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# HIV ASSOCIATED LYMPHOMA: OVERVIEW



- ✦ Classification
- ✦ Pathogenesis
- ✦ Prognosis
- ✦ cART
- ✦ Chemotherapy/Radiotherapy/SCT
- ✦ Supportive

# CASE

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Axillary LN biopsy: HV CD with HHV8 LANA-1 positivity

?Mx

# INTRODUCTION

- ✦ Pre-cART, HIV px 60-200x higher risk NHL
- ✦ Risk of NHL increases with declining CD4 count
- ✦ cART era incidence reduced, but still high 11-25x
- ✦ 4% with AIDS will have NHL at diagnosis
- ✦ 10% will develop during course of illness
- ✦ Pre-ART, malig → 10% HIV deaths
- ✦ Post-ART, malig → 28% HIV deaths

# WHO CLASSIFICATION OF HIV LYMPHOID MALIGNANCIES

## ❖ 1) Lymphoma also in immunocompetent px

### 1.1 DLBCL

- ✦ Centroblastic
- ✦ Immunoblastic(PCNS)

### 1.2 Burkitt and Burkitt-like

### 1.3 Extranodal MALT lymphoma(rare)

### 1.4 PTCL(rare)

### 1.5 Classical Hodgkins Dx

## ❖ 2) Lymphoma more specifically in HIV +ve px

### 2.1 PEL

### 2.2 Plasmablastic lymphoma of oral cavity

### 2.3 Lymph assoc HHV8+ Castleman dx

## ❖ 3) Lymphoma in other immunodef states

### 3.1) Polymorphic B cell lymphoma(rare)

# CLASSIFICATION: INVOLVEMENT SITES



## 1. Systemic

- ✦ 80% of all ARL
  - ✦ 1.1) Small non-cleaved(Burkitt and Burkitt-like)
  - ✦ 1.2) DLBCL(centroblastic, immunoblastic plasmablastic).  
CD4 low

2. PCNSL: < common, CD4 < 50/ $\mu$ L

3. PEL: rare

# AETIOLOGY

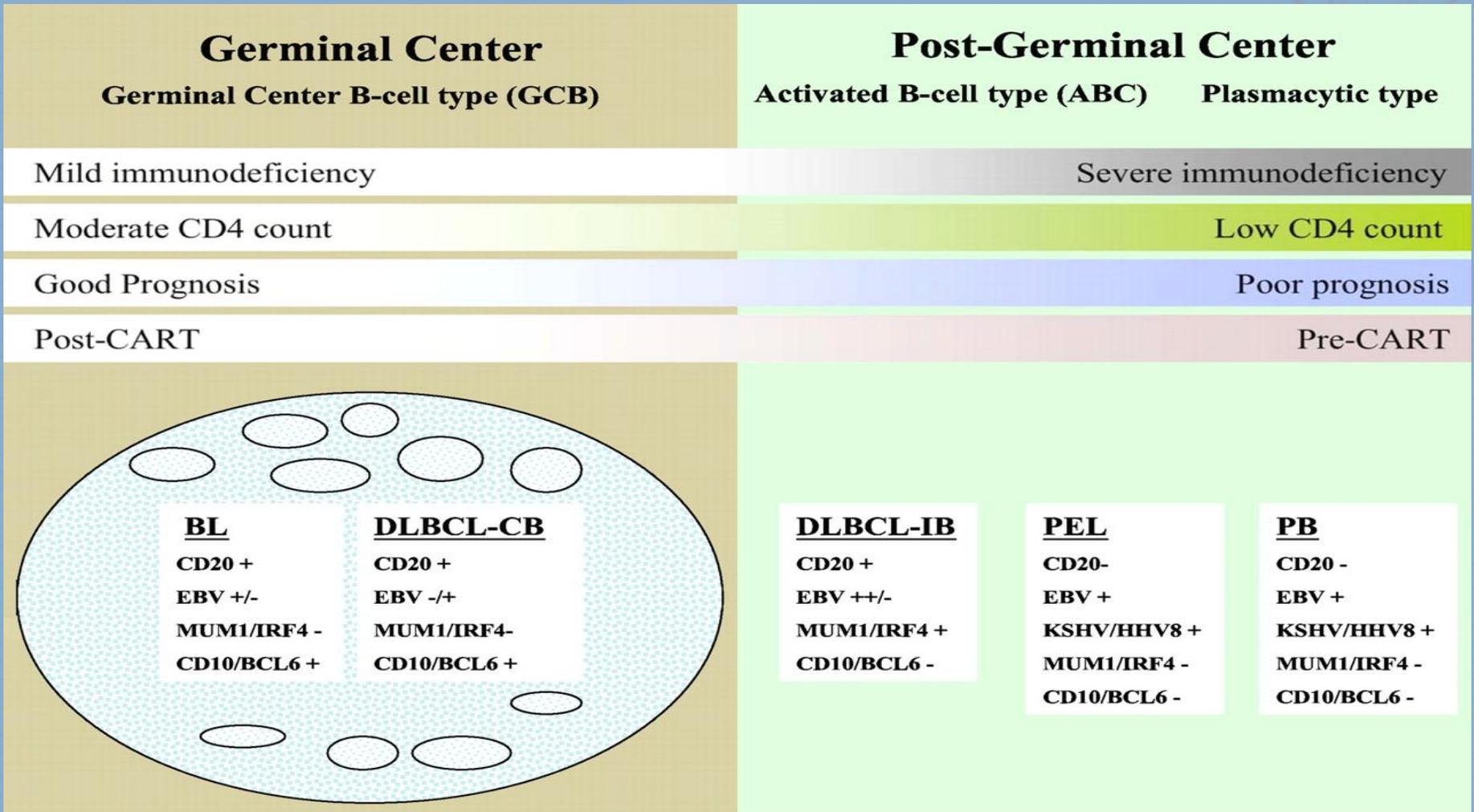
- ✦ **Chronic Ag stimulation** → polyclonal B cell expansion → monoclonal B cell (circ free LC)
  
