

Large Cells With CD30 Expression and
Hodgkin-like Features in Primary Cutaneous
Marginal Zone B-Cell Lymphoma

A Study of 13 Cases

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黏膜相关结外边缘区B细胞淋巴瘤 MALT

- 定义：一种结外淋巴瘤，由**形态不均一**的小B细胞组成，包括**边缘区（中心细胞样）细胞**，**单核样细胞**，**小淋巴细胞**，散在的**免疫母细胞**及**中心母细胞样细胞**。某些情况下，可存在浆细胞分化。肿瘤细胞可位于反应性滤泡的边缘区，并可延伸至滤泡间区和滤泡。在上皮组织中，肿瘤细胞通常浸润上皮，形成淋巴上皮病变。
- ICD-O code 9699/3
- 发病率：占B细胞淋巴瘤的7-8%，好发于成年人（**中位年龄70岁**）。
- 部位：胃（35%）最常见，其次是眼睛和眼附属器（13%），皮肤（9%），肺（9%），唾液腺（8%），乳腺（3%）和甲状腺（2%）。

Introduction

- **PCMZL**: primary cutaneous marginal zone lymphoma.
- Included in the group of extranodal marginal zone lymphoma.
- **Indolent** cutaneous B-cell lymphoma: most local recurrence, sporadic cases show extracutaneous dissemination or large tumoral masses.
- Few prognostic markers for differentiating patients.
- PCMZL : **CD30+ large cells**, sometimes with Hodgkin-like morphology.

Aim

- Investigate the presence of CD30+ large cells and Hodgkin-like cells, and their possible link with progression in PCMZL;
- Investigate their relationship with the presence of atypical T cells and of TCR and IgH gene rearrangements.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Case Selection :

- ✓ Fundación Jiménez Díaz University Hospital of Madrid, Spain; 2000 ~ 2018; skin biopsies.
- ✓ All cases featuring $\geq 10\%$ CD30+ large cells, most had large pleomorphic cells(R-S-like/Hodgkin-like).
- ✓ Diagnosis: 2017 WHO classification, none had systemic Hodgkin lymphoma.

Histopathologic Assessment:

- ✓ Histologic pattern:
perivascular/periadnexal, nodular, diffuse, or mixed
- ✓ Proportion of large CD30+ tumoral cells (CD30+/CD20+);
Pattern of CD30 staining: scattered, clustered, or diffuse.
- ✓ Reactive follicles, light-chain restrictions and dominant heavy chain.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

➤ Immunohistochemistry:

CD30, CD15, CD20, CD3, PD1, κ , λ , IgG, IgM, IgD, IgA, CD123, Bcl6, Bcl2, p53, Pax5, CD21, CD23, CD5, Ki67, MYC, and pSTAT3

➤ In Situ Hybridization: EBER(Ventana)

➤ Molecular studies:

PCR for IgH, TCR Gene Rearrangement

Other Genotypic Studies: target genes related to low-grade B-cell lymphoma.

