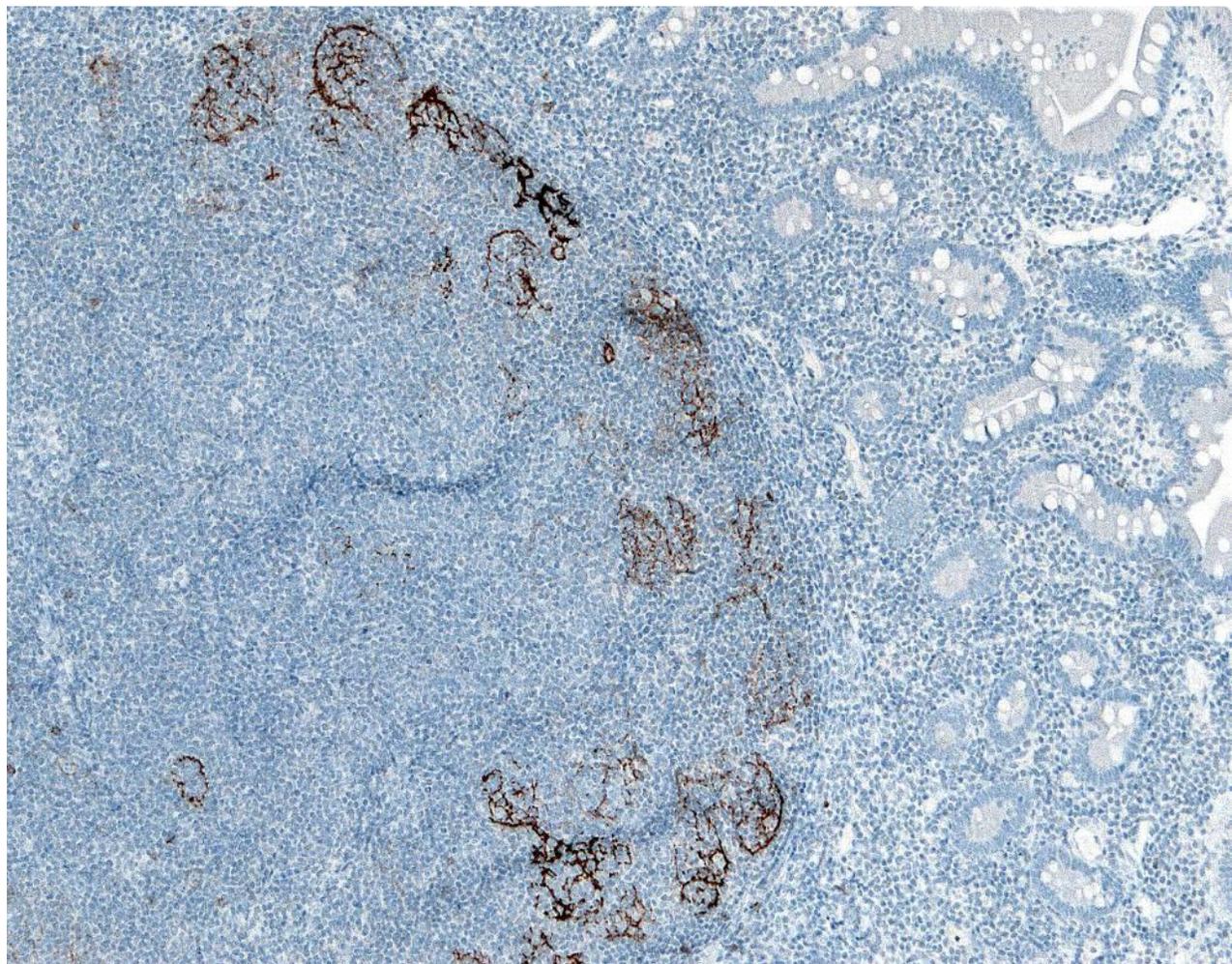
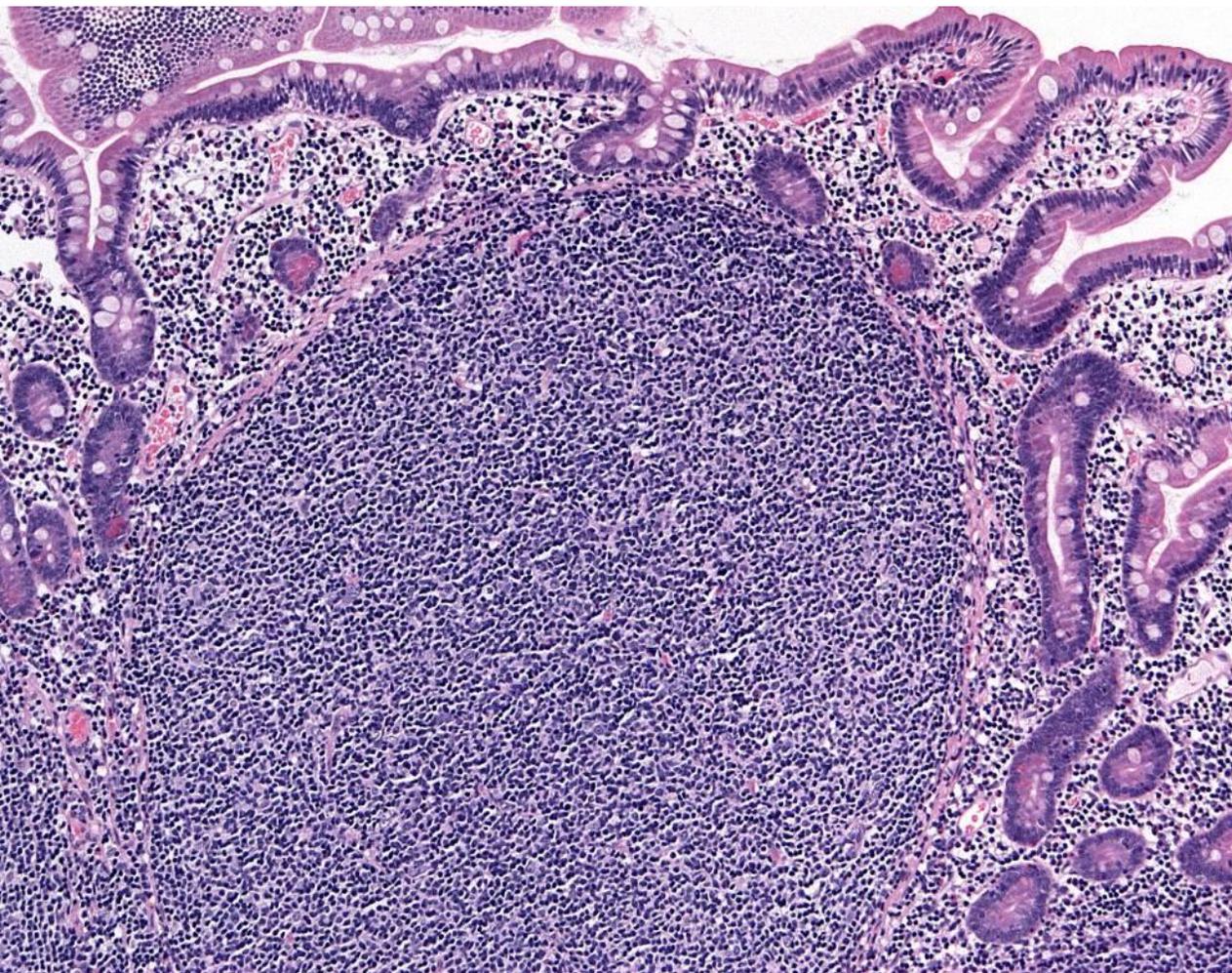
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CD10

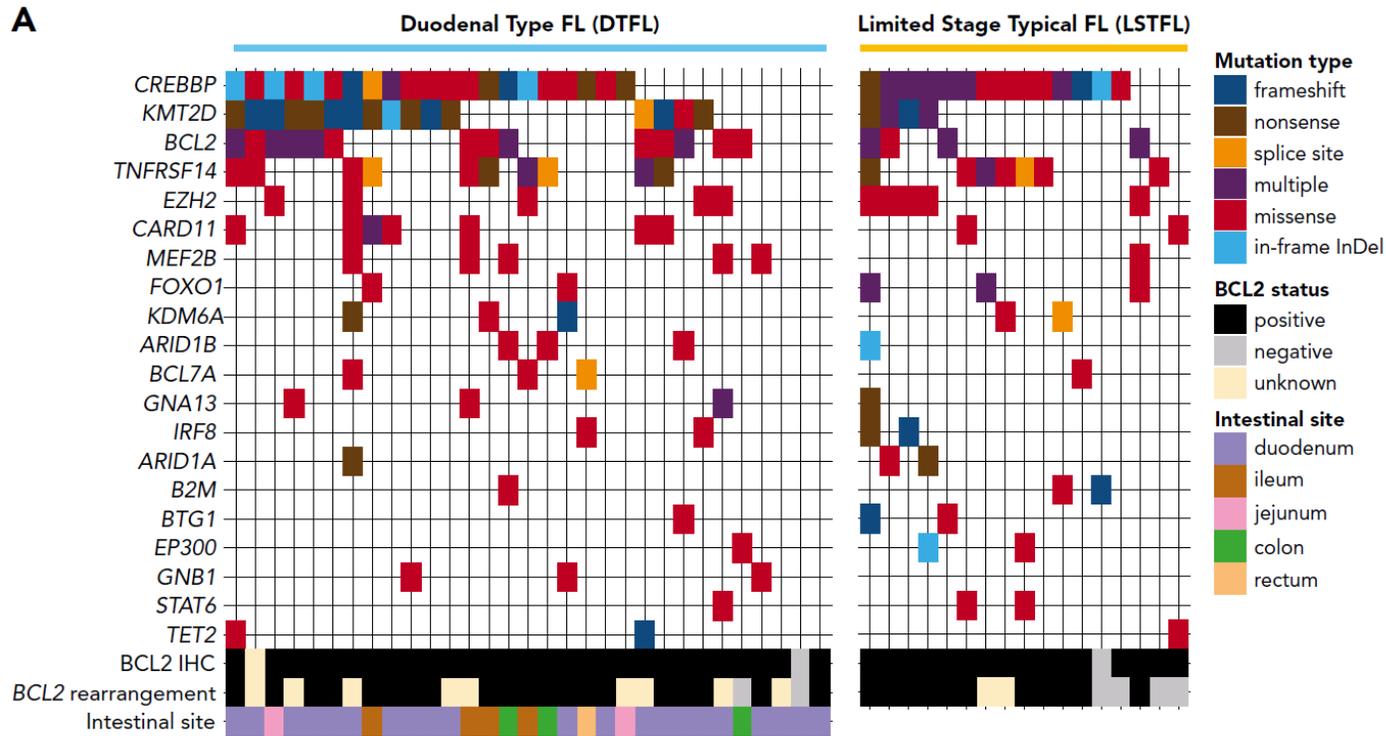


BCL6



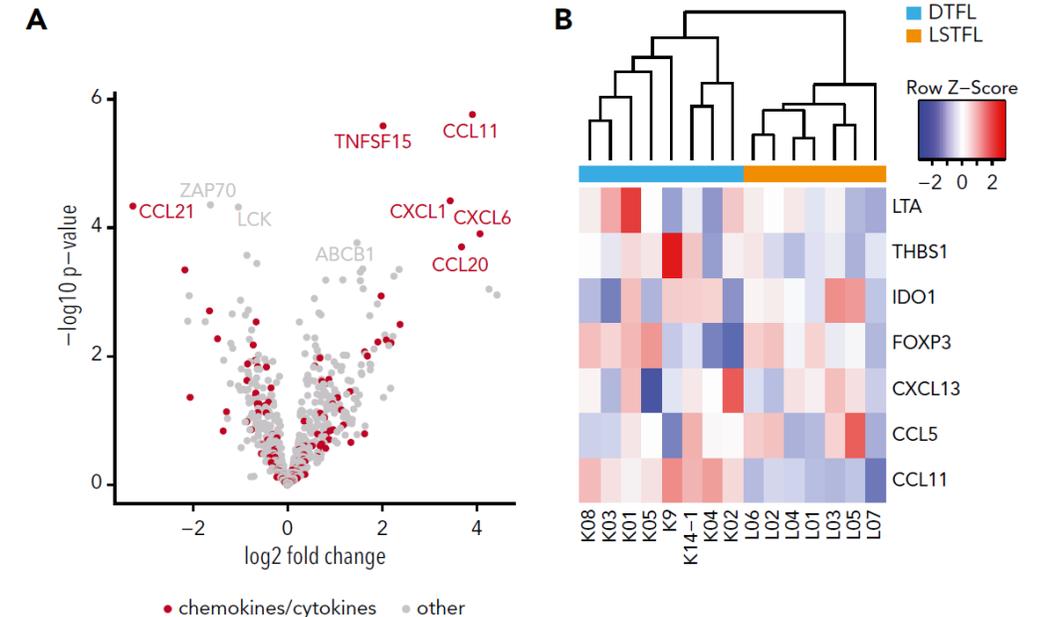
CD23

Duodenal-type follicular lymphoma



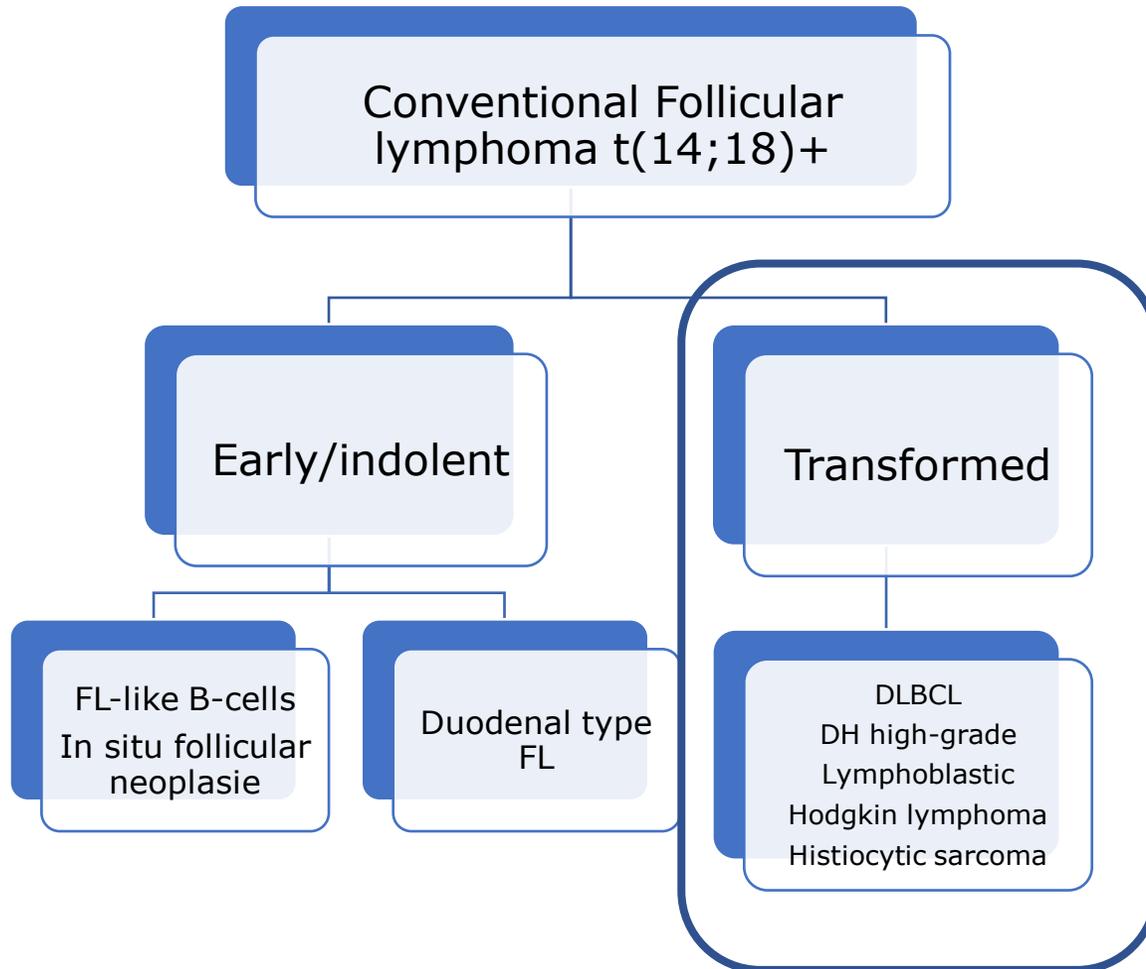
- Similar to ISFN the most frequent gene mutation is *CREBBP*
- The mutation frequencies were not different from nodal cFL
- Less multiple/biallelic *KMT2D* mutations

High CCL20 expression recruits proinflammatory Th17 cells

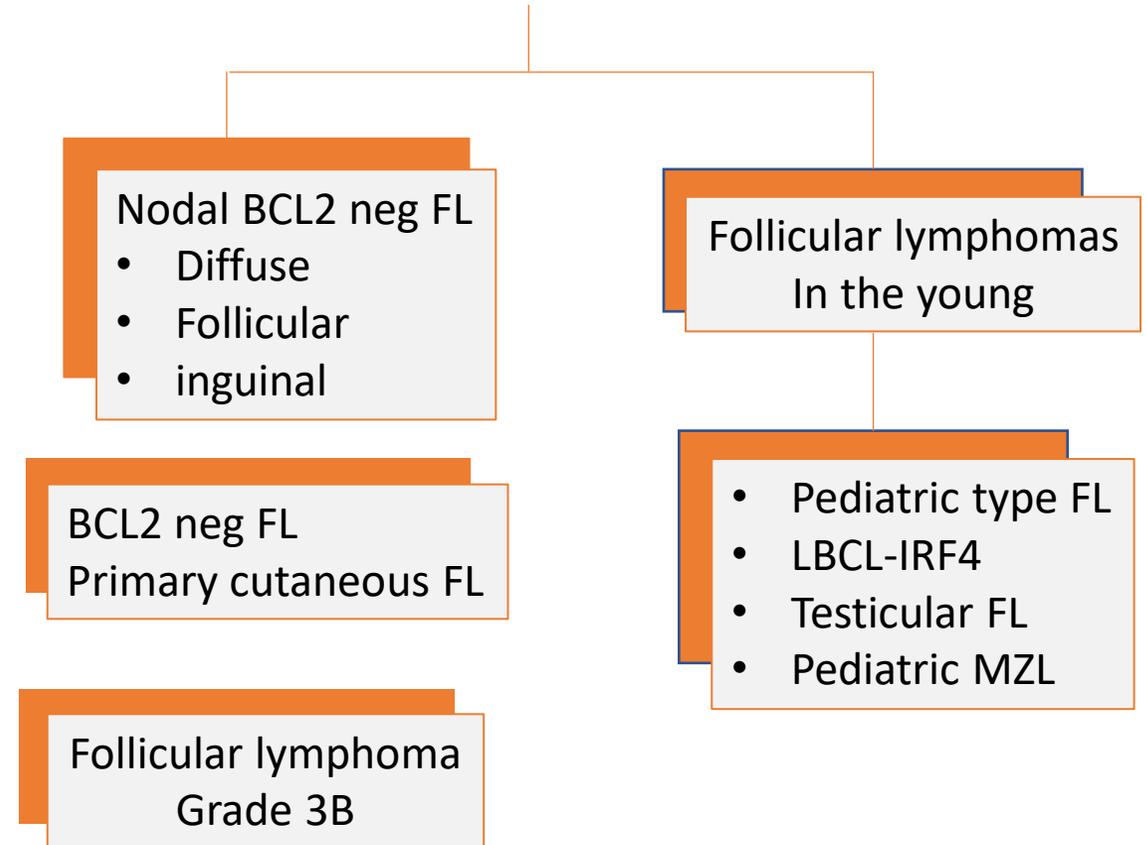


The immune microenvironment of DTFL is distinct from nodal FL and characterized by a chronic inflammation gene signature

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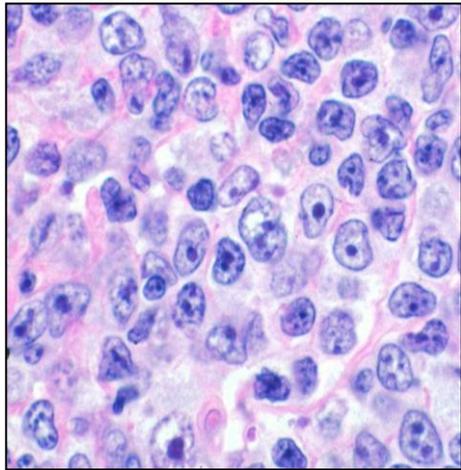


Alternative forms of Follicular lymphoma

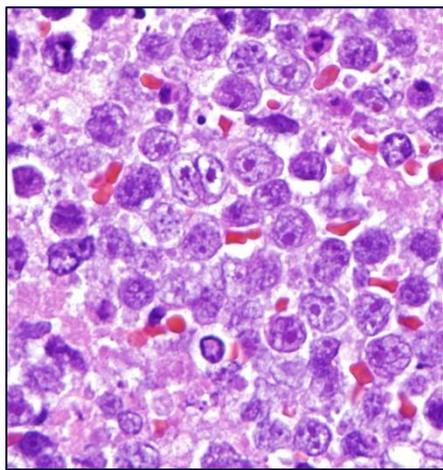


Transformed follicular lymphoma

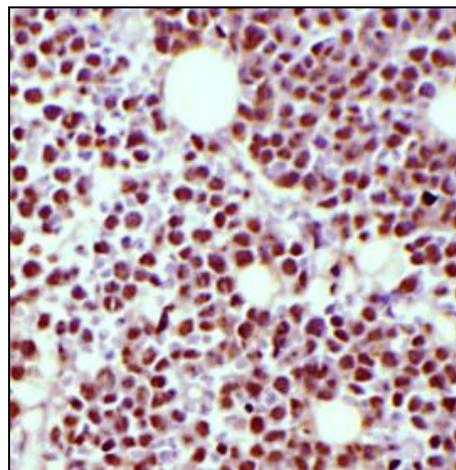
Cases show clonal identity and retain the *BCL2* R



