# WHAT'S NEW IN T AND NK CELL LYMPHOMAS?

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#### Mature T-cell & NK-cell neoplasms (WHO 2001)

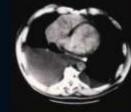
- T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia
- T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukemia
- Aggressive NK cell leukemia
- Extranodal NK/T cell lymphoma, nasal & nasal-type
- Mycosis fungoides, Sezary syndrome
- Angioimmunoblastic T cell
  lymphoma

- Peripheral T-cell lymphoma unspecified
- Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma
- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (T or null cell), primary systemic type
- Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma
- Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma
- Enteropathy-type intestinal T-cell lymphoma
- Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma

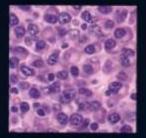
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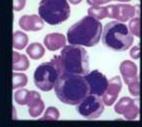
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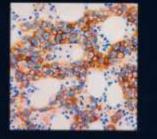


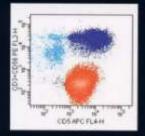


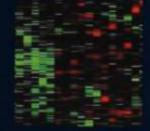














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#### Mature T- and NK-cell Neoplasms

T-cell prolymphocytic leukaemia T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukaemia Chronic lymphoproliferative disorders of NK cells Aggressive NK cell leukaemia EBV-positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders of childhood Adult T-cell leukaemia/lymphoma Extranodal NK/T cell lymphoma, nasal type Enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma Mycosis fungoides Sézary syndrome Primary cutaneous CD30 positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders Primary cutaneous gamma-delta T-cell lymphomas Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL), ALK positive Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL), ALK negative

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New additions to the family of peripheral T-cell and NK-cell neoplasms

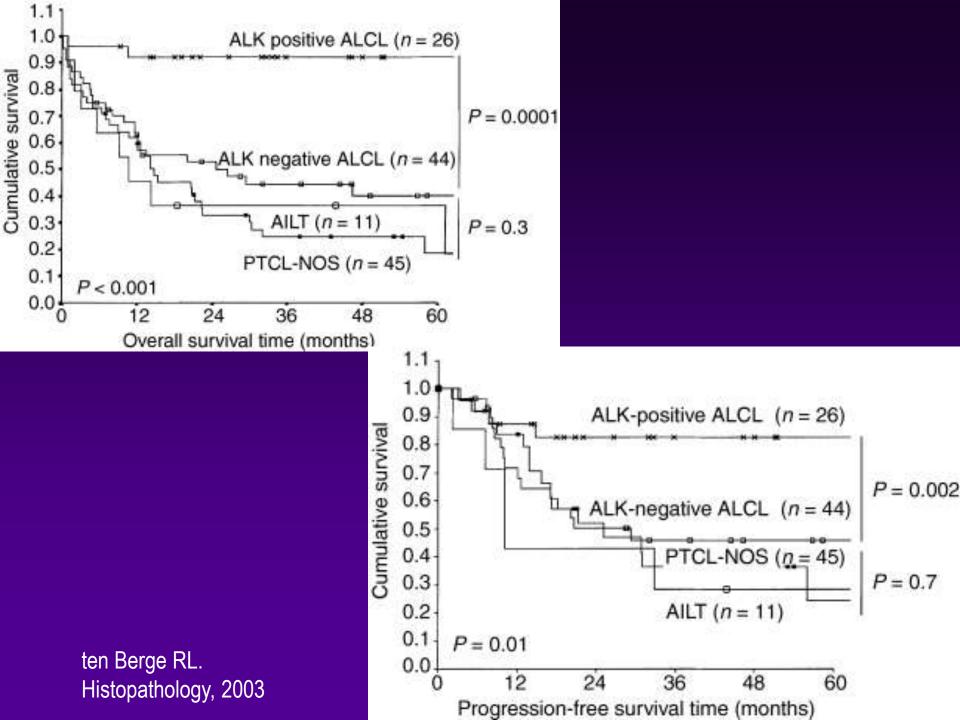
- Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoproliferative disease of childhood
- Hydroa vacciniforme-like lymphoma
- Chronic lymphoproliferative disorder of NK cells
- Primary cutaneous CD8+ aggressive
  epidermotropic cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma
- Primary cutaneous γδT-cell lymphoma
- Primary cutaneous CD4+ small/medium T-cell lymphoma

# WHAT'S NEW IN ANAPLASTIC LARGE CELL LYMPHOMA?

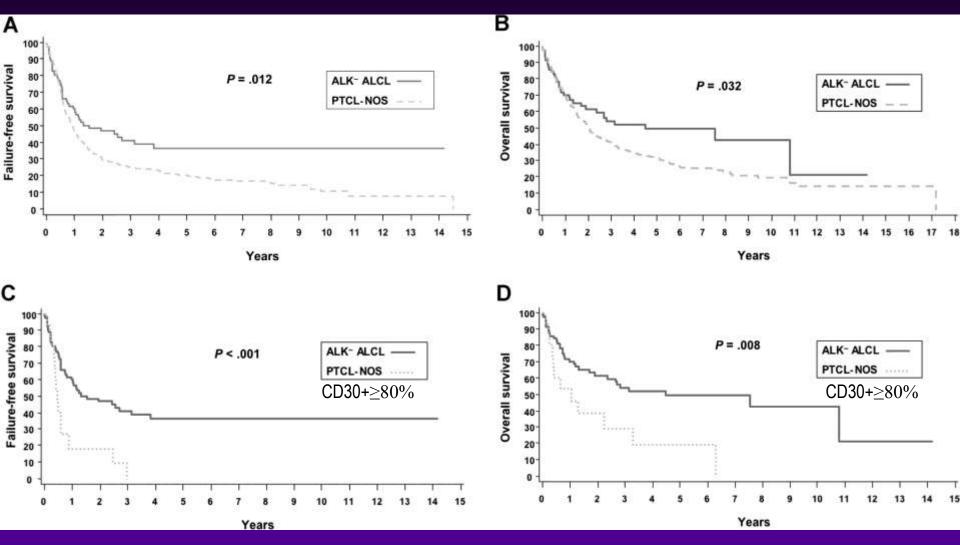
- Clinical outcome of ALK- anaplastic large cell lymphoma
- Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma – new findings in molecular genetics
- Primary systemic ALK- anaplastic large cell lymphoma – new findings in molecular genetics
- New entity: Seroma-associated ALK- anaplastic large cell lymphoma

### PRIMARY SYSTEMIC ALK- ANAPLASTIC LARGE CELL LYMPHOMA

- There are controversies on whether ALKanaplastic large cell lymphoma is a distinct entity
- Any difference in survival compared with peripheral T-cell lymphoma not otherwise specified?



#### Survival of ALK- ALCL and PTCL-NOS.

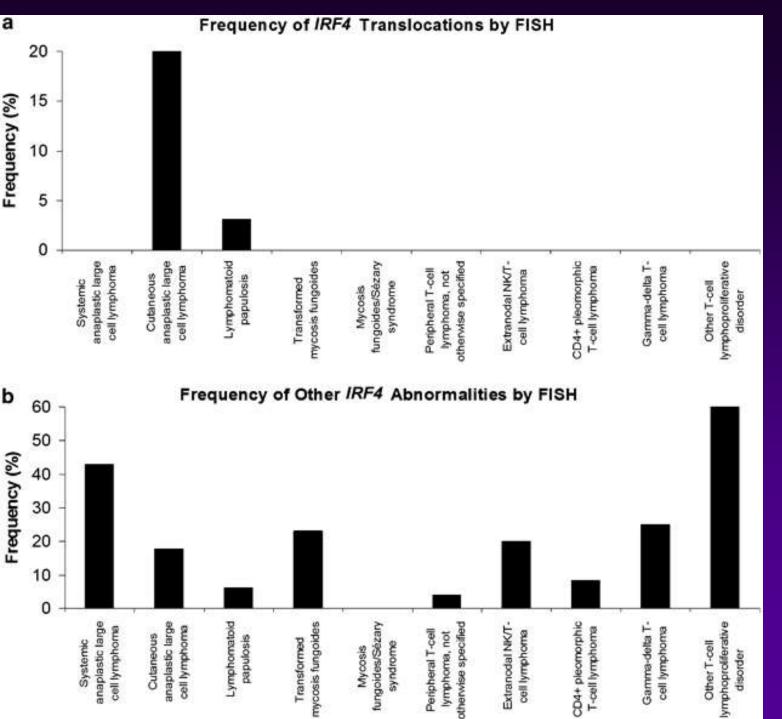


International Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma Project

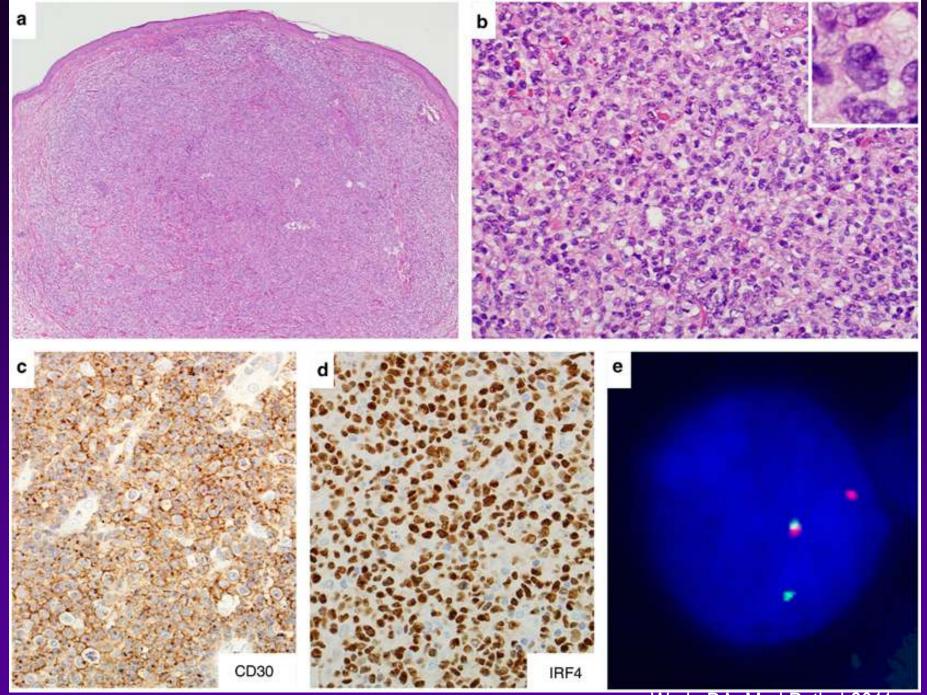
Savage K J et al. Blood 2008;111:5496-5504

# PRIMARY CUTANEOUS ANAPLASTIC LARGE CELL LYMPHOMA & RELATED ENTITIES

- Distinct entity characterized predominantly by local disease
- Little known about the molecular genetics
- New findings on genetic alterations:
  - *IRF4* (interferon regulatory factor-4) translocation in ~20% of cases [*IRF4* also known as MUM1]
  - Absent in other cutaneous T-cell lymphoid lesions
  - May have diagnostic value when present



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#### ALK- anaplastic large cell lymphoma

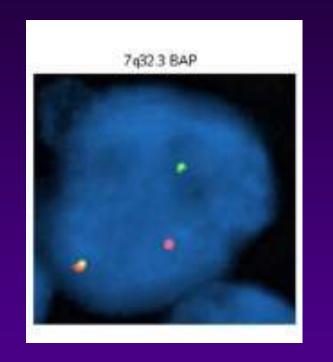
Discovery of recurrent t(6;7)(p25.3;q32.3) translocations in ALK-negative anaplastic large cell lymphomas by massively parallel genomic sequencing

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# ALK- anaplastic large cell lymphoma