➤ Statistical Evaluation

RESULTS

Clinical Presentation

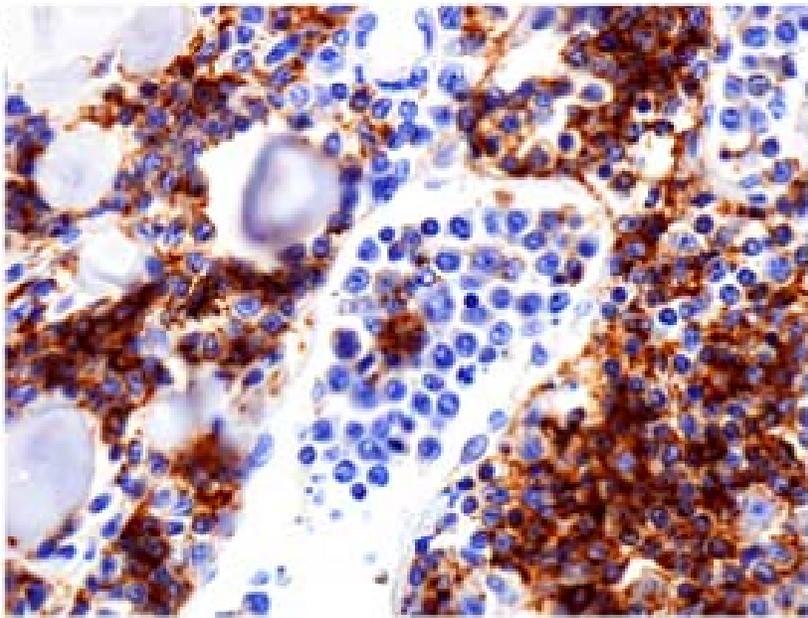
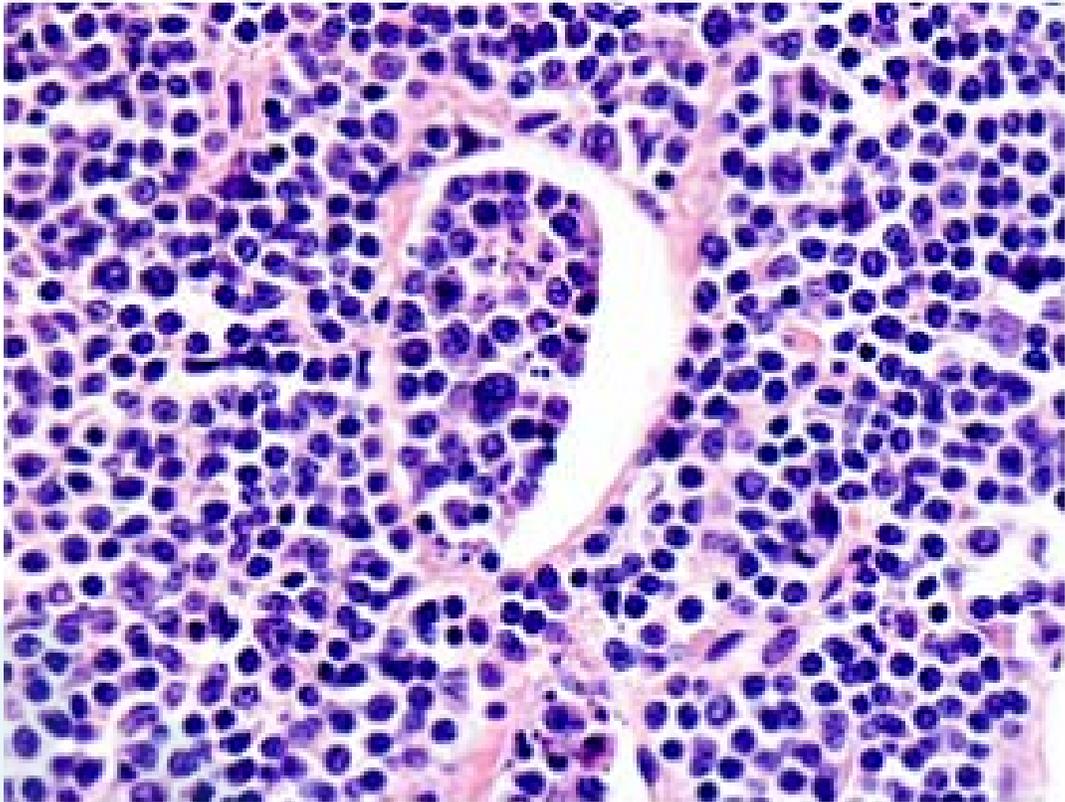
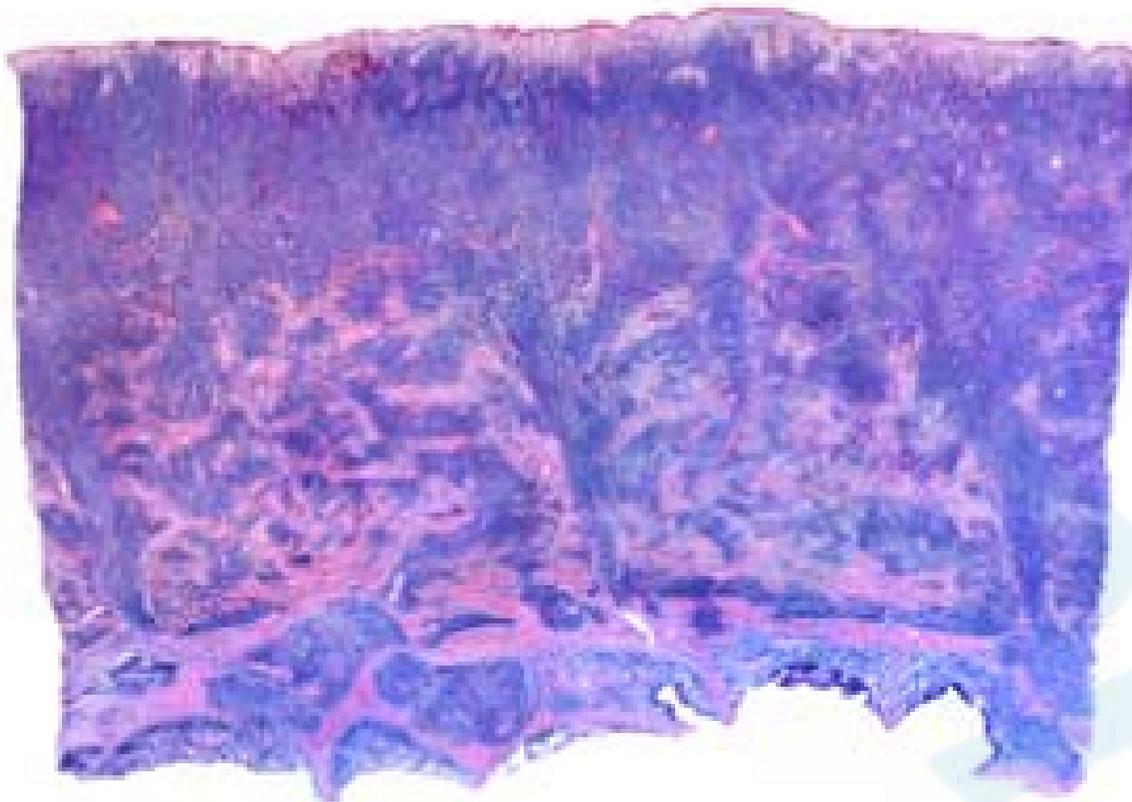
- ✓ 13 cases (10 male and 3 female); 30-79y (54y);
- ✓ Lesions: nodules, agminated papules, raised plaques or large tumoral masses (case 3);
site: extremities (5/13), followed by trunk (4/13).
- ✓ Staging system of EORTC/ISCL: 4 patients had early located disease, others advanced disease.
- ✓ None: extracutaneous involvement in image tests or bone marrow biopsies; systemic Hodgkin lymphoma.
(*Ex. Patient 9: testicular DLBCL for 7 years*)
- ✓ Follow-up time: 3 months to 24 years(54 months)