- ✦ **Co-infecting oncogenic viruses:**
  - ✦ EBV exp LMP1 → cell prolifer NFκB → bcl-2 over exp → B cell survival
  - ✦ HHV8 all PEL
  
- ✦ **Molecular abn:** myc, BCL6
  
- ✦ **Cytokine/chemokine dysreg:** IL6, IL10 (EBV, HHV8 assoc lymphoma)

# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

HISTO		EBV	BCL-6	C-myc	p53	BCL-2	HHV 8
Burkitt		30-50%	-	100%	50-60%	-	-
DLBCL	Centroblastic	30%	20%	-	-	-	-
	Immunoblastic	90% LMP1 65-75%	-	-	-	high	-
Plasmablastic		50%	-	-	-	-	80%
PCNSL		90% LMP1 90%	Most	-		high	-
PEL		90-100%	60%	NO	-	-	100%

# PATHOGENESIS:

A model for the histogenesis of HIV-associated lymphomas showing molecular and viral pathogenesis and DLBCL taxonomy.



Kieron Dunleavy, and Wyndham H. Wilson Blood  
2012;119:3245-3255



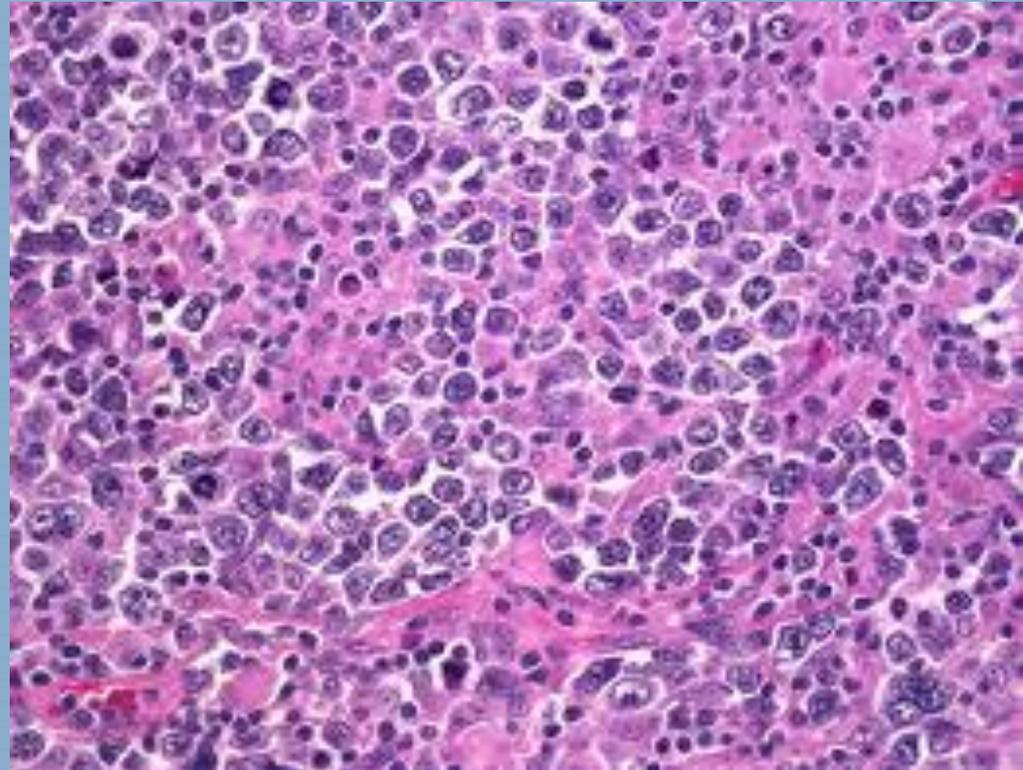
# INVESTIGATION



- ✦ Excisional LN biopsy
