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13.12. Follicular lymphoma

Definition

- Composed of centrocytes and centroblasts.
- Partially showing a follicular growth pattern.
- Progression in cytological grade common.

Four variants recognized: in situ follicular neoplasia (formerly FLIS) duodenal-type FL testicular FL diffuse variant of FL

Pediatric type FL

Primary cutaneous follicle-centre lymphoma separately classified. Jaffe E.S. Harris N.L. Swerdlow S.H. Ott G. Nathwani B.N. de Jong D. Yoshino T. Spagnolo D. Gascoyne R.D.





Table 13.17 Follicular lymphoma grading, based on the absolute number of centroblasts per high-power (40 × objective, 0.159 mm²) microscopic field (HPF)^a

Grading	Definition
Grade 1-2 (low grade)	0-15 centroblasts per HPF
1	0-5 centroblasts per HPF
2	6-15 centroblasts per HPF
Grade 3	> 15 centroblasts per HPF
3A	Centrocytes present
3B	Solid sheets of centroblasts
Reporting of pattern	Proportion follicular
Follicular	>75%
Follicular and diffuse	25-75% ^b
Focally follicular	<25% ^b
Diffuse	0% ^c

Diffuse areas containing > 15 centroblasts per HPF are reported as diffuse large B-cell lymphoma with follicular lymphoma (grade 1-2, grade 3A, or grade 3B)^b.

^a To determine the number of centroblasts per 0.159 mm2 HPF: if using an 18 mm field of view ocular, count the centroblasts in 10 fields and divide by 10; if using a 20 mm field of view ocular, count in 8 fields and divide by 10 or count in 10 fields and divide by 12; if using a 22 mm field of view ocular, count in 7 fields and divide by 12; if using a 22 mm field of view ocular, count in 7 fields and divide by 15.

^b Mention the approximate percentage of each component in the report.

^c If the biopsy specimen is small, a note should be added that the absence of follicles may reflect sampling error.



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Follicular lymphomas with plasmacytic differentiation include two subtypes

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Marginal zone differentiation











Signet - ring cell FL





Blastoid variant



Blastic transformation of FL with MZ-like pattern

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TP53 over-expression and TP53 gene point mutations





- FL more often occurs in lymph nodes.
- However, it can also affect extranodal sites or give raise to deep masses.
- Caution should be used in diagnosing needle biopsies, since the spectrum of architectural and cytological features might not be fully representative.



Phenotype

B-cell markers:

T-cell markers: GCC-associated markers: Transcription factors:

Cytoplasmic Ig:

FDC meshwork: Ki-67/Mib1: BCL2:

CD19/20/22/79a+ CD5^{rare} CD10/AID/Bcl-6+ BSAP/Oct1/Oct2/BOB-1+ IRF4⁻ variable CD21/CD23/CD35+ variable positive in 85-90%







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CD5+ FL (10 - 15%)





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Immunoarchitectural Patterns in Follicular Lymphoma: Efficacy of HGAL and LMO2 in the Detection of the Interfollicular and Diffuse Components

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Follicular Lymphoma Grade 3: Review and Updates

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Characteristics	FL (1-3a)	FL (3b)	DLBCL
IHC	CD10+/bcl-6+/MUM1/IRF4-	CD10±/bcl-6+/MUM1/IRF4+	CD10±/bcl-6±/MUM1/IRF4±
Morphology	Follicular pattern	Common diffuse component	Diffuse architecture with large cells
Age	Mainly in adults	Also present in children	Also present in children
Genetics	 Mainly t(14;18) positive Commonly bcl-6 transl neg Bcl-6 ABR breakpoint region IGH Sγ transl common Common gains of chr 7 	 Frequently t(14;18) neg Frequently bcl-6 transl neg Bcl-6 ABR breakpoint region ?transl Sometimes no gain of chr 7 	 Commonly t(14;18) neg Commonly 3q27/bcl-6 transl positive Bcl-6 MBR breakpoint region IGH Sµ transl common Rare gains of chr 7
Prognosis e	Favorable prognosis (except 3a)	Generally bad prognosis	Generally bad prognosis



