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# **Lymphomes T périphériques non cutanés: Problèmes pratiques et diagnostic différentiel**

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# Lymphomes T périphériques non cutanés: Problèmes pratiques et diagnostic différentiel

- Lymphomes T globalement rares mais regroupent de nombreuses entités
- Maladies généralement agressives doivent être correctement identifiées
- Diagnostic de lymphome T reste difficile
- Modifications introduites dans la révision 2016 de la classification OMS
- Objectifs de l'histoséminaire: update sur la classification, recommandations pratiques sur l'approche diagnostique

# Lymphomes T périphériques non cutanés: Problèmes pratiques et diagnostic différentiel

## PROGRAMME

- Actualités sur la classification OMS 2016 et lymphomes dérivés des lymphocytes T folliculaires ( $T_{FH}$ ) – Laurence de Leval, Lausanne
- Les lymphomes T CD30+ en 2016 : quelles entités ? - Céline Bossard, Nantes
- Le spectre des lymphoproliférations cytotoxiques T et NK extra-ganglionnaires de l'adulte – Marie Parrens, Bordeaux
- Que reste-t-il du lymphome T périphérique sans spécificité en 2016 ? – Philippe Gaulard, Créteil



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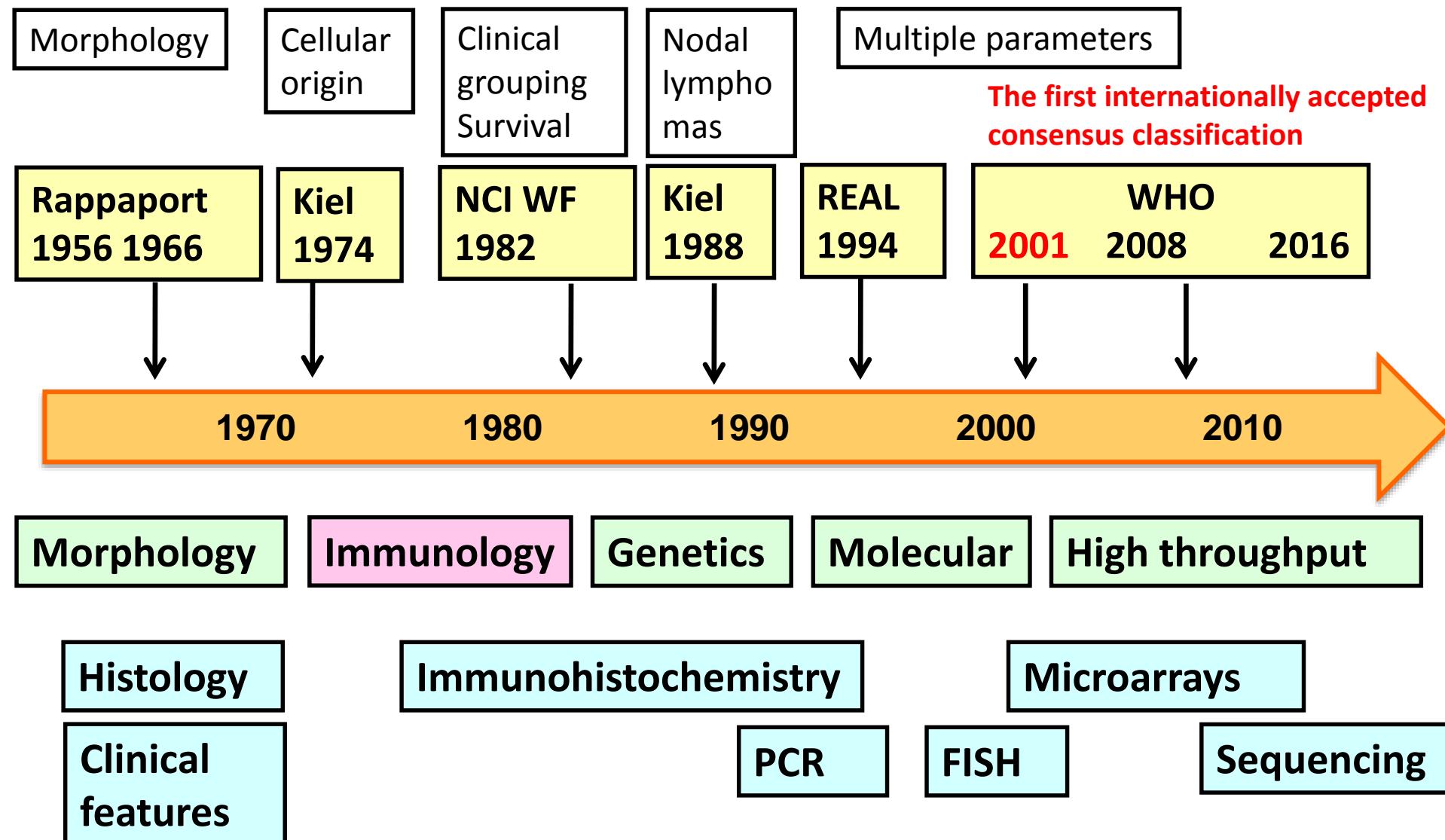
## Actualités sur la classification OMS 2016 et lymphomes dérivés des lymphocytes T folliculaires (T<sub>FH</sub>)

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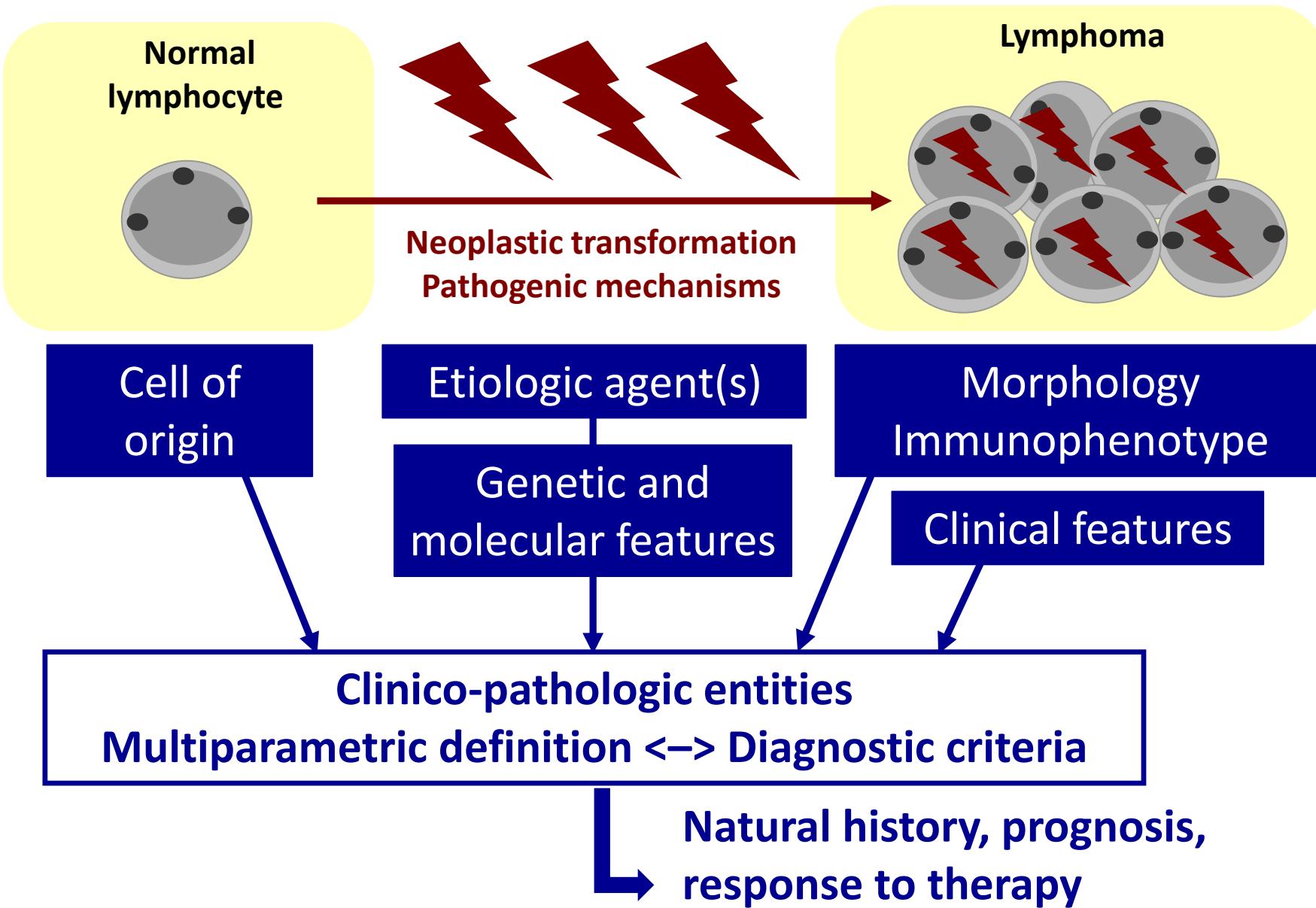
# The evolution of lymphoma classification



# The 2016 revision of the WHO classification

- Incorporation of new molecular discoveries impacting on diagnosis, prognosis and therapeutic implications
- An update of the 2008 classification
  - Some provisional entities promoted to definitive
  - Some new novel provisional entities
  - No new definitive entity
  - Some changes in nomenclature
- Maintains the goal to delineate well-characterized entities
- Clinical advisory committee

# Principles of the REAL/WHO classification



## Mature T/NK-cell neoplasms

- T-cell PLL
- T-cell LGL leukemia
- *Chronic LPDs of NK cells*
- Aggressive NK-cell leukemia
- ATLL
- **Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoma of childhood**
- **Hydroa vacciniforme-like lymphoproliferative disorder**

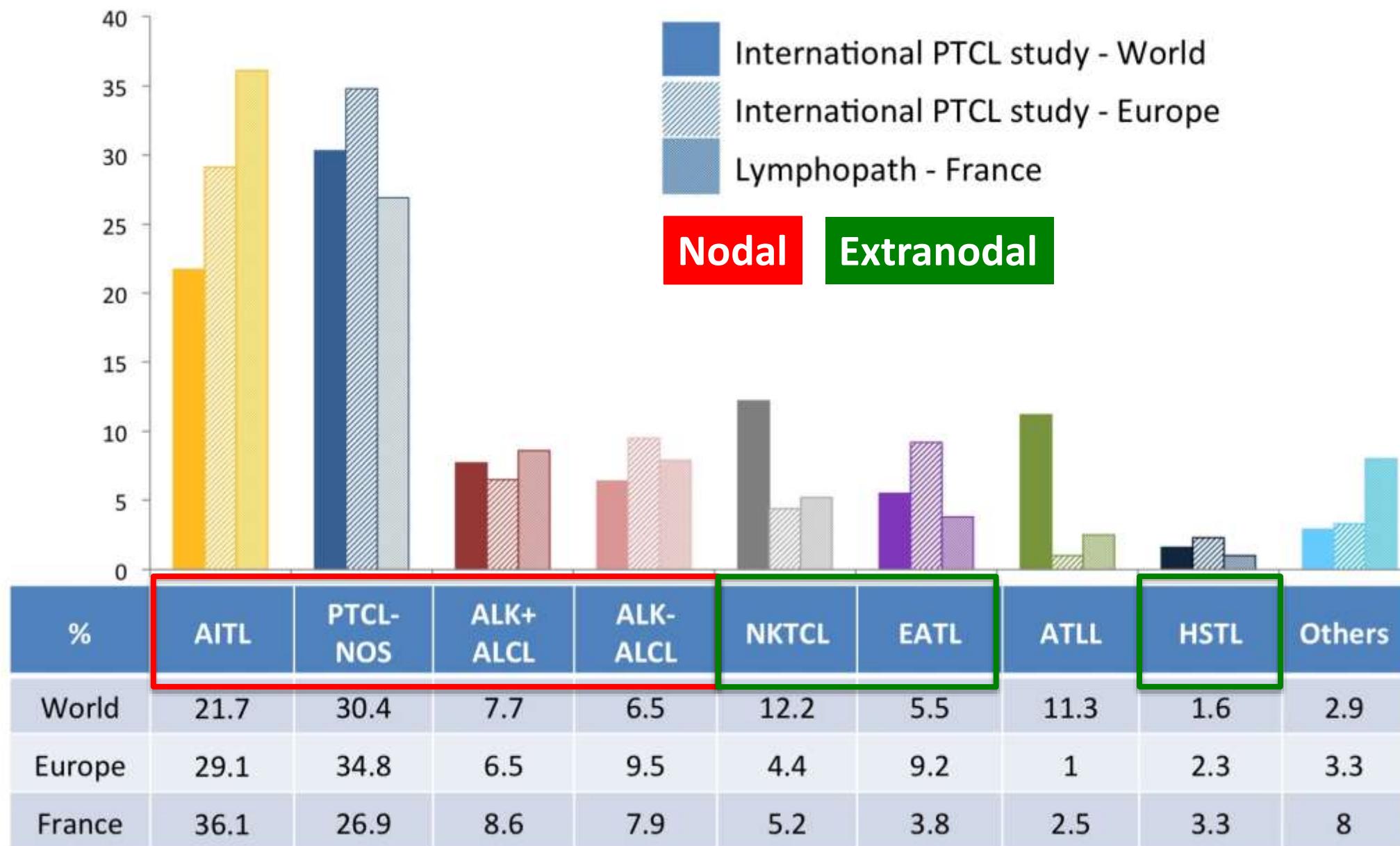
Leukemic

- PTCL-NOS
- AITL (angioimmunoblastic)
- *Follicular T-cell lymphoma*
- *Nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype*
- ALCL, ALK-positive
- **ALCL, ALK-negative**

Nodal

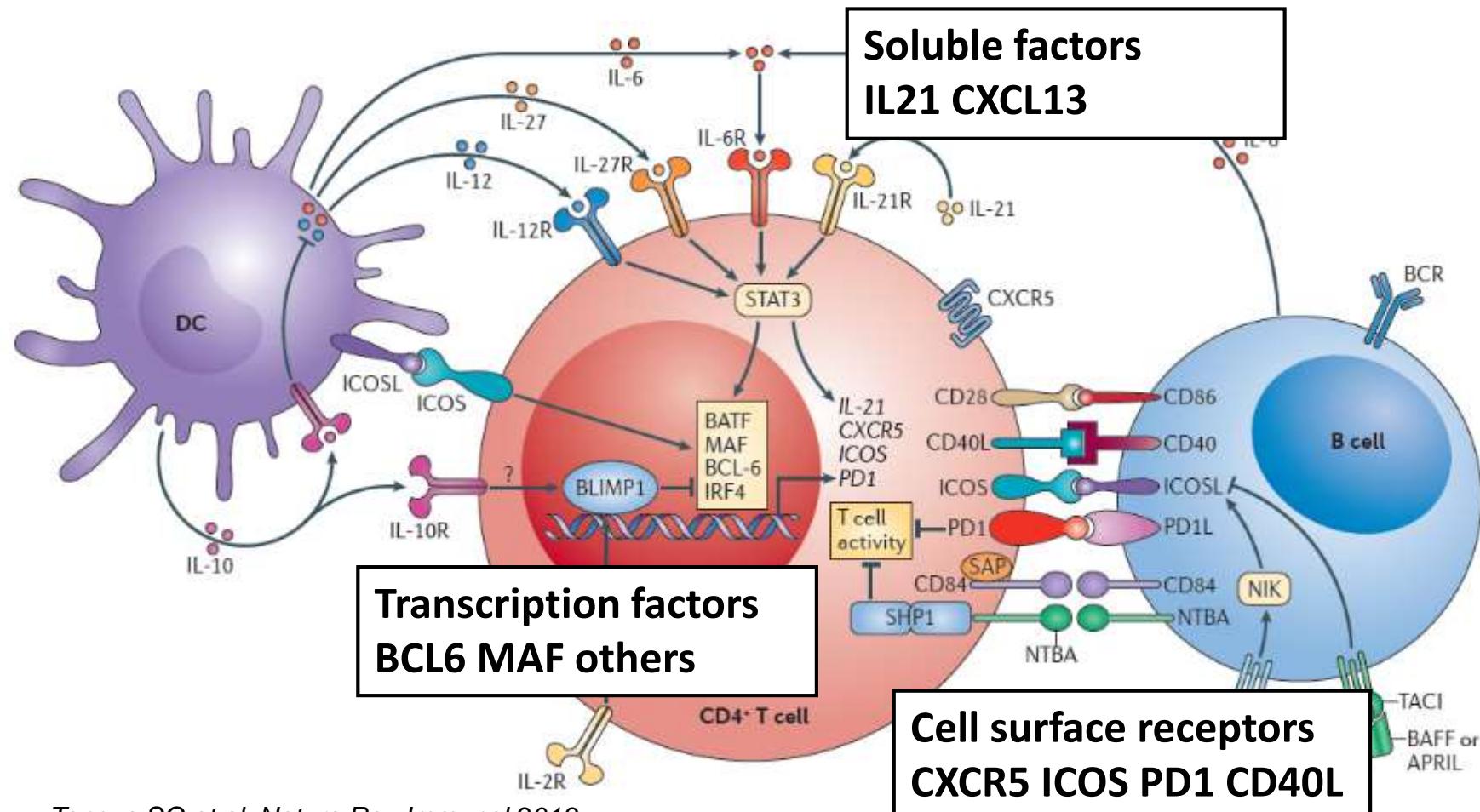
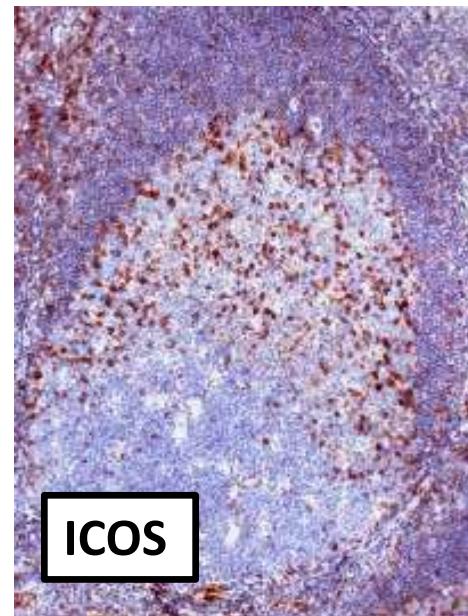
- Extranodal NK/TCL, nasal type
- Enteropathy-associated TCL
- **Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma**
- ***Indolent T-cell proliferative disorder of the GI tract***
- Subcutaneous panniculitis-like TCL
- Hepatosplenic TCL
- MF/Sezary Syndrome
- Primary cutaneous CD30+ LPD
- LyP, pcALCL
- ***Breast implant-associated ALCL***
- Primary cutaneous  $\gamma\delta$  TCL
- ***Primary cutaneous CD8+ aggressive epidermotropic cytotoxic TCL***
- ***Primary cutaneous acral CD8+ TCL***
- ***Primary cutaneous CD4+ small/medium T-cell LPD***

Extra-Nodal



# Nodal lymphomas of T<sub>FH</sub> origin

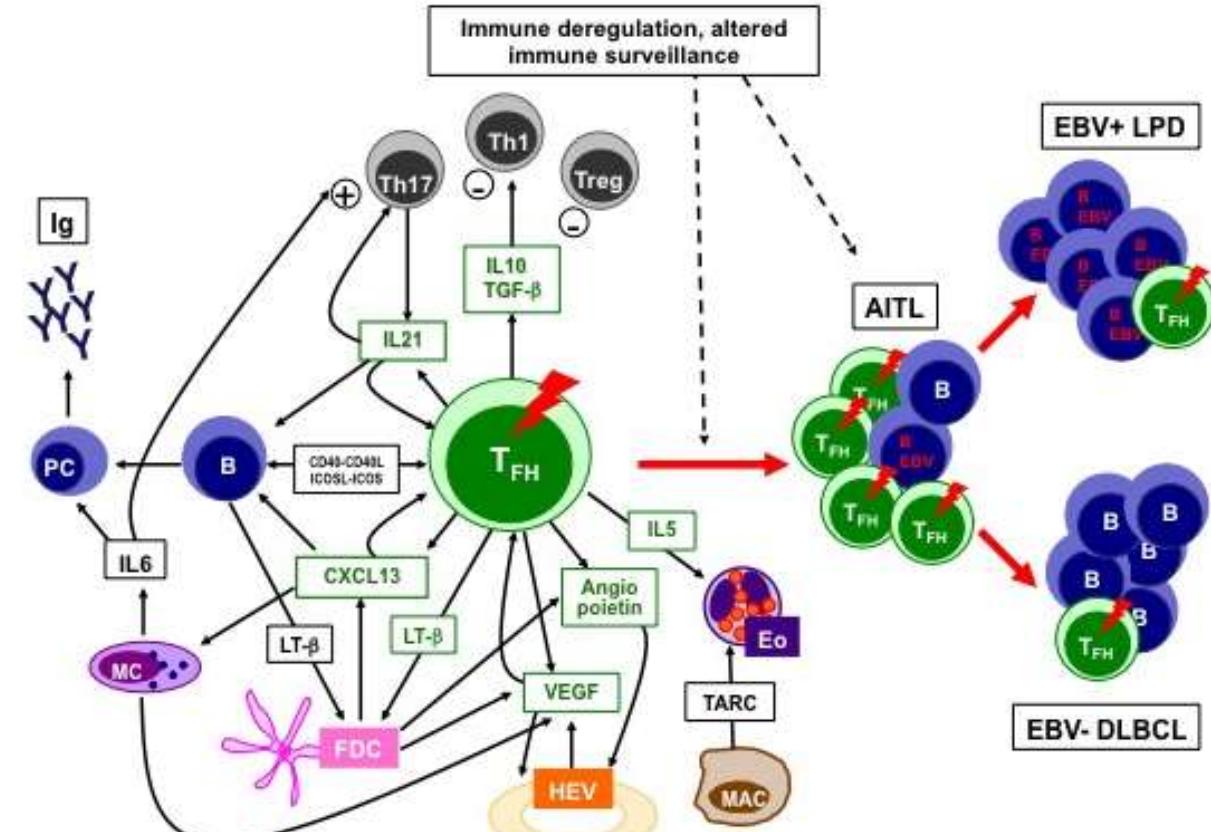
**AITL : angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma**  
**F-TCL: follicular T-cell lymphoma**  
**PTCL-TFH: nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype**



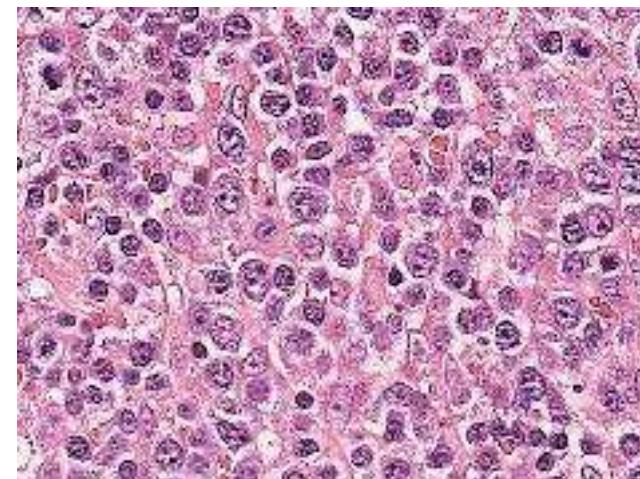
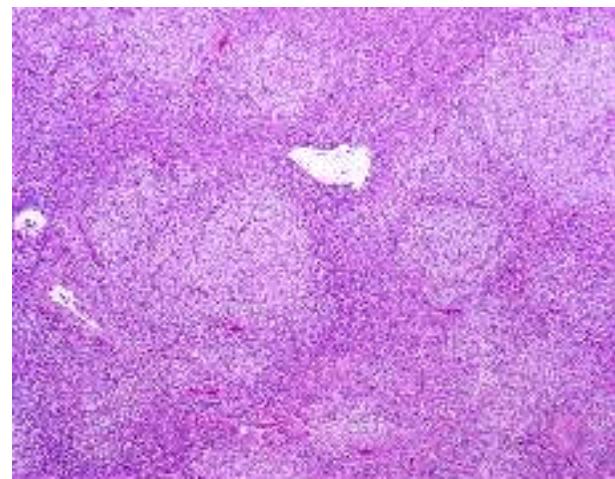
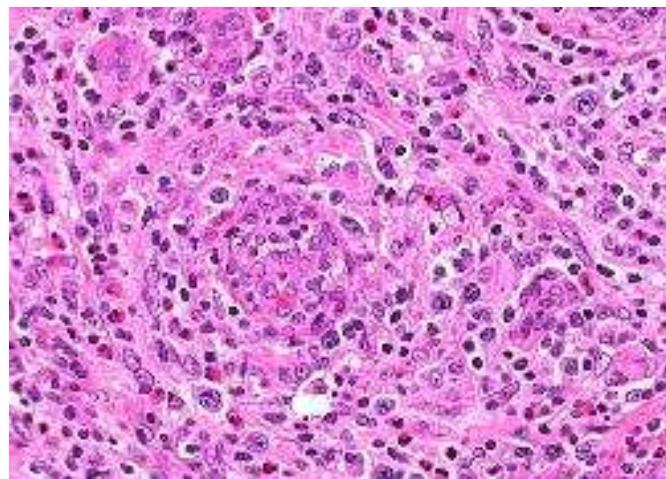
# Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma - WHO 2016

