



# Estudio del paciente recién diagnosticado

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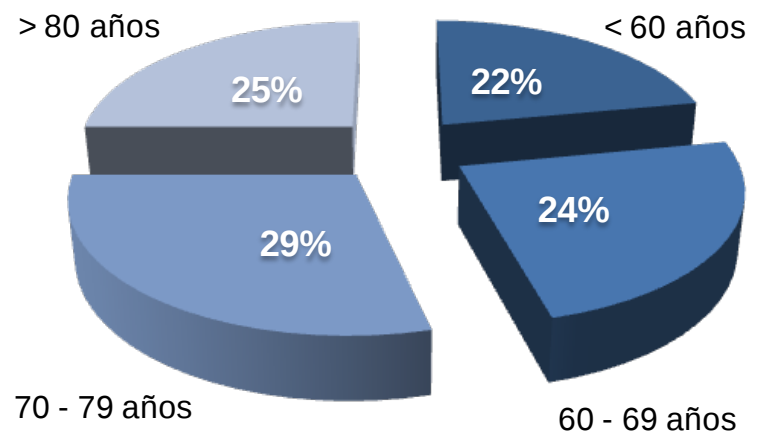


1. LLC en 2016
2. Linfocitosis B monoclonal
3. LLC "acelerada"

# 1. DIAGNOSTICO DE LA LLC

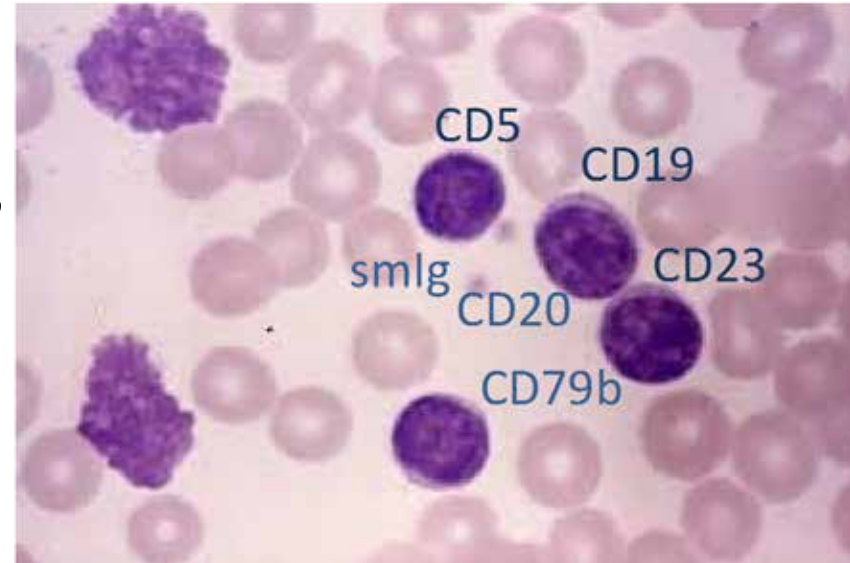
# CLL: general overview

- Most frequent leukemia in adults in Western countries (5 new cases / 100,000 ih /year)
  - Median age at diagnosis 65 yrs
  - Male: female ratio 1.5:1
- Proliferation and accumulation of CD5+ B-lymphocytes in peripheral blood, bone marrow and lymphoid organs
- 80% à assymptomatic at diagnosis