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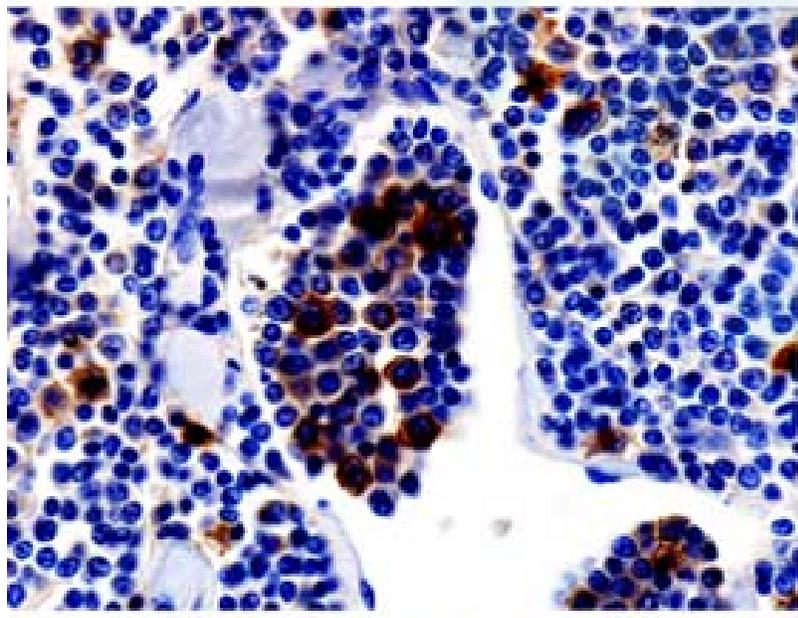
➤ Histopathologic and Immunophenotypic Features

1. 11 cases: nodular pattern; 2 cases: diffuse distribution.
2. All cases: diffuse T infiltrate, 69% T-cell rosettes.
PD1+ T cells (atypical morphology) around CD30+ Large cells.
3. Reactive follicles with partially colonized germinal centers.
4. Tumoral B cells: CD20, Pax5, and Bcl2+; Bcl-6 and CD10-
5. **EBER-**: ruling out CD30+ lymphomas related to EBV infection.
6. **CD30+** cells: scattered, clustered, or occurred diffusely;
Most had immunoblast cytology, rarely Hodgkin-like morphology

