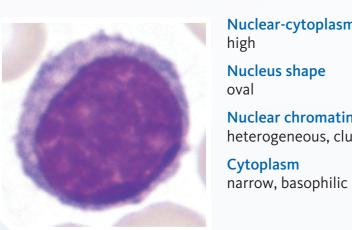
Lymphatic Cells

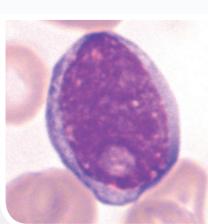


Normal lymphocyte



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio high **Nucleus shape** Nuclear chromatin heterogeneous, clumped

Prolymphocyte



medium/high Nucleus shape round/oval Nuclear chromatin intermediate, always with nucleolus Cytoplasm lightly basophilic

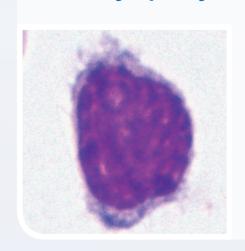
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio

Binucleated lymphocyte



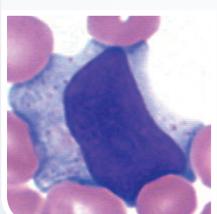
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio high **Nucleus shape** binucleated **Nuclear chromatin** clumped Cytoplasm narrow, basophilic

Villous lymphocyte



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium/high **Nucleus shape** round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** condensed Cytoplasm lightly basophilic, short villi,

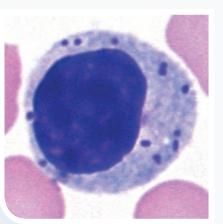
Lymphoid cell



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium **Nucleus shape** round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate Cytoplasm lightly basophilic, diffluent,

often around red blood cells

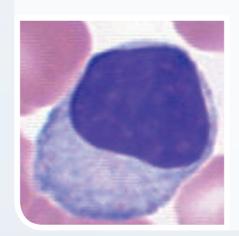
Large granulated lymphocyte (LGL)



medium Nucleus shape **Nuclear chromatin** condensed Cytoplasm lightly basophilic, azurophilic granules

Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio

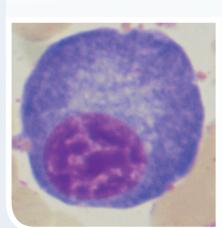
Lymphoplasmocytic cell



medium Nucleus shape **Nuclear chromatin** condensed Cytoplasm abundant, stronger basophilic

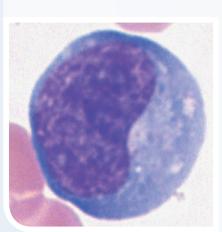
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio

Plasma cell



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio low/medium **Nucleus shape** round/oval, eccentric localisation **Nuclear chromatin** clumped Cytoplasm deeply basophilic, perinuclear clear zone (Golgi apparatus)

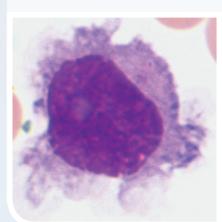
Monocytoid lymphocyte



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio Nucleus shape lobed, indented **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate

Cytoplasm abundant, moderately basophilic

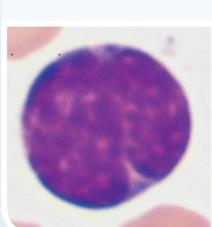
Hairy cell



Nucleus shape oval/kidney-shaped **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate Cytoplasm lightly basophilic, circular hairy projections

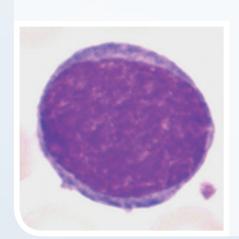
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio

Centrocyte



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio Nucleus shape round/oval, notched **Nuclear chromatin** condensed Cytoplasm basophilic, sparse

Centroblast



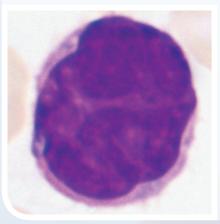
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio Nucleus shape round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** fine, nucleoli at nuclear membrane Cytoplasm moderately basophilic

T lymphocyte



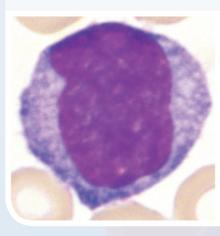
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio Nucleus shape irregular, lobed **Nuclear chromatin** clumped Cytoplasm narrow, basophilic