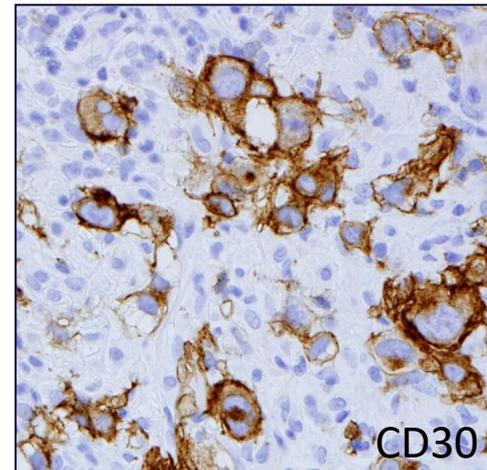
DLBCL
TP53



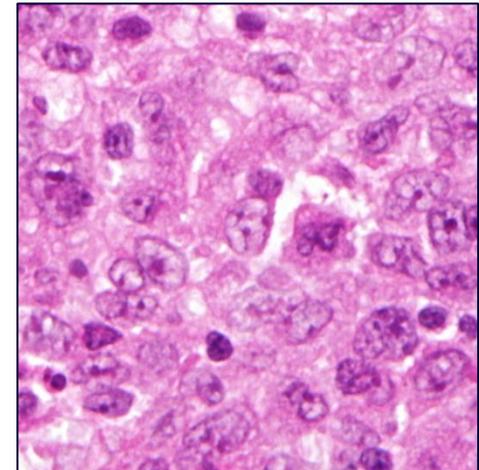
High-grade BCL
Double/triple hit
BCL2/*MYC* - R



B-ALL/LBL TdT+
MYC - R

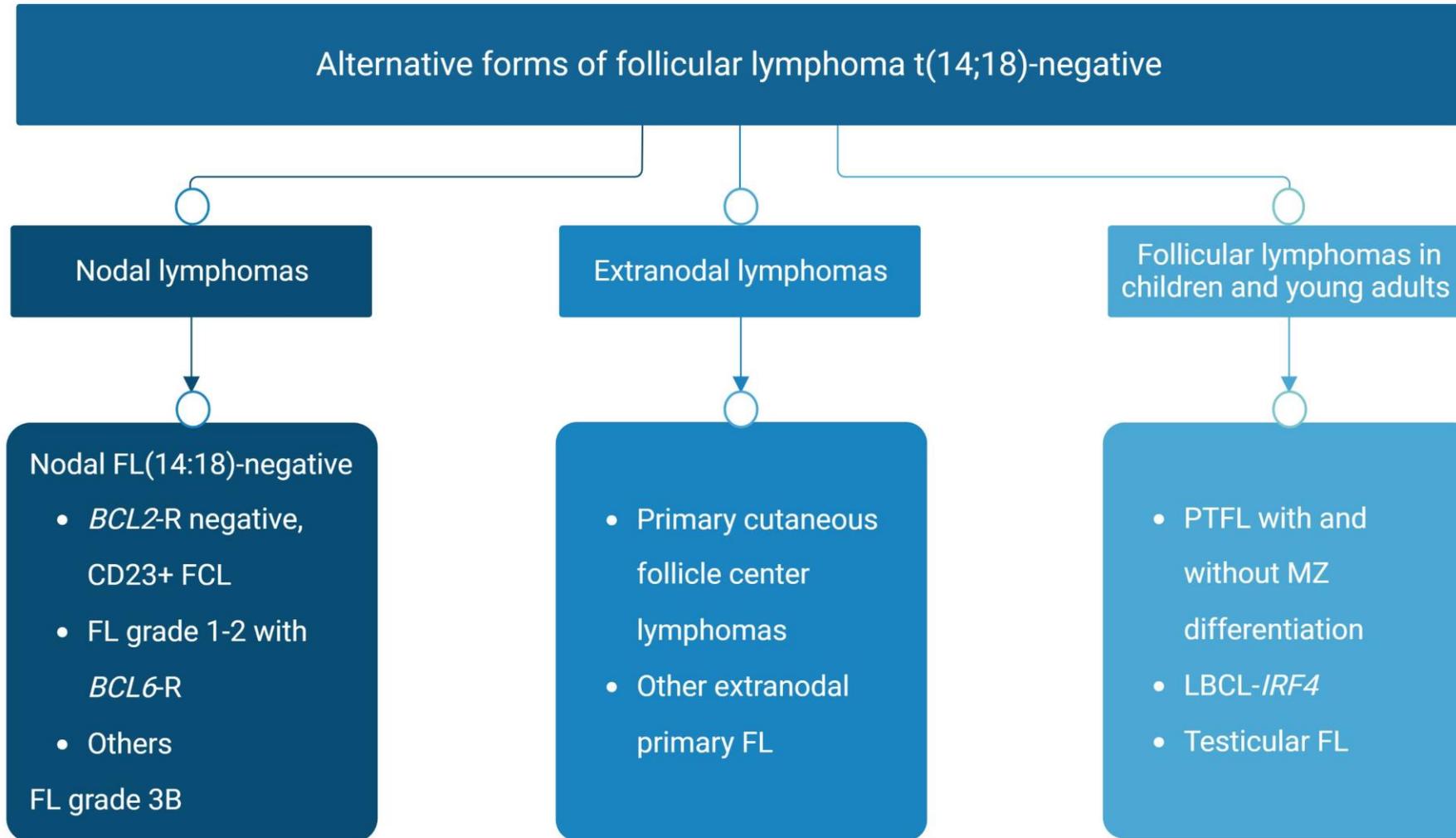


CHL



Histiocytic/
Dendritic sarcoma

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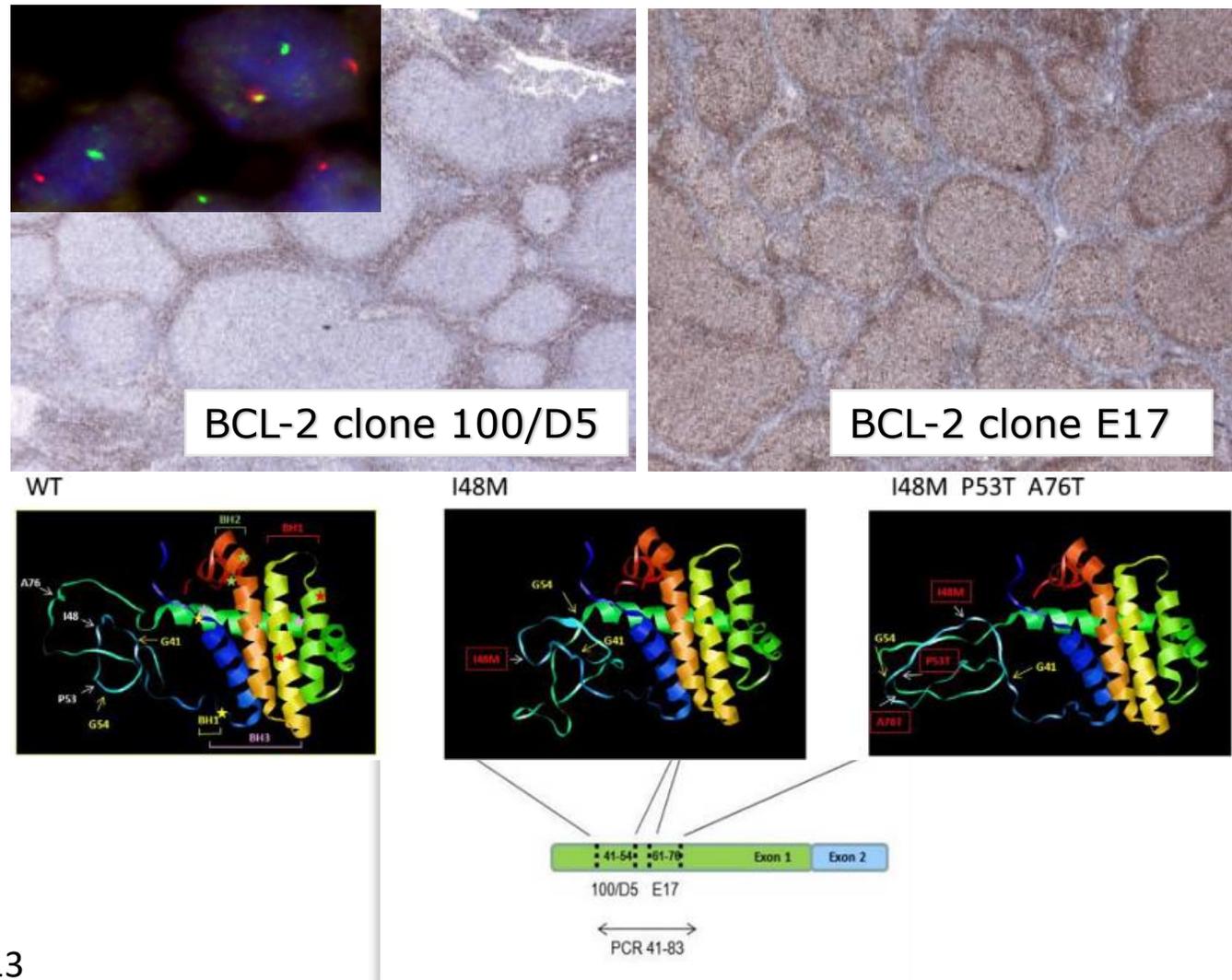
Nodal t(14;18)-neg follicular lymphoma

- In most studies, approx. 10% of follicular lymphoma Grade 1/2 are negative for BCL2 by immunohistochemistry

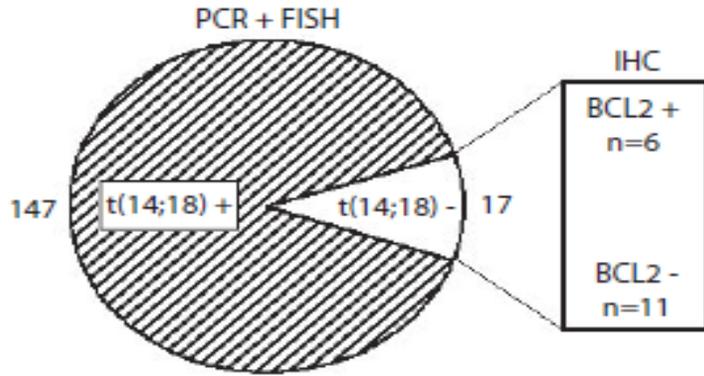
- 50% with translocation t(14;18) by FISH

- Alternative BCL2 antibodies (E17, SP66) demonstrate BCL2 positivity in 11/12 t(14;18)+ cases

Adam et al, Hum Pathol 2013



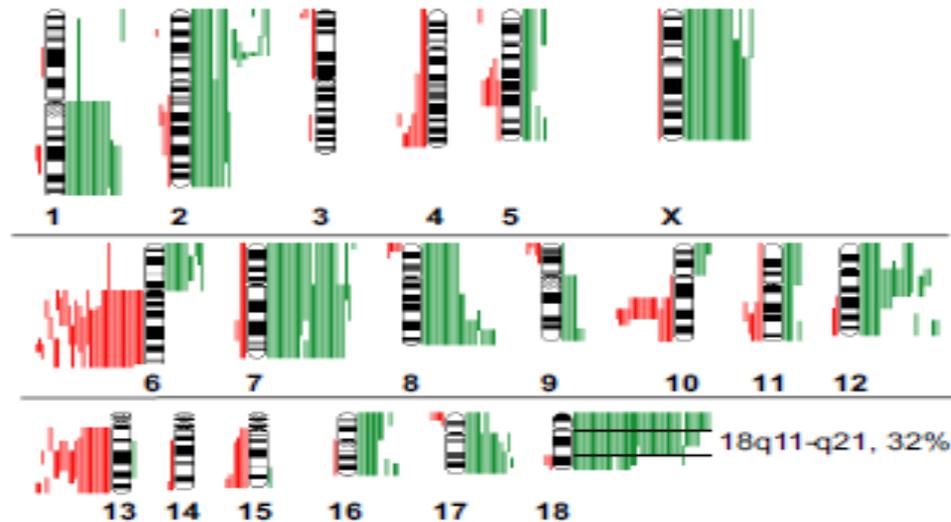
Nodal t(14;18)-neg follicular lymphoma



t(14;18) + FL

GC-signature

n=102

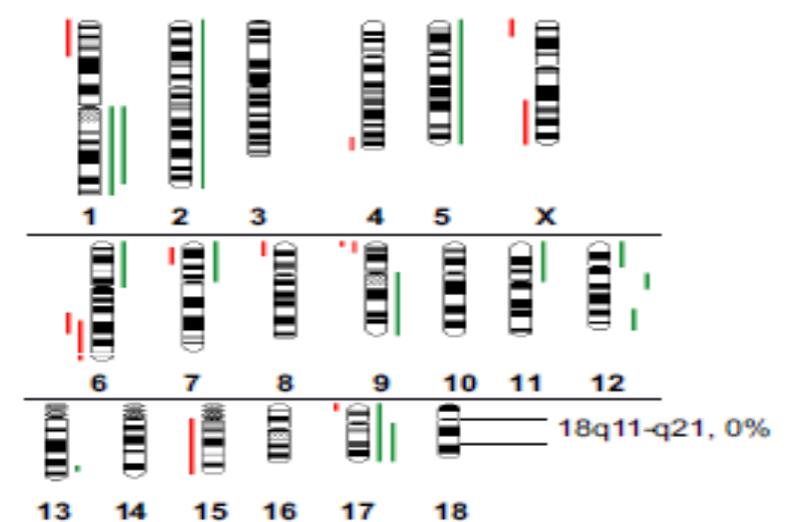


t(14;18) - FL

ABC-signature

B

n=10



Leich E et al. Blood. 2009 Jul 23;114(4):826-34



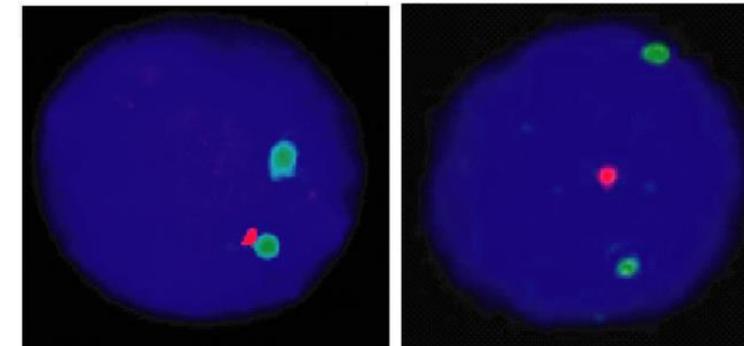
A distinctive subtype of t(14;18)-negative nodal follicular non-Hodgkin lymphoma characterized by a predominantly diffuse growth pattern and deletions in the chromosomal region 1p36

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- Analyzed 36 cases predominantly diffuse
- 28 of 29 analyzable cases lacked t(14;18)
- 27 of 29 showed deletion of 1p36
- All were grade I/II (12 grade I, 23 grade II)
- Frequent expression of CD23
- Large localized inguinal tumors



on isolated nuclei from paraffin-embedded tumor tissue are shown for when the BAC probe RP4-755G5 for the chromosomal region 1p36 (red signal) and the YAC probe 968g8 for the region 1p22 (green signal) are used. Loss of genetic material in 1p36 is evident, whereas 2 copies of the region 1p22 are retained (B).

Nodal t(14;18)-neg follicular lymphoma

Study	# cases	diffuse	Inguinal	1p36	CD23	CD10	STAT6 mutations	CREBBP mutations
Katzenberger 2009	28 cases	100%	83% 9% cervical 9% axillary	26 (93%)	77%	85%	ND	ND
Siddiqi 2016	9 cases	100%	5 (56%) Stage I/II	3 (33%)	100%	67%	8 (89%)	7 (78%)
Zamó 2018	6 cases	100%	NM	100%	NM	NM	5 (83%)	5 (83%)
Xian 2020	16 cases	100%	100%	4 (25%) CN-LOH (3;19%)	100%	100%	14 (88%) SOCS1 (6; 38%)	15 (94%) CN-LOH (63%)
Nann 2020	55 cases	D: 25% F/D: 15% F: 60%	20 (36%) Stage I/II	21%	85%	84%	84% SOCS1 (2; 10%)	71% CN-LOH (35%)

Diffuse pattern: less than 25% follicular pattern

NM: Not mentioned; ND: not done

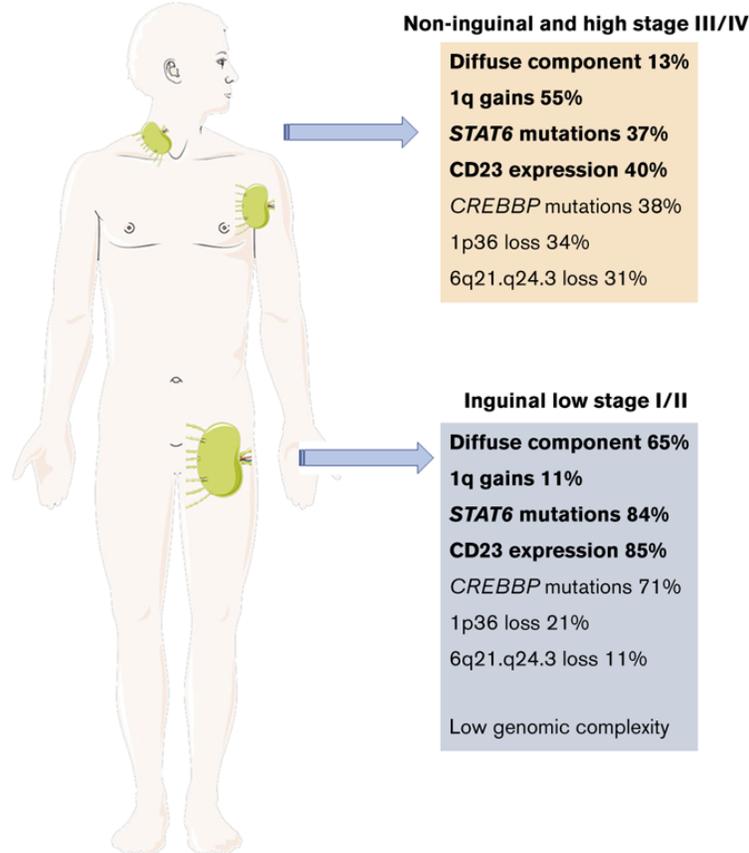
BOLD: Inclusion criteria

Follicular lymphoma t(14;18)-neg is a genetically a heterogenous disease

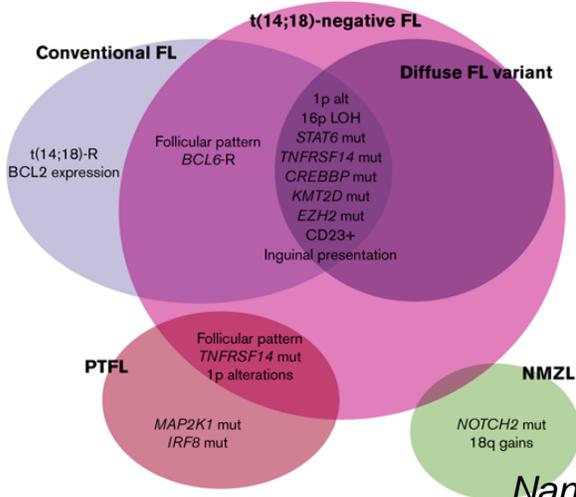
Genetic profiles of t(14;18)-negative FL

	A1	A2	B1	B2
STAT6 mut	73%	30%	0%	92%
CREBBP mut	47%	40%	29%	69%
16p-LOH	27%	22%	0%	31%
16p-loss	0%	0%	0%	23%
TNFRSF14 mut	93%	30%	0%	0%
1p-loss	13%	100%	0%	8%
1p-LOH	53%	0%	0%	15%
EZH2 mut	33%	30%	0%	0%
6q-loss	40%	44%	0%	8%
KMT2D mut	27%	30%	14%	31%

Genetic features of t(14;18)-negative FL



Differential diagnosis of t(14;18)-negative FL



Genetically, three main groups

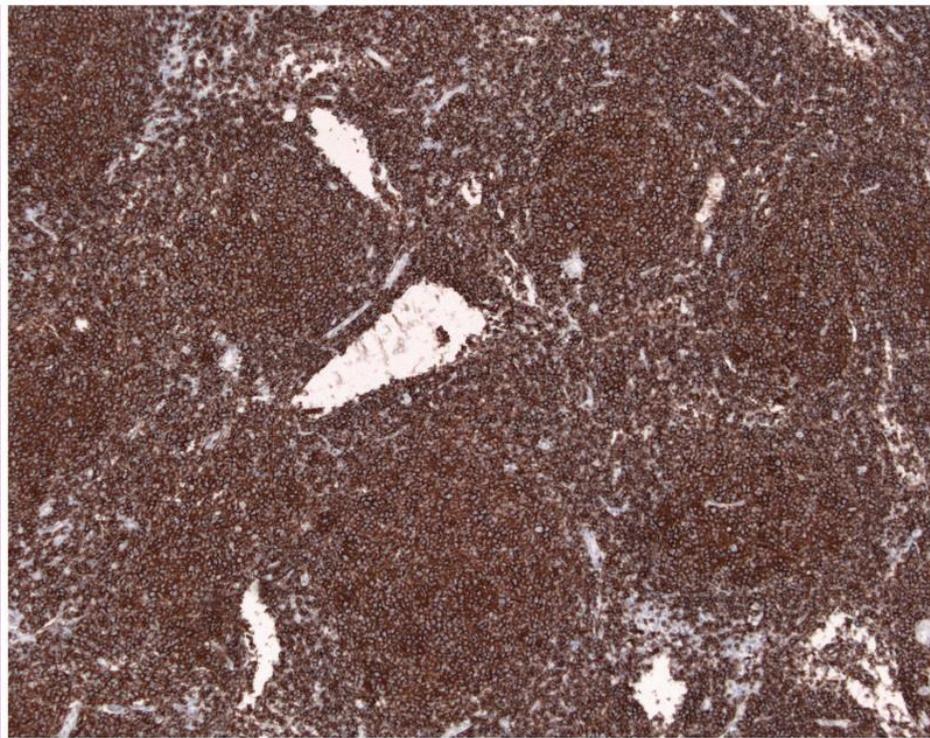
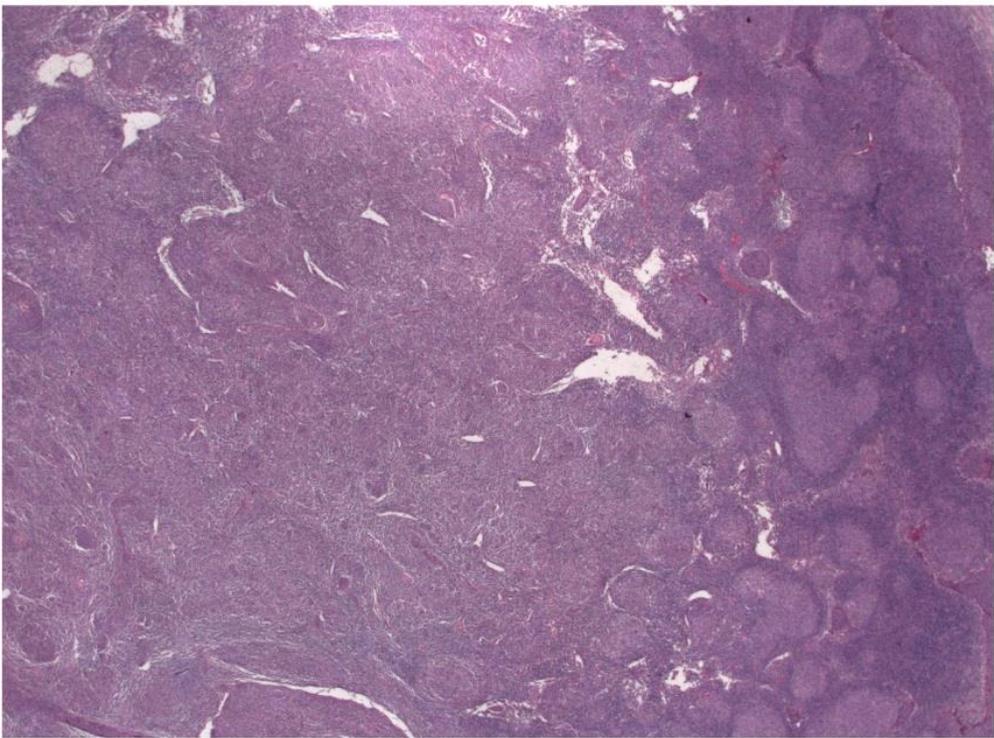
- 1) Similar to conventional FL but with *STAT6* mut
- 2) Characterized by *STAT6/CREBBP* mutations
- 3) A group with few alterations (Ddx nMZL)

- Predominantly inguinal but not exclusively
- Frequent *STAT6* mutations (70%)
- Frequent *CREBBP* mutations (62%) and *TNFRSF14* (45%)
- Frequent diffuse pattern but not exclusively
 - Fulfilling criteria of diffuse FL 40%
 - **Purely follicular 35%**
 - Follicular and diffuse 25%

Nann, D., J. E. Ramis-Zaldivar, I., et al. (2020). *Blood Adv* 4(22): 5652-5665.



