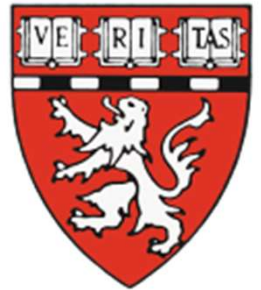


NEXT GENERATION IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY FOR SOFT TISSUE TUMORS: FROM DIFFERENTIATION TO MOLECULAR GENETICS

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Immunohistochemistry

20th Century

21st Century

DIFFERENTIATION (LINEAGE)



MOLECULAR GENETICS

Conventional Immunohistochemistry

Line of differentiation	IHC markers
Myofibroblastic	Smooth muscle actin
Smooth muscle	Smooth muscle actin, desmin
Skeletal muscle	Desmin, MyoD1, MYOG
Vascular	CD31, CD34, ERG
Nerve sheath (Schwann cell)	S100 protein, SOX10

21st Century Immunohistochemistry

- **Protein correlates of molecular genetic alterations (amplifications, deletions, mutations)**
- **Protein products of gene fusions**
- **Protein markers identified by gene expression profiling**

21st Century IHC Markers for Soft Tissue Tumors

ALK	H3G34W	RB1
β-catenin	H3K27me3	ROS1
BCOR	H3K36M	SDHB
CAMTA1	MDM2	SMARCA4
CCNB3	MUC4	SMARCB1
CDK4	MYC	SS18::SSX
DDIT3	NKX2-2	TFE3
ETV4	PAX3	TLE1
FOSB	PDGFRA	pan-TRK

Protein Correlates of Molecular Genetic Alterations in Soft Tissue Tumors

β-catenin	MYC
CDK4	PDGFRA
H3G34W	RB1
H3K27me3	SDHB
H3K36M	SMARCA4 (BRG1)
MDM2	SMARCB1 (INI1)

SMARCB1 (INI1, SNF5, BAF47)

- **Member of SWI/SNF multi-subunit chromatin remodeling complex**
- **Mobilizes nucleosomes and exposes DNA to transcription factors**
- **Ubiquitously expressed in normal cells**
- **Tumor suppressor gene**

SMARCB1 in Malignant Rhabdoid Tumor

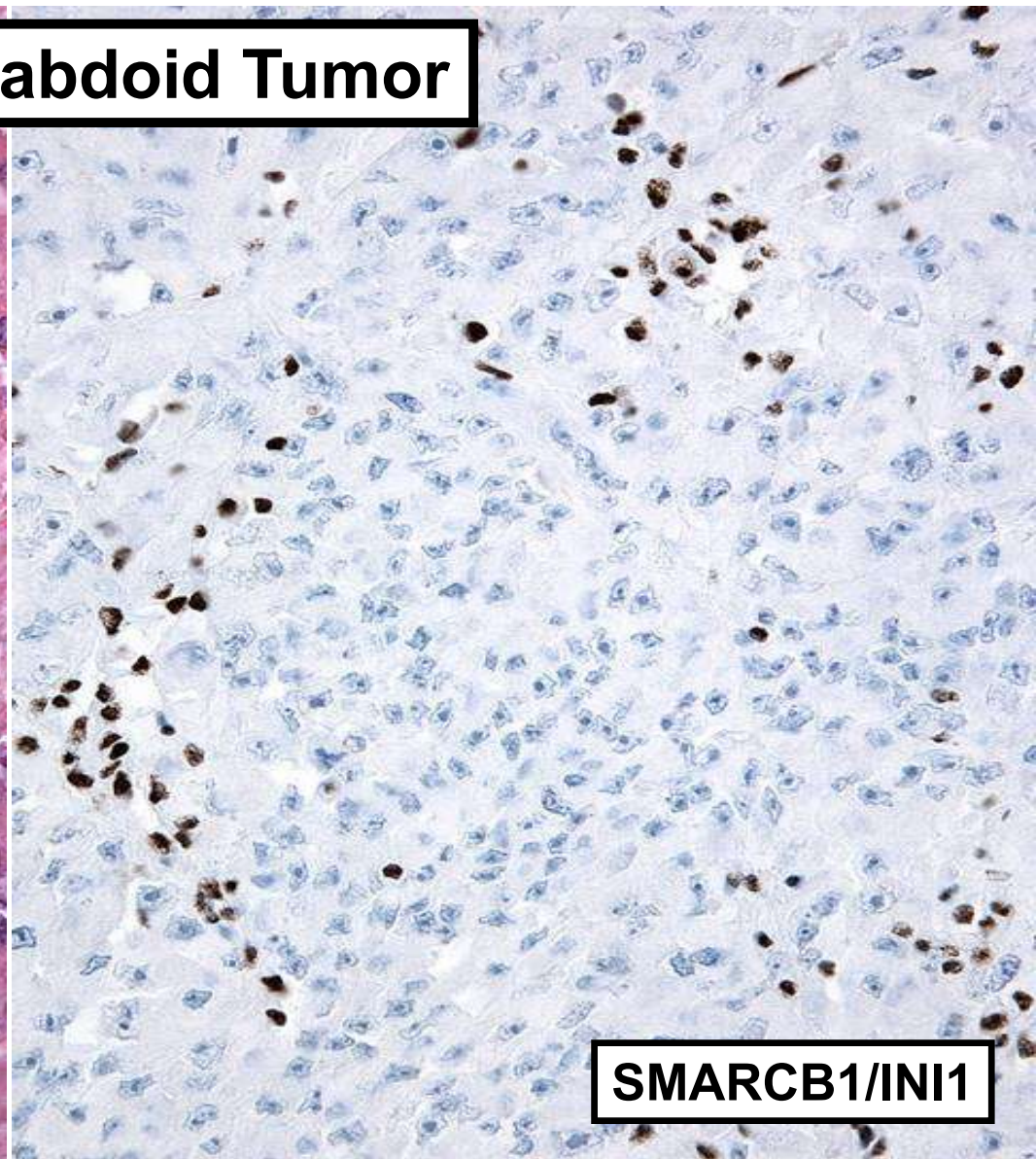
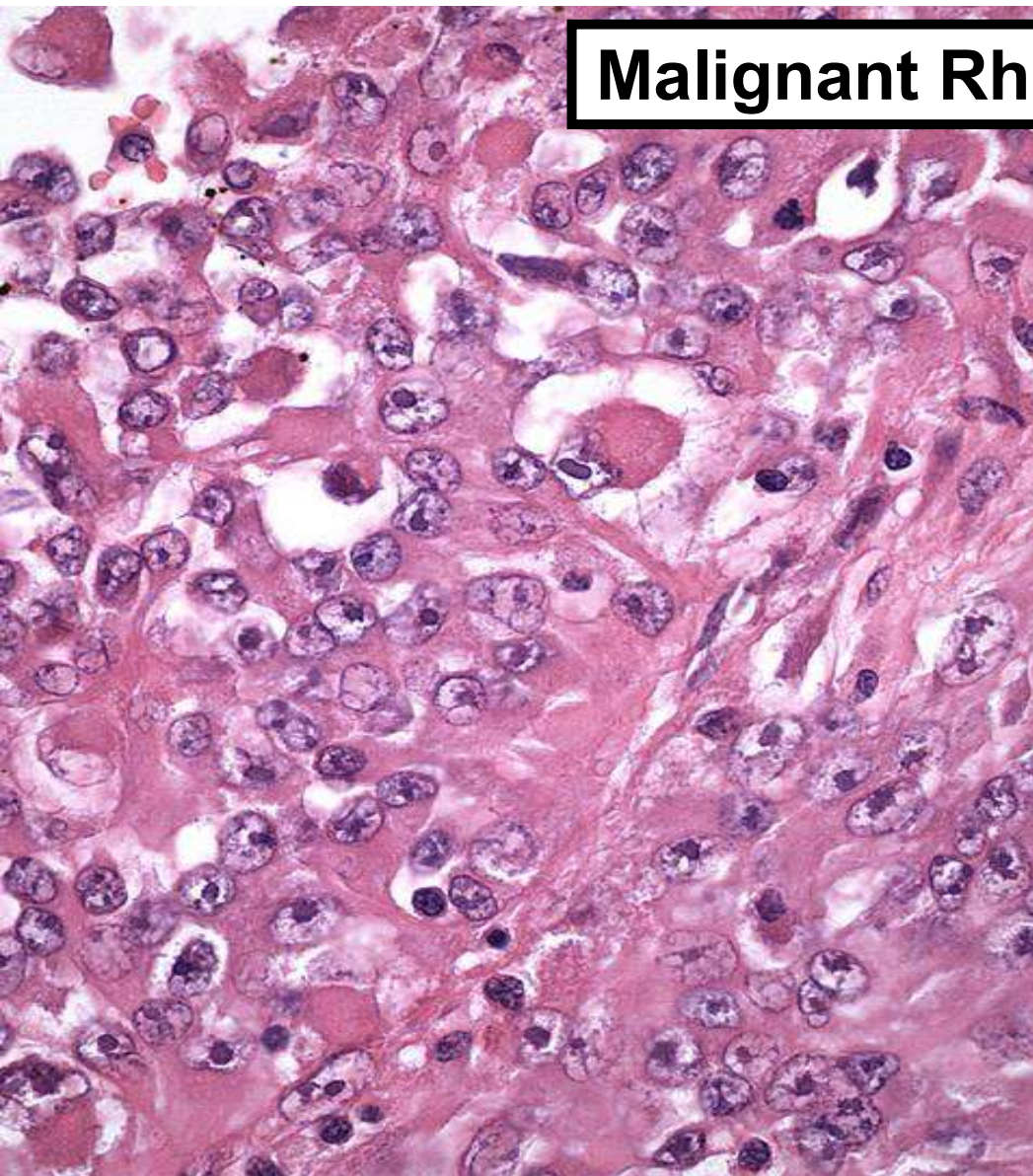
- Biallelic inactivation (mutation/deletion) in 98% of malignant rhabdoid tumors of infancy (renal, soft tissue, atypical teratoid/ rhabdoid tumor of CNS)
- Loss of SMARCB1/INI1 protein expression by IHC useful to confirm diagnosis of MRT

