T-cell lymphomas that don't meet the criteria for the more specific types
About 50% of the T-cell lymphomas
Mostly adults, but may occur in children
Usually nodal, but may be extranodal
Usually advanced stage at diagnosis

- Patients present with lymphadenopathy
- Constitutional symptoms often present
- Paraneoplastic features: eosinophilia, pruritus, hemophagocytic syndrome
- Aggressive clinical course
 - Patients respond poorly to treatment
 - Relapses are frequent
 - Overall 5 year survival 20-30%

Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma



Scaly plaque

Large tumors

- Diffuse infiltration with effacement of lymph node architecture
- Broad cytologic spectrum: usually predominance of medium-sized or large cells with irregular nuclei
- Clear cells and Reed-Sternberg-like cells
- High endothelial venules increased
- Polymorphous inflammatory background

T-zone variant

- Interfollicular growth pattern with preserved or even hyperplastic follicles
- Tumor cells predominantly small or mediumsized without nuclear pleomorphism
- Lymphoepithelial variant (Lennert lymphoma)
 - Diffuse or interfollicular
 - Numerous small clusters of epitheliod histiocytes









Immunophenotype

- T-cell associated antigens (CD3, CD5, CD7)
- Often show loss of normal antigen expression
- Most nodal cases are CD4+, CD8-
- CD30 may be positive, but not cytotoxic granule associated proteins
- Some cases may express CD56, usually extranodal with cytotoxic T-cell phenotype

Genetics

TCR genes clonally rearranged in most cases



- Extranodal and systemic lymphoma usually of cytotoxic T-cells of the γδ type
- Marked sinusoidal infiltration seen in the spleen, liver and bone marrow
- Patients present with marked hepatosplenomegaly but no lymphadenopathy
- Bone marrow almost always involved
- More common in immunosuppressed pts

Sigus oid al infiltrate



















Immunophenotype

- CD3+, CD4-, CD8-, CD5-
- $-TCR\delta 1+$, TCRa β -
- Positive for cytotoxic protein TIA-1

Genetics

- $-TCR \gamma$ gene rearrangement
- Isochromsome 7q in all cases studied
- Sometimes other abnormalities such as trisomy 8















Trisomy 8: Red chromosome 8 centromere

Isochromosome 7: Green: chromosome 7 Centromere Red: 7q3.1



Clonal V-delta-1-J-delta-1 rearrangement (Panel B, lane 1)

- Predominantly extranodal lymphoma with broad morphologic spectrum
- Nasal cavity most common site, but may occur anywhere
- More prevalent in Asia, Mexico and Central and South America
- M>F
- May occur in immunosuppressed and posttransplant patients

- Present with nasal obstruction or epistaxis due to mass lesion or extensive midfacial destructive lesions
- Variable presentation outside nasal cavity, e.g., skin ulceration, intestinal perforation
- May disseminate rapidly
- May have associated hemophagocytic syndromeMay overlap with aggressive NK cell leukemia

- Mucosal sites show extensive ulceration
 Diffuse infiltrate
- Angiocentric and angiodestructive pattern common with fibrinoid changes in vessels
- Coagulative necrosis and apoptotic bodies
- Cytologic spectrum broad from small to large anaplastic cells





Expansion of the nasal bridge



CT: tumor extends into the orbit



Lymphocytic infiltrare with destruction of an artery

The lymphoma in skin with angiocentric angiodestructive property



Extranodal NK/T: A-predominantly small cells B-predominantly medium-sized cells C-predominantly large cells with apoptosis D-pleomorphic large cells with small cells E-touch prep showing azurophilic granules



Nasal NK/T cell lymphoma with pseudoepitheliomatous hyperplasia In mucosa epithelium mimicking spquamous cell carcinoma

Nasal Cavity











Bowel



Adrenal





Immunophenotype - CD2+, CD56+, sCD3-, cCD3€+ Positive for cytotoxic proteins Positive for EBV – Other T-cell and NK-cell antigens negative Genetics – Usually TCR and Ig genes are germline



Most cases also show cytotoxic granule associated proteins (granzyme B) and EBER



Granzyme B

EBER

Cell of Origin

Activated NK cells or (rarely) cytotoxic T cells

Prognosis

Variable

Some pts respond well to therapy and others die of disseminated disease despite aggressive therapy