A neoplasm of mature TFH cells characterized by **systemic disease**, a **polymorphous infiltrate** involving lymph nodes with a prominent proliferation of high endothelial **venules** and **follicular dendritic cells**, and frequent expansion of **EBV+ B cells**

- Elderly, disseminated disease, B symptoms
- Lymphadenopathies, spleen and liver involvement, skin rash, effusions
- Anemia (Coombs positive), cytopenias, hypereosinophilia, hyperglobulinemia



	AITL	F-TCL	TFH-PTCL
Epidemiology	First or second most common PTCL	Very rare (variant of PTCL-NOS in WHO 2008)	20% of PTCL-NOS
Pattern	Diffuse (perifollicular)	<b>FL-like or PTCG-like</b>	<b>Diffuse (T-zone)</b>
Neoplastic cells	Small to medium, clear cells	Variable	Medium to large
Polymorphic infiltrate	Abundant	Absent or minimal	Absent or minimal
FDC	Diffuse proliferation	<b>Restricted to follicles</b>	<b>Minimal or absent</b>
Vascular proliferation	Abundant	Absent or minimal	Absent or minimal
EBV+ blasts	Typically present	May be present	May be present
TFH phenotype	Several TFH markers, heterogeneous	<b>Several TFH markers, strong</b>	<b>At least 2 TFH markers</b>

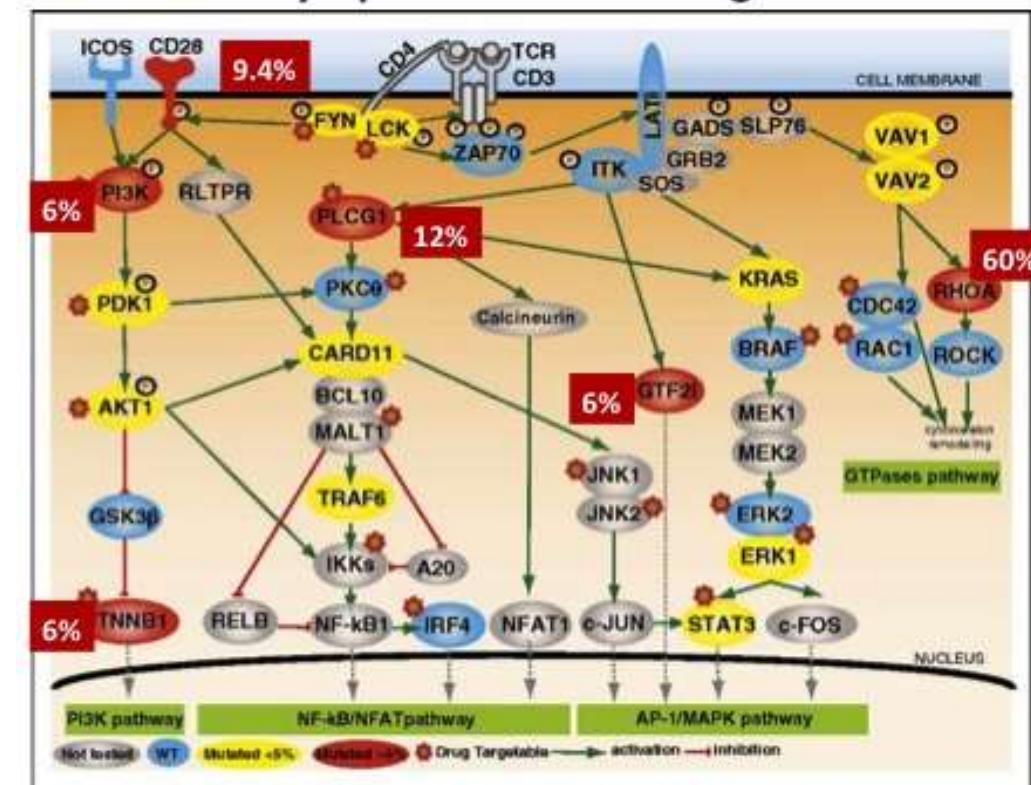


# Genetic alterations in AITL and PTCL of TFH origin

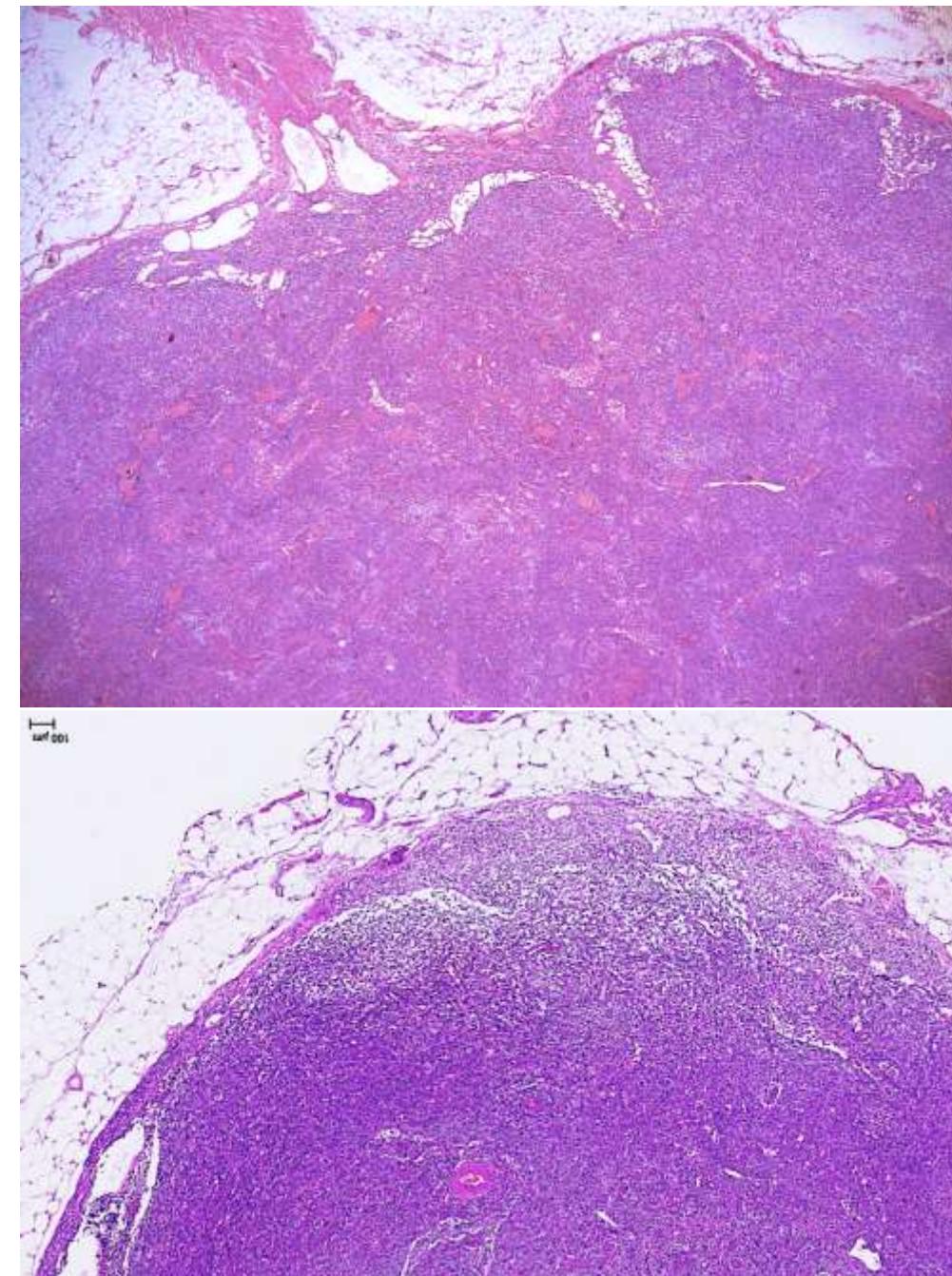
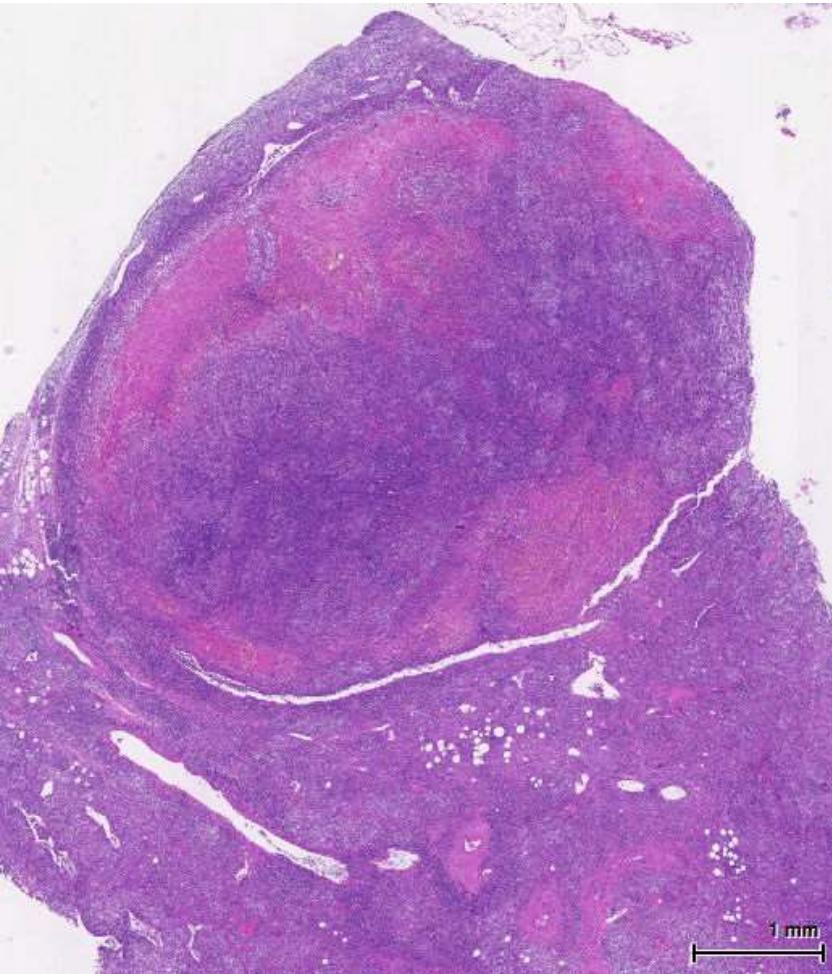
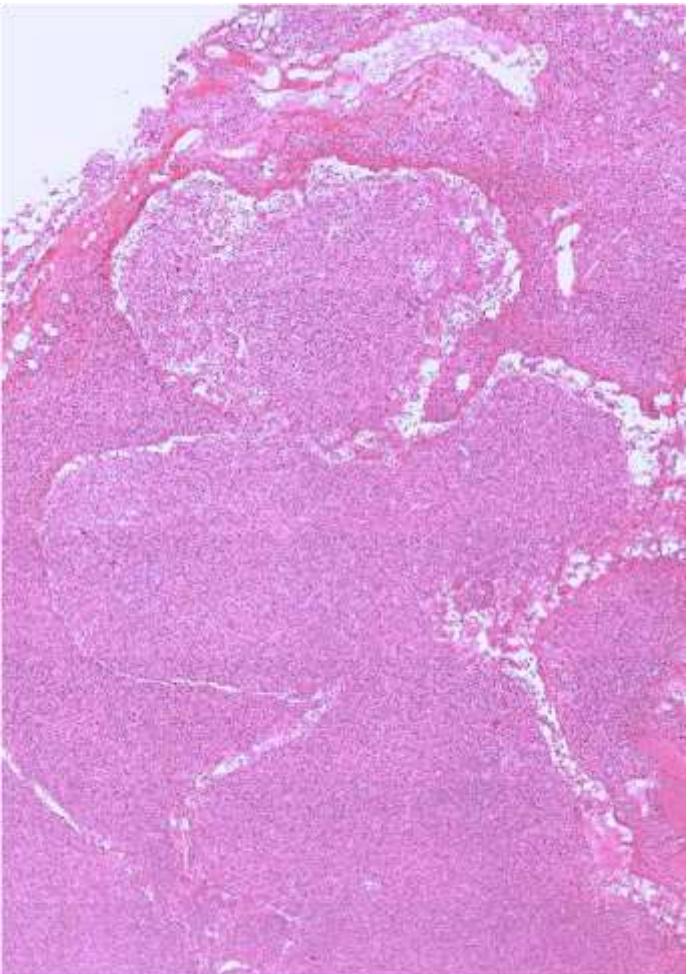
Gene	Alteration	Freq.
<b>TET2</b> Lemonnier F et al. <i>Blood</i> 2012	Inactivating mut.	50-75%
<b>DNMT3</b>	Inactivating mut.	30%
<b>IDH2*</b> Cairns R et al. <i>Blood</i> 2012	R172 (R140)	25%
<b>RHOA</b> Palomero T Sakata M et al. <i>Nat Genet</i> 2014	G17V	60-70%
<b>t(5;9)(q33;q22)</b> Streubel B et al. <i>Leukemia</i> 2006	ITK-SYK fusion	20% FTCL (AITL)
<b>CD28</b> Rohr J et al. <i>Leukemia</i> 2016; Lee SH et al. <i>Haematologica</i> 2015	Activating mut. @ residues 124 195	10% AITL
<b>PLCG1, CARD11, FYN...</b> Vallois D et al. <i>Blood</i> 2016	Activating mut.	50%