Truncating mutations of hSNF5/INI1 in aggressive paediatric cancer

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Malignant Rhabdoid Tumor



SMARCB1/INI1

SMARCB1 and Epithelioid Sarcoma

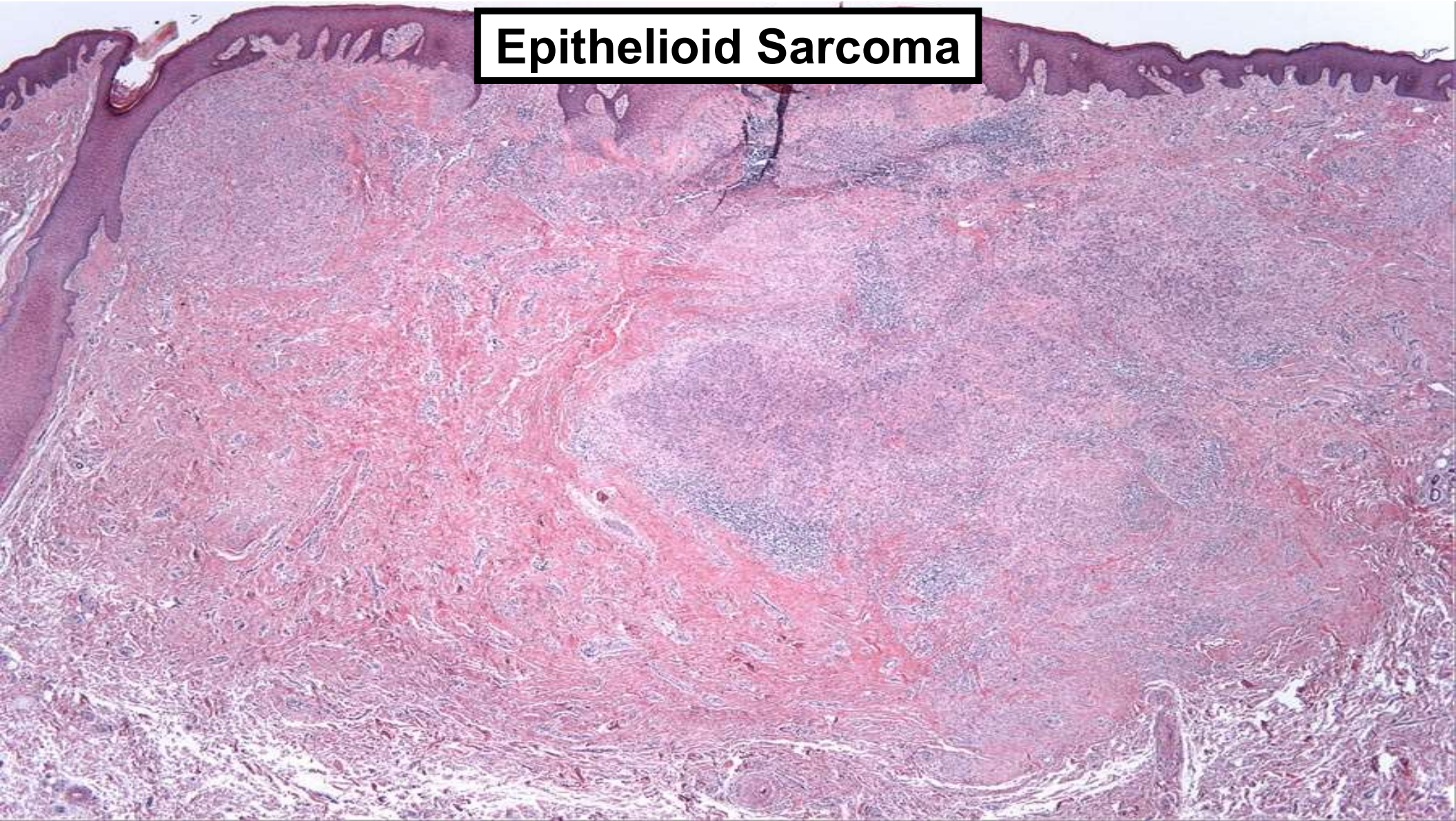
- **Most tumors show monoallelic or biallelic deletion of *SMARCB1* locus, along with expression of specific miRNAs (miR765)**
- **IHC: SMARCB1/INI1 expression lost in ~95% of epithelioid sarcomas**
- **Helpful in differential diagnosis (especially CD34-negative cases)**
- **Metastatic carcinomas and epithelioid vascular tumors (angiosarcoma, EHE) retain SMARCB1 expression**

TABLE 1. Summary of INI1 Immunohistochemistry

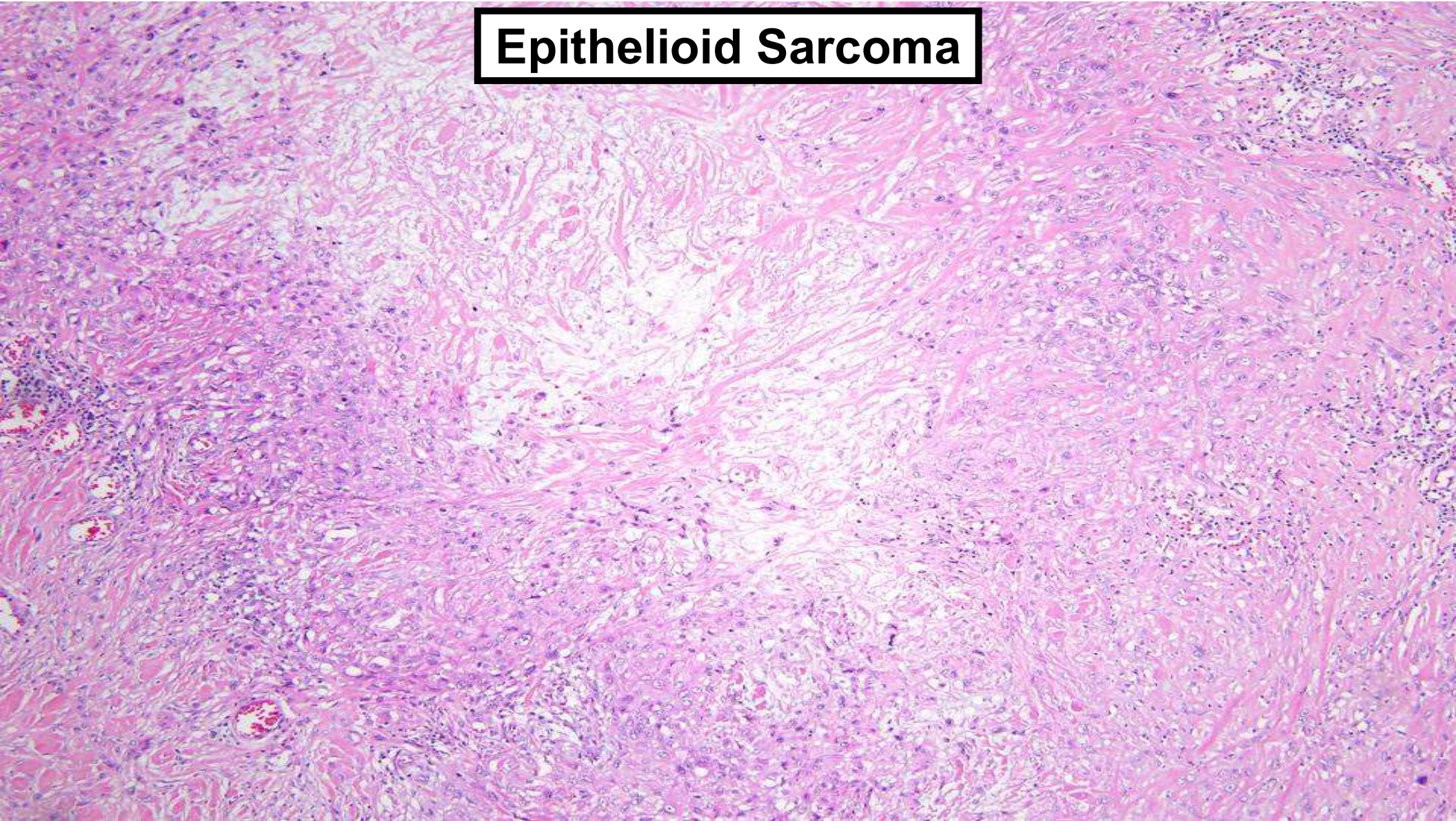
Tumor	Total Cases	Absence of INI1 (%)
Malignant rhabdoid tumor	10	10 (100)
Epithelioid sarcoma (total)	136	127 (93)
Conventional (“distal”) type	64	58 (91)
Proximal type	64	61 (95)
Hybrid type	8	8 (100)
Epithelioid angiosarcoma	20	0 (0)
Epithelioid hemangioendothelioma	10	0 (0)
Epithelioid MPNST	24	12 (50)
Myoepithelial carcinoma of soft tissue	22	2 (9)
Histiocytic sarcoma	5	0 (0)
Anaplastic large cell lymphoma	7	0 (0)
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	10	0 (0)
Epithelioid mesothelioma	20	0 (0)
Metastatic melanoma	20	0 (0)
Metastatic carcinoma (total)	54	0 (0)
Nonsmall cell lung	22	0 (0)
Breast	6	0 (0)
Colorectum	5	0 (0)
Stomach	6	0 (0)
Kidney	5	0 (0)
Prostate	5	0 (0)
Pancreas	5	0 (0)
Metastatic embryonal carcinoma (testis)	12	0 (0)