- Through massive parallel sequencing, a new translocation t(6;7)(p25.3;q32.3), fusing DUSP22 with FRA7H, is identified in a proportion of cases of ALK- anaplastic large cell lymphoma
- The lymphoma may belong to the primary systemic form or primary cutaneous form
- Translocation results in down-regulation of DUSP22 gene



#### FISH: Break-apart probes for 7q32.3

Feldman AL. Blood 2011

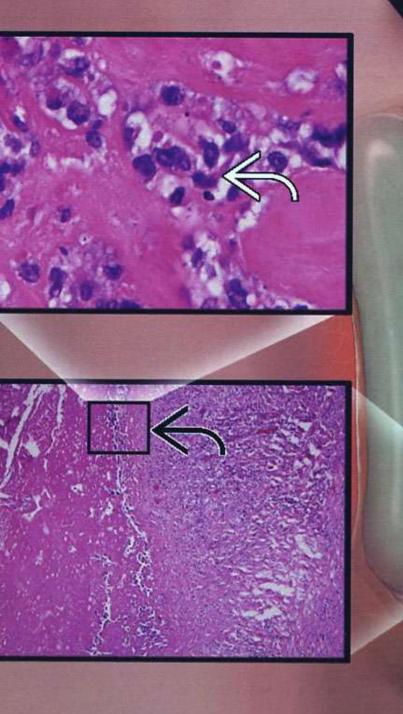
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#### Seroma-associated primary anaplastic largecell lymphoma adjacent to breast implants: an indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder

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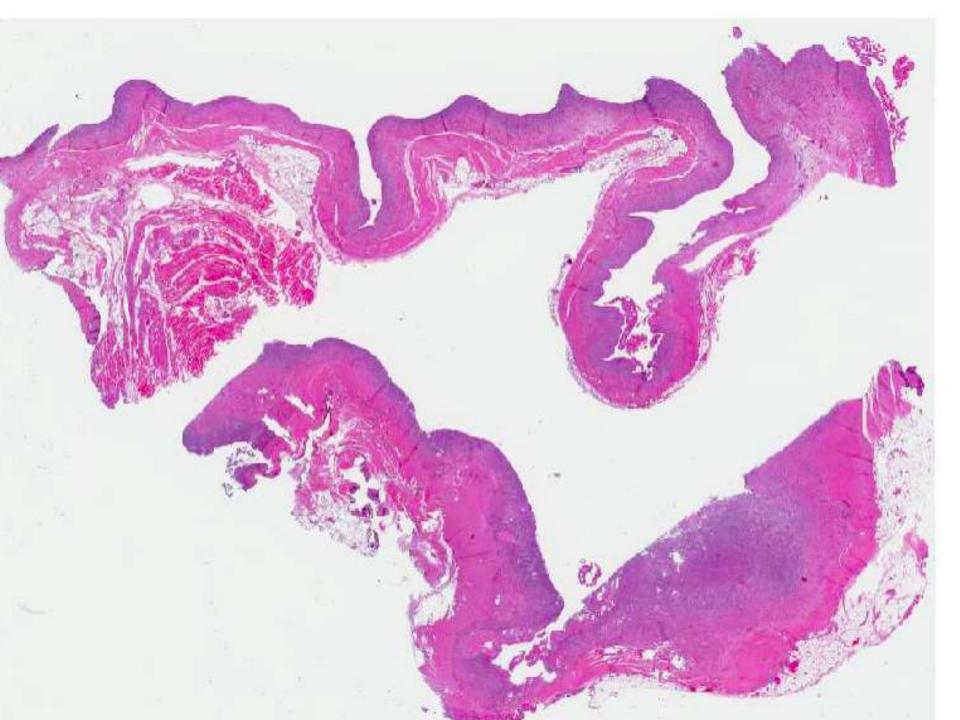
- Lymphoma occurs within the fibrous capsule formed around saline or silicone breast implant
- Morphologically aggressive (ALK- ALCL), but clinically indolent (often localized disease)
- With the limited follow-up data:
  - Excellent prognosis
  - Usually well with no recurrence after surgical removal (capsulectomy)

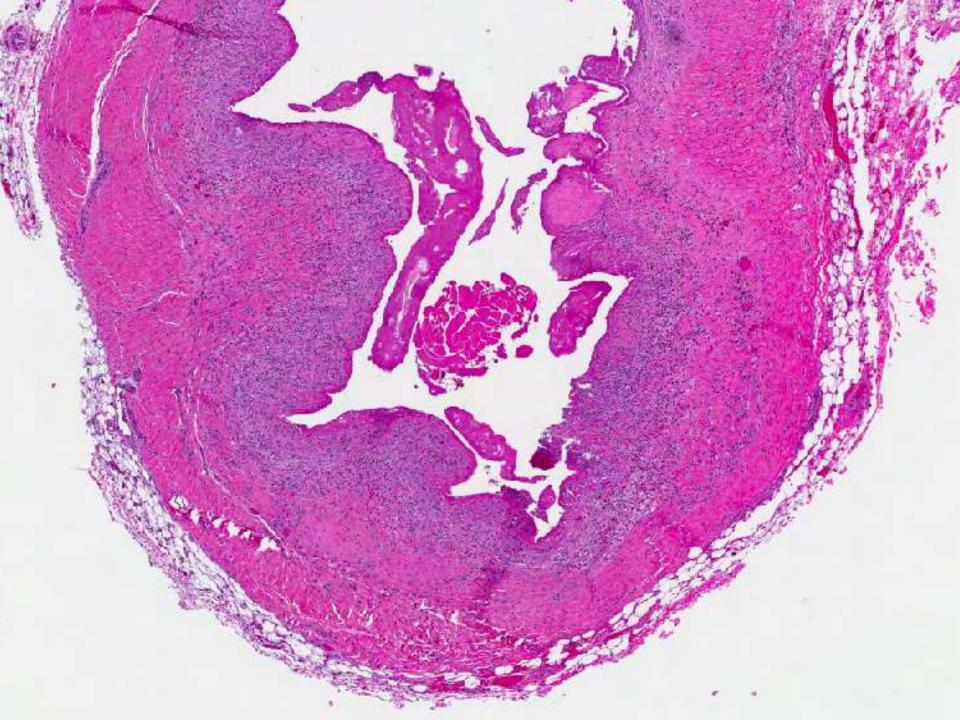
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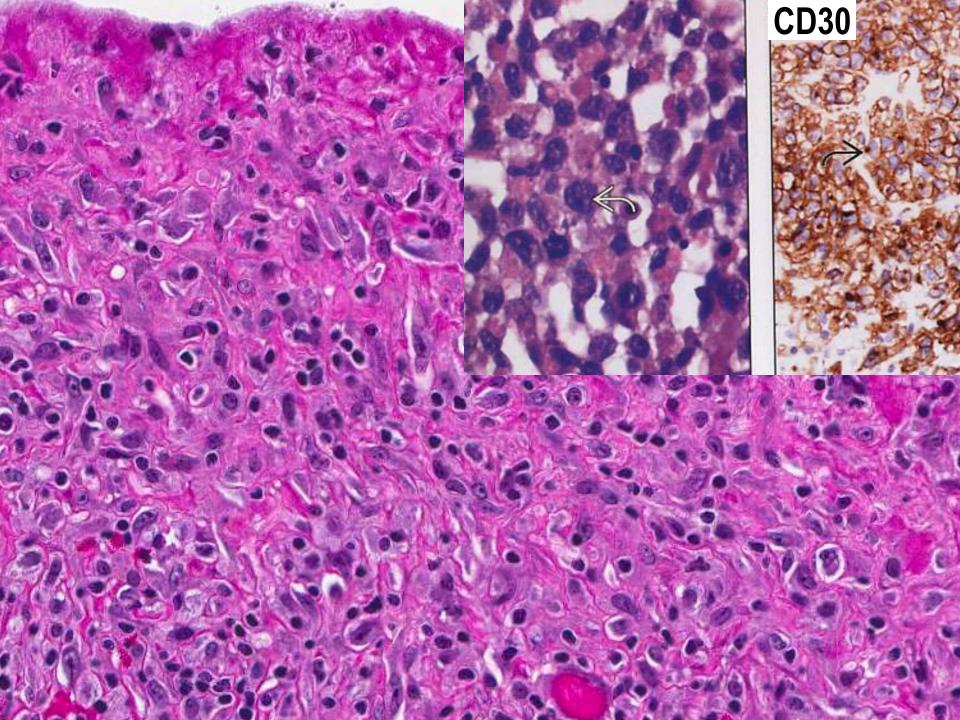
- Incidence is very low (estimated at 1 in 1,000,000 per year of breast implant)
- Age: Median 52 years
- Presentation:
  - Detected 3 to 19 years after implant (median 8 yr)
  - Breast swelling
  - When present, effusion 80-720 ml

Seroma-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma adjacent to breast implant: Pathology

- Thickened fibrous capsule
- Luminal side extensively covered by fibrin
- Lymphoma cell aggregates often confined to fibrinous material, but occasionally also in fibrous capsule (but not through)
- Large anaplastic cells

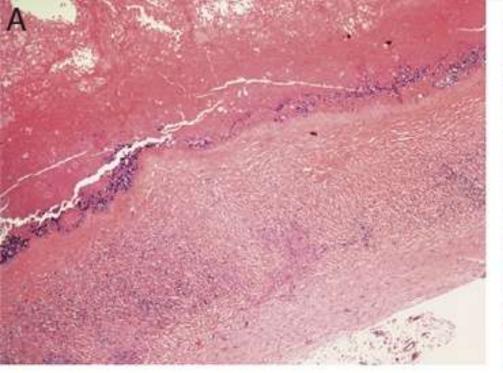


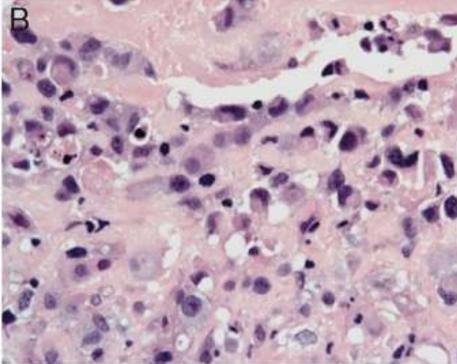


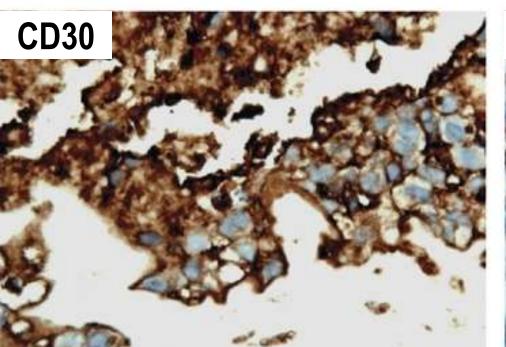


Seroma-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma adjacent to breast implant: Immunohistochemistry and genetics

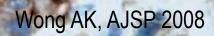
- CD30 +
- ALK -
- T-cell antigens: Variable expression
- EMA +/-
- EBER –
- TCR: clonal rearrangement



