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# Hematology-Cell Morphology – Case 3

## (A)

A cell with a plasmacytoid appearance, but of larger size (about 2–3 times the normal plasmacytic size); it usually has an ellipsoid appearance, eccentric (like extracted) nucleus, 1–2 well visible nucleoli, light basophilic cytoplasm with a well visible colorless perinuclear halo (figures 1 to 3). They are usually present in small size aggregations (frequent in children but in rare numbers in the adult).



Figure 1

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Figure 3

### (B)

Cell size is about 100  $\mu$ m, containing 1–6 nuclei, with one or more small well visible nucleoli in each nucleus, abundant reddish-blue cytoplasm with a few reddish granules. Because of

its large cell size and the multiple nuclei it is necessary to make its distinction from a megakaryocyte (osteoclast contains regular round or oval nuclei each containing one or more nucleoli) (figures 4 to 12). This cell has the same progeny cell with the other myeloid series cells.



Figure 4



Figure 7



Figure 5



Figure 8



Figure 6









Figure 10



Figure 12



Figure 11

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