




Polycythemia

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Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN)^[1]

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2. Polycythemia vera (PV)^[2]
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4. Primary myelofibrosis (PMF)^[4]
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7. Mast cell disease (MCD)
8. MPN, unclassifiable^[5]

MPN features

- ◇ Cytosis
- ◇ Organomegaly (mainly splenomegaly)^[6]
- ◇ High uric acid.^[7]
- ◇ Hypercellular bone marrow
- ◇ Progression to acute leukaemia (mainly Acute Myeloid Leukemia)

Just Read

Classification of Myeloid Neoplasms According to the 2008 world health Organization Classification Scheme:

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*BCR-ABL
must be negative

2. Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and abnormalities of PDGFRA, PDGFRB, and FGFR1
3. MDS/MPN
 - a. Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML)
 - b. Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML)
 - c. Atypical chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR-ABL-negative (aCML)
 - d. MDS/MPN, unclassifiable
4. Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS)
5. Acute myeloid leukemia (AML)

[1] Chronic disorders: certain population of abnormality, expanded with different maturation stages, confined for a long period of time, will have a phase of transformation into acute leukemia eventually.

[2] increased erythrocytes.

[3] increased megakaryocytes.

[4] Fibrotic changes in bone marrow.

[5] overlapped features of the above.

[6] Extramedullary hematopoiesis (Outside BM).

[7] increased turnover of cells.

Clonal disorders: attributed to one clone of cell.

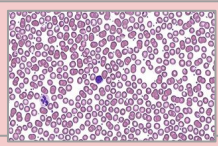
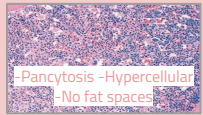
One hematopoietic early cell faces a genetic abnormality so it produces a clone of abnormal cells. If it expands in a short time & gives confined to one population of cells it will give acute leukemia.

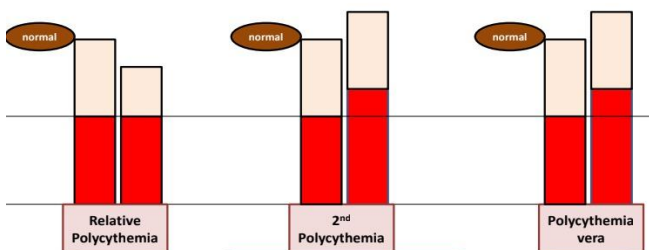
Polycythemia increase risk of MI, DVT and strokes.

Characters	◇ In Greek "too many cells in the blood."	
	◇ Absolute increase in total body red cell volume (or mass)	
	◇ Manifests itself as a raised Hb or packed cell volume (PCV)	
	◇ Hb is >16.5 or 18.5 g/dl in women and men, respectively.	
Classification of Polycythemia	Relative Polycythemia	Decreased plasma volume due to severe dehydration. [1]
	Secondary Polycythemia Or reactive	Increased RBC mass due to high erythropoietin : ◇ COPD, Sleep apnea, smoking. ◇ High altitude. ◇ High affinity HB. ◇ Renal disease. ◇ Erythropoietin secreting tumor (Parathyroid adenoma...)
	Polycythemia Vera	Increased RBC mass due to malignant proliferation.[2]

Polycythemia Vera

MPN characterized by increased red blood cell production independent of the mechanisms that normally regulate erythropoiesis.

Diagnostic Features	◇ HB >18.5g/dl in men ,16.5g/dl in women. [3]	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> It has nothing to do with MCH/MCV What's important here: RBC count, Hemoglobin level, PCV </div>
	◇ Hypercellular bone marrow .	
◇ JAK2 mutation in >95% of cases.		
◇ Low Serum erythropoietin level [4]		
Clinical features of Polycythemia Vera	Increased blood viscosity	◇ Hypertension. ◇ Headache, dizziness, visual disturbances & paresthesia .
	Thrombosis	◇ Deep vein thrombosis. ◇ Myocardial infarction. ◇ Mesenteric, portal or splenic vein thrombosis.
	Splenomegaly in 70%	
	Hepatomegaly in 30%	
Investigations	CBC	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ RBC: increased. ◇ Hb: increased. ◇ WBC & PLT :mildly increased (usually)
	Blood smear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Excess of normocytic normochromic RBC. ◇ ±Leukocytosis & thrombocytosis.
	Bone marrow	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Hypercellular. ◇ Predominant erythroid precursors . ◇ ± Increased megakaryocytes & Myeloid precursors.



