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Prognostic factors for the evaluation of canine malignant lymphomas with special consideration of the importance of argyrophilic nucleolar organizer regions (AgNORs) Prognostische Faktoren zur Beurteilung von caninen malignen Lymphomen unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Bedeutung von argyrophilen Nukleolus organisierenden Regionen (AgNORs)

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Prognostic Factors for Treated Canine Malignant Lymphoma

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Abstract. The aim of this study was to investigate the prognostic importance of different clinical, immunohistologic and tumorproliferation characteristics in dogs with malignant lymphoma treated with chemotherapy. From 74 dogs with malignant lymphoma at least one enlarged peripheral lymph node was taken for biopsy before chemotherapy following a standardized protocol (vincristine, cyclophosphamide, prednisolone, doxorubicin, and L-asparaginase). The variables evaluated as prognostic factors were age, sex, and tumor stage, as well as histomorphologic grade (Kiel classification, Working Formulation), immunophenotype (using markers for CD3 and CD79a), and cell proliferation (Ki-67, proliferation cell nuclear antigen, mitotic index, and argyrophil nucleolar organizer regions [AgNORs]) in extirpated lymph nodes. All markers were used on routinely formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissues. The AgNORs were assessed qualitatively, based on the AgNOR





Circovirus-like Viral Associated Disease in Weaned Pigs in Indiana

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Abstract. Inclusion bodies with staining affinity and ultrastructural characteristics typical of circoviruses that stained positive for porcine circovirus (PCV)-like virus were demonstrated in association with granulomatous lesions in multiple tissues of three clinically ill 10- to 12-week-old pigs. A syndrome of poor growth and wasting in 5-15% of weaned pigs was an intermittent problem on a 450-sow one-site farrow-to-finish swine farm in Indiana. Routine diagnostic testing did not demonstrate a cause. Gross examination of three represen-

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Visualizing a Target

- Fluorescent Antibody Staining
- Immunohistochemistry
- In-situ Hybdridization
 - Fluoresecent
 - Chromogenic





Fluorescent Antibody Staining

- Well established, widely used technique

 Primary antibody to detect target
 Either direct or indirect labeling
- Diagnostic tool for fresh/frozen material
- Identification of specific infectious organisms
- Commonly used on cell cultures
- Antigen: protein, glyco- or lipoprotein, carbohydrate

Fluorescent Antibody Testing



Advantages and Disadvantages of Fluorescent Antibody Staining

- Used on fresh/frozen samples
- Not useful for formalin fixed material
- Fast, relatively cheap
- Easy to detect, highly sensitive
- Signal can be quantitated
- Architecture difficult to evaluate
- Not a good tool for herd surveillance
- Requires expensive specialized equipment
- Fluorescent signals will commonly fade
- Autofluorescence
- Success depends on antibody (mono- vs. polyclonal)

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Immunohistochemistry

Well established, widely used technique

- Primary antibody to detect target
- Detection system
- Visualizing reagent
- Antigen: protein, glyco- or lipoprotein, carbohydrate
- Diagnostic tool for routine formalin fixed material
 - Identification of specific infectious organisms
 - Identification of cell types and tumor entities
 - Determination of primary site of tumor
 - Determination of tumor malignancy

Choices to Make, Challenges to Take



4 Core Problems

- Fixation, Processing, Microtomy
- IHC Methodologies
- Quality of Primary Antibody
- Microscopic Interpretation

Sample Processing: Autolysis

Effects

- Diffusion of antigens
- Degradation of antigens
- Increased background
- Loss of morphologic features
- Not all antigens respond the same
- Solution
 - Take samples quickly
 - Fix samples adequately (ratio tissue/fixative; thickness)
 - No heat during fixation

Effects of Fixation

- Lack of detection (false negative)
- Reduced detection
- Unexpected detection (cross-reactivity)
- Increased background (overfixation adds more cross-links)
- Coagulation fixatives less deleterious than NBF
 - Suboptimal morphologic preservation
 - Always happens during routine processing!
- Options:
 - 3.5-18 hours in 10% NBF > 70% alcohol
 - Other fixative (PreferTM), Prolonged washing
 - Soaking in conc. ammonia + chloral hydrate
 - Use alcoholic formalin for 1 h on fatty tissues

Effects of Fixation and Processing on Morphology and Immunohistochemical Staining


Black Magic or Haute Cuisine

all about boiling, steaming, microwaving, and of course, digestion

Mechanism of Antigen Retrieval

Not clear at this time

- Loosening or breaking of cross-linkages
- Protein denaturation (some antigens are lost after AR)
- Multiple pathways: breaking of cross-linkage, extraction of diffusible blocking proteins, precipitation of proteins, rehydration of tissue (better penetration of antibody and increased accessibility to antigen)
- Mobilization of last traces of paraffin by microwave energy, allowing antibody to better penetrate tissue
- hydrolysis of Schiff bases
- Removal of cage-like calcium complexes bound during formalin fixation (calcium chelation).
- Heat induced reversal of various chemical modifications of protein structure caused by formalin fixation



High-Temperature Heating Method

The heating source is not significant to outcome, but a matter of convenience.

- vegetable steamer, microwave, pressure cooker
- microwave is faster, but more strenuous on tissue and requires more attention, calibration can be difficult

High-Temperature Heating Method

The relationship between temperature and time is inverse.

- the higher the temperature, the shorter the time need to achieve beneficial results
- temperature below 80C are not significantly beneficial
- a temperature of 100C is optimal
- example: 100C x 20 min

90C x 30 min 80C x 50 min 70C x 10 hours achieved similar results (Roth et al. 2000)

Influence of Temperature on Antigen Retrieval Cytokeratin AE1/AE3 staining in the lung no heat 20 min heat 40 min heat

High-Temperature Heating Method

The retrieval solution pH is important.

