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- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Distinct subtypes based on morphology & genetics
  - ▶ Epithelioid haemangioma
    - Typical/ classical/ conventional type
    - Cellular/ Atypical epithelioid haemangioma
    - Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia
  - ▶ Pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma
  - ▶ Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma
  - ▶ Angiosarcoma
- ▶ Multifocality
- ▶ New immunohistochemical panel
- ▶ Soft tissue versus bone

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No Conflict of Interest



### Introduction – vascular tumours

- ▶ Heterogeneous group of tumours with endothelial differentiation
- ▶ Wide histological and clinical spectrum:
  - ▶ Haemangioma (benign), different types of haemangioendothelioma (intermediate) and epithelioid haemangioendothelioma + angiosarcoma (malignant)
  - ▶ Soft tissue versus bone
- ▶ Epithelioid variants remain controversial/ diagnostically challenging
- ▶ Differences in clinical behaviour, treatment and prognosis -> important to distinguish them effectively and accurately
- ▶ Past decade elucidation of the molecular background of some tumours

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## Vascular tumours - distinct subtypes



### 1. Epithelioid haemangioma

- ▶ Clinically:
  - Erythematous nodules or plaques - ulcerations
  - DD cyst, capillary haemangioma or pyogenic granuloma
- ▶ Histology - 3 different subtypes (not included in WHO 2013):
  1. Typical/ conventional/ classical type
  2. Cellular (atypical features) type
  3. *Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia (ALHE)*

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### 1. Epithelioid haemangioma

Previously: *angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia* or *histiocytoid hemangioma*

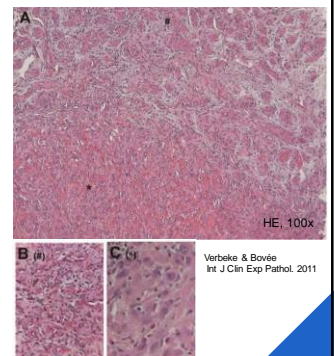
- ▶ Benign vascular tumour in soft tissue
- ▶ Bone: locally aggressive, rarely metastasizing → intermediate category!
- ▶ Most common localization:
  - Soft tissue: head & neck (periauricular), trunk, limbs, penis and deep soft tissue
  - Bone: any place, but up to 40% in the long tubular bones
- ▶ Up to 25% multifocal at presentation
- ▶ No (or rarely) metastases, but up to 30% recurrences

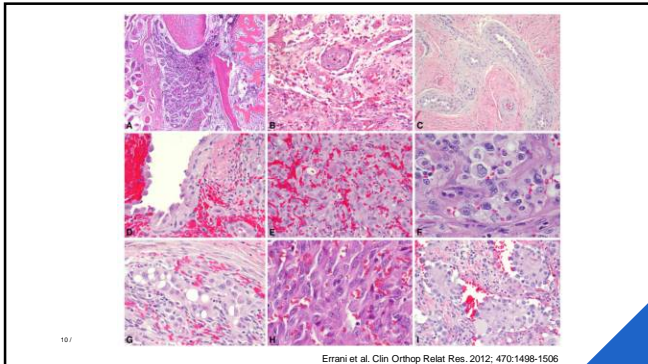
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#### Histology - Typical/classical/ conventional type

- Circumscribed, lobular proliferation
- Typical zonation:
  - Well-formed capillaries at the periphery (#)
  - Compressed vessels in the centre (\*)
- Hobnail, epithelioid endothelial cells
- Nuclear atypia: absent or mild
- In general no necrosis or pleomorphism
- Mitosis: not numerous
- Association mixed inflammatory infiltrate:
  - Lymphocytes
  - Eosinophils
  - Histiocytes
  - Plasma cells

**! Might contain areas of spindling or abundant hemorrhage** (Hemorrhagic epithelioid and spindle cell hemangioma - Keel et al. Cancer 1999)





#### Histology - Cellular/ with atypical features' subtype (2)

- ▶ FOSB-rearranged epithelioid haemangiomas (n =9)
    - ▶ Lobulated growth with pushing pattern
    - ▶ Variable degree of solid growth: diffuse increased cellularity and nuclear crowding
    - ▶ At least focal vasoformative features
    - ▶ Varying number of blister cells
    - ▶ Eosinophils: only focal
    - ▶ Some degree of atypical nuclear features (nuclear enlargement, nuclear grooves and indentations)
    - ▶ Vesicular nuclei with open chromatin and prominent nucleoli.
    - ▶ Mitosis: rare
    - ▶ 3/9 showed necrosis + otherwise classical EH features
  - ▶ FOSB-fusion negative epithelioid haemangiomas (n= 37)
    - ▶ Less cellular
    - ▶ Less solid components
    - ▶ Only occasional atypical cytological features
    - ▶ 1/37 (3%) showed focal necrosis.
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#### Histology - Cellular/ with atypical features' subtype (1)

