

PATHOLOGY

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HEMATOLOGY : INTRODUCTION TO WBC DISORDERS AND LEUKEMIAS

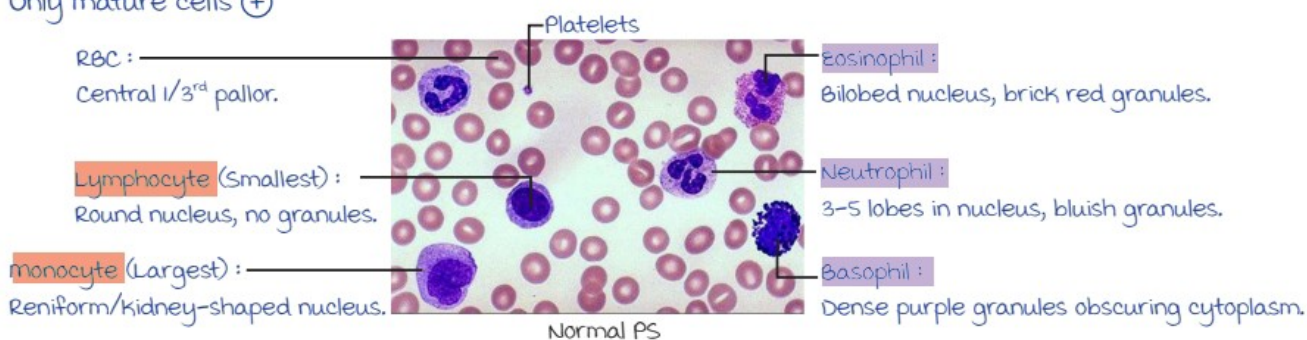
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Introduction to Hematology

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PERIPHERAL SMEAR (PS)

Only mature cells (+)



Types of WBCs :

1. Agranulocytes : No granules in cytoplasm.
2. Granulocytes : Granules (+) in cytoplasm.

BONE MARROW EXAMINATION

Position : (L) Lateral, back facing the doctor

Sites :

- Adults : Iliac crest (PSIS > ASIS) > Sternum.
- Children : Tibia (Shin).

Types of needles :

- Salah's.
- Klima.
- Jamshidi : Can be used for BM biopsy & aspiration.



Bone marrow Aspirate (BMA) :

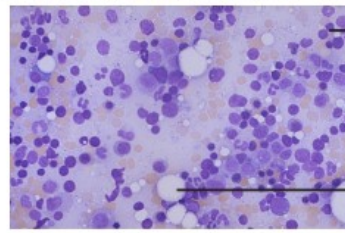
Dry tap : Dry needle on attempted BMA → Needs BM bx.

Causes :

- Aplastic anemia : Fat > Cells.
- myelofibrosis.
- Hairy cell leukemia.
- AML-M7 : ↑ Platelet derived growth factor → myelofibrosis.
- Space occupying lesions in BM : Granuloma, metastasis.

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Appearance : Both mature & immature cells (+)



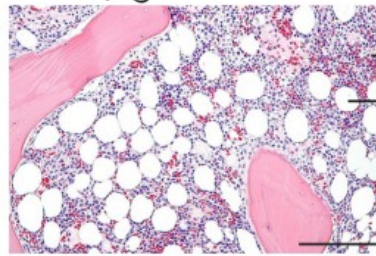
Cells

Normal myeloid : erythroid (m:E) ratio → 3:1 to 15:1

Fat

BMA

Bone marrow Biopsy (Bm bx) :



Cells (% cellularity = 100 - age)

Fat

RBC

Bony trabeculae

Bm bx

WBC Disorders

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Ⓝ TLC : 4000-11,000/mm³.Infection : > 11,000/mm³.**Non-Neoplastic Disorders :**

Neutrophilia (> 40-70%) :

- Acute/bacterial infections.
- Tissue necrosis : Burns, MI.

Eosinophilia (> 2-6%) :

- Allergic reactions : Asthma, hay fever, Type I hypersensitivity.

monocytosis (> 1-8%) :

- Chronic infections : TB.
- Rickettsia.
- IBD.
- malaria.

• Parasitic infections.

• malignancy : Hodgkin's lymphoma.

• Tropical pulmonary eosinophilia.

Basophilia (≥ 1%) : myeloproliferative disorders (CML).

Lymphocytosis (> 15-40%) : Chronic/viral infections.