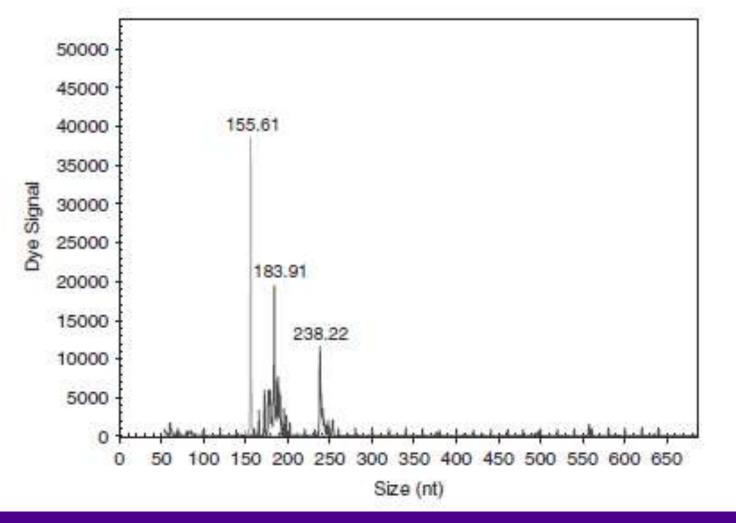








#### PCR for TCR- $\gamma$

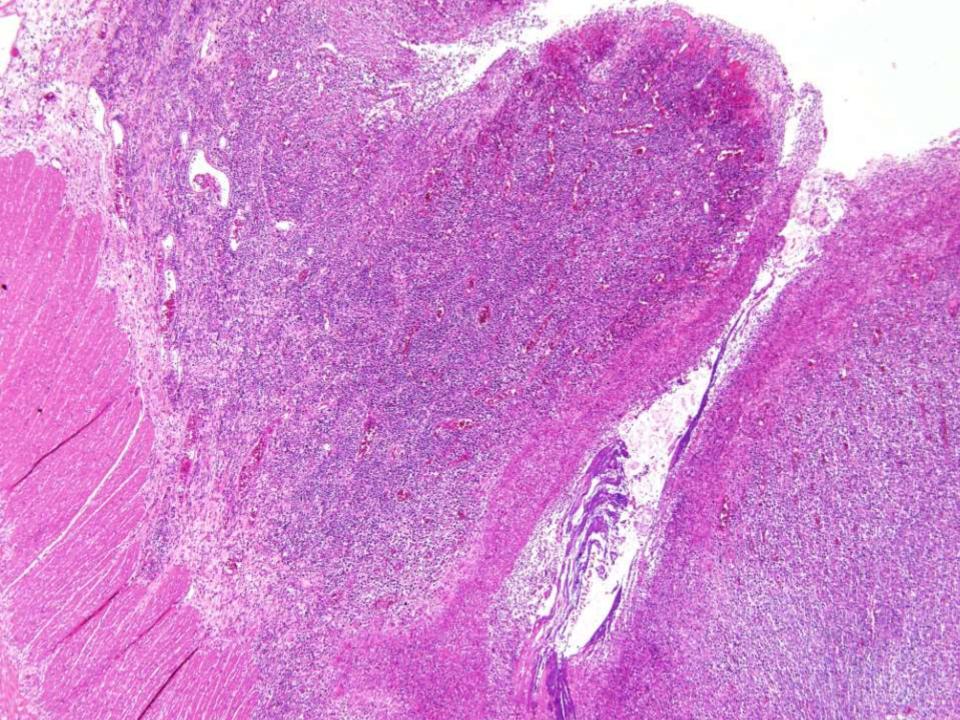


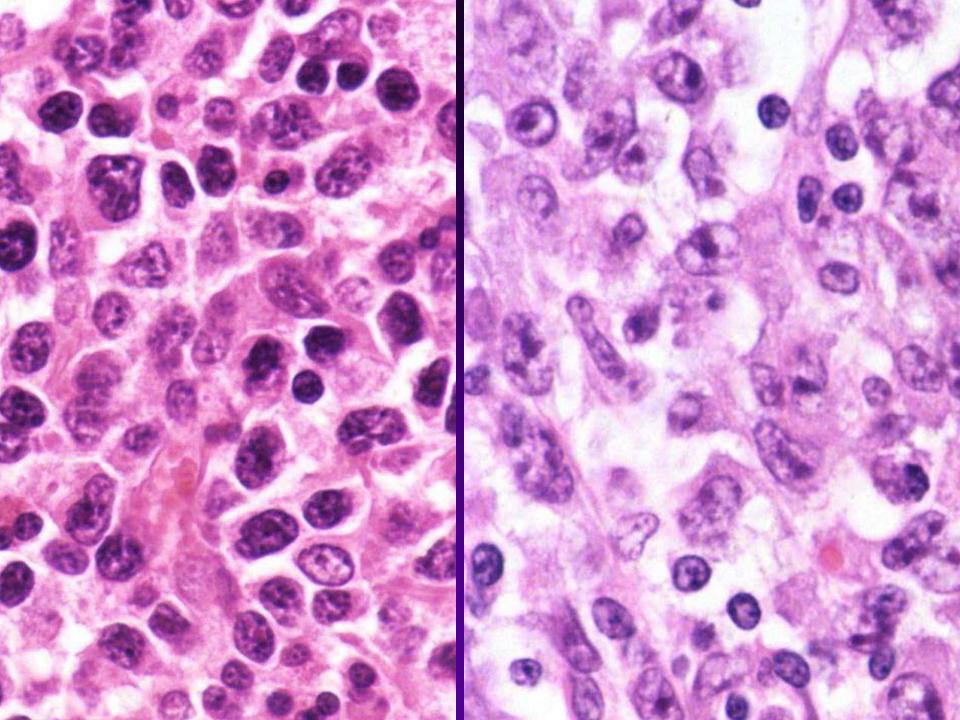
## WHAT'S NEW IN ENTEROPATHY-ASSOCIATED T-CELL LYMPHOMA (EATL)?

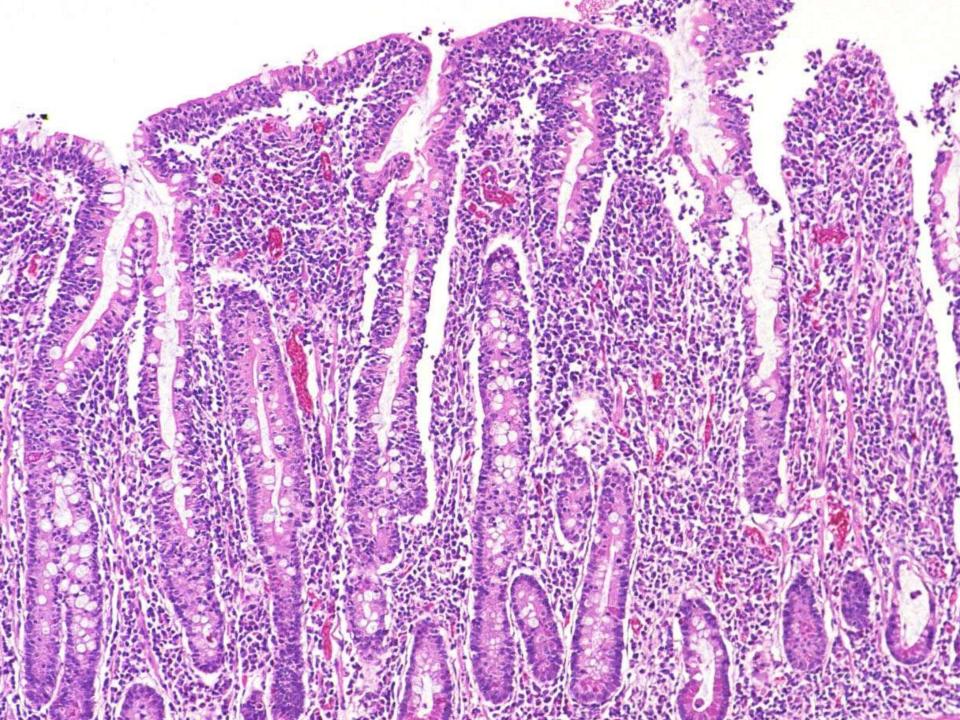
- EATL is a tumor of intestinal intraepithelial T lymphocytes
- Currently two subtypes are recognized:
  - Type I (Classical)
  - Type II
- Type II EATL will likely be considered a separate entity in future classifications, and is usually a  $\gamma\delta$  T-cell lymphoma

# Type I EATL

- Uncommon, but seen with greater frequency in Northern Europe (celiac disease prevalent)
- Association with celiac disease
- Very very rare in Asians
- Histology:
  - Usually large cells, commonly with admixed inflammatory cells (histiocytes, eosinophils)
  - Adjacent mucosa shows features of enteropathy
- Immunophenotype: CD3+, CD5-, CD4-, CD8-/+, CD103+, CD30+/-, CD56-







# Type II EATL

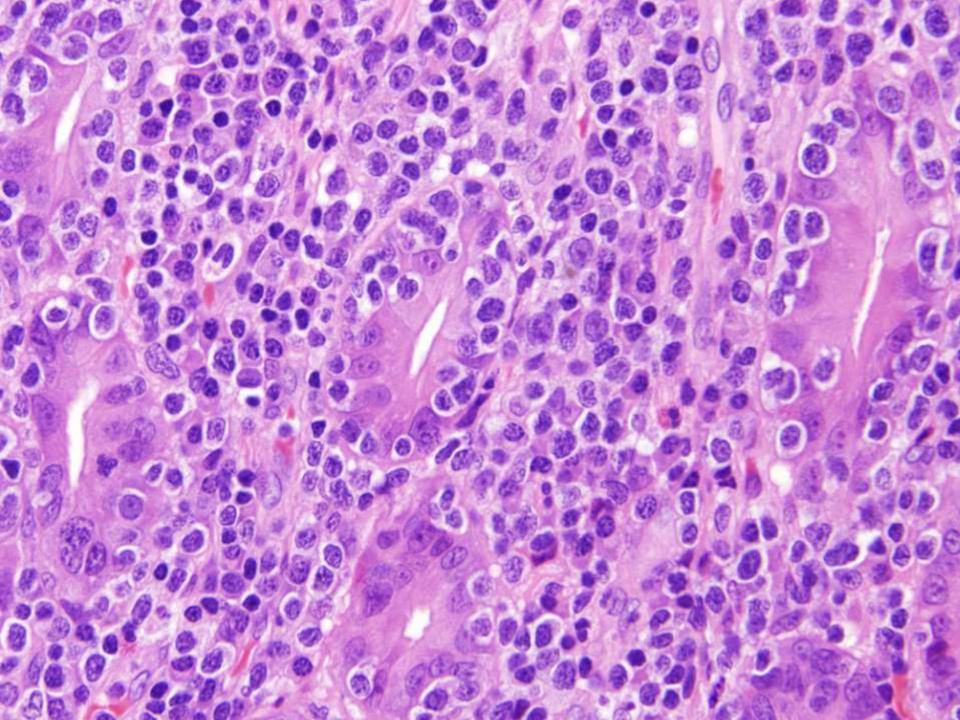
- Uncommon; no obvious racial predilection
- Practically the exclusive type of EATL in Asians
- No association with celiac disease
- Histology:
  - Monomorphic medium-sized cells; no necrosis; few admixed inflammatory cells
  - Adjacent mucosa: Intraepithelial lymphocytosis
- Immunophenotype: CD3+, CD5-, CD4-, CD8+, CD56+, CD30-, TCR  $\gamma\delta > \alpha\beta$