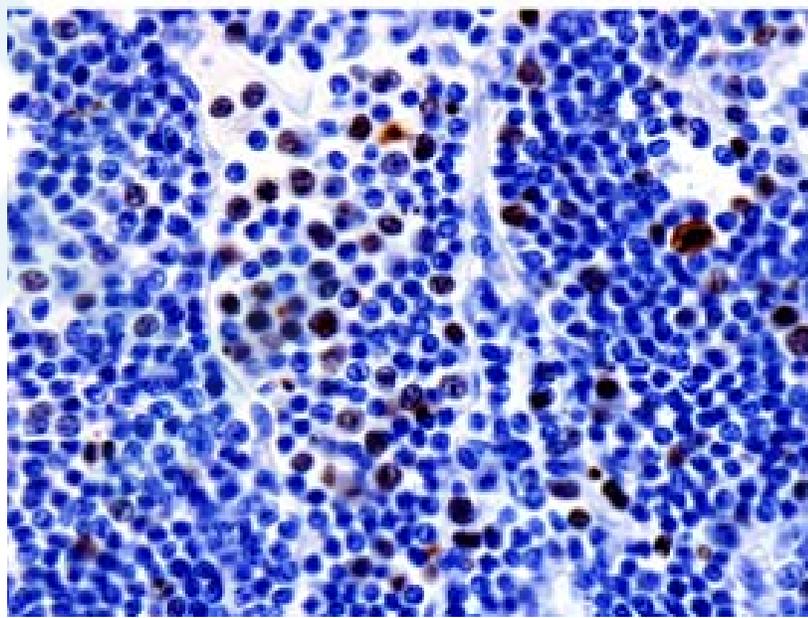
Patient 3: first biopsy



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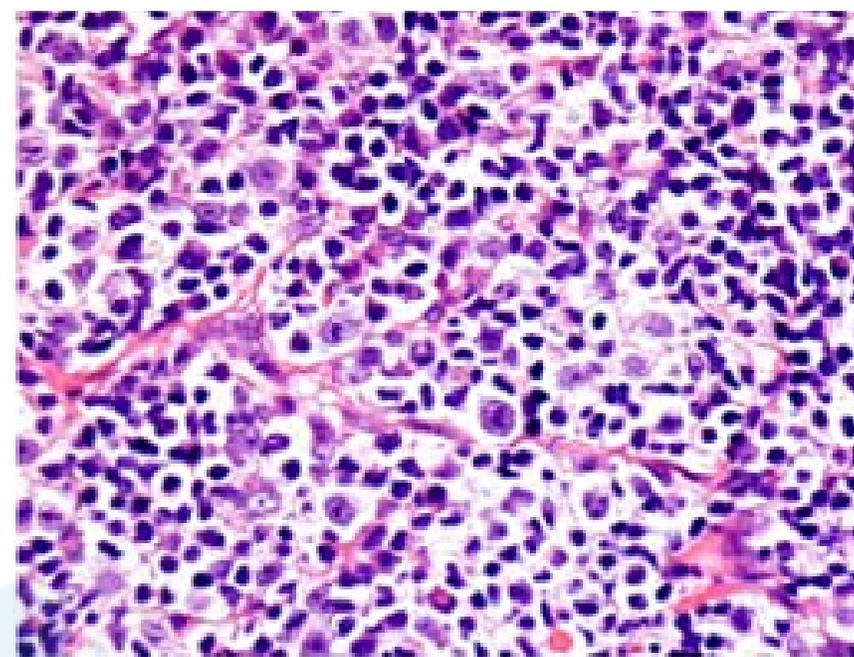
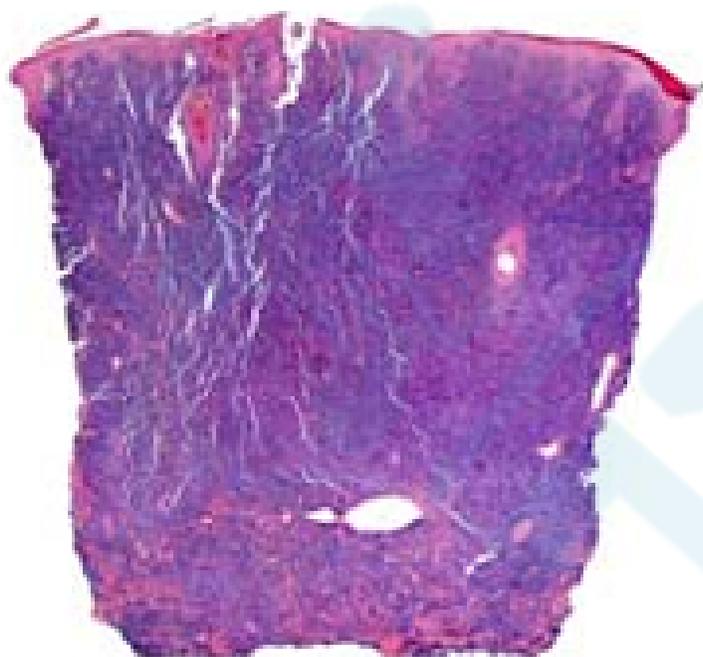


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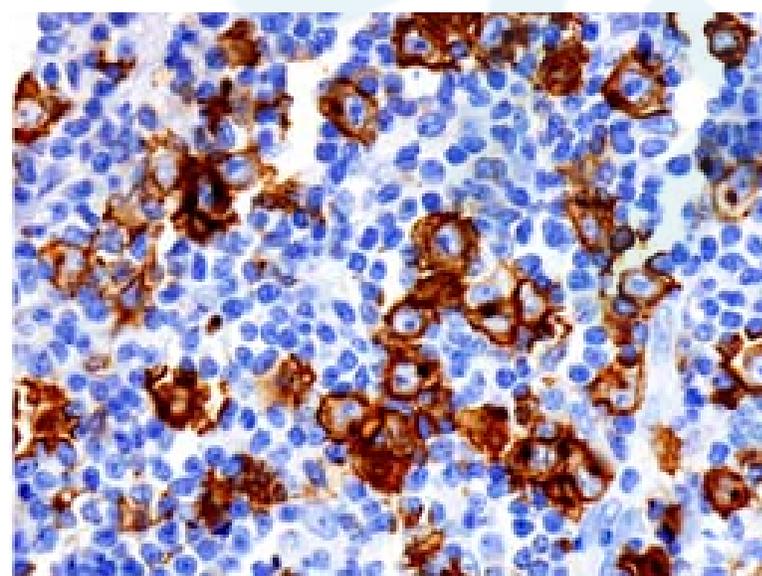