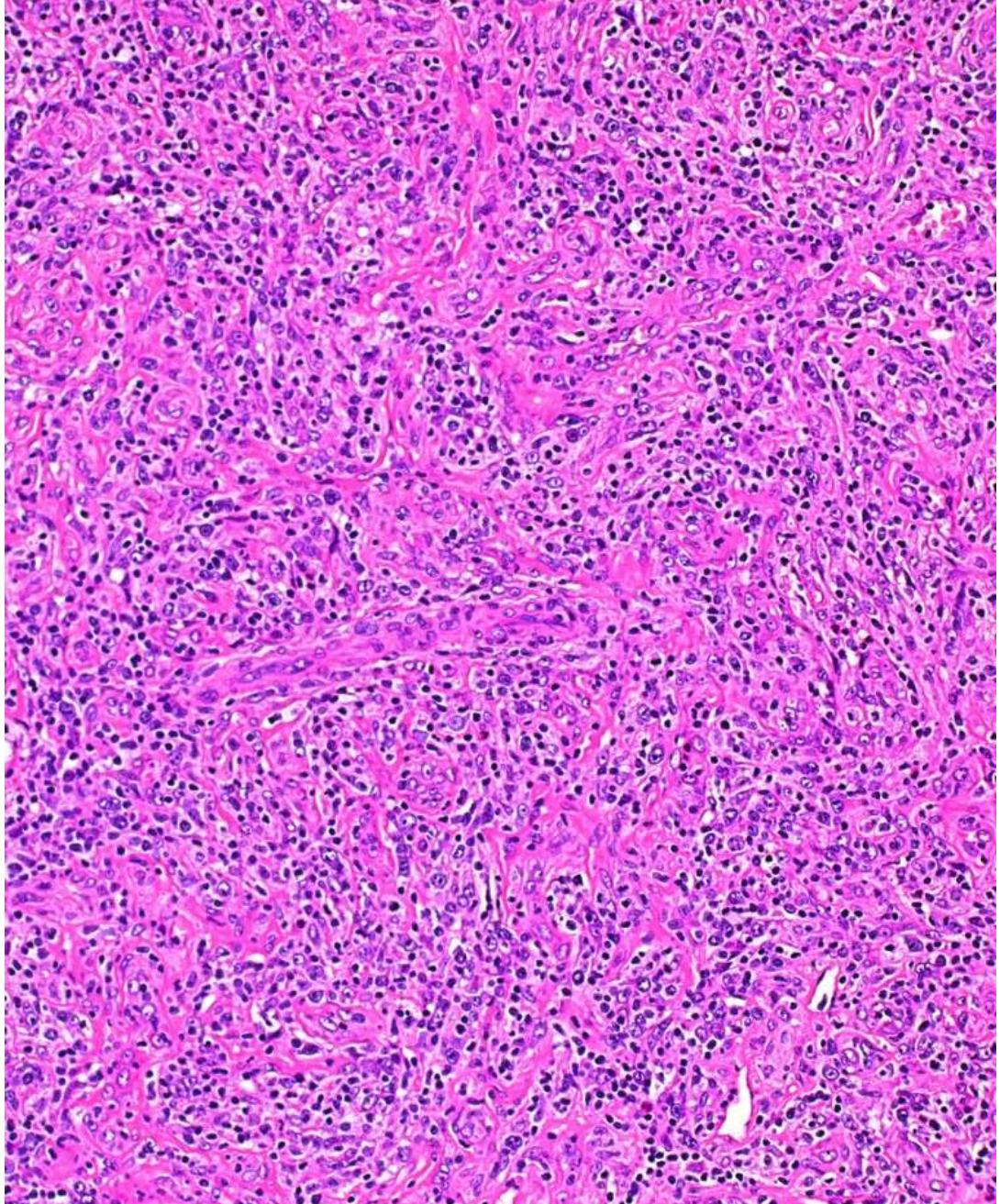
## Epigenetics Hypermethylation

## TCR signaling

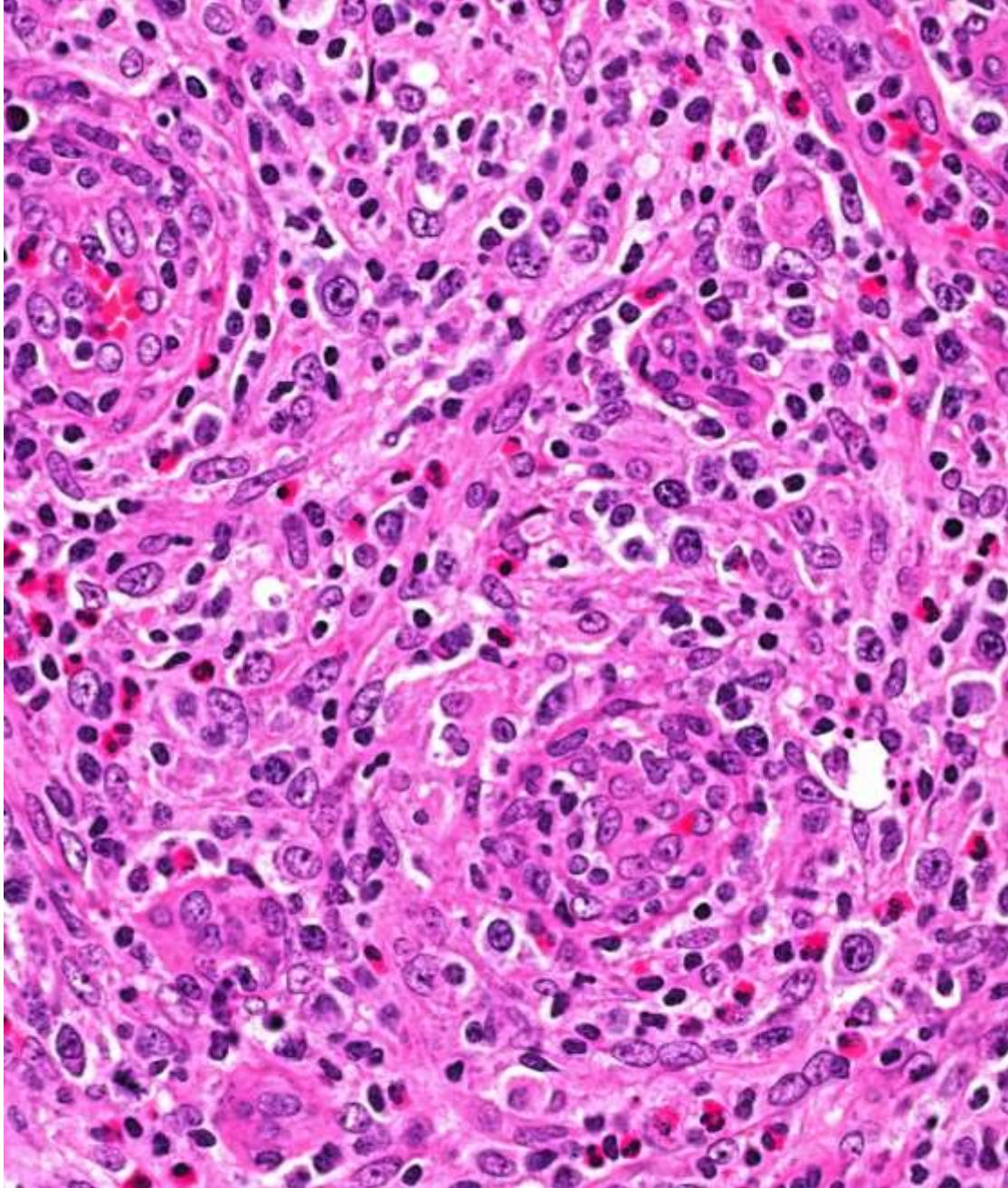


# AITL – sinus sign

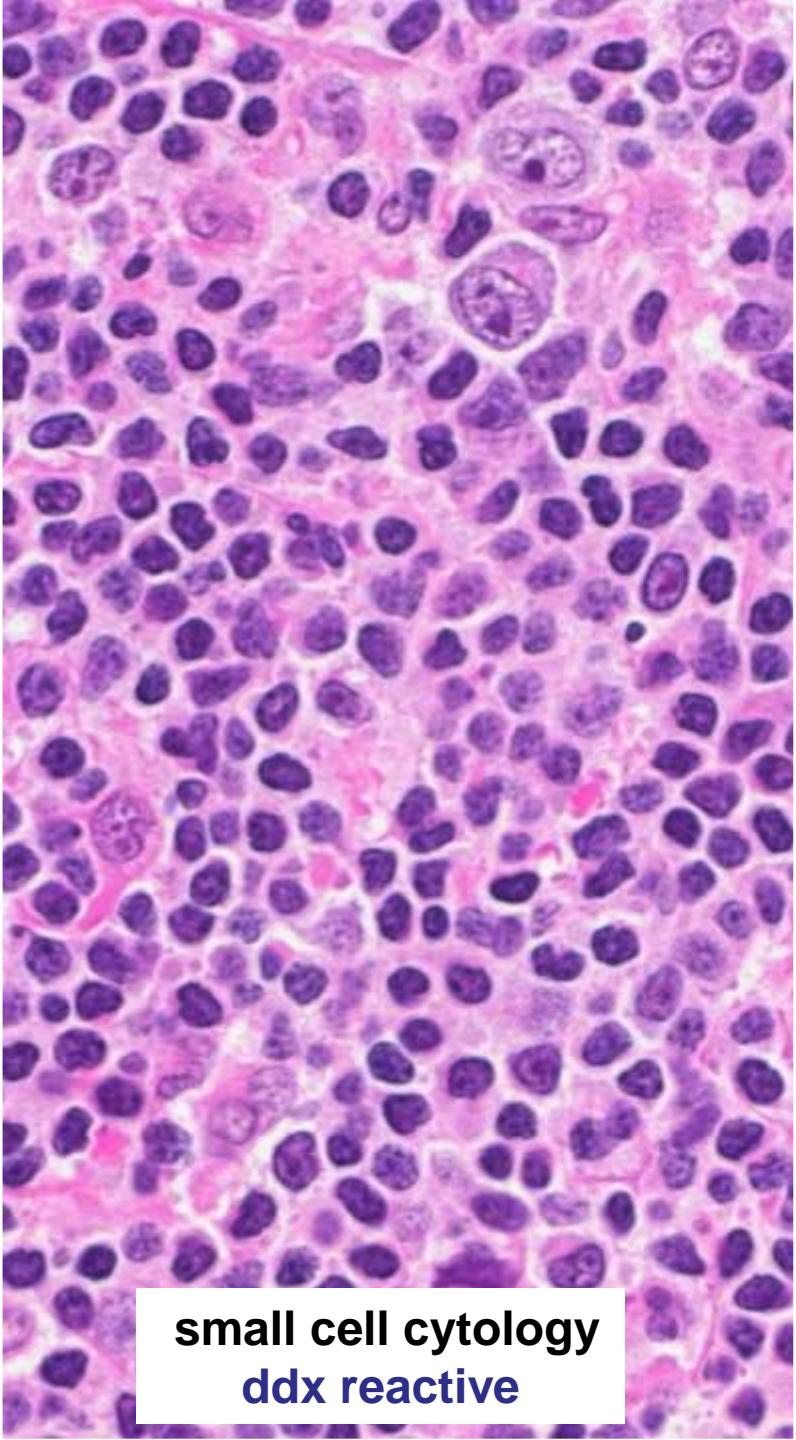




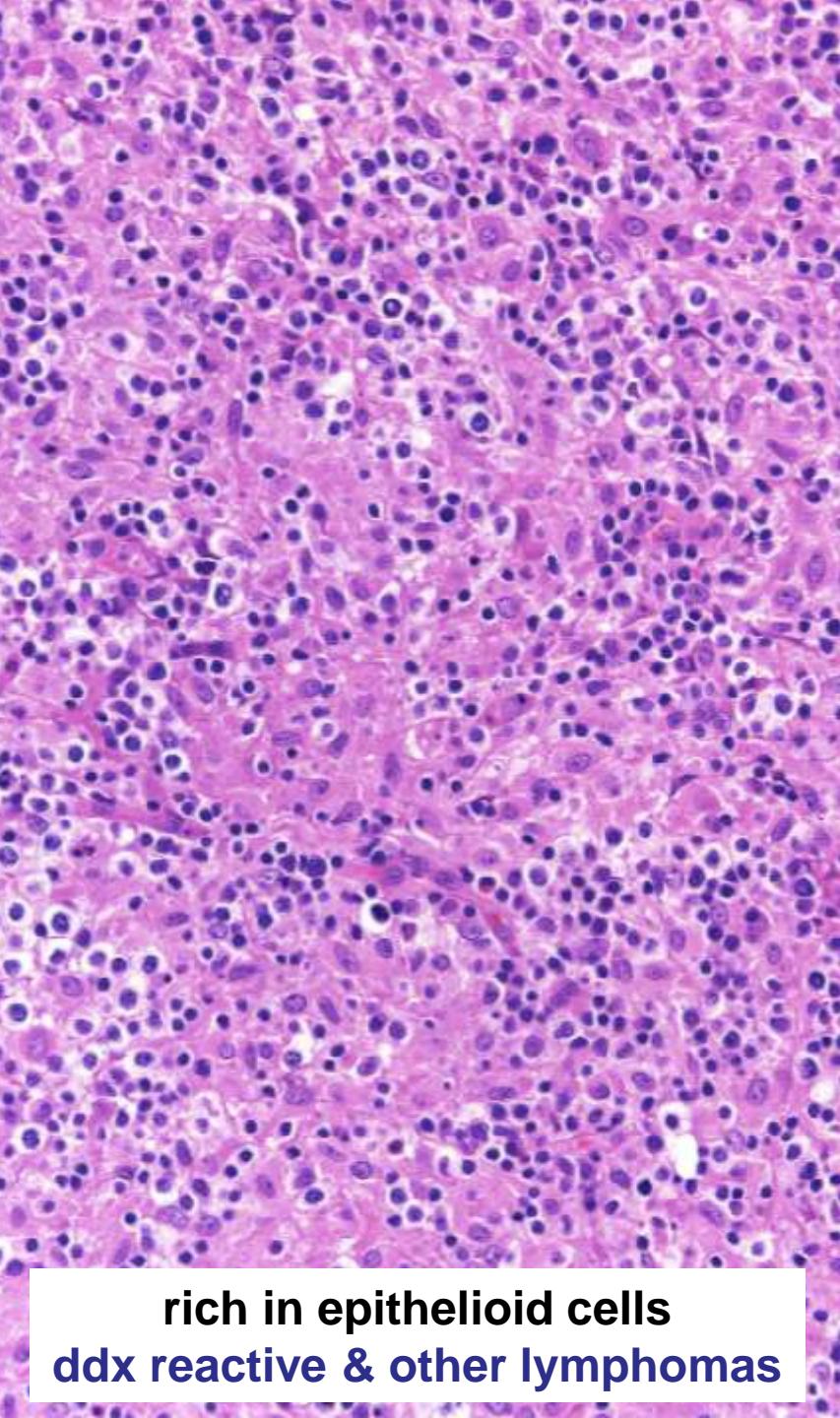
Diffuse pattern – vascular proliferation



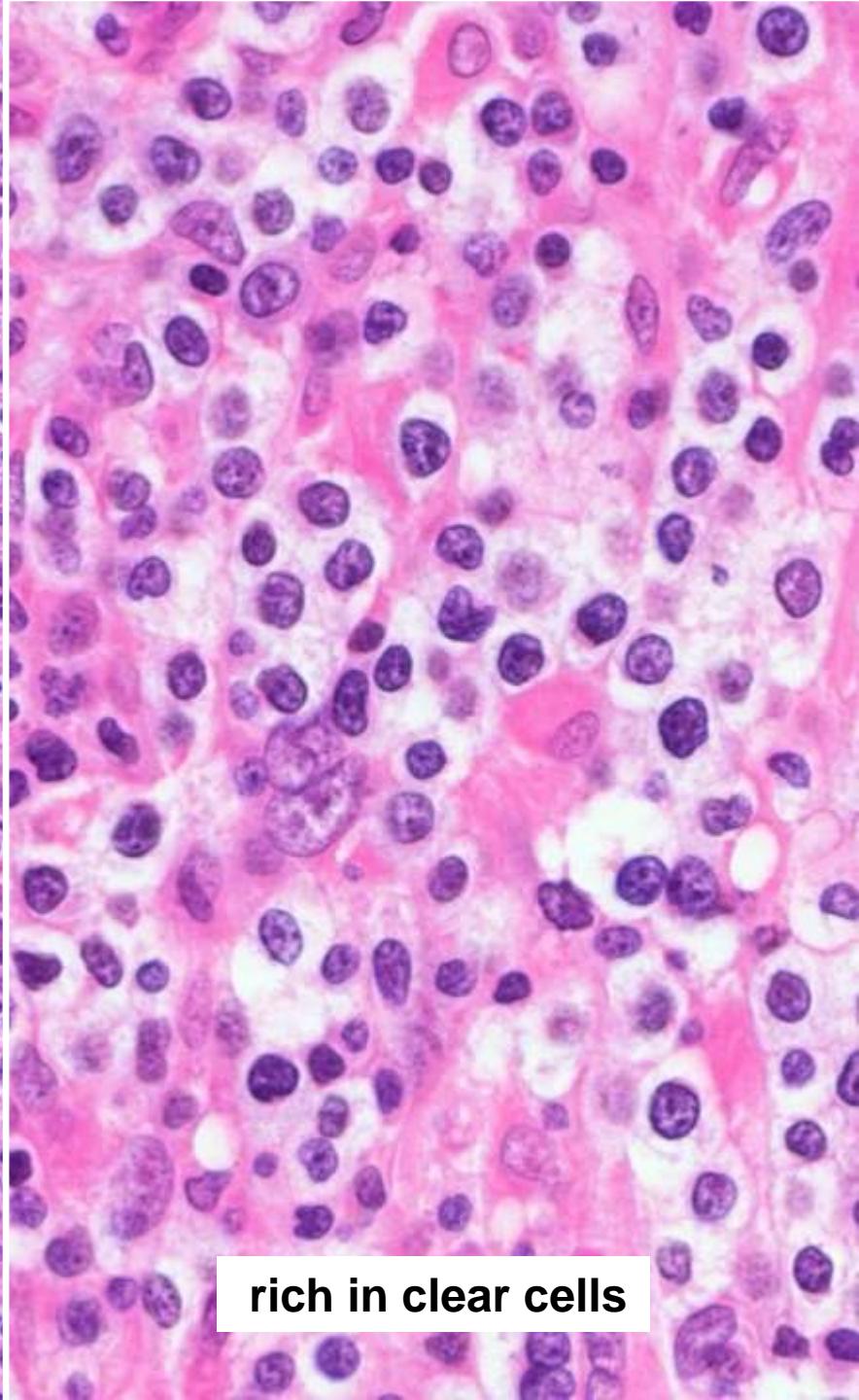
Polymorphous infiltrate



**small cell cytology  
ddx reactive**

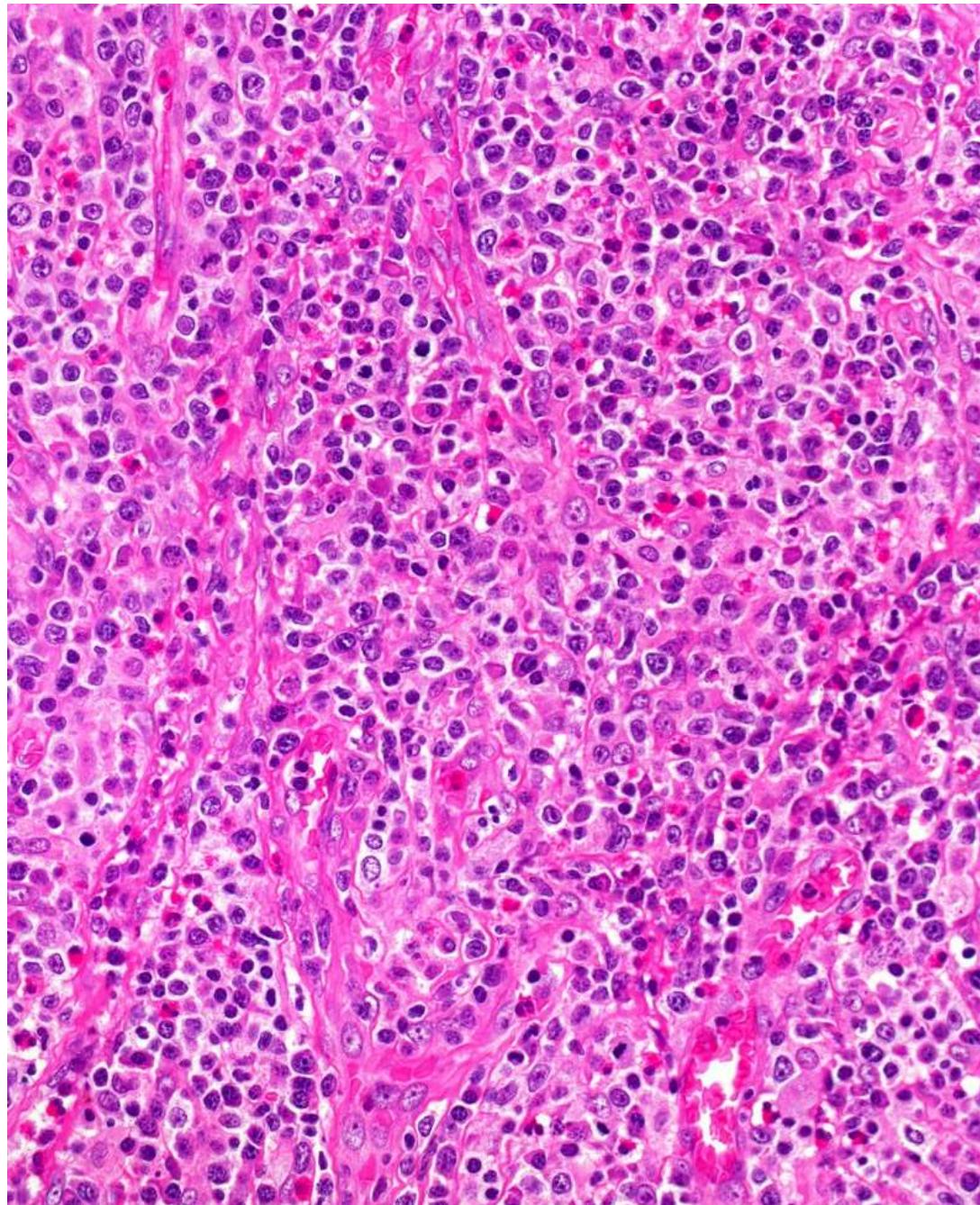
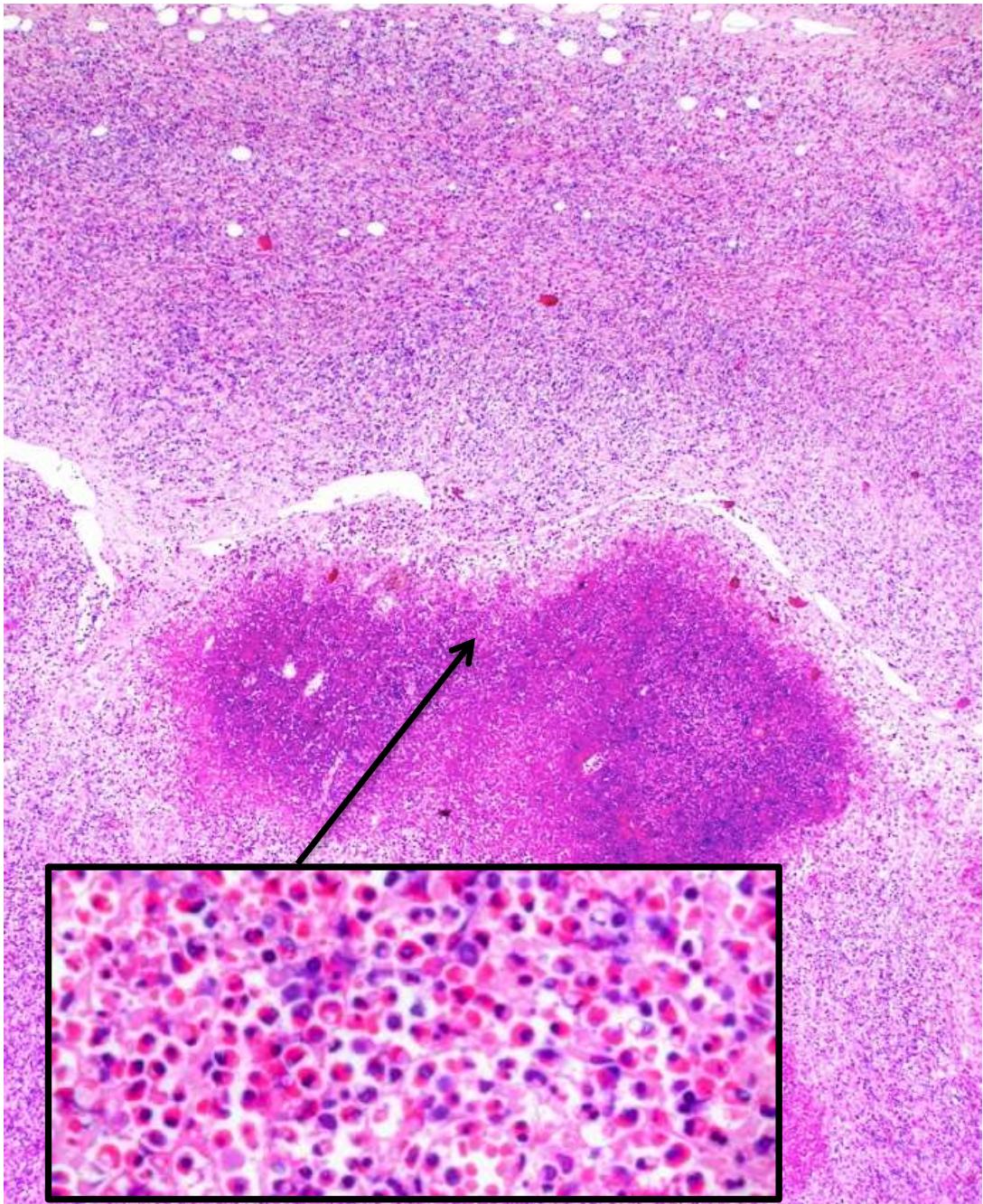


**rich in epithelioid cells  
ddx reactive & other lymphomas**

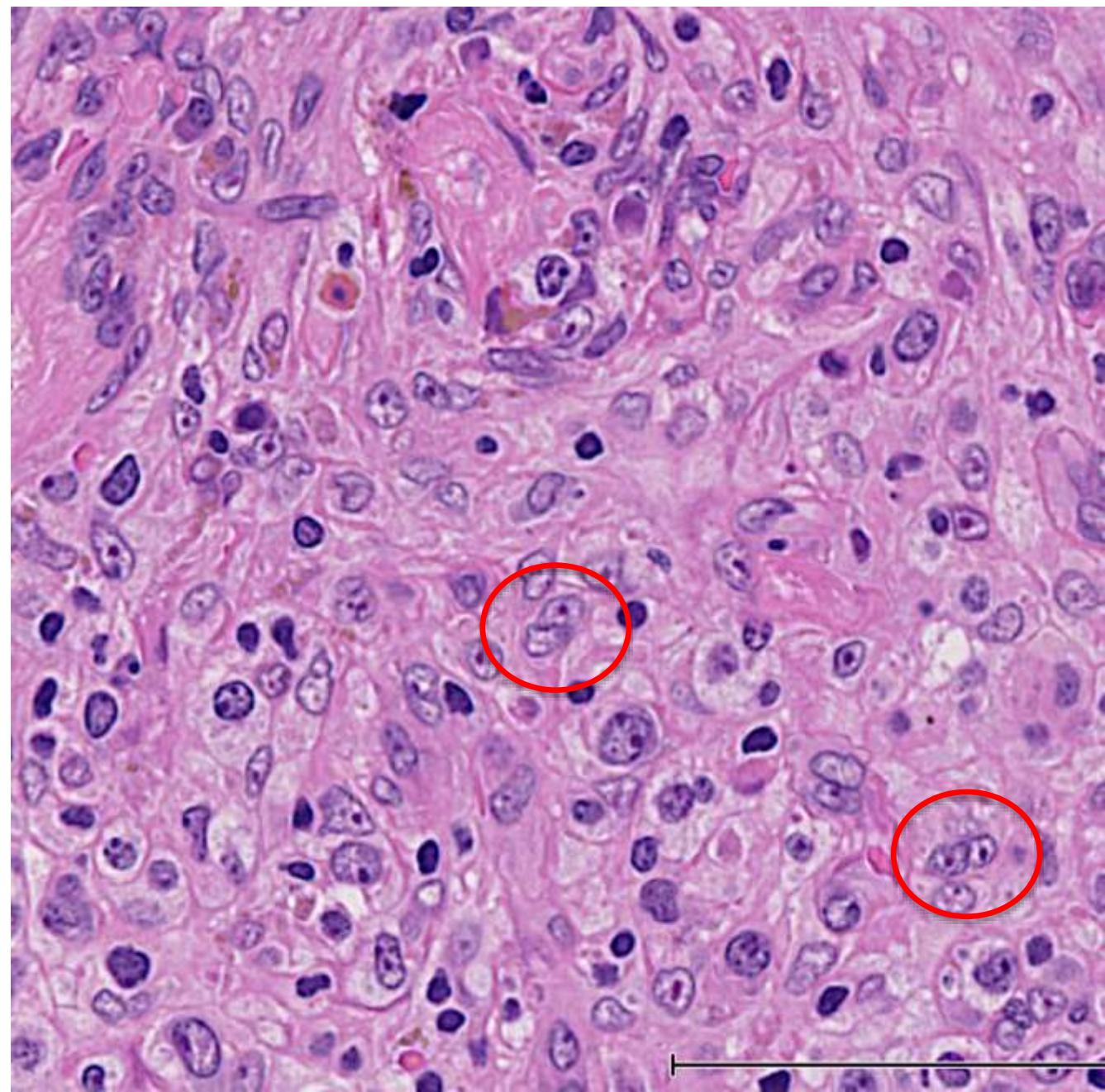
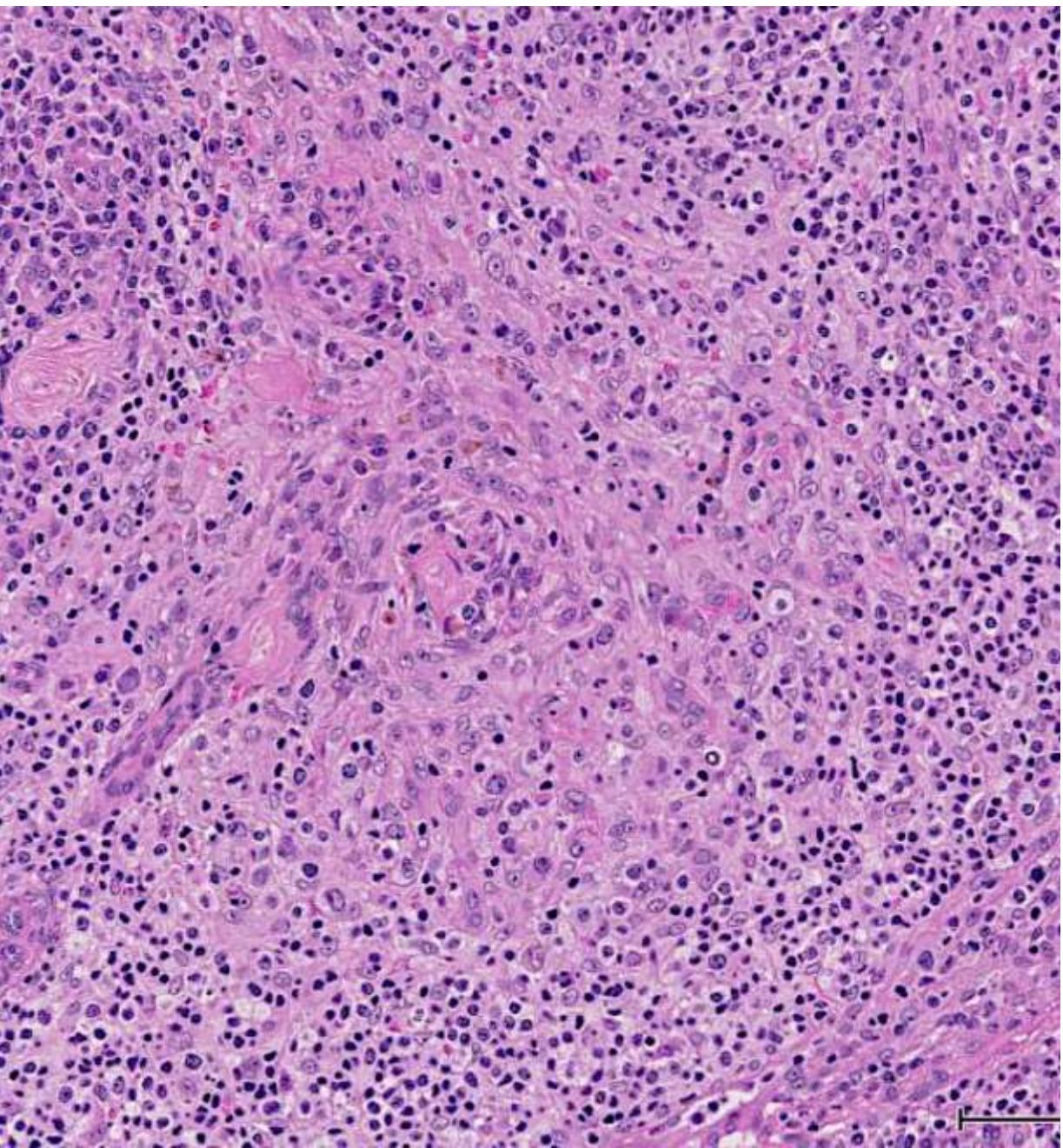


