

Spongioblastoma multiforme

During the early 19th century, glioblastoma was considered of mesenchymal origin and was defined as a sarcoma. In 1863, Rudolf Ludwig Karl Virchow demonstrated its glial origin¹⁾, and in 1914 Mallory proposed the term glioblastoma multiforme. However, it was not until 1925 that Globus and Strass presented a complete description of the neoplasm, at which point the most common term became spongioblastoma multiforme. Finally, in 1926, Bailey and Cushing successfully reintroduced the term originally proposed by Mallory: glioblastoma multiforme.

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