Immunohistochemistry in Lymphoid Neoplasms

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Larger Biopsies

Which would you rather diagnose?





Little biopsy, little diagnosis?

- In some cases, a small sample can limit the quality or extent of examination
- We often use IHC stains to extend our interpretation in small samples
- Don't forget, you can't diagnose what isn't there!
- Do not be afraid to ask for more (or better) tissue!

Patterns/Differential diagnosis

Pattern

- Predominantly small lymphocytes
 - No discernable pattern
- Predominantly follicles
- Some follicles, some diffuse areas of small cells
- Mixed small and large cells; no pattern
- Mixed small and large; large cells localized
- Sinus pattern
- Increased stromal elements
 - Granulomas
 - Vascular elements
 - Fibrosis
- Polymorphous background/scattered very large cells
- Clusters/aggregates of large cells
- Sheets of large cells
- Interfollicular pale cells
 - Nodules
 - Diffuse

Small cell lymphoma

Hodgkin lymphoma

Approach

T cell lymphoma

Large cell lymphoma

My Basic Evaluation of Lymph Nodes by Immunohistochemistry...

... IS BASED ON FOUR APPROACHES

- Small B cell lymphoma
- Hodgkin lymphoma
- Large B cell lymphoma
- T cell lymphoma

NOTE: This is a "name" of an approach, and does not always indicate the exact diagnosis

My Basic Evaluation of Lymph Nodes by Immunohistochemistry...

- ... IS BASED ON FOUR APPROACHES
 - Small B cell lymphoma
 - Hodgkin lymphoma
 - Large B cell lymphoma
 - T cell lymphoma
- Individual variation or combination of evaluations
- Distinctive evaluation for special circumstances

When do I do it?

- Benign appearing nodes/normal architecture; e.g. exclude lymphoma in benign appearing tissue
- Follicles, normal or atypical
- Primary follicles/uniform small blue nodules
- Diffuse proliferations of predominantly small dark blue lymphocytes
- Features typical of small B cell lymphomas



Case 1:

65 year old male presents with several month history of enlarged lymph node in neck. A biopsy was performed.

Q. The H&E and cyclin D1immunohistochemical stain are presented.What additional studies should be performed?A. FISH for IGH/CCND1

B. In situ staining for EBV

C. IHC for: CD5, CD20, CD3, BCL2, BCL6, LEF1, Ki67

What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2
- BCL6
- Ki67
- LEF1

What do I do?

· CD3

• CD20

• CD5

Cyclin D1

• BCL2

BCL6Ki67LEF1

This combination is optimal in evaluating distribution of both normal and nonneoplastic T and B cells

• CD3 B cells: Co-expression in a B cell

CD3
CD20
CD5

Cyclin

BCL2BCL6

• Ki67

population (comparison to CD20), would support a CD5 positive B cell lymphoma T cells: Loss of CD5 in T cells (comparison to CD3) would suggest or support a diagnosis of a T cell lymphoma



Variation in CD5 intensity in MCL versus normal T cells

• LEF1 CD3 = CD5. If not, then either abnormal T or abnormal B cells!

What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2
- BCL6
- Ki67
- LEF1

B cells: if positive, then diagnosis is most likely **MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA**

Other less likely possibilities include: hairy cell leukemia (weaker more variable staining), myeloma (plasma cell morphology)

Caveats: Endothelial cells will often express cyclin D1. Proliferating epithelial cells (all sites) will express nuclear cyclin D1

Cyclin D1

What do I do?

• CD3

• CD20

• CD5

Cyclin D
 BCL2

• BCL2

• Ki67

• LEF1

cells of reactive germinal center Expressed in most small B cell lymphomas (>75%) Expressed in most normal T cells. Loss of expression in T cells can suggest T cell lymphoma

B cells: expressed in most normal B cells, except

Caveat: Expression in follicles should be compared to T cell markers. T cells will be positive and depending on number in follicle may lead to misinterpretation. FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

CD20

BCL2

BCL-2 Benign vs. Malignant Follicles



Follicular hyperplasia



Follicular lymphoma

In situ follicular neoplasia









What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2
- BCL6
- Ki67

• LEF1

Highlights lymphocytes of follicle center origin Nuclear staining Does not stain stroma (in contrast to CD10) Can highlight follicles, follicular colonization, abnormal distribution of follicle center cells



Follicular colonization

What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2
- BCL6
- Ki67
- LEF1

LEF1 is a pan T cell antigen stain LEF1 absence in T cells may indicate abnormal, neoplastic T cells LEF1 expression in B cells is NOT NORMAL LEF1 expression in small B cells is **VERY LIKELY** to represent CLL, even in cases that are CD5 negative

LEF1 expression can be seen in DLBCL (3%); it can be seen in large cell transformation of CLL (Richter syndrome), but can also be seen in de novo DLBCL



What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2
- BCL6
- Ki67

• LEF1

Pattern of proliferation can be used to determine normal or abnormal proliferation Can show distinctive findings is lymphomas Evaluate normal vs. abnormal follicles Evaluate for follicular colonization Pattern for CLL/SLL Abnormal high proliferation (High grade or large cell?)





