



# CMHD Pathology Report



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CMHD LabID: N12-1506

## Relevant History:

Phenotype:  
Weight Curves (males decreased Weight). DEXA (weight).  
Hom Via at P14. RL.

## AnimalID: M00743476 (Male)

### Histopathology Findings:

#### lung (MA:0000415)

##### Histopath Description:

Multifocally alveoli are enlarged up to 2-3X normal

##### Morphological Diagnosis:

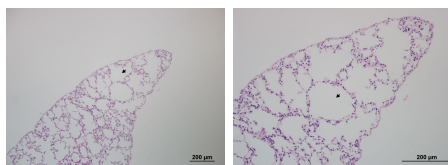
**Distribution:** multifocal; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** emphysema MPATH:31

##### Definitive Diagnosis:

Dilation of air alveoli

##### Histopathology Comments:

Definitive diagnosis of emphysema is problematic in non-perfused lung tissues.



Lung, dilated alveoli Lung, dilated alveoli

#### liver (MA:0000358)

##### Histopath Description:

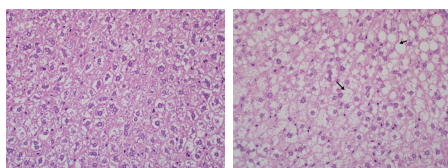
Lipid deposition not observed

##### Definitive Diagnosis:

No lipid deposition in hepatocytes

##### Histopathology Comments:

Compare with liver from a wildtype mouse on high fat diet (image included)



Liver, absent  
lipidosis Liver from WT high  
fat diet, lipidosis

#### kidney (MA:0000368)

##### Histopath Description:

Occasional papillary tubules contain granular basophilic material that variably occludes lumina

(mineral).

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

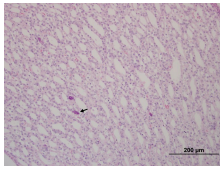
**Distribution:** multifocal; **Severity:** mild;

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Renal papillary intratubular mineral deposits

**Histopathology Comments:**

This minimal level of intraluminal mineral deposits is occasionally seen in wild type mice.



Kidney, papillary  
tubular  
mineralization

**spleen (MA:0000141)**

**Histopath Description:**

marked erythroid hyperplasia. Lymphoid follicles are enlarged with many of them having germinal centres.

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Severity:** moderate; **MPATH Diagnosis:** extramedullary hemopoiesis MPATH:595

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

extramedullary erythroid hyperplasia; lymphoid hyperplasia

**testis (MA:0000411)**

**Histopath Description:**

Occasional large (50-100 um diameter), multinucleated cells are present within the seminiferous tubules. Some of these cells have pyknotic or fragmented nuclei.

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

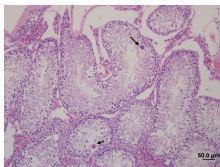
**Distribution:** Multifocal; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** degenerative change MPATH:14

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Multinucleate cells within the seminiferous tubules

**Histopathology Comments:**

The number of multinucleated giant cells within the testis appears to be increased in this mouse compared to the levels routinely seen. The significance of this change is uncertain in presence of robust spermatogenesis and abundant sperm stored within the epididymis. Multinucleated germ cells are often seen in the seminiferous tubules of fertile males from a number of species of rodents (Bryan, 1977). They can be present as spontaneous age associated lesions (Gordon et al., 1996), or are caused by various insults including ligation of the efferent duct (Singh and Abe, 1987), chemicals (Chinoya et al., 2005) and radiation toxicity associated with tritium (Bhatia, 1985). Ultrastructural studies suggest that the giant cells are formed as a result of the fusion of spermatids due to alterations in the intercellular bridges (Singh and Abe, 1987) or from degenerate spermatocytes or spermatids (Gordon et al., 1996).



Testis,  
multinucleated giant  
cells

**brain (MA:0000168)**

**Histopath Description:**

mild hydrocephalus of the lateral ventricles

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Distribution:** bilateral; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** hydrocephalus MPATH:639

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Mild hydrocephalus

**Organ/Tissue Analyzed:**

Histopathology examination included the following organs and tissues: brain, trigeminal ganglion, eyes, salivary glands, trachea, lungs, heart, thymus, thyroid gland, parathyroid gland, exocrine and endocrine pancreas, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, liver, gall bladder, spleen, kidneys, adrenal gland, lymph nodes, spinal cord, bone marrow, sternum, femur and tibia with associated skeletal muscles, brown fat, pinna, skin, testis, epididymis, seminal vesicle, and prostate.

