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The Cabot Ring at Different Stages of Erythropoiesis in the Bone Marrow of a Leukemic Patient

Lösemi Tanılı Hastada Eritropoezin Farklı Evrelerinde Cabot Halkası Görünümü

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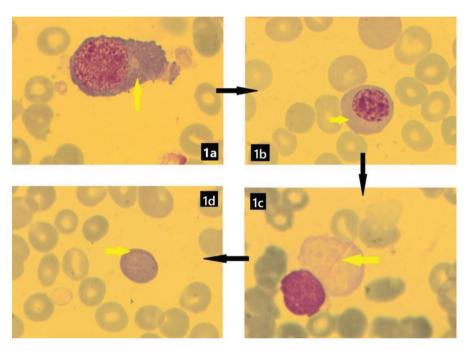


Figure 1. a-d) Cabot ring appearance at different stages of erythropoiesis (yellow arrows).

Cabot rings are red cell inclusions and may be looped or eight-shaped. They are seen in cases of pernicious anemia and other severe anemias, leukemias, and lead poisoning. They may be remnants of the mitotic spindle and are associated with adherent granular material containing arginine-rich histone and non-hemoglobin iron. Some researchers have suggested that they originate from spindle material that was mishandled during abnormal mitosis. Although the Cabot ring is usually seen in mature erythrocytes in peripheral blood, it has also been described in late-intermediate bone marrow megaloblasts [1,2]. We present a case of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in which a

Cabot ring was observed in different stages of erythropoiesis in bone marrow aspiration (BMA) materials.

In a 53-year-old male patient diagnosed with AML with myelodysplasia-related cytogenetic abnormalities according to the 5th edition of the relevant World Health Organization guidelines [3], megaloblastic changes and a Cabot ring in several stages of erythroblasts and erythrocytes were observed in BMA materials (Figure 1). No Cabot ring had been observed in previous bone marrow samples during diagnosis or after remission-induction. The patient's folic acid level was



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<2.2 ng/mL (normal range: 3.1–20.5) and he had previously received cytarabine-based induction and three cycles of consolidation therapy. The Cabot ring was thought to be related to these factors. The widespread presence of a Cabot ring in different stages of erythropoiesis has not been previously described.

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