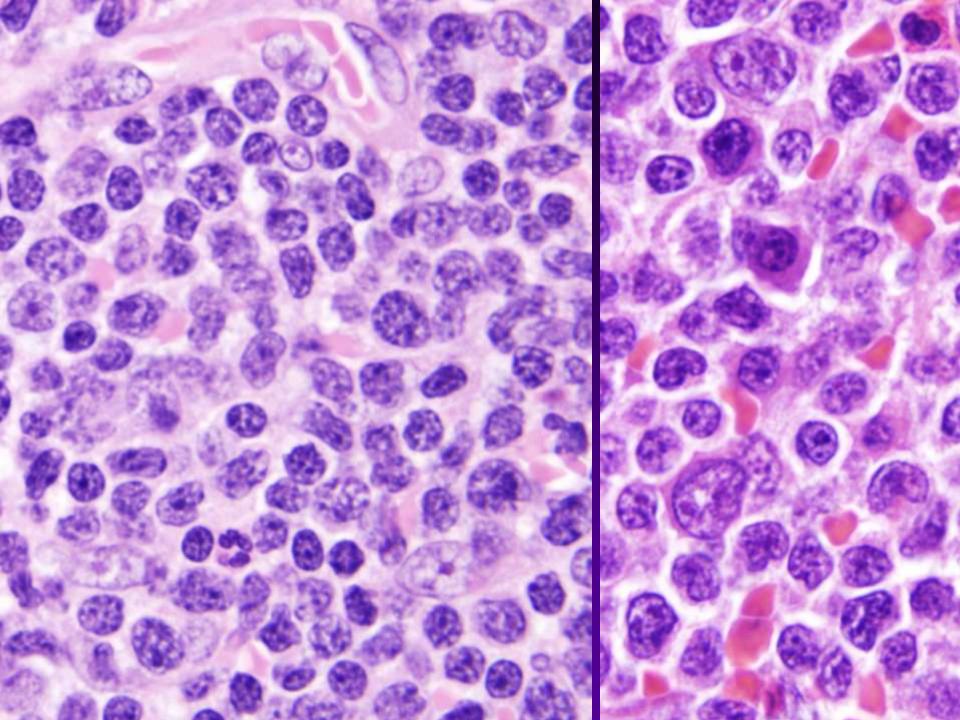
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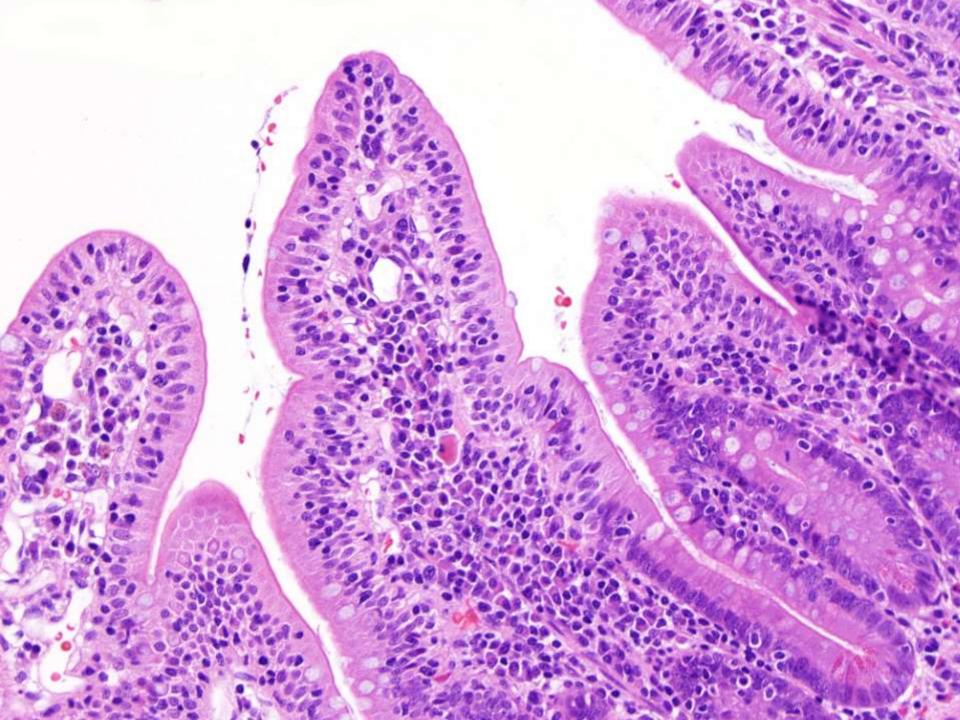
Lateral spread in mucosa