Hornick et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2009

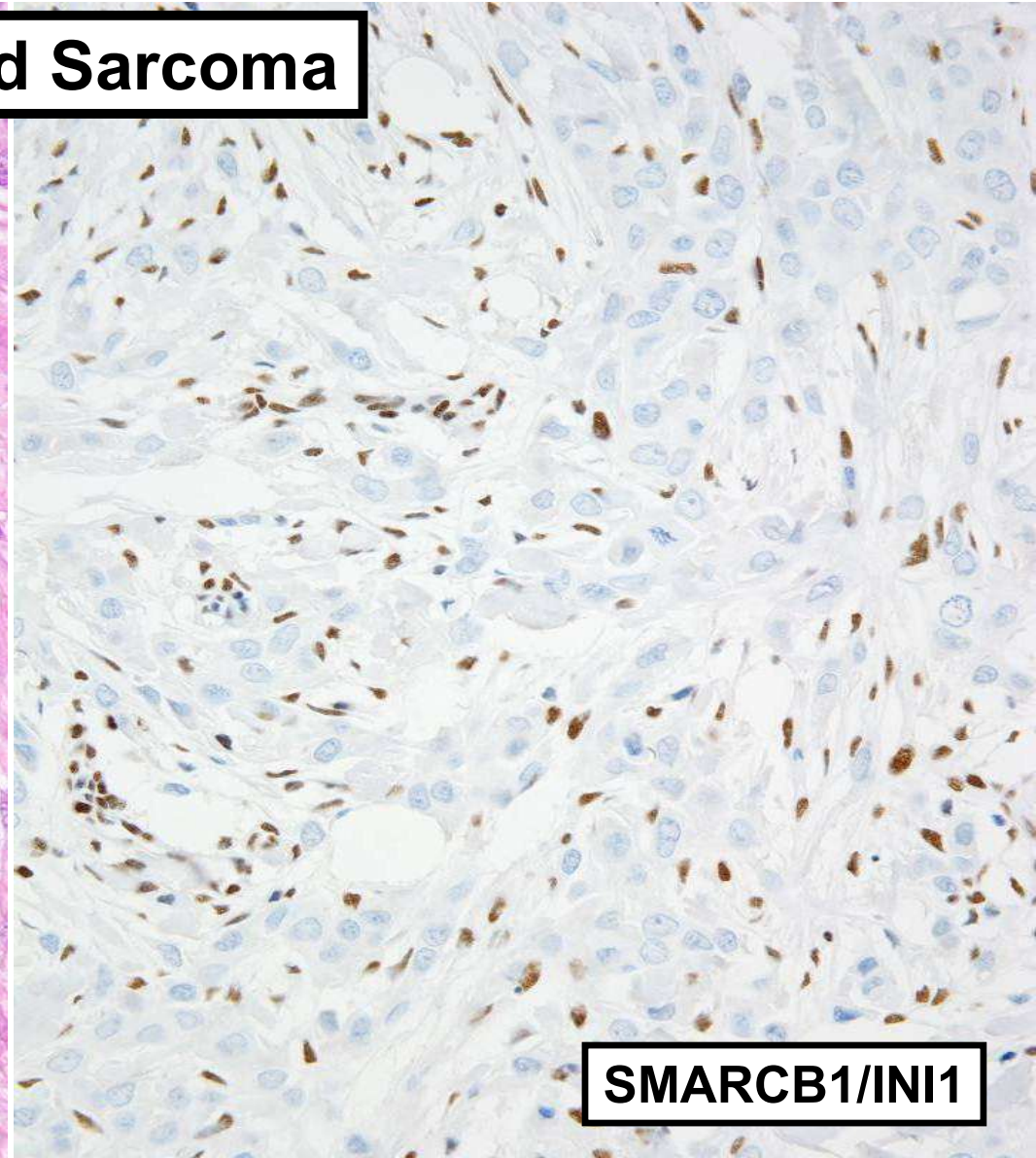
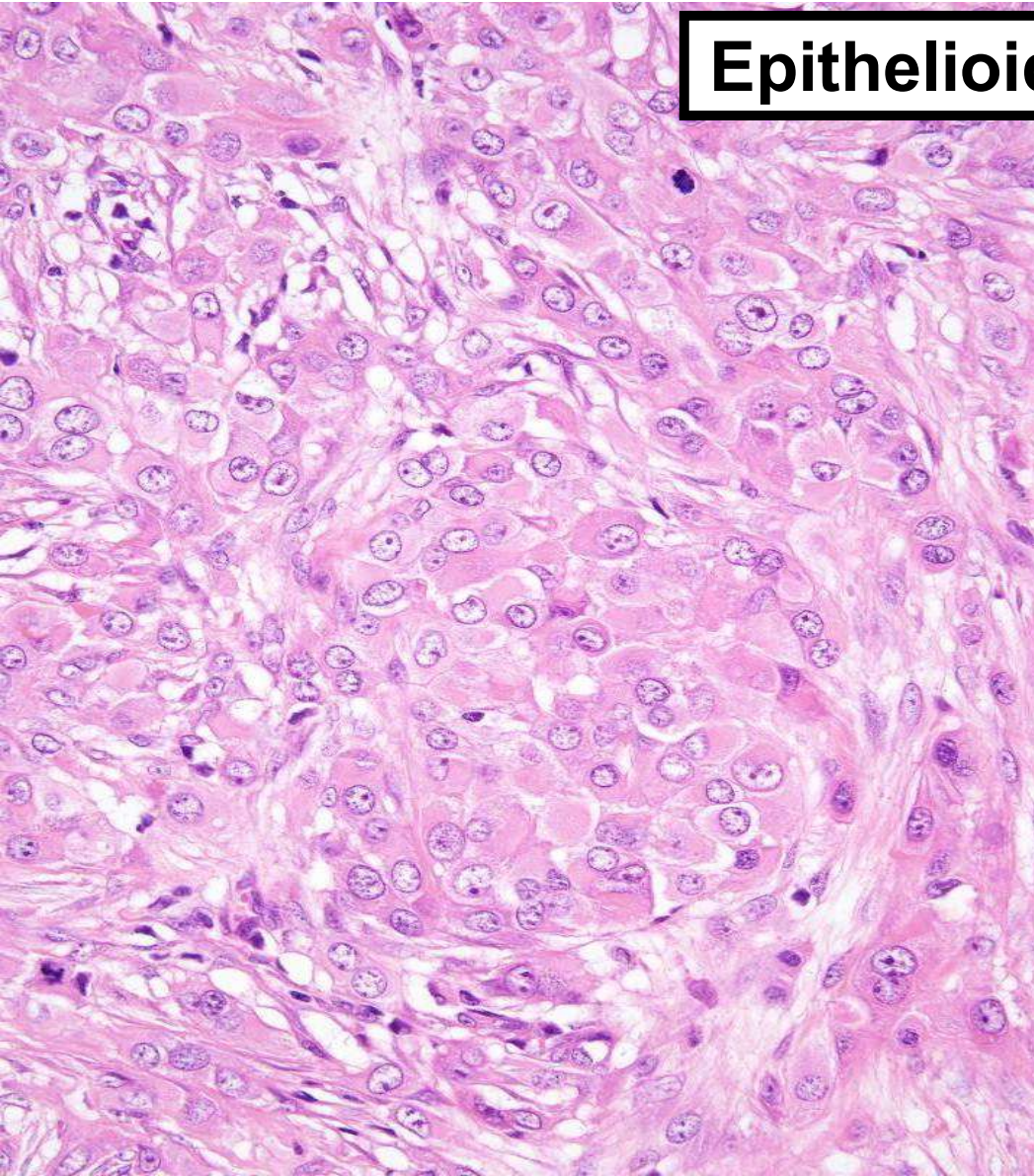
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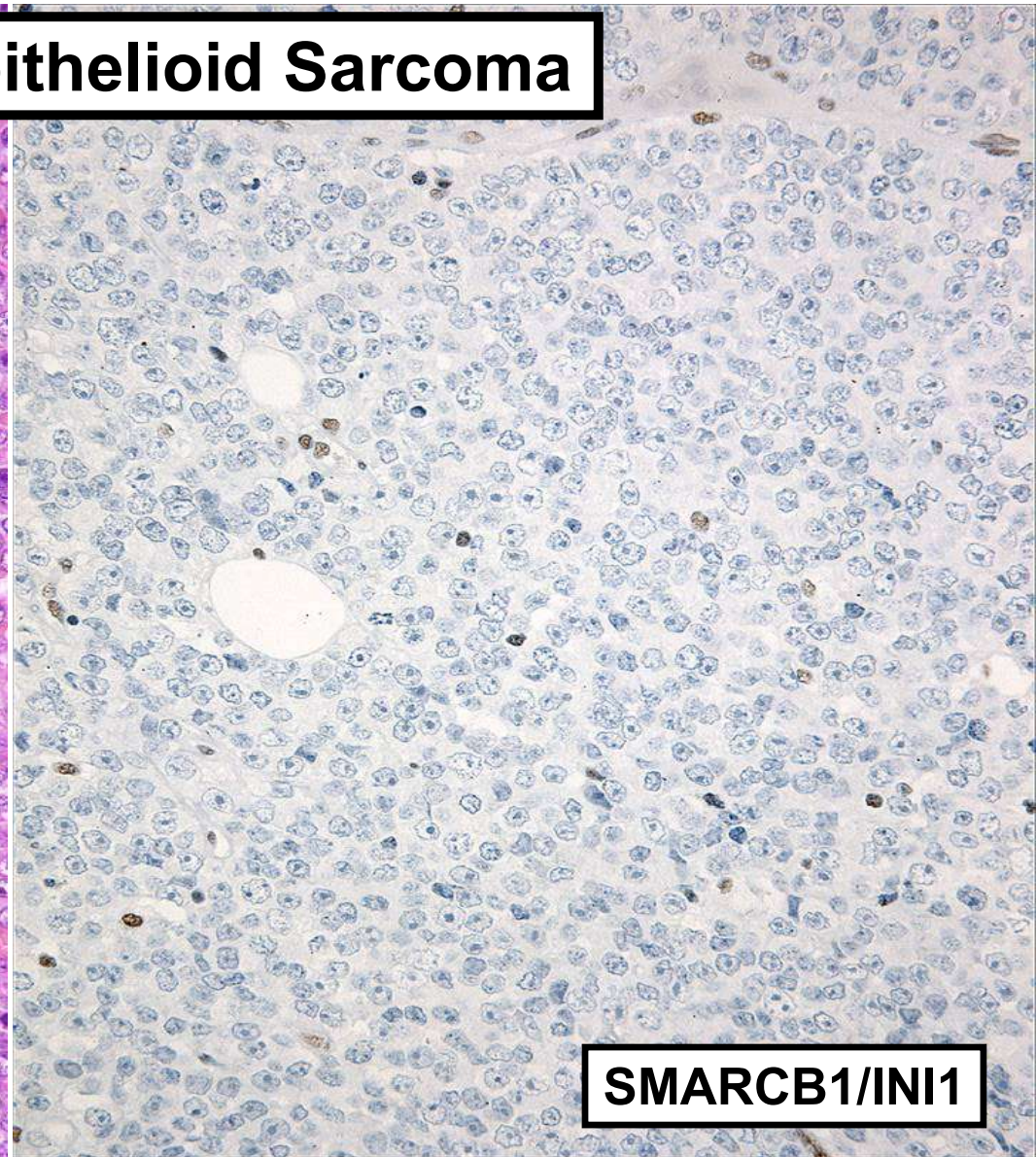
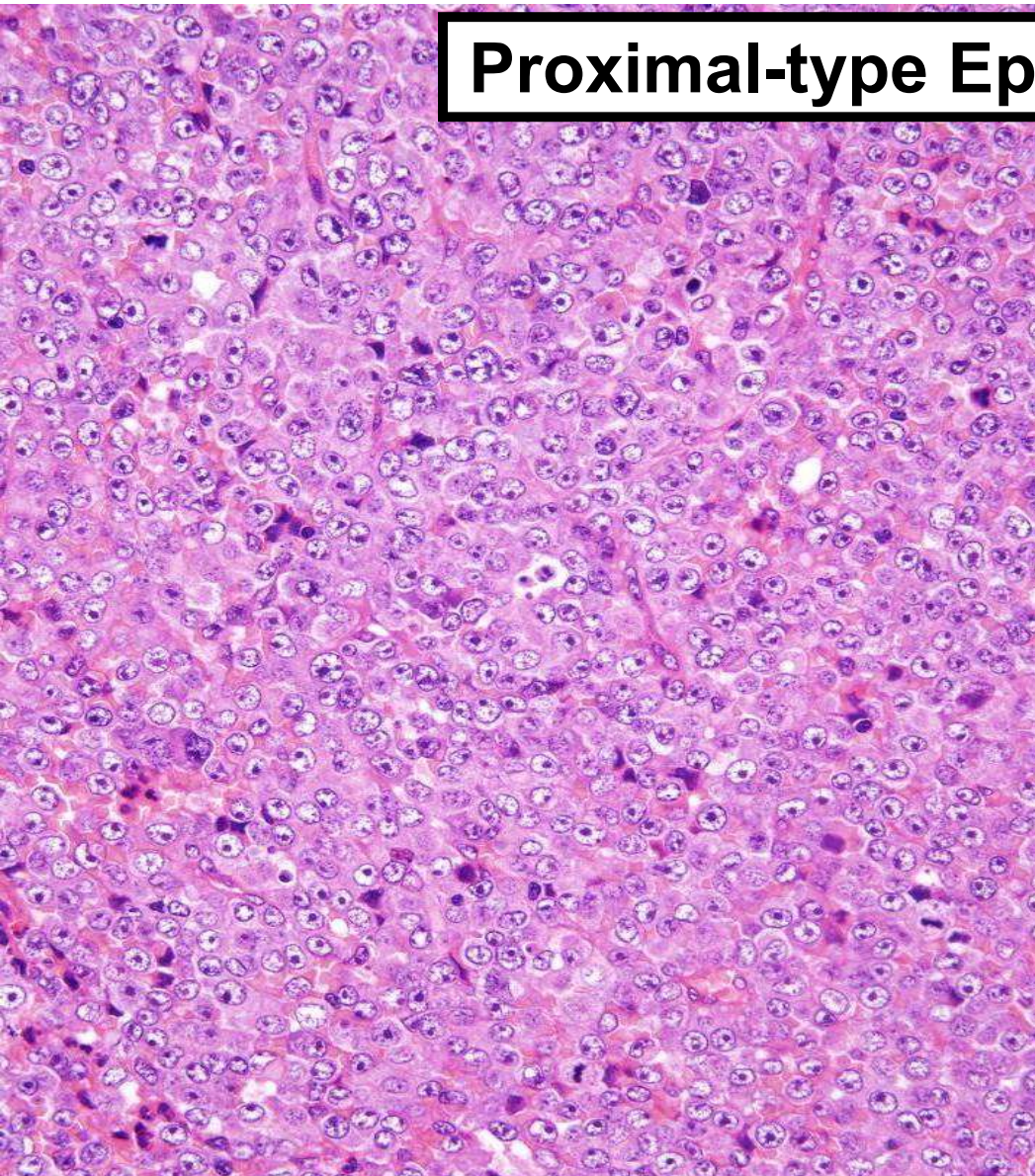