- Karube: CD10⁻, IRF4⁺ FL
 - 91% FL3A/B; 55% with DLBCL
 - 5% BCL2-R (1 case)
 - 73% M, 67y (med), poor prognosis
- Horn: FL3B +/- DLBCL CD10⁻, IRF4⁺
 - 42% of FL3B (0 FL1-3A)
 - 63% of FL3B+DLBCL
 - Variable expression of BCL2
 - 0 IRF4 or BCL2-R
 - All adults (44-86); no follow-up information

Karube Blood 2007; Horn Haematol 2011



Earge B-cell lymphoma with IRF4 (6p25) breaks

- Morphology
 - FL3B (at times with a DLBCL component)
- Immunophenotype
 - IRF4⁺, BCL6⁺, CD10⁺ (60%), BCL2⁺ (60%), CD5⁺ (30%)
 - High proliferation index (>50%)
- Genetics
 - IGH: clonally rearranged; IG/IRF4 fusion
 - BCL6 breaks occasionally present (30%)
 - BCL2 rearrangements absent
- Clinical
 - Often pediatric/young adult but may be >40yr
 - Waldeyer's ring, Stage I-II
 - Good response to systemic chemotherapy

Salaverria et. al, Blood 2011; Liu et. al, AJSP 2013

BCL with IRF4 Break: male 19-yr-old, tonsil





Phenotype

B-cell markers: T-cell markers: GCC-associated markers: Transcription factors:

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Other reactive components: TFH, Treg-cells, macrophages





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2520,3008,4250}. A subgroup of morphologically low-grade FLs with a high proliferation index has been described {2088,4250}; these cases behaved more aggressively than did those with a low proliferation index, and similarly to grade 3 FL {4250}. Therefore, Ki-67 staining should be considered as an adjunct to histological grading, and its use is clinically justified, although not formally required at this time.

BCL-2

ABT-199



BCL2/IGH (translocated, non-functional allele)



IGH (coding allele)

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DD with follicular hyperplasia

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LEADING ARTICLE

Design and standardization of PCR primers and protocols for detection of clonal immunoglobulin and T-cell receptor gene recombinations in suspect lymphoproliferations: Report of the BIOMED-2 Concerted Action BMH4-CT98-3936

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FL pathobiology



The t(14:13) translocation is likely to occur in a naive B cell. A recent study by Roulland et al.'s suggests that this B cell, if stimulated by an exogenous antigen such as a virus or autoantigen, may enter into a germinal-center reaction. There, on stimulation by an antigen on the surface of a follicular dendritic cell (FDC), together with a T cell, it may differentiate into a memory B cell, which can still be stimulated by antigen. This type of cell represents the majority of the t(14:18)-positive cells in the blood of normal persons. One of these cells may sustain further oncogenic lesions, leading to full transformation to follicular lymphoma, which may retain dependence on antigenic stimulation.



Nature and importance of follicular lymphoma precursors

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50-70% of healthy individuals show circulating Blymphocytes carrying the t(14;18)



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t(14;18) Translocation: A Predictive Blood Biomarker for Follicular Lymphoma

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Purpose

The (14;18) translocation constitutes both a genetic hallmark and critical early event in the natural history of follicular lymphoma (FL). However, t(14;18) is also detectable in the blood of otherwise healthy persons, and its relationship with progression to disease remains unclear. Here we sought to determine whether t(14;18)-positive cells in healthy individuals represent tumor precursors and whether their detection could be used as an early predictor for FL.

Participants and Methods

Among 520,000 healthy participants enrolled onto the EPIC (European Prospective Investigation Into Cancer and Nutrition) cohort, we identified 100 who developed FL 2 to 161 months after enrollment. Prediagnostic blood from these and 218 controls were screened for t(14;18) using sensitive polymerase chain reaction–based assays. Results were subsequently validated in an independent cohort (65 case participants; 128 controls). Clonal relationships between t(14;18) cells and FL were also assessed by molecular backtracking of paired prediagnostic blood and tumor samples.