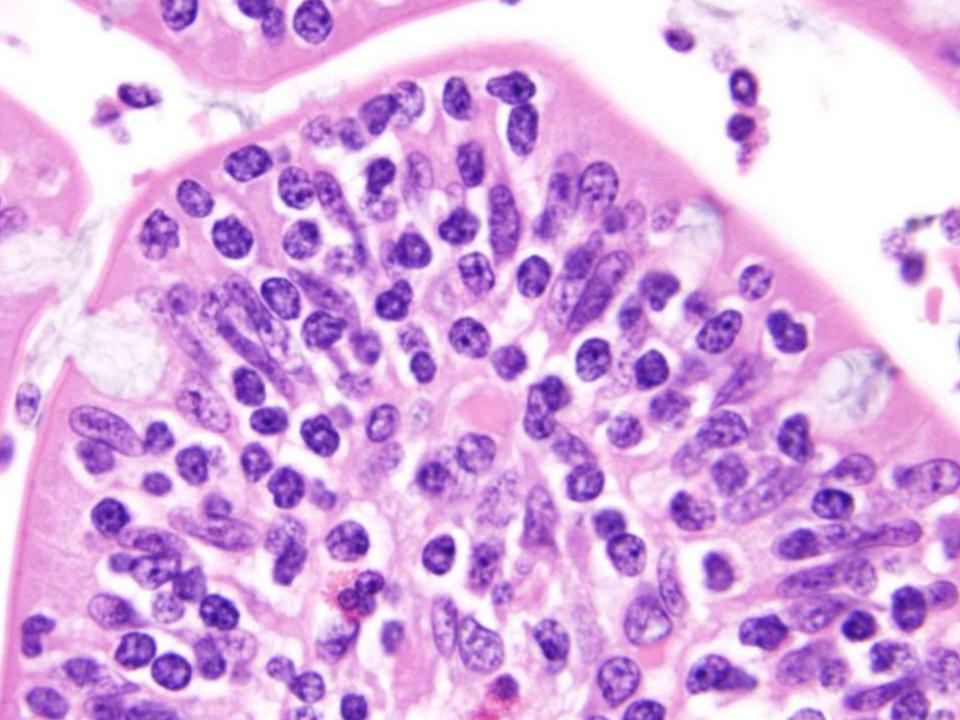
Ulcerated tumor

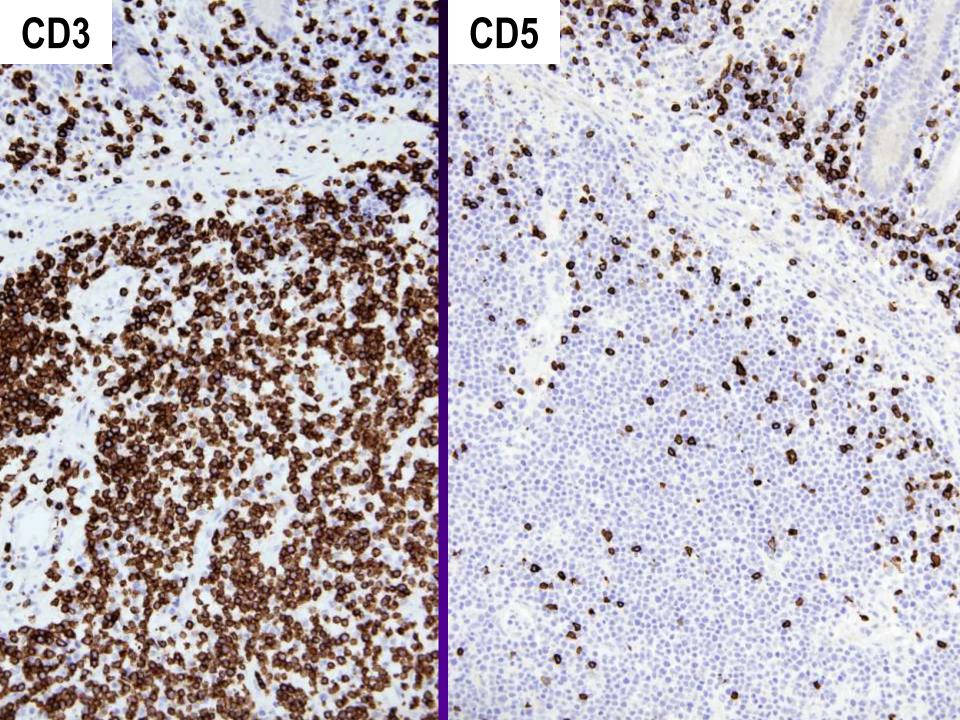


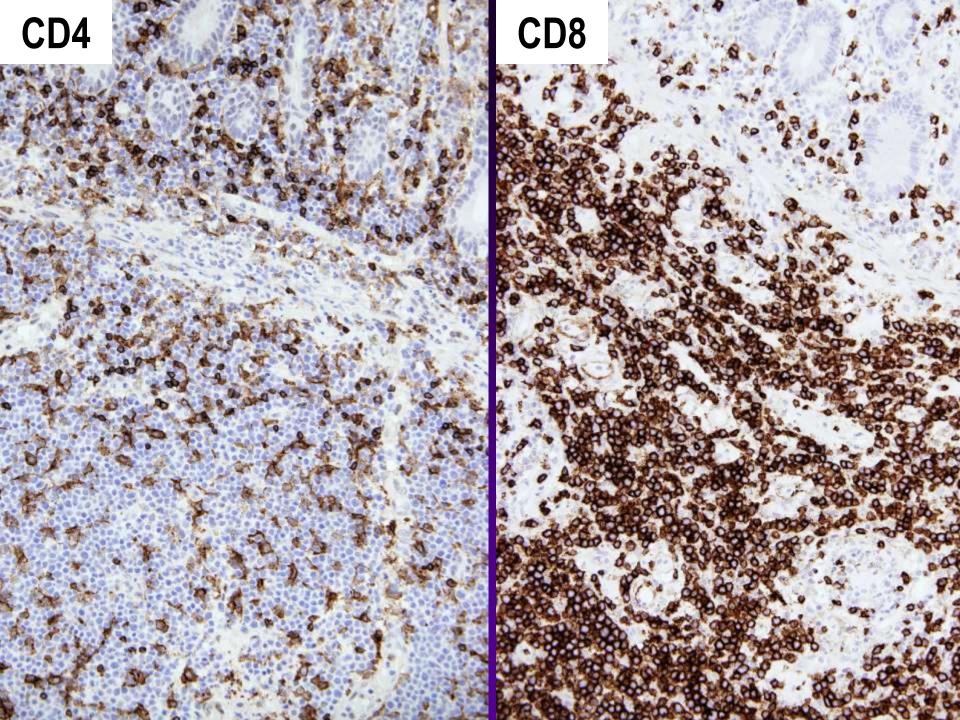




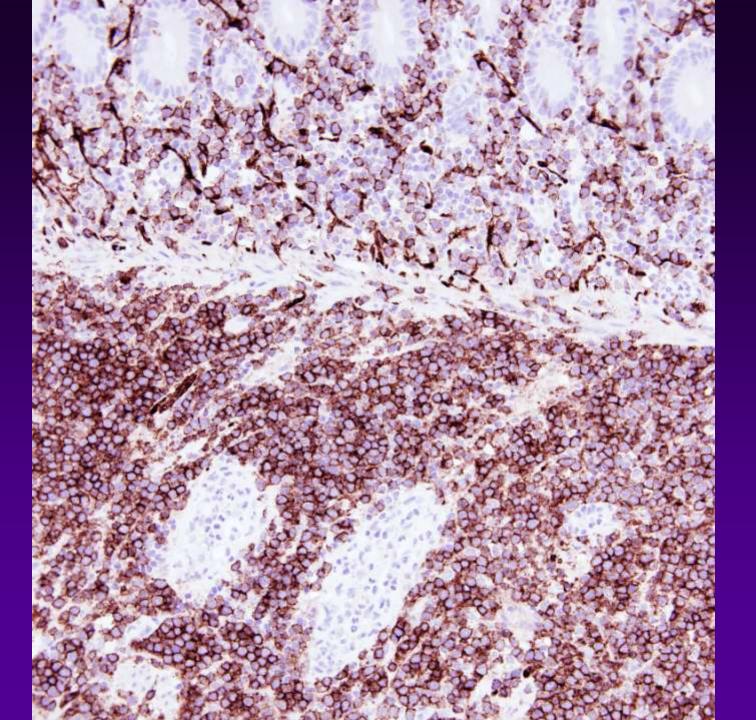






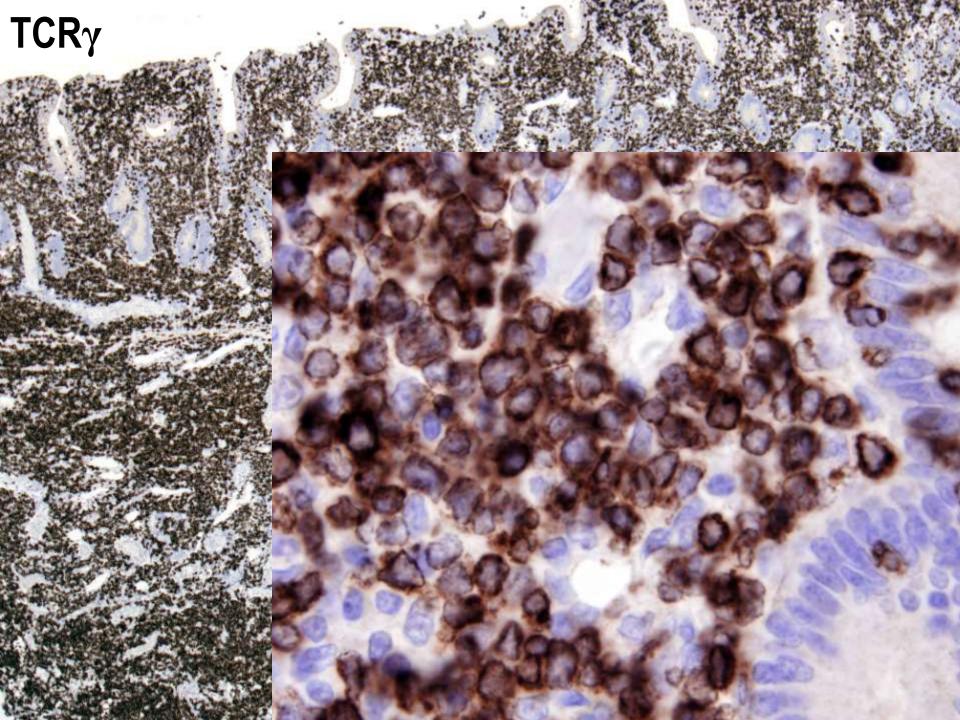


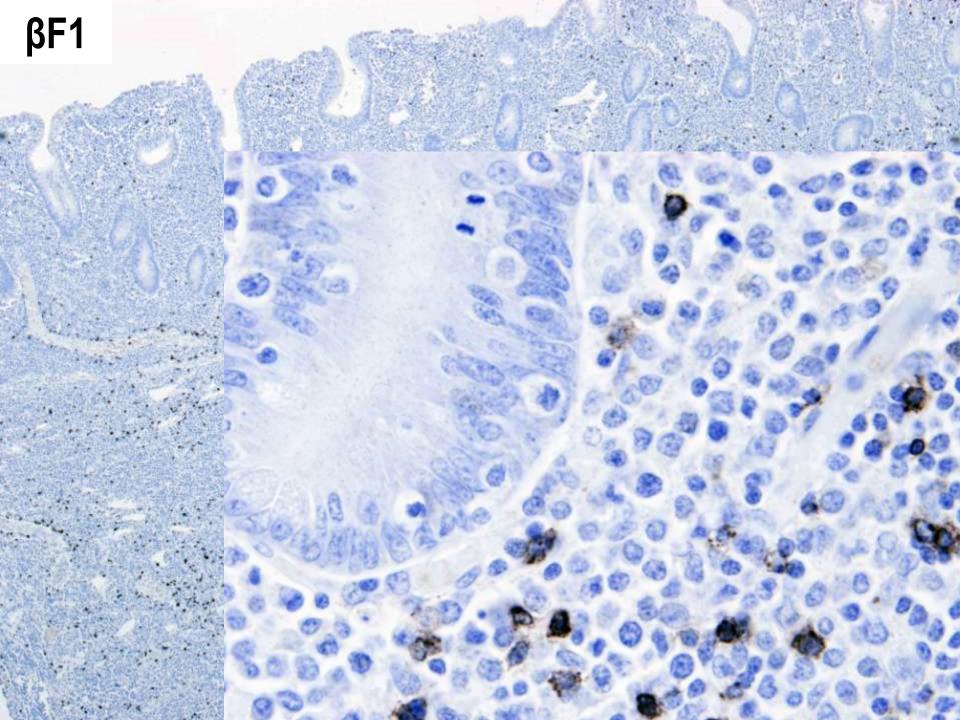
#### **CD56**

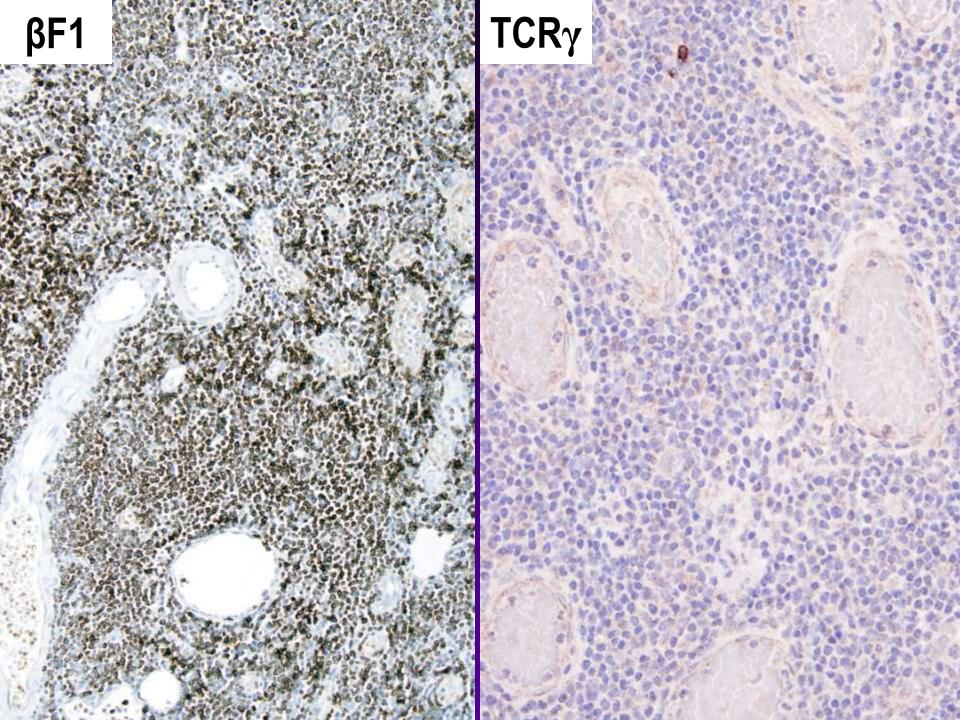


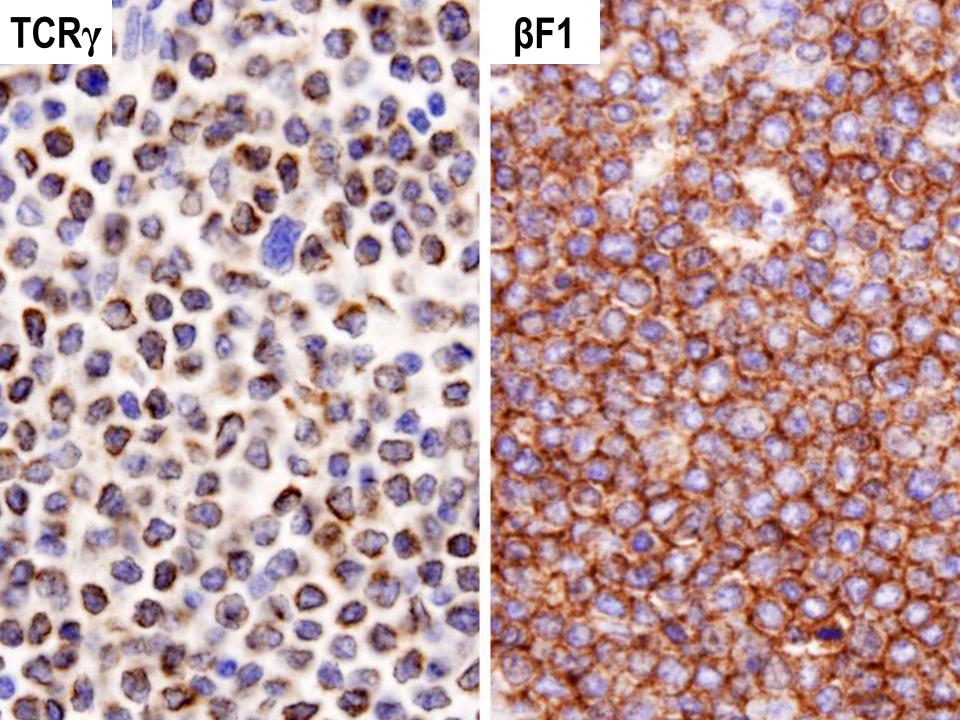
### T-cell receptor expression

$\beta$ F1- TCR $\gamma$ +	11/18 (61%)
βF1+ TCRγ-	3/18 (17%)
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βF1- TCRγ-	1/18 (6%)