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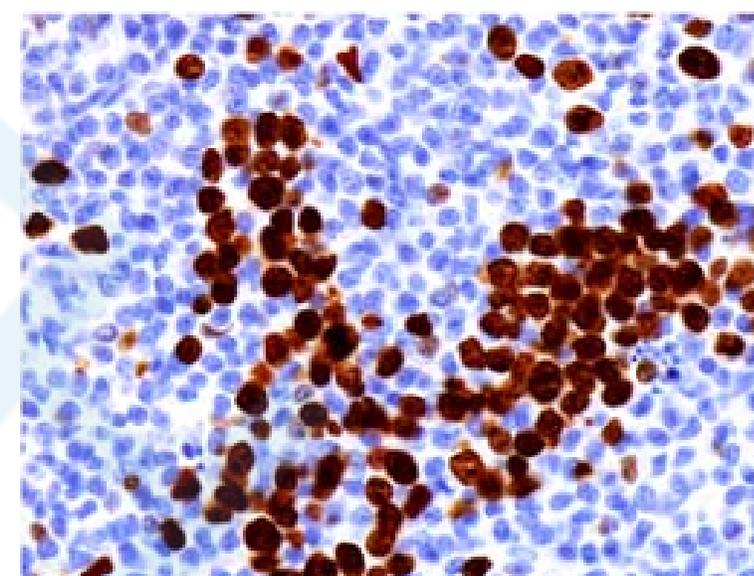
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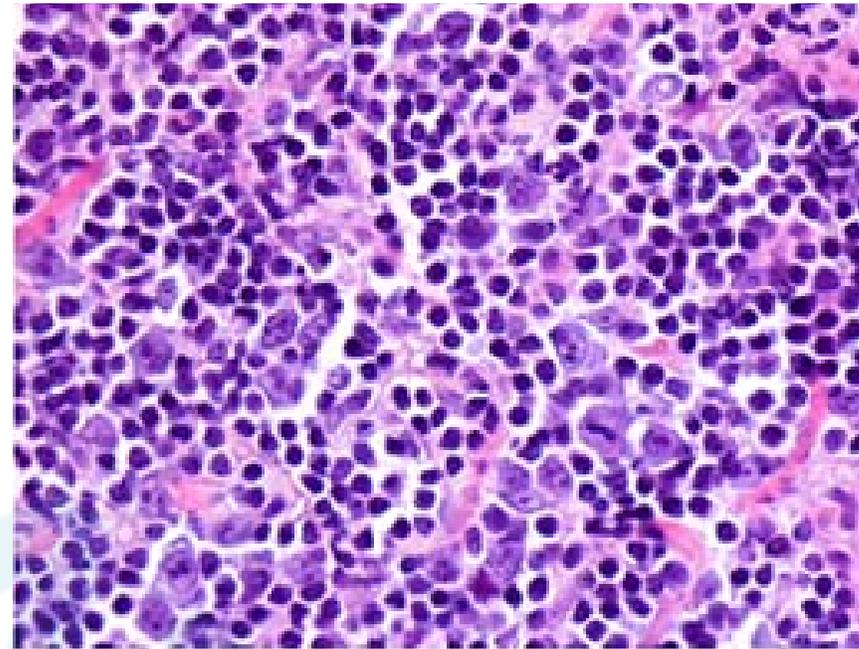
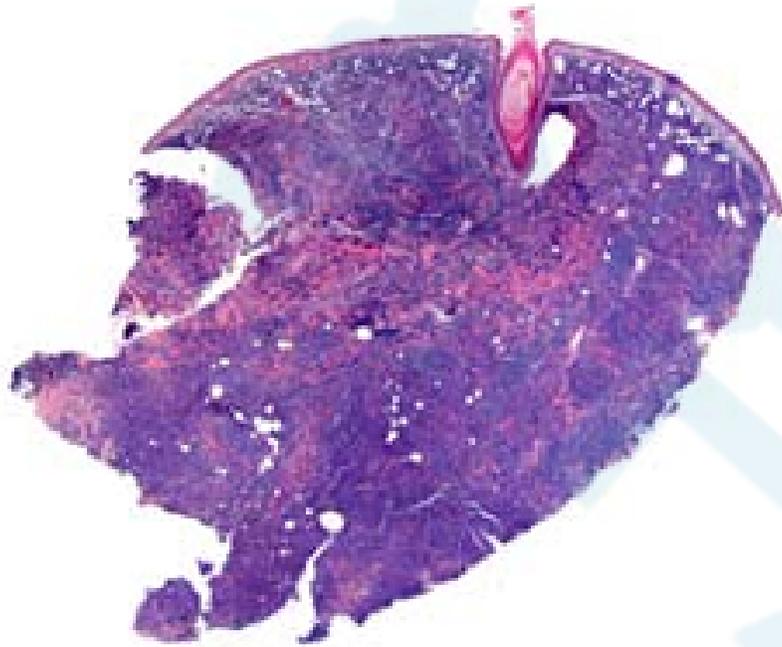


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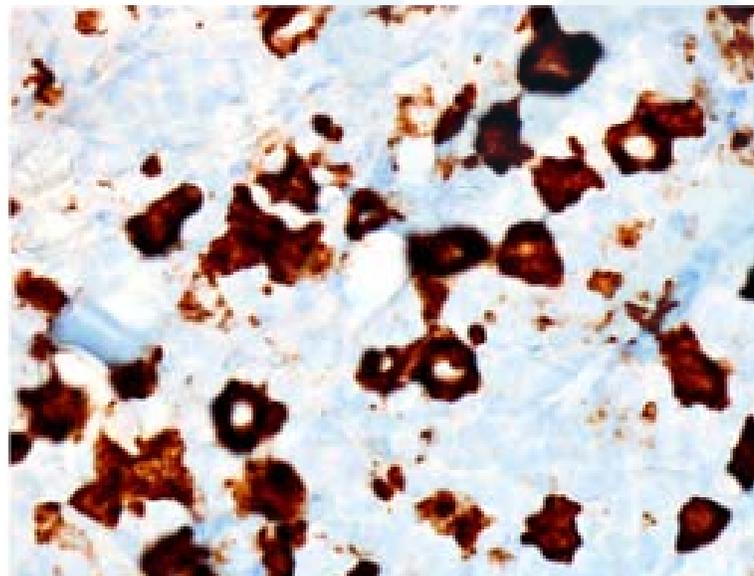


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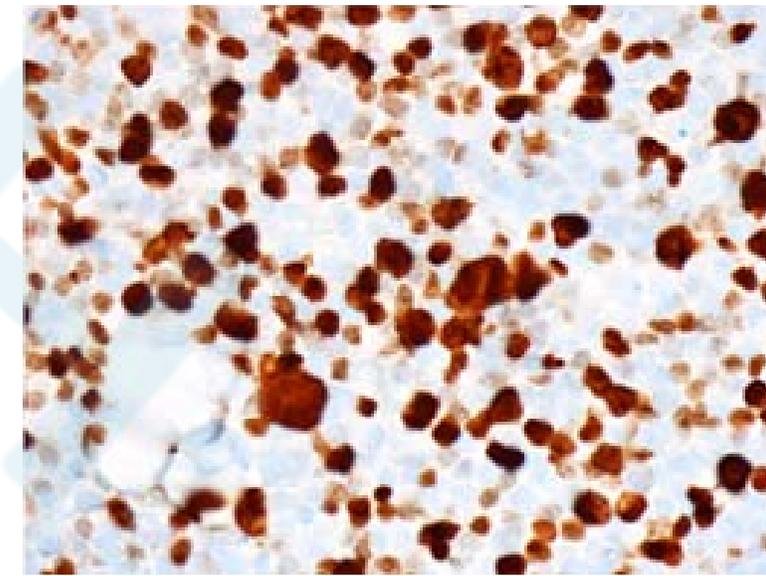
Patient 3: last biopsy