- ✦ FBC, chemistry, LDH, urates
- ✦ CD4, VL, Hep B/C
- ✦ BMAT 20% involv
- ✦ LP with CSF flow
- ✦ CT staging vs PET
  - ✦ HIV nodal reactive hyperplasia
  - ✦ Lipodystrophy
  - ✦ infection
- ✦ MRI brain

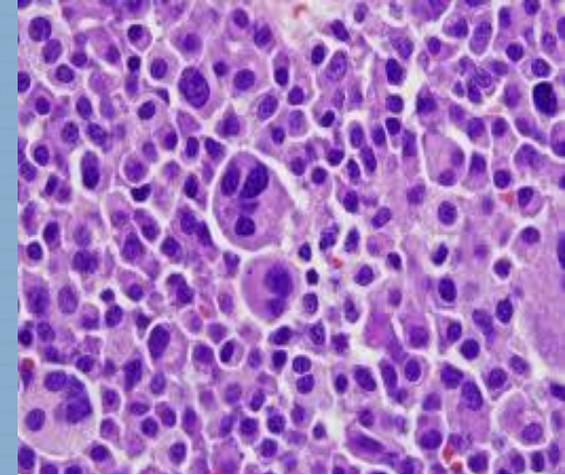
# HISTOLOGY: DLBCL: Centroblastic

- ✦ 25% HAL
- ✦ diffuse sheets of large lymphoid cells, oval nuclei, prominent nucleoli
- ✦ GCB → CD10, BCL6, CD20+



# PLASMABLASTIC LYMPHOMA

- ✦ CD 38, 138, MUM1/IRF4 +ve
- ✦ CD20, 45 -ve
- ✦ Jaw, oral cavity, overlap with PEL
- ✦ CART appears beneficial
- ✦ ?infusional regimens
- ✦ ?Bortezomib ?Lenalidomide



# PROGNOSIS

- ✦ 70% advanced dx, with B symptoms and extranodal dx
- ✦ Prognosis: IPI with CD4 count

NCCN IPI	AGE	LDH	STAGE 111/1V	END <sub>x</sub>	PS ≥ 2	CD4
1	40-60yr	1-3 x normal	↓	↓	↓	
2	60-75yr	>3x normal				
3	>75yr					

