Investigator Perspectives on the Prevalence and Clinical Implications of Inaccurate or Misclassified Lymphoma Diagnoses in **Community Oncology Practice** 

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- Recognize common practical impediments (eq. inadequate sample size) to the accurate diagnostic assessment of lymphoid tissue, and use this information to improve internal and external processes and procedures.
- Empower oncologists to more actively assess pathologic reporting to identify factors that could lead to misinterpretation.
- Promote interdisciplinary collaboration between oncologists and pathologists to improve the accuracy of lymphoma subclassification.
- · Highlight the importance of immunohistochemistry (IHC) for lymphoma classification, and alert oncologists to the challenges associated with its interpretation.
- Appreciate the specific IHC markers that should be included in a standard lymphoma panel, and discern how the selection and use of these markers differ in lymphoma subclassification.
- Increase awareness of the incidence and relevance of CD30 overexpression in patients with T-cell lymphoma. Hodgkin lymphoma and diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, and develop strategies to appropriately determine CD30 positivity.
- Formulate an evidence-based approach to biomarker analysis (cvtogenetics, mutation status, et cetera) for patients with newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and appreciate the therapeutic implications of relevant findings.

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#### POST-TEST

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#### QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):

#### 1. The majority of patients with del(17p) CLL

- a. Present up front with the 17p deletion
- b. Acquire the 17p deletion over the course of their disease

## 2. Which of the following categories reflects the mechanism of action of venetoclax?

- a. Antibody-drug conjugate
- b. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 antibody
- c. Bcl-2 inhibitor
- d. PI3K inhibitor
- 3. Treatment with \_\_\_\_\_\_ for patients with CLL can result in high rates of MRD negativity, which typically correlates with longer progression-free survival, time to next treatment and longer durations of remission.
  - a. Ibrutinib
  - b. Venetoclax
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
- 4. The Phase III ECHELON-1 trial evaluating brentuximab vedotin with doxorubicin, vinblastine and dacarbazine versus bleomycin with doxorubicin, vinblastine and dacarbazine as front-line therapy for patients with previously untreated Stage III or IV HL demonstrated superior \_\_\_\_\_\_ for patients who received the brentuximab vedotin-based combination.
  - a. Progression-free survival
  - b. Overall survival
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
- 5. Hospitalization for the purpose of monitoring for TLS is required for all patients starting therapy with venetoclax.
  - a. True
  - b. False

- 6. A study published by Bartlett and colleagues evaluating brentuximab vedotin monotherapy in patients with DLBCL reported response rates of 30% to 40% for patients with CD30-undetectable disease.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 7. Venetoclax is active in patients with
  - a. CLL with 17p deletion
  - b. CLL without 17p deletion
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Neither a nor b
- 8. A publication by Zinzani and colleagues in *Blood* stated that pembrolizumab monotherapy demonstrated activity in patients with primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 9. Technical issues with core needle biopsies that can lead to inaccurate diagnosis include
  - a. Crush artifact
  - b. Edge effect
  - c. Limited amount of tissue
  - d. All of the above
  - e. Both a and b
  - f. Both a and c
- 10. Which of the following lymphomas exhibits constant expression of the CD30 antigen?
  - a. Anaplastic large cell lymphoma
  - b. DLBCL
  - c. HL
  - d. PTCL

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| MRD assessment in CLL and lymphomas and its application in<br>clinical practice  | 4321                                | 4321                         |
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