

ERDHEIM-CHESTER DISEASE: OVERVIEW OF BIOLOGY, CLINICAL PRESENTATION, AND MANAGEMENT 2023 PATIENT FAMILY GATHERING

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Erdheim-Chester Disease: Overview of Biology, Clinical Presentation, and Management

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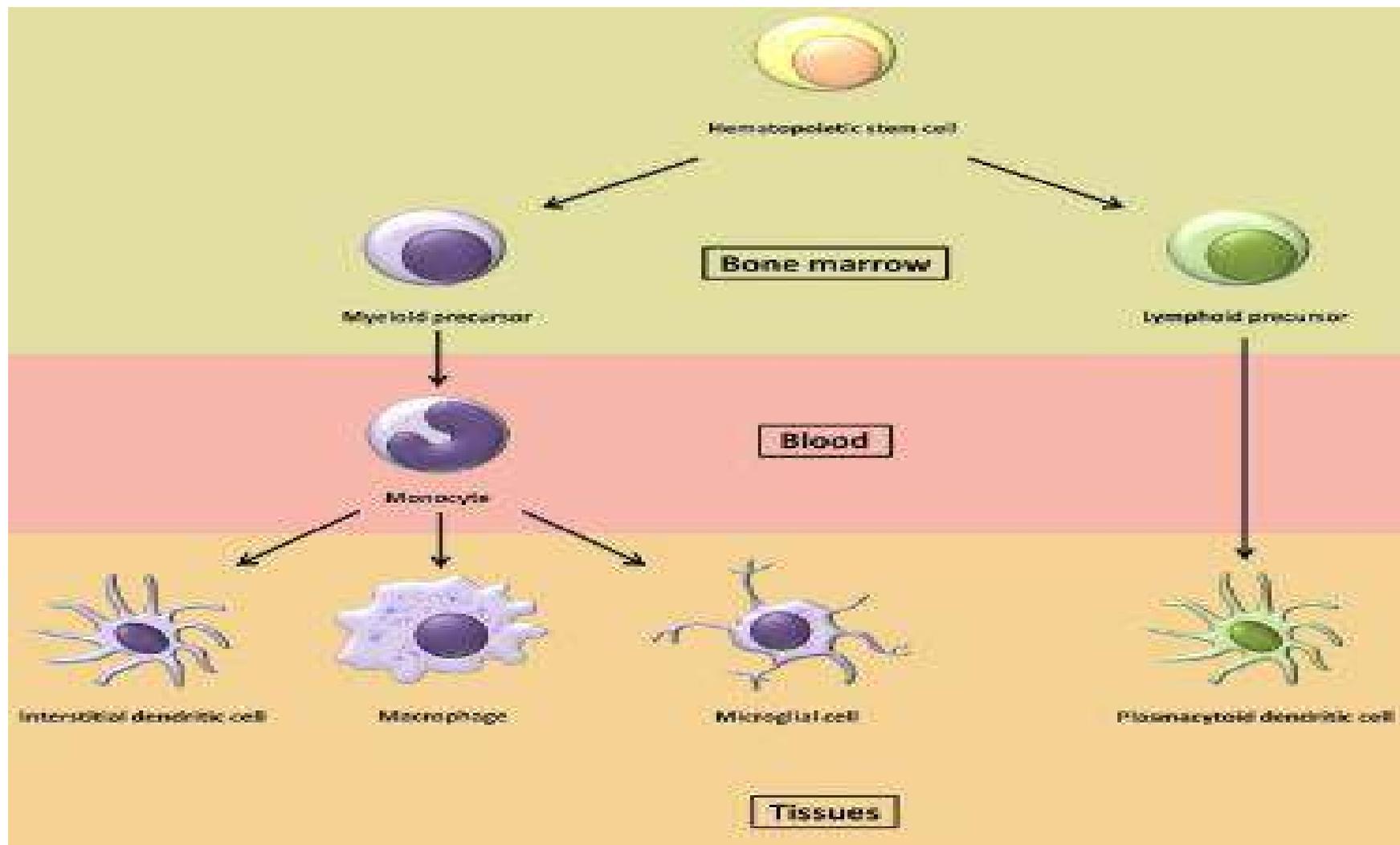
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Histiocytosis Background