Results

Clonal analysis of t(14;18) junctions in paired prediagnostic blood versus tumor samples demonstrated that progression to FL occurred from t(14;18)-positive committed precursors. Furthermore, healthy participants at enrollment who developed FL up to 15 years later showed a markedly higher t(14;18) prevalence and frequency than controls (P < .001). Altogether, we estimated a 23-fold higher risk of subsequent FL in blood samples associated with a frequency $> 10^{-4}$ (odds ratio, 23.17; 95% Cl, 9.98 to 67.31; P < .001). Remarkably, risk estimates remained high and significant up to 15 years before diagnosis.

Conclusion

High t(14;18) frequency in blood from healthy individuals defines the first predictive biomarker for FL, effective years before diagnosis.

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t(14;18) frequency, a predictive biomarker of risk (Tellier J et al., Blood 2014)



- \rightarrow Significant increase in t(14;18) frequency among prediagnostic FL samples
- → 16-fold higher risk of FL development above 10⁻⁴



BCL-2

In situ follicular neoplasia

Cong P et al. Blood 99:3376-82, 2002

Follicular lymphoma in situ: clinical implications and comparisons with partial involvement by follicular lymphoma

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Follicular lymphoma in situ (FLIS) was first described nearly a decade ago, but its clinical significance remains uncertain. We reevaluated our original series and more recently diagnosed cases to develop criteria for the distinction of FLIS from partial involvement by follicular lymphoma (PFL). A total of 34 cases of FLIS were identified, most often as an incidental finding in a reactive lymph node. Six of 34 patients had prior or concurrent FL, and 5 of 34 had FLIS composite with another lymphoma. Of patients with negative staging at diagnosis and available follow-up (21 patients), only one (5%) developed FL (follow-up: median, 41 months; range, 10-118 months). Follow-up was not available in 2 cases. Fluorescence in situ hybridization for BCL2 gene rearrangement was positive in all 17 cases tested. PFL patients were more likely to develop FL, diagnosed in 9 of 17 (53%) who were untreated. Six patients with PFL were treated with local radiation therapy (4) or rituximab (2) and remained with no evidence of disease. FLIS can be reliably distinguished from PFL and has a very low rate of progression to clinically significant FL. FLIS may represent the tissue counterpart of circulating t(14;18)positive B cells. (*Blood.* 2011;118(11): 2976-2984)





- This is the tissue equivalent of peripheral blood lymphocytes carrying t(14;18) translocations.
 - It represents an incidental finding without well documented risk of developing FL.
 - Need to exclude systemic lymphoma in other nodes.

In situ follicular neoplasia (ISFN)



ISFN vs. Partial Involvement

ISFN	Partial involvement by FL
Nodal architecture intact	Altered architecture evident on H&E staining
Follicle size normal	Follicle size often expanded
Involved follicles widely scattered	Involved follicles grouped together
Mantle cuff intact, with sharp border to germinal centre	Mantle cuff often attenuated or with blurred border to germinal centre
BCL2 and CD10 immunostaining very strongly positive	BCL2 and CD10 immunostaining more variable in intensity
Composed almost exclusively of centrocytes	Composed of centrocytes and few centroblasts
Atypical cells confined to the germinal centre	Atypical cells (CD10+, BCL2+) may be found outside the germinal centre

10-15% FL BCL2⁻



Follicular lymphoma grade 3B is a distinct neoplasm according to cytogenetic and immunohistochemical profiles