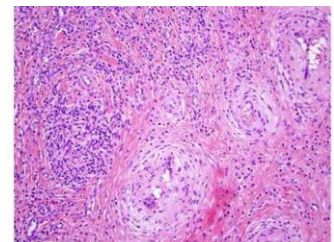
- ▶ Antonescu et al. Gen Chrom cancer 2014:
- ▶ 2 index-cases
  - ▶ Worrisome histological (increased cellularity, necrosis, nuclear atypia) and radiological (bone/ cortical destruction) features
  - ▶ Less vasoformative, more cellular/ solid or sheet-like growth pattern (>50% of the tumour shows a solid growth)
  - ▶ Elevated mitotic activity (2-5/10HPF)
- ▶ **DD Angiosarcoma**
- ▶ 44 additional EH
- ▶ A subset (~20% = 9/46 cases) show recurrent FOSB gene rearrangement
  - Mostly FOSB gene fused with different partners
  - t(19;19)(q13.2;q13.2) or del19(q13.2-3) resulting in a ZFP36-FOSB gene fusion
  - t(3;19)(q25;q12) resulting in a WWTR1-FOSB gene fusion

HOWEVER: FOSB gene rearrangements are not specific for EH, it can be observed in pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma!

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#### Histology - Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia (ALHE)

- ▶ The epithelioid endothelial cell-lined blood vessels are obscured by a prominent inflammation
  - ▶ Lymphoid follicles
  - ▶ Eosinophils
- ▶ Angiocentric distribution around a larger vessel with evidence of mural damage



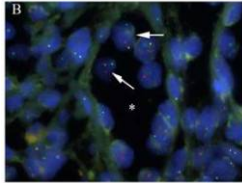
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### Other molecular changes in epithelioid haemangiomas

#### 1. Huang et al Am J Surg Pathol 2015, 39(10): 1313-1321

- ▶ Cohort of 58 EH
  - all lacked FOSB gene abnormalities by FISH
  - Subclassification: typical (25), cellular (21) and ALHE (12)
- ▶ Index case: FOS-LMNA gene fusion
- ▶ 57 cases -> 17 (=29%) FOS gene rearrangements most in bone (n = 10, 59%) and mostly in cellular variant (12) and also in typical variant (5). None in ALHE.



van IJzendoorn et al. Gen Chrom Cancer. 2015; 54:565-574

#### 2. van IJzendoorn et al. Gen Chrom Cancer. 2015; 54:565-574

- ▶ 11 EH of bone
  - 1 index case with FOS-MBNL1 translocation
- ▶ 2-color FOS break apart FISH
  - 5 FISH break-apart +, only 4 could be scored
- ▶ RT-PCR: 1 FOS-VIM fusion and 1 FOS-lincRNA fusion (RT-PCR)

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### Differential diagnosis of epithelioid haemangioma

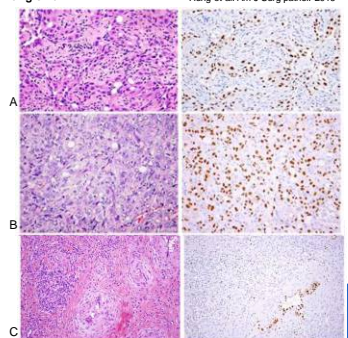
- ▶ Low power examination:
  - ▶ Lobular growth pattern?
  - ▶ Maturation or vascular channel formation at the periphery?
- ▶ in favour of EH
- ▶ Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma
  - ▶ Characteristic strands or cords of epithelioid cells
  - ▶ Abundant glassy eosinophilic cytoplasm
  - ▶ Prominent cytoplasmic vacuolation
  - ▶ Distinctive chondromyxoid or hyalinized stroma
  - ▶ Lack of well-formed vascular channels
    - EXCEPTION: TFE3-rearranged EHE (vascular lumen formation, more cytological atypia and strong TFE3 expression)
- ▶ (Epithelioid) angiosarcoma
  - ▶ Significant cytological atypia: hyperchromasia and nuclear pleomorphism
  - ▶ Brisk mitotic activity
  - ▶ Infiltrative growth with irregular anastomosing vascular channels

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### FOSB immunohistochemistry in epithelioid haemangioma

Hung et al. Am J Surg pathol. 2016

- ▶ Hung et al. Am J Surg Path. 2016: FOSB IHC in pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma and epithelioid haemangioma (control group)
- ▶ FOSB expression in 54% (13/24) of the epithelioid haemangioma



- A. Conventional EH ~75% (6/8)
- B. Cellular EH ~10% (1/10)
- C. ALHE ~100% (6/6)

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### Treatment and prognosis of epithelioid haemangioma

- ▶ Treatment options:
  - Curettage
  - Limited local surgery: marginal en bloc resection
  - No conclusive benefit of chemotherapy or radiation therapy
- ▶ Excellent prognosis
  - Errani et al. 2012: 17 patients all NED (<-> WWTR1-CAMTA1 + EHE: 23% died)
  - van IJzendoorn et al. 2015: 11 patients all NED

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## 2. Pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma

- ▶ Rare tumour
- ▶ Wide age range (14-80y), but mean early to mid-30s (94% between second and fifth decade)
- ▶ Marked male predominance (4.6:1)
- ▶ Intermediate biological potential: indolent course with low metastatic potential
- ▶ Predilection for the extremities (78%), trunk (18%), head and neck (4%)
- ▶ Less frequent, but does occur in bone (lower extremity > spine & pelvis > upper extremity)
- ▶ Frequent multifocal presentation,
  - different tissue planes (up to 2/3)
- ▶ Clinically: broad differential diagnosis

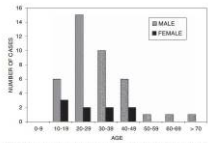
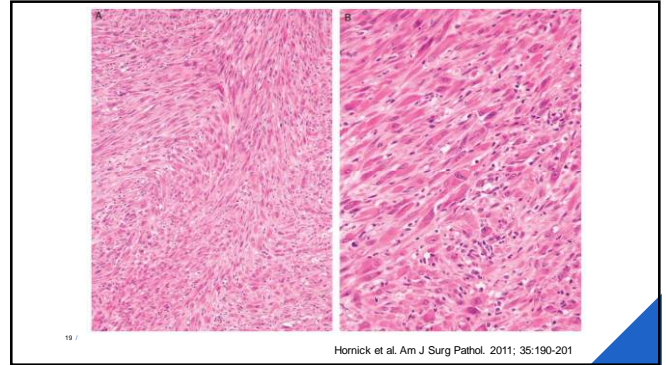


FIGURE 1. Age and sex distribution of 50 pseudomyogenic hemangioendotheliomas.  
 Hornick et al. Am J Surg Pathol. 2011; 35:190-201

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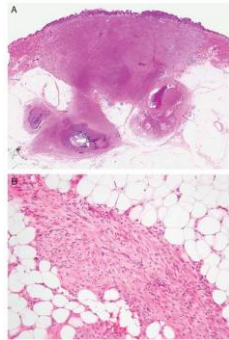


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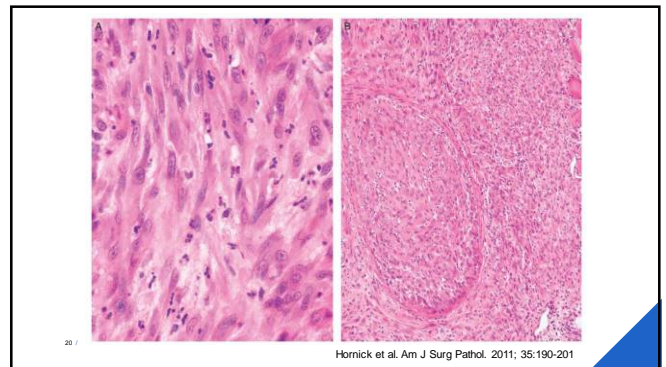
## Histology

- ▶ Infiltrative margins
- ▶ Loose fascicles or sheet of plump spindled and epithelioid cells
  - ▶ Spindle cells: vesicular nuclei, variably prominent nucleoli, abundant bright eosinophilic cytoplasm
  - ▶ Epithelioid cells (minority)
- ▶ Often rhabdomyoblast-like morphology
- ▶ Mild to moderate nuclear atypia
- ▶ Mitoses ranged from 0 to 10 / HPF
- ▶ Variably present:
  - Vascular invasion
  - Foci of necrosis
  - Focally myxoid stroma
  - Neutrophilic infiltrate



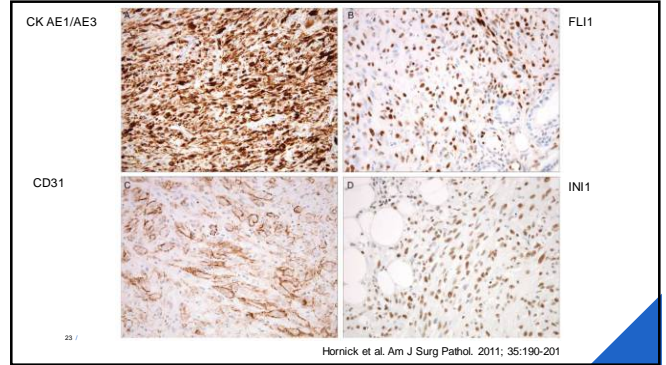
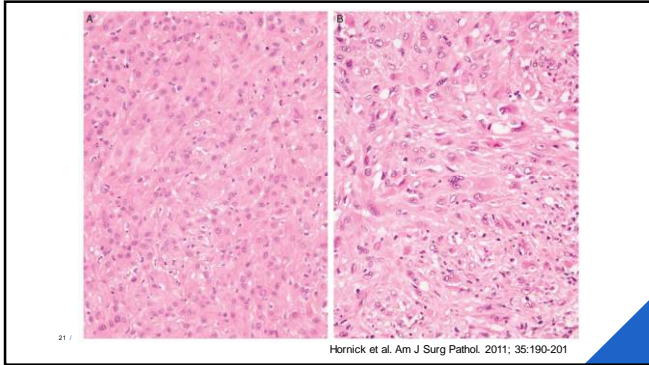
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### Immunohistochemistry