Note :

1. Tuberculosis : Bacterial infection with lymphocytosis.

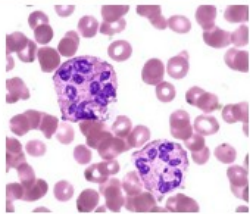
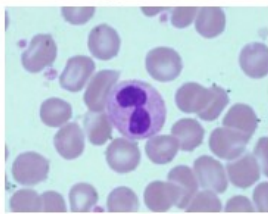
2. Splenomegaly + ↓ Neutrophil alkaline phosphatase (NAP) score + Basophilia

myeloproliferative disorder (CML)

morphological Abnormalities :

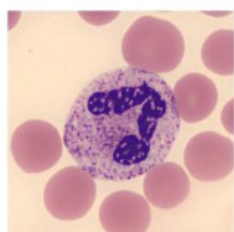
1. Abnormal number of lobes in the nucleus :

| | Hypersegmented neutrophil | Hypossegmented neutrophil/Pseudo-Pelger-Huet cell |
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| No. of lobes | > 5 lobes | < 3 lobes |
| Seen in | megaloblastic anemia d/t : vit B12 deficiency | myelodysplastic syndrome |

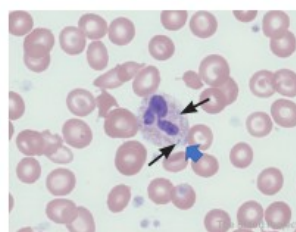
| | Hypersegmented neutrophil | Hyposegmented neutrophil/Pseudo-Pelger-Huet cell |
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| Appearance on PS |  |  |

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2. Abnormalities d/t infection :



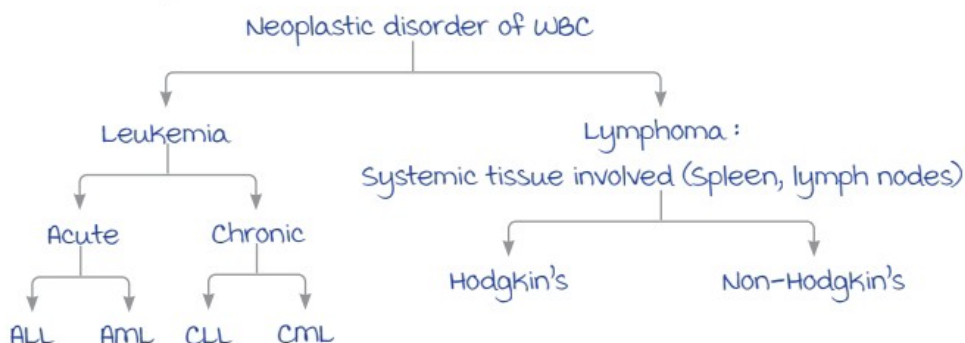
Toxic granules



Dohle bodies :

Patches of dilated endoplasmic reticulum.

Neoplastic Disorders :



Acute Leukemias

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Diagnostic criteria :

WHO :

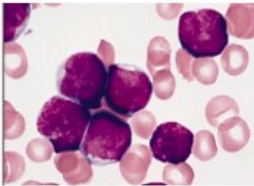
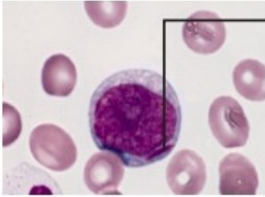
- > 20% blasts (immature precursors) in Bm/PS OR
- < 20% blasts + t(15:17)/t(8:21)/Inversion-16 translocation.

FAB : > 30% blasts in Bm/PS.

Types of blasts :

| | Lymphoblast | myeloblast |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Size | Small | Large |
| Cytoplasm | Scanty | moderate amount |
| Granules | Absent | Present |
| Auer rods | Absent | Present (Clusters → Faggot cells) |
| Chromatin | Coarse, dark blue, clumped | Homogenous, opened up, pink |

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| | Lymphoblast | myeloblast |
|---------------|---|--|
| Nucleoli | Inconspicuous | 2-5, prominent |
| Special stain | PAS | myeloperoxidase (MPO), Sudan black B (SBB), Non specific esterase (NSE) |
| Appearance |  |  Auer rods |
| ↑ (> 20%) in | ALL | AML |

ALL

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Age at presentation : 2-9 yrs (m/c leukemia in children).

Clinical features :

- D/t ↑ blasts → ↓ mature cells
 - ↓ RBC → Pallor, fatigue.
 - ↓ WBC → ↑ Infections.
 - ↓ Platelets → Bleeding manifestation.
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Involvement of CNS, testes & LN (Absent in AML).