↑ Blasts (20% or above) → Acute leukemia transformation

[1] Nothing wrong with cell production

[2] Clonal disorder with normal erythropoietin levels.

[3] high.

[4] already high RBC, no stimulation of EPO.

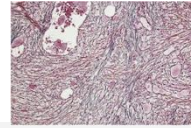
Complication & Treatment of Polycythemia Vera

Venesection + Aspirin ± Myelosuppressive drugs (hydroxyuria)

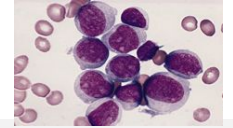
10-15 years

20%

10%

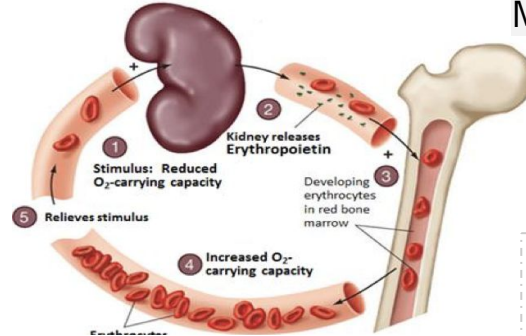


Myelofibrosis



Acute leukemia

Regulation of Erythropoiesis



Primary Myelofibrosis

[The worst type of Myeloproliferative neoplasms in term of prognosis]

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Clonal MPN characterized by a proliferation of megakaryocytes & granulocytes in the bone marrow that associated with deposition of fibrous connective tissue and extramedullary haematopoiesis.

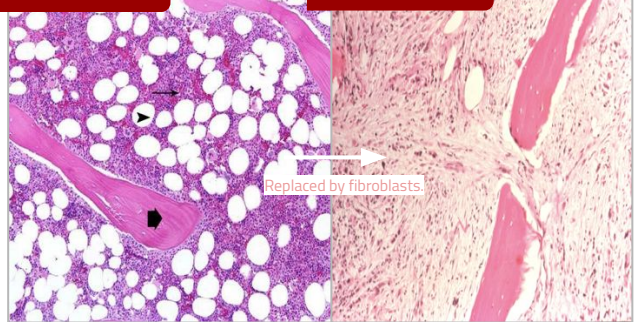
Clinical features:

- Anemia
- Leukoerythroblastic blood picture.^[2]
- Massive splenomegaly
- Fibrotic bone marrow
- JAK2 mutation (50%)
- Risk of AML transformation (20%)

Bone marrow in myelofibrosis:

Normal BM

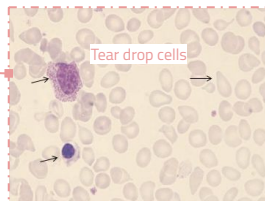
Fibrotic BM



Fat spaces & hematopoietic elements.

Losing hematopoietic elements, with reticulin & collagen fibers.

Stages of PMF



Prefibrotic stage

Proliferation of megakaryocytes & Granulocytes

Leukocytosis
Thrombocytosis

7-10 years survival

Fibrotic stage

Anemia
Leukopenia
Thrombocytopenia
Extramedullary hematopoiesis

3-7 years survival

AML transformation

≤1 year survival

[1] has the worst prognosis.