Epithelioid Sarcoma



SMARCB1/INI1

Proximal-type Epithelioid Sarcoma

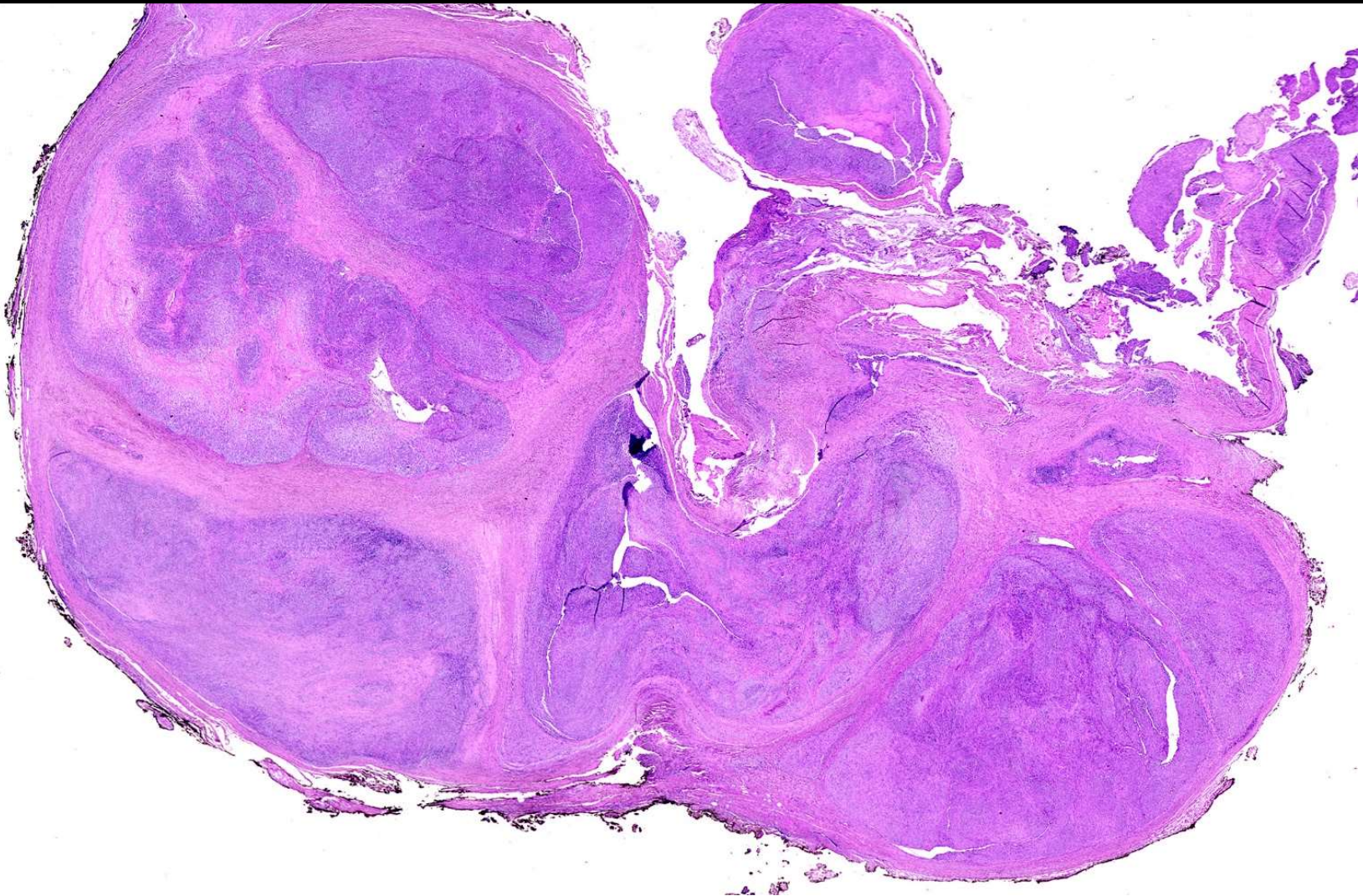


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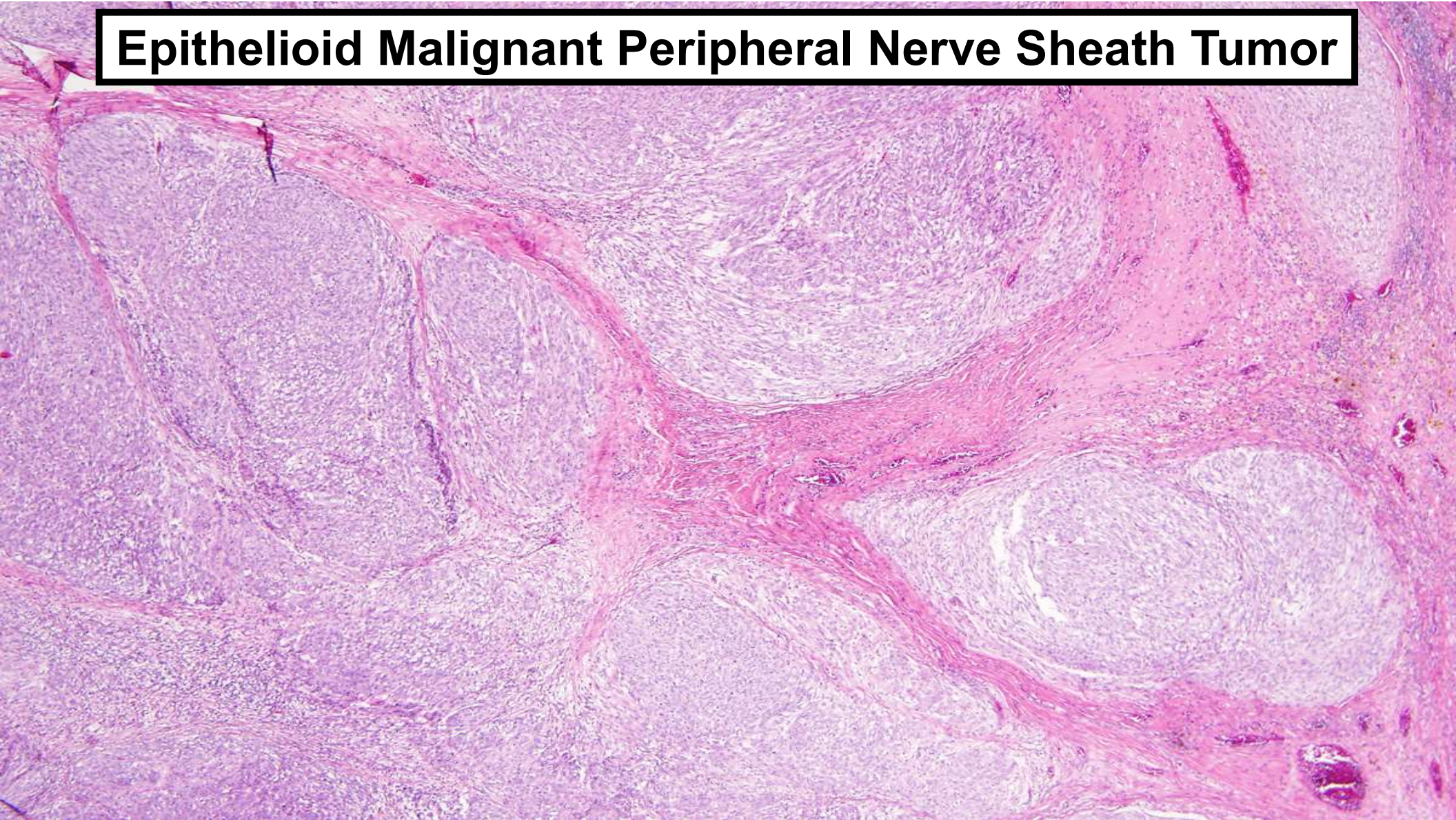
SMARCB1 Loss in Other Tumor Types

- **Renal medullary carcinoma (100%)**
- **Poorly differentiated chordoma (100%)**
- **Epithelioid MPNST (70%)**
- **Soft tissue myoepithelial carcinoma (20%)**
- **Undifferentiated (rhabdoid) carcinomas (rare)**

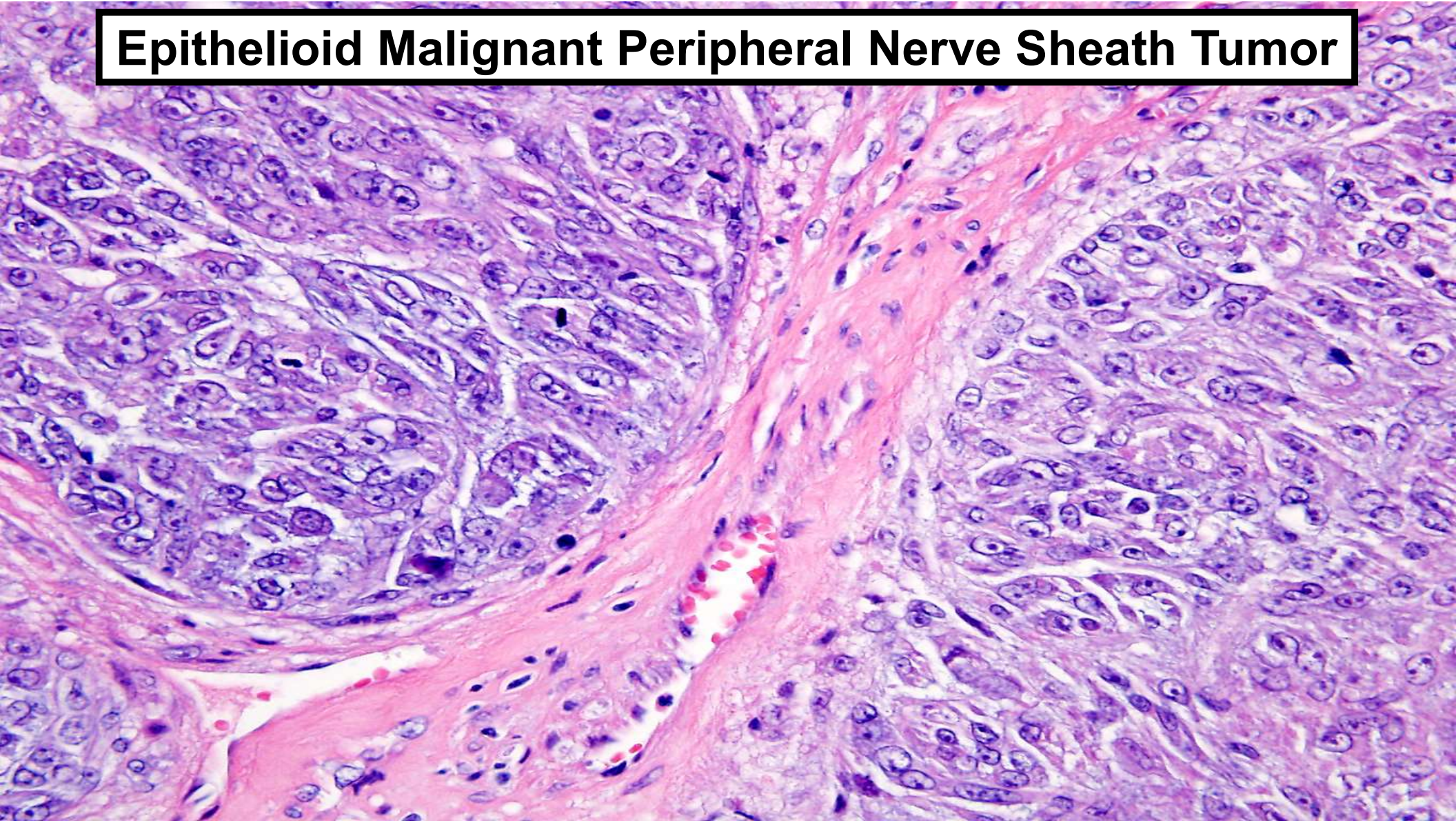
Epithelioid Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor



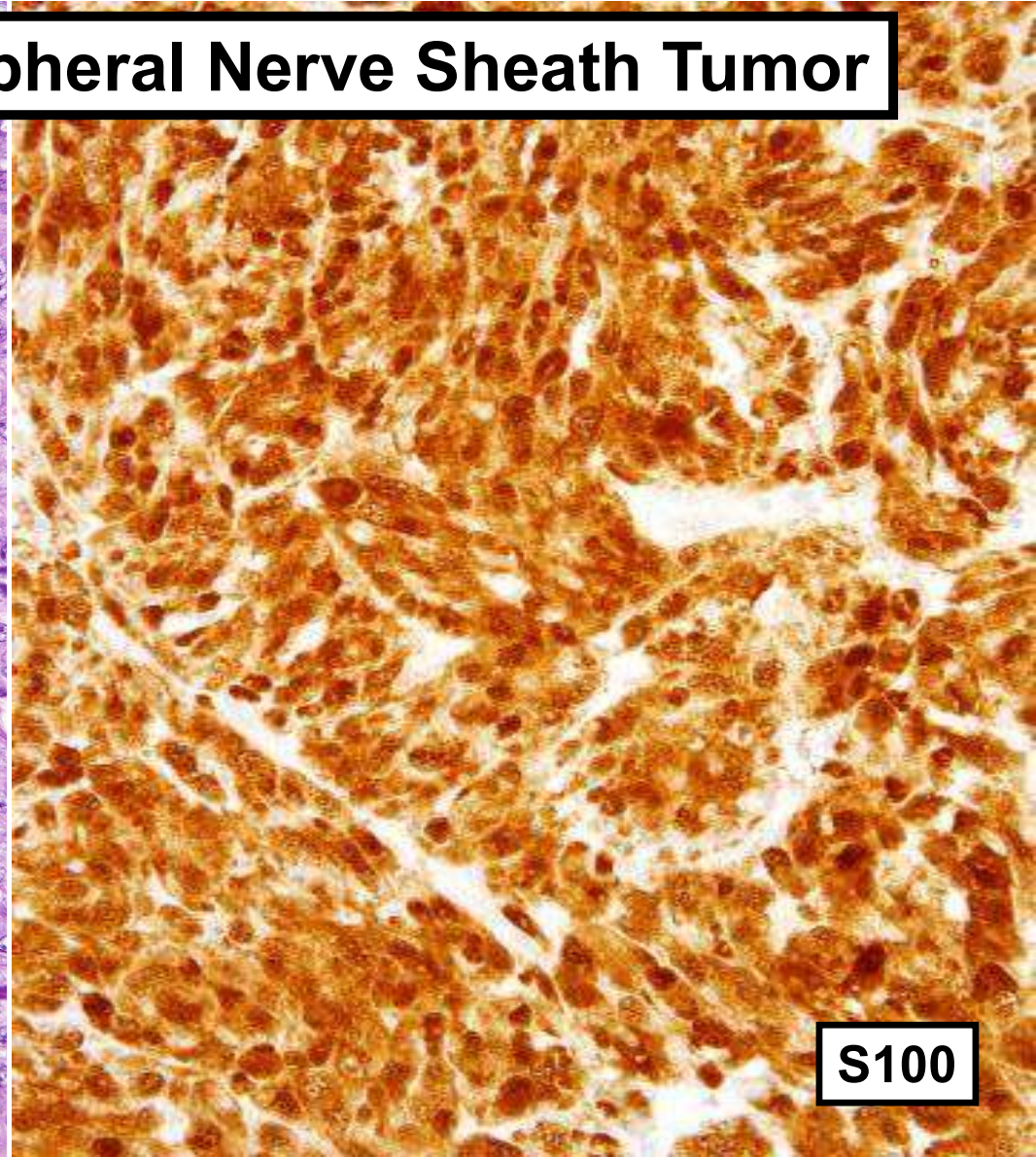
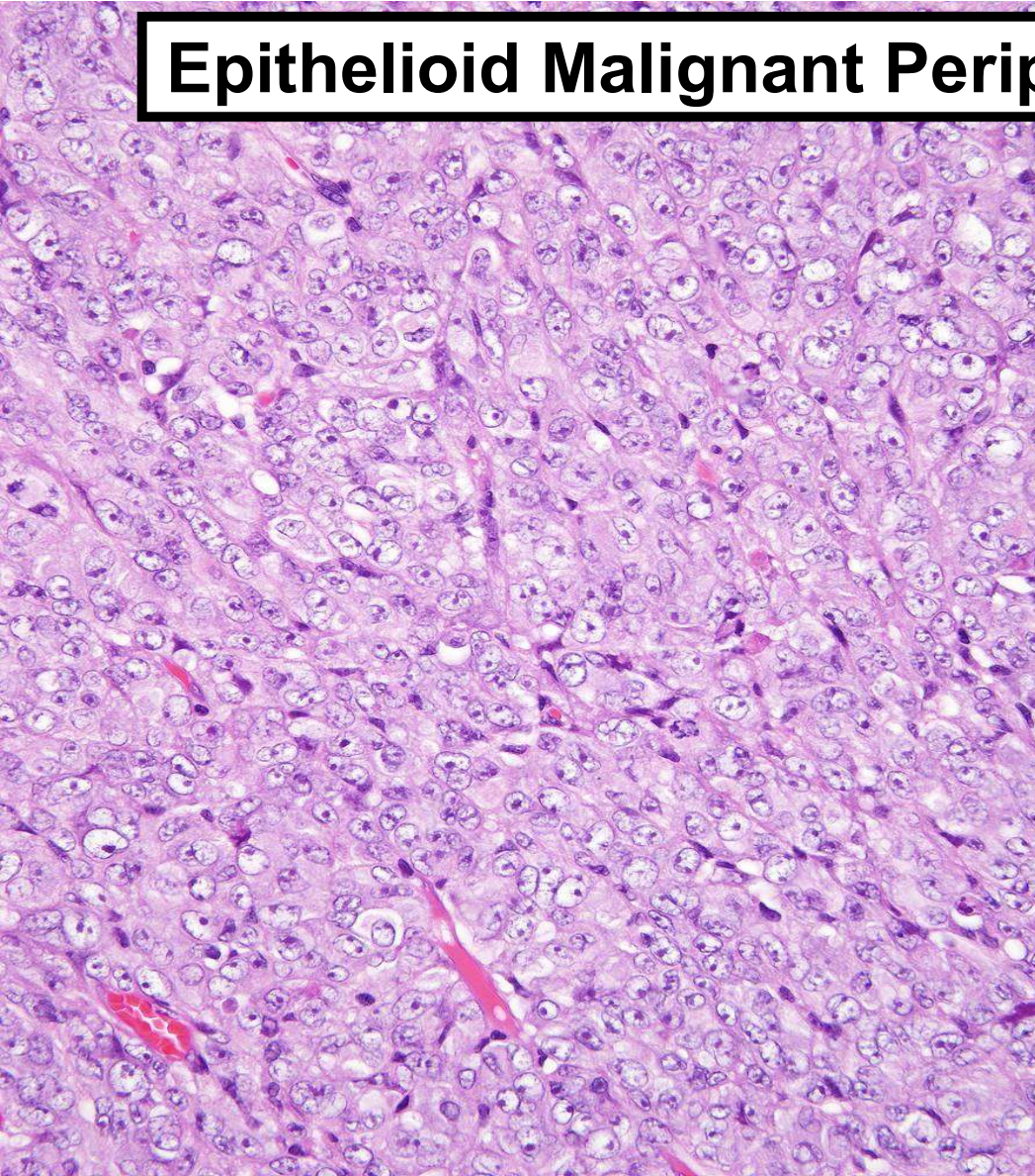
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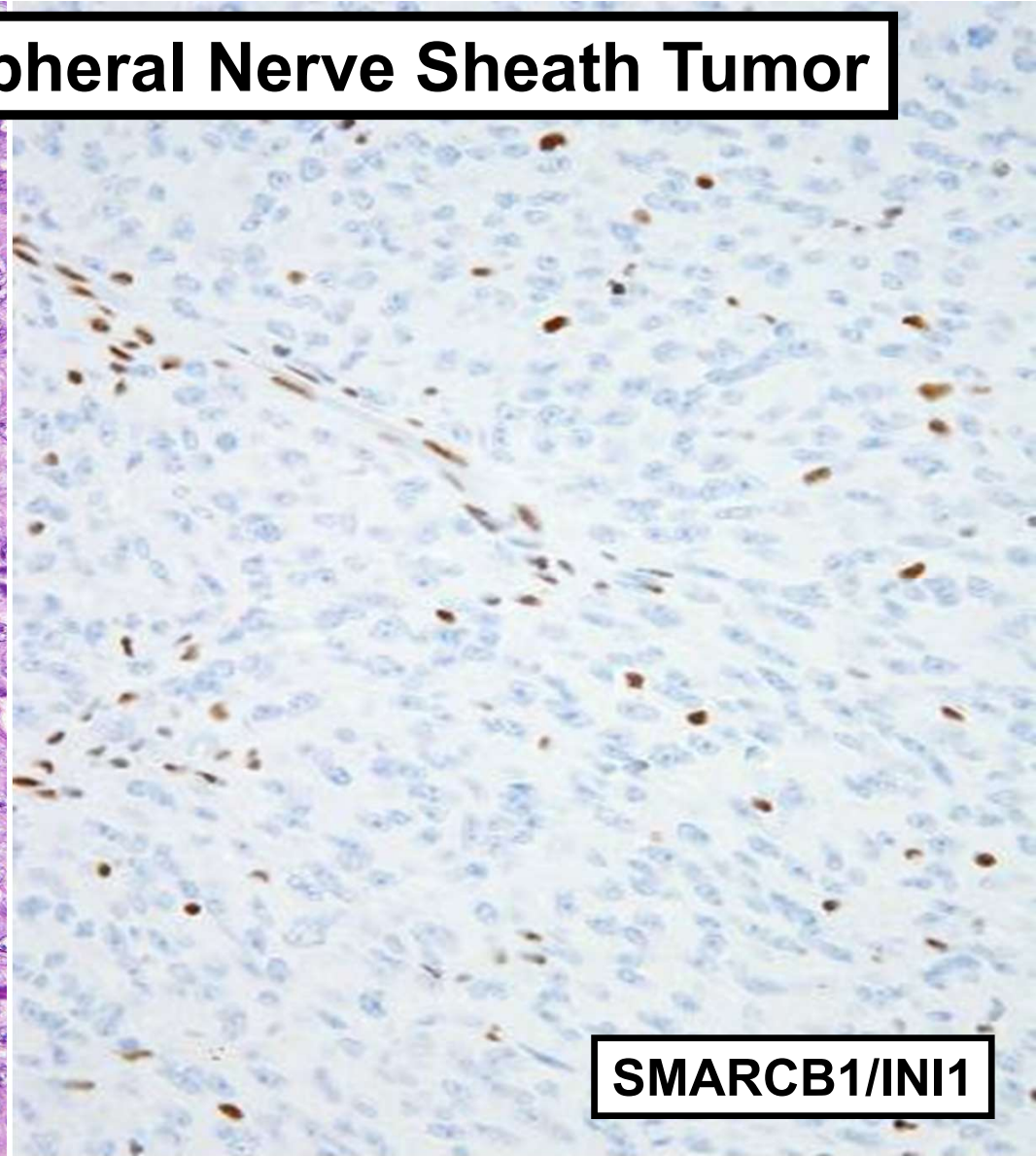
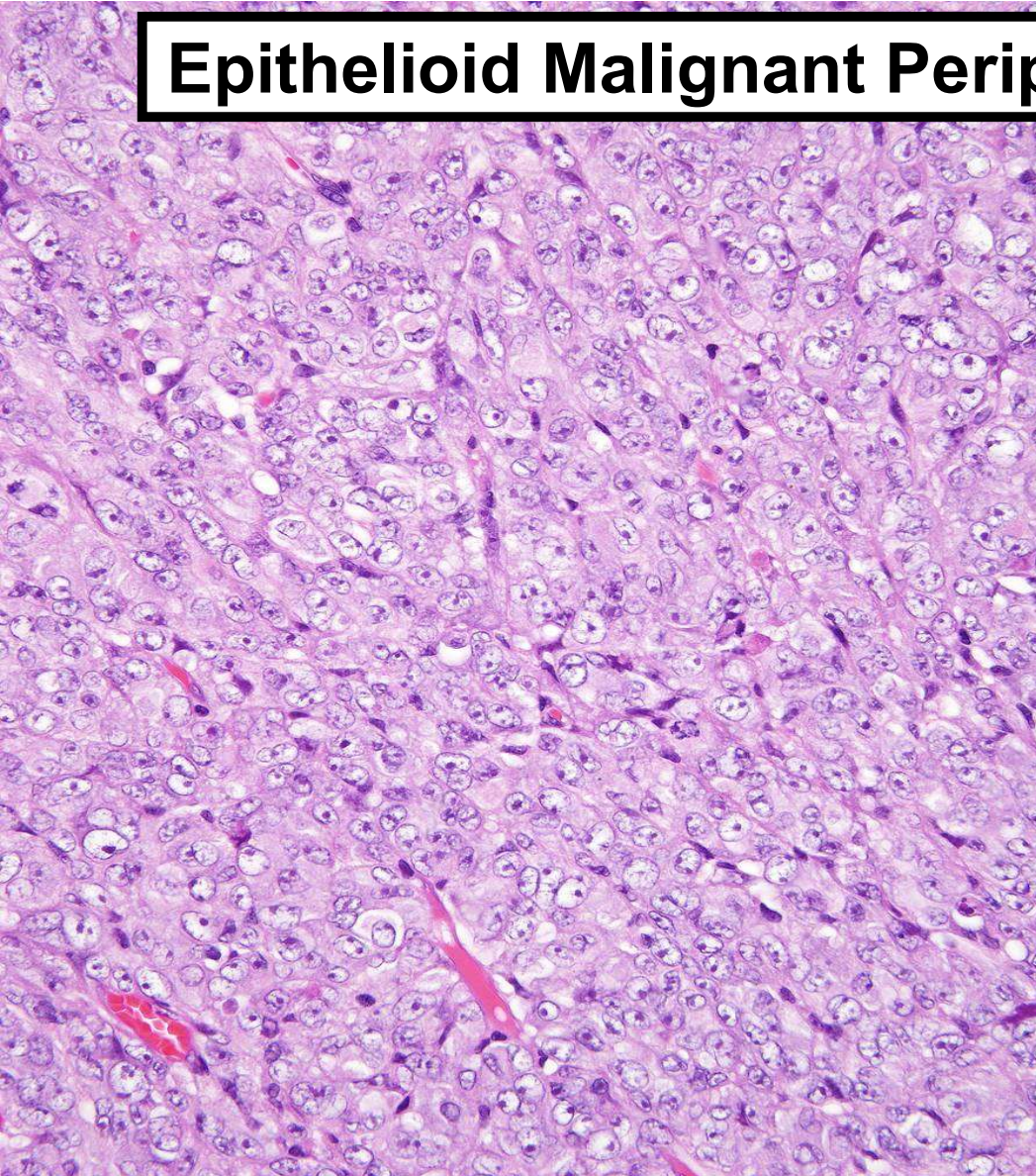