- ▶ Co-expression of endothelial markers (FLI, ERG, CD31) and keratins (AE1/AE3)
- ▶ Negative for CD34!
- ▶ INI1 (SMARCB1) intact expression

Antigen	0	1+	2+	3+	4+	Total (%)
PAN-K	46	0	0	1	0	1 (2)
AE1/AE3	0	0	2	3	45	50 (100)
CAM5.2	14	12	7	1	1	21 (60)
EMA	42	2wk	2wk	3wk	0	7 (14)
CD34	50	0	0	0	0	0 (0)
CD31	25	4	10	6	2	22 (47)
FLI-1	0	0	2	0	32	34 (100)
S-100	46	0	0	0	0	0 (0)
SMA	28	2	11	1	0	14 (33)
Desmin	46	0	0	0	0	0 (0)
INI1	0	0	0	0	48	48 (100 intact)

0 indicates no staining; 1+, < 5% tumor cells reactive; 2+, 5 to 25% tumor cells reactive; 3+, 26% to 50% tumor cells reactive; 4+, > 50% tumor cells reactive; EMA, epithelial membrane antigen; SMA, smooth muscle actin.

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### Molecular data in pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma

- ▶ 2011: first (7;19)(q22;q13) chromosomal aberration described in PHE
- ▶ Displaying a SERPINE1-FOSB fusion gene
- ▶ Analysis of additional cases . Walther et al. J Pathol. 2014
- ▶ 2 cases with fresh frozen material
- ▶ 10 additional cases (FFPE)
- ▶ FISH analysis: fusion signal in at least 20% of the nuclei (cut-off)
- ▶ Also present in bone lesions!

Case	Sex*	Age**	Tumour location	Cytogenetics	FISH†	RNA-Seq‡	RT-PCR§
1	F	14	Chest wall	t(7;19)(q22;q13)	ND	SERPINE1 et 100 771 438 FOSB et 45 973 594	SERPINE1 ex11/FOSB ex2
2	M	14	Foot (bone)	t(7;19)(q22;q13)	29%	SERPINE1 et 100 770 709 FOSB et 45 971 519	SERPINE1 ex11/FOSB ex1
3	F	41	Calf	ND	42%	ND	ND
4	M	28	Shoulder	ND	80%	ND	ND
5	M	18	Foot (bone)	ND	20%	ND	ND
6	M	21	Hand	ND	29%	ND	ND
7	M	22	Foot	ND	25%	ND	ND
8	M	43	Penis	ND	32%	ND	ND
9	M	18	Thigh	ND	Failure	ND	ND
10	M	35	Spermatic cord	ND	38%	ND	ND
11	F	30	Finger	ND	51%	ND	ND
12	M	19	Foot	ND	Failure	ND	ND

Walther et al. J Pathol. 2014

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**FOSB immunohistochemistry in pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma**

TABLE 1. Summary of Immunohistochemical Staining for FOSB

Tumor Type	Total Cases	FOSB Positive (%)*	0	1+	2+	3+	4+
Pseudomyogenic hemangioendothelioma	50	48 (96)	2	0	0	1	47
Epithelioid hemangioma	24	13 (54)	6	4	1	6	7
Conventional	8	6 (75)	0	1	1	4	2
Cellular	10	1 (10)	6	3	0	0	1
Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia	6	6 (100)	0	0	0	2	4
Other endothelial neoplasms and histologic mimics	200	2 (1%)	142	42	9	4	3
Epithelioid angiosarcoma	20	1 (5)	11	7	1	0	1
Spindle-cell angiosarcoma	10	1 (10)	9	0	0	1	0
Epithelioid hemangioendothelioma	20	1 (5)	15	4	0	1	0
Epithelioid angiomatous nodule	10	0	9	1	0	0	0
Epithelioid sarcoma	20	0	10	10	0	0	0
Spindle-cell squamous cell carcinoma	20	0	16	4	0	0	0
Spindle-cell rhabdomyosarcoma	20	0	19	1	0	0	0
Leiomyosarcoma	20	0	18	2	0	0	0
Cellular benign fibrous histiocytoma	20	0	12	4	4	0	0
Nodular fasciitis	20	2 (10)	7	7	4	2	0
Proliferative fasciitis	20	2 (10)	16	2	0	0	2

0, <5%; 1+, 5% to 25%; 2+, 25% to 50%; 3+, 50% to 75%; 4+, 75% to 100%.  
 \*FOSB positivity was defined as moderate-to-strong nuclear staining in at least 50% of cells.