[2] You will see early precursors of RBC's and WBC's in peripheral smear. (stressed/ infiltrated BM)

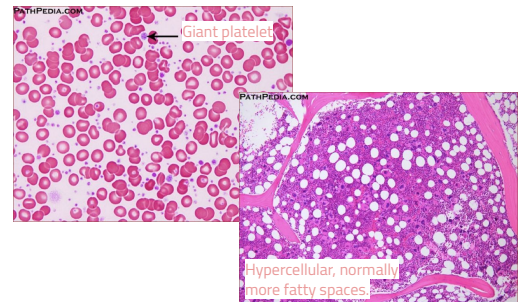
Essential Thrombocythemia

[Best type of MPN in term of prognosis]

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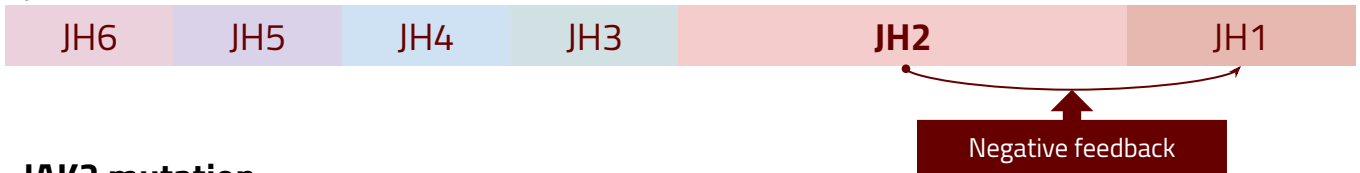
Characters	ET is MPN that involves primarily the megakaryocytic lineage. & characterized by sustained thrombocytosis.
Diagnostic Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Sustained thrombocytosis $\geq 450 \times 10^9$. ◇ Hypercellular BM with megakaryocytic proliferation ◇ Exclusion of: CML (how? CML is caused by a genetic abnormality BCR-ABL), MDS, PV & Primary Myelofibrosis ◇ JAK2 mutation (60%), if negative; no evidence of reactive thrombocytosis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Iron def. ,splenectomy, surgery, infection, autoimmune disease....
Clinical Presentation	<p>The following are Very indolent (5% risk of AML transformation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Asymptomatic (50%) ◇ Thrombosis ◇ Bleeding ◇ Mild splenomegaly (50%) ◇ Mild hepatomegaly (20%)
Treatment	Aspirin \pm Hydroxyuria



JAK2 Mutation

JAK2: Non receptor **protein tyrosine kinase** involved in signal transduction pathway.

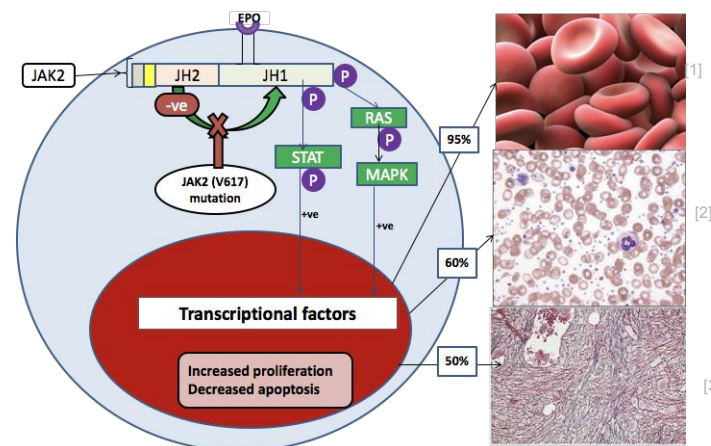
JAK2 kinase domains structure:



JAK2 mutation:

Point mutation (at codon 617 in JH2) leads to loss of auto inhibitory control over JAK2.

The mutated JAK2 is in a constitutively active state.



[1] polycythemia vera
[2] ET
[3] PMF

Quiz

Q1. Polycythemia vera is :

- A) increased RBCs mass due to EPO.
- B) increased in platelets mass due to malignancy.
- C) increased in RBCs mass due to malignancy.

Q2. Most gene mutation in Polycythemia vera is :

- A) JAK1
- B) JAK2
- C) JAK3

Q3. proliferation of megakaryocytes & granulocytes in the bone marrow is a characteristic of :

- A) Primary Myelofibrosis
- B) Essential Thrombocythemia
- C) Polycythemia Vera

Q4. Parathyroid adenoma causes:

- A) Primary Myelofibrosis
- B) Essential Thrombocythemia
- C) secondary Polycythemia

Q5. severe dehydration can cause:

- A) relative Polycythemia
- B) Essential Thrombocythemia
- C) secondary Polycythemia

A (5)
C (4)
A (3)
B (2)
C (1)