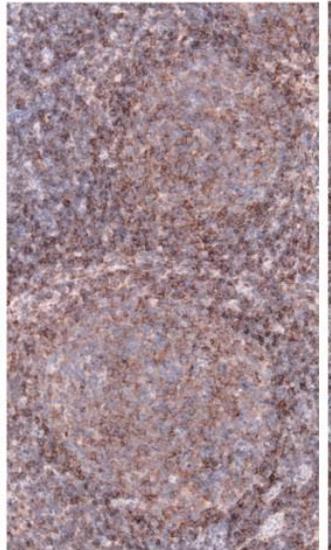
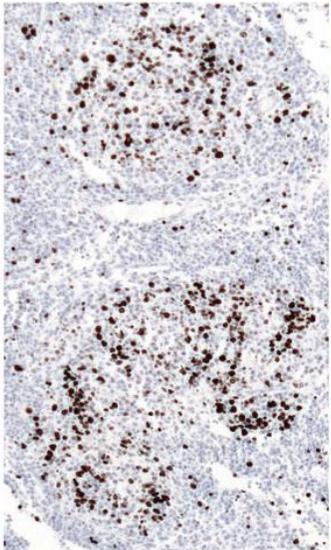
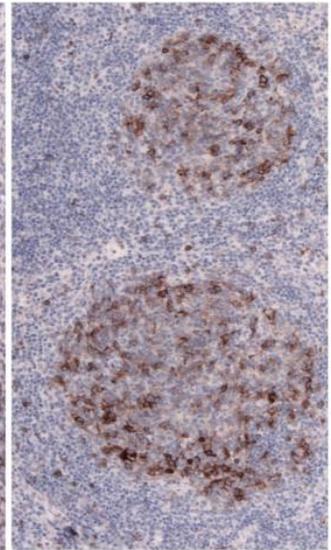
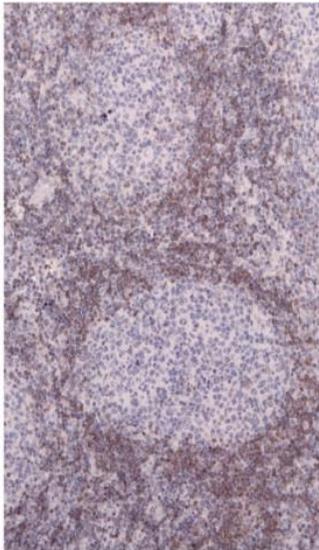
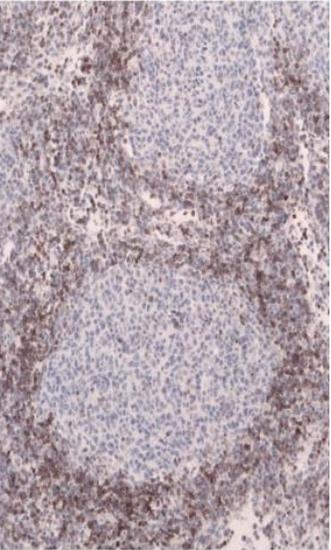
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- FL11 -67 year-old
- Female
- Stage 1
- Inguinal LN
- Follicular/diffuse

Mutations :

- *STAT6*
- *CREBBP*
- *TNFRSF14 (2)*
- *EZH2*
- *16p CNNLOH*



BCL2- Dako

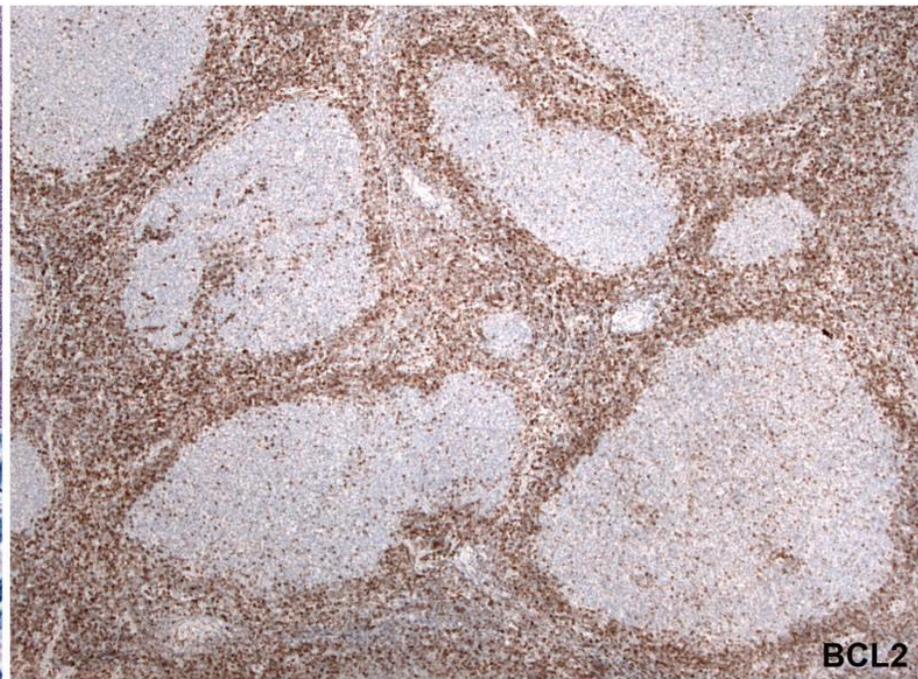
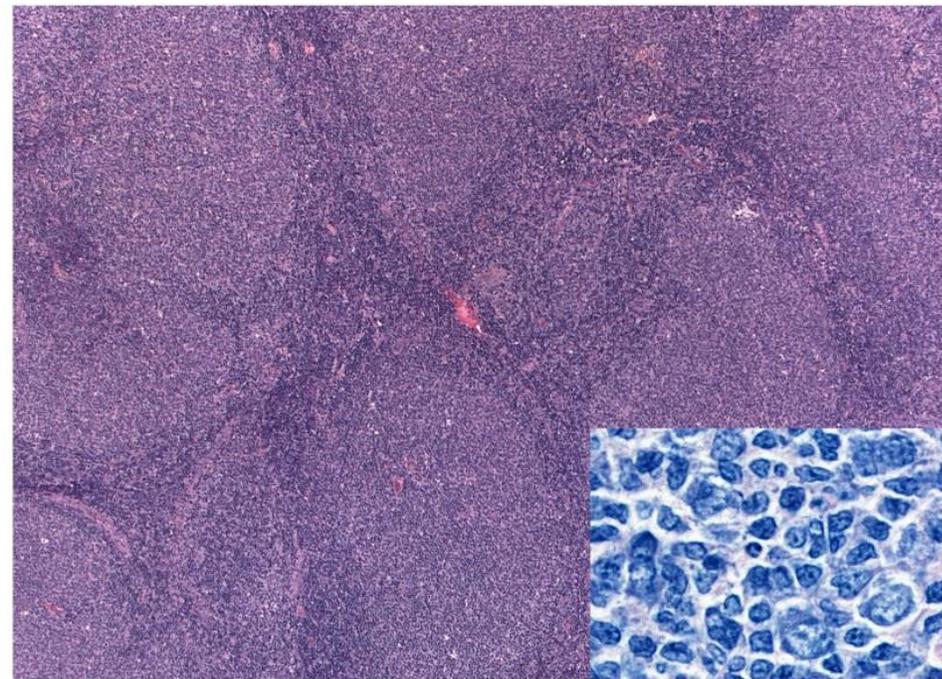
BCL2 E17

CD10

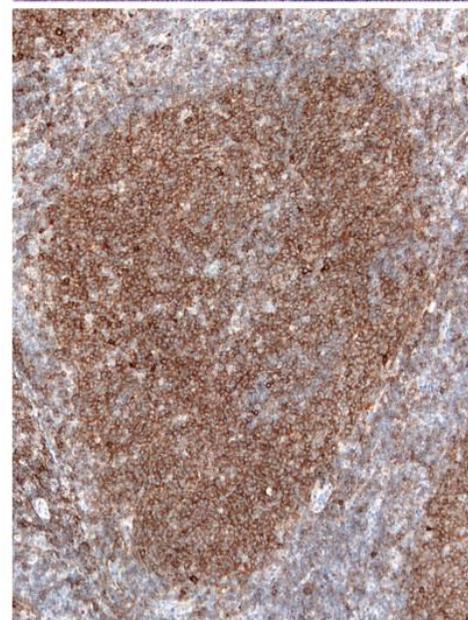
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CD23 follicular and diffuse areas

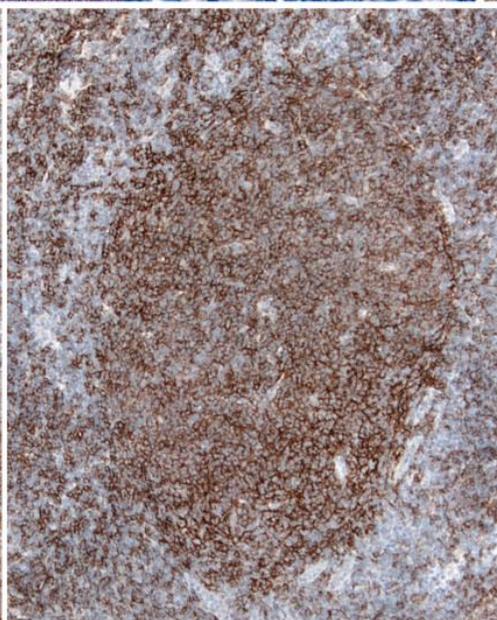
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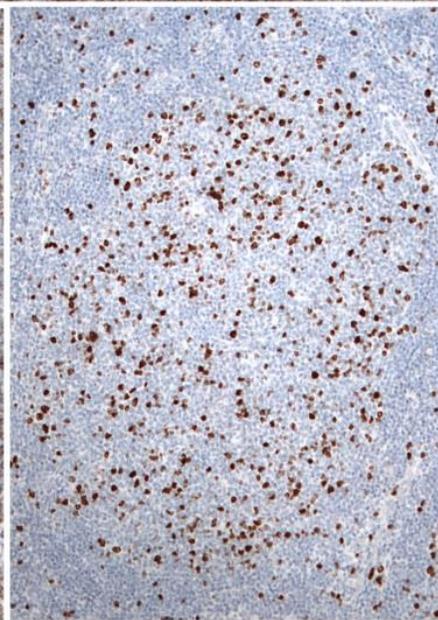
FL7 -72-year-old Female
Axillary LN
Stage IIIA
Follicular
Mutations:
▪ *STAT6*
▪ *CREBBP*
▪ *KMT2D*
▪ *16p deletion*



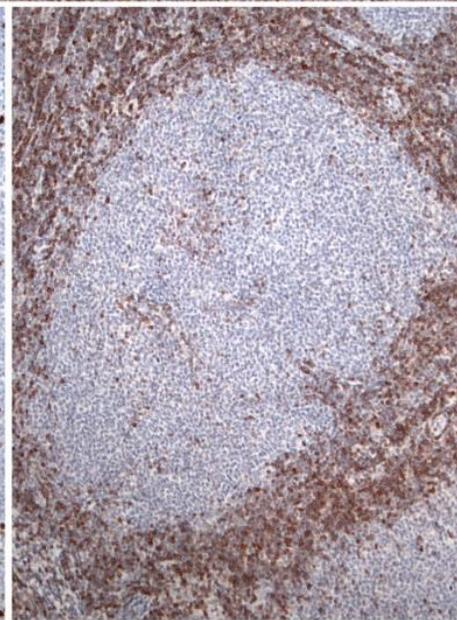
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CD23



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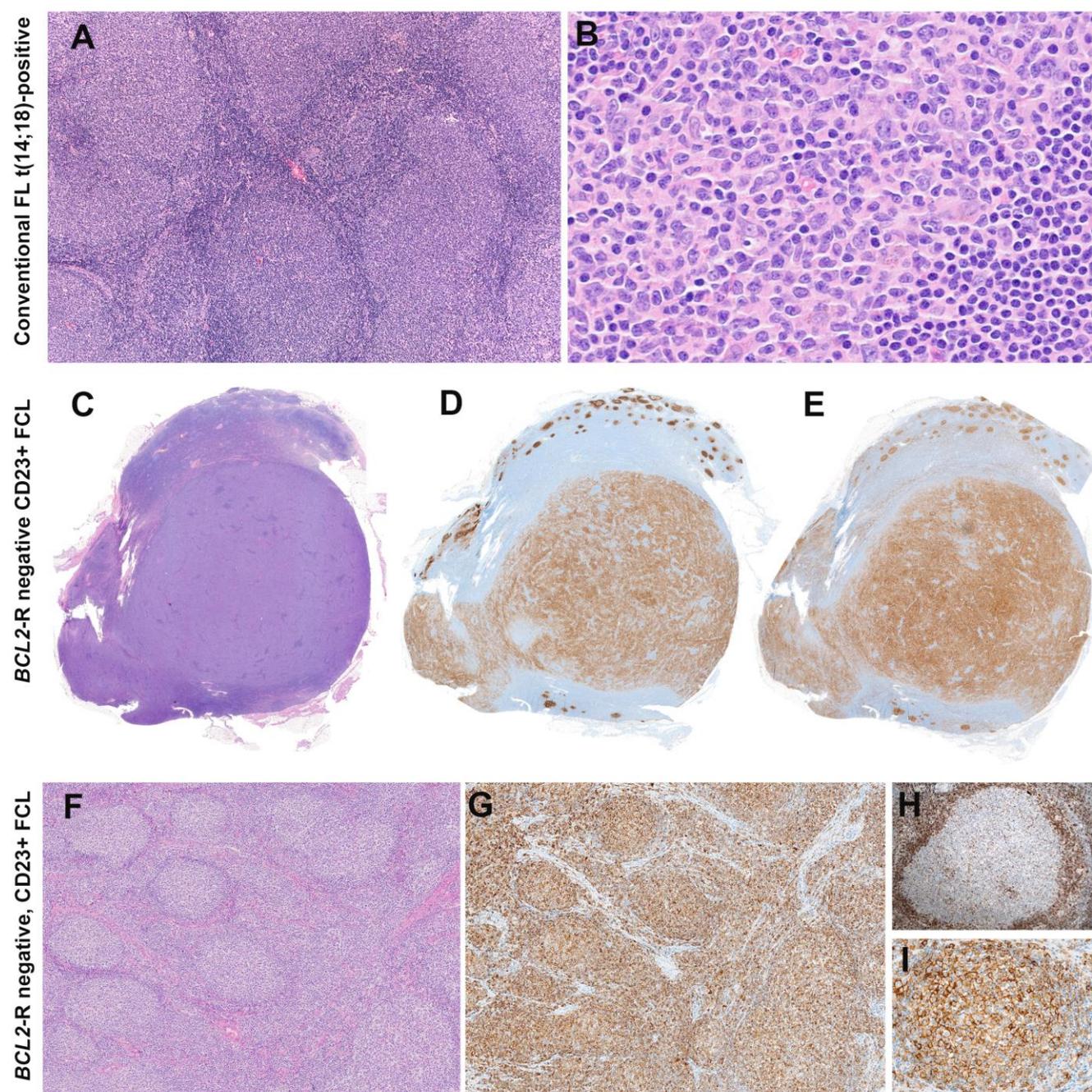


BCL2 - E17

*6 years later (2015) recurred in the inguinal region. CR

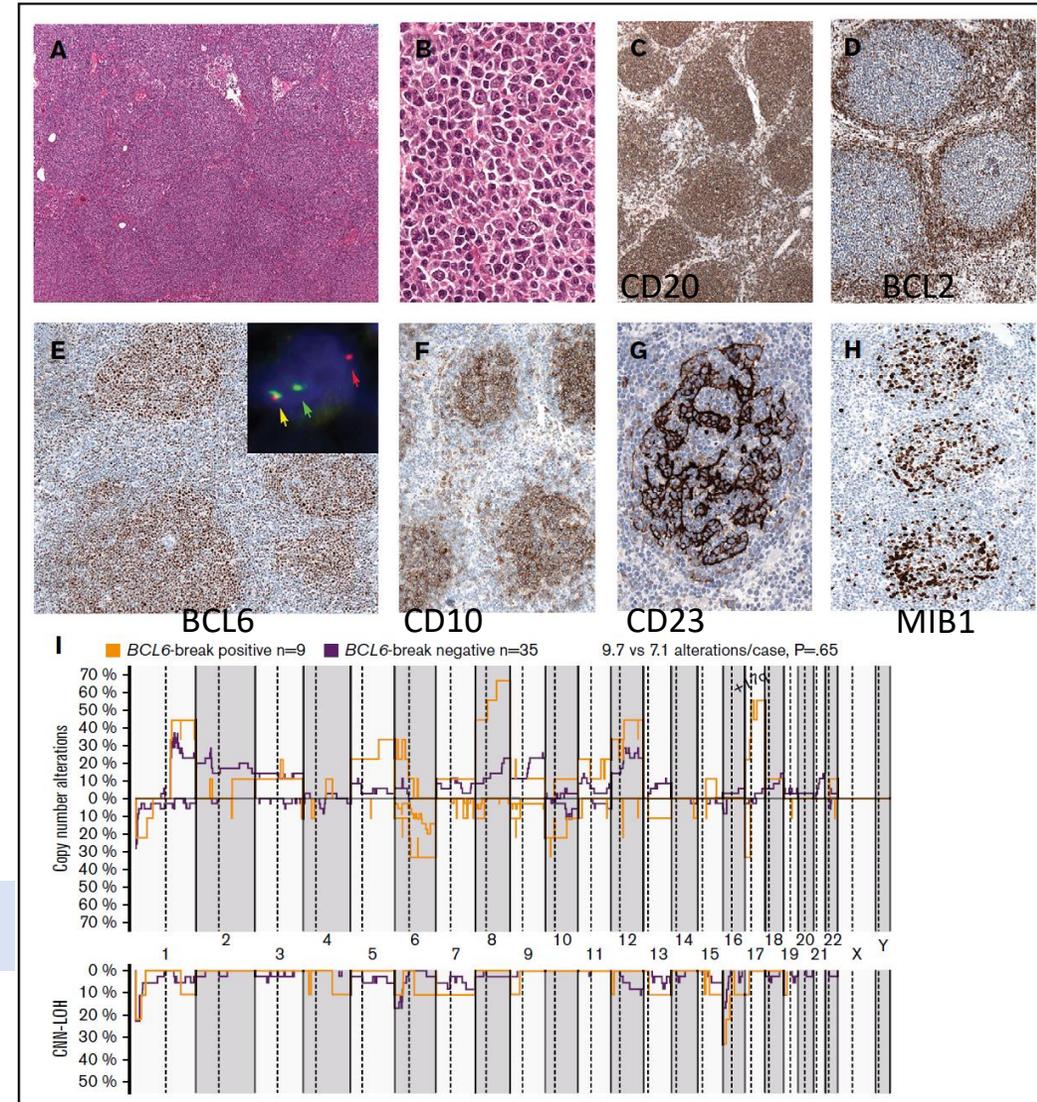
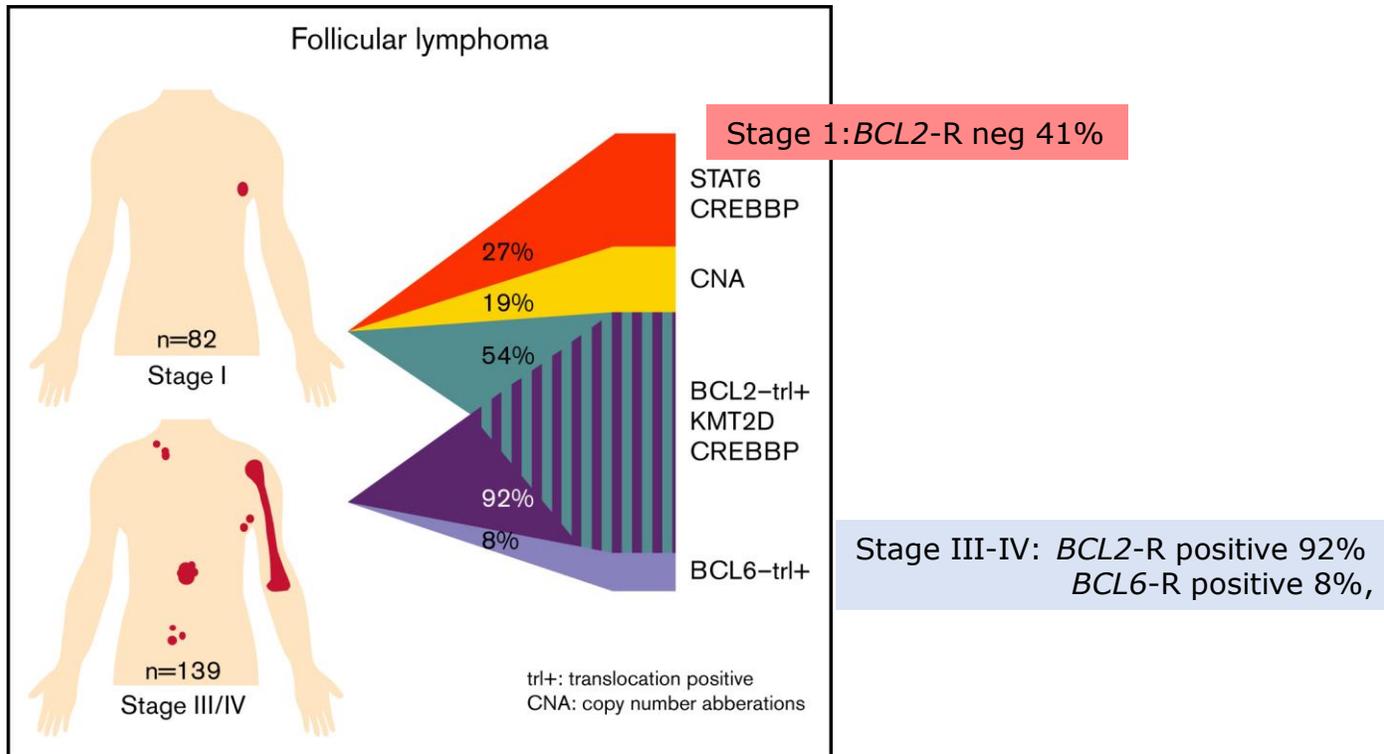
Follicular lymphoma t(14;18)-neg