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Subgroup	BCL2 Break	BCL6 Break	<i>MYC</i> Break	BCL2*	CD10 [.]	IRF4/MUM1*	clg⁺
FL1/2	88%	0	0	96%	100%	0	13%
	22/25	0/25	0/25	24/25	25/25	0/25	2/16
FL/LCC	78%	22%	22%	78%	78%	0	33%
	7/9	2/9	2/9	7/9	7/9	0/9	3/9
FL3A	58%	17%	0	50%	83%	0	45%
	7/12	2/12	0/12	6/12	10/12	0/5	5/11
FL3B	9%	17%	22%	45%	43%	42%	57%
	2/23	4/23	5/23	9/20	9/21	8/19	12/21
FL3U	40%	13%	13%	53%	43%	14%	13%
	6/15	2/15	2/15	8/15	6/14	2/14	2/15
DLBCL/FL3E	3 13%	50%	19%	44%	31%	63%	25%
	2/16	8/16	3/16	7/16	5/16	10/16	4/16





Table 13.18 Frequency of genetic alterations in follicular lymphoma at diagnosis

Gene	Frequency of alterations (%) ^a	Predominant type zof alteration
BCL2	85–90	Translocation, SNV
KMT2D (also called MLL2)	85	SNV
TNFRSF14	45–65	Deletion, SNV
EZH2	60	Recurrent SNV (Y641)
EPHA7	70	SNV
CREBBP	33	Deletion, SNV
BCL6	45	Translocation, SNV
MEF2B	15	SNV
EP300	10	Deletion, SNV
TNFAIP3 (also called A20)	20	Deletion, SNV
FAS	5	SNV
TP53	< 5	Deletion, SNV
MYC	< 5	Translocation, gain

SNV, single/small nucleotide variant.

^a Approximate frequency of alterations; some alterations may be subclonal.



Integration of gene mutations in risk prognostication for patients receiving first-line immunochemotherapy for follicular lymphoma: a retrospective analysis of a prospective clinical trial and validation in a population-based registry

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Genetics of follicular lymphoma transformation

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FL and tFL arise from a common mutated precursor clone by divergent evolution Epigenetic modifiers and anti-apoptotic genes are mutated in the common precursor Biallelic disruption of CDKN2A/B and deregulation of MYC are specific to tFL tFL displays a unique genomic profile with only partial similarity to DLBCL







Significance

Follicular lymphoma (FL) is a disease characterized by multiple relapses that are linked by a common progenitor bearing only a subset of the mutations found within the tumor that presents clinically. Inability to cure this disease may therefore be linked to the failure of current therapies to clear these early tumorpropagating clones. Here we further define the genetic hallmarks of this disease and model the steps in evolution through phylogenetic analysis of serial tumor biopsies. This identified **CREBBP** mutations as early events in genome evolution that are enriched within tumor cell progenitors and provided evidence that these mutations act by allowing immune evasion. This highlights CREBBP mutations as an attractive therapeutic target in FL and provides insight into their pathogenic mechanism.



Duodenal-type FL

- Occasional finding during endoscopy.
- Tendency to remain localized.
- Possible involvement of other tracts of the intestine.
- Excellent prognosis (RXT, CVP, Rituximab)





Magnified Endoscopic View of Primary Follicular Lymphoma at the Duodenum Papilla Intern Med 2007; 46: 141-142 Nakase H, Matsuura M, Mikami S, and Chiba T













Paediatric type follicular lymphoma

 Table 13.20
 Primary diagnostic criteria for paediatric-type follicular lymphoma (PTFL)
 Morphology At least partial effacement of nodal architecture (required) Pure follicular proliferation (required)^a Expansile follicles^b Intermediate-sized so-called blastoid cells (not centrocytes)^b Immunohistochemistry **BCL6** positivity (required) BCL2 negativity or weak positivity High proliferative fraction (> 30%) Genomics No BCL2, BCL6, IRF4, or aberrant IG rearrangement (required) No BCL2 amplification **Clinical features** Nodal disease (required) Stage I-II disease (required) Patient age < 40 years^b Marked male predominance

^a The presence of any component of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma or advanced-stage disease excludes PTFL
 ^b These are common features of PTFL, but not required for diagnosis.



- Any genetic abnormality (50%)
 - TNFRSF14 mutation/deletions (1p36) (40%)
 - EZH2 mutation (10%)
- All patients treated with systemic therapy; no difference in outcome based on genetic abnormalities

Martin-Guerrero, Haematologica 2013



Testicular FL