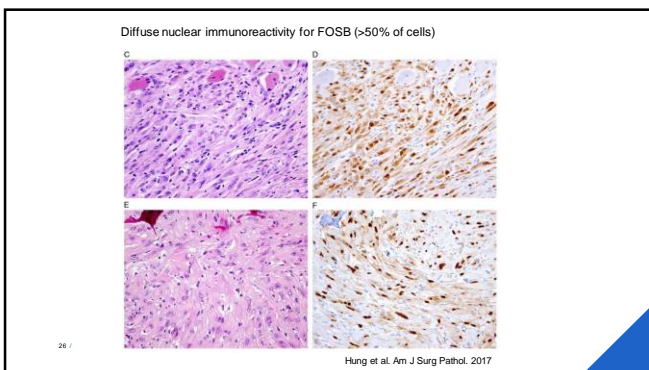
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**PITFALL: Wounds and surgical sites!**

- ▶ a moderate-to-strong nuclear staining in endothelial cells + reactive myofibroblasts in granulation tissue and developing scar tissue
- ▶ HOWEVER: mature scar tissue -> only limited nuclear staining in rare cells

IHC for FOSB must be interpreted in the context of histological features and other immunophenotypical findings

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**Differential diagnosis of pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma (1)**

- ▶ Dermis & subcutaneous tissue:
  - ▶ **Epithelioid sarcoma**
    - Lacks plump, myoid-appearing spindle cells
    - No fascicular and sheet-like growth
    - IHC: Keratins+, but also EMA+ and CD34+ (50%), loss of INI1
  - ▶ **Spindle cell (sarcomatoid) squamous cell carcinoma**
    - Sun-damaged skin of elderly
    - Not Fli1+ and CD31+
  - ▶ **Cellular benign fibrous histiocytoma**
    - Lack of: plump cytomorphology, intense cytoplasmic eosinophilia and neutrophilic infiltrate
    - No keratin expression
  - ▶ **Other myofibroblastic and smooth muscle neoplasms**
    - No strong and diffuse keratin expression, desmin+

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### Differential diagnosis of pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma (2)

- ▶ Deep-seated tumours
- ▶ Epithelioid sarcoma
- ▶ Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma
  - Cords or strand of epithelioid cells
  - Chondromyxoid stroma
  - Intracytoplasmatic vacuoles
  - IHC: some CD34+, keratin+/- (but not strong and diffuse)
- ▶ Epithelioid angiosarcoma
  - Can also grown in sheets
  - Associated with stromal hemorrhage + vasoformative architecture
  - Larger amphophilic epithelioid cells
  - Higher degree of nuclear atypia
- ▶ True myogenic tumours
  - PHE lack expression of desmin and Myf4
- ▶ Nodular and proliferative fasciitis
  - Lack intense cytoplasmic eosinophilia
  - Show less nuclear atypia
  - IHC: no diffuse keratin+, Fil1 and CD31-

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### 3. Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma

- ▶ Rare vascular tumour, first described in 1982 (Weiss and Enzinger)
- ▶ Occurs both in soft tissue, viscera (liver & lungs) and bone (50% long tubular bones extremities)
- ▶ Malignant vascular tumour (low-grade)
- ▶ All ages, peak 4-5th decades
- ▶ Slight female predominance
- ▶ Attempt to stratified into 2 risk groups based on mitotic activity (> 3/50 HPF) and size (> 3 cm)
  - Classic EHE
  - Malignant EHE

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### Treatment and prognosis of pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma

- ▶ Hornick et al. AM J Surg Pathol. 2011
  - ▶ Most lesions were treated with local excision
  - ▶ ~58% developed local recurrences
  - ▶ Only 1 patient had a solitary regional lymph node metastasis
  - ▶ 1 patient (1/50) developed distant metastases
- ▶ van IJzendoorn et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2018
  - ▶ 1 patient with advanced unresectable PHE -> no respons to docetaxel
  - ▶ Durable complete remission phase I trial for telatinib
  - ▶ Indirectly affects the expression of SERPINE1-FOSB

#### Conclusion:

- ▶ Significant risk for locoregional recurrence
- ▶ Overall indolent behaviour
- ▶ Low risk of distant metastasis

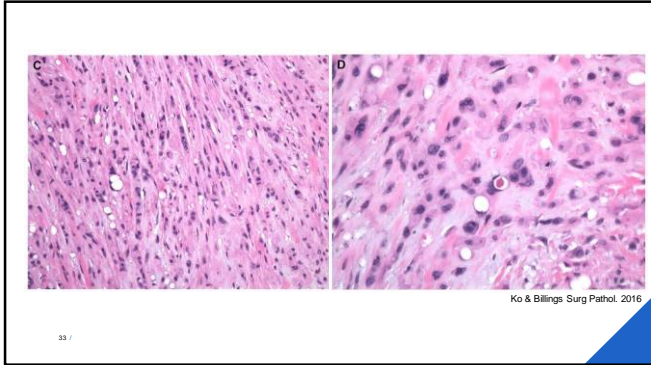
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### Histology of epithelioid haemangioendothelioma

- ▶ Infiltrative growth pattern
- ▶ Lack of well-formed vascular channels
- ▶ Cords or strands of epithelioid cells
  - Dense, eosinophilic cytoplasm
- ▶ Only immature, intra-cytoplasmatic lumina (bilister cells)
- ▶ Majority has a myxoid/ chondromyxoid/ sclerotic extracellular stroma
- ▶ Most tumour low nuclear grade
- ▶ Subset has a higher-grade morphology -> malignant EHE+
- ▶ Expression of endothelial markers (CD31, CD34, Fil1, ERG)
- ▶ 25-40% epithelial markers (keratins, EMA)