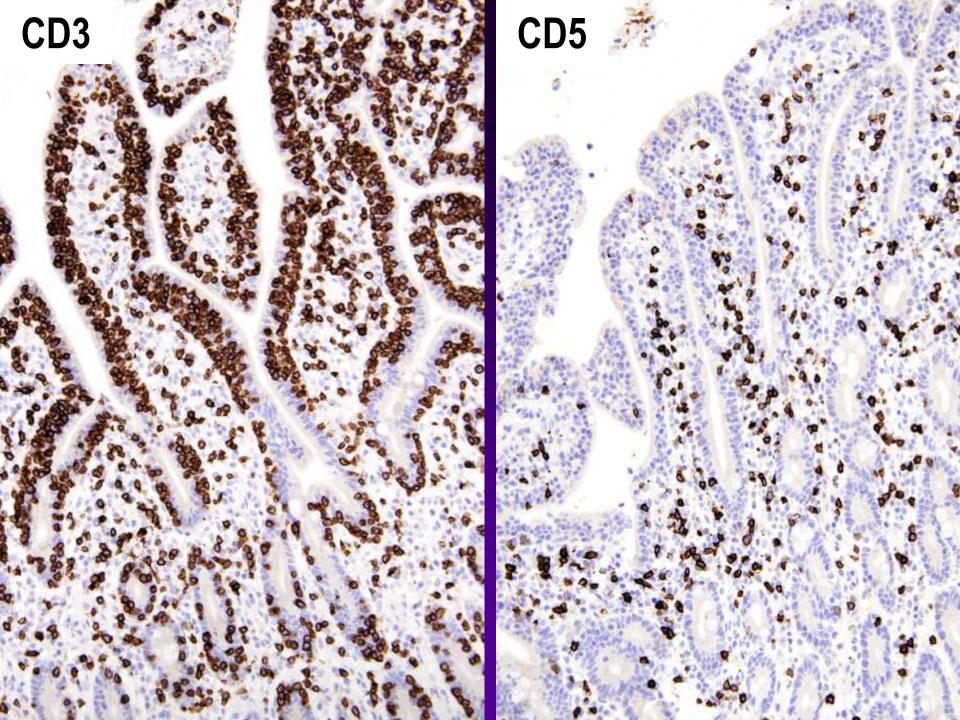


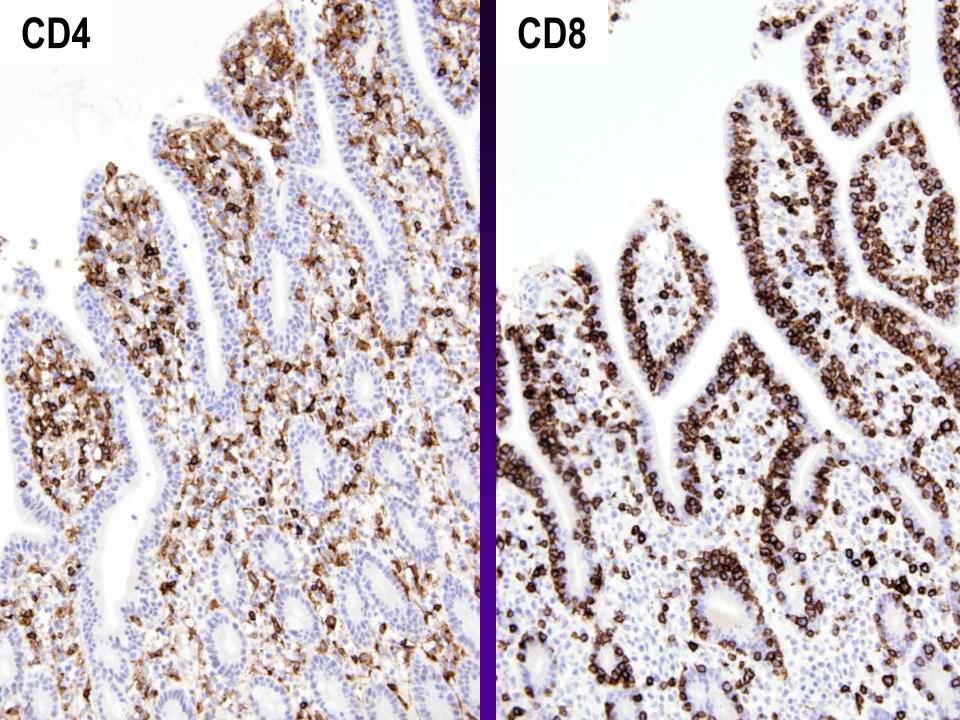


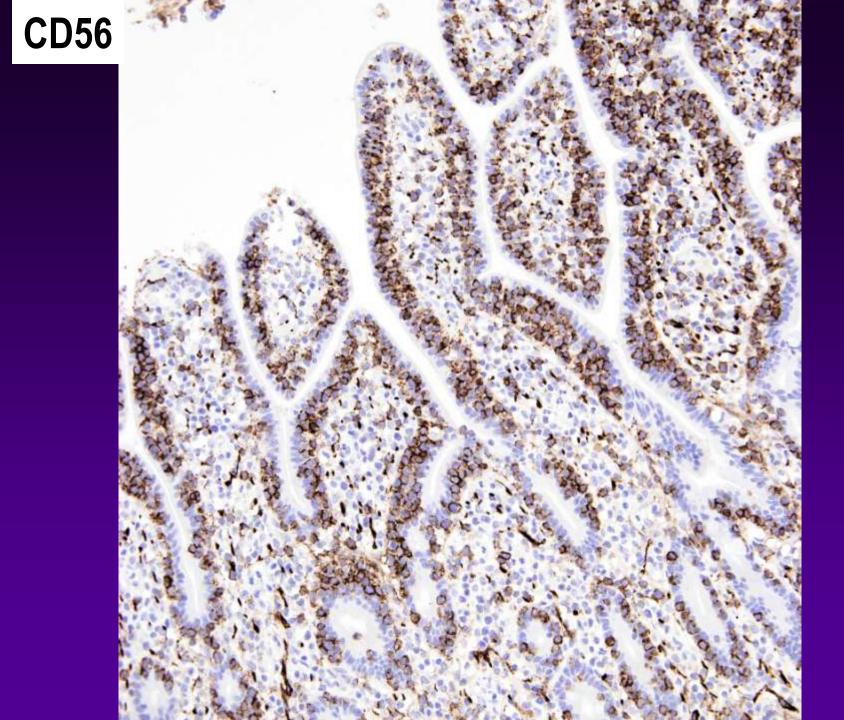


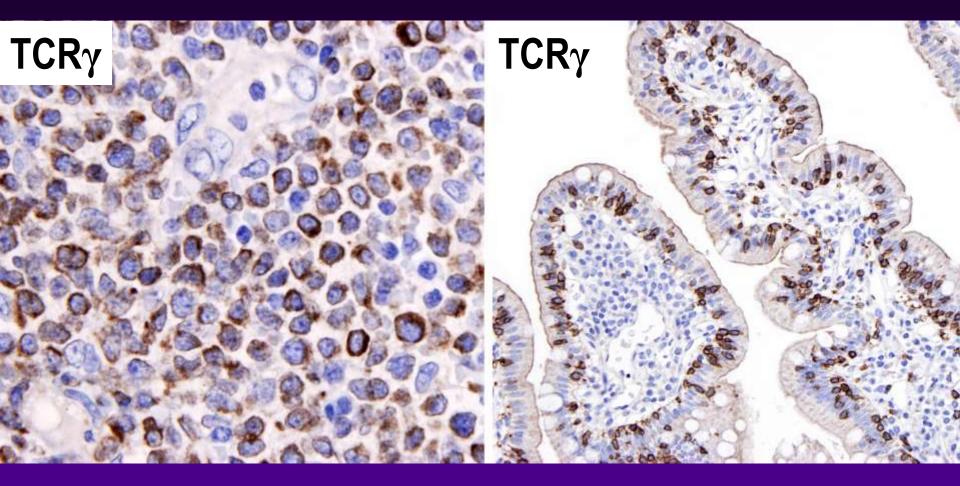
Immunophenotype of adjacent intraepithelial lymphocytosis zone

- Discordant with lymphoma (65%)
  Usually involving CD8 or CD56
- Concordant with lymphoma (35%)



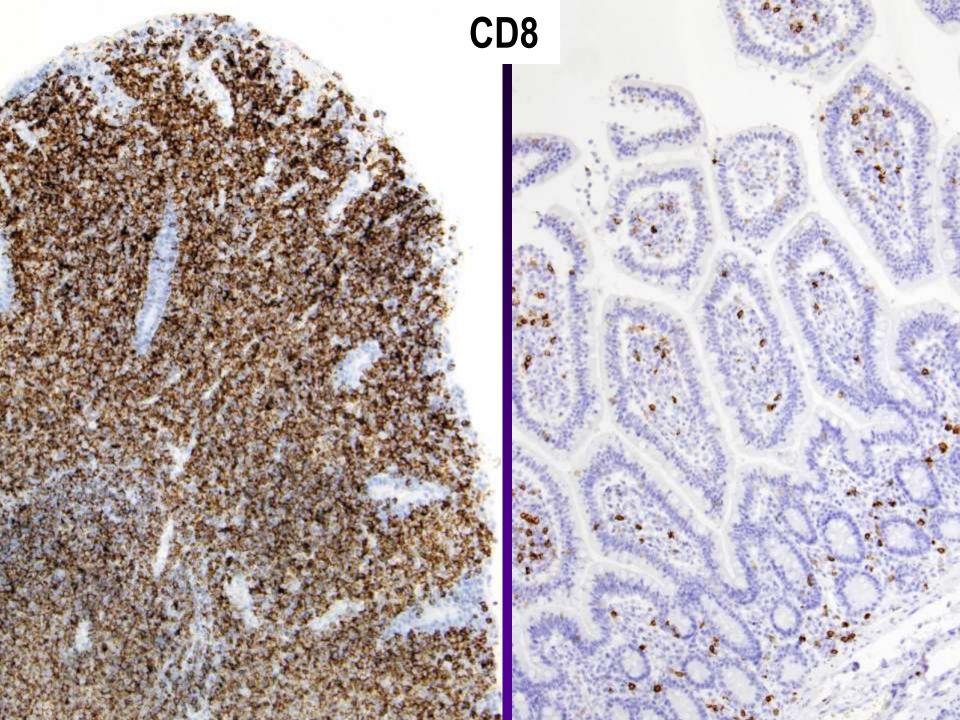






Tumor component

Adjacent intraepithelial lymphocytosis



Not celiac disease IEL represent dysplastic or in-situ phase of the lymphoma?

# Is it justified to separate type II EATL from type I EATL?

#### FOR:

- Morphologically and immunophenotypically distinct
- No evidence of celiac disease
- Epidemiologically different (type I practically not seen in Asians)

#### AGAINST:

Although there are differences in genetic alterations (+8q24 common in type II; +1q32-q41 and +5q34-q35 common in type I), they share common genetic changes (+8q31, -16q12)

**Monomorphic intestinal T-cell lymphoma** 

# NEW ENTITY NOT INCLUDED IN 2008 WHO CLASSIFICATION

#### Indolent CD8-positive Lymphoid Proliferation of the Ear A Distinct Primary Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma?

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### Indolent CD8+ lymphoid proliferation of the ear

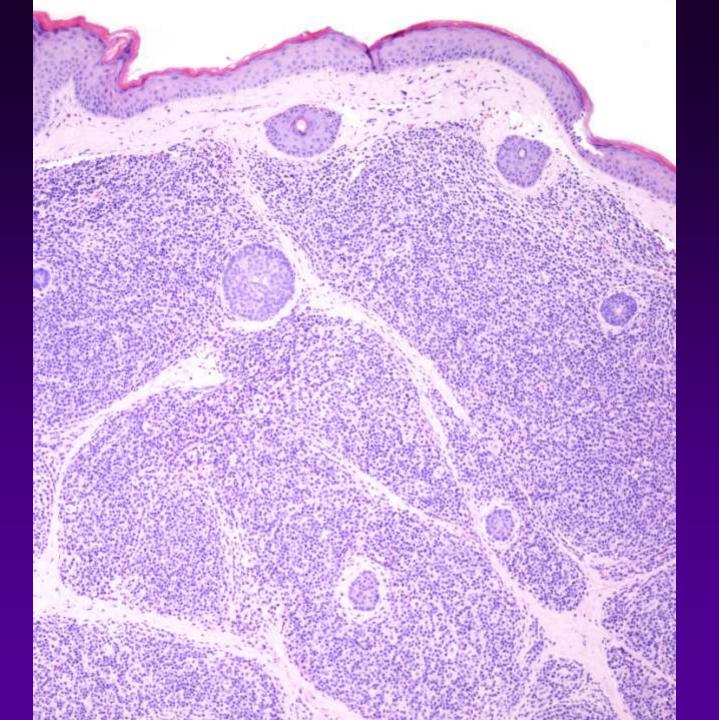
- Age: 29-69 years (young adult to middle-age)
- Tumor: Unilateral or bilateral ear, with ill-defined erythematous papule or nodule
- Clinical course: Indolent well with local treatment (excision), although recurrence can occur
- Nature:
  - A distinct entity?
  - A phenotypic variant of primary cutaneous CD4+ small/medium T-cell lymphoma?