Classification :

FAB classification (Based on morphology) :

| | | L1 | L2 | L3 |
|------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| morphology | Blast |  Small, round |  Pleomorphic, larger |  Large |
| | Cytoplasm | Scant | moderate | moderate, basophilic, vacuolated |
| | Nucleus | Round | Irregular | Round/oval |
| | Chromatin | Homogenous | Fine | Stippled |
| | Nucleoli | Indistinct | ≥ 1, large, distinct | |
| Occurrence | 75% (m/c) | 20 % | 5 % | |
| Prognosis | Best | - | Worst | |

WHO classification (Based on flowcytometric markers) :

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| | B-ALL | T-ALL |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Occurrence | 85 % (m/c) | 10-15 % (L/c) |
| Age group affected | usually children | usually adults & adolescent |
| mediastinal involvement | Absent | Present |
| Associated mutation | LOF in PAX5, E2A, RUNX1, EBF gene | GOF in NOTCH-1 gene |
| Prognosis | Better | Poor |

Investigations :

1. CBC :

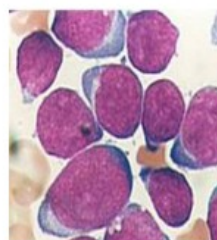
- ↓Hb, Platelets.
- ↑/↓ wbc's.

2. PS :

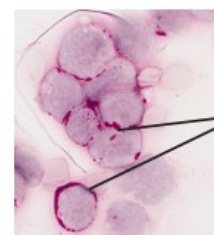
- > 20% lymphoblasts.
- Special stain : PAS (Block/Dot) +ve.

3. Flowcytometric markers :

- B-ALL : CD19, CD20, CD22, PAX5, TdT, CALLA.
- T-ALL : CD1, CD2, CD3, CD5, CD7, TdT, CALLA.



Hand mirror cells in ALL



Block/dot +ve

PAS staining

Note :

AML-m6 : PAS (Diffuse) +ve.

Prognostic Factor :

| | Good prognosis | Bad Prognosis |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Age | 2-9 | <1, >10 |
| Sex | F | m |
| Race | Whites | Blacks |
| FAB type | L1 | L2, L3 |
| WHO type | B-ALL | T-ALL |
| Organ involvement | | |
| CNS | ⊖ | ⊕ |
| Testis | ⊖ | ⊕ |
| Lymph node | ⊖ | ⊕ |
| Cytogenetics | Hyperdiploidy Trisomy 4, 7, 10, t(12;21) | Hypodiploidy t(9;22) |
| Leucocyte count | <1, 00, 000/mL | >1, 00, 000/mL |

Treatment :

VAPD regimen

- Vincristine.
- L-Asparaginase.
- Prednisolone.
- Doxorubicin.

Note : If t(9;22) present in CML → Good prognosis.

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AML

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Age at presentation : 15-39 yrs (Same as CML).

Clinical features : Similar to ALL.

Additionally :

- Gum hypertrophy/bleeding.
- DIC.
- Chloroma : Soft tissue involvement.
 - mPO +ve.
 - m/c site : Orbit.
 - Arbuskov cells : monocytes in chloroma.



Chloroma/granulocytic sarcoma

Classification :

FAB classification :

| | Cell type + Degree of differentiation | Special Features |
|----------|---|--|
| m0 | Undifferentiated AML | - |
| m1 | AML with minimum maturation | - |
| m2 (m/c) | AML with maturation | A/w : t(8;21) & chloroma |
| m3 | Acute promyelocytic leukemia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best prognosis. • maximum Auer rods (+) → Faggot cells (+) • A/w : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - t(15;17) → Run X₁/RunX₁T₁ - DIC • Rx : All-trans retinoic acid, Arsenic trioxide. |
| m4 | Acute myelomonocytic leukemia | Inversion 16 |
| m4 eos | Acute myelomonocytic leukemia with eosinophilia | - |
| m5 | monocytic leukemia (a & b variants) | - |
| m6 | Acute erythroid leukemia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKA Di Guglielmo disease. • Diffusely PAS +ve |
| m7 (L/c) | Acute megakaryocytic leukemia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/w : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Down's syndrome - myelofibrosis → Dry tap on BMA. • markers : CD41, CD61 |

Common features of m4, m5 :

- m/c a/w gum bleeding (m5 > m4).
- NSE +ve (D/t monoblasts).
- Leukemia cutis.



mPO positivity



myeloblasts



CML

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Age at presentation : middle age to elderly.