- *BCL2-R neg, CD23+ follicle center cell lymphoma*
- A provisional entity characterized by CD23 expression and *BCL2 R neg*
- CD23 expression is a good surrogate marker of *STAT6* mutation
- More often in women 2:1
- Often early stage of the disease (I/II)
- Often in inguinal region but also axillary or neck
- Often diffuse but also follicular
- *STAT6* mutation associated with *CREBBP* and or *TNFRS14*

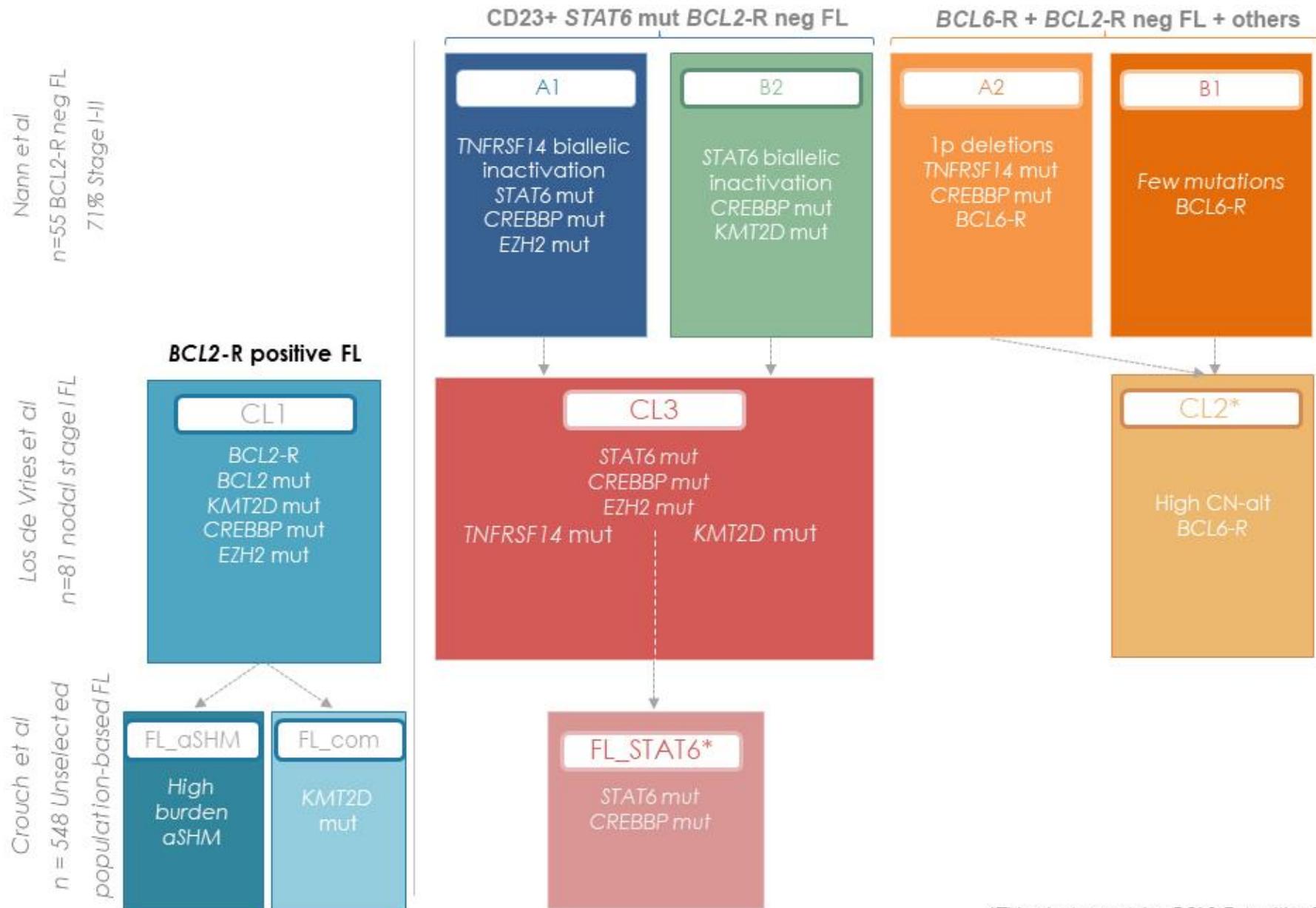


Are *BCL6*-R cases clearly distinct from *BCL2*-R FL?

- The studies on *BCL6*-R FL are heterogeneous and difficult to compare with each other but considering the available data it seems that these cases are closer to FL t(14;18) positive than to FL t(14;18) negative.
 - All cases show follicular growth pattern
 - Clinical presentation stage III/IV



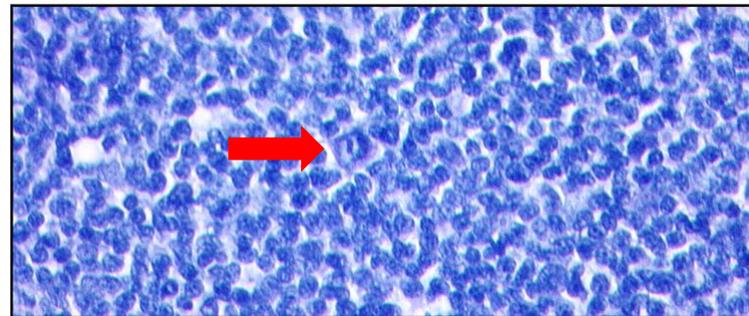
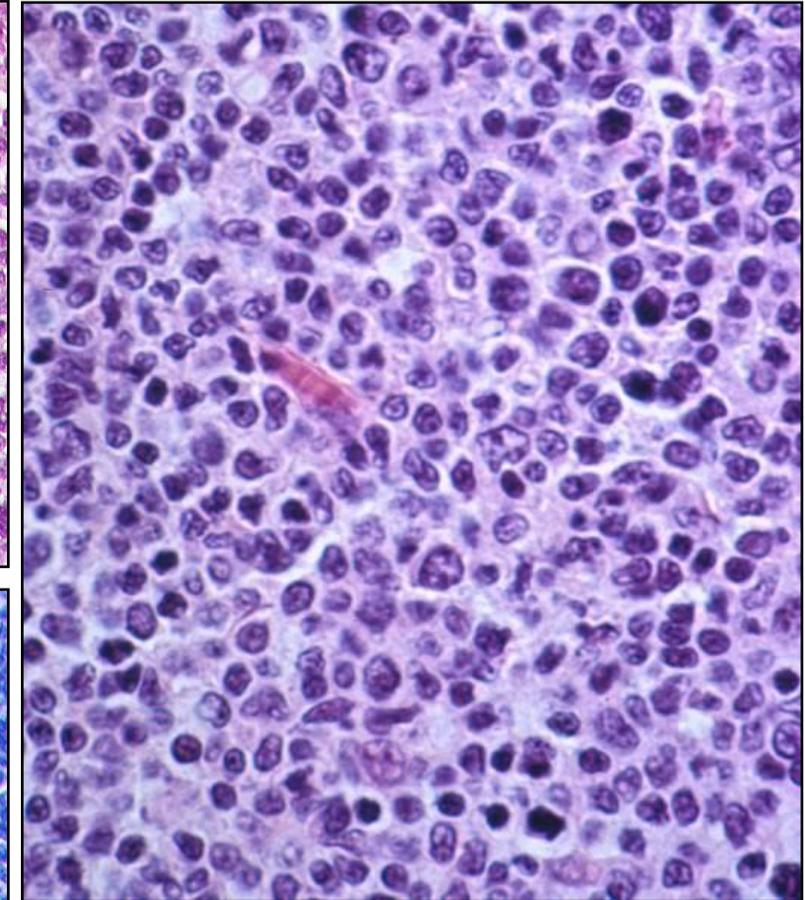
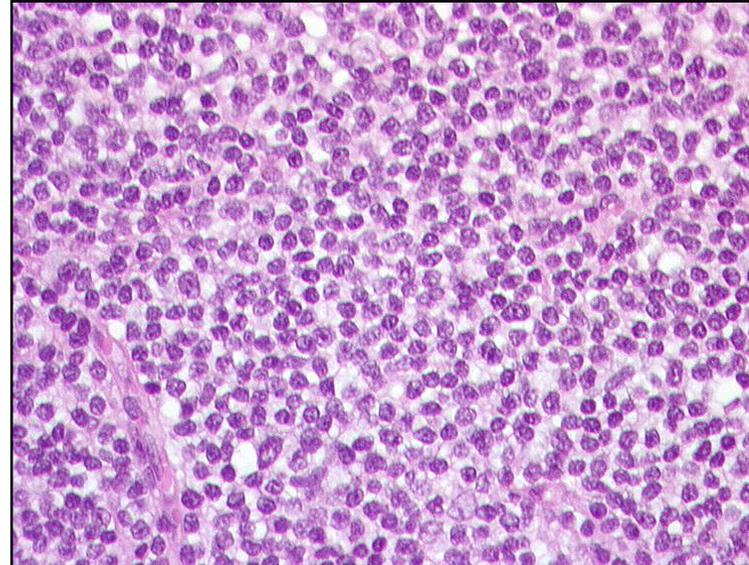
Nodal t(14;18)-negative follicular lymphoma



Follicular lymphoma. Cytologic grading

Historical basis of grading - empirical counting centroblasts in 10 neoplastic follicles with 40x
grade 1 = 0-5 blasts per HPF;
grade 2 = 6-15 blasts per HPF;
grade 3 = >15 blasts per HPF

WHO 5th edition does not require grading

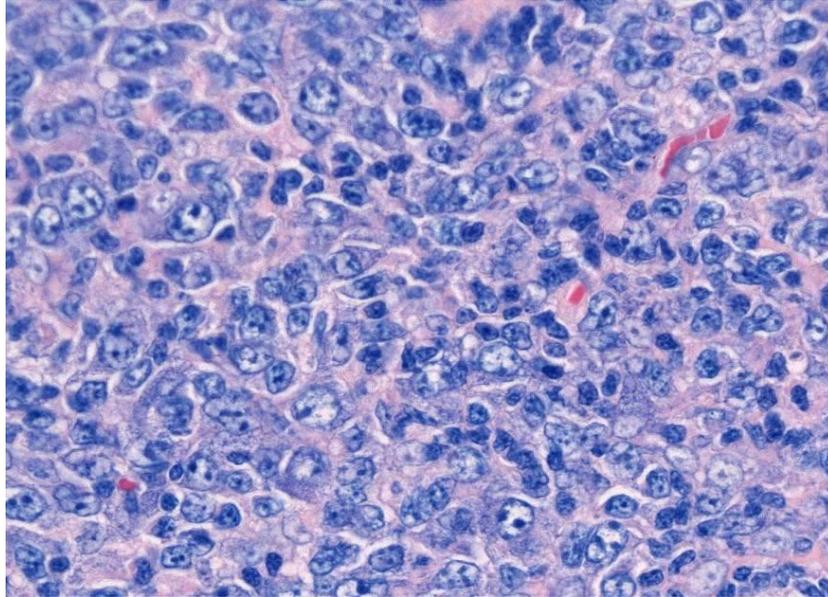


Grade 1

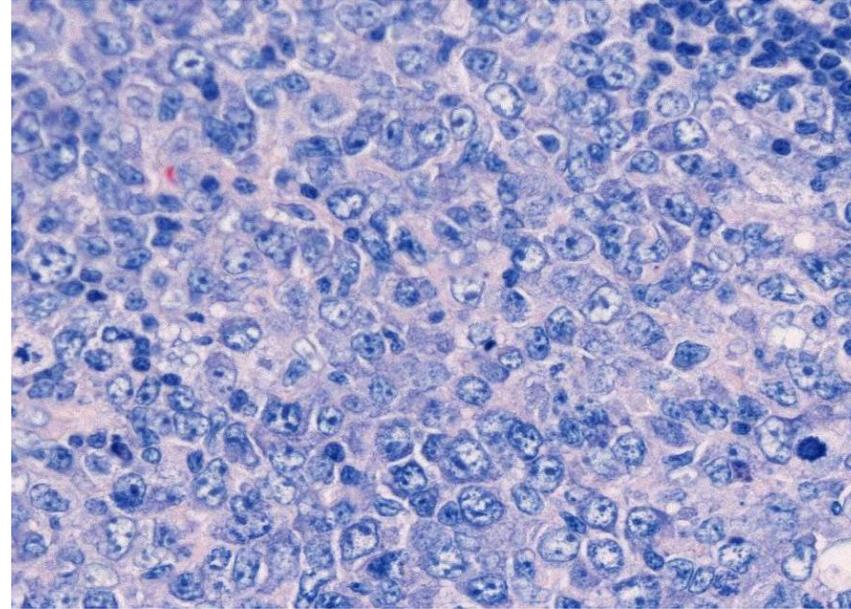
Grade 2

Follicular lymphoma. Cytologic grading

Grade 3A



- >15 centroblasts/HPF with cc
- Diffuse areas uncommon
- BM commonly involved
- CD10+, BCL6+, BCL2+, MUM1-
- t(14;18) common



Grade 3B

- Almost exclusively centroblasts
- Diffuse areas common - DLBCL
- BM infrequently involved
- CD10-, BCL6+, BCL2-/+, MUM1+/-
- t(14;18) uncommon, subset with IRF4/MUM1 translocation

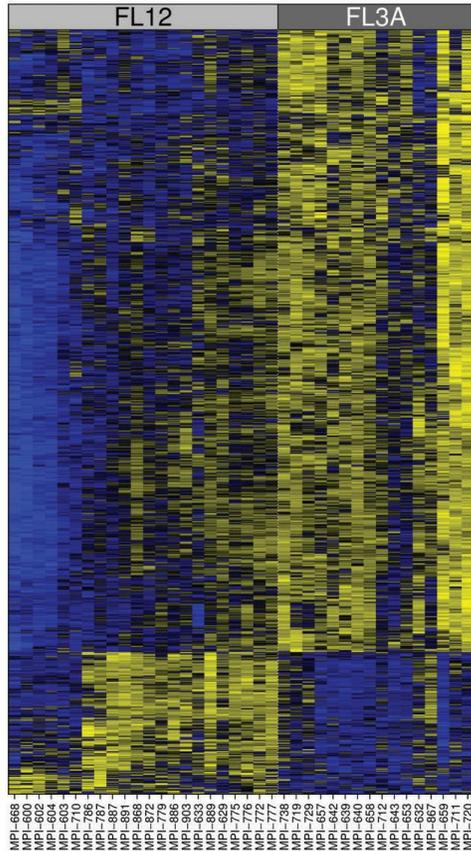
Pure FL 3B extremely rare – should it remain as FL or regarded as DLBCL?

Follicular lymphoma Grade 3B

Study	#cases	CD10 (%)	BCL6 (%)	MUM1 (%)	BCL2 (%)	BCL2-R	BCL6-R	MYC-R	GEP
Bosga-Bouwe 2003, 2006	21	43	100	ND	67	33	33	14	ND
Katzenberger 2004	5	60	60	ND	60	0	0	20	ND
Guo 2005	14	57	79	ND	71	43	36	ND	ND
Karube 2007	22	0	54	100	50	5	30 62% Amp	ND	ND
Piccaluga 2008	4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	FL3B distinct but closer to FL3A than to DLBCL
Horn 2011	23	43	ND	42	45	9	17	22	ND
Horn 2018	6	ND	100	67	50	50	17	17	FL3B is closer to FL3A Different from FL1/2 and DLBCL
95 cases		0-60%	54-100%	42-100%	45-70%	9-50%	0-36%	17-22%	

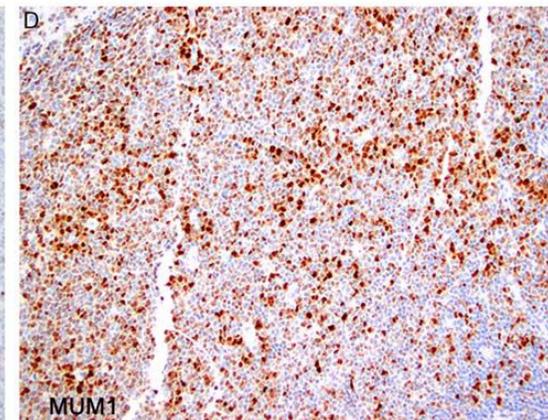
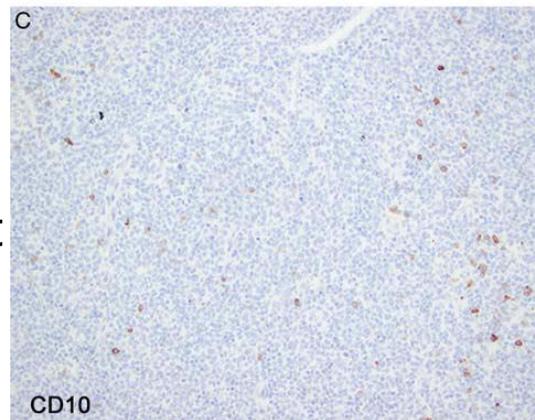
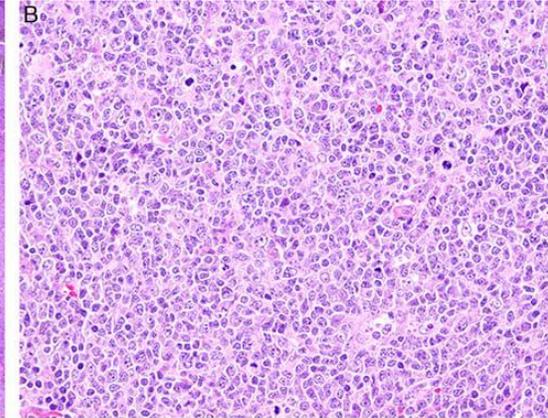
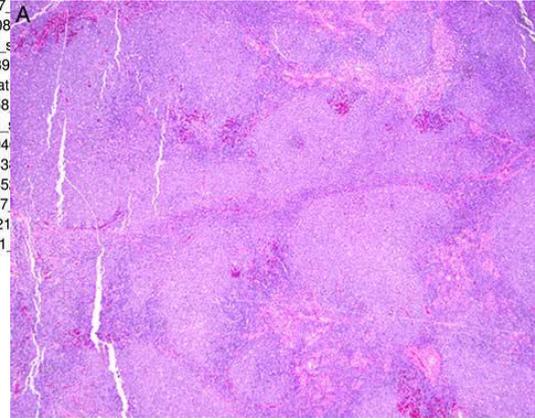
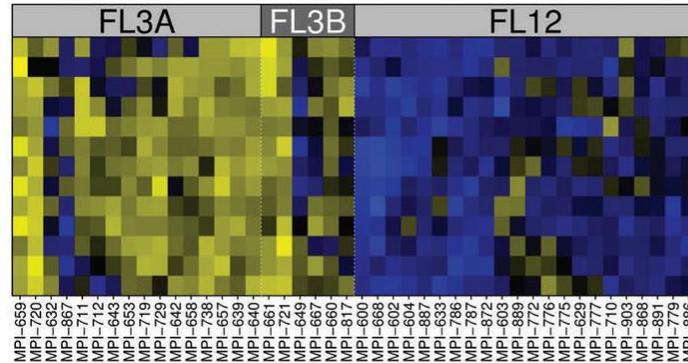