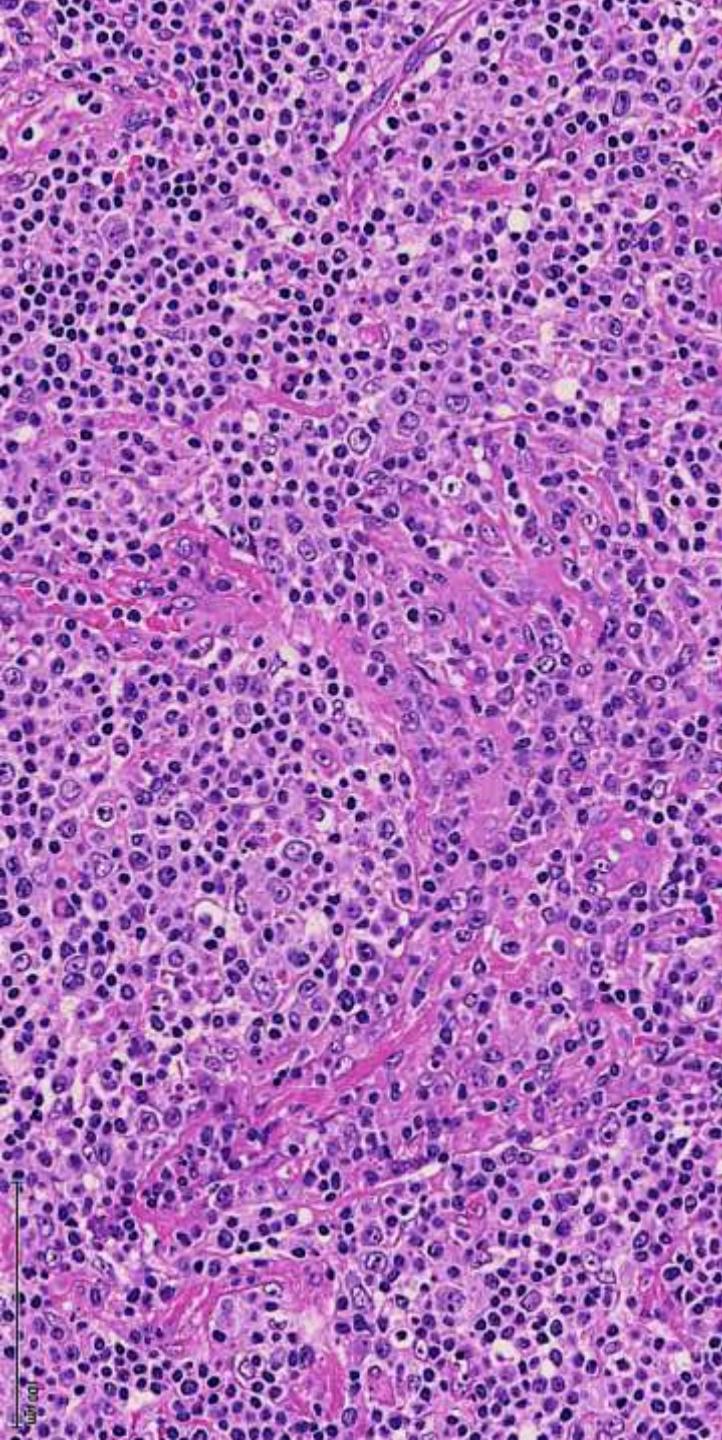
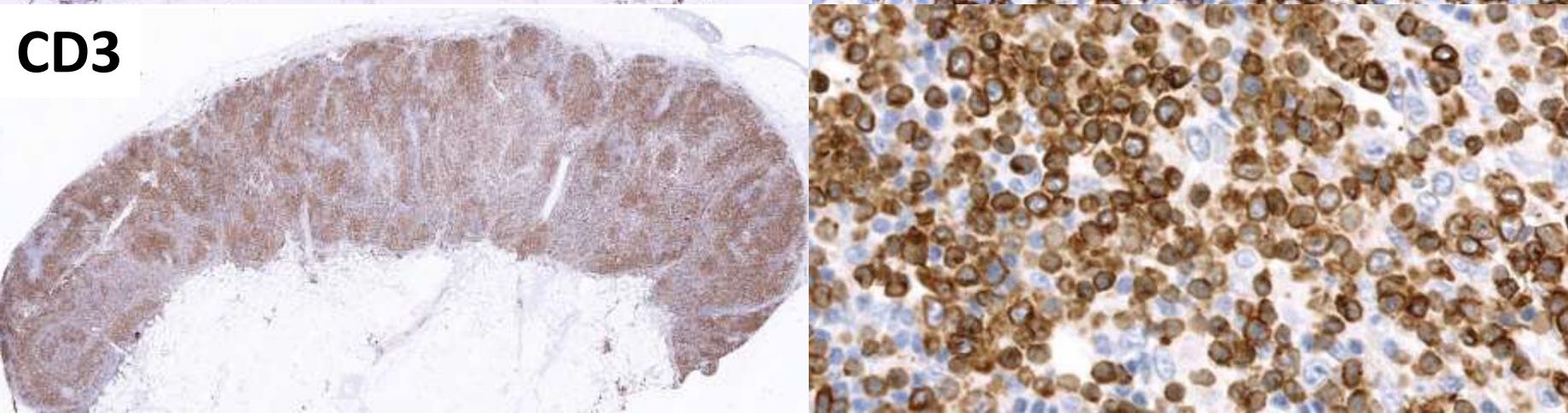
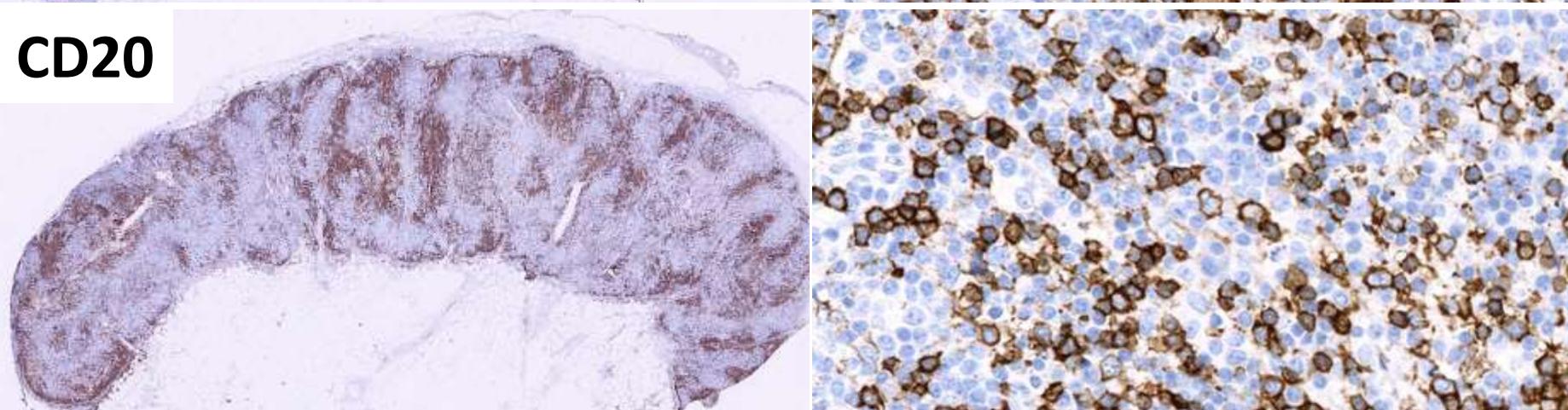
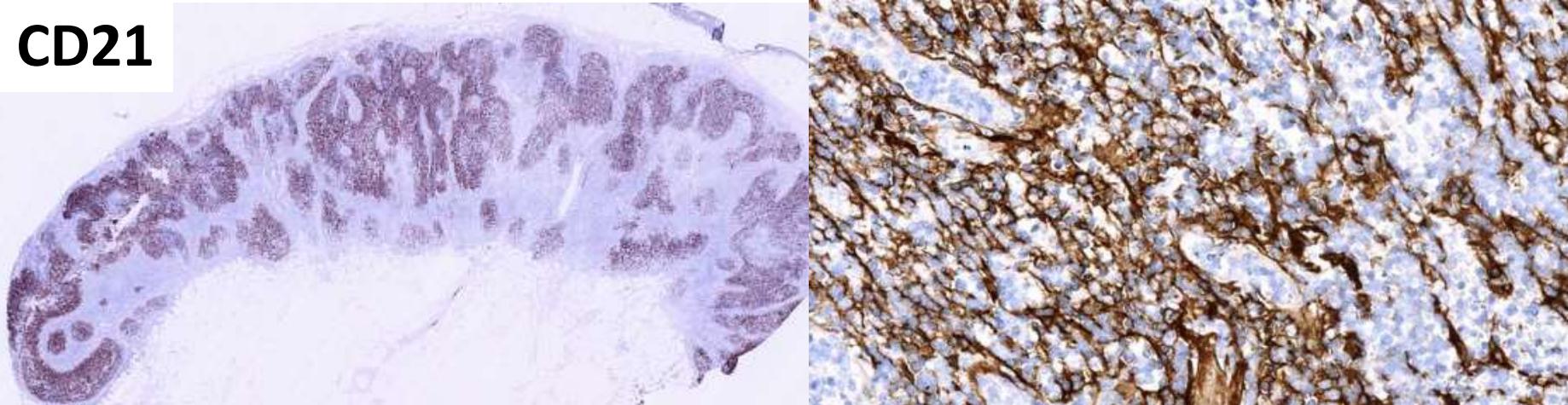
**rich in clear cells**

# AITL in a patient with marked blood eosinophilia

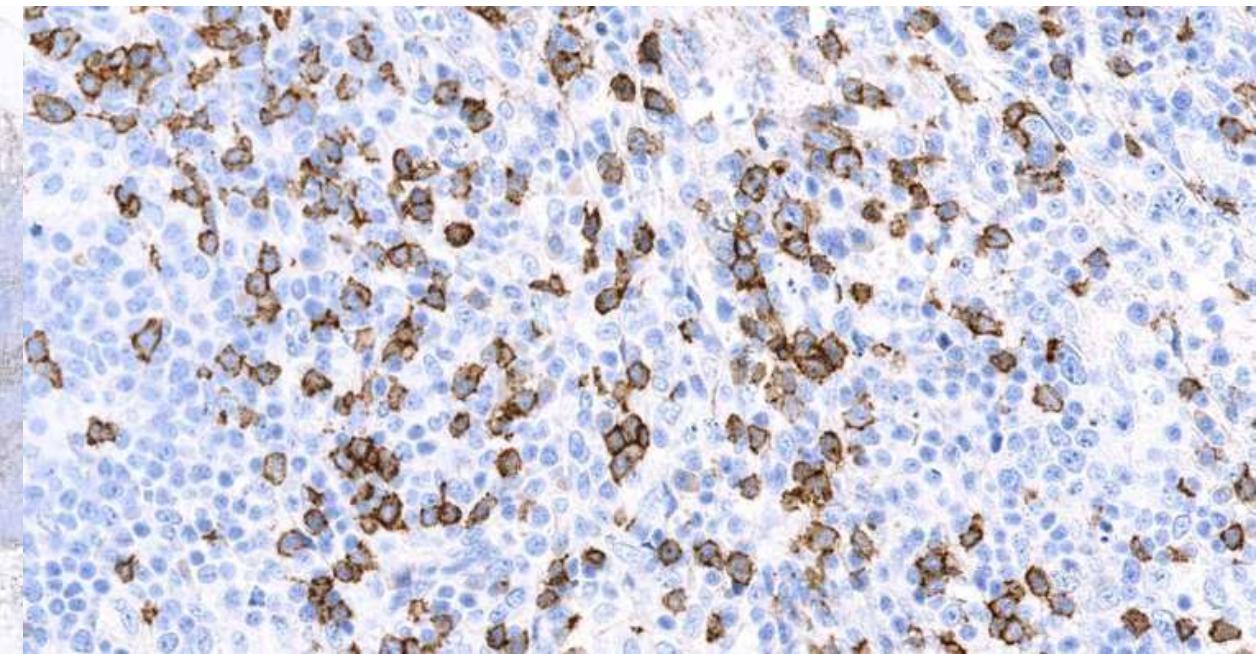
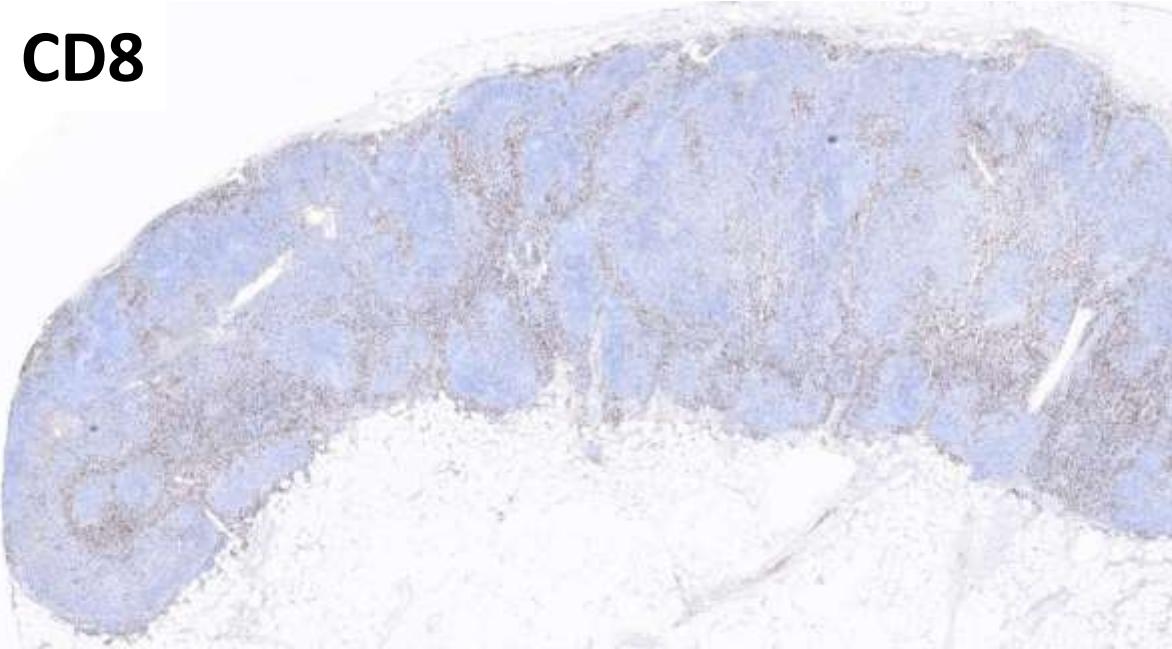


## FDC proliferation in AITL

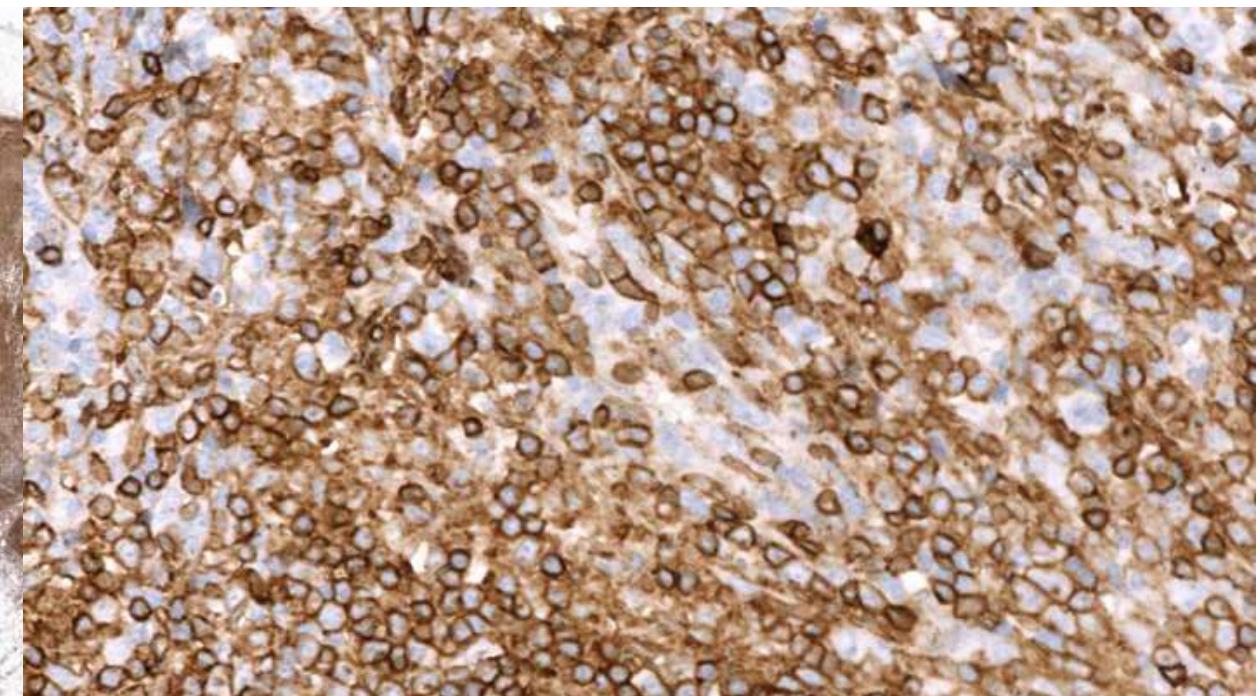
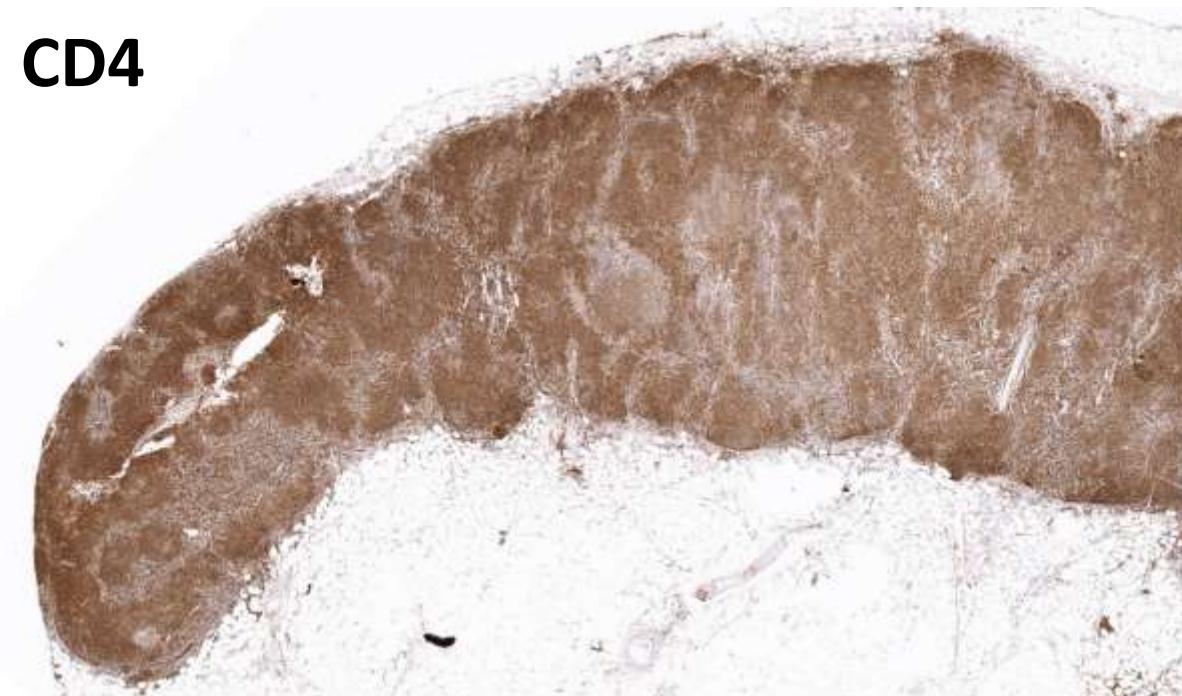