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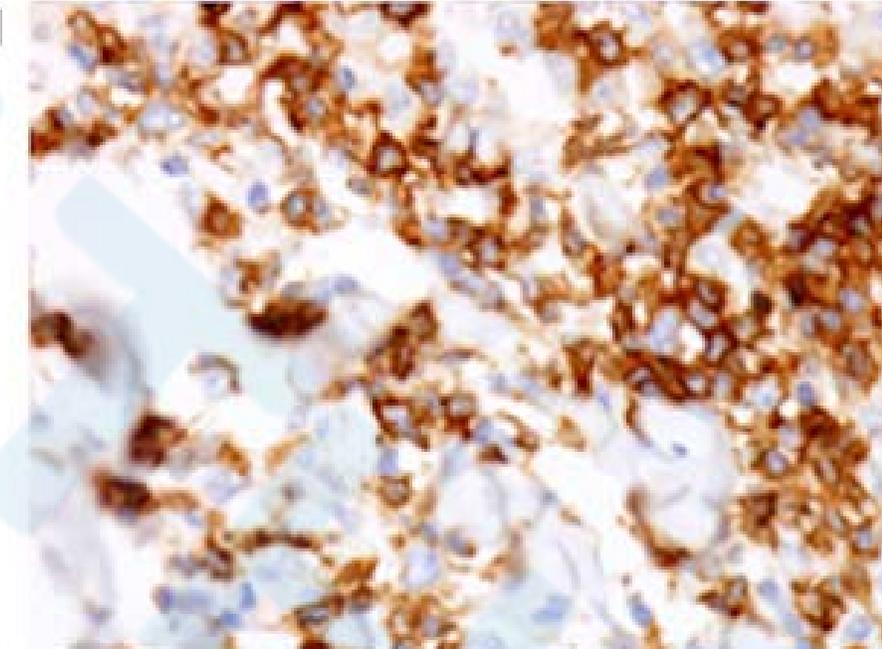
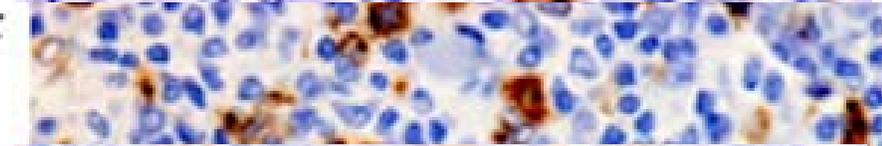
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Case 11: final biopsy