Follicular hyperplasia: H&E

Follicular lymphoma: H&E



Case 2 22 year old female presents with isolated neck lymphadenopathy for 2 months. She has had intermittent fevers and drenching night sweats for 3 weeks. Q. Can a confident diagnosis be made based on the H&E stain results and the results of the PAX5 stain (shown)?

A. Yes.

B. Impossible.

C. Results should be supported by additional IHC stains.

PAX5

Hodgkin Lymphoma Approach

When do I do it?

- Polymorphous background with scattered large abnormal cells
- Bands of nodal fibrosis (e.g. nodular sclerosis)
- Scattered very large cells/any background
- Large blue nodules (NLPHL)
- Mediastinal biopsies with any of above
- Clinical: young/previous history

Differential Diagnosis

- Hodgkin lymphoma
 - Classic Hodgkin lymphoma
 - Nodular lymphocyte predominant lymphoma
- T cell/histiocyte-rich large B cell lymphoma
- Reactive processes
 - Immunoblasts (transformed benign large lymphocytes)
 - Progressively transformed germinal centers (PTGC)

Hodgkin Lymphoma Approach

What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD15
- CD30
- PAX5
- EBER



Things necessary to diagnose Classic Hodgkin lymphoma

✓ Morphology
 ✓ CD30 positivity
 Weak staining for PAX5
 □ CD15 positivity
 ✓ Negative for CD45
 ℝ
 ℝ

REQUIRED REQUIRED USUAL SOMETIMES REQUIRED D20 USUAL

Additional stains to support a diagnosis of classical Hodgkin lymphoma versus other:

American Registry of Pathology Expert Opinions: Immunohistochemical evaluation of classic Hodgkin lymphoma

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Table 2

Summary of immunohistochemical evaluation and expected results in classic Hodgkin lymphoma versus important differential diagnoses.

Evaluation	Stains (expected results in CHL)	Comments
Initial evaluation	CD15 (+), CD30 (+), PAX5 (+, weak-moderate intensity), CD20 (- or weak-variable), CD3 (negative)	
Versus DLBCL/TCHRLBCL	CD45 (-), OCT2 (-), BOB1 (-), CD79a (-), MUM1 (+)	
Versus PMLBCL	CD23 ($-$, very rarely weak and variable), CD45 ($-$), P63 ($-$), CD79a ($-$)	EBER and CD15 provide high specificity for CHL compared to PMLBCL
Versus ALCL	ALK (-), CD45 (-), pan T cell antigen* (-), cytotoxic markers* (-)	(Pan T: (CD2, CD5, CD7, CD43); cytotoxic markers (perforin, granzyme, TIA-1)
Versus PTCL/AITL	Pan T cell antigen (–), CD4 (–), CD8 (–), EBV (+ in 40%), FDC marker (–)	FDC markers (CD21, CD23, CD35, D2-40)
Versus NLPHL	CD21/CD23* (-), OCT2 (-/+), PD1* (*), EBV (-)	* Evaluation of FDC networks and composition of nodules, which may be present in LR-CHL as well as NLPHL

Distinguishing Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma, Gray Zone Lymphoma, and Large B-cell Lymphoma: A Proposed Scoring System

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*CD30 positivity has no results, as no staining for CD30 would be unlikely to be considered in this differential diagnosis.

+1 score indicates a finding favoring classical Hodgkin lymphoma; -1 score, a finding favoring B-cell lymphoma. A score of 0 indicates a finding that is either equivocal or not strongly supportive of either diagnosis.



TABLE 2. Reported Frequency of Immunohistochemical Markers in Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma and Diffuse Large Bcell Lymphoma

DLBCL	PMLBCL
0% Est.	0%12,13
21%14	19%-86%12,13
100% Est.	100%13
97%-100%10,14	100% 12,13
93%-100%10,14	100% ¹³
86%-100% 10,14	89%-100%12,13
94%-100%10	97%-100%12,13
96%-100%10	100% 12,13
35%-65%14	75%13
4%14	NR
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*Positivity does not account for difference of intensity seen in Hodgkin cells versus B cells.

[†]Prevalence in Europe and North America from Lee et al.¹⁷

CHL indicates classical Hodgkin lymphoma; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; EBV/EBER, Epstein-Barr virus/Epstein-Barr early RNA; Est., estimated; NR, not reported; PMLBCL, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma. Case 3 68 year old female presents with a rapidly growing mass in her thyroid. An FNA is indeterminate. A thyroidectomy is performed and a tumor (4.5 cm in greatest diameter is identified). Q. Which of the following additional stain(s) may change therapy?