#### AnimalID: M00739496 (Male)

#### Histopathology Findings:

##### coronary artery (MA:0002453)

##### Histopath Description:

Focal osseous metaplasia

##### Morphological Diagnosis:

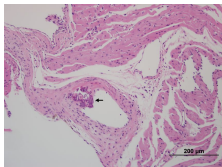
**Duration:** chronic; **Distribution:** focal; **Severity:** mild;

##### Definitive Diagnosis:

Osseous metaplasia

##### Histopathology Comments:

Osseous metaplasia of valves and blood vessels are occasionally seen as incidental lesion



Coronary artery,  
mineralization and  
osseous metaplasia

##### liver (MA:0000358)

##### Histopath Description:

Lipid deposition not observed

##### Definitive Diagnosis:

No lipid deposition in hepatocytes

##### lung (MA:0000415)

##### Histopath Description:

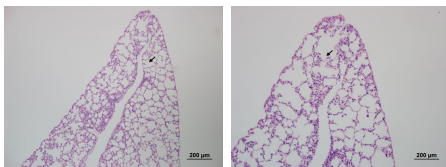
No significant finding

##### Definitive Diagnosis:

No significant finding

##### Histopathology Comments:

Compare to M00743476



Lung, normal alveoli    Lung normal alveoli

##### brain (MA:0000168)

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##### Morphological Diagnosis:

**Distribution:** bilateral; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** hydrocephalus MPATH:639

##### Definitive Diagnosis:

Mild hydrocephalus

#### Organ/Tissue Analyzed:

Histopathology examination included the following organs and tissues: brain, trigeminal ganglion, eyes, salivary glands, trachea, lungs, heart, thymus, thyroid gland, parathyroid gland, exocrine and endocrine pancreas, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, liver, gall bladder, spleen, kidneys, adrenal gland, lymph nodes, spinal cord, bone marrow, sternum, femur and tibia with associated skeletal

muscles, brown fat, pinna, skin, testis, epididymis, seminal vesicle, and prostate.

**AnimalID: M00743483 (Female)**

**Tissue Preservation and Staining:**

Thyroid and parathyroid glands are not present in section

**Histopathology Findings:**

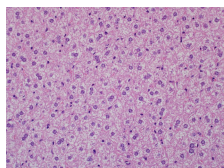
**liver (MA:0000358)**

**Histopath Description:**

Lipid deposition not observed

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

No lipid deposition in hepatocytes



Liver, absent  
lipidosis

**skin (MA:0000151)**

**Histopath Description:**

There is mild perifollicular mononuclear inflammatory infiltrates

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Distribution:** multifocal; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** dermatitis MPATH:196

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Dermatitis, mild

**brain (MA:0000168)**

**Histopath Description:**

mild hydrocephalus of the lateral ventricles

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Distribution:** bilateral; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** hydrocephalus MPATH:639

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Mild hydrocephalus

**Organ/Tissue Analyzed:**

Histopathology examination included the following organs and tissues: brain, trigeminal ganglion, eyes, salivary glands, trachea, lungs, heart, thymus, exocrine and endocrine pancreas, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, liver, gall bladder, spleen, kidneys, adrenal gland, lymph nodes, spinal cord, bone marrow, sternum, femur and tibia with associated skeletal muscles, brown fat, pinna, skin, uterus, oviduct, and ovary, and mammary gland.

**AnimalID: M00748102 (Female)**

**Histopathology Findings:**

**lymph node (MA:0000139)**

**Histopath Description:**

The mesenteric lymph node is enlarged 3x than normal). There are multiple follicles with large germinal centers. The sinuses contain large numbers of mature lymphocytes.

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Duration:** Sub-acute; **Distribution:** Diffuse; **Severity:** moderate; **MPATH Diagnosis:** lymphoid hyperplasia MPATH:147

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Lymphoid hyperplasia.

**Histopathology Comments:**

The changes in the mesenteric lymph node are suggestive of draining of a regional inflammatory process. However, such a process was not observed in the tissues examined.

**liver (MA:0000358)**

**Histopath Description:**

Multifocal macrovesicular lipid deposition in hepatocytes

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Distribution:** multifocal; **Severity:** moderate; **MPATH Diagnosis:** steatosis MPATH:622

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Moderate hepatic steatosis

**kidney (MA:0000368)****Histopath Description:**

Occasional papillary tubules contain granular basophilic material that variably occludes lumina (mineral).

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

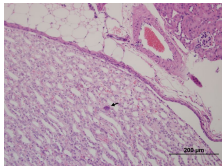
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**Definitive Diagnosis:**

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**Histopathology Comments:**

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Kidney, papillary tubular mineralization

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mild hydrocephalus of the lateral ventricles

**Morphological Diagnosis:**

**Distribution:** bilateral; **Severity:** mild; **MPATH Diagnosis:** hydrocephalus MPATH:639

**Definitive Diagnosis:**

Mild hydrocephalus

**Organ/Tissue Analyzed:**

Histopathology examination included the following organs and tissues: brain, trigeminal ganglion, eyes, salivary glands, trachea, lungs, heart, thymus, thyroid gland, parathyroid gland, exocrine and endocrine pancreas, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, liver, gall bladder, spleen, kidneys, adrenal gland, lymph nodes, spinal cord, bone marrow, sternum, femur and tibia with associated skeletal muscles, brown fat, pinna, skin, uterus, oviduct, and ovary, and mammary gland.

**Report Summary and Recommendation:**

Absence of hepatic lipid deposition in 3/4 mice is consistent with decreased body weight.

The emphysematous change observed in one mouse (M00743476) should be considered with caution as described in the comment.

Minimal renal papillary tubular mineralization was observed in two mice (M00743476 and M00748102) while a focal mineralization and osseous metaplasia was observed in one mouse (M00739496). These lesions are occasionally seen in wild type controls. However, the prevalence of this lesion/s in this line (3/4) is unusual.

There are no lesions severe enough to explain reduced survival at p14. Analysis of tissues from clinically affected mice (if available) is recommended.

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