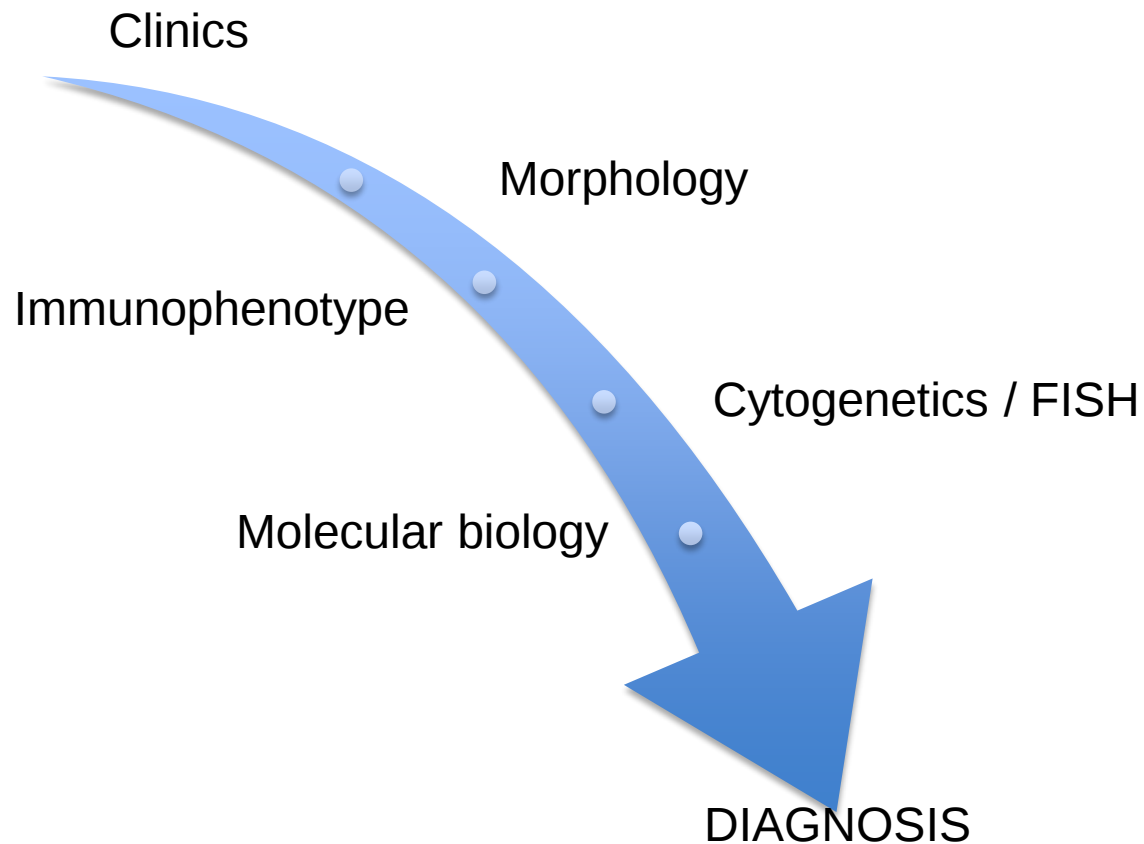


# CLL: Definition

- WHO (2008)
  - Requires  $> 5,000$  B-lymphocytes /  $\mu\text{L}$  for at least 3 months
  - Clonality confirmed by flow cytometry
  - Small, mature-appearing, lymphocytes ( $< 55\%$  PL)
  - $< 5,000$  /  $\mu\text{L}$ , clonal  
à monoclonal B-lymphocytosis (MBL)  
(absence of lymphadenopathy, cytopenias, symptoms, ...)



# Clinico-biologic entities



- Síntomas
  - Astenia (30%), a veces sin relación con la cantidad de enfermedad
  - Síntomas “B”
- Examen físico
  - Hepato-esplenomegalia 20%
  - Rara afectación del Waldeyer

# Pruebas diagnósticas (II): Laboratorio

- Hemograma + fórmula leucocitaria manual
- Recuento reticulocitos + test de Coombs directo (10% LLC fenómenos autoinmunes)
- LDH sérica + beta2-microglobulina
- Proteinograma
- Serologías víricas (HBsAg, Anti-HBs + Anti-HBc, VHC, VIH)
- Examen médula ósea

Recordar: No toda anemia en LLC es debida a la enfermedad à Mayor riesgo de segundas neoplasias (3-4x)

# Pruebas diagnósticas (II): Pruebas de imagen

- CT scan
  - No recomendado al diagnóstico
    - 20% estadios Rai 0 tienen adenopatías
    - Correlación con evolución adversa (Muntañola et al. JCO 2008)
  - Antes de empezar tratamiento
- Ecografía abdominal à adenopatías palpables
- PET/CT
  - No recomendado
  - Únicamente en sospecha de Sdr. de Richter