Follicular lymphoma Grade 3B



- Frequent lack of *BCL2*/*IGH*
- Frequent CD10- MUM1+
- GEP closer to FL3A and different from FL1/2 and DLBCL

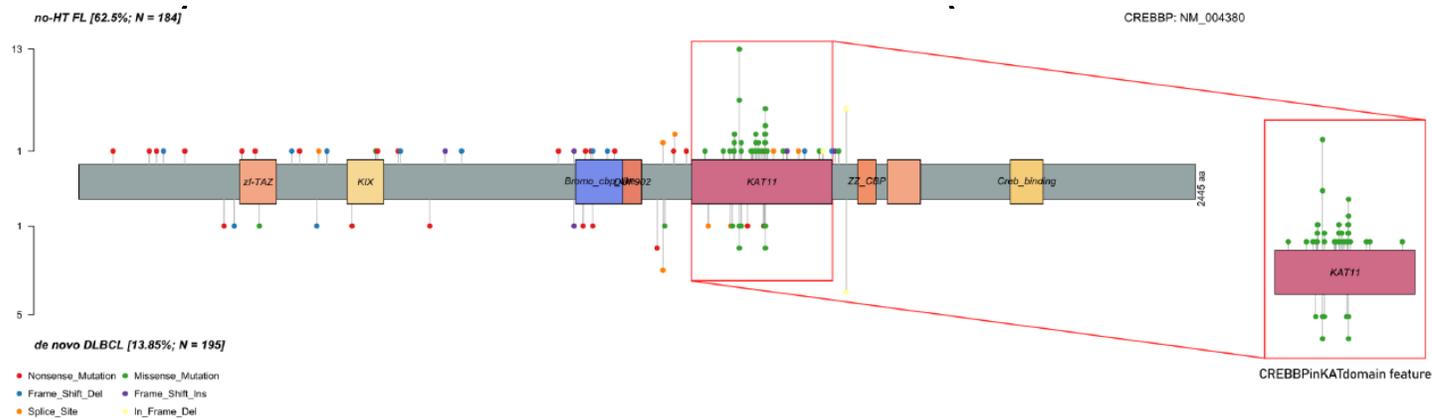
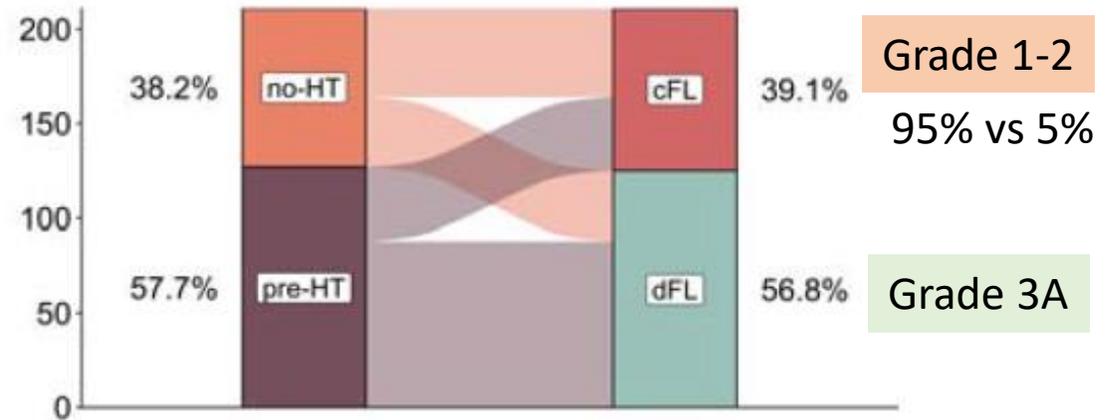
Horn H et al, Haematologica 2018



Chapman JR, et al AJSP 2020

Follicular lymphoma. Genetic subdivision

- WGS from 423 patients
 - **Constrained FL (cFL)** was enriched in *CREBBP* mutations affecting the KAT domain, *RRAGC*, *ATP6AP1* and *ATP6V1B2* mutations and was less likely to undergo transformation
 - **DLBCL-like FL (dFL)** was enriched in aSHM and higher risk to transformation



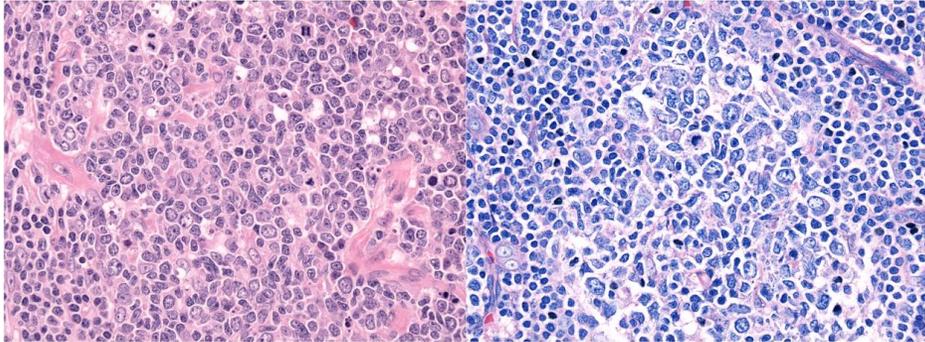
Grade 1-2: no HT 90%
pre-HT 10%
Grade 3A no-HT 60%
pre-HT 40%

Dreval K, Blood 2023 Apr 21. Online ahead of print

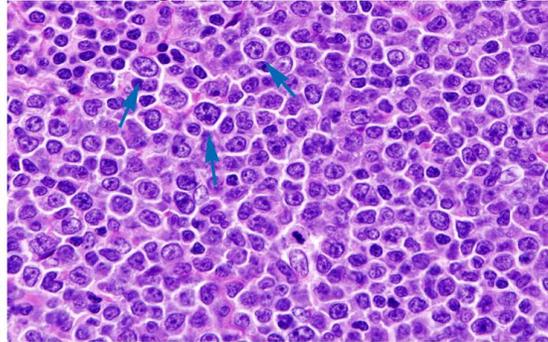
Follicular lymphoma 3B (FLBL 5th WHO)

Recommendations of the International Consensus classification (ICC)

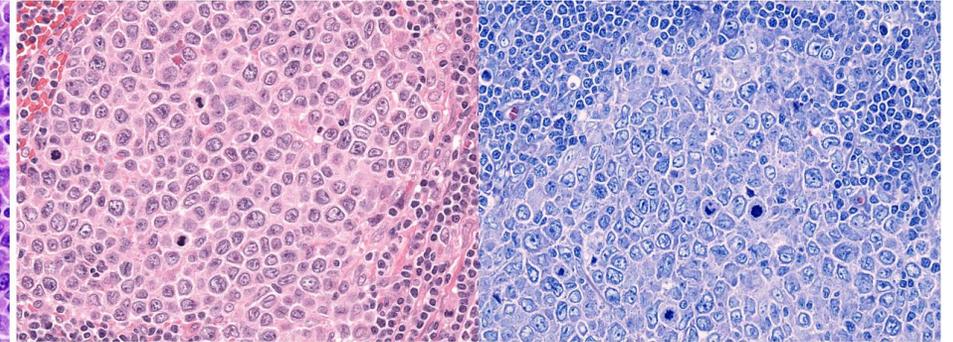
Follicular lymphoma 3A



Ambiguous morphology



Follicular lymphoma 3B



Diffuse areas uncommon
BM frequently involved
CD10+/BCL6+/BCL2+
IRF4/MUM1-
BCL2-R common

Positive
←

BCL2-R/CD10

→
Negative

Diffuse areas common
BM infrequently involved
CD10-/BCL6+/BCL2-/+
IRF4/MUM1+/-
BCL6-R and MYC-R common
BCL2-R uncommon

Blastoid morphology
Large centrocytic cells

↓ IRF4/MUM1+

IRF4-FISH recommended

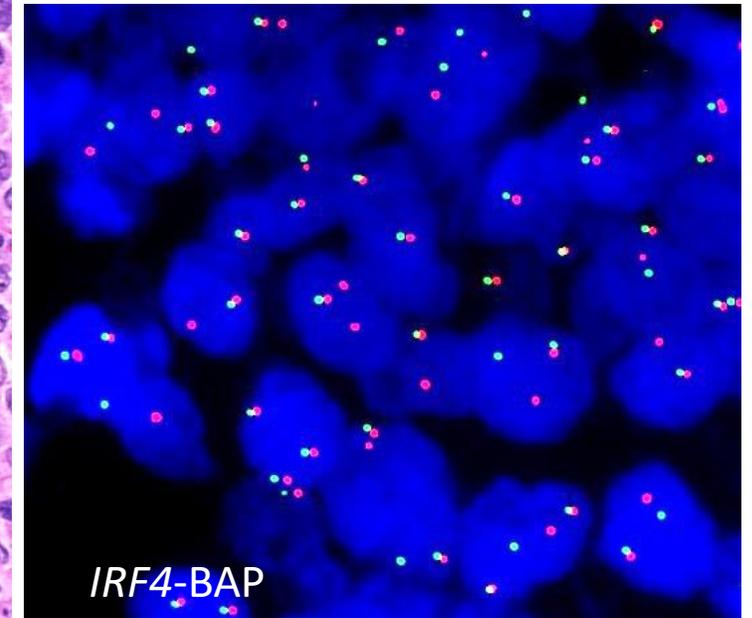
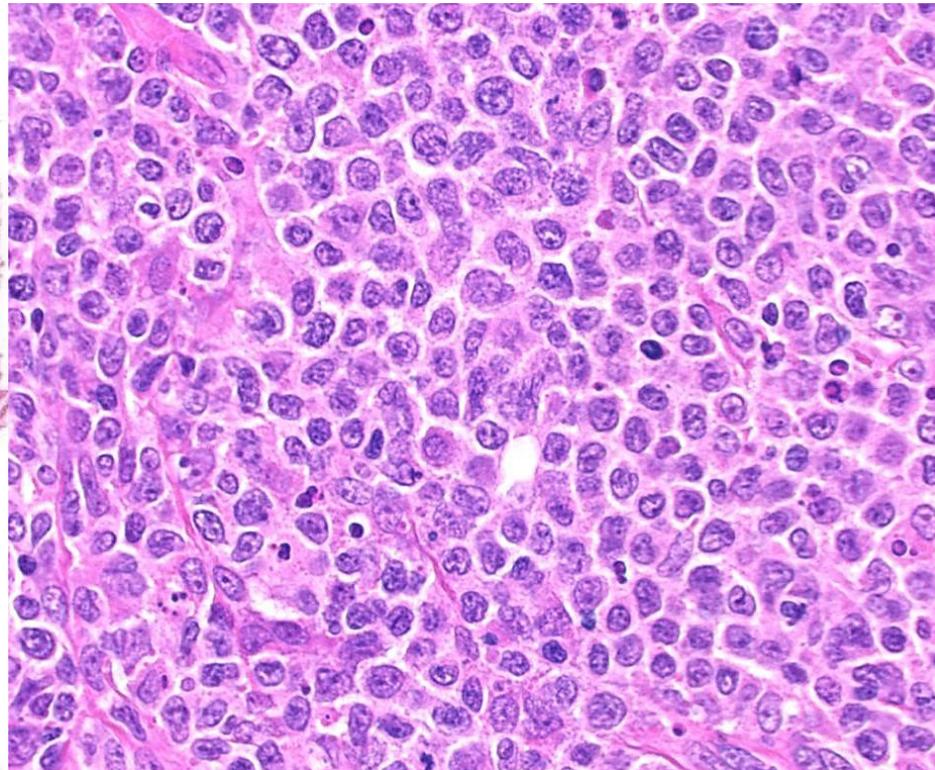
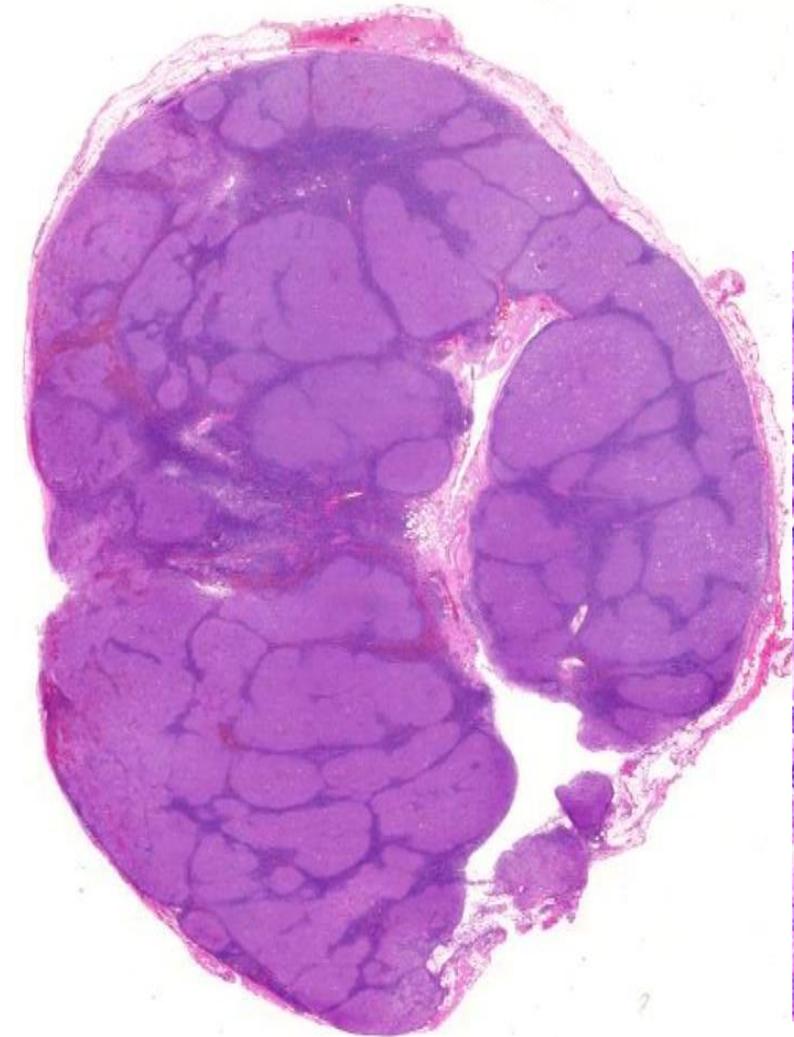
Campo E, Blood 2022

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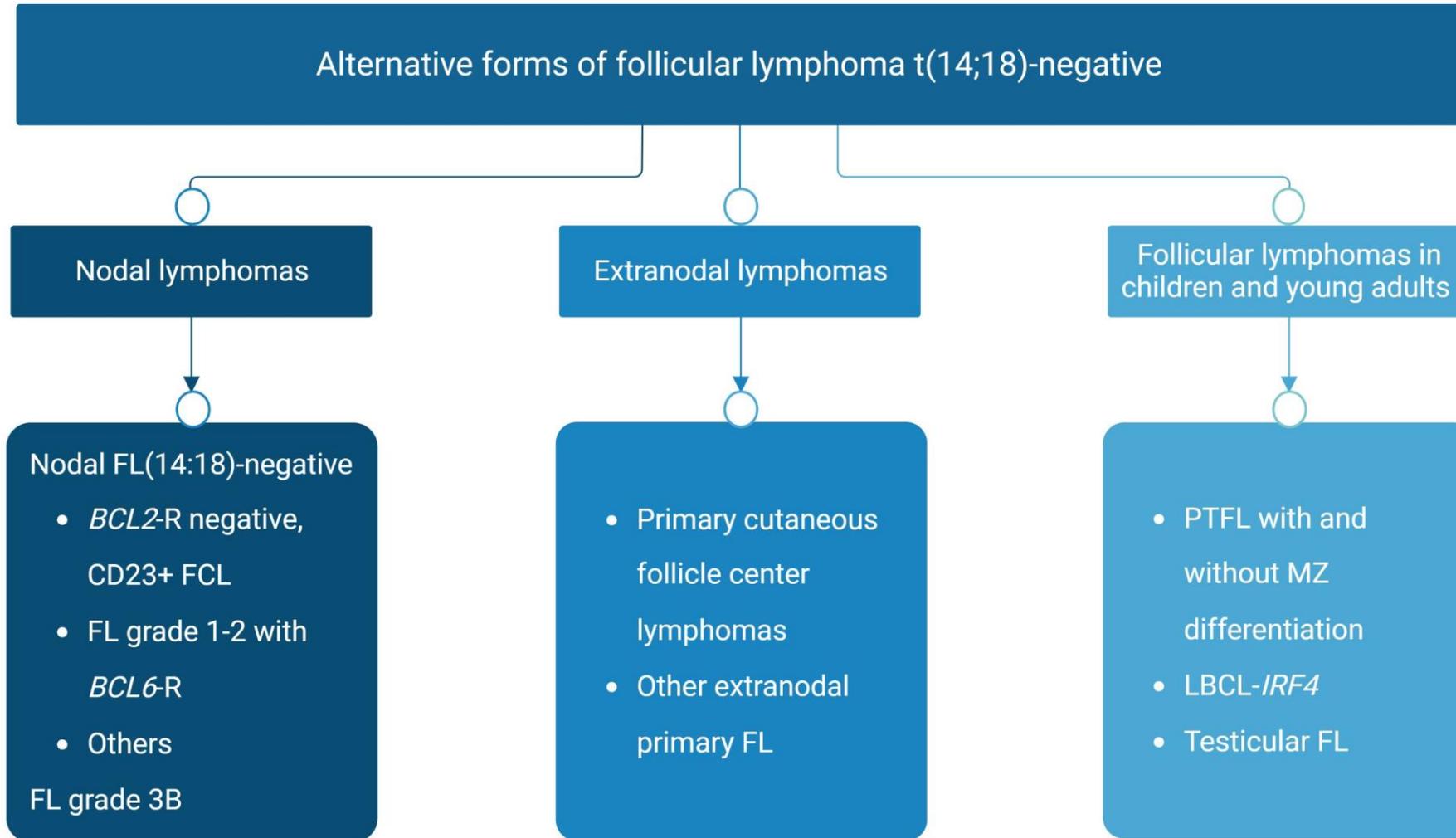
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Bettina Bisig, Laussane

- 69 year-old man who presented in 2012 with isolated submandibular lymphadenopathy
- PET-TC showed multiple lymphadenopathy Stage IIA
- Treated 6x R-CHOP, CR for 10 years



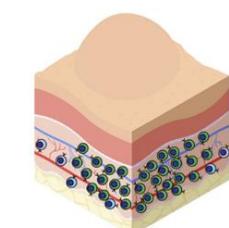
Evolving Spectrum of Follicular lymphoma



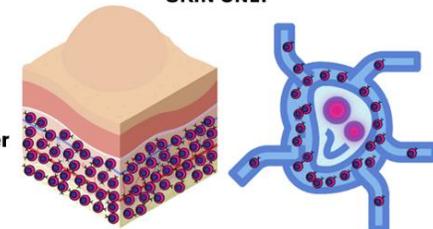
Primary cutaneous Follicle center lymphoma

PR = PCFCL, skin restricted

GENE	ONC /TSG	SC01	SC02	SC03	SC04	SC05	SC06	PS01	PS02	PR01	PR02	PR03	PR04	PR05	PR06	PR07	PR08	PR09	PR10	PR11	PR12	PR13	PR14	PR15	PR16	
CREBBP	TSG	■	■	■	■	■		■																		Chromatin remodeling
KMT2D	TSG	■	■	■		■		■																		Chromatin remodeling
EZH2	ONC		■	■				■													■					Chromatin remodeling
EP300	TSG																						■			Chromatin remodeling
HIST1H1E	TSG														■									■		Chromatin remodeling
TET2	TSG												■													Chromatin remodeling
SETD2	TSG															■										Chromatin remodeling
STAT6	ONC	■																								JAK-STAT signaling
IL4R	ONC			■																						JAK-STAT signaling
SOCS1	TSG				■						■															JAK-STAT signaling
JAK3	ONC																								■	JAK-STAT signaling
KRAS	ONC							■																		Ras-MAPK / Ras-PI3K pathways
MYC	ONC											■	■				■									Transcription factor
FOXO1	ONC																									Transcription factor
FAS	TSG							■																	■	Apoptosis
TNFRSF14	TSG	■						■		■					■	■	■									Immune modulation
B2M	TSG												■													Immune modulation
IRF8	TSG			■																					■	B cell development
CARD11	ONC																									NF-kB pathway
RHOA	ONC												■	■												Cell cycle / cytoskeleton
BCL2 t(14;18)		+	+	n.a.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Systemic Involvement		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



PCFCL (skin-restricted)



SCFL & PCFCL (with later systemic spread)

SKIN ONLY

SKIN + SYSTEMIC

- No t(14;18)
- Ki67 ≥ 30%
- <2 CMG mutations

- t(14;18)+
- Ki67 < 30%
- ≥2 CMG mutations

CMG = chromatin modifying gene

Proposed Prognostic Criteria for Systemic Spread

Positivity for ≥ 2 of the following criteria favors systemic spread (predicts SCFL and PCFCL with subsequent systemic spread).

Negativity for ≥ 2 of the following criteria favors skin restriction (predicts skin-restricted PCFCL).