A. CD30

B. CD5

C. MYC and BCL2

CD20

Large B cell Lymphoma Approach

When do I do it?

- (NEW DIAGNOSIS)
- Diffuse sheets of large hematopoietic cells
- Diffuse sheets of intermediate sized hematopoietic cells

Large B cell Lymphoma Approach

What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5, CD10
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2, BCL6
- CD30
- MUM1
- Ki67
- EBER
- CMYC
- p53



Large B cell Lymphoma Approach What do I do?

• CD3 • CD20 • CD5, CD10 Cyclin D1 • BCL2, BCL6 • CD30 • MUM1 • Ki67 • EBER • CMYC

• p53

CD5 positive DLBCL, associated with a worse prognosis Evaluate for possible *blastoid mantle cell lymphoma* Subset of DLBCL have partial positivity for cyclin D1, with no specific prognostic implications



Diffuse Large B cell Lymphoma

GERMINAL CENTER = GOOD

NON-GERMINAL CENTER or ABC

BAD

Large B cell Lymphoma Approach What do I do? • CD3 • CD20 • CD5, CD10 Hans Classifier: germinal Cyclin D1 center (GC) versus non-• BCL2, BCL6 germinal center (NGC) type. • CD30 Associated with prognosis • **MUM1** • Ki67 • EBER • CMYC • p53



EDITORIAL COMMENT

- We are approaching 20 years of cell of origin (COO) analysis in DLBCL
- Recent publications have proposed molecular classifiers with 5+ types of DLBCL
- We currently have not used COO in a consistent way to affect outcomes

Large B cell Lymphoma Approach What do I do? • CD3 • CD20 • CD5, CD10 Cyclin D1 BCL2, BCL6 Proliferation index, as assessed by • CD30 Ki67 can help subclassify some • MUM1 types, and has a weak association with prognosis • Ki67 Patterns can help identify cell • EBER types and help in differential • CMYC diagnosis • p53

Large B cell Lymphoma Approach What do I do?

• CD3 • CD20 • CD5, CD Cyclin D1 • BCL2, BCL • CD30 • MUM1 • Ki67 • EBER

• CMYC

• p53

Positivity for EBV (by in situ staining or EBER) identifies several special subtypes of DLBCL. In general these are associated with a worse prognosis. These include:

- EBV positive DLBCL
- DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation
- Plasmablastic lymphoma
- Primary effusion lymphoma
- Lymphomatoid granulomatosis



Large B cell Lymphoma Approach

What do I do? • CD3 • CD20 • CD5, CD10 Cyclin D1 · BCL2, BCL6 • CD30 • MUM1 • Ki67 • EBER • MYC • p53

Positivity for MYC immunohistochemistry is seen in all cases of DLBCL Positivity in large percentage of cells for MYC IHC, correlates well with MYC gene abnormalities This may mean either MYC gene translocations OR MYC gene amplifications These studies also suggest that high MYC with BCL2 expression by IHC are associated with a poor prognosis (double expressor)

CMYC IHC

Large B cell Lymphoma Approach

What do I do?

- CD3
- CD20
- CD5, CD10
- Cyclin D1
- BCL2, BCL6
- CD30
- MUM1
- Ki67
- EBER
- CMYC
- p53

- P53 overexpression in lymphoma is associated with a poor prognosis.
- Generally, any expression over 20% is associated
 with a poor prognosis
 - Overexpression is not always associated with *TP53* gene abnormality

P53 IHC

AN ASIDE... TO PAX5 OR NOT TO PAX5?

- Should a back-up B cell marker be performed in all cases (up-front)?
 - In my opinion, NO
 - 98%+ of B cell lymphomas express CD20 initially
 - HOWEVER, if there is <u>any</u> history of previous lymphoma, or if history is unclear, (or possible issues of TAT), then I perform a PAX5*

*You could also use CD79a, CD19 or CD22 in most circumstances. I prefer PAX5 because it is robust nuclear staining





Case 4

82 year old male presents fevers and weight loss of
30 pounds over past 6 months. On evaluation, diffuse
adenopathy is identified. An excisional biopsy of an
enlarged cervical node is performed.
Q. Based on the H&E stain and results of CD21 stain,
what additional studies would best confirm a
diagnosis of angioimmunoblastic T cell lymphoma?

A. CD30, ALK1, TIA1

B. PD1, EBER, BCL6, CD10

C. CD4, CD8, CD2, CD5, CD7

T cell lymphoma Approach

- When background suggests T cell lymphoma
 - Not always easy to describe
- Polymorphous cellular background with significant cytologic atypia
- Small or polymorphous lymphocytes with increased
 - Vasculature
 - Histiocytes

When do I do it?