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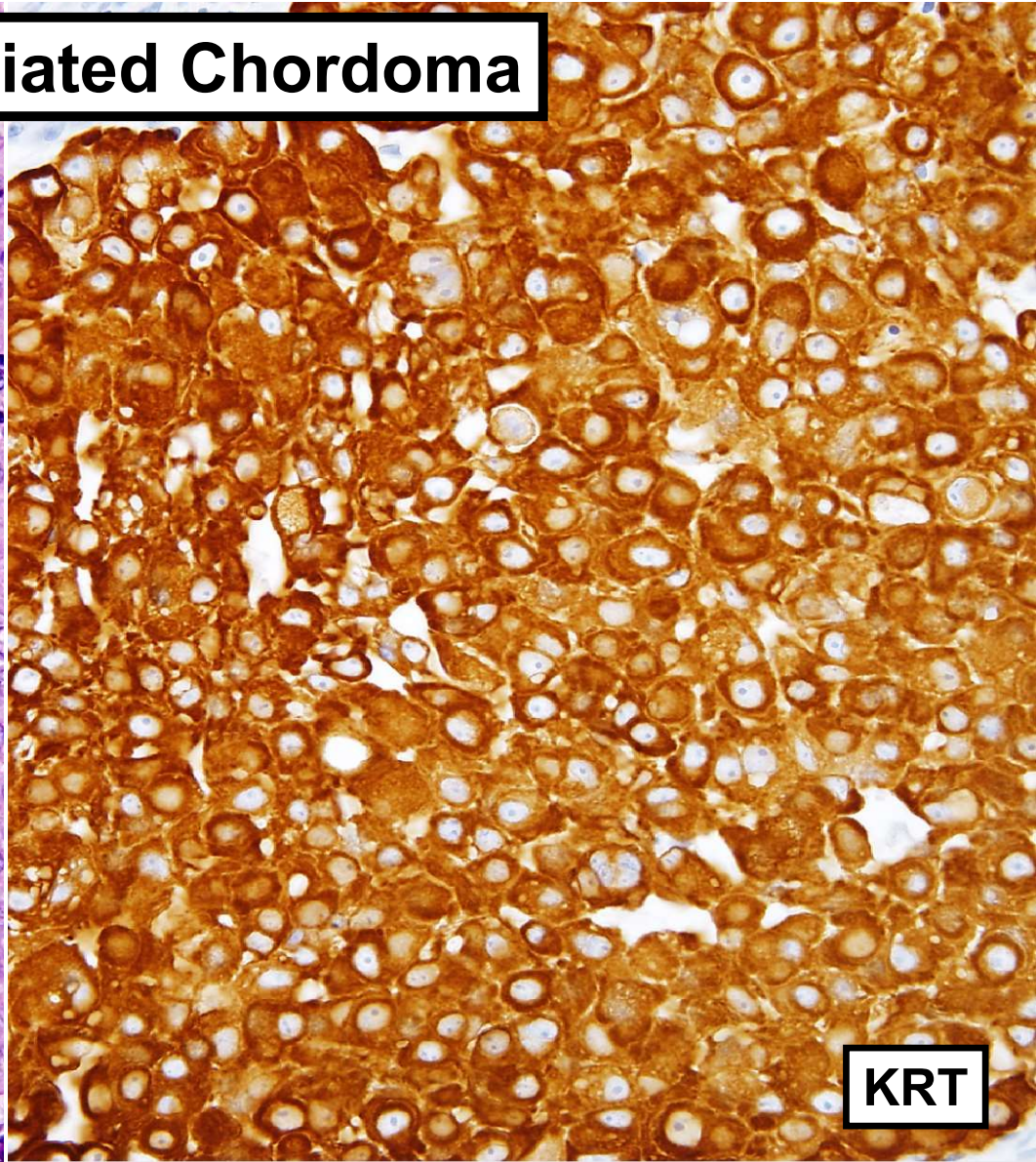
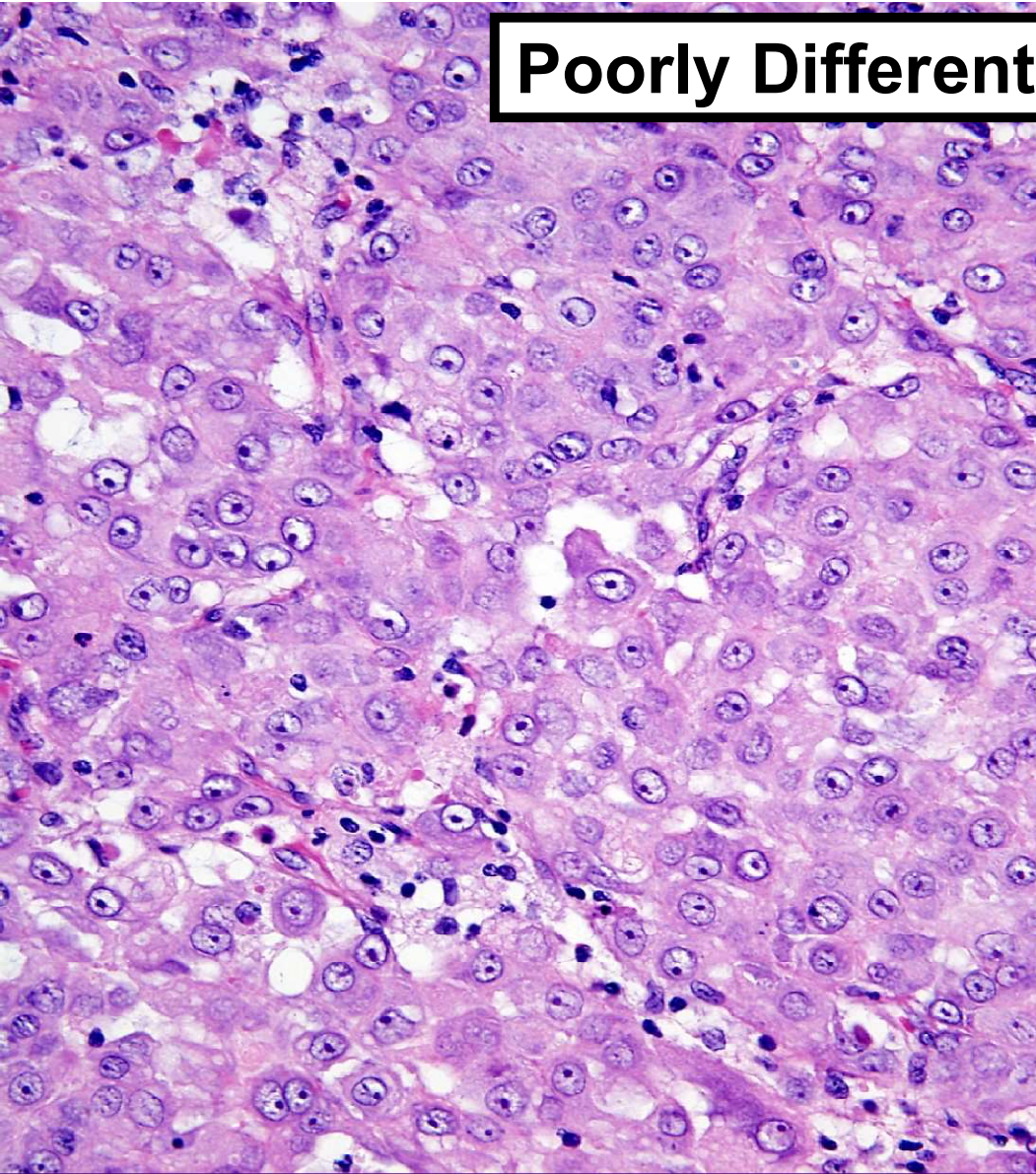
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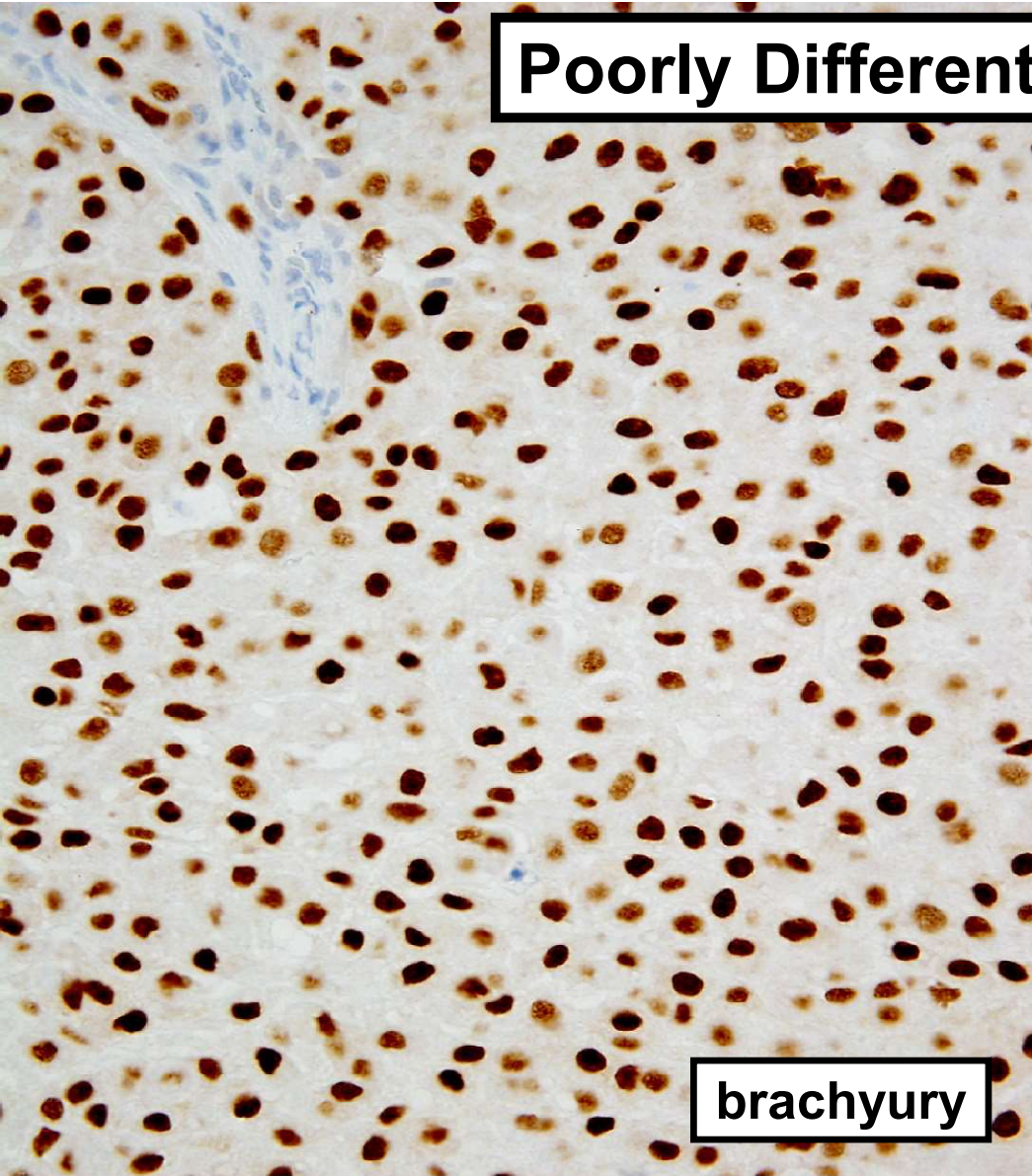
SMARCB1/INI1