Mutations in ≥ 2 of the following genes: *CREBBP, KMT2D, EZH2, EP300*

BCL2 gene rearrangement

Low proliferation index (Ki-67 < 30%)

Xiaolong Alan Zhou, et al Genomic landscape of cutaneous follicular lymphomas reveals 2 subgroups with clinically predictive molecular features, Blood Adv, 2021,

Barasch et al, Human Pathology (2020) 106, 93–105

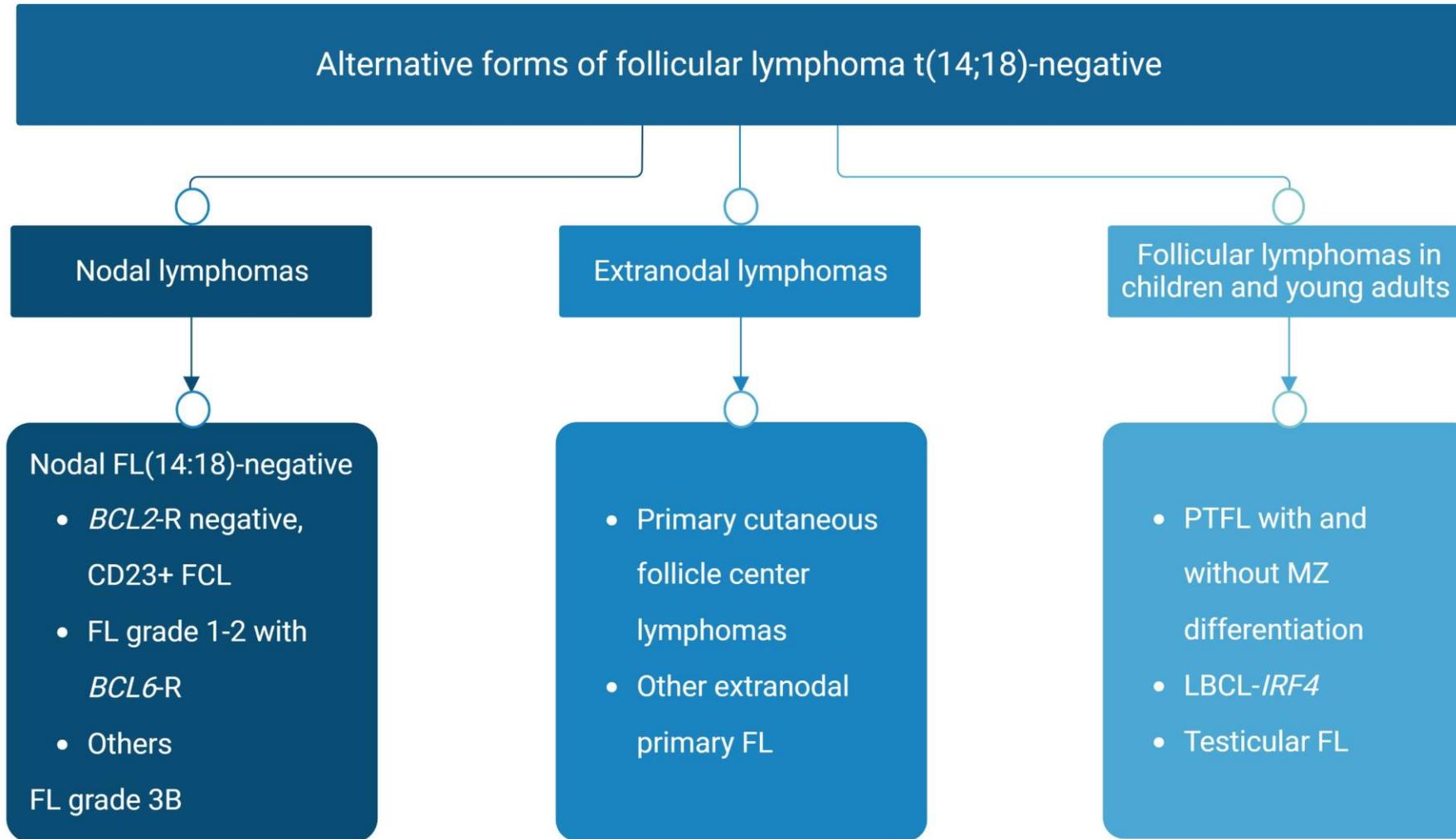
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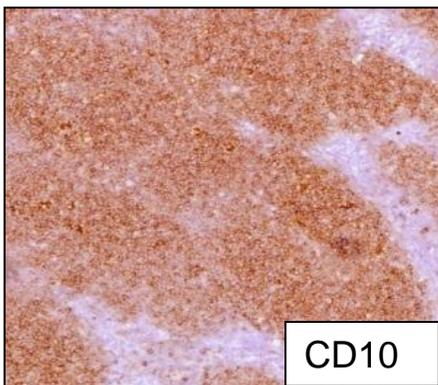
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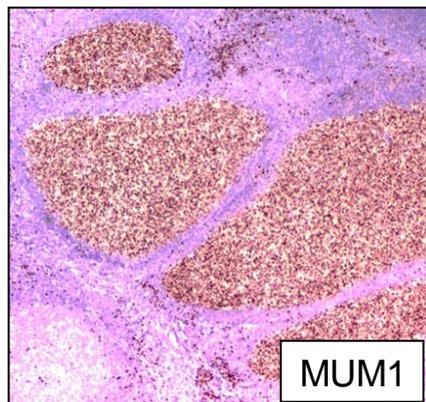
Follicular lymphoma in young patients (<30 years)

Pediatric type FL



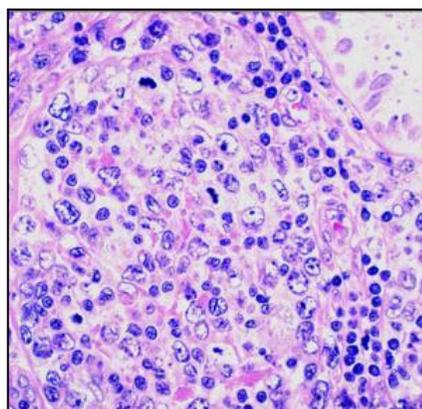
Clinically:
Nodal
Head and neck
Stage 1
M:F 20:1
Immunophenotype
CD10+, BCL6+
BCL2-, MUM1+
Genetically
TNFRS14 mutations
1p36 CN-LOH
MAP2K1 mutations

LBCL-*IRF4*



Clinically:
Tonsil/Waldeyer ring
M:F 1:1
May be diffuse
Immunophenotype
CD10+/-BCL6+/MUM1+
BCL2+/-
Genetically
IRF4 rearrangement
IRF4 mutations
NF-KB gene mutations
MYD88, *CARD11*

Testicular FL



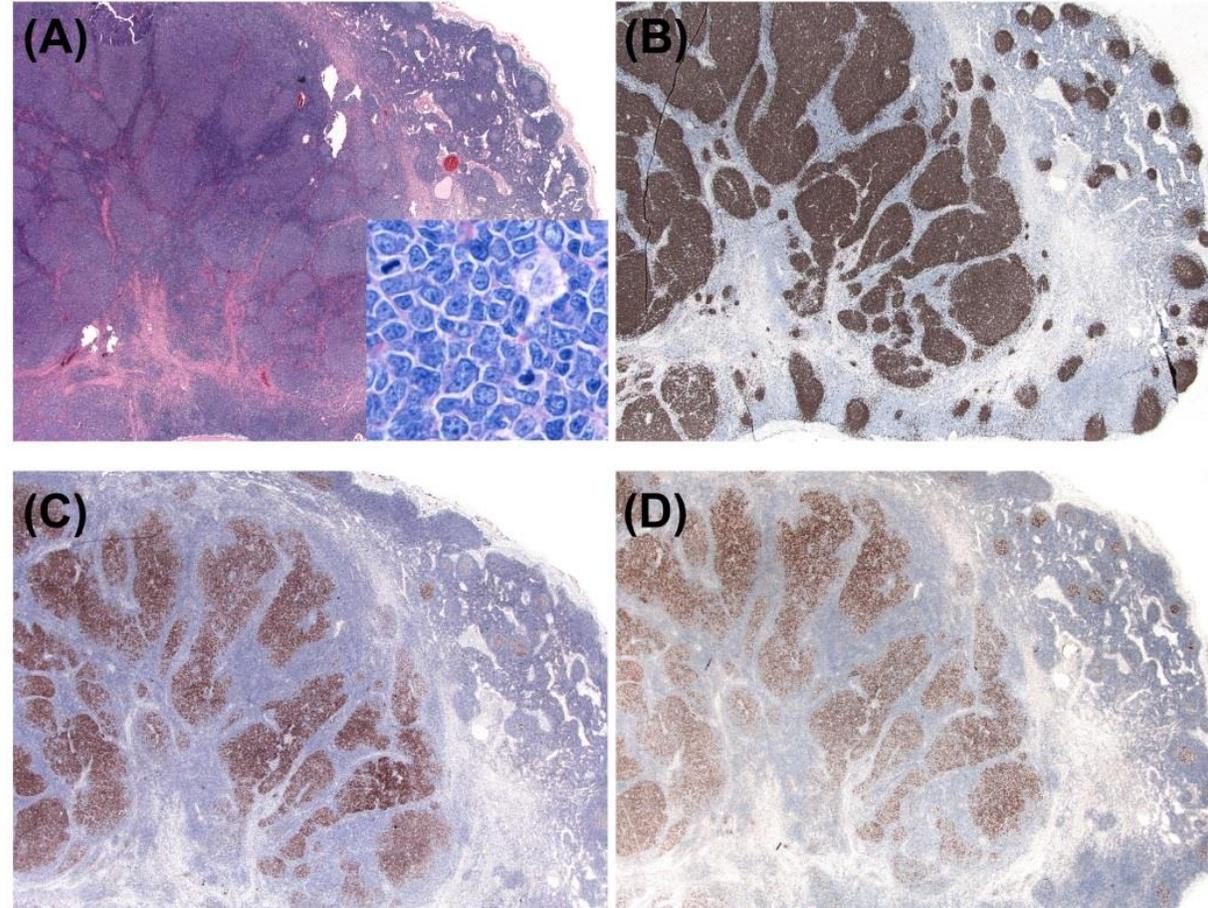
Clinically:
Testicular
Stage 1
Good prognosis
chemotherapy not required
Immunophenotype
CD10+, BCL6+
BCL2-, MUM1-
Genetically
Occasional *BCL6* breaks

- Lack of *BCL2*/*IGH*
- High-grade cytology
- Localized disease (Stage 1)
- Chemotherapy is not required beyond surgical excision
- Excellent prognosis

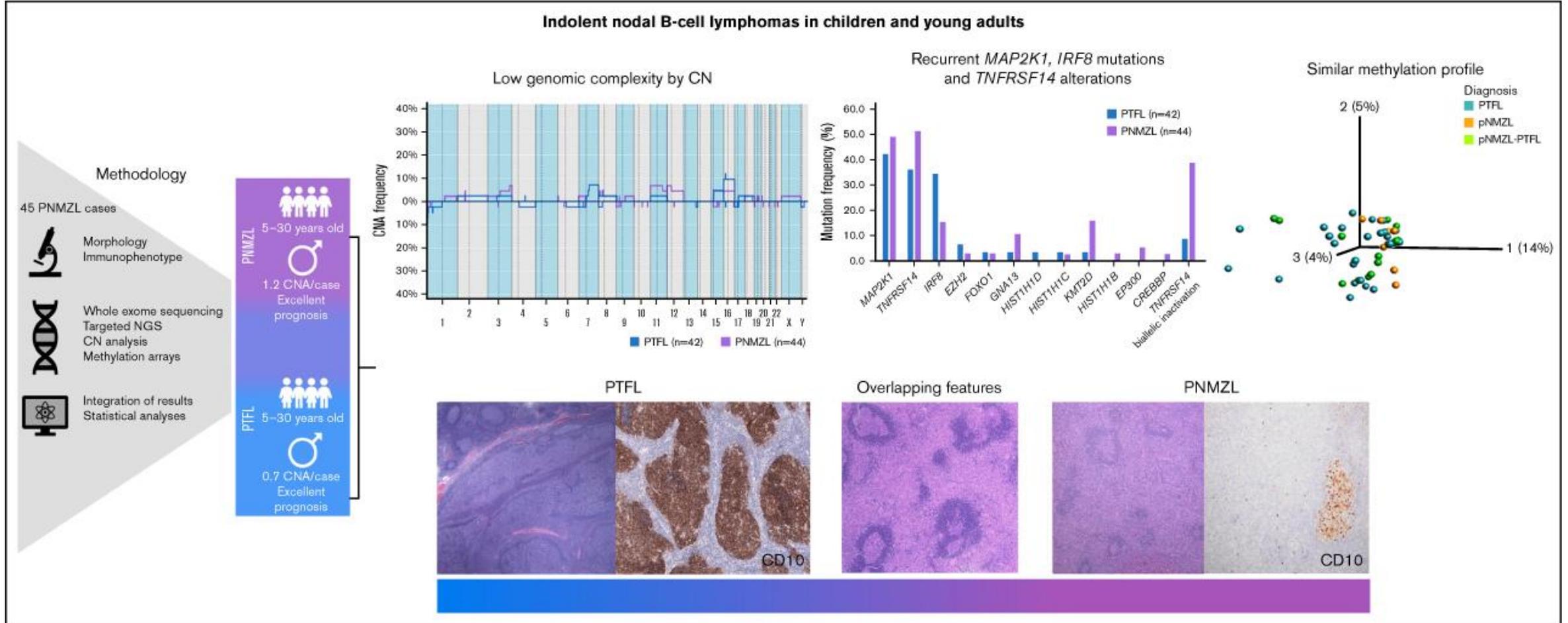


Pediatric-type follicular lymphoma

- **Clinically:**
 - Predominantly in male patients
 - Predilection head/neck LN
 - Early stage disease
 - Good prognosis (watch & wait)
- **Morphologically:**
 - grade 3
 - Large, expansile serpiginous GC follicles
 - Lack of BCL2 expression
- **Genetically:**
 - no t(14;18)
 - Clonal analysis required!
 - IGH monoclonal



A unifying hypothesis for PNMZL and PTFL: morphological variants with a common molecular profile.

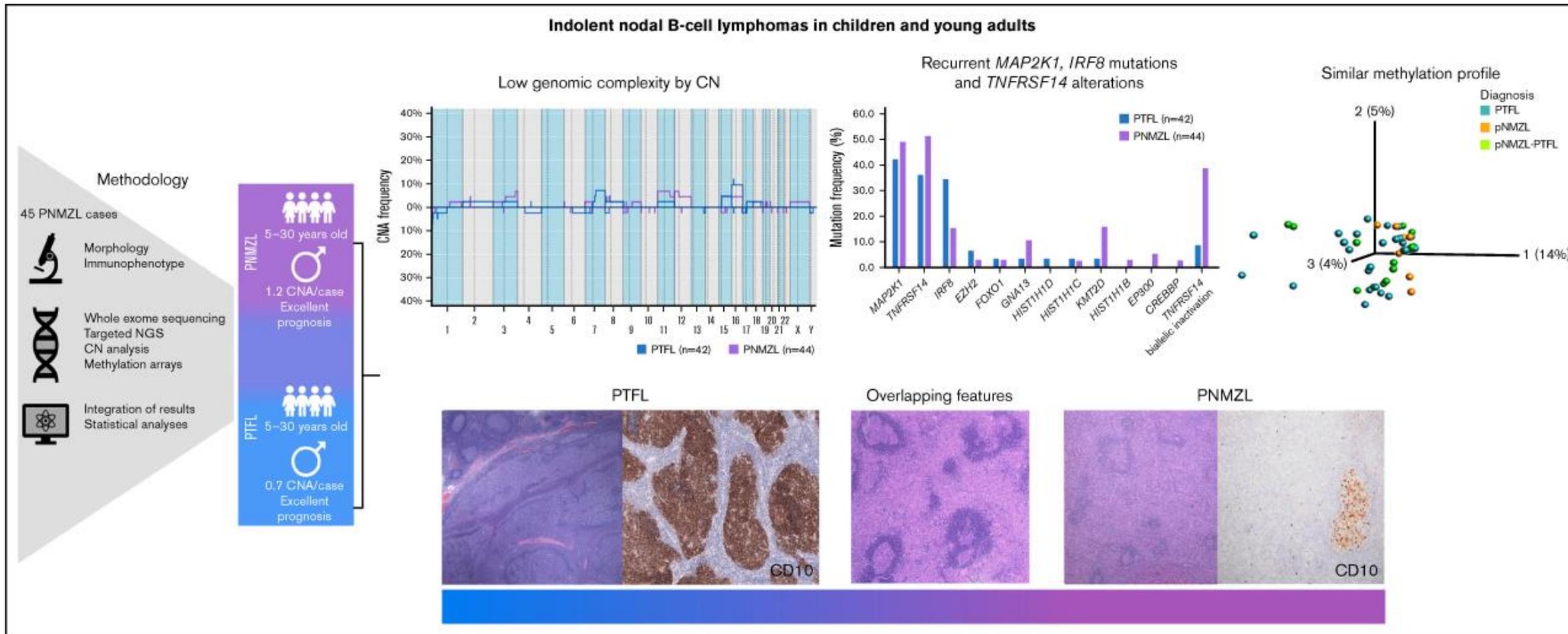


Salmeron-Villalobos, Egan, Borgmann et al, Blood Adv 2022



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PTFL with and without marginal zone differentiation

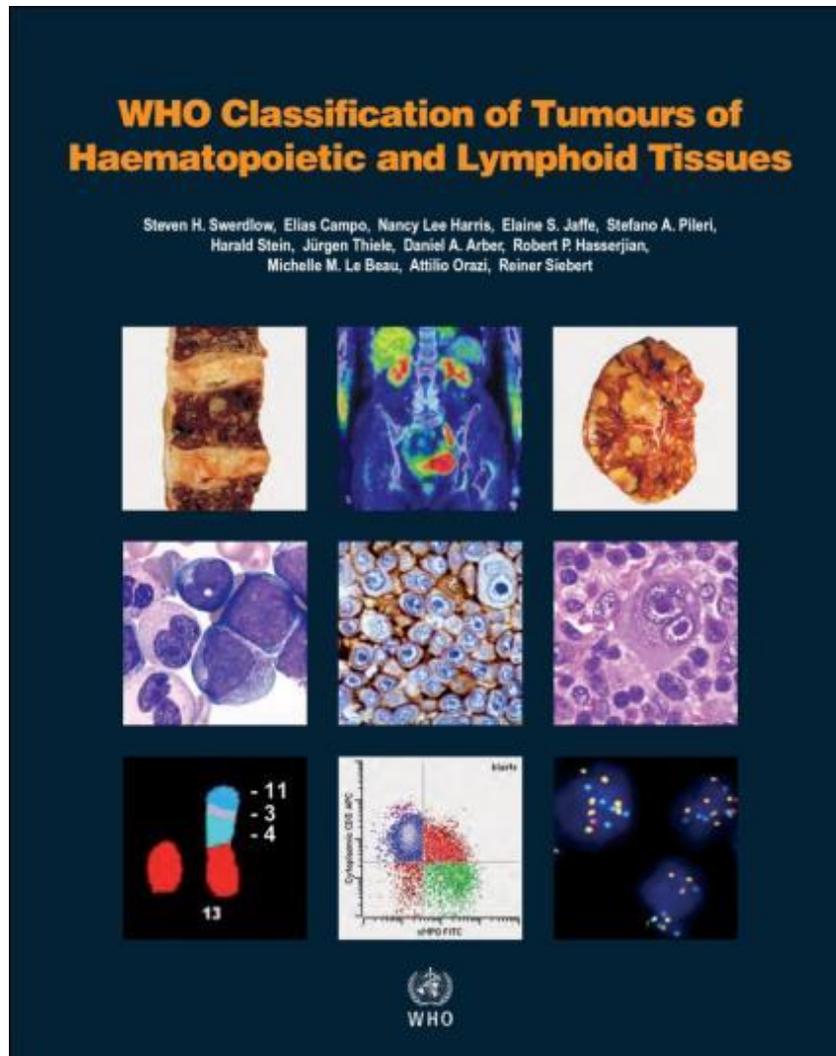


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Large B-cell lymphoma with *IRF4*-rearrangement



Follicular lymphoma
In situ follicular neoplasia*
Duodenal-type follicular lymphoma*
Pediatric-type follicular lymphoma*
<i>Large B-cell lymphoma with IRF4 rearrangement*</i> ←
Primary cutaneous follicle center lymphoma

Provisional entities are listed in italics.
*Changes from the 2008 classification.