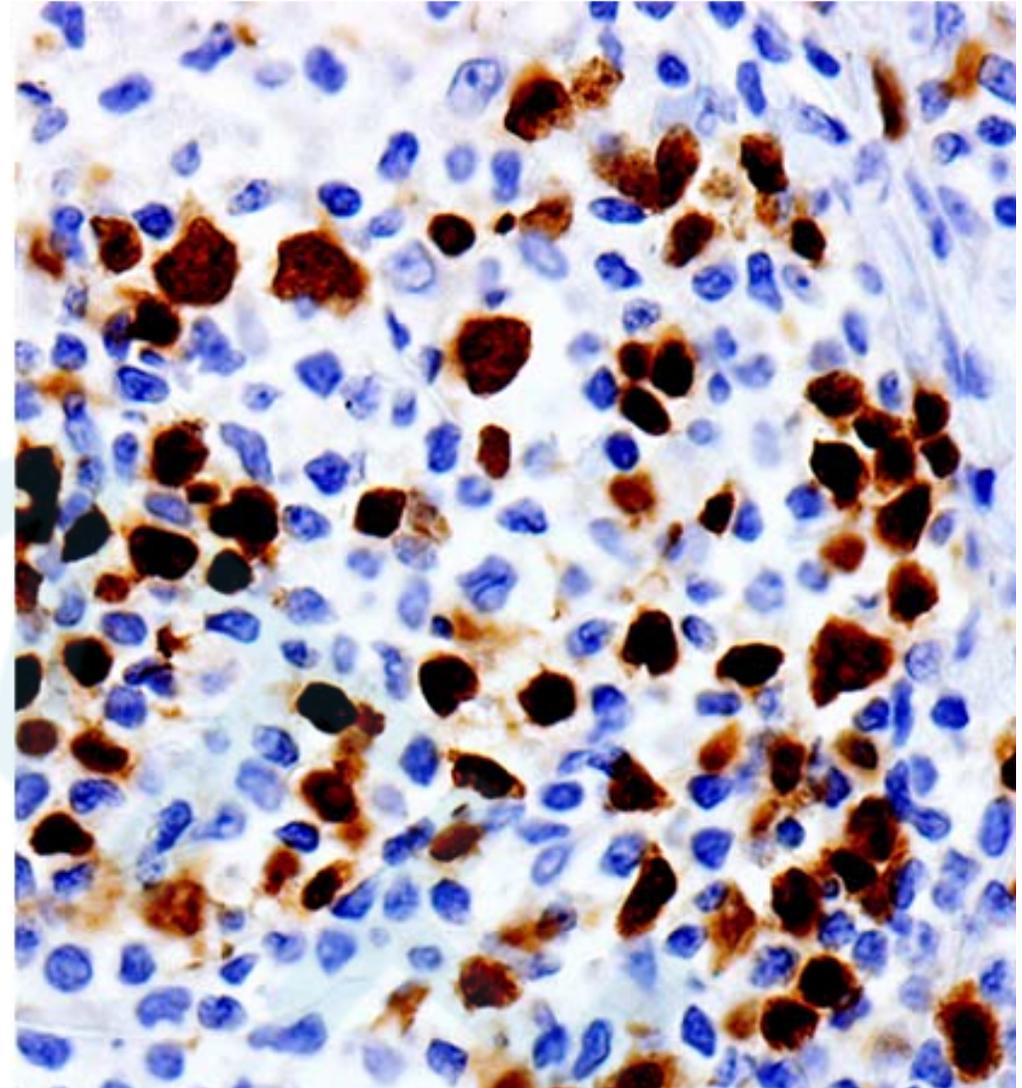
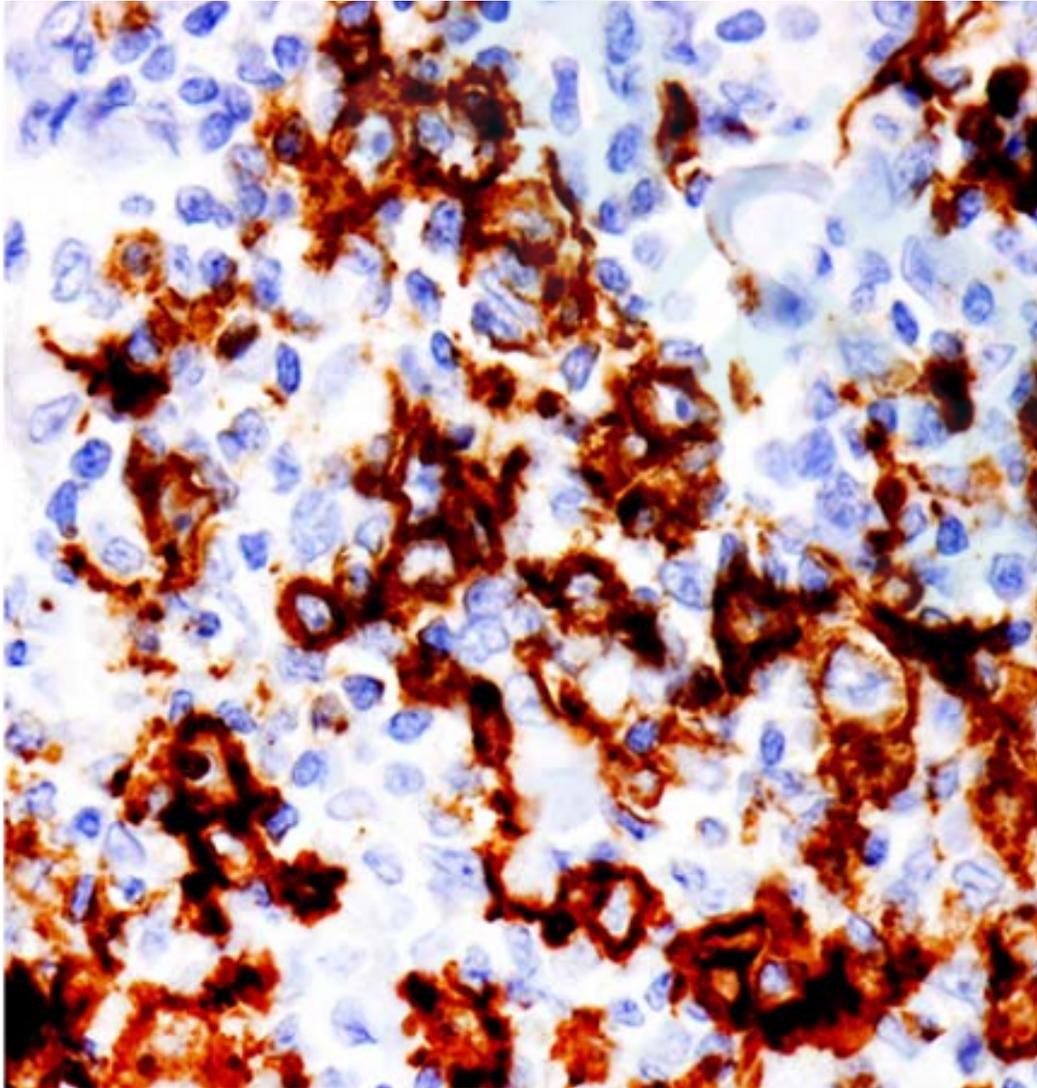
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Case 11



The CD30+ and CD15+ large cells were also strongly positive for **Pax5** and **CD20**.

TABLE 2. Main Histologic Features of the Cases

Case	Growth Pattern	Tumor Infiltrate	Reactive Follicles	Inflammatory Background	Presence of Large Cells (%)	CD30 ⁺ Cells: Distribution and %	Reed-Sternberg or Hodgkin-like Cells	Epitheliotropism
1	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	T	10-15	10, I	P	A
2	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	T	10-15	10, I	P	A
3	D	Mostly B	A*	T	40-50	40, D	P	A
4	N	Mostly B	P	T	30	30, I, D	P	A
5	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	20-30	10, I	P	A
6	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	20	10, I	P	A
7	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	10	10, I	P	A
8	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	20	15, I	P	A
9	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	T	20	15, I	P	A
10	N, M	Mostly B and plasma cells	A*	T	10	10, I	P	A
11	D	B cells	A*	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	30	15, I, D	P	A
12	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	20	15, I	P	A
13	N	Mostly B and plasma cells	P	Rosettes around CD30 cells T	30	30, I, D	P	A

A* indicates absent but with disrupted follicular structures; D, diffuse; I, interstitial; M, mixed; N, nodular; P, present.