- some antibodies stain well regardless of retrieval solution pH
- others exhibit diminished staining at neutral pH, but strong staining at very acidic or very alkaline pH
- high pH buffer appear especially useful for nuclear antigens
- example: acetate buffer pH 1.0-2.0

glycin buffer pH 3.6 citrate buffer pH 6.0-7.0 Tris-HCI buffer pH 8.0-9.0 (Speranza et al. 2001)

Influence of pH on Antigen Retrieval



pH value from 1 to 10

Influence of pH on Antigen Retrieval **Cytokeratin AE1/AE3 staining in the lung** pH4 pH9 pH7

High-Temperature Heating Method

The significance of retrieval solution composition is unclear.

- high heat using distilled water alone will achieve improved IHC staining
- first solutions contained toxic salts such as zinc or lead, however there is no advantage over simple buffer solutions and such salts should therefore be avoided!
- many laboratories have developed their own buffer

Influence of Buffer on Antigen Retrieval

Cytokeratin AE1/AE3 staining in the lung water citrate buffer, pH7



Proteolytic Enzyme Antigen Retrieval

Their mechanism of action is not well known, but it is believed that they digest the tissue to some degree allowing antibodies to recognize antigenic sites.

- Types: trypsin, proteinase K, pepsin, pronase E, ficin
- Combinations of heat and protein digestion

Heat Retrieval and Protein Digestion Lysozyme staining in the lymph node no retrieval proteinase K trypsin



Test Battery Approach for Antigen Retrieval

TRIS-HCI BufferpH 1 to 2pH 7 to 8pH 10 to 11Super high, 120CSlide 1Slide 2Slide 3

High, 100C for 10 min Slide 4 Slide 5 Slide 6

Low, 90C for 20 min Slide 7 Slide 8 Slide 9

Test Battery Approach for Antigen Retrieval (our laboratory)

100C for 20 min no heat retrieval

Slide 5

Low pH retrieval buffer Slide 1

Regular retrieval buffer Slide 2

EDTA, pH 10 Slide 3

Proteinase K



Test Battery Approach for Antigen Retrieval (S-100)

100C for 20 min no heat retrieval





Regular retrieval buffer

Low pH retrieval buffer

EDTA, pH 10

Proteinase K



Polyclonal vs Monoclonal

Characteristic	Polyclonal Ab	Monoclonal Ab	
Origin	Multiple species	Mostly mouse (rabbit)	
Affinity	Diverse (high and low)	Same affinity	
Sensitivity	High	Low to moderate	
Specificity	Low to high	High	
Irrelevant lg content	High (10 mg/ml)	Supernatant: none	
		Ascites: 0.5-1.0 mg/ml	
Fixation requirements	Broad	Strict	
Fixation effects	Multiple	Single	
Fixation tolerance	High	Low	
Homogeneity	Batch variation	No batch variation	
Cost	Moderate	High	



Rabbit Monoclonal Antibodies vs. Mouse Monoclonals

- Higher affinity
- Recognize a greater variety of epitopes that are not immunogenic in mice
- Many small compounds or peptides elicit good immune response only in rabbits
- Lack of background staining in mouse or rat tissues
- Less need for antigen retrieval
- Fewer monoclonal antibodies available
- Limited experience in canine and feline tissues

Sensitivity: Detection Methods

- Rule but not dogma: The more complex the IHC method, the more sensitive
- Establish the limit of detection (sensitivity) you need
- More sensitivity may produce more background
- Many good commercial kits available
- Special kits for mouse tissues or double immunostaining
- Brown, red, blue, etc. colors of the reaction: your choice

Which system should I choose?

- Money available (including service agreement!)
- Case load
- Types of antigens to detect
 - Amount of antigen
 - Number of tests available
- Flexibility
- Technical support
- Technician's experience





Detection Systems

Nonavidin-biotin immunoenzyme methods (1st generation)

- One-, two-, or three-step methods
- Moderately sensitive
- Low background staining
- Avidin-biotin systems
 - High sensitivity
 - EAB background likely
- Nonavidin-biotin system (2nd generation)
 - Two-step procedures
 - Similar or more sensitive than avidin-biotin methods
 - Faster than avidin-biotin methods
 - Lower background

Peroxidase-anti-Peroxidase



Labeled Streptavidin-Biotin Method



Chain Polymer-Conjugated Technology



Tyramine-Biotin Amplification



Chromogenes

Enzyme/Substrate	Chromogen	Color	Mountant	Counterstain
Peroxidase H ₂ O ₂	DAB	Brown	Organic	Green, blue
	AEC	Red	Water	Blue, green
	4-Chloro-1- naphthol	Gray-blue	Water	Green, red
Alkaline P.				
Naphthol AS-MX	Fast Blue BB	Blue	Water	Red, green
	Fast Red TR	Red	Water	Blue, green
Indoxyl (BCIP)	TNBT	Blue-brown	Water	Green
Glucose oxid.	Phenazine MS	Dark blue	Organic	Red
β-d-Galactos.	K ferrocyanide	Blue	Organic	Red

Mouse-to-Mouse IHC

- Background due to endogenous mouse lgs
- Multiple commercial kits (avidin or non-avidin)
- Needs some fine tuning



Multiple Staining Methods



Immunoenzyme Multiple Staining Methods



C. M. van der Loos

Bios Scientific Publisher, Oxford, 1999

Multiple Immunostaining Troubleshooting

- More stringent controls needed
- Dissection of the immune reaction (step by step)
- Detection of 2 Ags in same cell compartment → unreliable
- Difficult when Ag retrieval differs for each antigen

Double Immunostaining

Two mouse monoclonal antibodies of the same lg class/isotype The Indirect/Direct Method



Double Staining



Double Staining