# Pruebas diagnósticas (IV): Citometria de flujo

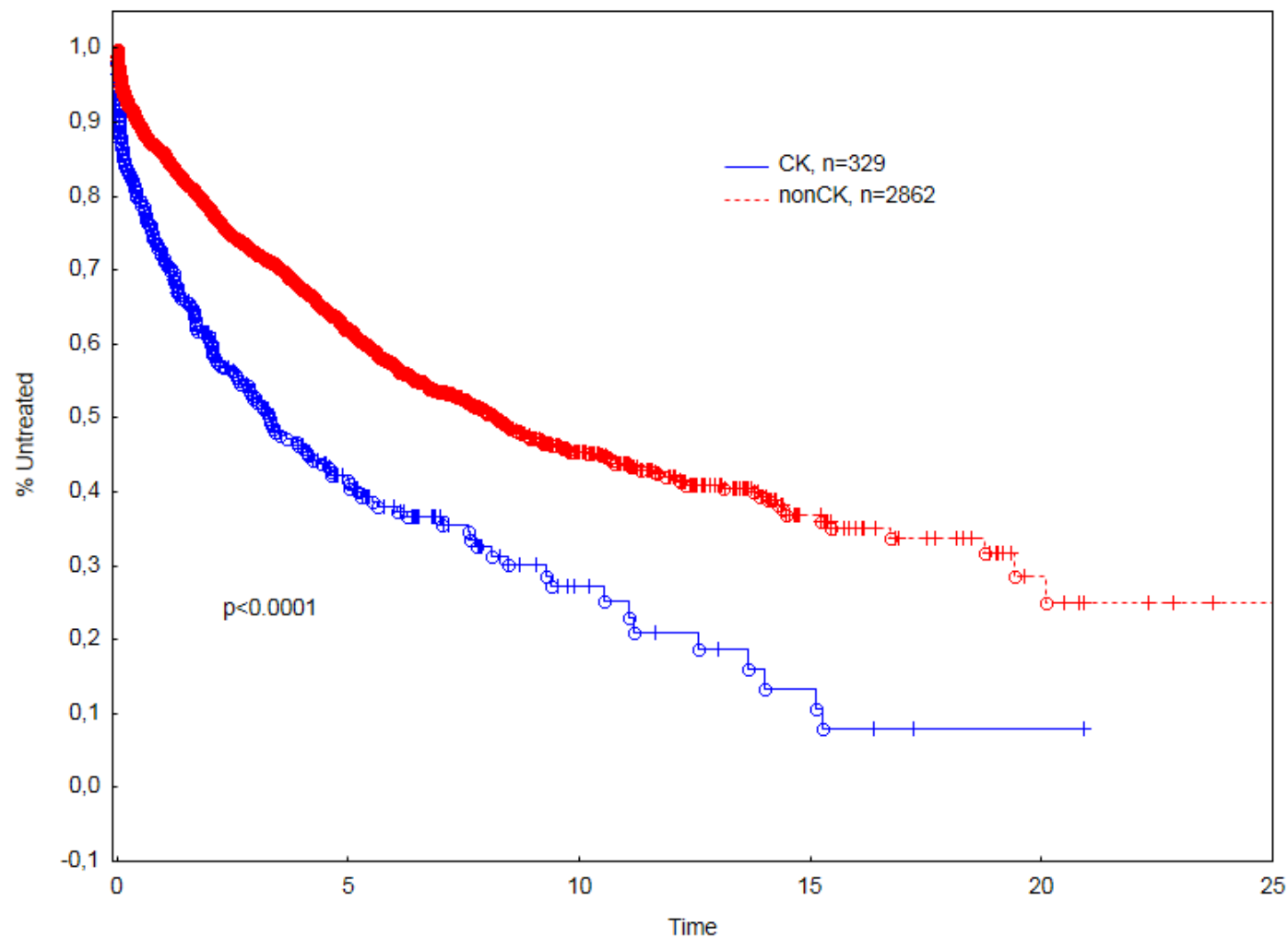
- Panel básico para diagnóstico
  - Determinación de clonalidad (kappa/lambda)
  - CD19, CD20, slg, CD5, CD23, CD10, FMC7, CD200
  - ZAP-70/CD49d/CD38
    - Importante información pronóstica
    - No imprescindible al diagnóstico o antes de empezar el tratamiento