0-1: low  
 2-3: LI  
 4-5: HI  
 ≥ 6: High

# ANTIRETROVIRAL Rx



- ✦ Concurrent with chemo
- ✦ Interaction cytotoxics and ART
- ✦ May potentiate chemotherapy toxicity
- ✦ Highest with combinations with strong enzyme inhibitors eg Ritonavir-boosted protease inhibitors
- ✦ Integrase inhibitor containing ARV regimen suggested
- ✦ CD4 ↓ not prevented with cART, returns baseline 12/12
- ✦ No controlled studies

# HAART ARL PROFILE

	PRE	POST
INCIDENCE	36.6	8.4 per 1000p/y
CD4 >200	3%(70)	21%(94)
VL(copies/ml)	264 667	35 500
% FEMALE	2%	14%
OI	83%	36%
MEDIAN S	3/12	13/12

# Rx

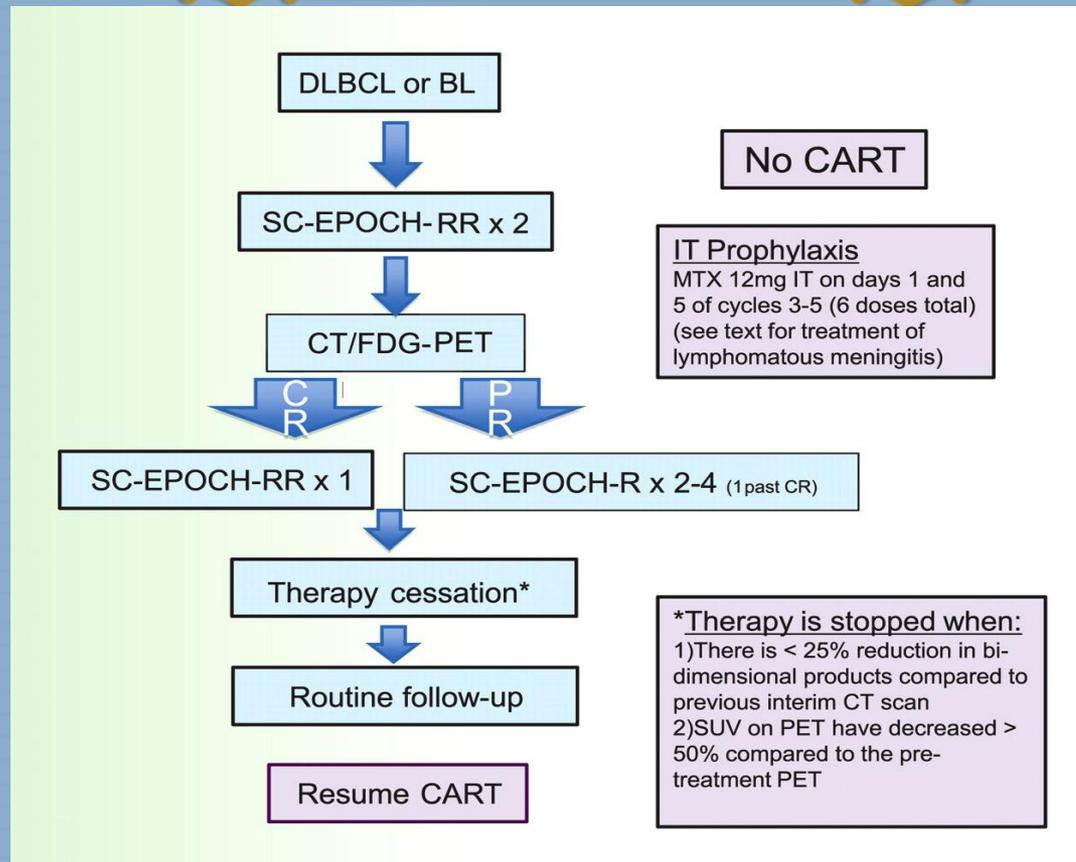


- ✦ DLBCL: R-CHOP or R-EPOCH x 6 = SOC
- ✦ BL(good performance status): GMALL B-ALL/NHL protocol
- ✦ Plasmablastic and PEL, no standard Rx
- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> relapse, sensitive dx, HDT with ASCT
- ✦ Resistant dx, 2<sup>nd</sup> line or palliate
- ✦ cART concurrent with bolus chemo
- ✦ Rx as for HIV-ve px