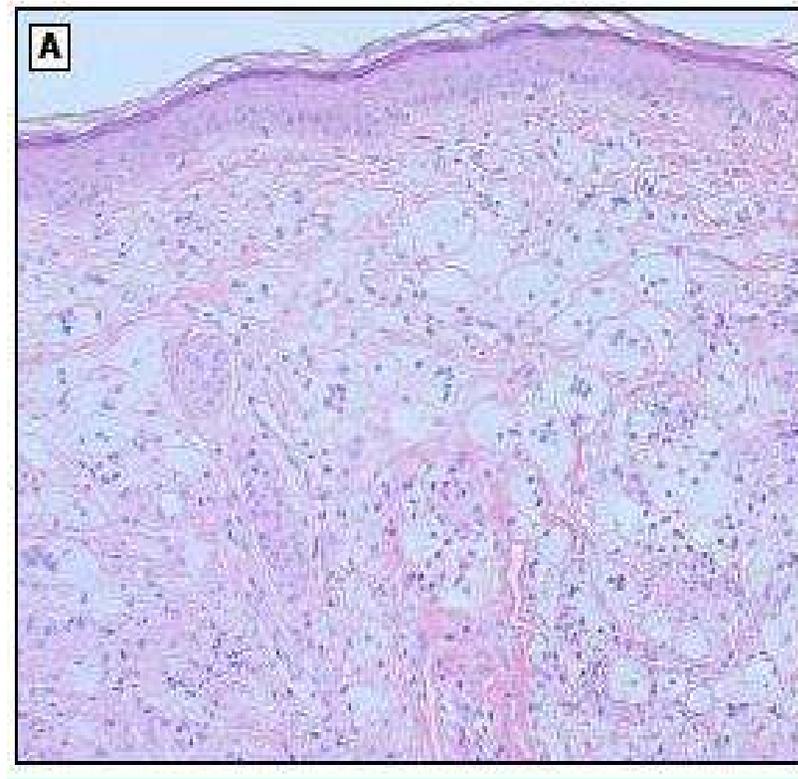
- Diseases of monocyte-macrophage derivation
- Recurrent mutations have now been identified
- Inflammatory or Neoplastic? Yes

Monocyte-Macrophage Development



Erdheim-Chester disease

- Median age of onset: 55
- Men > women (3:1)
- CD68+, CD163+, S100- and CD1a-negative
- “foamy” histiocyte infiltration and multinucleate Teuton giant cells



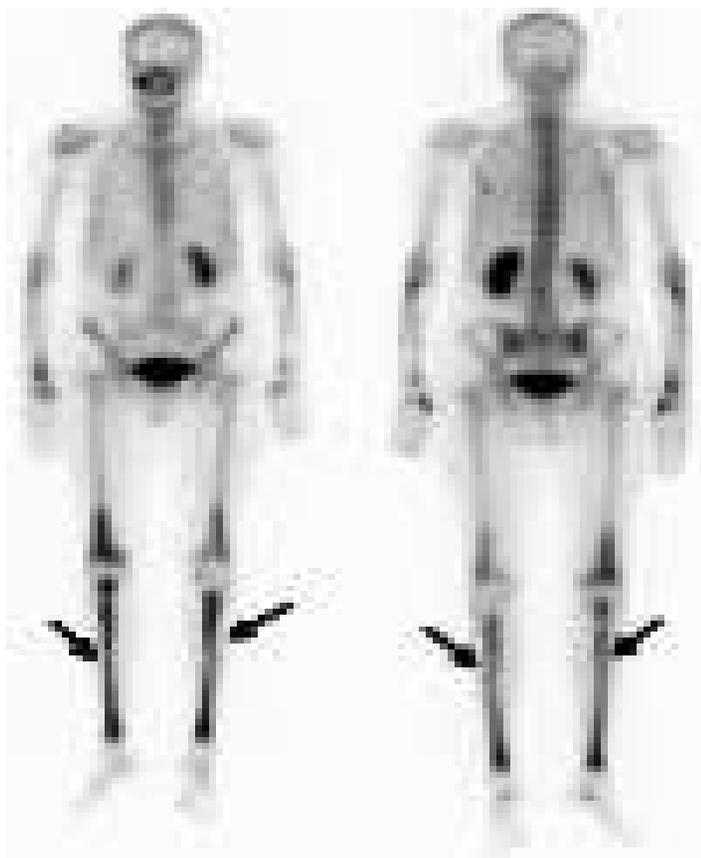
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Spectrum of ECD