Both the International Consensus Classification and the 5th edition of the WHO recognize „Large B-cell lymphoma with *IRF4* rearrangement“ as a distinct entity

Large B-cell lymphomas
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS
T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma/ high grade B-cell lymphoma with <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> rearrangements
ALK-positive large B-cell lymphoma
Large B-cell lymphoma with <i>IRF4</i> rearrangement ←
High-grade B-cell lymphoma with 11q aberrations
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis
EBV-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma associated with chronic inflammation
Fibrin-associated large B-cell lymphoma

R. Alaggio et al.
Leukemia (2022) 36:1720 – 1748

Large B-cell lymphoma with *IRF4* rearrangement

Translocations activating *IRF4* identify a subtype of germinal center-derived B-cell lymphoma affecting predominantly children and young adults

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- 20/427 lymphomas (17 in children and young adults)
 - 9 female and 11 male
 - Median age of 12 years (4-79 years)
 - 80% involved the head and neck region including the Waldeyer's ring
 - 84% limited disease stage, favorable outcome
 - Often CD10- (40%), BCL6+, MUM1+ (GCB-type)
 - 13/20 cases were exclusively DLBCL
 - 7/20 FL grade 3 and FL/DLBCL

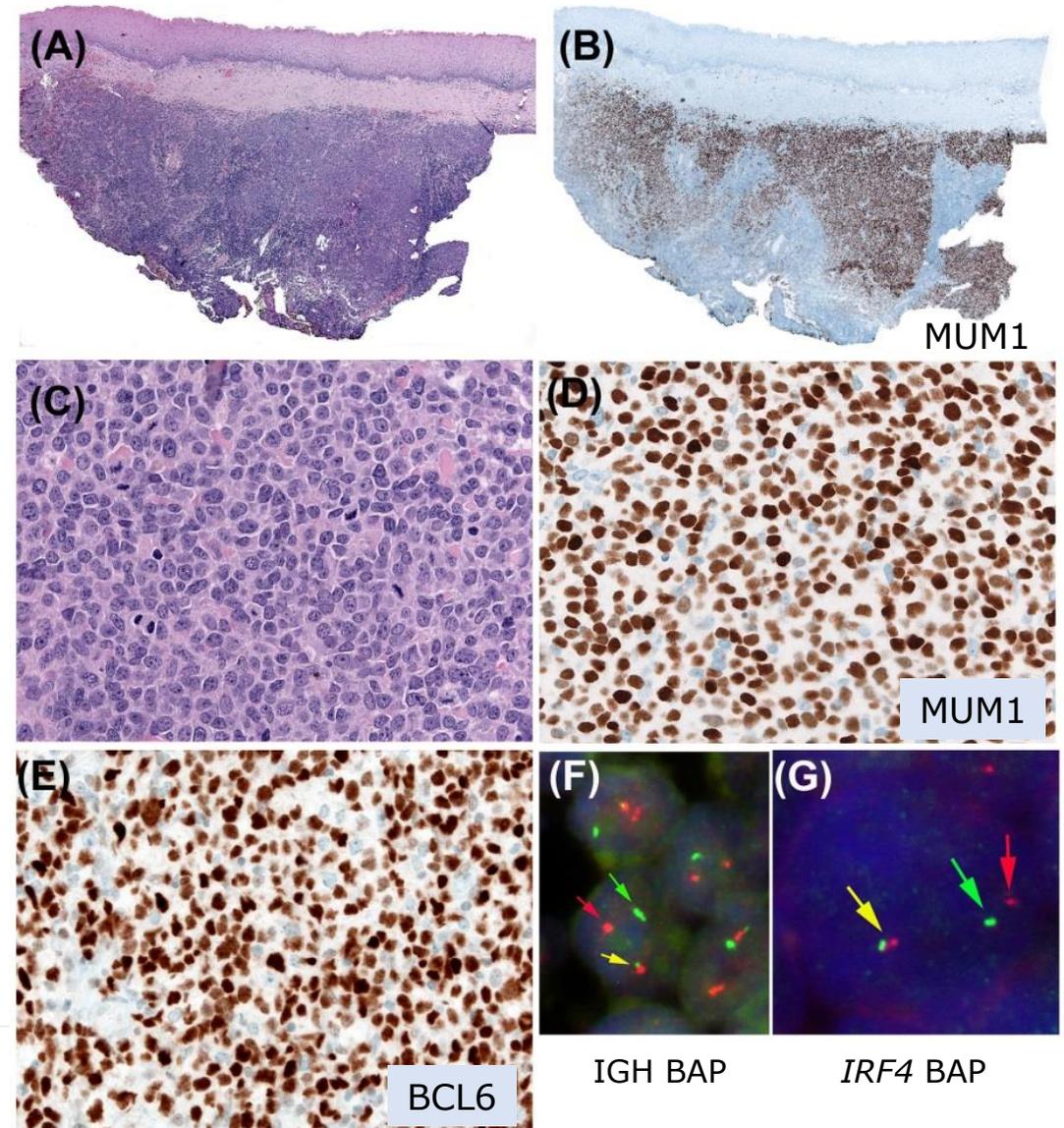


Large B-cell lymphoma with *IRF4* rearrangement

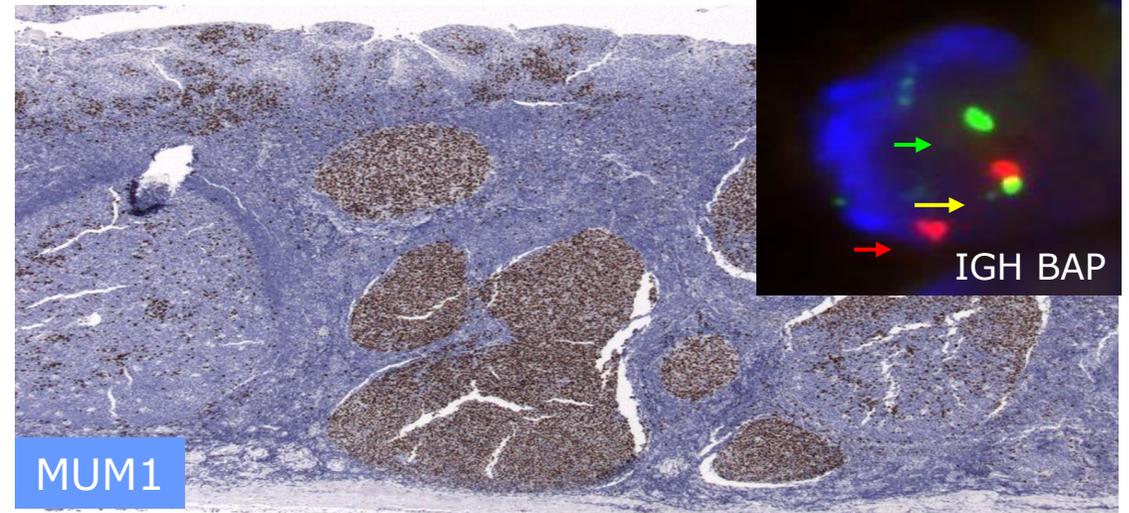
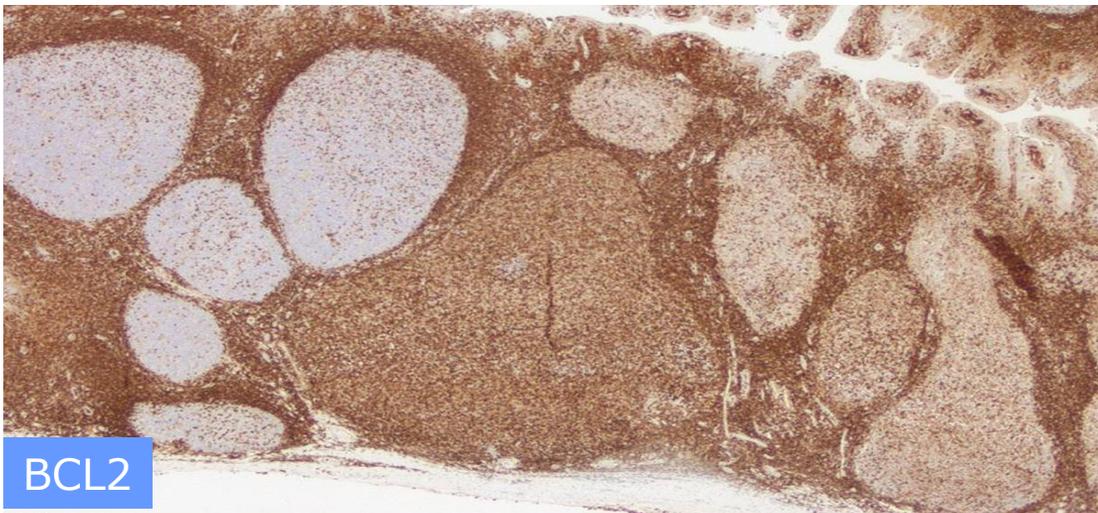
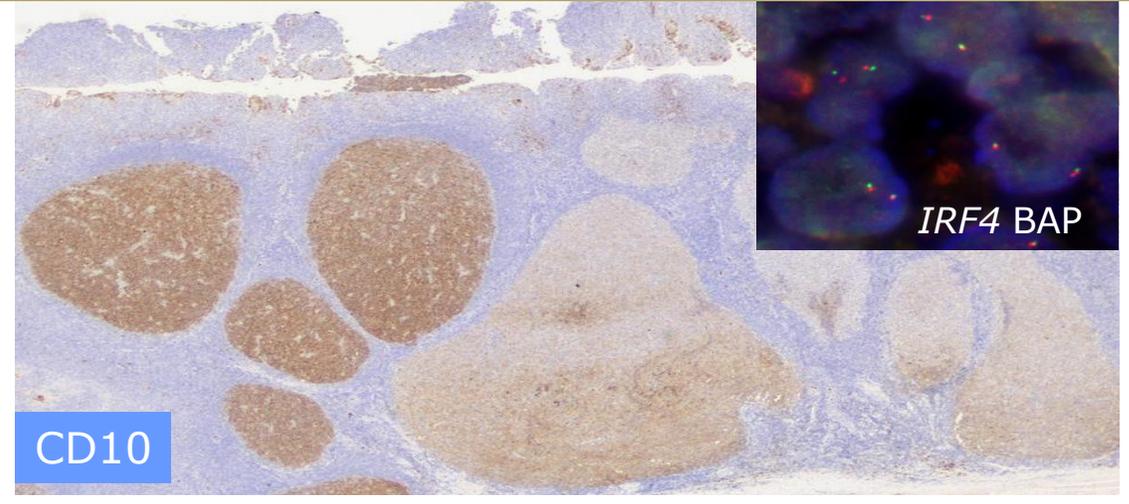
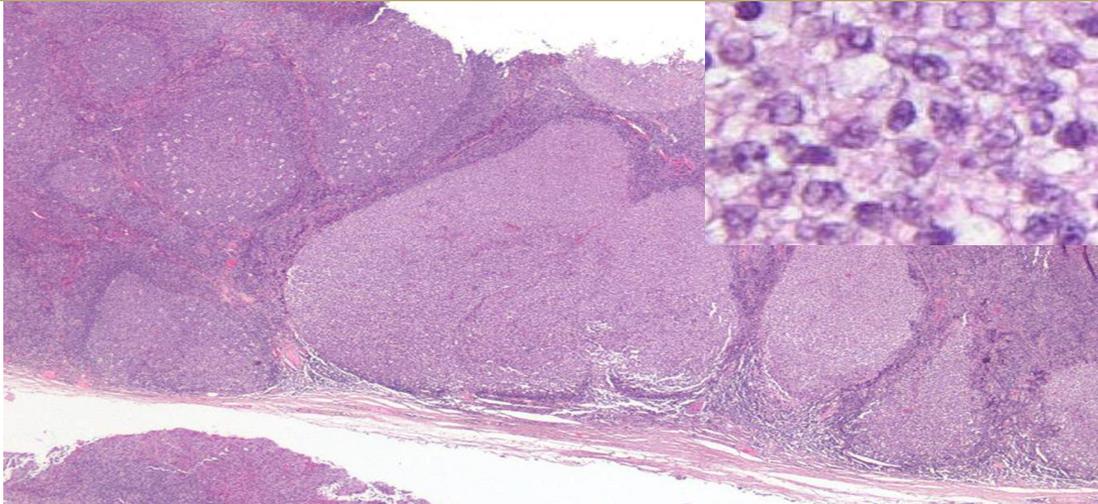
- **MUM1** and BCL6 expression 100%
 - 90% demonstrable ***IRF4* breaks**
- BCL2 expression 63%
 - in the absence of the t(14;18)
- CD10- in approx 40%
- M:F; 1:1
- Median age 9 years (3-18)
- Follicular or Diffuse. Diffuse areas are frequently observed
- Potential for more aggressive clinical course

Liu Q et al, *Am J Surg Pathol* 2013; 37:333

Woessmann and Quintanilla-Martinez L, *Hematological Oncology* 2019;37:53



Large B-cell lymphoma with *IRF4* rearrangement



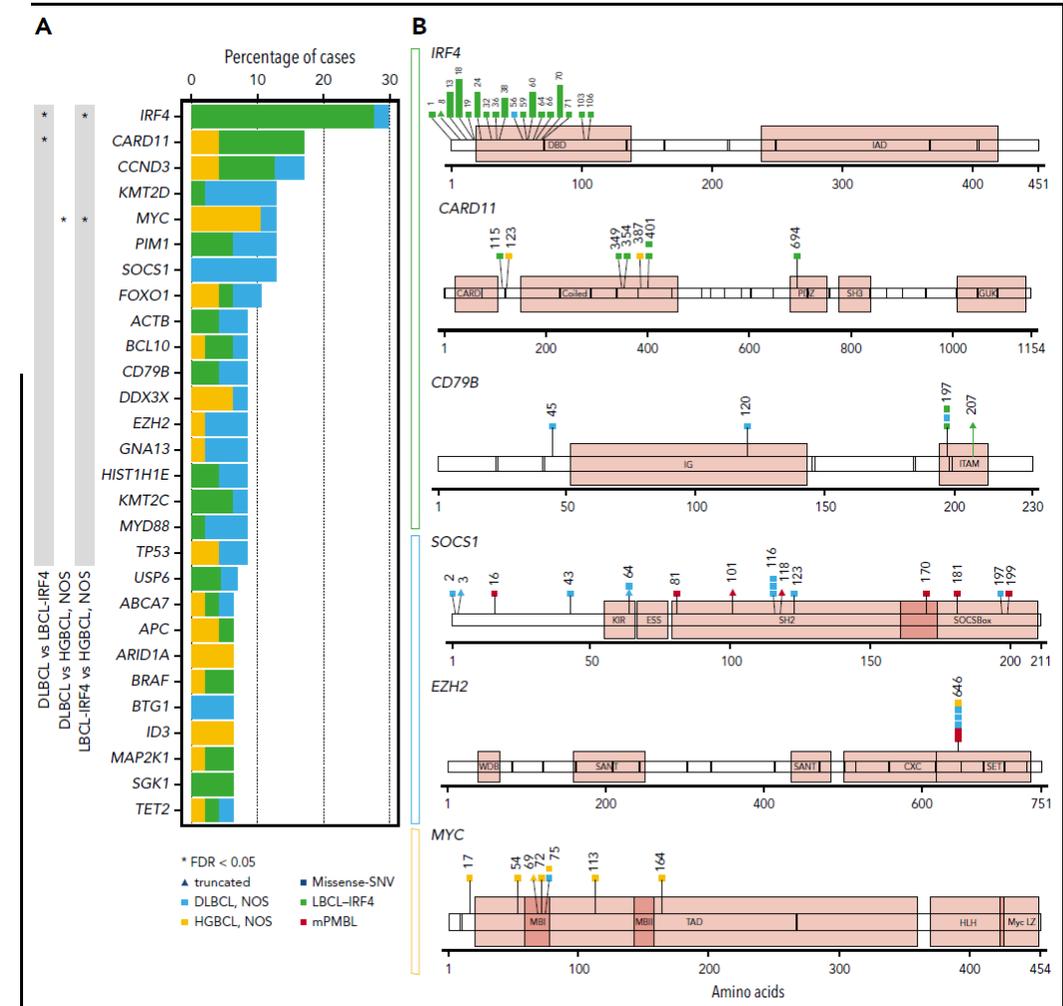
Quintanilla-Martinez, *Virch Arch* 2016

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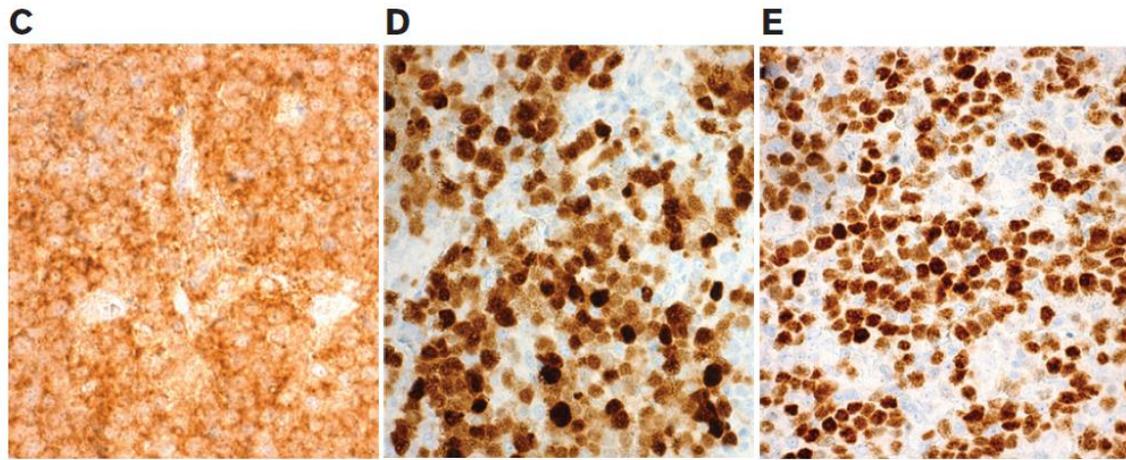
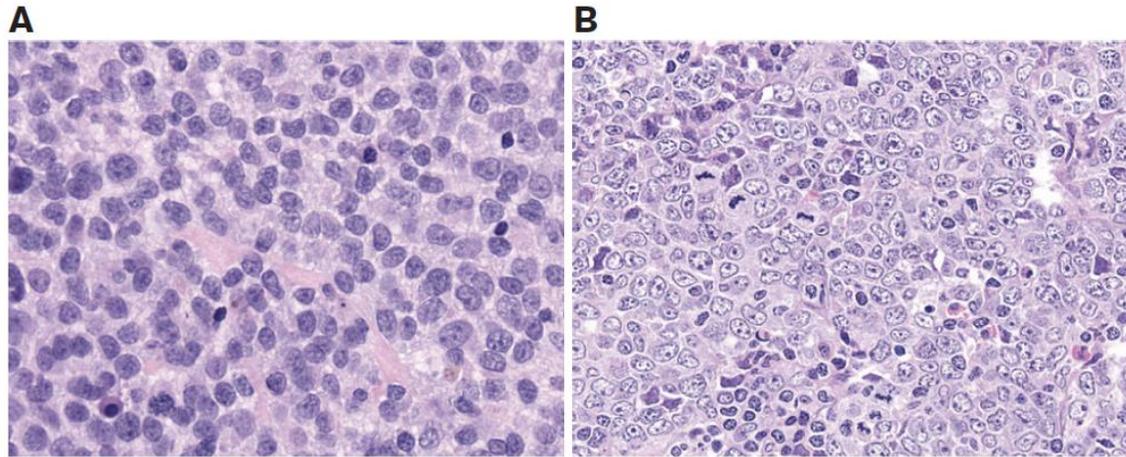
Distinct molecular profile of *IRF4*-rearranged large B-cell lymphoma

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- The study included only children and young adults (<25 years)
- LBCL-*IRF4* reveals mostly GCB-GEP and a mutational profile distinct from other LBCL
- Frequent mutations in *IRF4* and NF-κB pathway (*CARD11*, *CD79B*, *MYD88*)
- Expression of CD10+, BCL6+, MUM1+



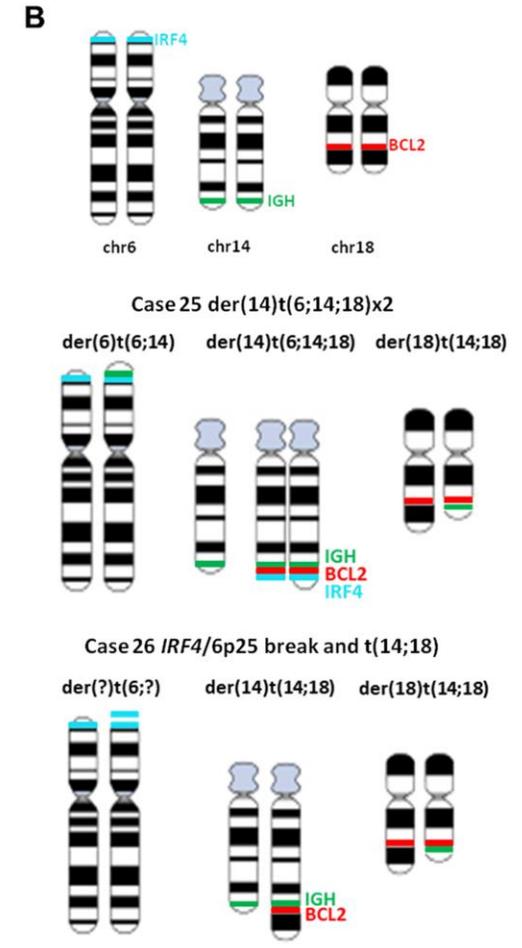
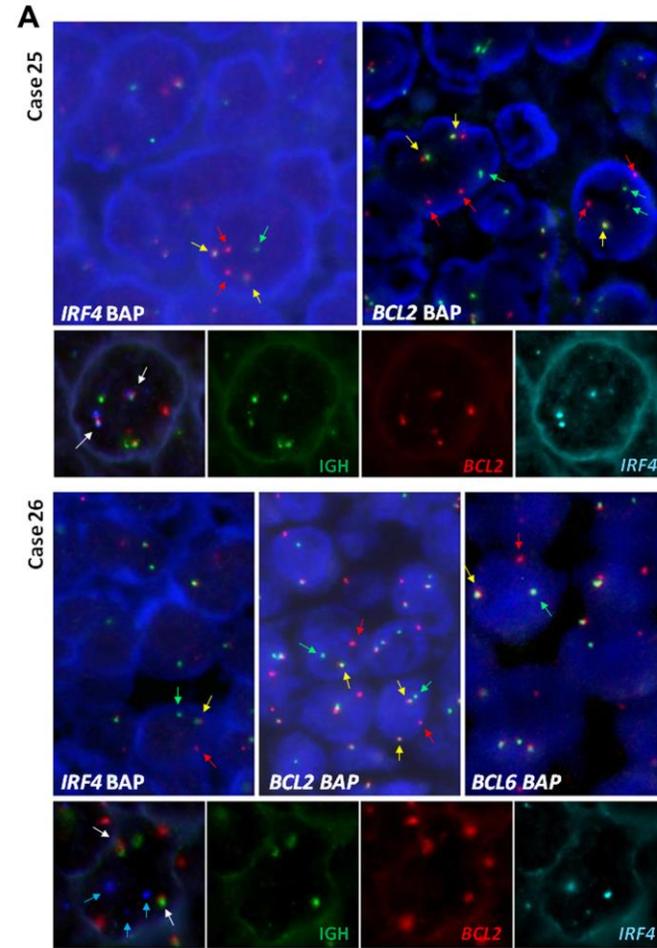
LBCL-*IRF4* in adults