# DLBCL Rx

	CHOP	R-CHOP	R-EPOCH	R-CDE
CR	48-60%	↑ 10%		
Infection +	2%	14%		
	1 randomised trial c-ART era			
CR with R		Several prospective and Phase 2 studies CR 69-76%		
Infection +		2-9% mortality with Rituximab inclusion		
2-3yr OS		56-75% > than CHOP or historical controls		

# INFUSIONAL REGIMENS



# CASTLEMANS DX AND NHL



- ✦ 18% association 1 series
- ✦ Higher predisposition in HIV px
- ✦ HDx also associated MCD
- ✦ Prospective study MCD with HIV: 60px f/u 20/12
- ✦ 23% dev NHL(incidence 14x > HIV pop)→50% plasmablastic
- ✦ CD4, VL not predictive of risk

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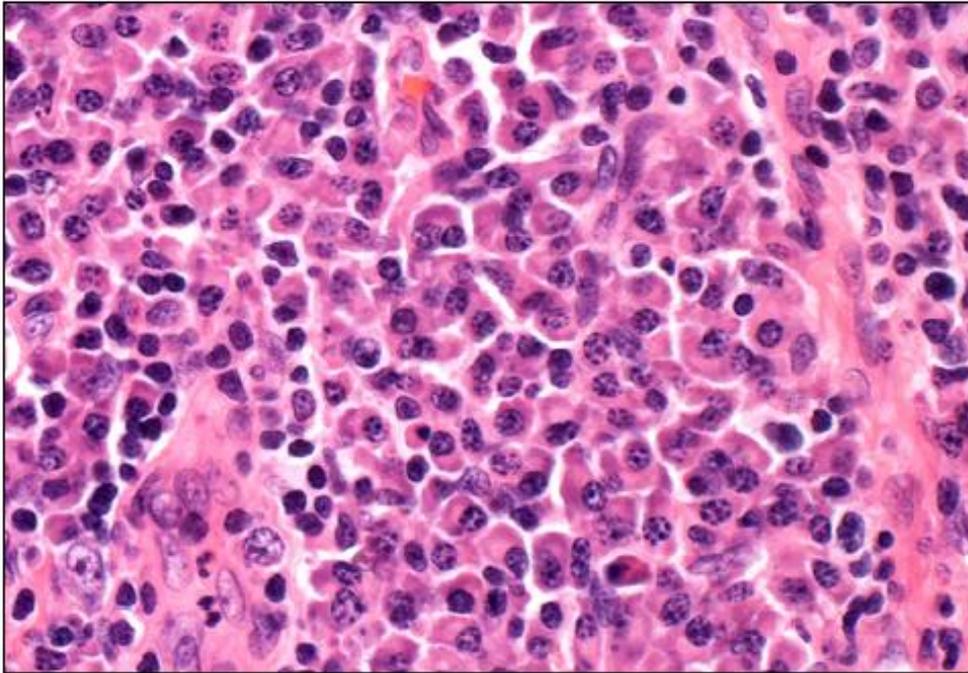
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# PLASMABLASTIC CD