TABLE 3. Main Immunophenotypic Features of Tumoral Cells and Companion Infiltrates

Case	CD20	CD30	CD15	Pax5	EBER	p53	Ki67 (%)	Bcl6	MYC	Bcl2	pSTAT3	CD123 CELLS	Light Chain Restriction	Dominant Plasma Cell Heavy Chain
1	+	+ in large cells	-	+	-	-	20	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Present clusters	Lamda	IgG
2	+	+	-	+	-	-	20	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	Scattered	Scattered	Kappa	IgM
3	+	+	-	+	-	+ Scattered	50	-	NP	+	NP	NP	Kappa	IgM
4	+	+	-	+	-	-	20-30	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Present, clusters	Kappa	IgG-IgG4
5	+	+	-	+	-	-	20-30	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Present, clusters	No restriction	No plasma cells
6	+	+	-	+	-	-	20	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	Lambda	IgM
7	+	+	-	+	-	-	20	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	Kappa	IgM (Myd88 not mutated)
8	+	+	-	+	-	-	30	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	Kappa	IgG
9	+	+	-	+	-	-	20	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	Kappa	IgG4 Myd88 mutated
10	+	+	-	+	-	-	30	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	Lambda	IgG
11	+	+	+	+	-	+ Scattered	30	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	None	No plasma cells present
12	+	+	-	+	-	-	30	-	+ in some scattered large cells	+	-	Clusters around vessels	Lambda	IgG
13	+	+	-	+	-	-	30	-	+ in large cells, in follicles	+	-	Absent	Kappa	IgG

RESULTS

- **No** significant difference in percentage of CD30+ cells depending on the presence or absence of relapses.
- Patients with >15% of CD30+ cells compared with those with 10%: more relapses.
- Ki67: low or intermediate, 20-50%; progressed samples with a higher proportion.

RESULTS

TCR and IgH Gene Rearrangements

- All cases: clonal rearrangement of IgH and/or light chains; same clonal peak but case 12.
- 7 cases: TCR gamma, beta clonal rearrangement; Cases with more atypical PD1+ T-cell: T-cell monoclonal rearrangement.

Other Genotypic Studies (7 cases; NGS)

- Case 3 : *KMT2D*-R5048L and *KMT2D*-C349W (MLL2);
- Cases 1 and 11: *NOTCH2*-A3F mutation;
- Case 9: *NFKB1E* mutation and *MYD88* L265P;
- Cases 4, 6, and 8 were wild type.

DISCUSSION

- PCMZL series: scattered large neoplastic cells.
- Rodríguez-Pinilla *et al* : CD30+ large lymphoid cells surrounded by PD1+ cells.
- In our series: CD30+ cells in the reactive follicles of PCMZL, more diffuse distribution of CD30+ large cells **outside** the reactive follicles and surrounded by PD1+ T cells.
- Cases 3 and 11:
CD30+ large cells associated with histological transformation and clinical progression;
Higher frequency of relapses with a higher frequency of CD30+ cells

DISCUSSION

- PD1+ T-cell rosettes:
TCR-gamma and TCR-beta clonality;
PCMZL and other B-cell lymphomas.
- Presence of PD1-expressing T cells:
 1. Goyal *et al* :
PD1:CD3+ T cells ratio: **17% to 34%** in 6 PCMZLs,
lower values than reactive processes.
 2. Edinger *et al* :
Lower proportion (<10%) of PD1+ cells in PCMZL
vs primary cutaneous CD4+ small/medium T cell
lymphoproliferative disorder (20% ~ 30%)

DISCUSSION

- Presence of CD30+ large cells with immunoblast or Hodgkin-like morphology surrounded by rosettes of atypical T cells: **rule out** a systemic HL.
- Primary cutaneous HL does not exist:
 1. The rare cutaneous Hodgkin lymphoma: **secondary to** systemic disease;
 2. Most reported primary cutaneous HL: actually other cutaneous lymphomas with Hodgkin-like features (lymphomatoid papulosis, primary cutaneous ALCL or PCMZL with Hodgkin-like cells).

DISCUSSION

- Few series of PCMZL have been studied the relapse rate and disease-free survival.
- One of the largest series (137 patients, Servitje *et al.*):
 1. **Multifocal lesions or T3 disease**: related to a **higher relapse rate** and **shorter DFS**.
 2. Similarities: male predominant, trunk and extremities, EORTC/ISCL staging system.
 3. Differences: 51% T1, 44% relapse; in our series (high proportion of large CD30+ cells), only 31% T1, higher relapse (69%).
- Our series: significant relationship between high frequencies of **CD30+ cells** and the **clinical progression** of the disease.

Conclusion

- Presence of neoplastic large CD30+ cells:
 1. Not unusual in PCMZL, associated with PD1+ T-cell rosettes.
 2. More aggressive behavior, with multiple recurrences in different locations and large tumor masses.

- Suggestion:
 1. CD30 should be added to the IHC panel;
 2. CD30 is a good marker for predicting lesions to recur;
 3. Full clinical and histopathologic study is necessary for differentiating PCMZL with Hodgkin lymphoma.

Thank You !