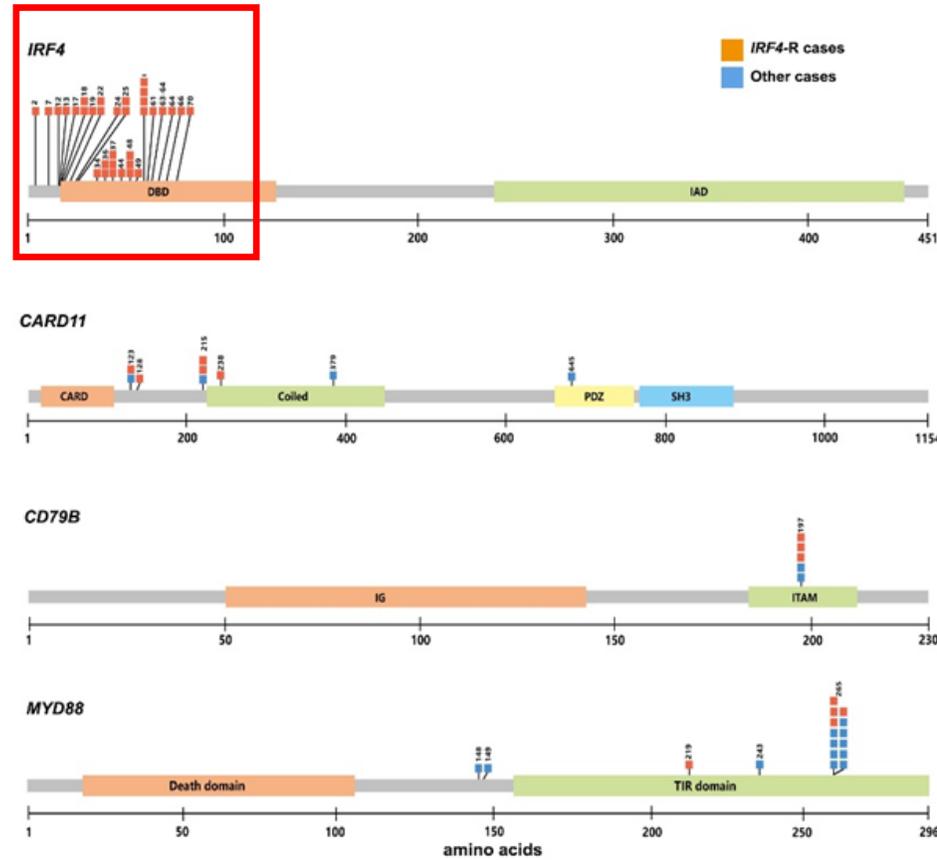
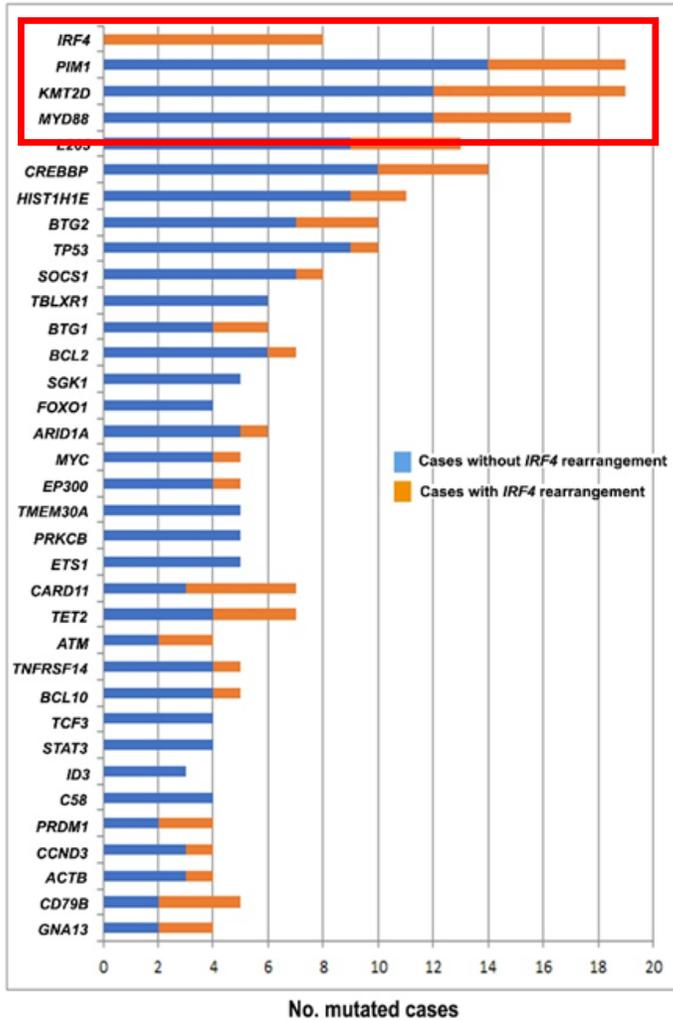
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BCL6

MUM1

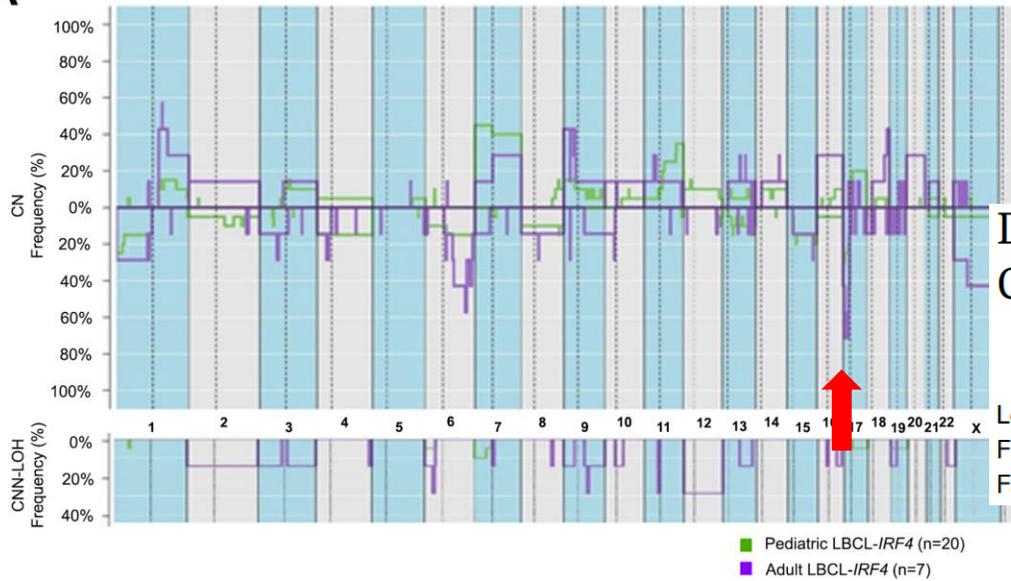


Results- Mutations



- A total of 392 driver mutations in 55 analyzed cases (mean 10.62 mut/case)
- Most recurrently mutated genes: *KMT2D* and *PIM1*, followed by *MYD88* and *CREBBP*
- *IRF4* mutations were exclusively identified in cases with *IRF4* rearrangement (aSHM)

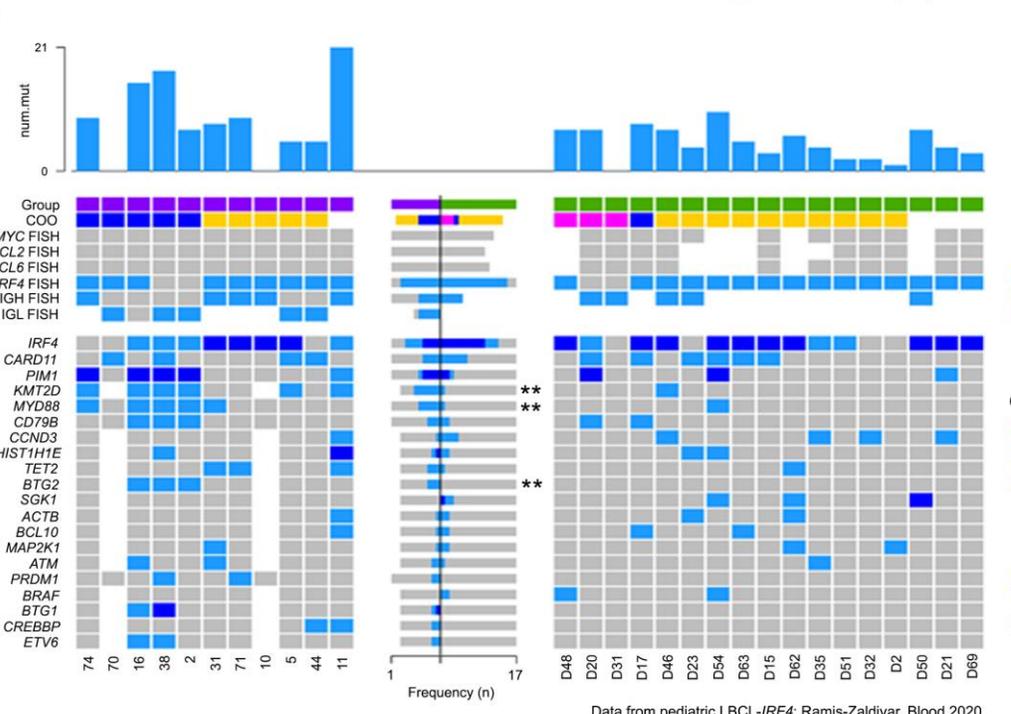
LBCL-*IRF4* in adults



Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas in adults with aberrant coexpression of CD10, BCL6, and MUM1 are enriched in *IRF4* rearrangements

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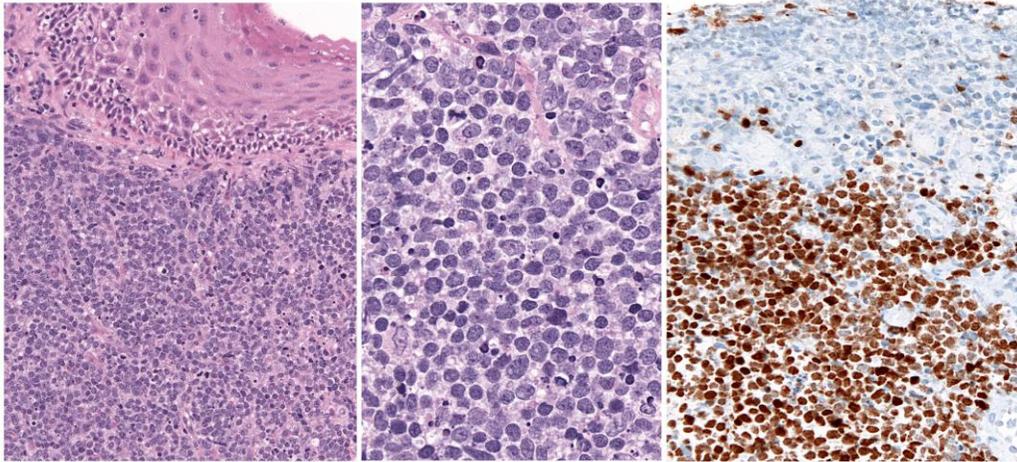


- No differences in recurrent CN altered regions, but adult cases has higher genetic complexity (16.85 alt/case in adults vs 6.25 alt/case in pediatric cases; P=0.33)
- Higher mutational load in adult cases (10.7 vs 4.7 mutations/case) with higher frequency of *KMT2D*, *MYD88* and *BTG2* mutations (Fisher; P<0.05)

How to suspect the diagnosis of LBCL-*IRF4*-R

Children and young adults

Waldeyer's ring



Localization
Tonsil and GI
Diffuse/follicular

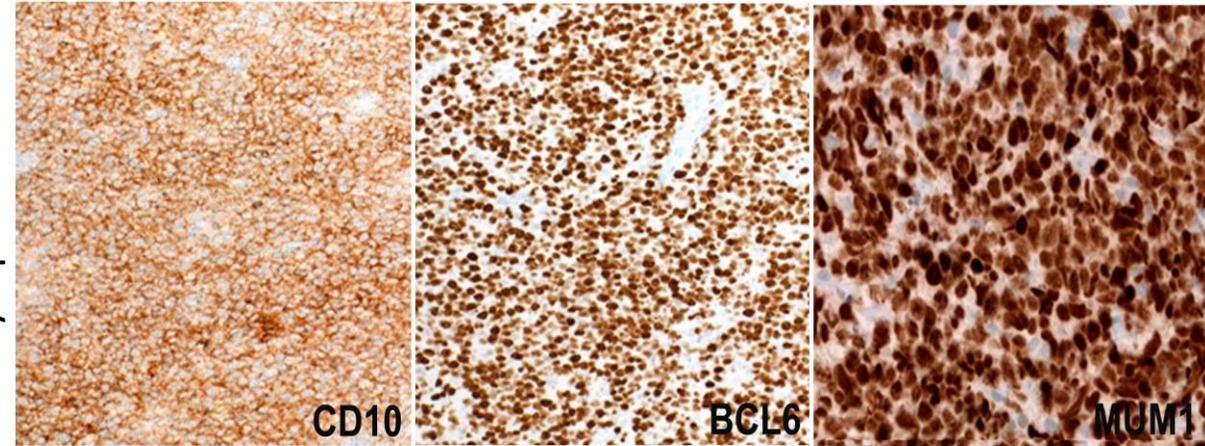


Strong MUM1+
Aberrant CD5 expression

Do *IRF4* and IGH FISH analyses
Mutational analysis (optional)

Adults and elderly patients

Lymph node



Diffuse/follicular
Follicular 3B

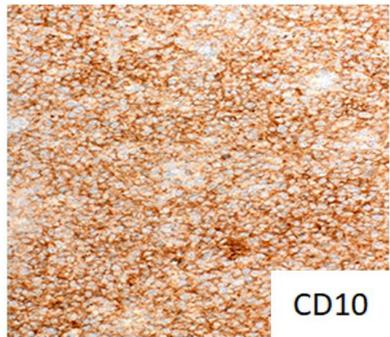


Triple positive
CD10+BCL6+MUM1+

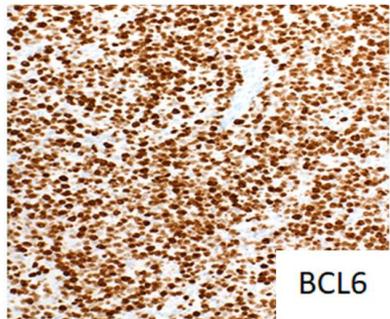
Strong MUM1+

Do *IRF4* and IGH FISH analyses
Mutational analysis (optional)
BCL2, *BCL6* and *MYC*
- *BCL2-R* and *MYC-R* not accepted

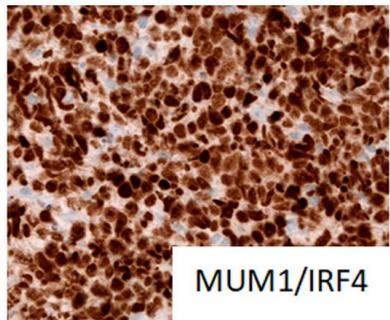
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma in adults with aberrant co-expression of CD10, BCL6 and MUM1/IRF4



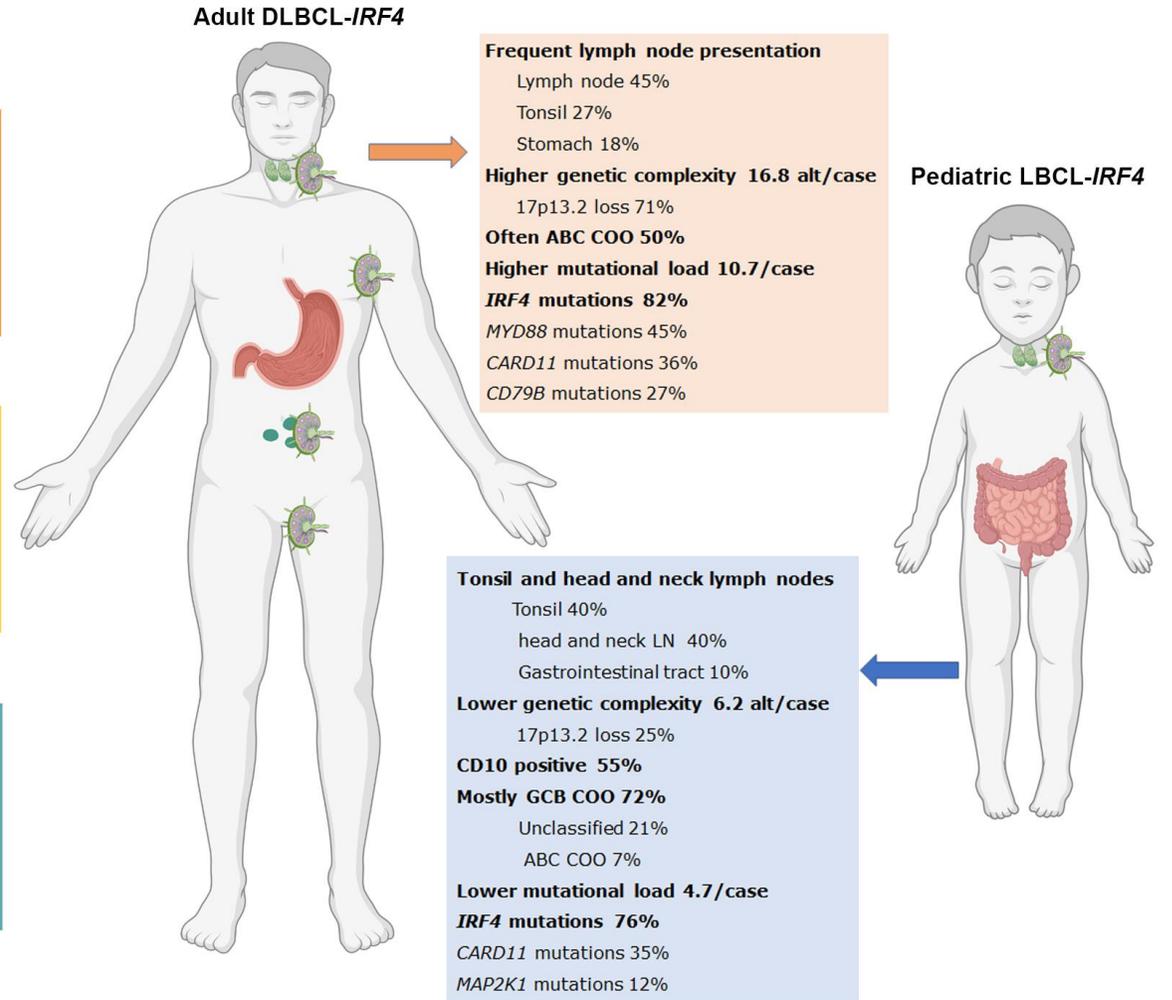
Group 1 (26%)
 No translocations
 Mostly ABC/MCD profile



Group 2 (22%)
 IRF4 translocations only
 Frequent IRF4 mutations

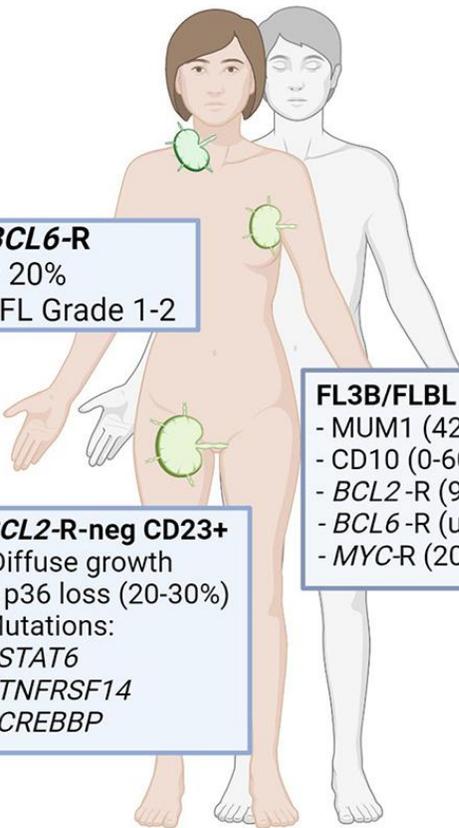


Group 3 (52%)
 BCL2/BCL6/MYC/IRF4/IGH translocations
 Mostly GCB/EZB profile



Alternative forms of follicular lymphoma t(14;18)-negative

Nodal presentation

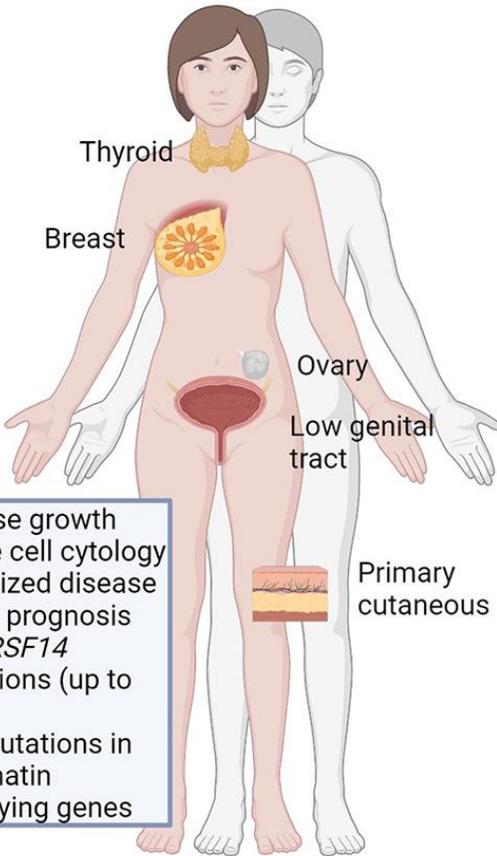


BCL6-R
 ≈ 20%
 - FL Grade 1-2

FL3B/FLBL
 - MUM1 (42-100%)
 - CD10 (0-60%)
 - BCL2-R (9-50%)
 - BCL6-R (up to 40%)
 - MYC-R (20%)

BCL2-R-neg CD23+
 - Diffuse growth
 - 1p36 loss (20-30%)
 Mutations:
 - STAT6
 - TNFRSF14
 - CREBBP

Extranodal presentation



Thyroid
 Breast
 Ovary
 Low genital tract
 Primary cutaneous

- Diffuse growth
 - Large cell cytology
 - Localized disease
 - Good prognosis
 - TNFRSF14 mutations (up to 60%)
 - No mutations in chromatin modifying genes

Follicular lymphomas in children and young adults

PTFL
 - Localized disease
 - Good prognosis
 - TNFRSF14 (up to 54%)
 - MAP2K1 (40-50%)
 - IRF8 (30%)

LBCL- IRF4
 - Large cell morphology
 - High proliferation
 - IRF4-R
 - IRF4-mutations
 - Excellent prognosis

Testicular pediatric FL
 - Few data available
 - Good prognosis

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