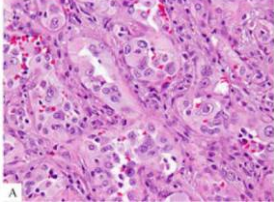
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**Molecular data in epithelioid haemangioma(2)**

- ▶ Small group EHE WWTR1-CAMTA1 fusion. and have unusual morphological features:
  - Moderate tot voluminous eosinophilic cytoplasm
  - Mature vascular channel formation
  - Some solid growth pattern
  - Minimal intervening stroma
  - At least mild nuclear atypia
  - Mitotic activity < 3/10HPF (necrosis in a minority)
- ▶ Other typical EHE features: intra-cytoplasmatic vacuoles
- ▶ IHC
  - Strong + for CD31, ERG
  - Nuclear reactivity for TFE3
- ▶ 6 patient FU >1 y
  - 5 evidence of metastatic disease
  - 1 died after 17 y



Antonescu et al. Gen Chrom Cancer 2013

**Molecular data in epithelioid haemangioma(1)**

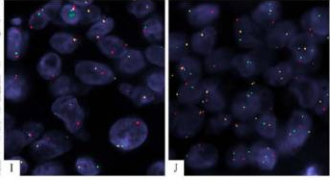
- ▶ Mendlick et al. 2001:t(1;3)(p36;q25) in EHE of liver and soft tissue
- ▶ Errani et al. 2011
  - ▶ identified in all 17 (100%) EHE a rearrangement in CAMTA1 on 1p36.3 and WWTR1 on 3q25.1
  - ▶ Not in epithelioid haemangiomas (13), pseudomyogenic haemangiomaendotheliomas (4) or epithelioid angiosarcomas (5)
- ▶ Tanas et al. 2011 analyzed 47 EHE tumours +118 other vascular neoplasms
  - 87% a rearrangement of the CAMTA1 region
  - 89% a rearrangement in WWTR1 region
  - 0% in other 118 vascular neoplasms

➔ Majority of EHE WWTR1-CAMTA1 fusion gene + (prevalence ~90%)

\*Doyle et al. Am J Surg pathol. 2016

**Molecular data in epithelioid haemangioma(3)**

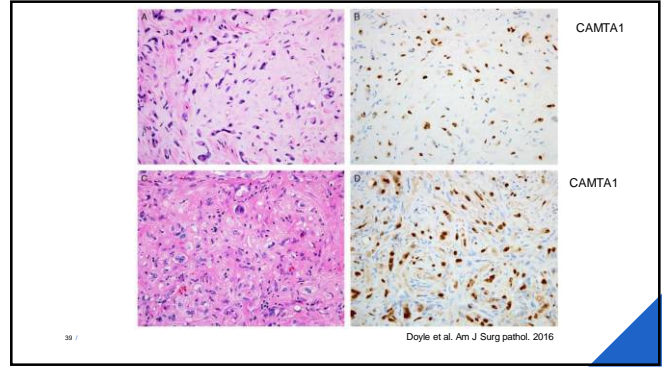
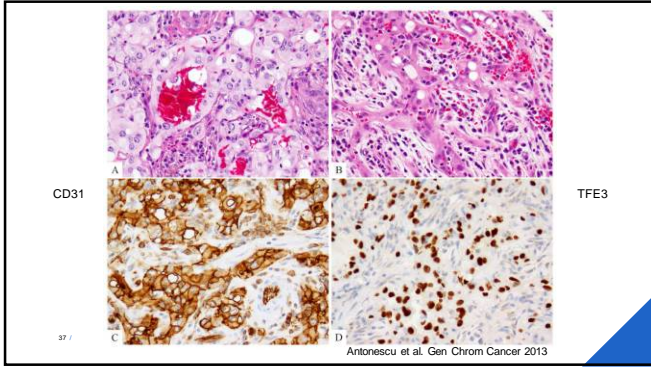
- ▶ 10/10 TFE3 break-apart signal
- ▶ 8/10 YAP1- break-apart signal



➔ Morphologically and genetically a distinct subgroup: TFE3-rearranged EHE

TFE3 IHC strong and diffuse nuclear staining pattern =>useful marker as screening method of epithelioid vascular tumours

HOWEVER: Flucke et al. 2014 demonstrated TFE3+ in WWTR1-CAMTA1 EHE => antibody dependent!



Doyle et al. 2016:

- ▶ WWTR1-CAMTA1 fusion gene results in overexpression of both genes
  - WWTR1: expressed in many different cell types
  - ▶ limited diagnostic potential
  - CAMTA1 expression: limited to brain
  - ▶ Nuclear expression is a highly sensitive and specific marker for EHE