# Pruebas diagnósticas (V)

## Citogenética / FISH

- FISH 4 sondas
  - No necesario al diagnóstico (información pronóstica)
  - **Esencial** antes de empezar tratamiento à Descartar delección de 17p
- Cariotipo complejo à asociado a peor respuesta a ibrutinib en pacientes con del17p
  - Tecnología por estandarizar

# CK and TTFT



# Pruebas diagnósticas (VI)

## Biología Molecular

- Estado mutacional IgHV
  - Mejor parámetro pronóstico
  - Requiere experiencia
  - No imprescindible al diagnóstico / tratamiento
- Estado mutacional TP53
  - Complementa al estudio por FISH
  - No imprescindible al diagnóstico
  - Esencial antes de empezar tratamiento
- Mutaciones NOTCH1, SF3B1, MYD88
  - Experimental

# CLL: Essential tests

|                        | Diagnosis | Pre-treatment  |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Physical examination   | X         | X              |
| Virus (HVB, HVC, HIV)  | X         | X              |
| DAT test               | X         | X              |
| CT scan                |           | X              |
| BM examination         |           | X <sup>#</sup> |
| Lymph node biopsy      | Richter?  | Richter?       |
| Flow cytometry         | X         |                |
| ZAP-70, CD49d          | R         |                |
| FISH (4 probes)        | R         | X              |
| IgHV mutational status | R         |                |
| TP53 mutational status |           | X              |

# if cytopenias

# International Prognostic Index

## Another one...

- Age > 65 yo
- Beta2-microglobulin > 3.5 mg/L
- Clinical Stage Binet B-C
- TP53 abnormalities
- IgHV unmutated

But:

Requiere a complex formula

Applied for patients that did not receive newer therapies

## 2. LINFOCITOSIS B MONOCLONAL

- MBL: monoclonal B-cell expansions in the peripheral blood of healthy individuals
  - Not always correspond to an increase in the lymphocyte count
- Immunophenotype subgroups
  - 75%: CLL-like : CD5<sup>+</sup>, CD23<sup>+</sup>, CD20<sup>dim</sup>, sIg<sup>dim</sup>
  - 20%: Atypical CLL-like: CD5<sup>+</sup>, CD20<sup>bright</sup>
  - 5%: CD5<sup>-</sup> MBL

# MBL prevalence (I)

- Depends on the method of FC analysis
  - Number of colors
  - Number of events
- Depends on the age
- Normal population without lymphocytosis
- Appears in 13-18% of CLL families (*Goldin et al, BJH 2010*)

|                    |      | FLOW CYTOMETRY |        |                          | MBL PREVALENCE |          |                    |
|--------------------|------|----------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|
| Source             | N=   | Colors         | + CD20 | Events x 10 <sup>3</sup> | CLL-like       | Atypical | CD5 <sup>neg</sup> |
| UK <sup>1</sup>    | 1520 | 4              | No     | 200                      | 5.1%           |          | 1.8%               |
| USA <sup>2</sup>   | 2008 | 6              | Yes    | 500                      | 5.2%           | 1%       | 1%                 |
| Spain <sup>3</sup> | 608  | 8              | Yes    | 500                      | 12%*           | 2.3%     |                    |
| Italy <sup>4</sup> | 500  | 4              | Yes    | 200                      | 5.5%           |          |                    |