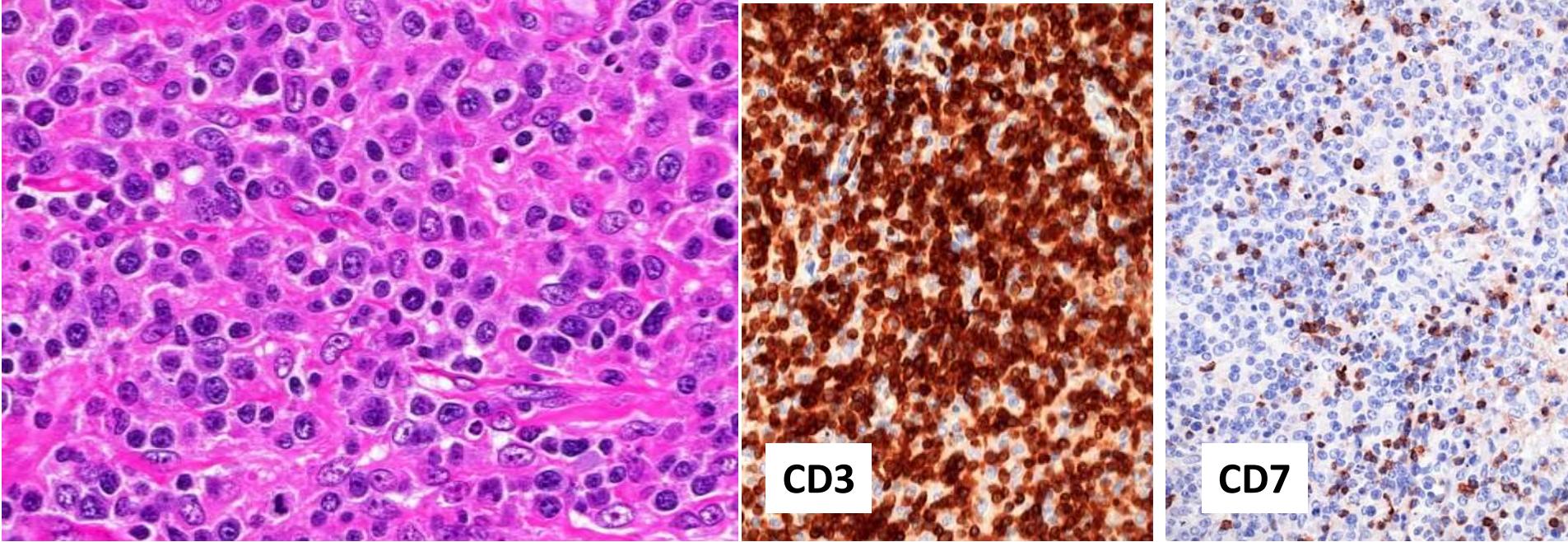


**CD8**

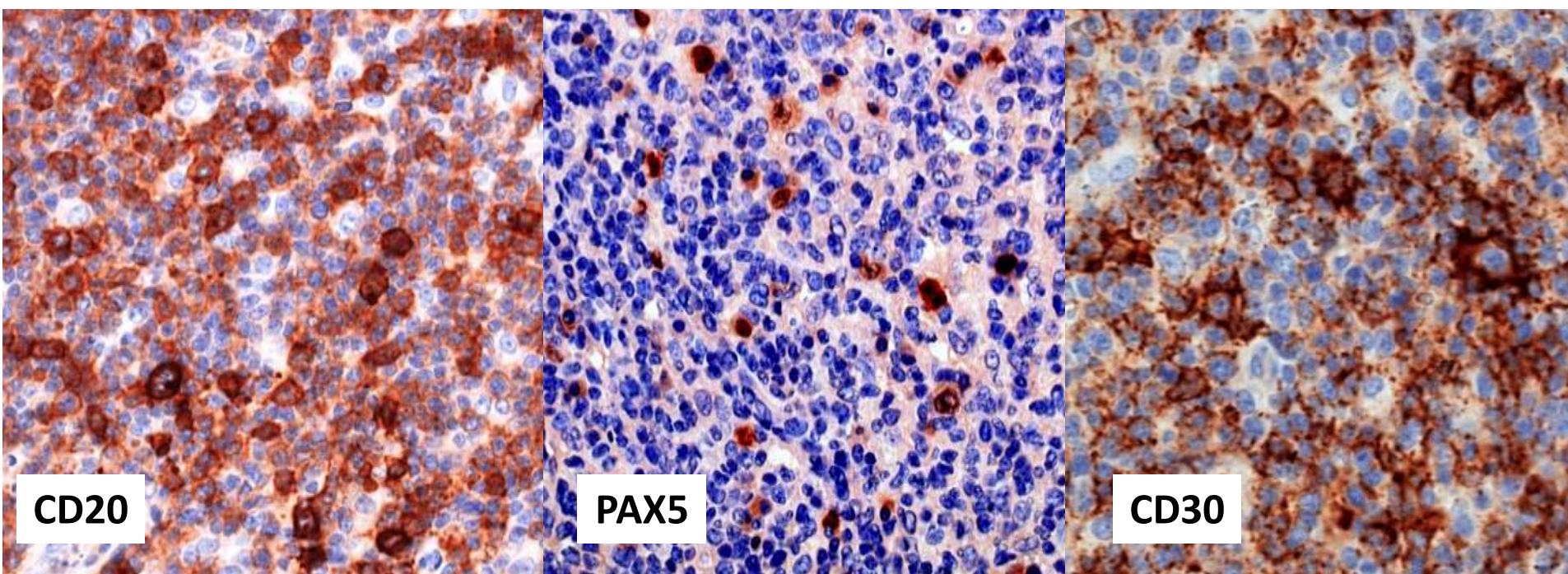


**CD4**

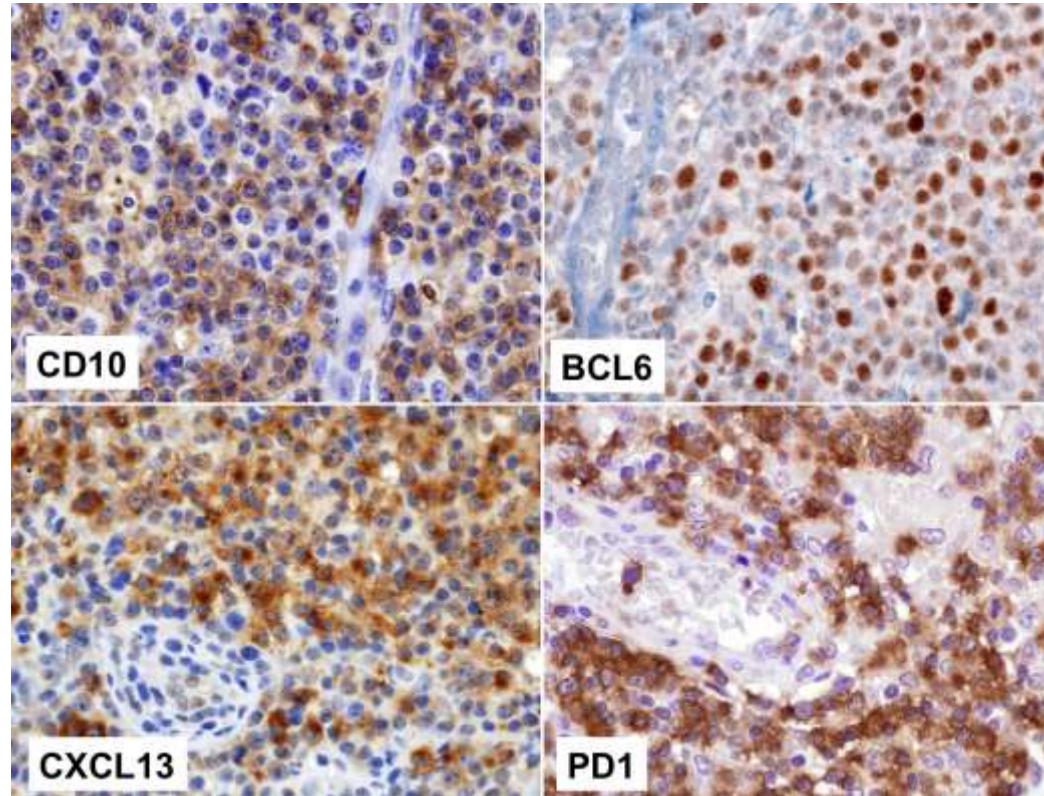
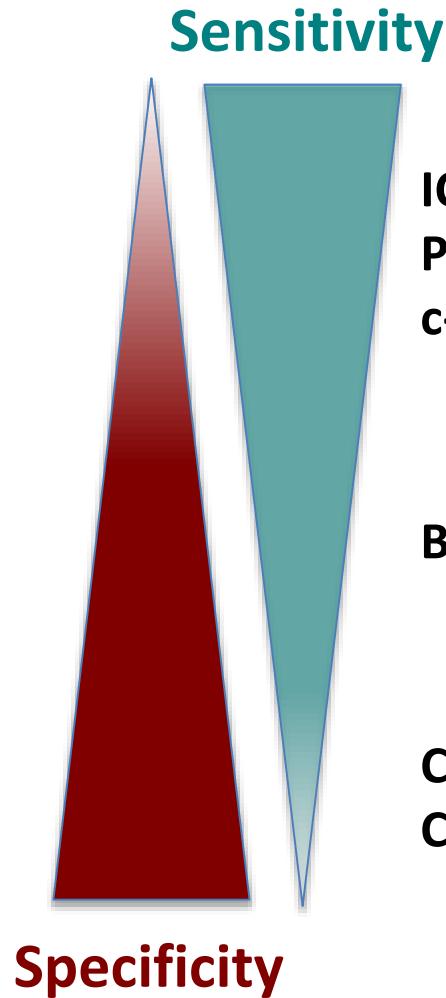




**AITL with aberrant immunophenotype**



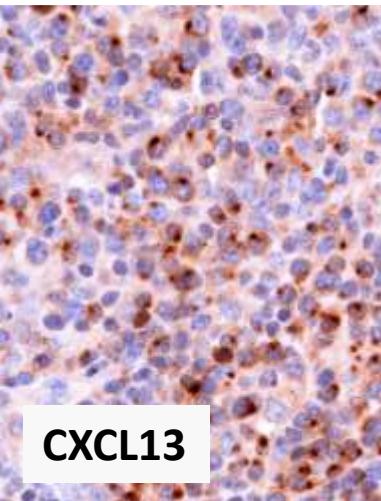
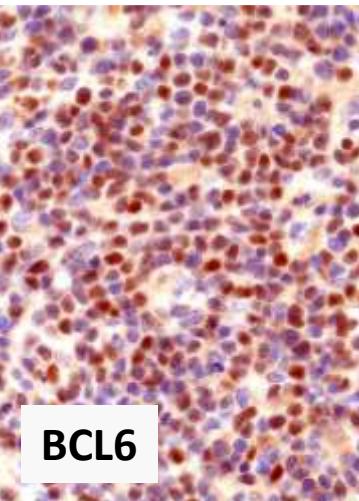
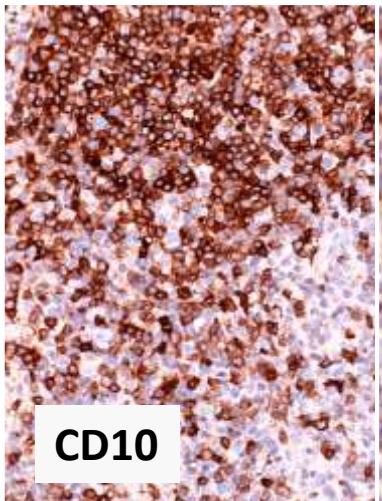
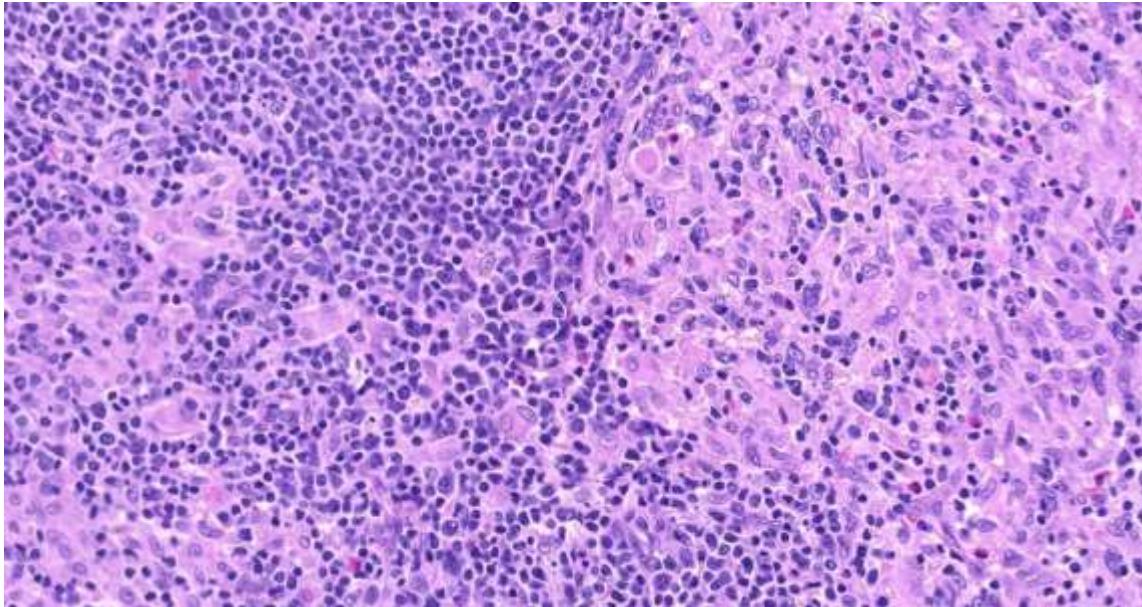
# Immunohistochemistry for T<sub>FH</sub> cell markers



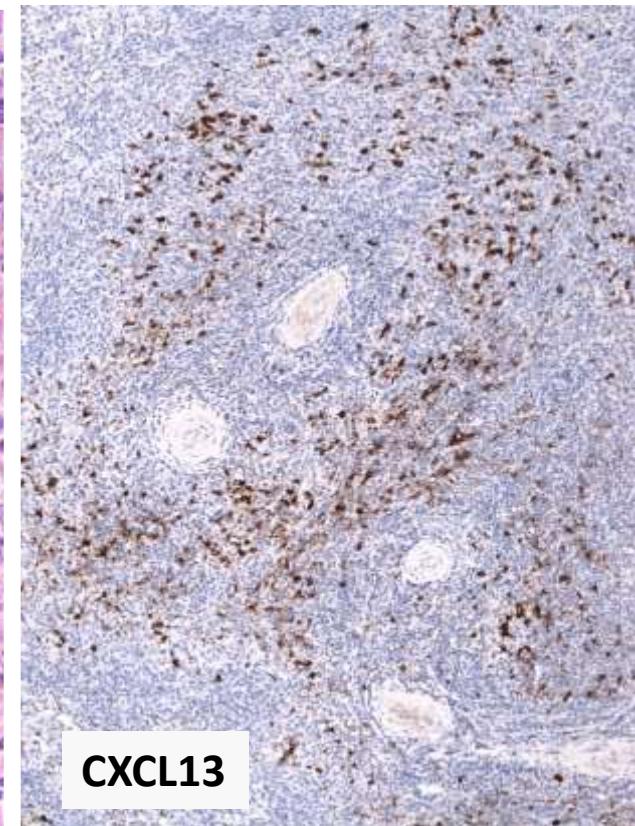
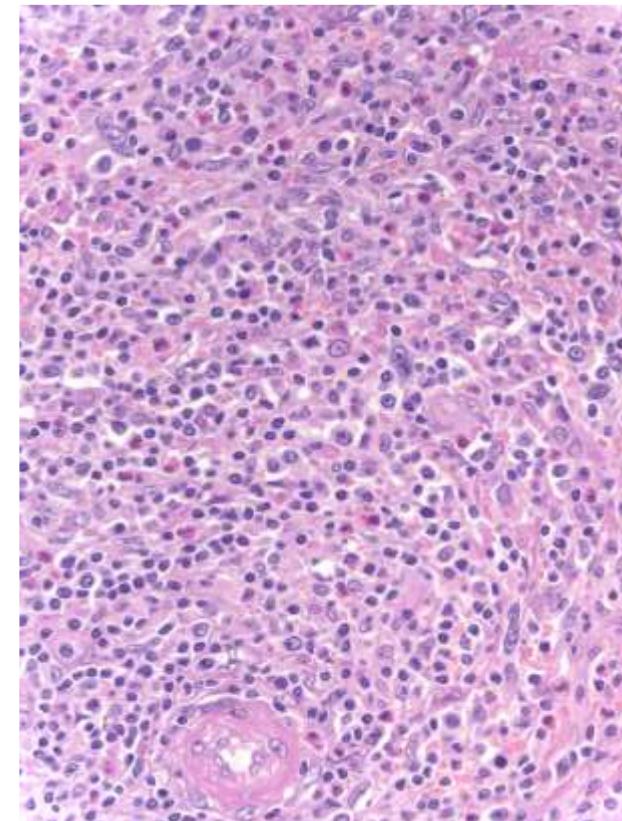
A combination of several markers (3 or more) must be used  
CD10 most often stains only 10-30% tumor cells  
Other markers usually produce a more extensive staining  
Compare to staining intensity in normal GC (PD1)

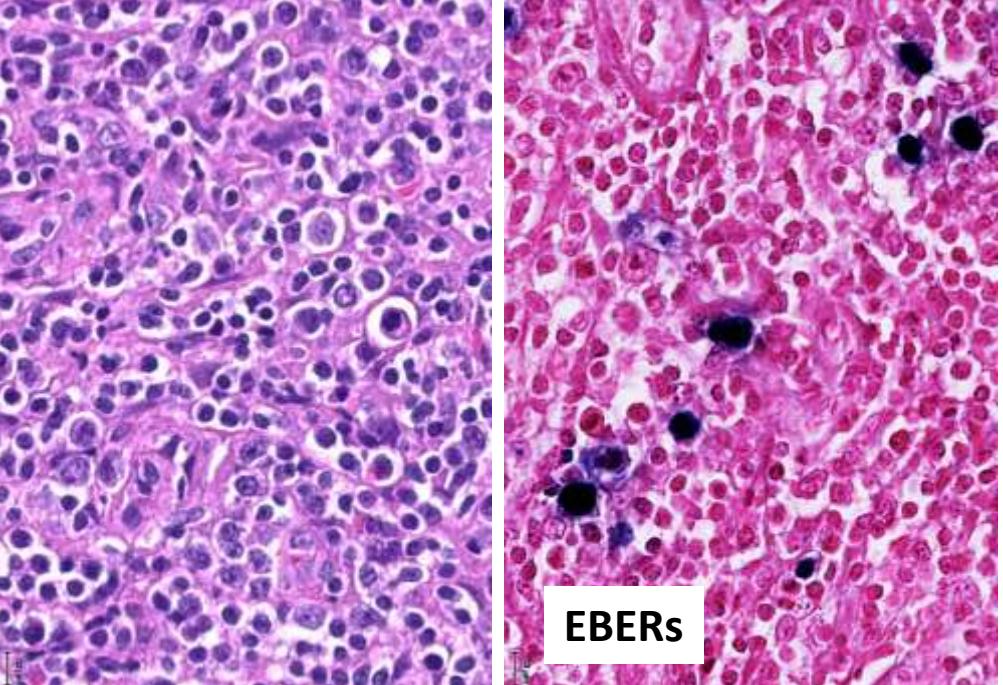
## Epithelioid cell –rich lymphoproliferations

- Lennert lymphoma
- AITL
- T-cell/histiocyte rich LBCL

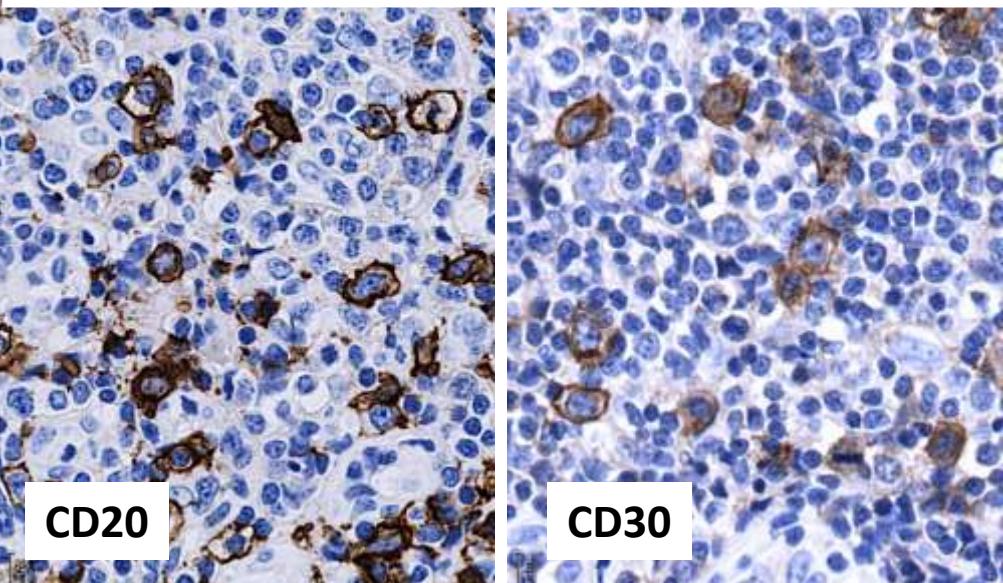


TFH markers helping identification of AITL in extranodal sites

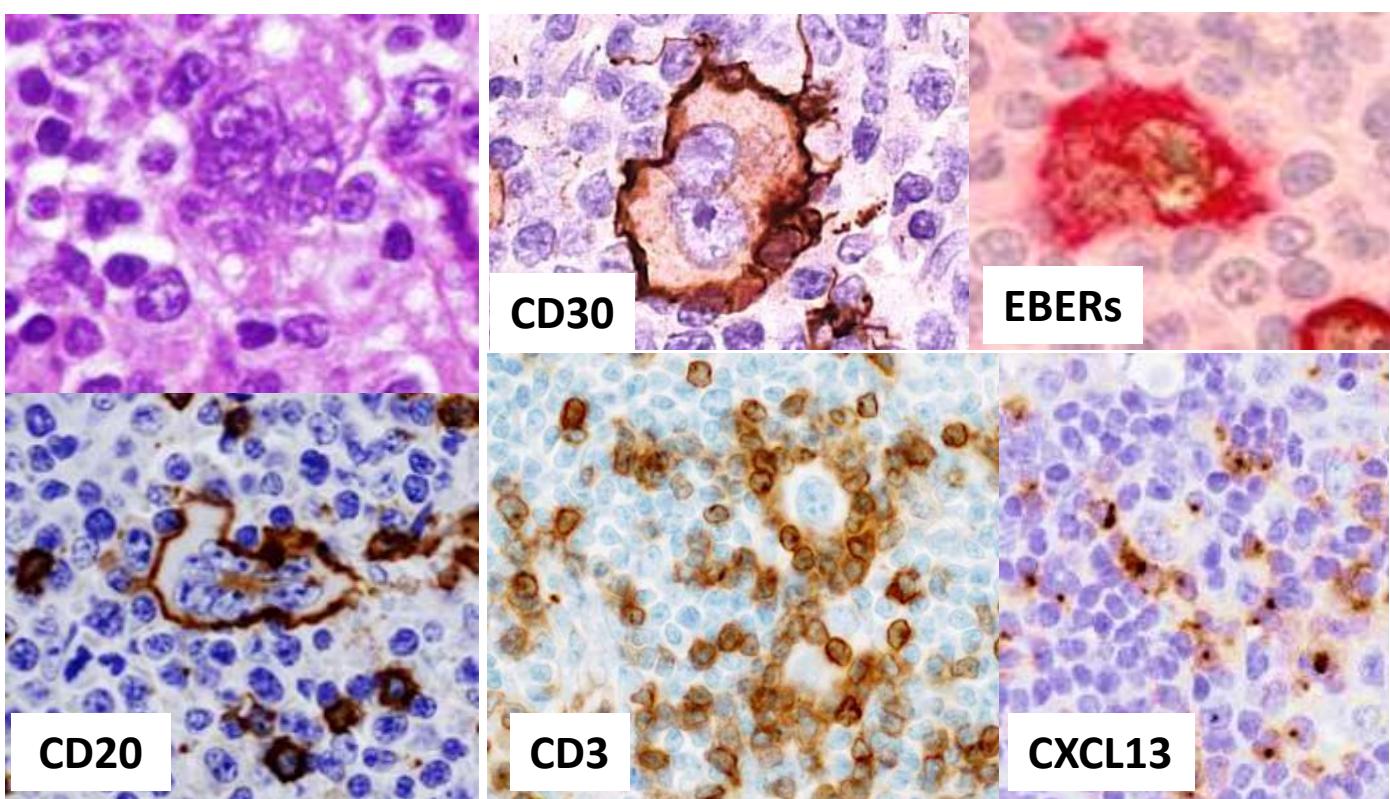




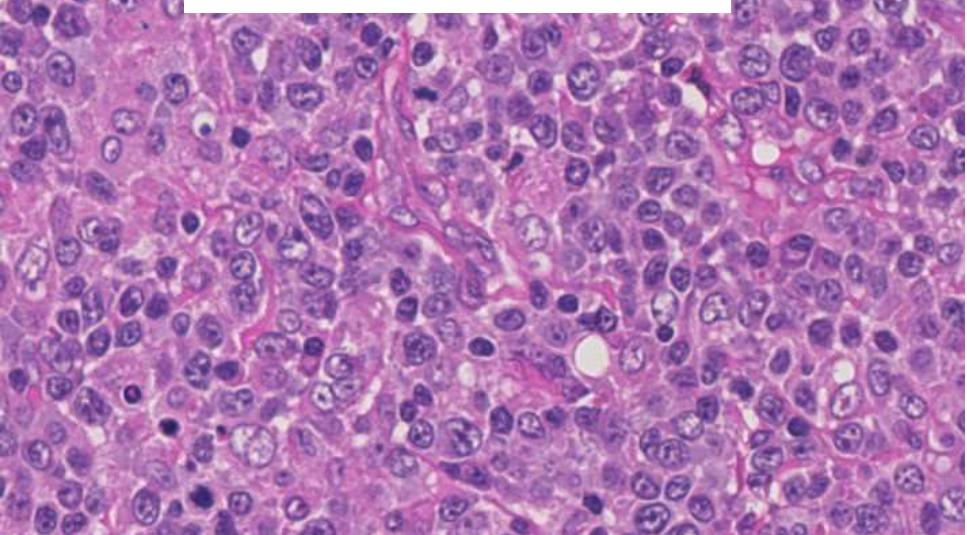
**Scattered EBV-positive (or negative) B-cell immunoblasts in >90% cases**



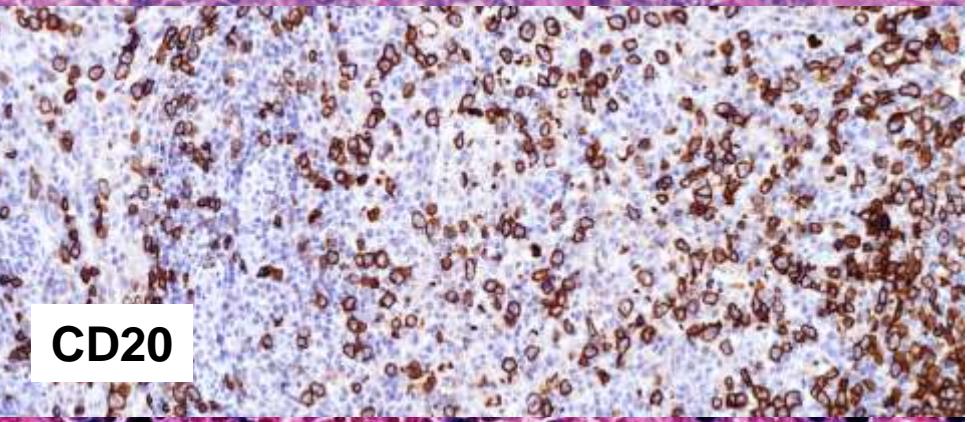
- Differential diagnosis: AITL versus EBV+(-) cHL**
- AITL-associated blasts may resemble HRS cells
  - CD30+ CD15-/+ CD20 +/- PAX5+ EBV+/-
  - Rimming of atypical TFH cells around HRS-like cells
  - Clonality studies (*TCR* and *IG*)
  - No indication to diagnose composite lymphoma