Organ system and clinical findings	NIH patients,* n (%)	Veyssier-Belot et al† (%)	Haroche et al‡ (%)
Bone	57 (95)	NR	96
Kidney	39 (65)	27	68
Periaortic encasement	37 (62)	NR	66
Hypogonadism	36 (60)	NR	NR
Lung	31 (52)	14	43
Bone pain	28 (47)	47	40
Maxilla and mandibles§	24 (47)	NR	NR
Diabetes insipidus	28 (47)	29	25
CNS disease infiltration	23 (38)	17	51
Retro-orbital area ± exophthalmos	15 (27)	29	25
Heart (pseudotumor in RA)	22 (37)	NR	19
Xanthelasma	20 (33)	19	28
Skin	15 (25)	10	NR
Pericardial disease	5 (8)	7	42

Bone Findings in ECD



Bilateral, symmetric diaphyseal and metaphyseal osteosclerosis with subchondral sparing in 95%

ECD– Retroperitoneal Involvement

- Retroperitoneum: Peri-renal soft tissue with “hairy kidney” appearance
- “coating” of aorta
- DDX:
 - IgG4 related disease
 - Primary retroperitoneal fibrosis
 - Autoimmune causes of aortitis
 - Lymphoma



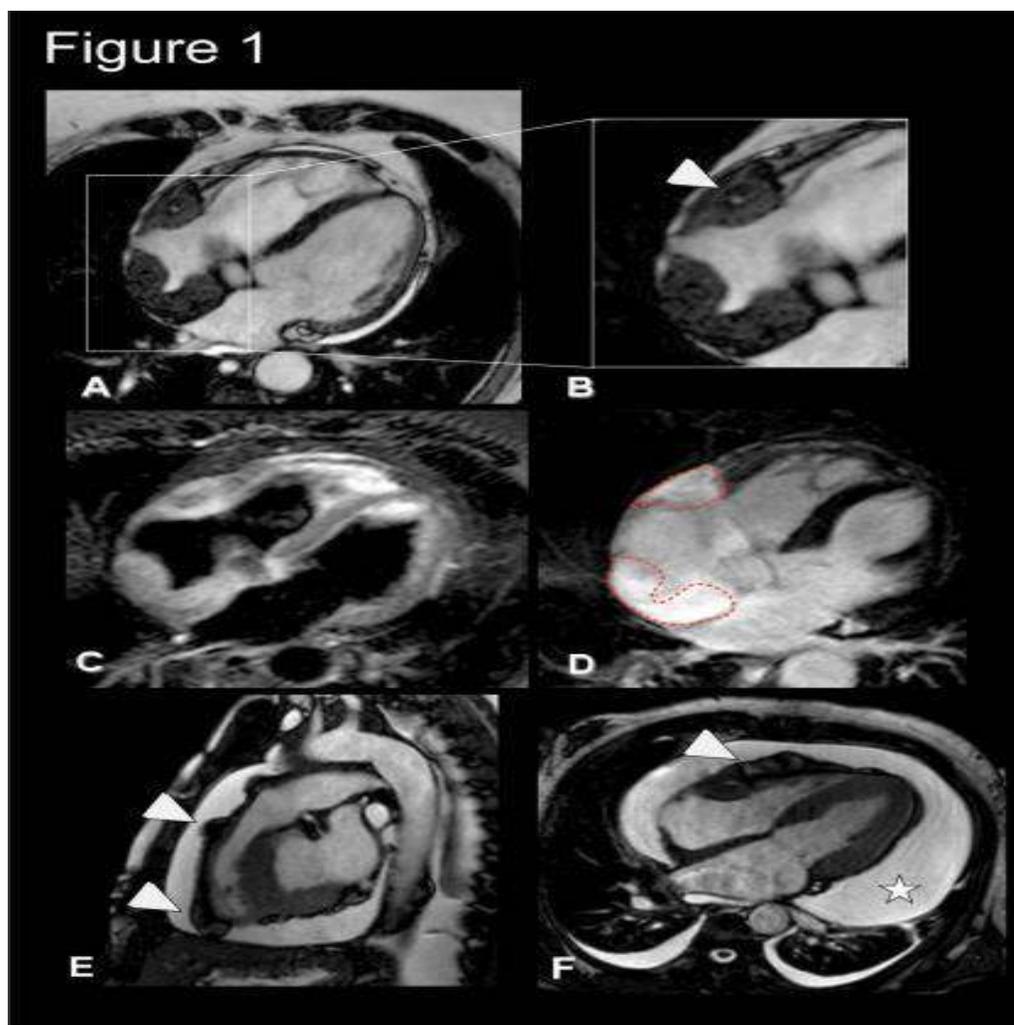
Ocular Findings in ECD



Xanthelasma

Exophthalmos

Cardiac imaging findings in ECD



- Right atrium
- Pericardium
- Coronary arteries
- Valves

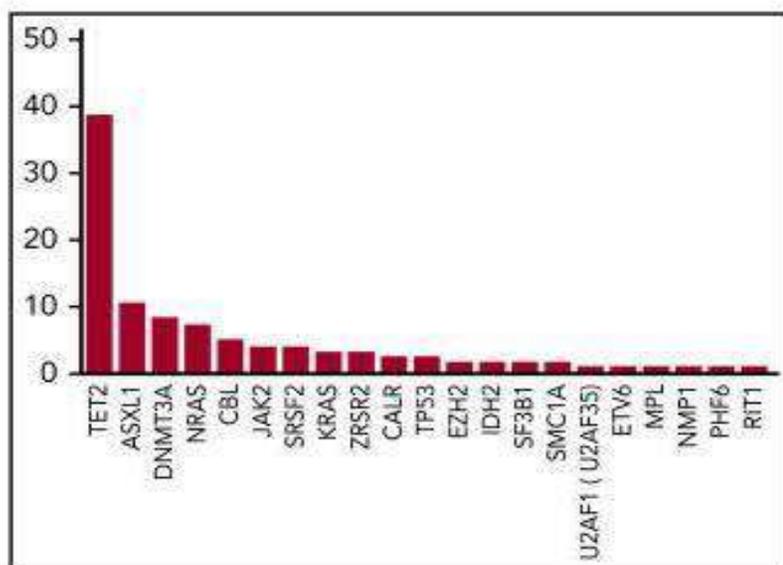
CNS Involvement with ECD

- Posterior fossa
- Brain stem
- Results in substantial morbidity



ECD Associated With Other Myeloid Diseases

High frequency of clonal hematopoiesis in Erdheim-Chester disease



Most frequent mutated genes
TET2, *ASXL1*, *DNMT3A*, and
NRAS

120 ECD patients

51/120 (42.5%) clonal hematopoiesis
19/120 (15.8%) overt hematologic
malignancy



TET2 mutation seems to be an early
event (example of NGS in sorted
progenitor fractions)