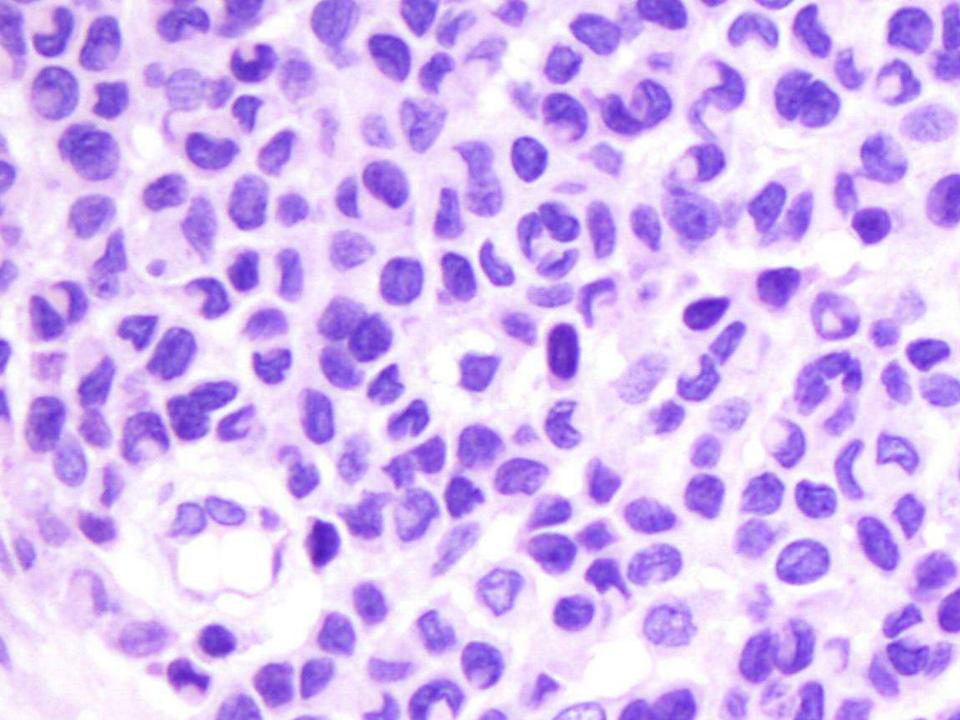


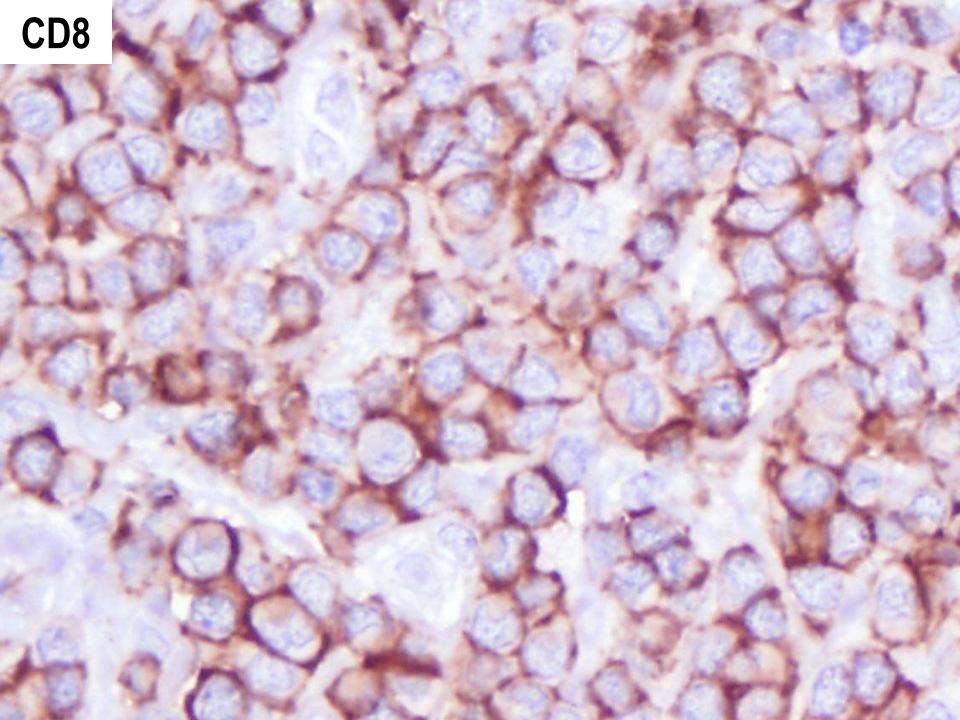
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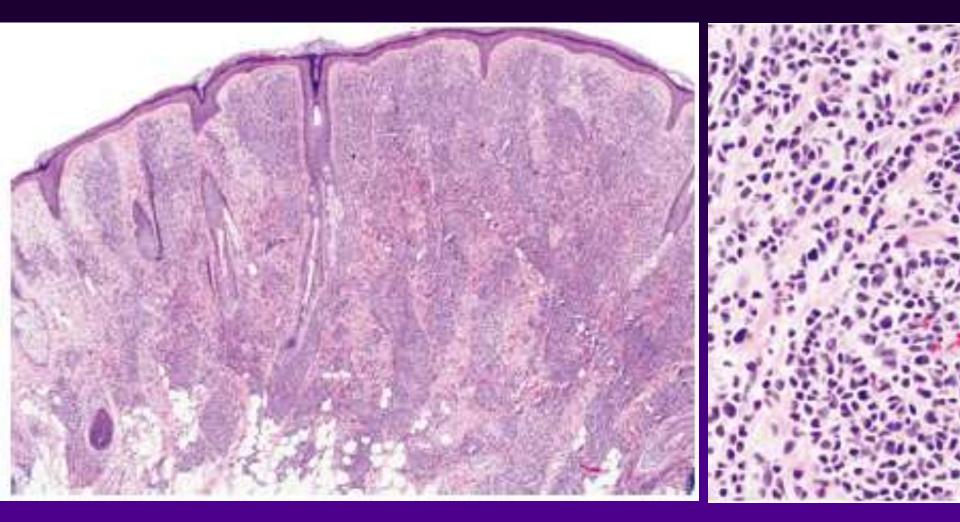
### Indolent CD8+ lymphoid proliferation of the ear

- Histology
  - Diffuse dermal +/- subcutaneous lymphoid infiltrate
  - Grenz zone present
  - Non-epidermotropic
  - Monotonous medium-sized cells with irregular nuclei; sometimes signet ring morphology
  - No necrosis; no angioinvasion
- Immunophenotype: CD3+, CD4-, CD8+, CD56-, EBV-









Swick BL. J Cutan Pathol 2011

Any clue to avoid mistaking it for more aggressive types of lymphoma?

**Ki67** 

#### Very low proliferative fraction

# NEW ENTITY NOT INCLUDED IN 2008 WHO CLASSIFICATION

Lymphomatoid gastropathy: a distinct clinicopathologic entity of self-limited pseudomalignant NK-cell proliferation

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NK-cell enteropathy: a benign NK-cell lymphoproliferative disease mimicking intestinal lymphoma: clinicopathologic features and follow-up in a unique case series

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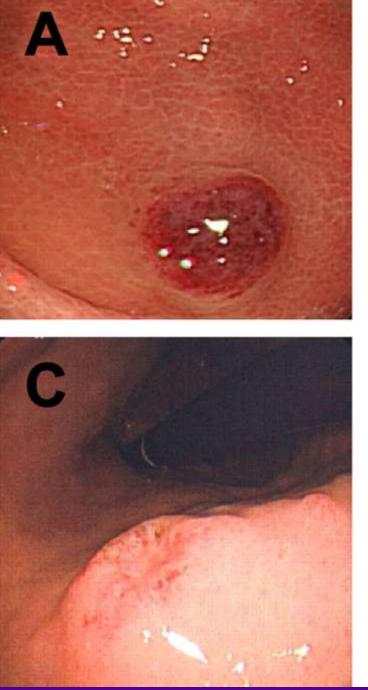
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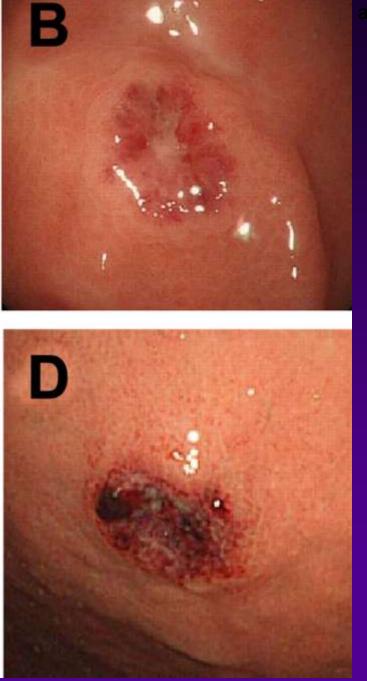
## NK lymphomatoid gastroenteropathy

- A self-limiting, pseudomalignant NK cell proliferation affecting the stomach or intestines
- Sex: F > M
- Age: Adults (27-75 years)
- Presentation
  - Asymptomatic
  - Vague gastrointestinal symptoms

## NK lymphomatoid gastroenteropathy

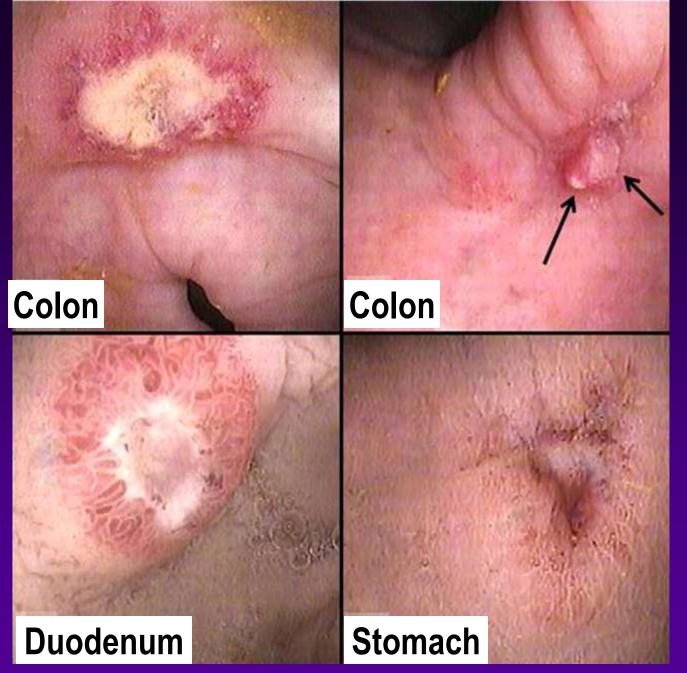
- Endoscopic findings
  - Superficial small lesions (~1 cm)
  - Ulcer, erosion, elevated lesion, often with hemorrhage and edema
- Single or multiple sites in gastrointestinal tract
- Imaging work-up: No other sites of disease
- Follow-up information (without cytotoxic therapy)
  - Spontaneous resolution
  - Persistence
  - Recurrence





