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Case 7

- 73 year old male
- PMH: Obesity, nil else. No regular medication.
- Presents to his GP with fatigue and shortness of breath
- Bloods with GP: Hb 115, WBC 255.9, Neut 28.1, Plt 55
- Lab reviewed a film



















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Molecular

- Cytogenetics show add(4p)
- Molecular analysis found an NPM1 mutation 28%
- (SF3B1 48%, FLT3 4%, TET2 47%, TET2 43%, KIT 43%, TET2 11%).













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What about the blasts?

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What's your final diagnosis?

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• AML with NPM1 mutation

• Refractory to two cycles of Ven/Aza

- Trial of gliteritinib
- Severe disease with poor outcome

Literature

- NPM1 gene rearrangement in about a third of AML cases
- AML with starry sky appearance has been reported associated with high proliferation index
- Found to have co-mutations activating RAS pathway which may result in the presentation with a high WCC and LDH

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Starry sky pattern predicts RAS pathway activation in *NPM1*mutated acute myeloid leukemia

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