ECD Associated With Autoimmune Disease

Autoimmune disease, n (%)	23 (12%)
Autoimmune thyroiditis	8 (4%)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	3 (1.5%)
Primary Sjogren syndrome	3 (1.5%)
Autoimmune biology, n (%)	
ANA > 1/80	50 (26%)
Anti dsDNA +	10 (5%)
Anti SS-A +	9 (5%)
Anti SS-B +	1 (0.5%)
APL biology*	36 (18%)
LA	5 (3%)
Anticardiolipid +	31 (16%)
Anti β 2GPI +	7 (4%)



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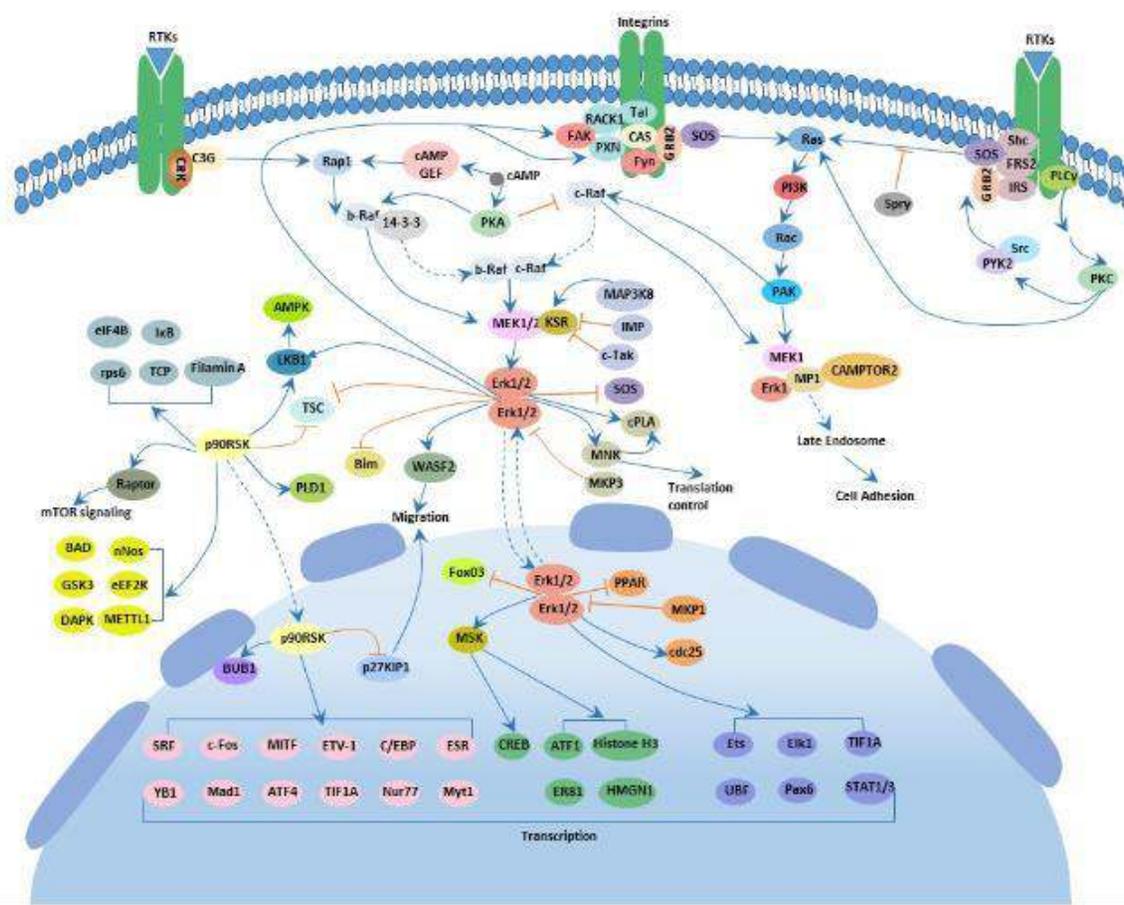
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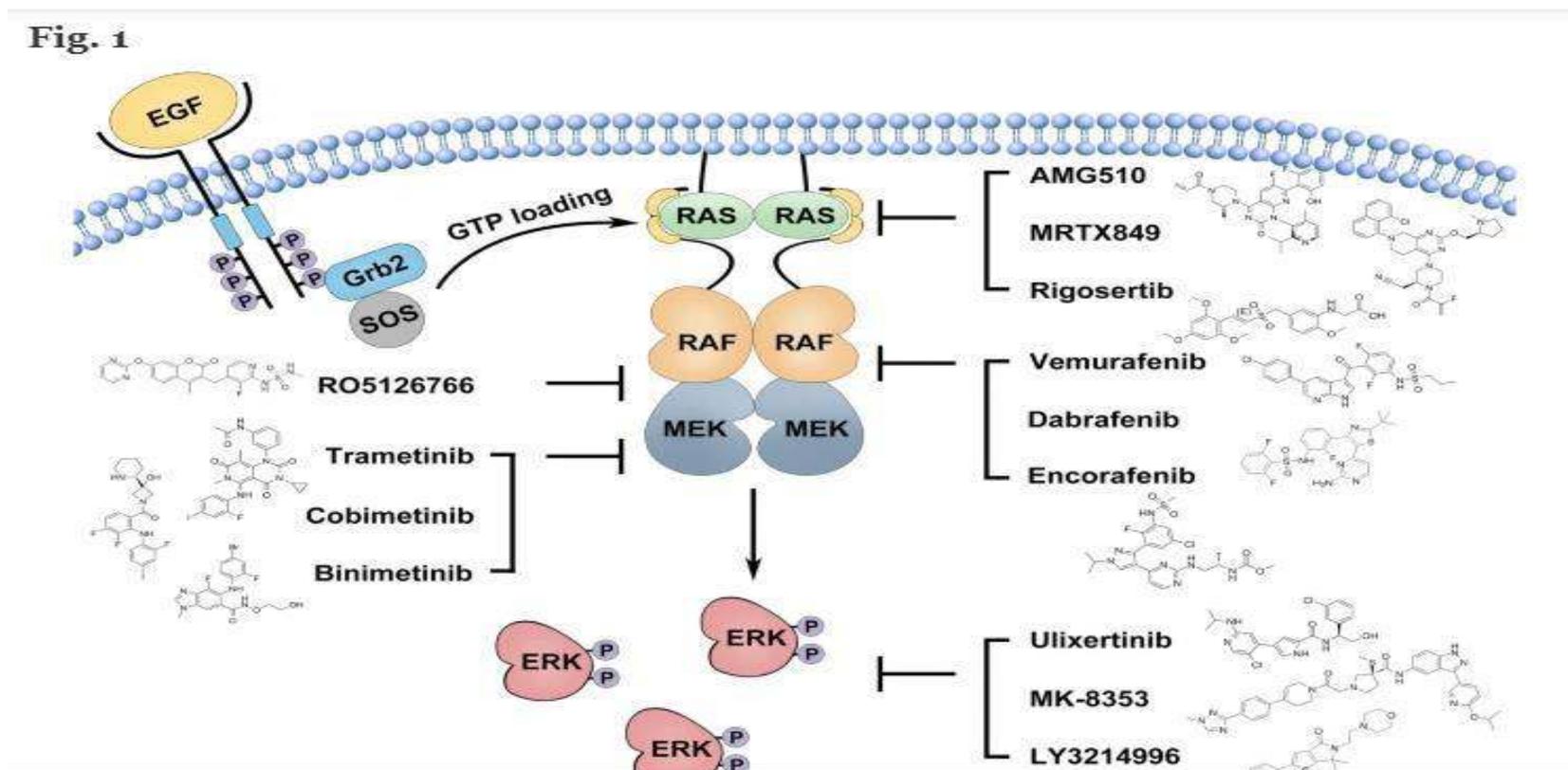
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Novel genomic discoveries and clinical application in histiocytosis