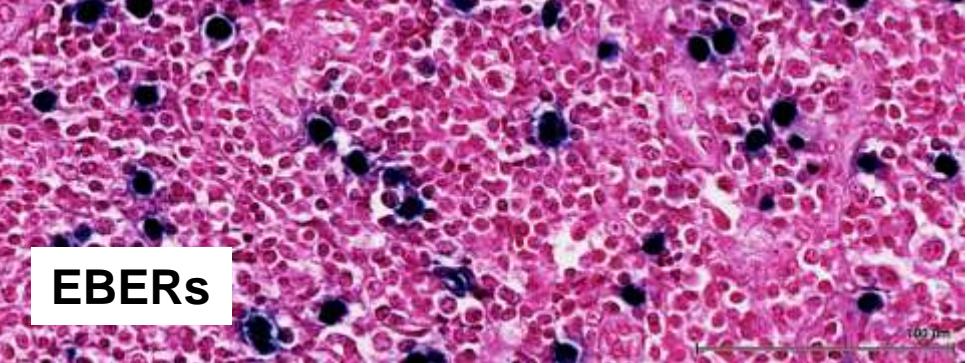
AITL rich in B cells



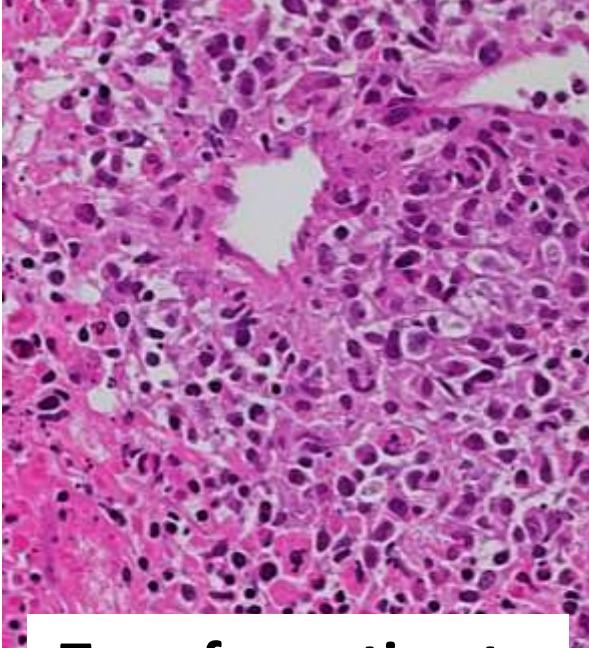
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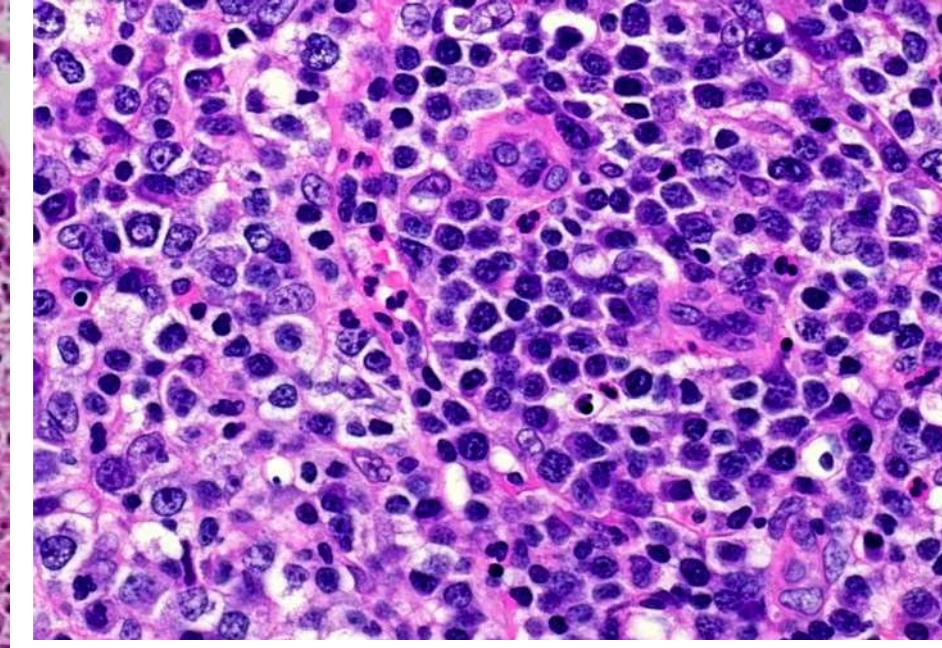
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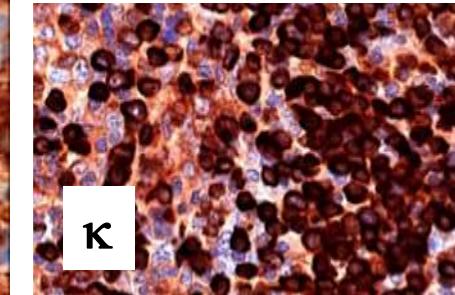
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DLBCL



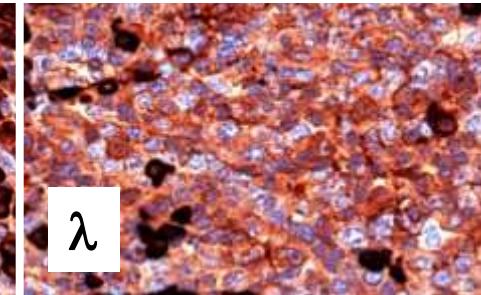
CD20



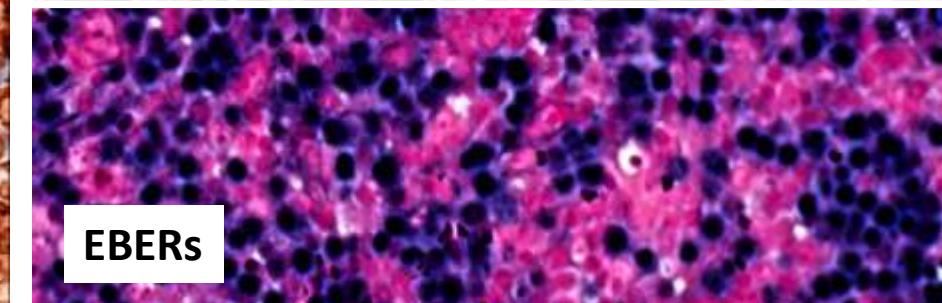
AITL with plasma cell proliferation



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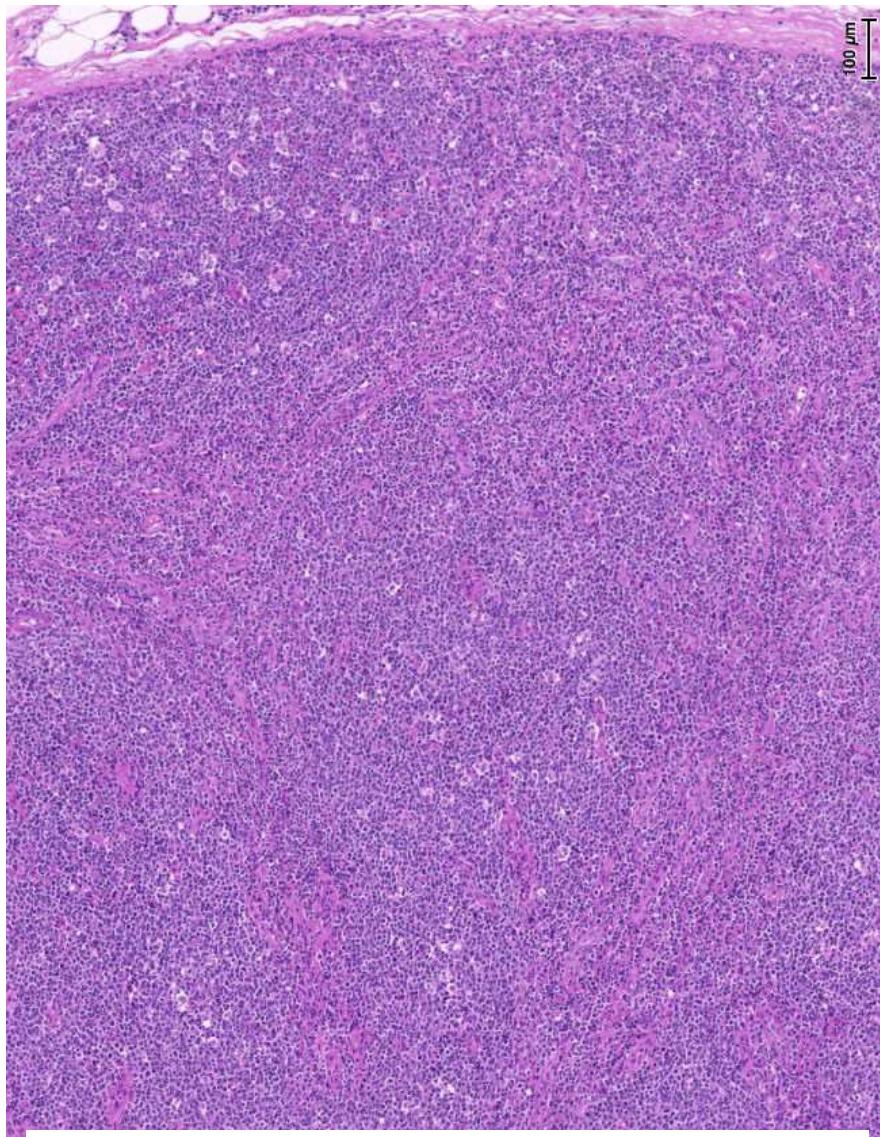


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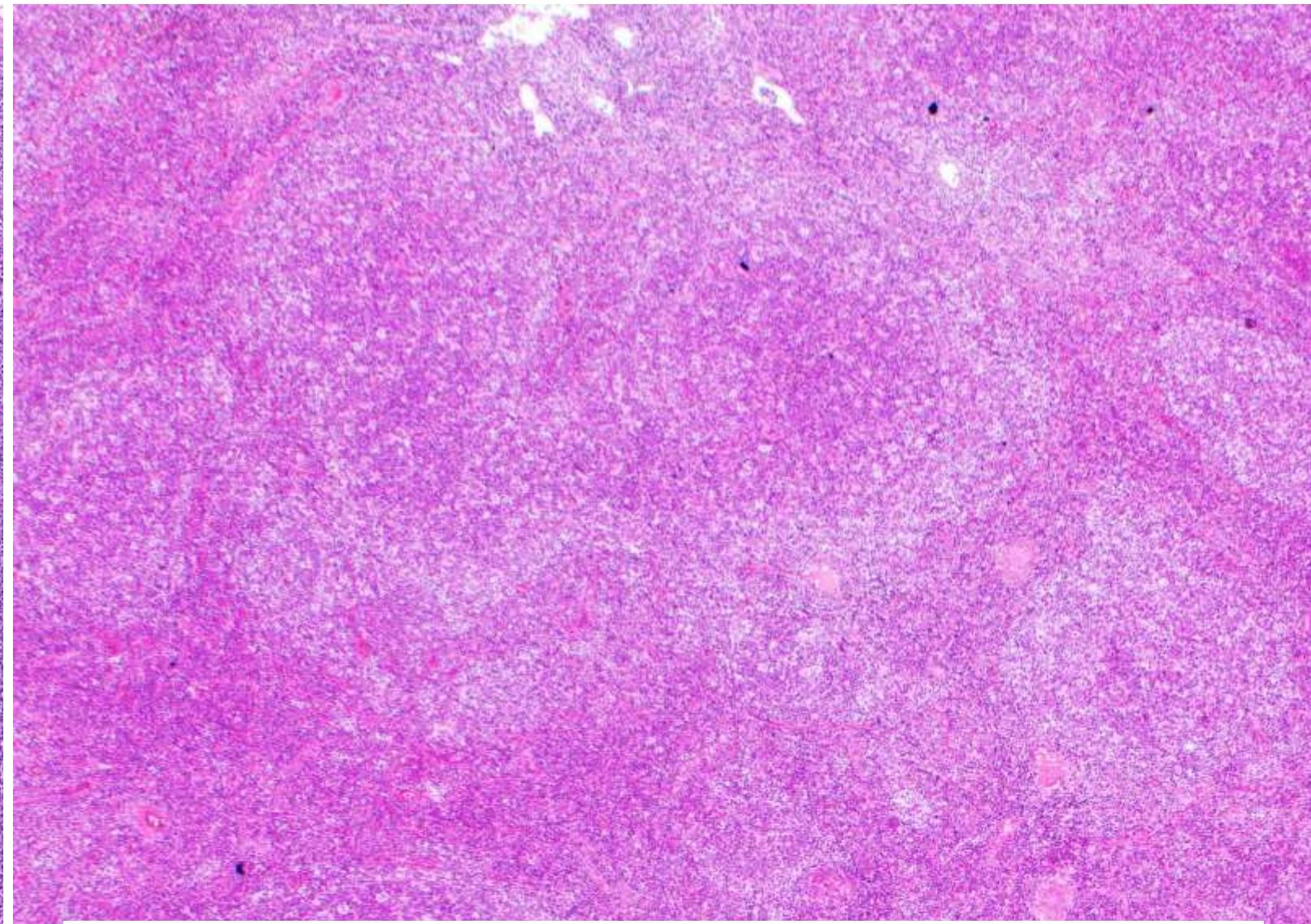
Correlation with monoclonal *IG* rearr.

# AITL pattern 1: perifollicular / with hyperplastic follicles

Differential diagnosis: reactive lymphadenopathy; marginal zone lymphoma

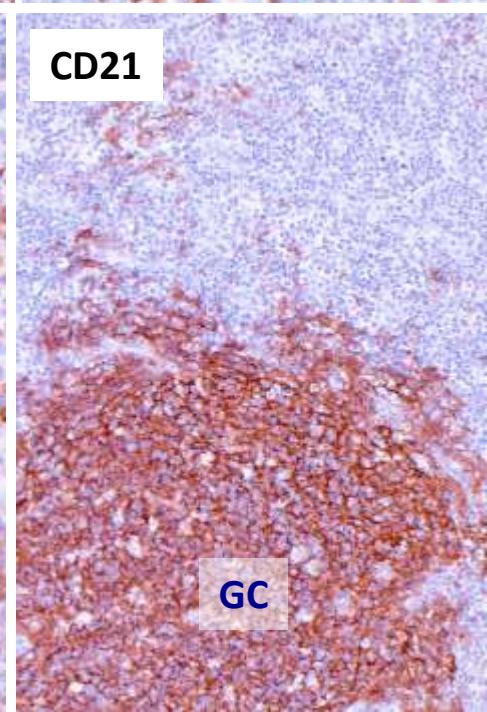
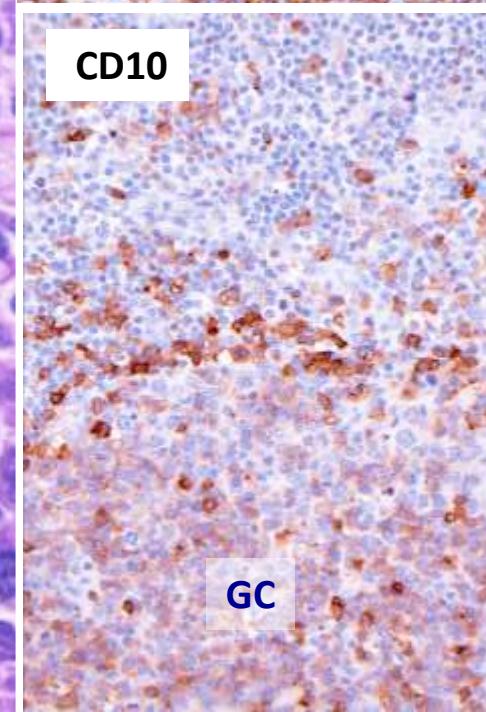
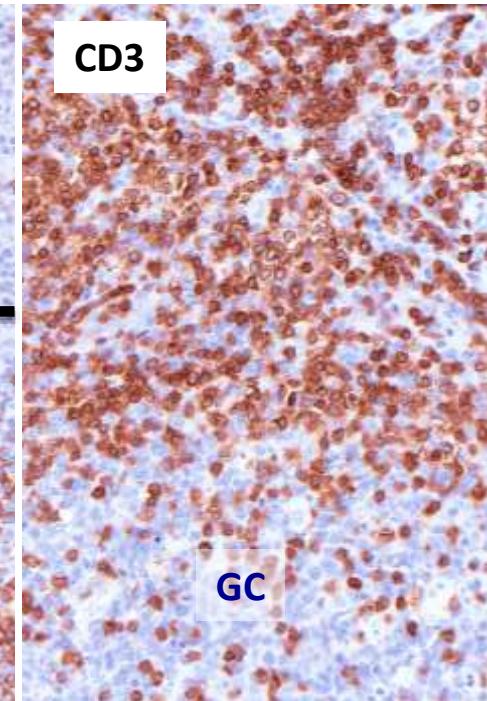
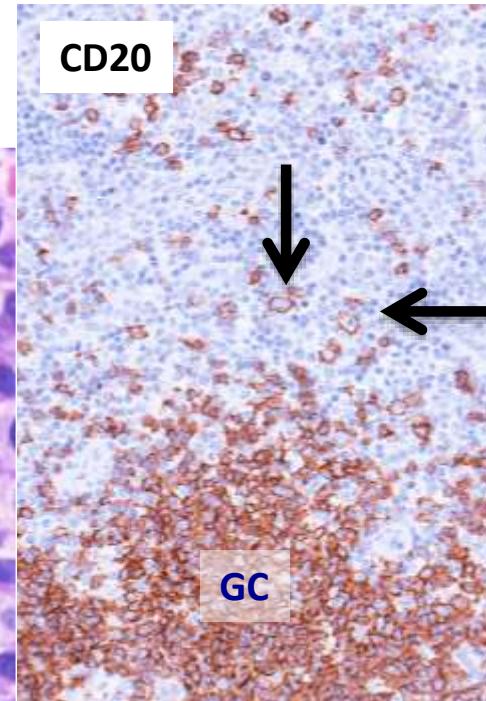
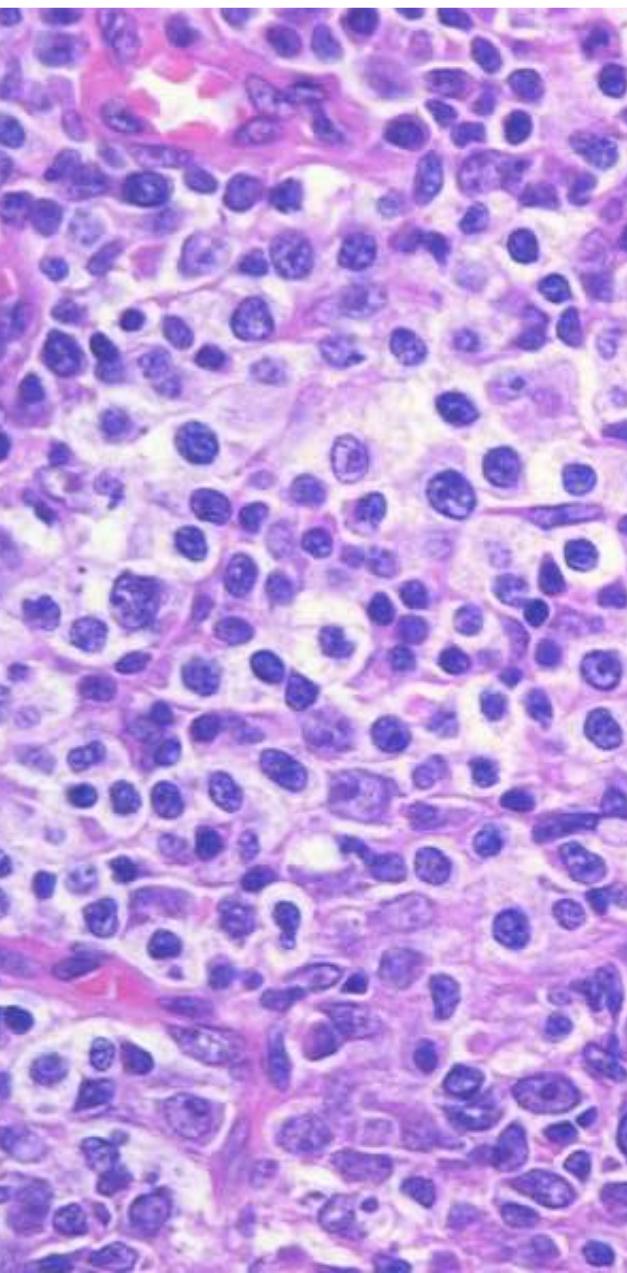
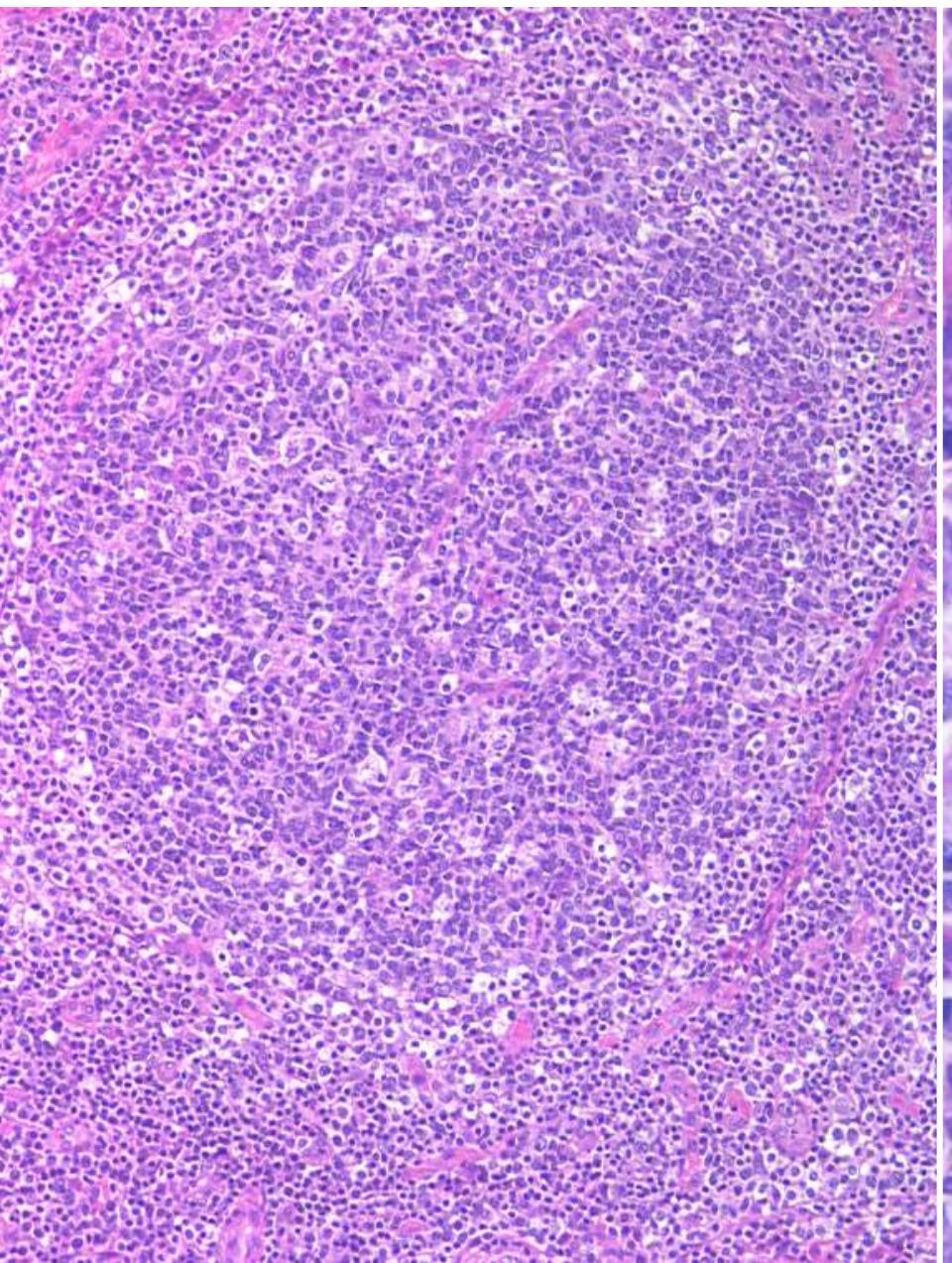


