# Insights into the Cell-of-Origin of the Histiocytoses Using Patient-Derived Xenograft Models

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# What Cells Give Rise to Histiocytoses?

Historical	2010	2012	2014	2015
LCH arises from Langerhans cells (LCs) - Shared antigenic markers - Birbeck granules	LCH cell Transcriptional profile more similar to monocyte- derived precursors than LCs	Epidermal LCs arise from fetal liver monocytes rather than bone marrow hematopoietic precursors	BRAF V600E detected in bone marrow precursors of high-risk BRAF V600E- mutated LCH patients	LCH and non-LCH neoplastic cells have distinct transcriptional profiles
Nezelof <i>et al.</i> <i>Biomedicine</i> 1973.	Allen <i>et al. J.</i> <i>Immunol.</i> 2010.	Hoeffel <i>et al.</i> <i>J. Exp. Med.</i> 2012.	Berres <i>et al. J. Exp.</i> <i>Med.</i> 2014.	Diamond, Durham, Haroche <i>et al. Cancer</i> <i>Discov.</i> 2015.

# Ontogeny of Macrophages and the Potential Cell(s)-of-Origin of Systemic Histiocytic Neoplasms



# **Cell-of-Origin Studies of Histiocytosis**

- **Berres** *et al.* suggested LCH is a clonal disorder arising from HSPCs that acquire a somatic mutation in an oncogenic pathway linked to the histiocytoses
- BRAF V600E mutation has not been detected in the CD34+ compartment of all BRAF V600E-mutated LCH patients
- Expression of *BRaf* V600E in the murine dendritic cell precursors does not recapitulate all phenotypic consequences of human LCH.
  - Opens the possibility of alternate cells or origin for the systemic histiocytoses
    - Tissue-resident macrophages arising from yolk sac-derived EMPs
- Comparable studies have not been published in ECD and other non-LCH neoplasms, and whether or not HSPCs from histiocytosis patients have functional self-renewal potential is unknown.

# **Experimental Questions**

- Can hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells from systemic histiocytoses patients functionally give rise to these disorders?
- Can we generate patient-derived xenograft models of histiocytic neoplasms for further functional analyses or *in vivo* treatment?

# Diagnostic and Mutational Data for the Eight Xenografted Histiocytosis Patient Samples

Patient ID	Histiocytic Neoplasm	Histiocytic Mutation	WHO-Classified Myeloid Neoplasm	Myeloid Neoplasm Mutation(s)
1	ECD	BRAFV600E	MPN/MDS	NRAS G13D ASXL1 Q733X
2	LCH	BRAFV600E	MPN/MDS	TET2X1268_Splice KRASA146P
3	ECD	BRAFV600E	MPN	JAK2V617F NRASG12S TET2L757fs*56 U2AF1Q157P
4	ECD	BRAFV600E	MPN/MDS	ASXL1 Q733X TET2 Q904X TET2 Q321X TET2 N1387S
5	ECD/LCH	BRAFV600E	MPN	JAK2V617F TET2K95X
6	ECD/LCH	BRAFV600E	MDS/AML	<i>IDH2</i> R140Q <i>TP53</i> N131K
7	ECD	KRAS G12S	None	Not Applicable
8	ECD	BRAFV600E	None	Not Applicable

### Evaluation of Histiocytoses and Histiocytoses Plus Other Myeloid Neoplasm Co-occurrence via Patient-Derived Xenograft (PDX) Models



# ECD Patient 7 Heart Biopsy with Non-Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis *KRAS* p.G12S

Patient 7 Heart Biopsy

**Patient 7 Heart Biopsy** 



### **CBC** Results for NSGS PDX Model from ECD Patient 7



# Evidence of Engraftment of Human ECD Patient 7 hCD45+ Cells in NSGS PDX Model



mCD45.1

# **ECD Patient 7 PDX Model Tissue FACS Analysis**



hCD14

# PDX Model Demonstrates Infiltration of Hematopoietic Tissues with Human CD45+ Foamy Histiocytes

### **PDX Bone Marrow**





# PDX Model Demonstrates Infiltration of Hematopoietic Tissues with Human CD68+ and CD1a- Foamy Histiocytes

**PDX Bone Marrow** 





# PDX Model Demonstrates Infiltration of Hematopoietic Tissues with Human CD163+ Foamy Histiocytes

**PDX Bone Marrow** 





# PDX Model Demonstrates Infiltration of Other Tissues with Human CD45+ and CD163+ Foamy Histiocytes

### **PDX Liver**



#### **PDX Lung**



# PDX Model Demonstrates Patient 7 KRAS c.34G>A; p.G12S

**PDX Bone Marrow** 



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# Additional Evidence of Engraftment of Patient 3 and Patient 8 hCD45+ Cells in NSGS PDX Models



# **Conclusions and Future Directions**

- Functional evidence that the CD34+ compartment can initiate histiocytosis
- Current studies involve adult histiocytic disorders only, but pediatric histiocytoses may have a different cell of origin
- Further work is needed to determine the frequency of successful engraftment of CD34+ cells in histiocytoses
  - Based on current experience the engraftment rate is 1/8
- Further PDX murine model characterization underway
  - Continuing to monitor surviving ECD (2), ECD/LCH (1), LCH (1) PDX models for engraftment
  - Serial transplantation ongoing using hCD34+ cells from engrafted NSGS PDX murine models
  - Monitoring NSGS mice recently transplanted with normal human CD34+ cord blood
- Interrogation of different purified cell subsets from systemic histiocytoses patients is needed to refine the cell(s)-of-origin of the systemic histiocytoses

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