- Eosinophils
- Increased numbers of lymphocytes with pale cytoplasm
- Sheets or intrasinusoidal large/anaplastic lymphoid cells

- The kitchen sink!
- CD3, CD2, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD56
- CD30
- ALK1, P63

What do I do?

- BCL2
- CD21, PD1, BCL6, CD10, CXCL13, ICOS
- Ki67
- EBER
- TCR beta F1, TCR delta
- TIA1, perforin, granzyme B

- CD3, CD2, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD56
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Pan T cell antigens: Loss would indicate an abnormal T cell population CD7 loss can be seen in some reactive processes Overexpression of CD56 is usually abnormal

- CD30
- ALK1, P63

What do do 2

- BCL2
- CD21, PD1, BCL6, CD10, CXCL13,
- Ki67
- EBER
- TCR beta F1, TCR delta
- TIA1, perforin, granzyme B

Most reactive T cell processes are a mixture of CD4 and CD8 positive T cells

• CD3, CD2, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, Q When there is a strong bias of CD4 or CD8, then this is more likely T cell lymphoma When there is coexpression of CD4/CD8 this is usually abnormal When T cells lack CD4/CD8, this is usually abnormal



- CD3, CD2, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD56
- CD30
- ALK1, P63

What do I do

- BCL2
- CD21, PD1, BCL6, CD10, CXCL13, ICOS
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- EBER
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Evaluate for anaplastic large cell lymphoma

Systemic ALCL

ALCL, ALK+: good prognosis ALCL, *DUSP22/IRF4*: intermediate ALCL, triple negative: **very bad prognosis** ALCL, *TP63*: **very bad prognosis**





DUSP22: break-apart probe

From: Hapgood, Savage. The biology and management of systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma. Blood. 2015.

Practical pathology assessment of ALCL

- Identify T cell lymphoma with CD30 expression (in >75% of cells, strong)
- Location/clinical:
 - Is it skin? Breast capsule?
 - Is it lymph node? Extranodal?
- If ALCL, evaluate ALK by IHC
 - If ALK+, done. S-ALCL, ALK positive
- If ALK-, (e.g. S-ALCL, ALK negative)
 - FISH for DUSP22 (positive, good prognosis)
 - *FISH TP63 (positive, POOR prognosis)
 - If negative for all, then "triple negative" (poor prognosis)

NOTICE: BI-ALCL IS NOW AN FDA REPORTABLE EVENT

https://www.fda.gov/Me dicalDevices/Safety/Let terstoHealthCareProvid ers/ucm630863.htm

*Can screen for *TP63* by performing IHC

Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK+





Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK negative ?TP63 translocation





- CD3, CD2, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD56
- CD30
- ALK1, P63

What do I do?

- **AID IN DIAGNOSIS** • BCL2
 - LOSS IS NOT NORMAL FOR T CELLS
- CD21, PD1, DCL0, CD10, CACLTS, ICOS
- Ki67
- EBER
- TCR beta F1, TCR delta
- TIA1, perforin, granzyme B

Utility of BCL2, PD1, and CD25 Immunohistochemical Expression in the Diagnosis of T-cell Lymphomas

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TABLE 1. Immunohistochemical Staining in T-cell Lymphomas

Туре	Ν	BCL-2 Negative	PD-1 Positive	CD25 Positive
AITL	21	6/21 (29%)	12/15 (80%)	7/19 (37%)
ALCL ALK ⁺	18	15/17 (88%)	1/16 (6%)	12/17 (71%)
ALCL ALK ⁻	32	22/32 (69%)	3/28 (11%)	19/30 (63%)
PTCL	39	16/38 (44%)	8/34 (24%)	15/36 (42%)
Other	9	1/8 (13%)	0/8 (0%)	0/8 (0%)
All cases	119	(60/116 (52%))	24/101 (24%)	53/110 (48%)

AITL indicates angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma; ALCL, anaplastic large cell lymphoma; PTCL, peripheral T-cell lymphoma, unspecified.



- CD3, CD2, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD56
- CD30
- ALK1, P63

What do do?

- BCL2
- CD21, PD1, BCL6, CD10, CXCL13, ICOS
- Ki67
- EBER
- TCR beta F1, TCR delta
- TIA1, perforin, granzyme B

T follicular helper cell markers in lymphomas CD21 highlights expanded FDC networks in AITL

Types of T follicular helper lymphomas:

- <u>Angioimmunoblastic T cell lymphoma</u>
- Follicular T cell lymphoma
- Nodal PTCL with Tfh phenotype



Questions?



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IHC for Non-heme in Lymph Nodes



Primary Follicles



Negative for Cyclin D1: These are *mantle cells* BUT NOT mantle cell lymphoma

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