Poorly Differentiated Chordoma

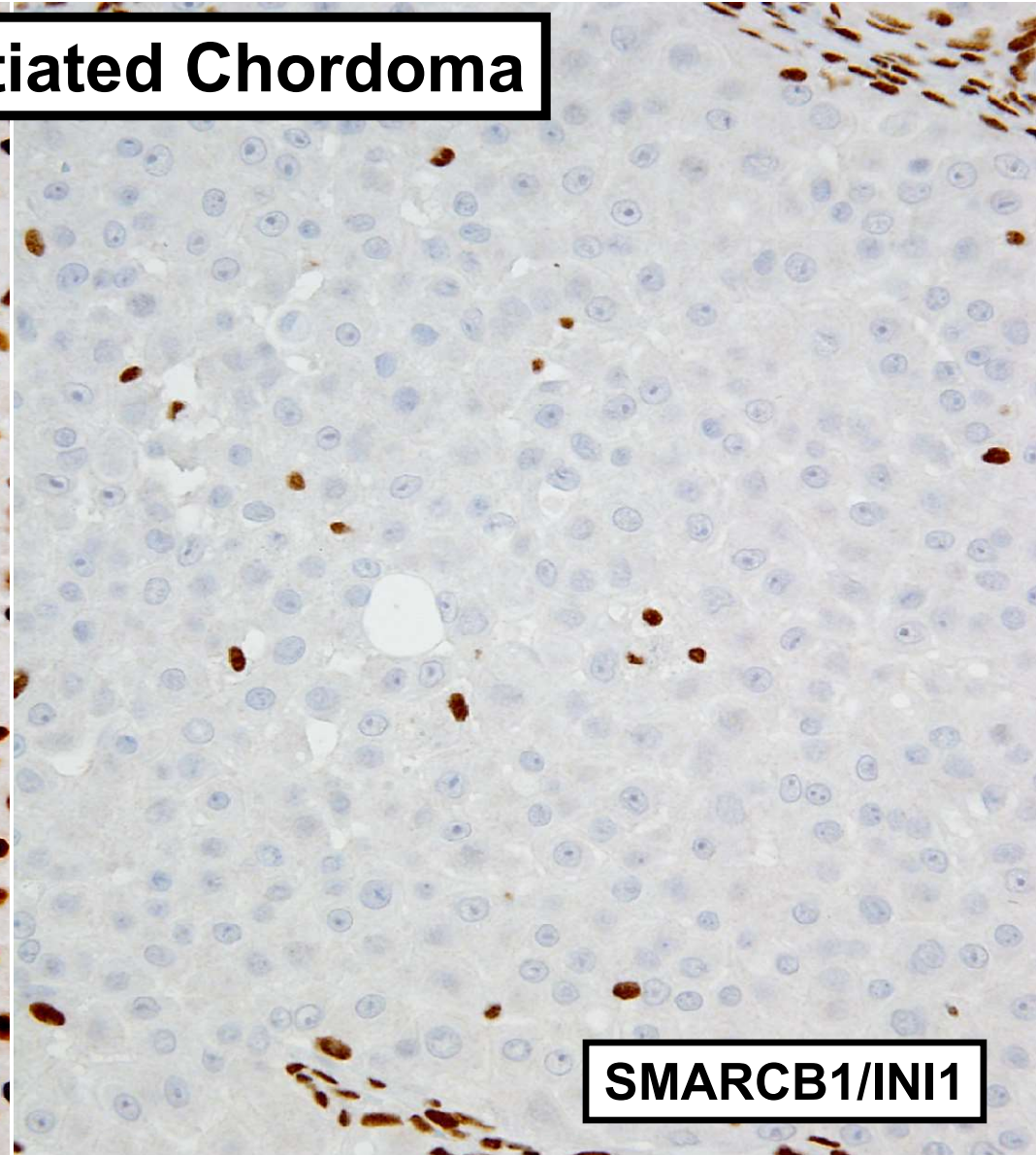


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Poorly Differentiated Chordoma



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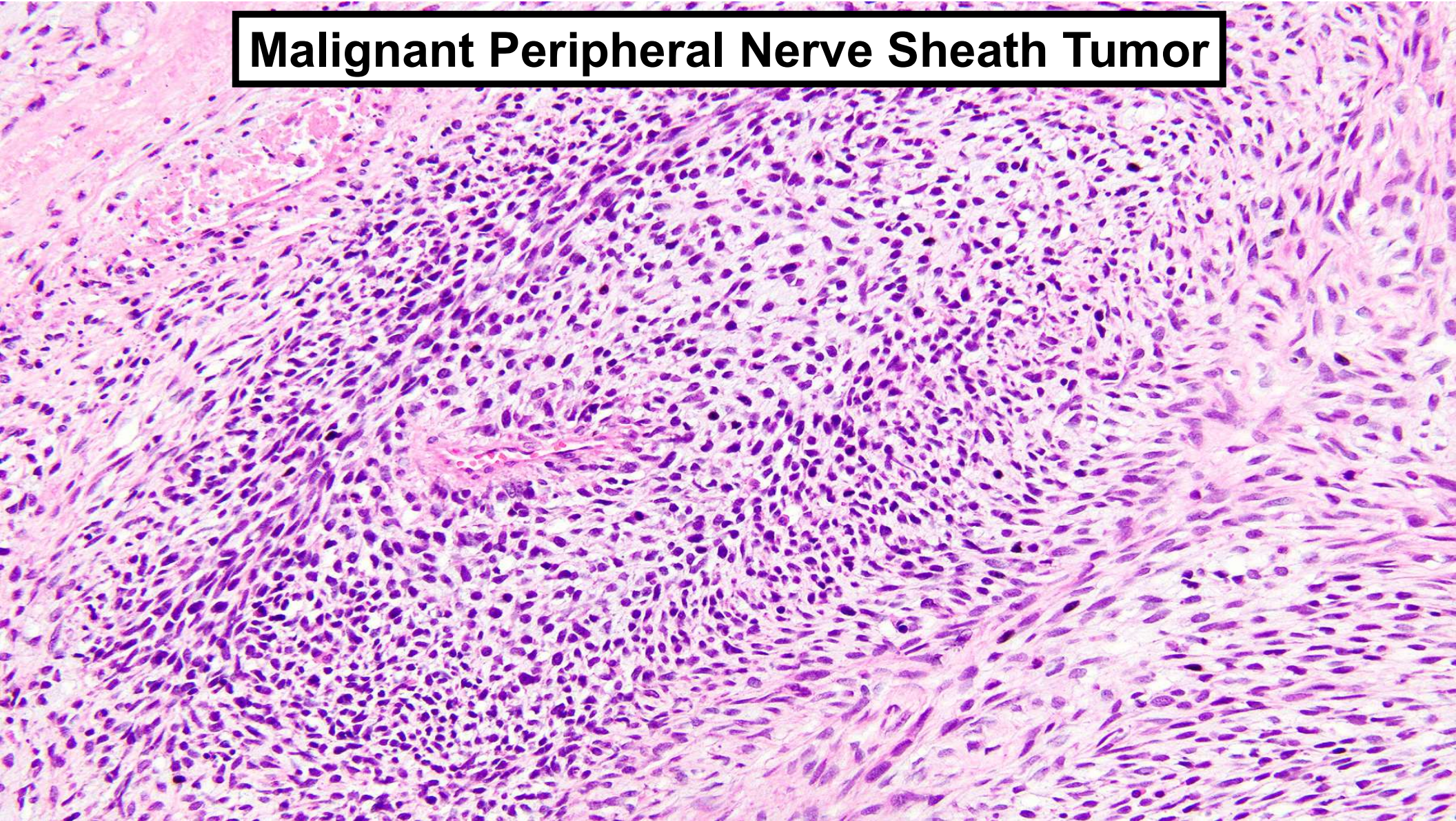