Pathogenesis :

$t(9;22)$ → Philadelphia chromosome → Constant activation → myeloproliferation.
(In 95% cases) of tyrosine kinase (TK)

Clinical features : massive splenomegaly → Dragging sensation in the abdomen.

Investigations :

1. CBC : \textcircled{N} Hb, $\uparrow\uparrow$ WBC, $\uparrow\uparrow$ Platelets.

2. PS : Looks like Bm.

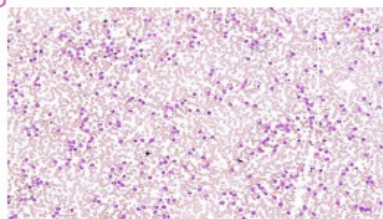
- Basophilia.
- All stages of myeloid maturation $\textcircled{+}$.

3. BMA :

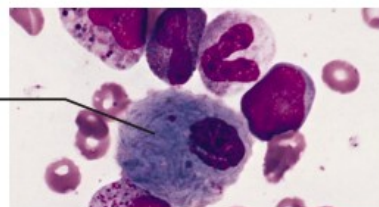
- Sea blue histiocyte.
- Pseudo Gaucher cell

4. NAP score : \downarrow (\textcircled{N} → 40-100).

5. Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH) : $t(9;22)$.



PS in CML

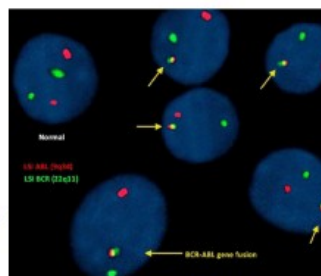


BMA in CML

Treatment : Imatinib mesylate (Inhibits TK).

WHO criteria for CML in accelerated phase :

- Blasts 10-19% in blood and/or bone marrow.
- Peripheral blood basophils > 20%.
- Persistent thrombocytopenia ($< 100 \times 10^9/L$) unrelated to therapy, (or) thrombocytosis ($> 1000 \times 10^9/L$) unresponsive to therapy.
- Increasing spleen size and increasing WBC unresponsive to therapy.
- Cytogenetic evidence of clonal evolution.



FISH analysis in CML

Note :

1. D/D for massive splenomegaly :

- malaria
- Polycythemia vera.
- myelofibrosis.
- Kala azar
- MDS (CML).
- Gaucher's disease.

2. NAP score :

- \downarrow → Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH), CML.
- \uparrow → Leukemoid reaction, pregnancy, stress, other myeloproliferative disorders.

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CLL

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Age at presentation : Elderly (60-70yrs).

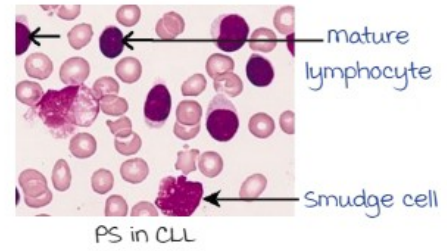
Pathogenesis : Deletion of 13q, 11q, 17p; Trisomy 12.

Clinical features :

- Painless lymphadenopathy.
- H/o Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (AIHA).

Investigations :

1. CBC : Absolute lymphocytosis ($> 5000/\text{mm}^3$).
2. PS :
 - mature lymphocytosis.
 - ↑ Smudge/Parachute/Basket cells.
3. Lymph node bx : Proliferation centers (Pathognomonic).
4. markers : CD5, CD23, CD200.



Note :

- CLL : Convent girl appearance (Uniform appearance of cells).
- CML : College girl appearance (No cell uniformity).

Summary of Leukemia

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| | ALL | AML | CLL/SLL | CML |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| Age | 2-9 yrs | 15-39 yrs | 6 th or 7 th decade | Elderly |
| Special c/f | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNS • Testis • Lymph node involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gum bleeding • Chloroma • DIC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIHA • Lymphadenopathy | massive splenomegaly |
| P/S | $> 20\%$ lymphoblasts | $> 20\%$ myeloblasts | ↑ Lymphocyte count, Smudge cells. | All stages of myeloid maturation, basophilia. |
| Stain | PAS ⊕ | MPO, Sudan black B, Oil red O | - | - |
| markers | B ALL : CD 19, 10 ; PAX 5, T ALL : CD 1, 2, 5, 7 Both : TdT ⊕ | CD 13, 33, 117 MPO | CD 5+, CD23+, CD200+ | - |
| Cytogenetics | - | t(8;21) → M2 t(15;17) → M3 inv(16) → M4 | Trisomy 12 del 13q, 17p | t(9;22) |