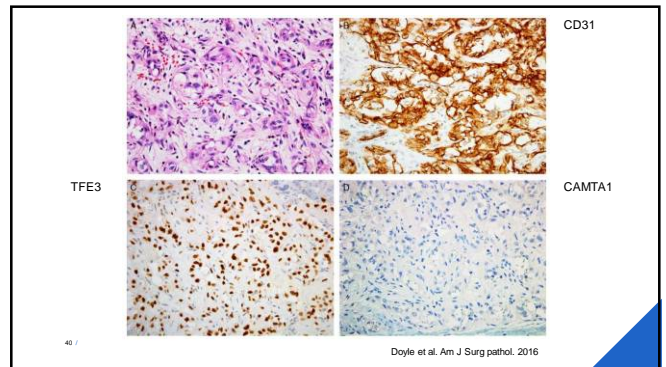
DD EHE w/ atypical features vs ep. AS

! Importance of antibody selection (previous study all tumours CAMTA1 +)

! 2 cases with conventional EHE morphology, CAMTA1- and TFE3+

Tumor Type	Total Cases	CAMTA1 Positive (%)
EHE	59	51 (86)*
Epithelioid hemangioma	20	0 (0)
Epithelioid angiomatous nodule	10	0 (0)
Epithelioid angiosarcoma	25	1 (4)
Composite hemangioendothelioma	5	0 (0)
Pseudomyogenic hemangioendothelioma	10	0 (0)
Epithelioid sarcoma	25	0 (0)
Sclerosing epithelioid fibrosarcoma	10	0 (0)
Myoepithelial neoplasms of soft tissue	10	0 (0)
PEComa	10	0 (0)
Alveolar soft part sarcoma	10	0 (0)
Ossifying fibromyxoid tumor	10	0 (0)

\*Of the 5 CAMTA1-negative tumors, 6 were positive for TFE3. CAMTA1 was positive in 44 of 48 (92%) cases with conventional histology and 7 of 11 (64%) cases with "malignant" histology.



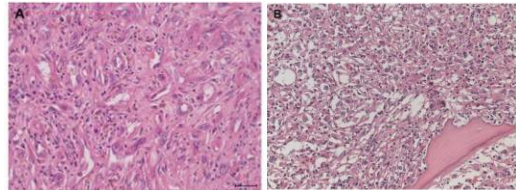
#### Treatment and prognosis of epithelioid haemangioendothelioma

- ▶ Treatment: surgery (wide resection)
- ▶ Local recurrence rate 12-13%
- ▶ Metastatic rate up to 20-30%
- ▶ 15% of patients die of their disease
- ▶ Based on the risk stratification (mitoses/size):
  - 5y-disease specific survival 59% (> 3/50HPF, > 3cm)
  - 5y-disease specific survival 100%

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#### Histology – angiosarcoma (1)

- ▶ Multinodular, hemorrhagic mass
- ▶ Secondary cystic degeneration and necrosis
- ▶ Wide spectrum of morphological appearances + multiple patterns within 1 tumour
  - Areas of well-formed, anastomosing blood vessel
  - Solid sheet of high-grade epithelioid or spindled cells without clear vasoformation



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#### 4. Angiosarcoma

- ▶ The most accepted term for high-grade vascular malignancy
- ▶ Any body part, but soft tissue (2%) > bone (rare, <1% of all bone tumours)
  - Skin/ Head & Neck
  - Deep muscles of the lower extremities (40%)
  - Retroperitoneum, mediastinum, mesentery
  - Breast: radiation induced angiosarcoma
- ▶ Wide age distribution, but peak at 7th decade
- ▶ Male > female
- ▶ Highly aggressive behaviour
- ▶ Dismal overall survival

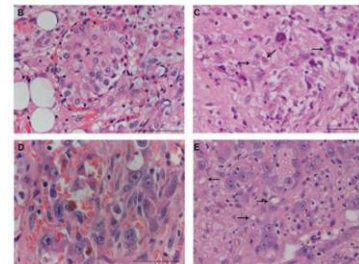
##### Panel 1: Risk factors for angiosarcoma

- Radiation
- Chronic lymphoedema (Stewart-Treves syndrome)
  - Postsurgery or radiotherapy
  - Milroy's syndrome
  - Other types of chronic lymphoedema
- Exogenous toxins
  - Vinyl chloride
  - Thorium dioxide
  - Arsenic
  - Anabolic steroids
  - Foreign bodies
- Familial syndromes
  - Neurofibromatosis NF-1
  - Mutated BRCA1 or BRCA2
  - Maffucci syndrome
  - Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome

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#### Histology – angiosarcoma (2)

- ▶ When predominance of epithelioid cells
  - > epithelioid angiosarcoma
    - Abundant amphophilic to lightly eosinophilic cytoplasm
    - Large vesicular nuclei
    - Prominent nucleoli
- ▶ DD: metastatic carcinoma
- ▶ Other general features:
  - ▶ Brisk mitotic activity
  - ▶ Necrosis
  - ▶ Significant nuclear atypia



Verbeke et al. Histopathology 2011

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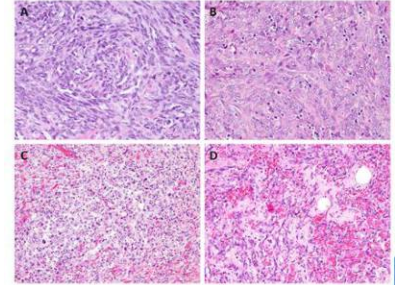
#### Molecular data in angiosarcoma (primary and radiation induced) (1)