\*60% < 0.01%

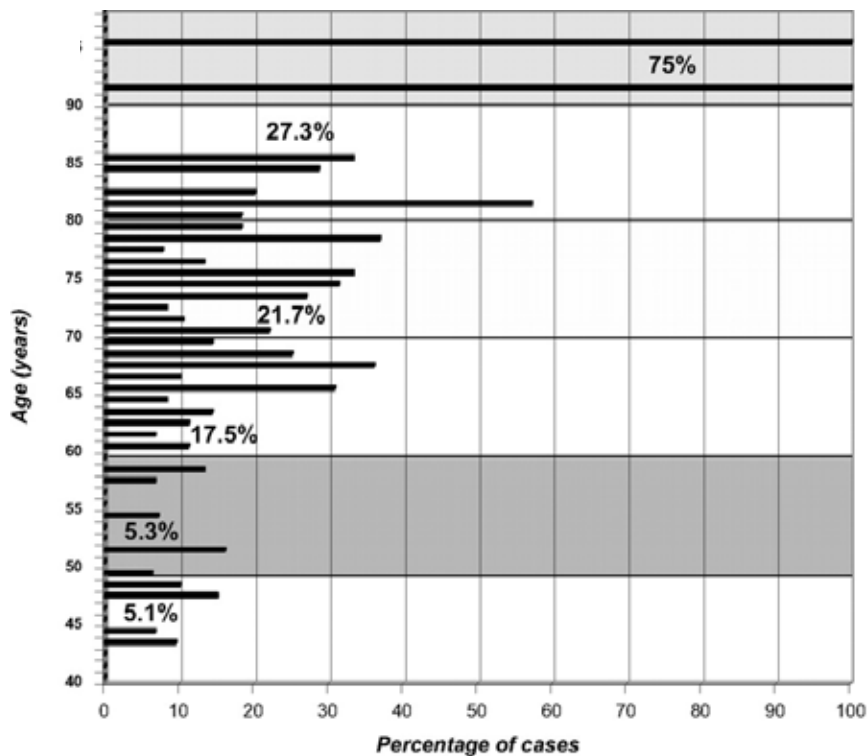
<sup>1</sup>Rawstrom et al, NEJM 2008

<sup>2</sup>Shim YK et al, Blood 2014

<sup>3</sup>Nieto et al, Blood 2009

<sup>4</sup>Ghia, Blood 2004

# MBL prevalence: influence of age



## Age

45-54 y

55-64 y

65 y or older

All ages

<sup>3</sup>Nieto et al, Blood 2009

<sup>2</sup>Shim YK et al, Blood 2014

# MBL and additional clones

- The presence of additional clones have been reported
  - 14/73 biclonal (Nieto et al, Blood)
  - 9/16 oligoclonal (Lanasa, Leukemia 2009)
- Suggest that concomitant clones can coexist in healthy individuals à one clone could be predominant by the time

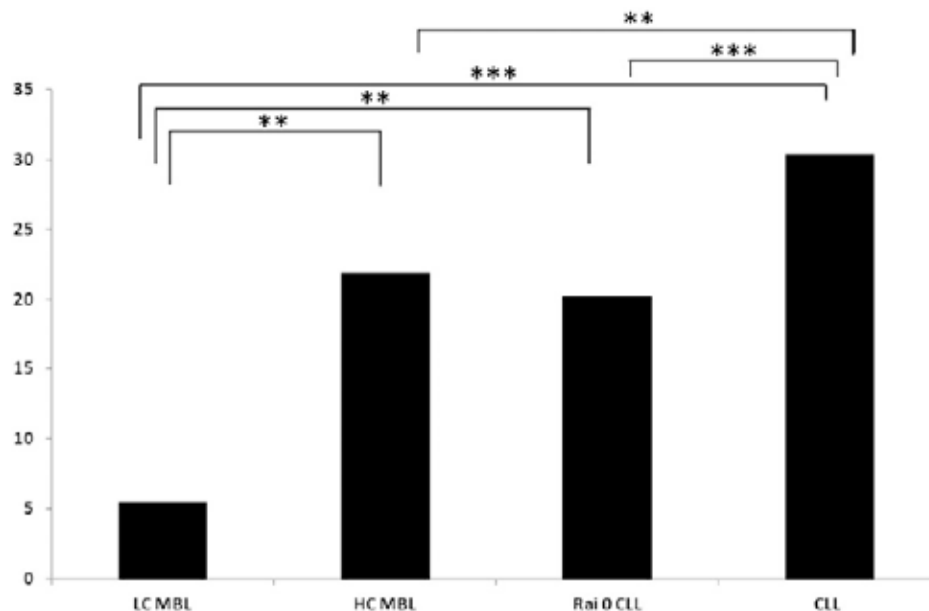
# Cell counts differentiate two types of MBL