MAPkinase-ERK signaling pathway



RAS/RAF/MEK/ERK pathway

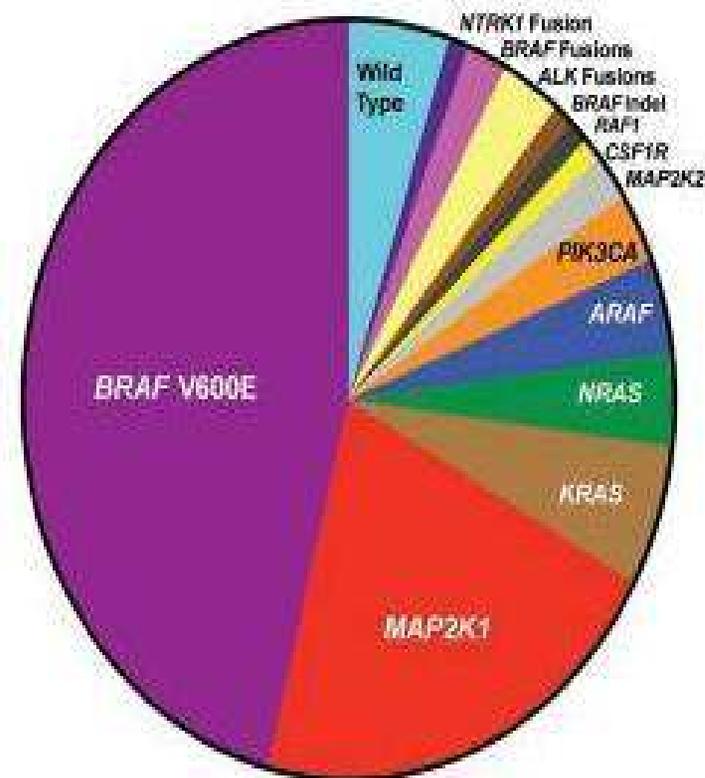


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Mutational Landscape of ECD

- **BRAF^{V600E}** 50–60%
- **MAP2K1 mutations** 30%
- **NRAS and KRAS mutations** 27%

Erdheim-Chester Disease (n=100)