- ▶ Cytogenetic analysis:
  - Most AS: complex karyotypes without recurrent chromosomal changes
- ▶ Gene expression profiling
  - Distinct upregulation of genes related to angiogenesis and endothelial cell receptor
- ▶ Recurrent somatic mutations
  - Involving angiogenic signalling pathways ~40% (KDR, PTPRB, PLCG1)
  - Rare mutations: RAS, PTEN, PIK3CA, TP53, FLT4, TIE1
- ▶ High-level of MYC amplification
  - Hallmark of most post-radiation and chronic lymphedema-associated AS
    - MYC FISH or IHC dd post-radiation AS versus AVL
  - Small subset of primary AS
- ▶ Underlying pathogenesis of most angiosarcomas remains undefined

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#### Molecular data in angiosarcoma (primary and radiation induced) (3)

- ▶ 9% AS: various **CIC alterations**
  - Gene rearrangements and/or missense mutations
  - Most common in soft tissue tumours
  - Younger patients (mean 41y)
  - 8 primary AS, 1 had radiation therapy 35y ago (no MYC amplification)
  - 1 tumour showed co-existing CIC and PLCG1 mutation
  - Morphology: epithelioid morphology, classic morphology and well-differentiated anastomosing vascular channels



Huang et al. Am J Surg Pathol. 2067

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#### Molecular data in angiosarcoma (primary and radiation induced) (2)

Huang et al Am J Surg Pathol. 2016: cohort of 120 AS

- ▶ 34 (28%) men and 86 (72%) women
- ▶ Mean age 58y (range 13-91y)
- ▶ 73 primary AS (breast, H&N, extremity, viscera, trunk, body cavity)
  - Mammary (30%), soft tissue (25%), cutaneous (19%), viscera (15%) and intra-osseous (11%)
- ▶ 47 secondary AS
  - Radiation breast cancer (33), radiation other tumours (9) and long-standing lymphedema (5)
  - Interval radiotherapy and AS diagnosis ~11.3 y (range 4-70y)
- ▶ Largest molecular investigation:
  - CIC-rearrangement
  - PLCG1/KDR mutations
  - MYC and FLT4 amplifications

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#### Molecular data in angiosarcoma (primary and radiation induced) (4)

- ▶ 9.5% (11/116) AS harbored a **PLCG1 mutation**
  - 10 female, 1 male
  - Mean age 53 y (range 23-82y)
  - Even distribution primary and secondary AS (all MYC amplification +)
  - Mutually exclusive from KDR mutations
  - Wide morphological spectrum (well formed vascular spaces tot solid sheets of spindled to epithelioid endothelial cells)
- ▶ 7% (8/113) AS harbored a **KDR missense mutation**
  - Exclusively female
  - Mean age 56y (range 23-77y)
  - 5 mutations in primary breast AS, 1 lumbar spine AS, 2 secondary AS (radiotherapy for breast tumour, also MYC amplification+)
  - Wide spectrum of low to high grade phenotype, variable vasoformation and solid growth
- ▶ KDR and PLCG1 genes are involved in the VEGFR2 signalling pathway

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#### Molecular data in angiosarcoma (primary and radiation induced) (5)

- ▶ 35% (39/112) AS showed a **MYC gene amplification**
  - Secondary AS
    - sAS-RT for breast tumour: 90% (28/31)
    - sAS-lymphedema ass: 100% (4/4)
    - sAS-RT other tumours: 25% (2/8)
  - Primary AS 7% (5/69)
- ▶ 5.5% (6/110) As showed a **FLT4 gene amplification**
  - 5 co-amplified with MYC
  - 5 occurred in secondary AS related tot radiotherapy for breast cancer or lymphedema
  - 1 primary AS (scalp, cutaneous)
  - Mostly solid, high-grade histology with variable epithelioid and spindled cell phenotype

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#### Multifocality

- ▶ Errani et al. 2011: multifocal EHE of the liver -> identical WWTR1-CAMTA1 fusion in different foci
- ▶ van IJzendoorn et al. 2015: 2 EH of bone -> multifocal lesions showed identical fusion product
- ▶ Monoclonal origin
- ▶ Exclusion of the germline-translocation theory
- ▶ **Multifocal regional spread+instead of %metastasis+**

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#### Treatment and prognosis of angiosarcoma

- ▶ Treatment: surgery (wide resection) with or without systemic therapy
- ▶ Recurrences are common
- ▶ Metastases are common
- ▶ 5-year survival ~ 30%

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#### NEW immunohistochemical panel – vascular tumours

- ▶ Vascular markers:
  - CD31
  - CD34
  - FLI1
  - ERG
- ▶ Pericytes:
  - SMA
- ▶ Lymphatic differentiation
  - D2-40 (podoplanin)
  - prox1
- ▶ Epithelial markers (especially in epithelioid variants)
  - Keratin
- ▶ **New markers :**
  - FOSB (50% EH, ~ 100% PHE)
  - INI1 (SMARCB1, retained in PHE)
  - CAMTA1 (EHE)
  - TFEB3 (CAMTA1-EHE)

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