- Low-count MBL  $< 0.5 \times 10^9/L$
- High-count MBL  $0.5 - 5 \times 10^9/L$  (clinical MBL lymphocytosis  $< 5 \times 10^9/L$ ) à 30% CLL

| MBL characteristics              | LC-MBL                  | HC-MBL                    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MBL cell range                   | $0 - 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ | $0.5 - 5.0 \times 10^9/L$ |
| Median B-cell count              | $0.14 \times 10^9/L$    | $3.52 \times 10^9/L$      |
| Median MBL count                 | $0.008 \times 10^9/L$   | $3.38 \times 10^9/L$      |
| Median absolute Lymphocyte count | $2.17 \times 10^9/L$    | $6.0 \times 10^9/L$       |

# LC MBL & HC MBL biological characteristics

- 71% IgVH3 / 29% IgVH4 families
- HC MBL:  $\uparrow$  IgHV1  $\downarrow$  IgVH4
- Underrepresentation of IgHV1-69 in LC MBL
- Unmutated IgHV
  - LC MBL: 26%
  - HC MBL: 24%
  - CLL Rai0: 25%



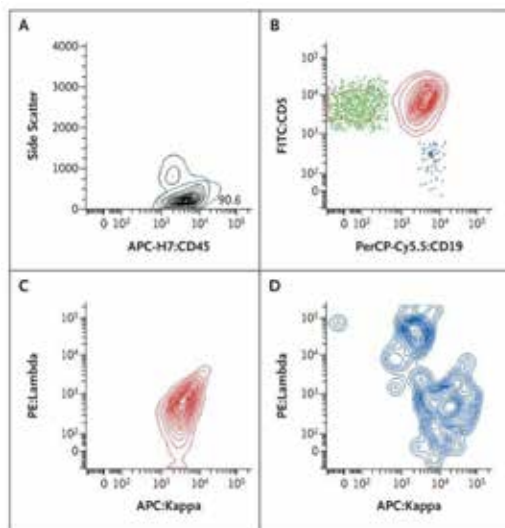
Stereotyped receptors

# Biological characteristics depend on the presence of clinical MBL

| Source                         | Median CLL cell count | B-cells with CLL-phenotype (median %) | Cases with <98% IGHV homology | Predominant CLL-phenotype cell IGHV gene | Similar to CLL? |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| CLL (23)                       | >5,000                | >95%                                  | 534/927 (57.6%)               | 3-07, 1-69, 4-34, 3-23                   | –               |
| Clinic MBL (Leeds) (7)         | 3,141                 | >95%                                  | 18/20 (90%)                   | 3-07, 3-23, 4-34                         | Yes             |
| Clinic MBL (Mayo) (11,12)      | 2,757                 | >95%                                  | 84/109 (77%)                  | 3-07, 1-69, 4-34, 3-23                   | Yes             |
| Familial MBL (Duke) (24)       | 26                    | 25%                                   | 12/16 (75%)                   | 3-07, 4-34                               | Yes             |
| Population MBL (Leeds) (7)     | 9                     | 80%                                   | 18/20 (90%)                   | 3-07, 3-23, 4-34                         | Yes             |
| Population MBL (Italy) (3)     | 1.0                   | 7%                                    | 36/51 (70%)                   | 4-59/61                                  | No              |
| Population MBL (Salamanca) (5) | 0.5                   | 0.4%                                  | 2/7 (29%)                     | No CLL-associated                        | No              |

# All CLL are preceeded by MBL phase

- 45 pts diagnosed with CLL à blood collection as part of a cancer screening trial
- 44/45 à presence of a B-cell clone
- 46% IgHV3 + 25% IgHV4-subgroups
- Latency between 10-77 months