Sézary cell



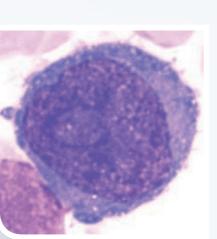
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium Nucleus shape cerebriform **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate Cytoplasm basophilic

Activated lymphocyte



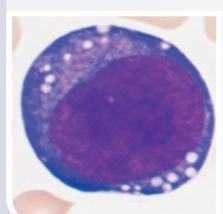
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium/variable Nucleus shape oval-indented **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate Cytoplasm light, basophilic rim

Immunoblast



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium/variable **Nucleus shape** round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** fine, central nucleoli Cytoplasm moderately to deeply basophilic

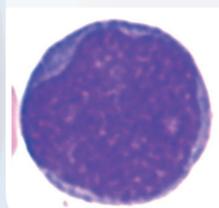
Highly malignant lymphoma cell



medium/variable **Nucleus shape** round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** uniformly dense Cytoplasm moderately to deeply basophilic

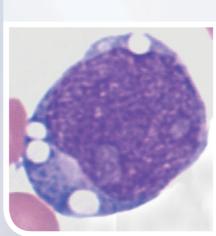
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio

Lymphoblast



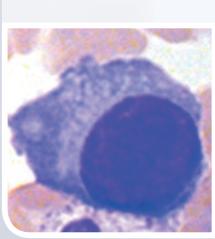
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio Nucleus shape round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** smooth, fine Cytoplasm basophilic, variable

Lymphoblast with L3 morphology



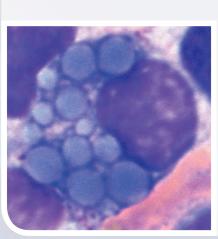
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio Nucleus shape round/oval **Nuclear chromatin** smooth, fine Cytoplasm strongly basophilic, vacuoles

Myeloma cell



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium **Nucleus shape** like plasma cell **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate, with or without Cytoplasm like plasma cell, Golgi zone may be absent

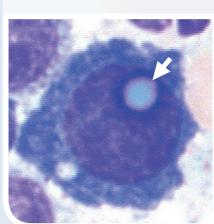
Mott cell



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio low/medium Nucleus shape round/oval, eccentric localisation **Nuclear chromatin** Cytoplasm basophilic, light blue clustered immunoglobulin

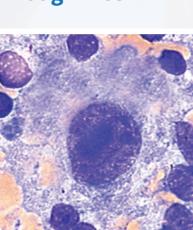
inclusions (Russell bodies)

Lymphocyte/plasma cell with Dutcher bodies



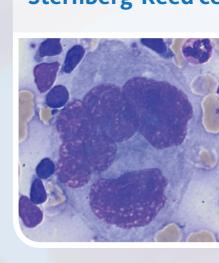
Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio low/medium Nucleus shape round/oval Nuclear chromatin condensed, one to several intranuclear light blue immunoglobulin inclusions (Dutcher bodies) Cytoplasm like plasma cell or lymphoplasmocytic cell

Hodgkin cell



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium up to < 50 % Nucleus shape single nucleus in a large cell **Nuclear chromatin** intermediate, large nucleolus Cytoplasm lightly basophilic

Sternberg-Reed cell



Nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio medium up to < 50 % **Nucleus shape** like Hodgkin cell but multiple nuclei in a very large cell **Nuclear chromatin** reticular Cytoplasm lightly to moderately basophilic

Lymphocytosis, reactive, neoplastic

A variety of different types of lymphocytes with the presence of lymphoplasmocytic cells and activated lymphocytes suggests a reactive cause. In contrast, a clonal, neoplastic cell population is predominantly monomorphic. In children and young adults, a lymphocytosis is frequently due to an infection. In elderly people, a neoplastic aetiology is more likely.

B lymphocyte, T lymphocyte, cytology

With the exception of NK cells (natural killer cells) the lineage of lymphocytes cannot be reliably determined with a Pappenheim stain, but some observations can be made. B lymphocytes, for example, do not show azurophilic granulation. T lymphocytes usually have an irregular nuclear shape and may show fine-grained azurophilic granules.

Lymphoma, cytology

Indolent lymphomas are morphologically very heterogeneous, but the cells have one thing in common: The nuclear chromatin is stained unevenly; apart from clumped, condensed looking, dark areas there are light areas with low chromatin density. Nucleoli may be present.

Aggressive lymphomas: medium to large cells, chromatin evenly distributed, no clumping. Presence of nucleoli is frequent. Cytoplasm narrow, strongly basophilic.

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