Large PC in mantle zone

Clinically aggressive

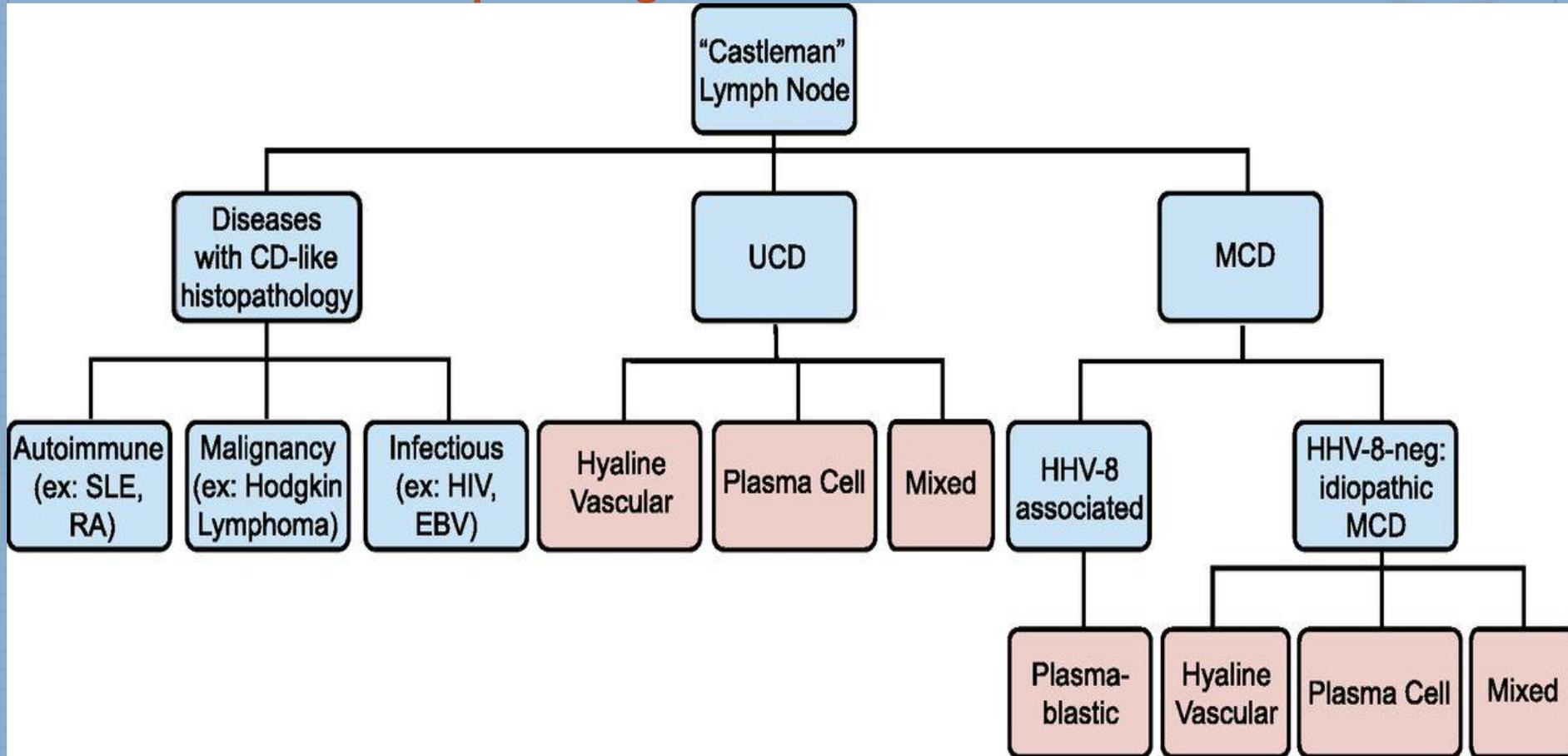
Plasmablastic  
variant

Assoc with POEMS

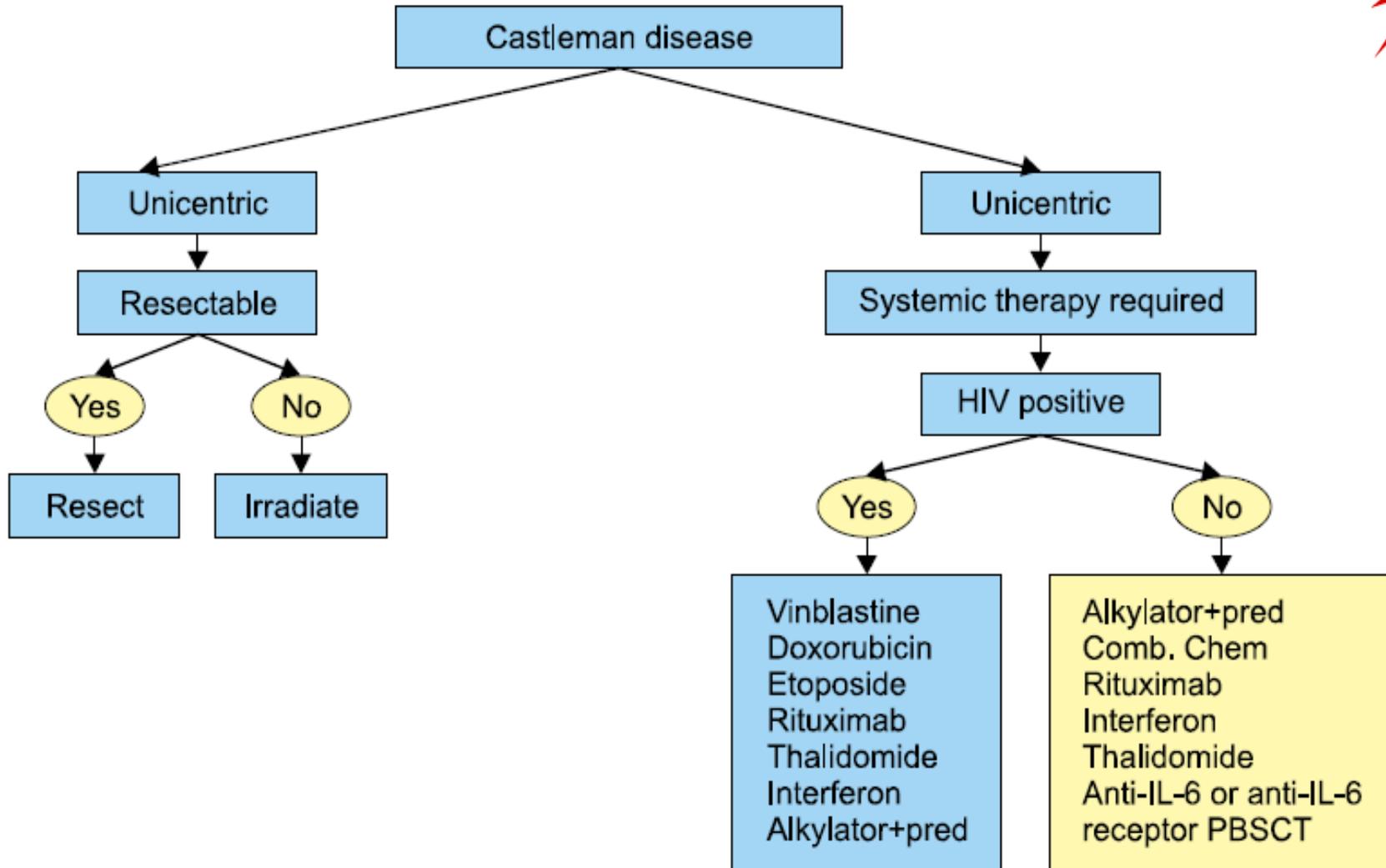
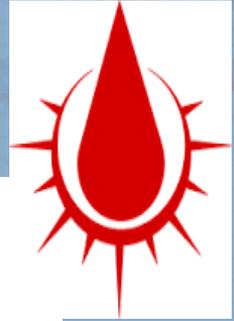
Assoc with HHV8 and  
progressive plasmablastic  
lymphoma

**Fig. 5.** Castleman disease, plasmablastic variant with large plasma-blasts (immunoblasts) in the mantle zone. Original magnification

# SUMMARY: Diseases with Castleman-like lymph node histopathological features



# TREATMENT



# FUTURE



- ✦ Practical: delayed diagnosis, concurrent pathology, clinician awareness, dx evolution
- ✦ Identify cell of origin ie. GCB verses non
  - ✦ Tailored Rx eg Bortezomib
- ✦ ID MYC +ve DLBCL, poor outcome with R-CHOP
- ✦ Monitoring risk with serum free LC
- ✦ Rx: bolus vs infusional
- ✦ Novels agent eg. Bortezomib, Lenalidomide