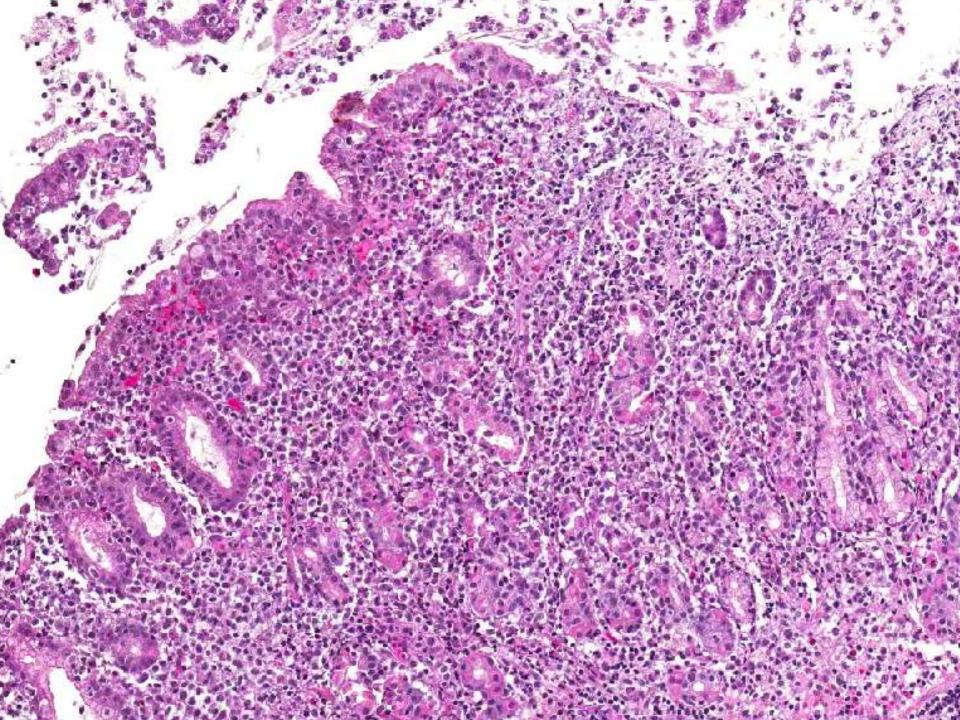
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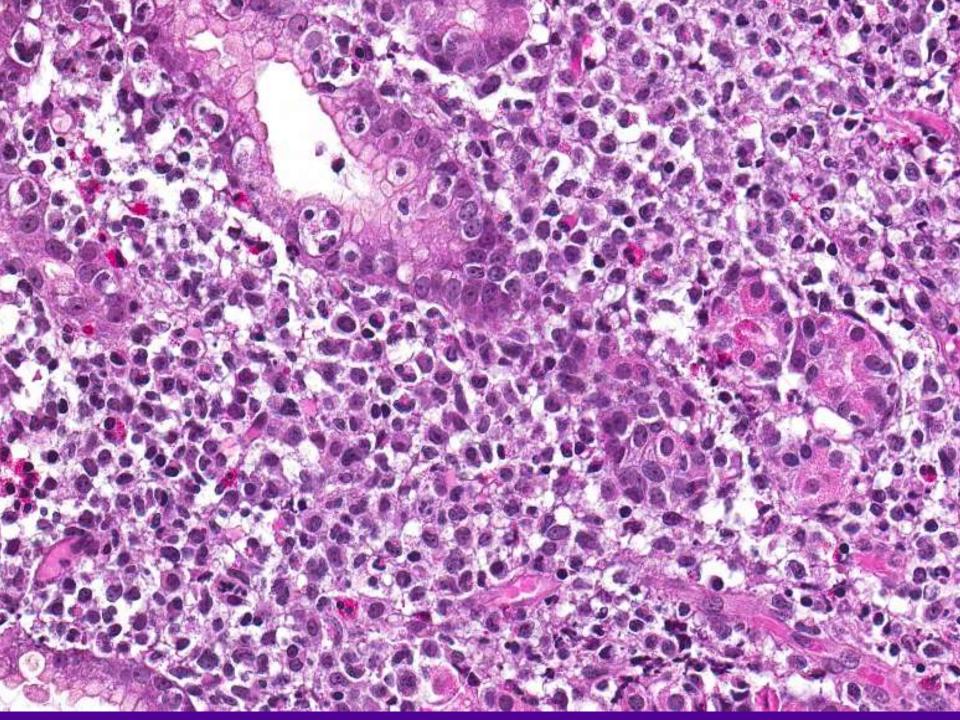
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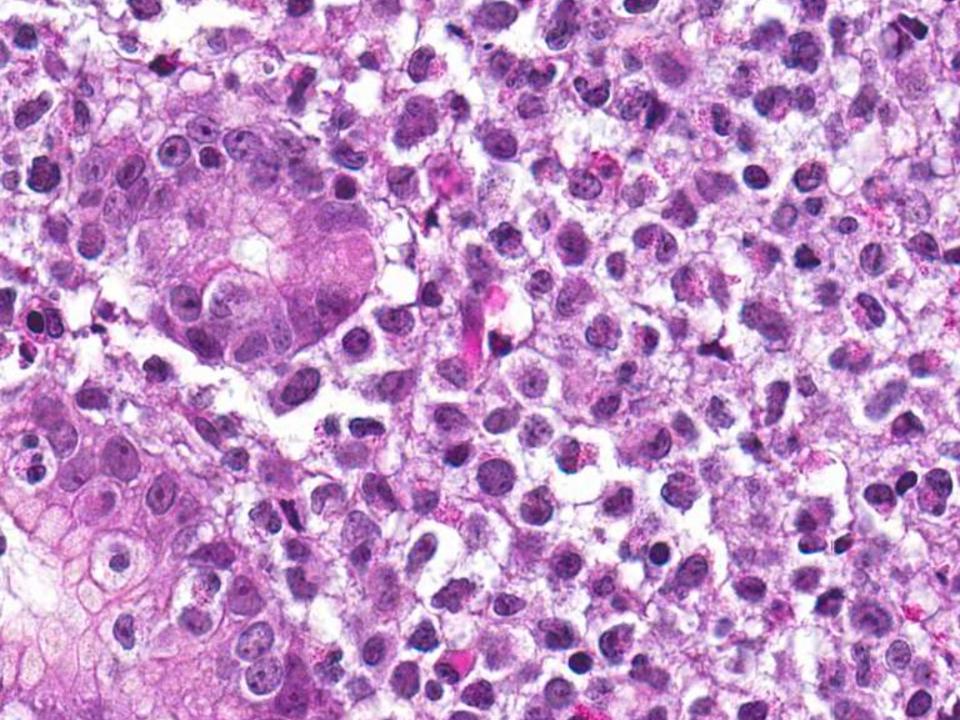


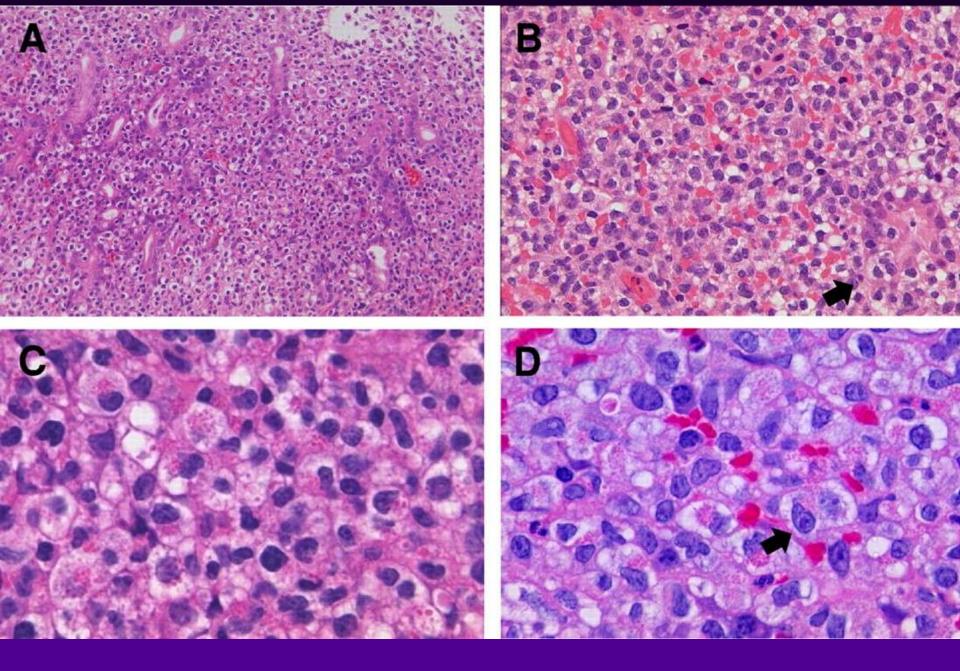
## NK lymphomatoid gastroenteropathy

- Histology:
  - Mucosa shows expansion by atypical lymphoid infiltrate
  - May show epithelial invasion
  - Medium-sized or large cells with indented or irregular nuclei +/- nucleoli
  - Many cells have brightly eosinophilic granules
  - No angioinvasion; usually no necrosis





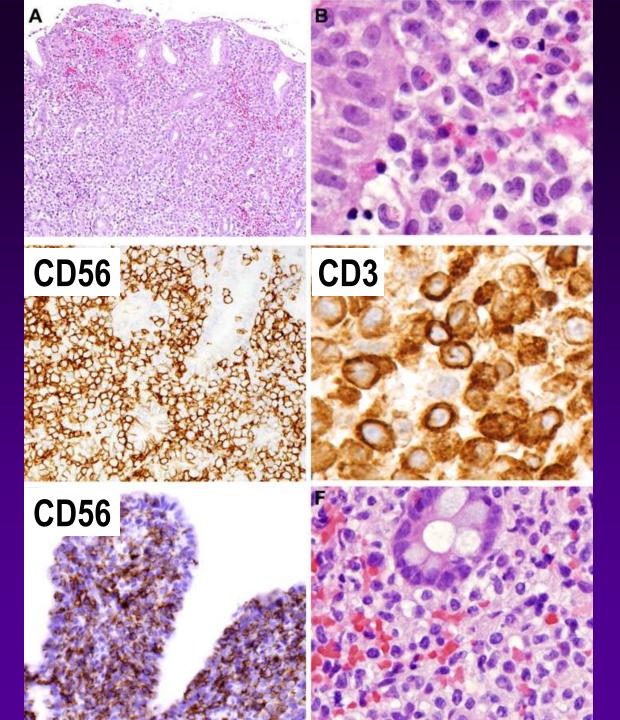




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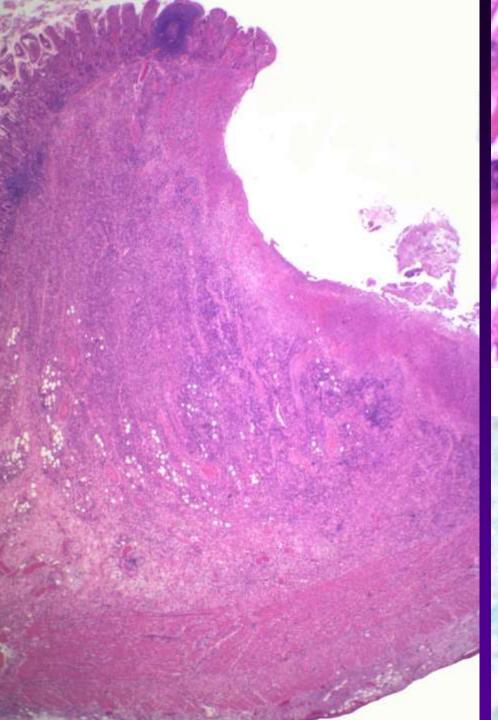
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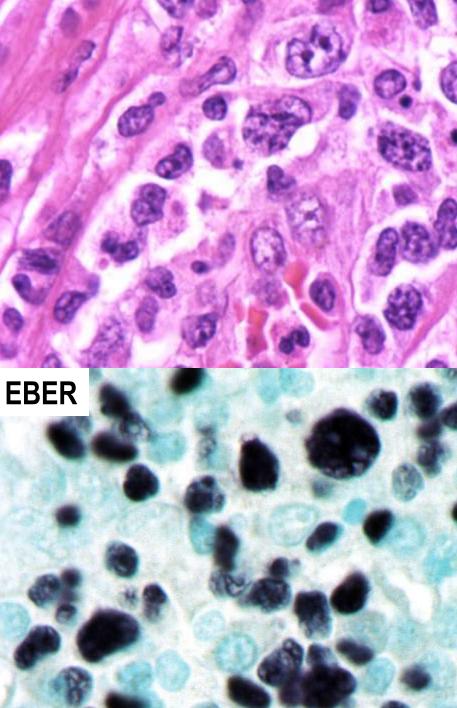
- Immunohistochemistry:
  - CD3+ (cytoplasmic); surface CD3 negative
  - CD56+
  - CD5-
  - TIA1+
- EBER: Negative
- TCR gene rearrangements: Negative



Mansoor A et al. Blood 2011;117:1447-1452

	NK lymphomatoid gastroenteropathy	Extranodal NK/T- cell lymphoma
Endoscopic or gross appearance	Small and superficial (erosion, ulcer, raised, hemorrhagic) lesions	Large and deep mass lesions
Histology	Brightly eosinophilic granules commonly seen in lymphoid cells (H&E)	Granules rarely ever seen in H&E section
EBV	Negative	Positive







Seroma-associated ALCL adjacent to breast implant

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- NK lymphomatoid gastroenteropathy