Ill-defined « naked » germinal

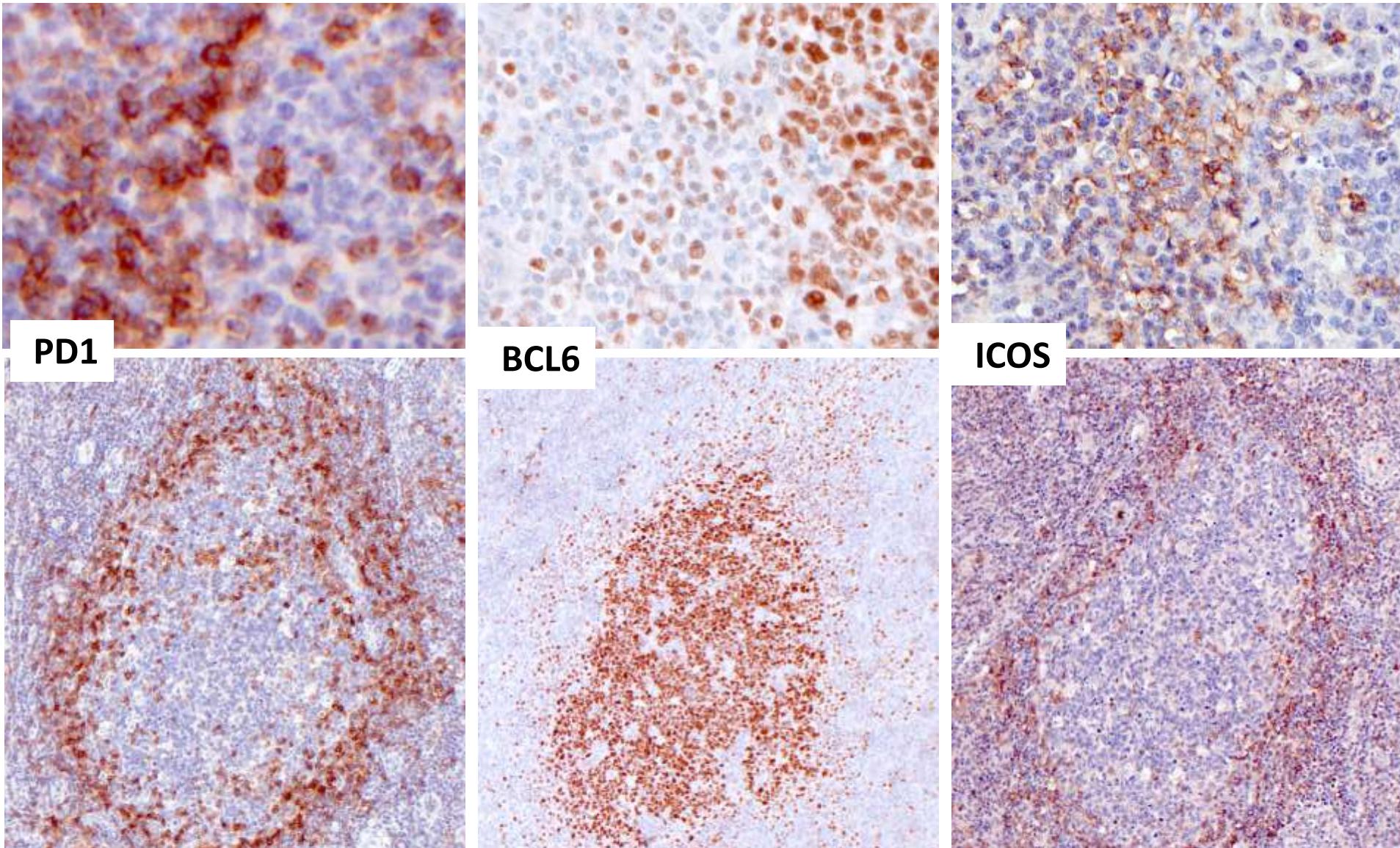


Large germinal centers rimmed by bands of clear cells

# AITL pattern 1: perifollicular with hyperplastic follicles



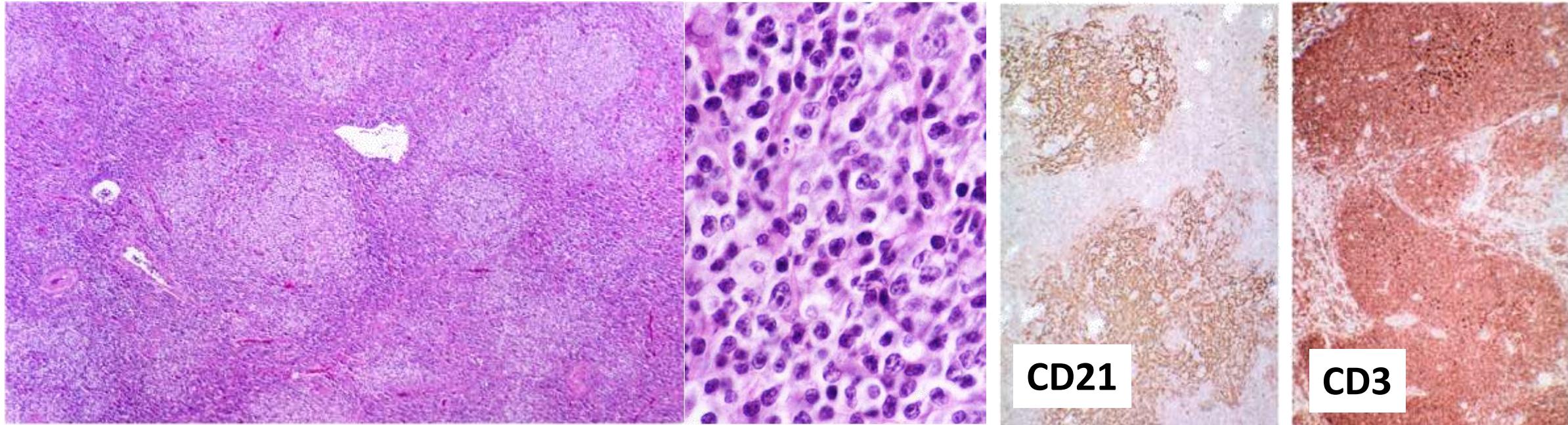
# AITL pattern 1: perifollicular/with hyperplastic follicles: utility of TFH markers



early morphological phase / partial involvement

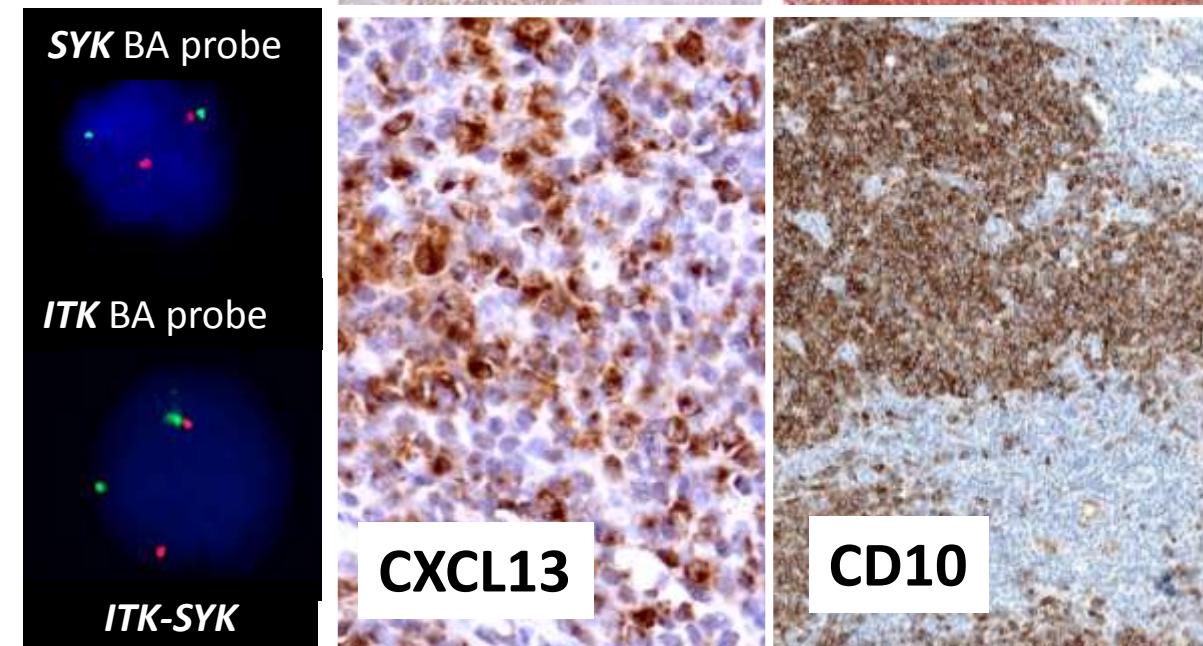
Not early stage, many patients already have clinically advanced stage disease

# F-TCL: Follicular lymphoma-like

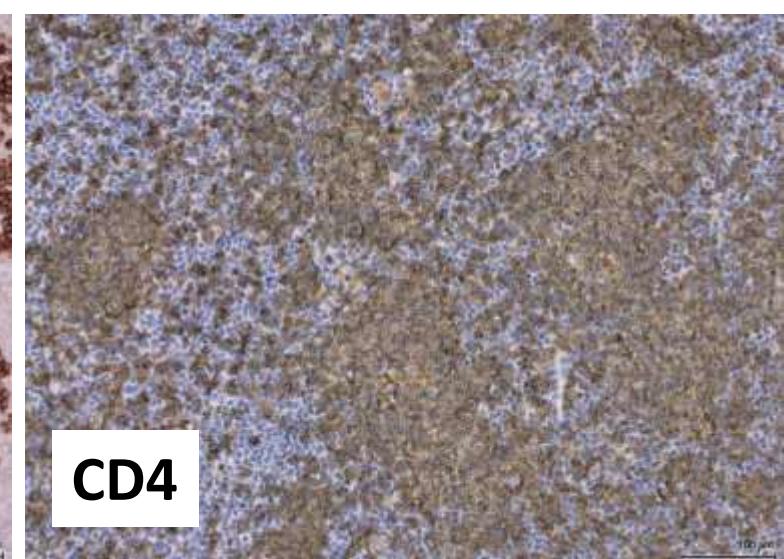
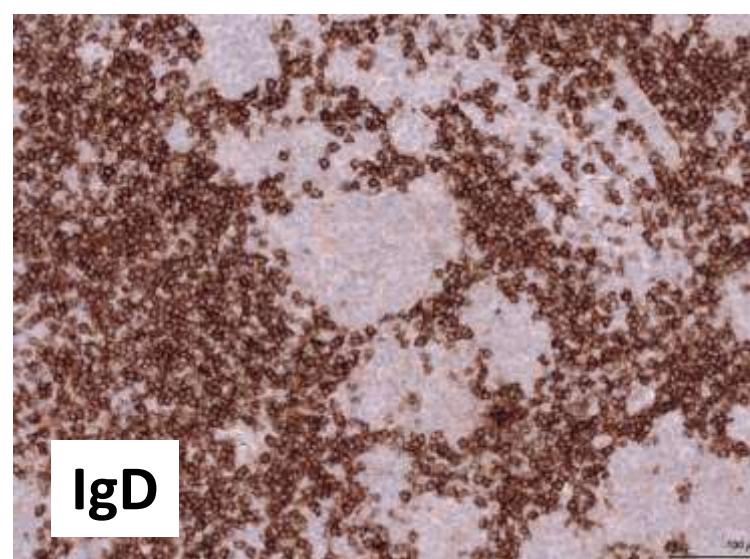
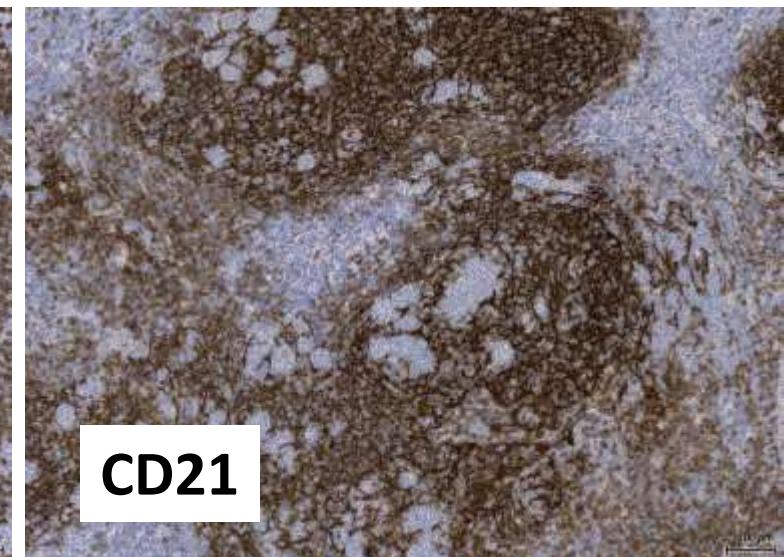
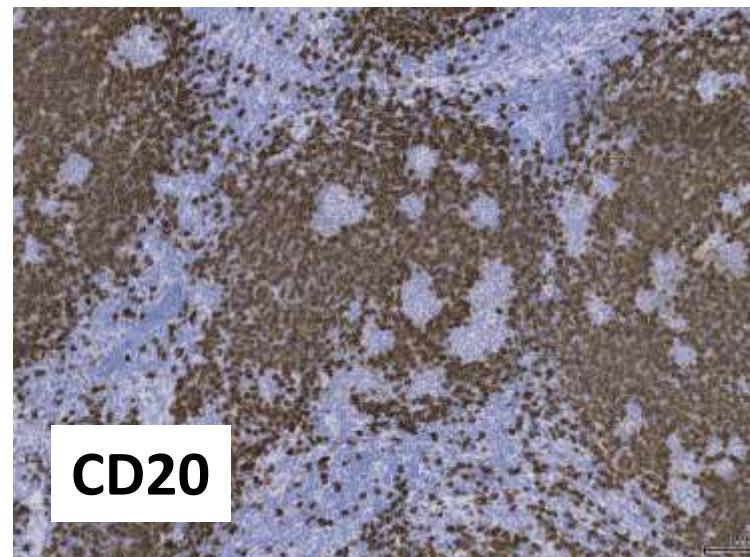


## Differential diagnosis

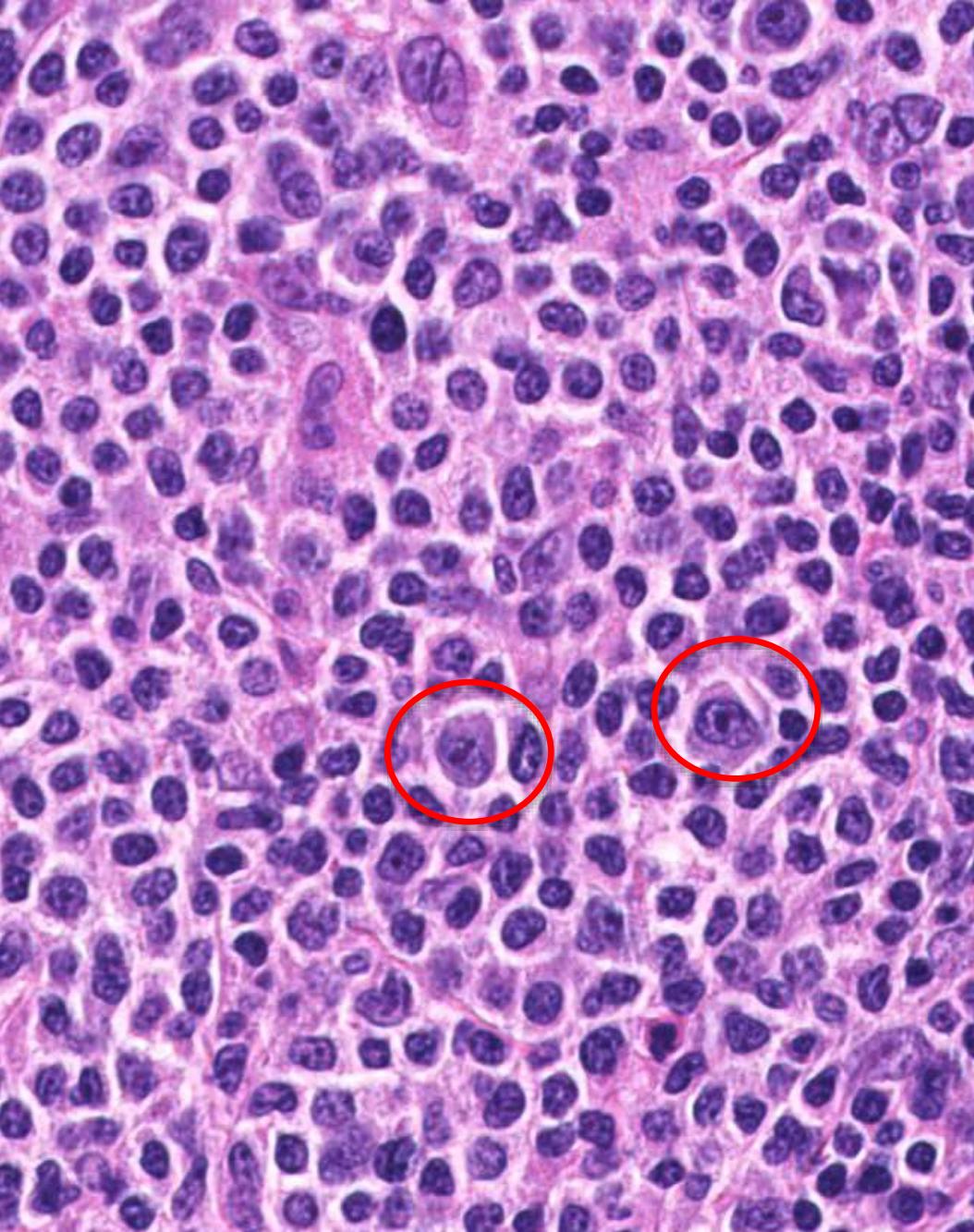
- (B-cell) follicular lymphoma: IHC; confirm T-cell phenotype by several T-cell markers; clonality studies
- Overlapping features with AITL



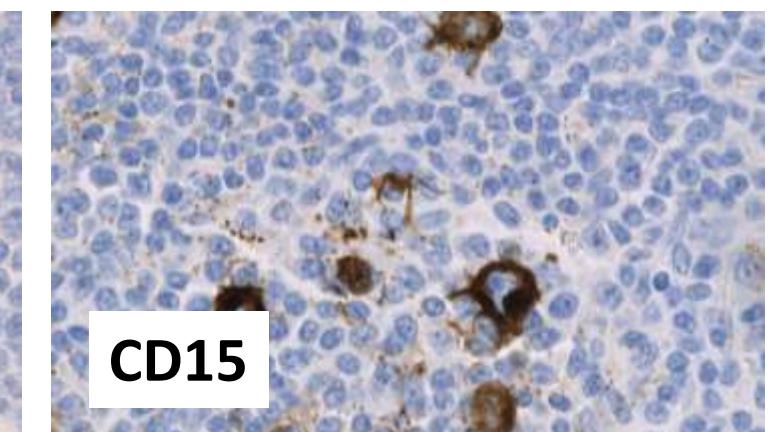
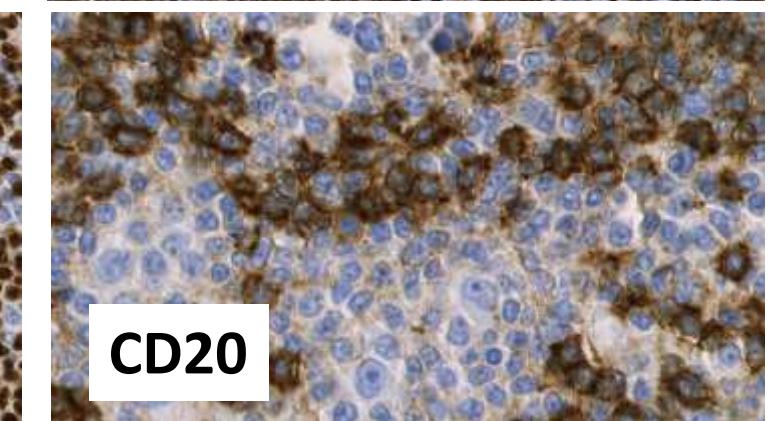
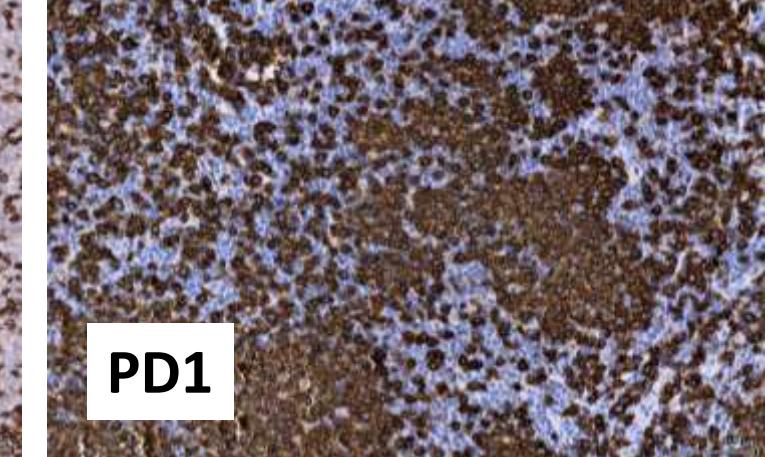
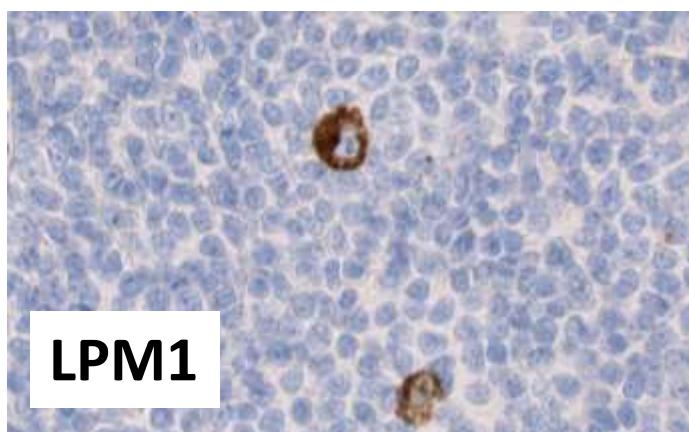
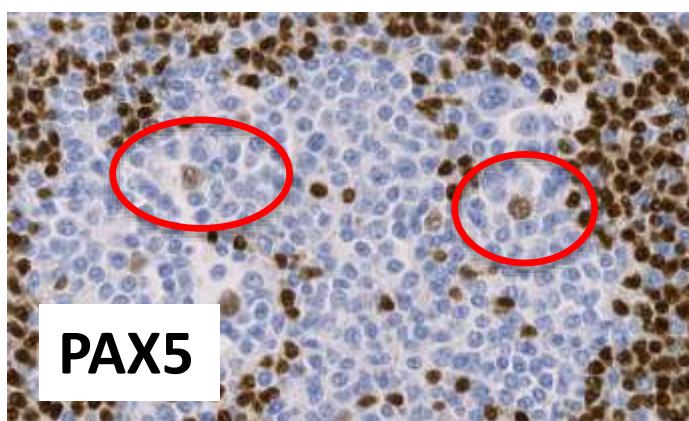
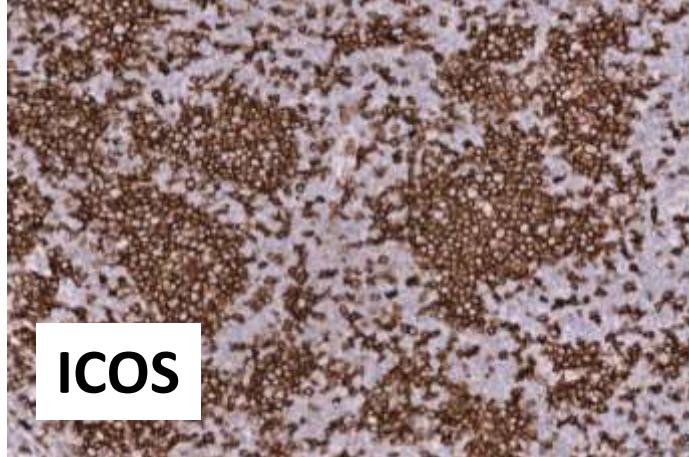
## F-PTCL: PTGC-like cellular aggregates within expanded mantle zones



Differential diagnosis: PTGC, NLPHL, small B-cell lymphoma (MZL)