# MBL: Natural history and risk of progression

- UK 185 CLL-like MBL with lymphocytosis (median FU 7 years)
  - Progressive lymphocytosis in 28%
  - Progression to a CLL: 15%
  - Risk of progression estimated at 1.1%/year
- No differences in CD38, ZAP70, FISH between cMBL and CLL Rai0 < 10,000 ALC (Shanafelt et al, JCO 2009)

Risk of progression 1-2%

LC MBLs rarely progress

Need for prognostic parameters predicting not only progression to  $> 5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$  but for treatment

# Distinguishing MBL and CLL

|     | Clonal B-cells<br>CLL phenotype | B-cell count < 5<br>x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L (PB) | Lymphadenopathies<br>Hepatosplenomegaly | Bone marrow     |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| MBL | Yes                             | Yes                                           | No                                      | Not<br>required |
| SLL | Yes                             | Yes                                           | Yes                                     |                 |
| CLL | Yes                             | No                                            | Yes or No                               |                 |

# MBL assesment and follow-up (I)

- Clinical MBL
  - Standard lymphocytosis evaluation, including physical examination
  - Anual follow-up: physical examination + PB test
- LC MBL à no formal evaluation, primare care physician (ethical issues?)

- Atypical phenotype
  - CT scan
  - Bone marrow biopsy
  - Serum/urine electrophoresis
  - If MCL à follow up every 3-6 months (including CT scan every 6 months)
  - If NHL NOS, follow-up every 6-12 months

# MB: unanswered questions

- Insurance implications with the diagnosis of MBL
- Can MBL patients serve as organ donors?
  - Patients with malignancy cannot donate solid organs or blood-derived products
  - MBL can be identified up to 15% of normal individuals!
  - Not recommend to screen donors with normal lymphocyte counts
- Should relatives of CLL patients screened for MBL before being alloTPH donors?

# MBL: Conclusions

- Appears in 5-12% healthy individuals
- 20% of CLL have criteria of MBL
- Risk of progression 1-2% / year
  - Patients with clinical MBL tend to progress more and are similar to CLL Rai0
- Caution with atypical or CD5neg MBL
- **Always send a positive message to the patients (not a pre-leukemia...)**

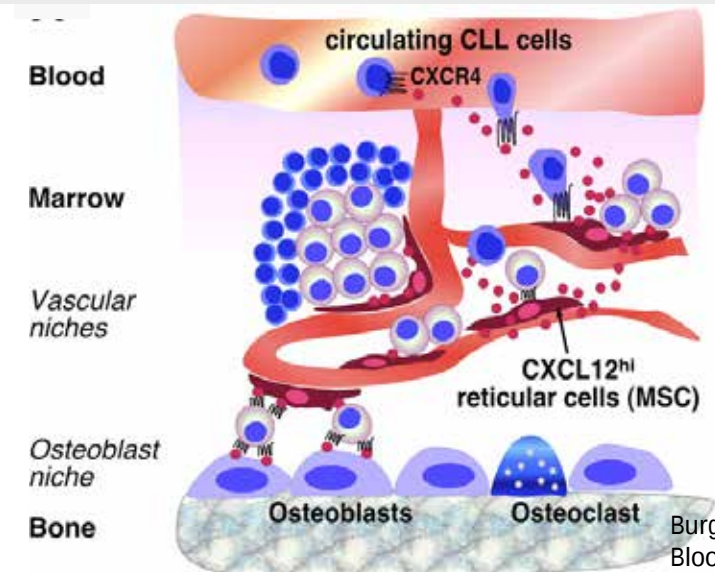
## 3. LLC ACELERADA

## Sangre periférica

- Células de LLC en fase G0 del ciclo celular
- Células accesorias:
  - Linfocitos T
  - Monocitos (CD14+)

## Médula ósea

- Incremento proporción de células proliferantes
- Células accesorias :
  - BMSC: quimioatracción, supervivencia, proliferación y quimioresistencia