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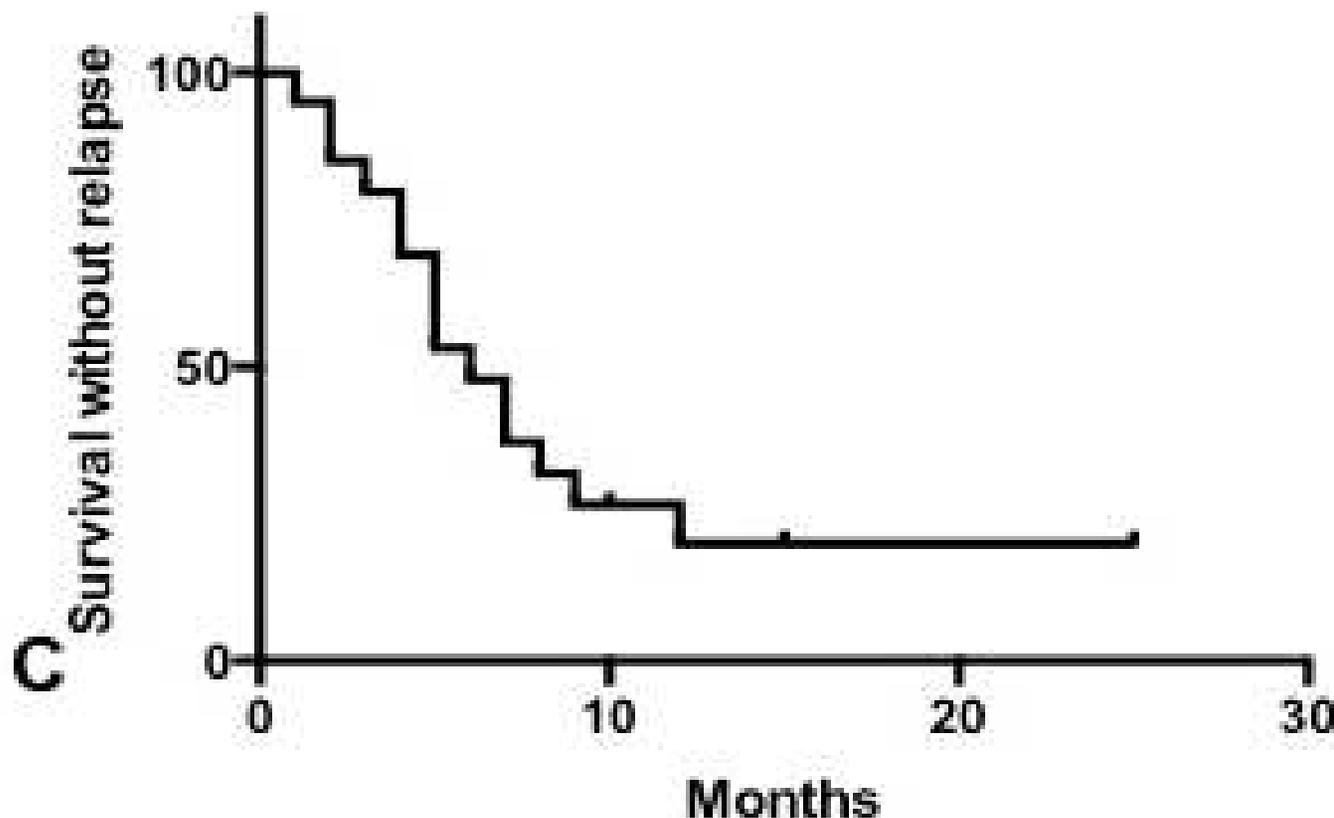
PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

Erdheim-Chester Disease

- Regimens may be used in the first- or subsequent-line setting

Preferred Regimens	Other Recommended Regimens	Useful in Certain Circumstances
<p><u>BRAF V600E mutated disease</u> • Vemurafenib^{a,b,1,30}</p> <p><u>MAP kinase pathway mutation, or no detectable mutation, or testing not available</u> • Cobimetinib^{a,b,31}</p> <p><u>Irrespective of mutation</u> • Cladribine³² • Pegylated interferon alpha-2a and alpha-2b³³</p>	<p><u>BRAF V600E mutated disease</u> • Dabrafenib^{a,b,31,34}</p> <p><u>MAP kinase pathway mutation, or no detectable mutation, or testing not available</u> • Trametinib^{a,b,14,35}</p> <p><u>Irrespective of mutation</u> • Sirolimus + prednisone³⁶ • Methotrexate (oral)³⁷ • Anakinra^{a,b,38,39}</p>	<p><u>Targeted therapy</u> • Crizotinib for <i>ALK</i> fusion²¹ • Alectinib for <i>ALK</i> fusion⁴⁰ • Brigatinib for <i>ALK</i> fusion⁴⁰ • Ceritinib for <i>ALK</i> fusion⁴⁰ • Lorlatinib for <i>ALK</i> fusion⁴⁰ • Pexidartinib for <i>CSF1R</i> mutation²¹ • Larotrectinib for <i>NTRK</i> gene fusion^{22,23} • Entrectinib for <i>NTRK</i> gene fusion^{22,24} • Sirolimus or everolimus for <i>PIK3CA</i> mutation^{25,26} • Selpercatinib for <i>RET</i> fusion²¹</p>

Outcome after vemurafenib discontinuation



20 patients, median treatment time 20 months



A (short) list of key questions

- Causes
- Does everyone need to be treated?
- Optimal treatment
 - BRAF inhibitor, MEK inhibitor, both, neither?
- Time-limited vs indefinite treatment?
Optimal dose?
 - Lessons from other diseases
- Special survivorship considerations