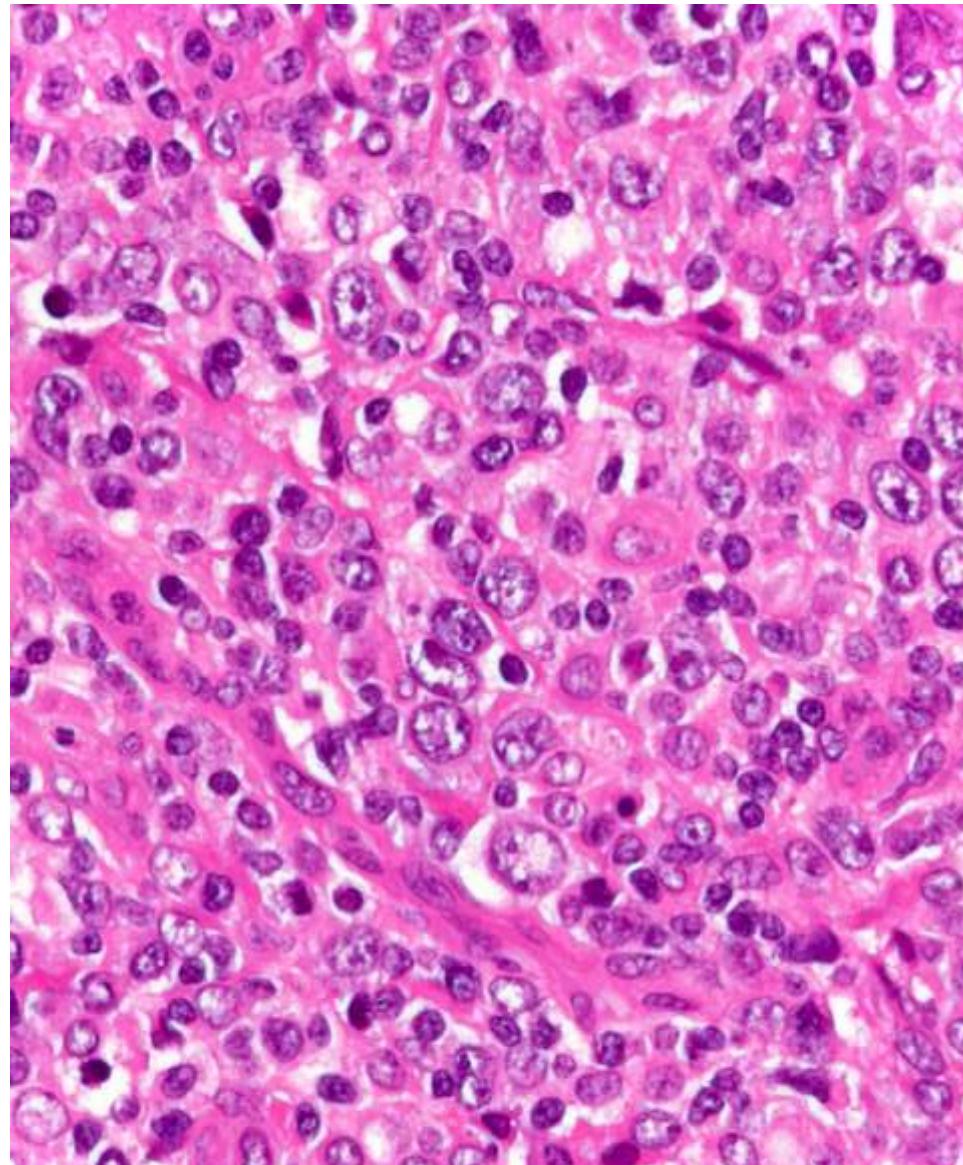


F-PTCL: PTGC-like

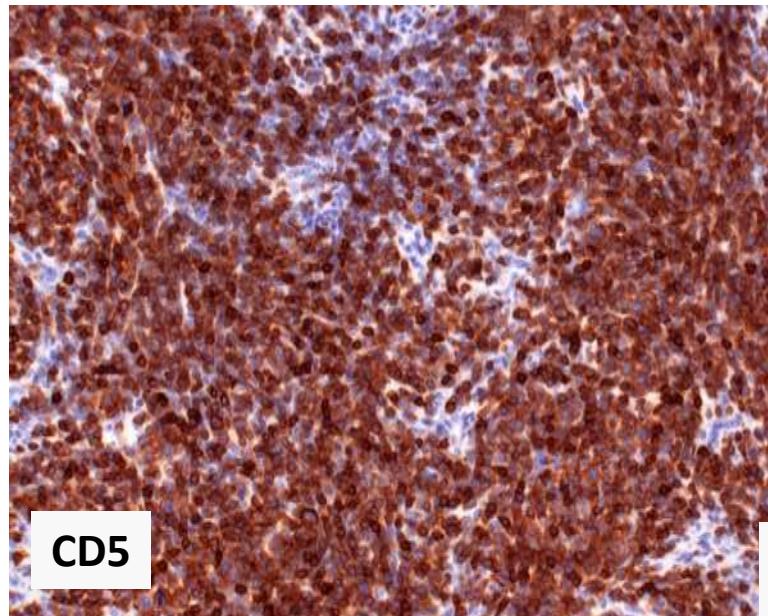


Differential diagnosis: classical HL

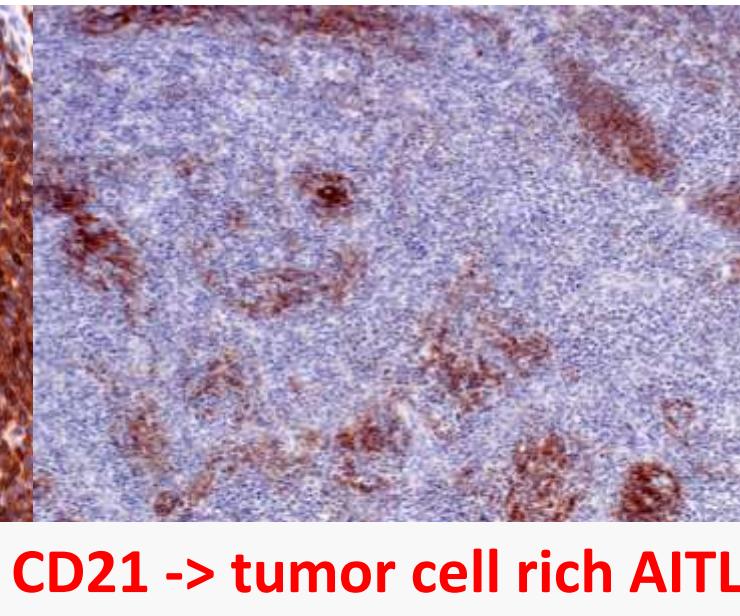
58 y-old M, LN biopsy sent for review as PTCL NOS -> Nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype



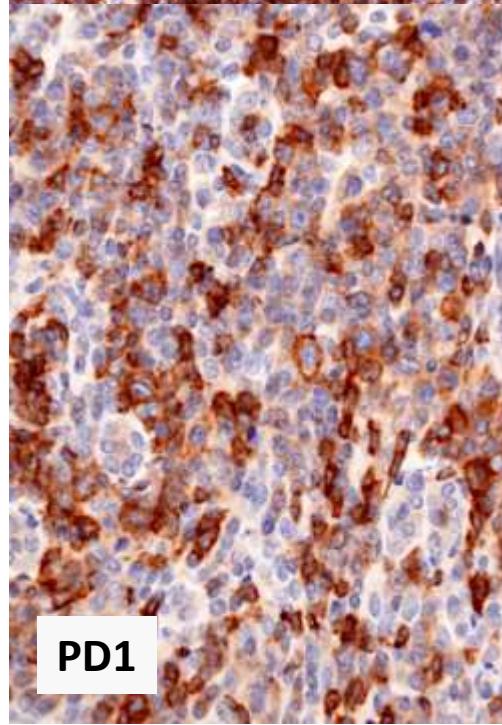
CD3+ CD4+, no B-cell blasts, no EBV



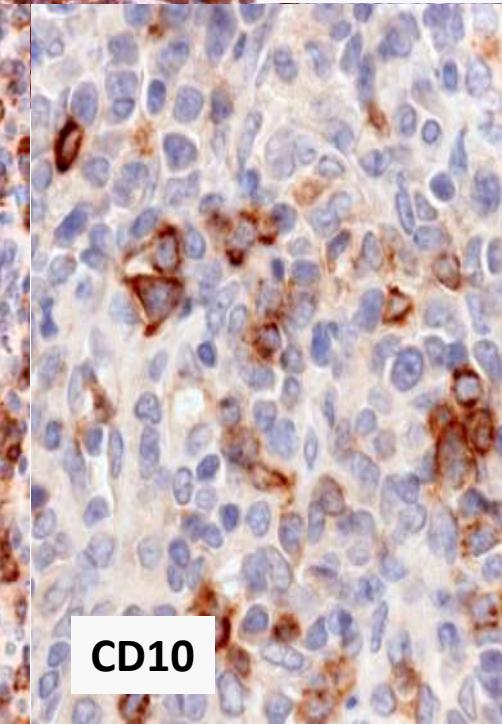
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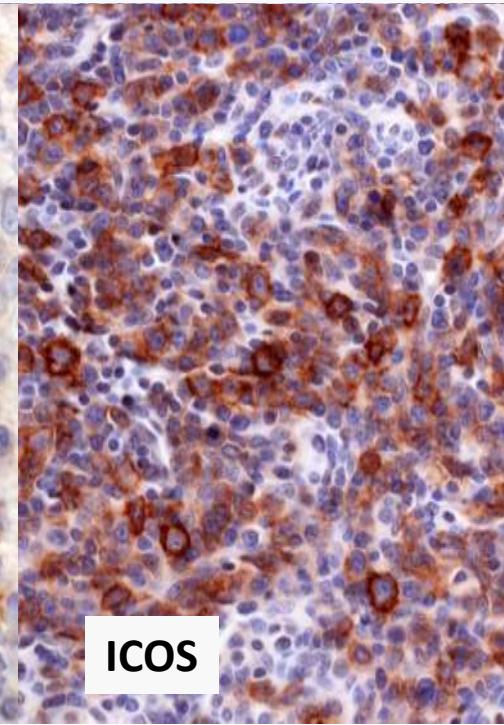
CD21 -> tumor cell richAITL



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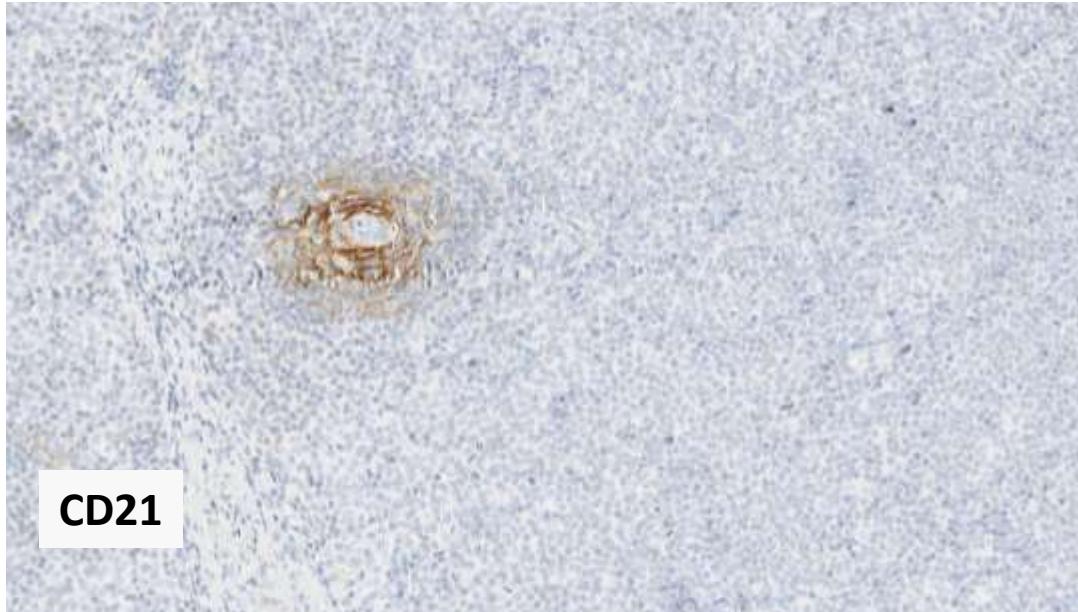


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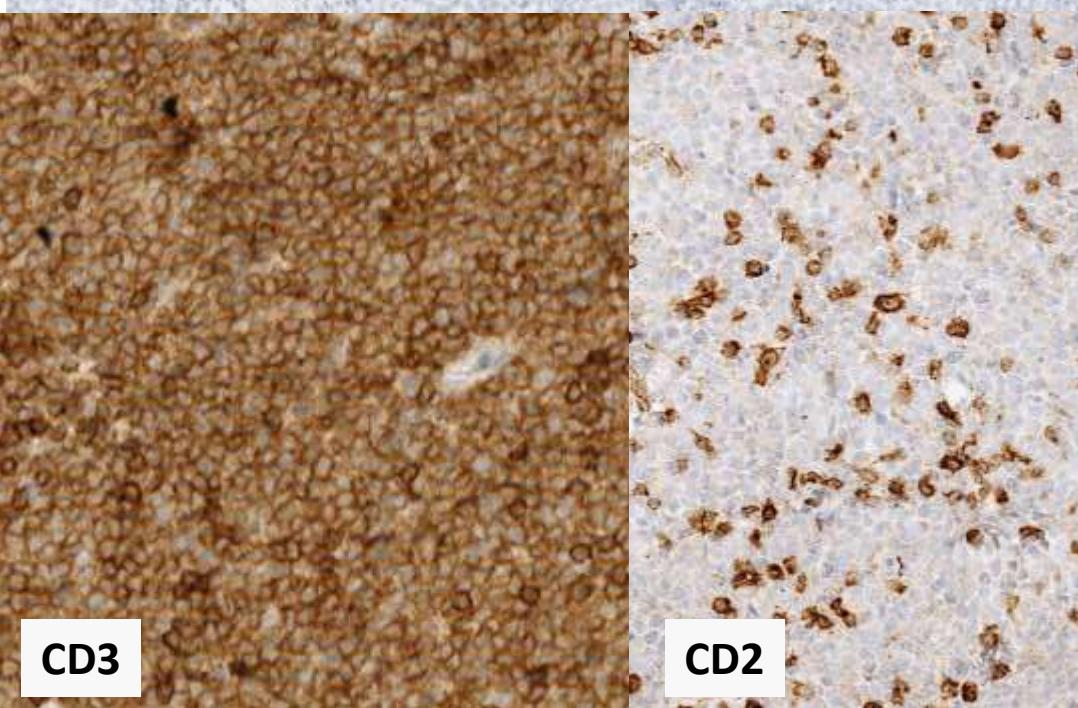
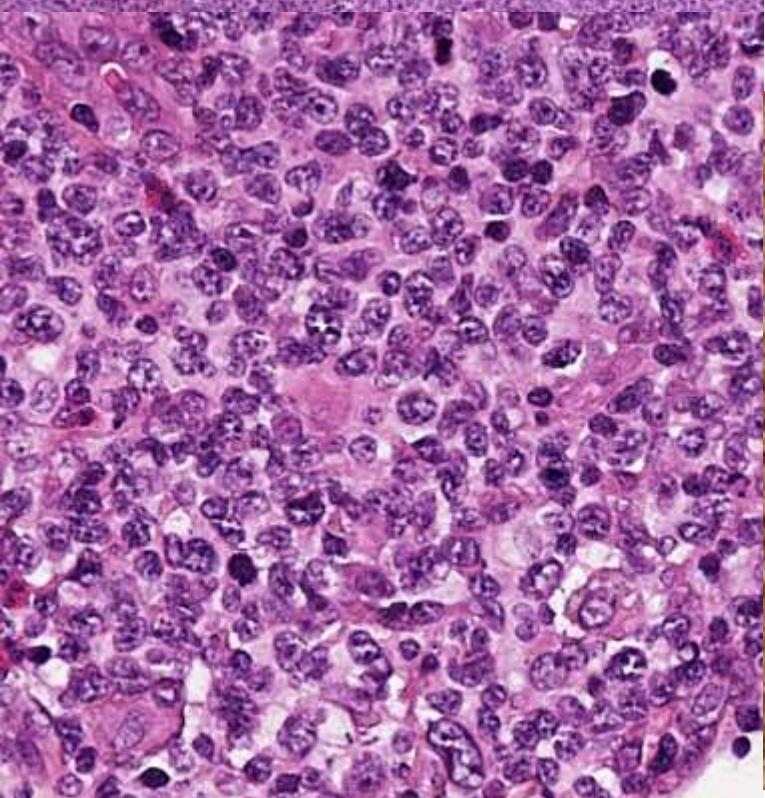


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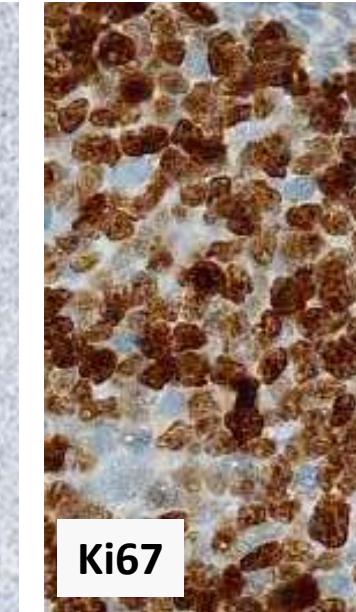
# Nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype



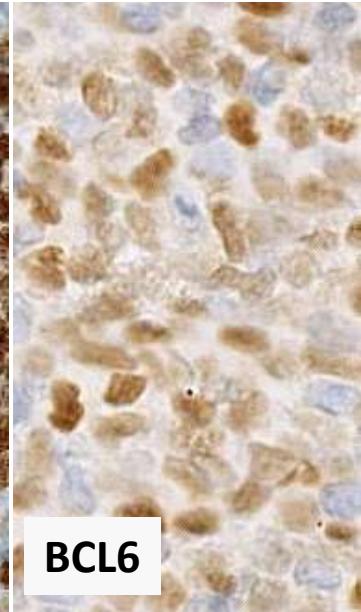
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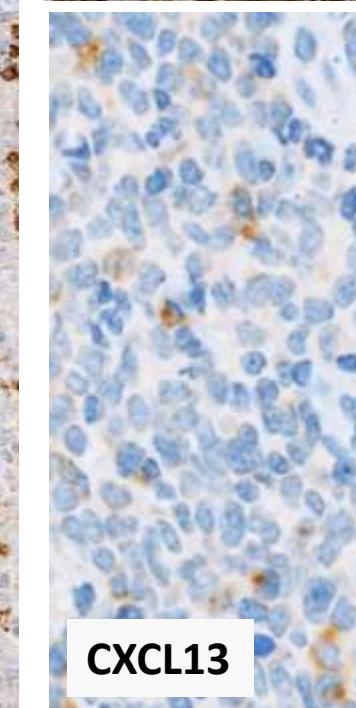
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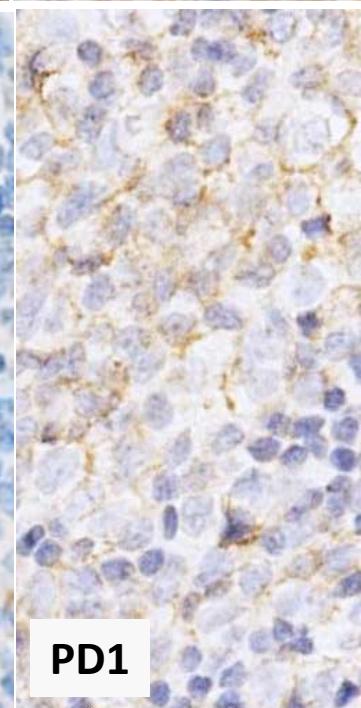
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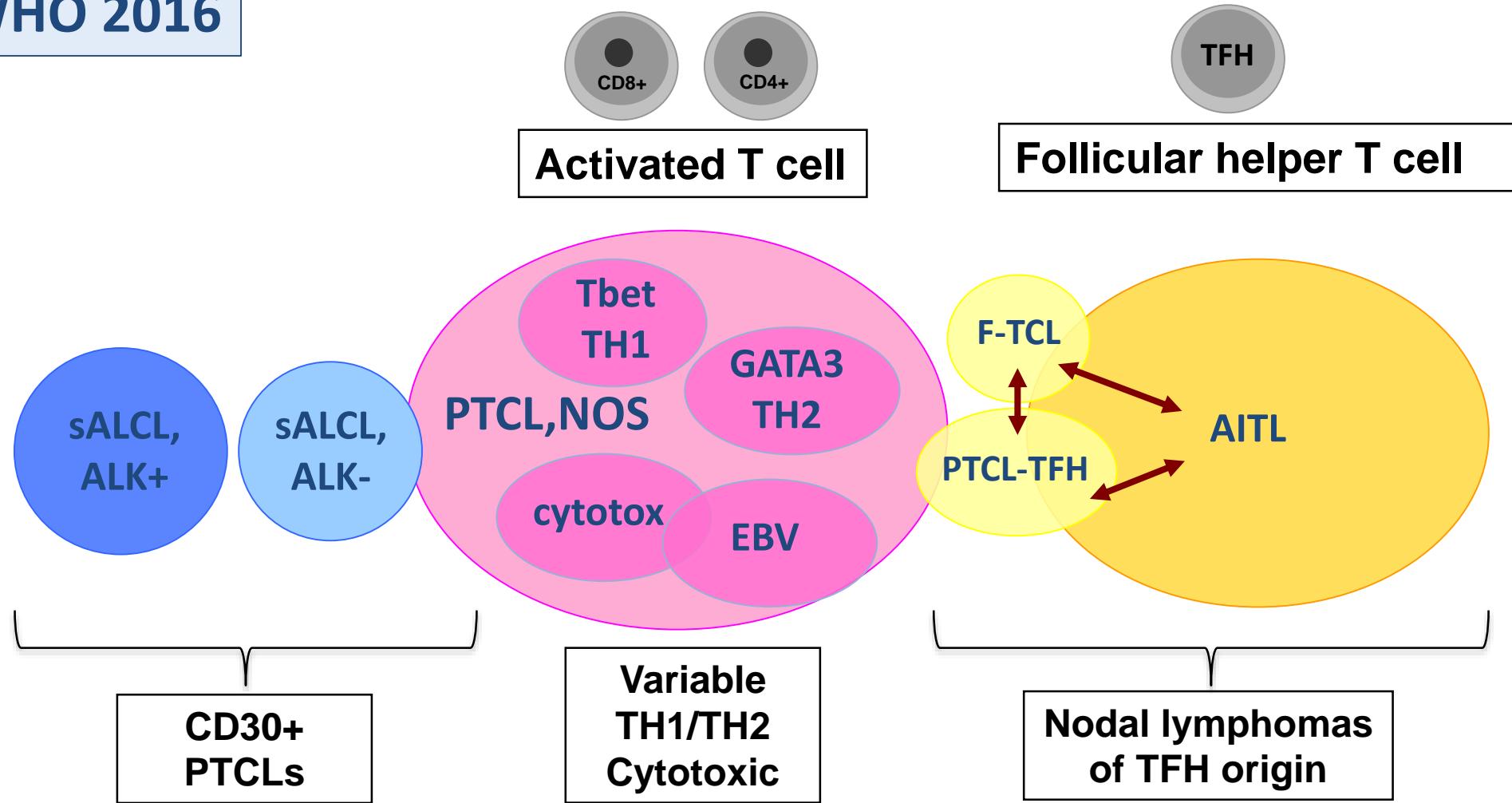


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**AITL : angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma**  
**F-TCL: follicular T-cell lymphoma**  
**PTCL-TFH: nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype**

# Concluding remarks

- AITL is the most common PTCL and exhibits a wide pathological spectrum
- Importance of FDC expansion as a diagnostic criterion for AITL, TFH markers for identification of morphological variants and spectrum of neoplasms derived from TFH cells
- AITL and F-TCL must be distinguished from reactive and neoplastic mimics
- Nodal PTCLs must be explored for expression of TFH imarkers, as PTCL-NOS category excludes nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype
- Molecular testing
  - Clonality analysis
  - Identification of molecular aberrations (*RHOA*, *TET2*, *IDH2*, others..) as an adjunct to diagnosis



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