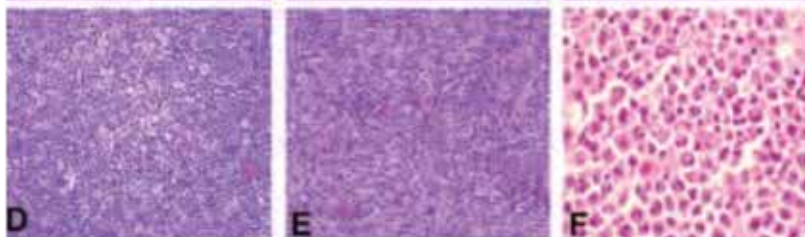
# "Accelerated CLL": cell proliferation as prognostic marker

Indolent      Advanced      Transformed to lymphoma

HE10X



HE20X



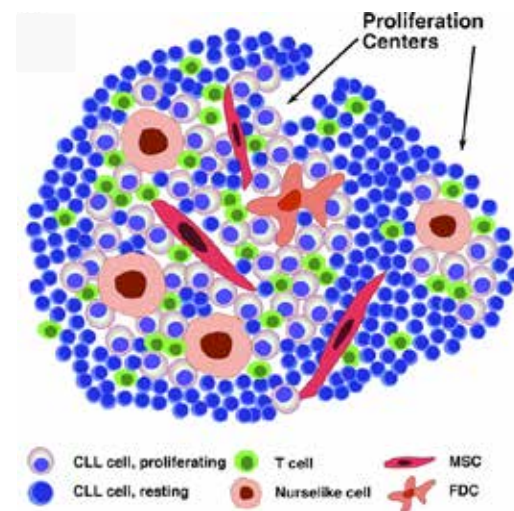
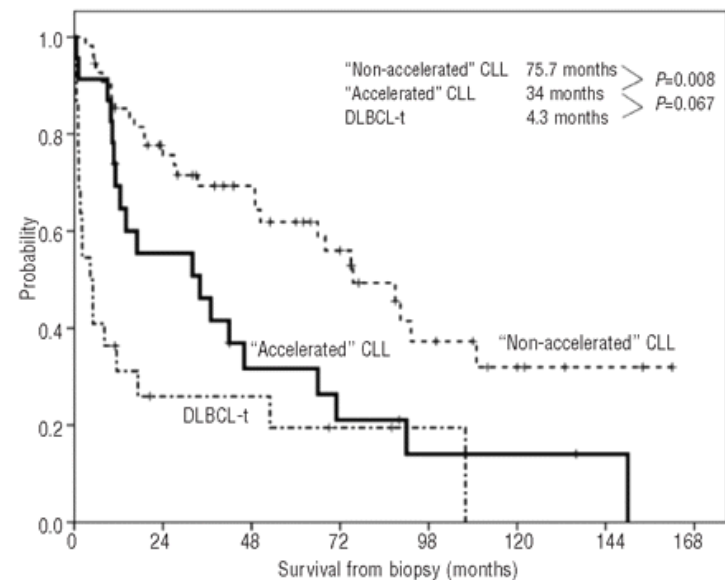
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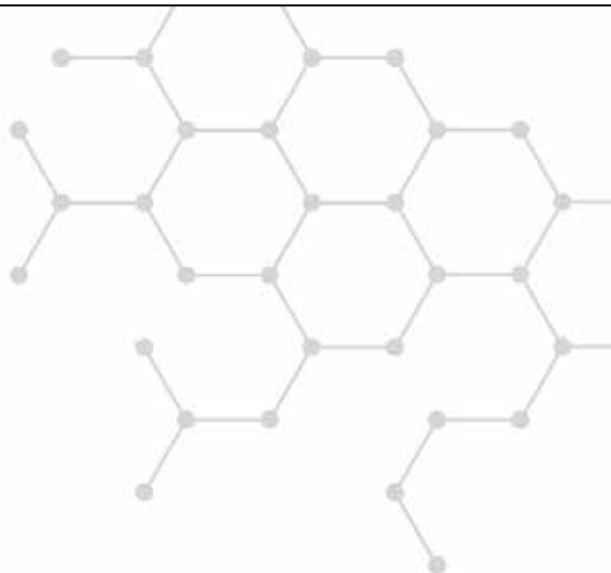
Ki-67



Giné et al, Haematologica, 2010



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