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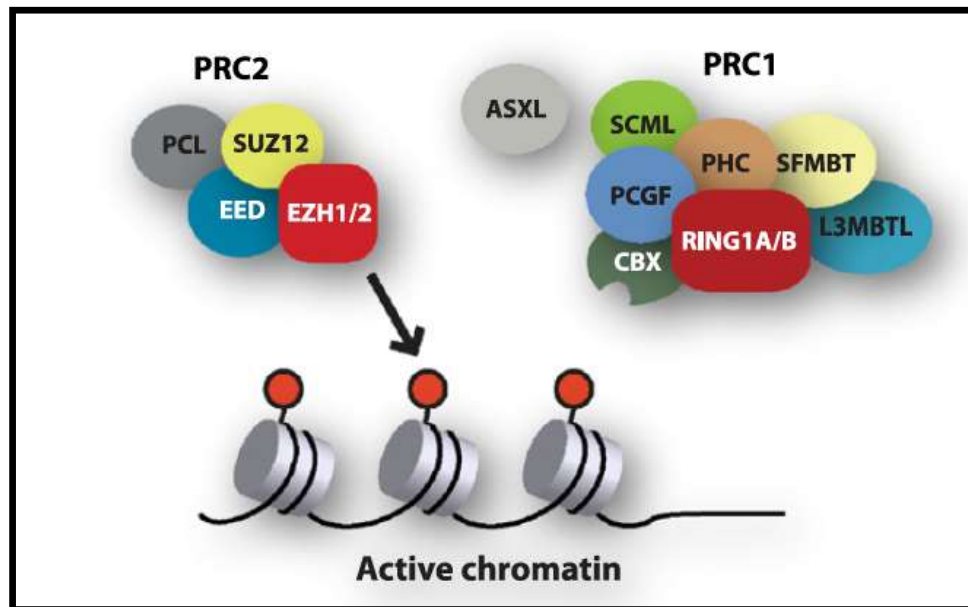
Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor

- **Arise in patients with NF1, sporadically, or following radiation therapy**
- **Challenging diagnosis**
- **Diagnostic criteria:**
 1. **Origin from a nerve or a neurofibroma**
 2. **Spindle cell sarcoma in a patient with NF1**
 3. **Evidence of Schwann cell differentiation by IHC or EM**
 - » **S100 protein and SOX10 only 30-50% sensitivity**
- **Diagnosis in sporadic setting relies on distinctive histology and exclusion of mimics**

Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor



Polycomb Repressive Complexes



Epigenetic modification of chromatin:

- PRC2 recruits to chromatin and trimethylates histone H3 at lysine 27

Physiologic regulation of cell fate and stem cell differentiation

Deregulation → cancer development

Modified from Sauvageau et al. *Cell Stem Cell* 2010

PRC2 loss amplifies Ras-driven transcription and confers sensitivity to BRD4-based therapies

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PRC2 is recurrently inactivated through *EED* or *SUZ12* loss in malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors

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Somatic mutations of *SUZ12* in malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors

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PRC2 and MPNST

- **PRC2 alterations (*SUZ12* or *EED* mutations) in 85-90% of MPNST**
- **Homozygous mutations result in loss of H3K27me3 (histone H3 lysine 27 trimethylation) in ~65% of MPNST**
- **Rate of H3K27me3 loss depends on grade**
- **IHC for H3K27me3 highly specific diagnostic marker**

Schaefer et al. *Mod Pathol* 2016

Prieto-Granada et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2016

IHC for H3K27me3 in MPNST

MPNST grade (or type)	H3K27me3 loss
Low grade	30%
Intermediate grade	60%
High grade	85%
Epithelioid	0%

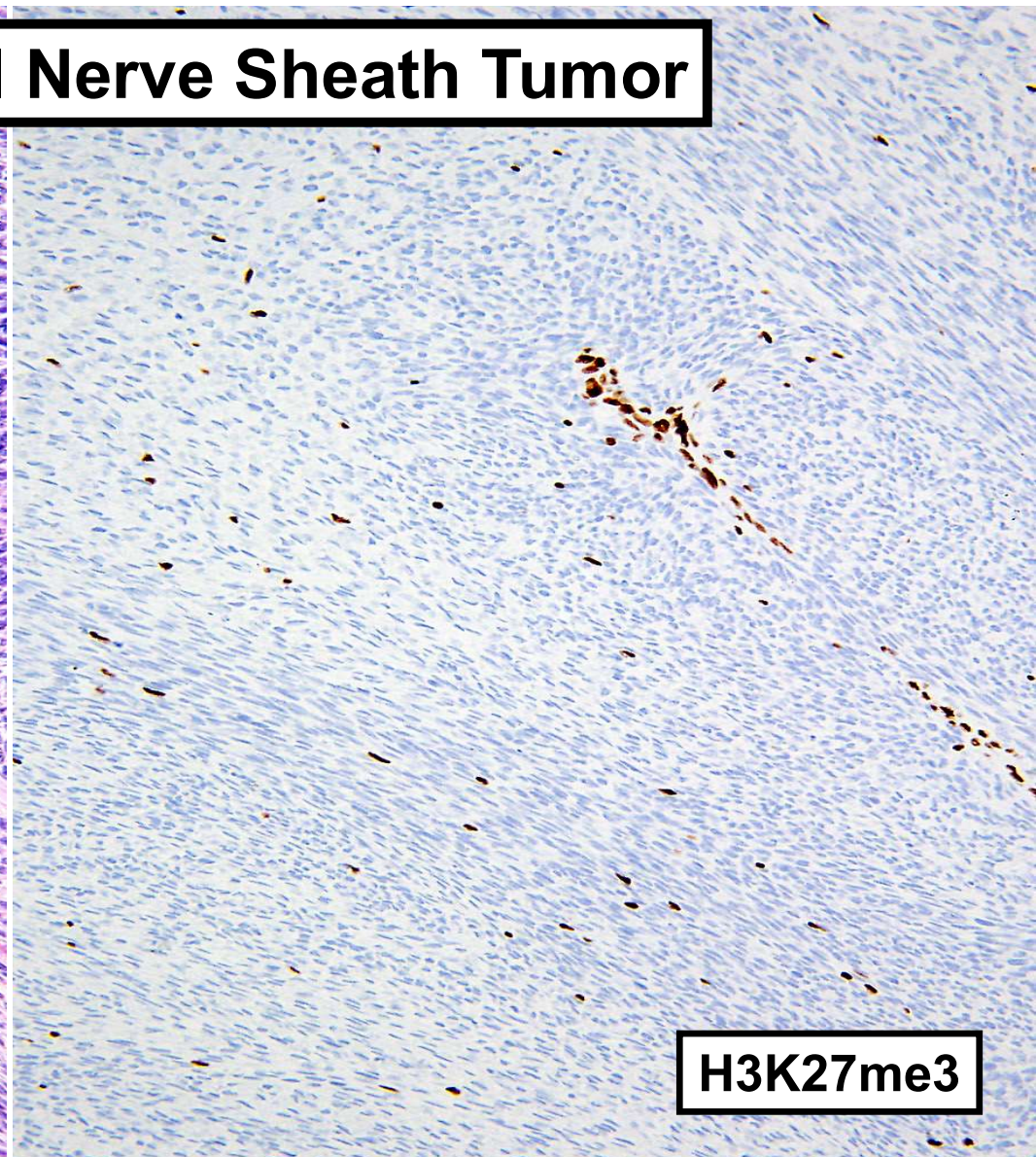
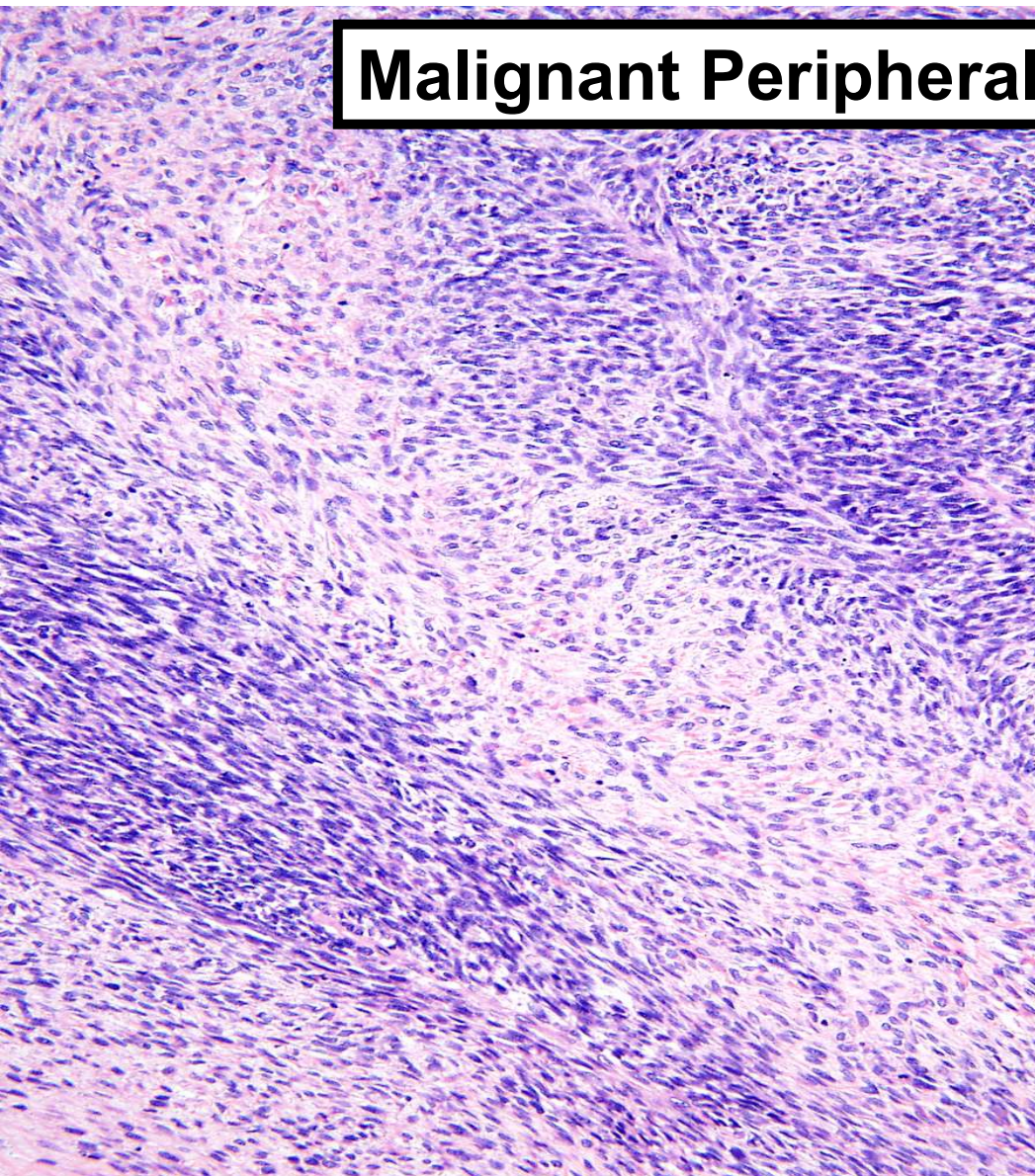
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IHC for H3K27me3 in other spindle cell tumors

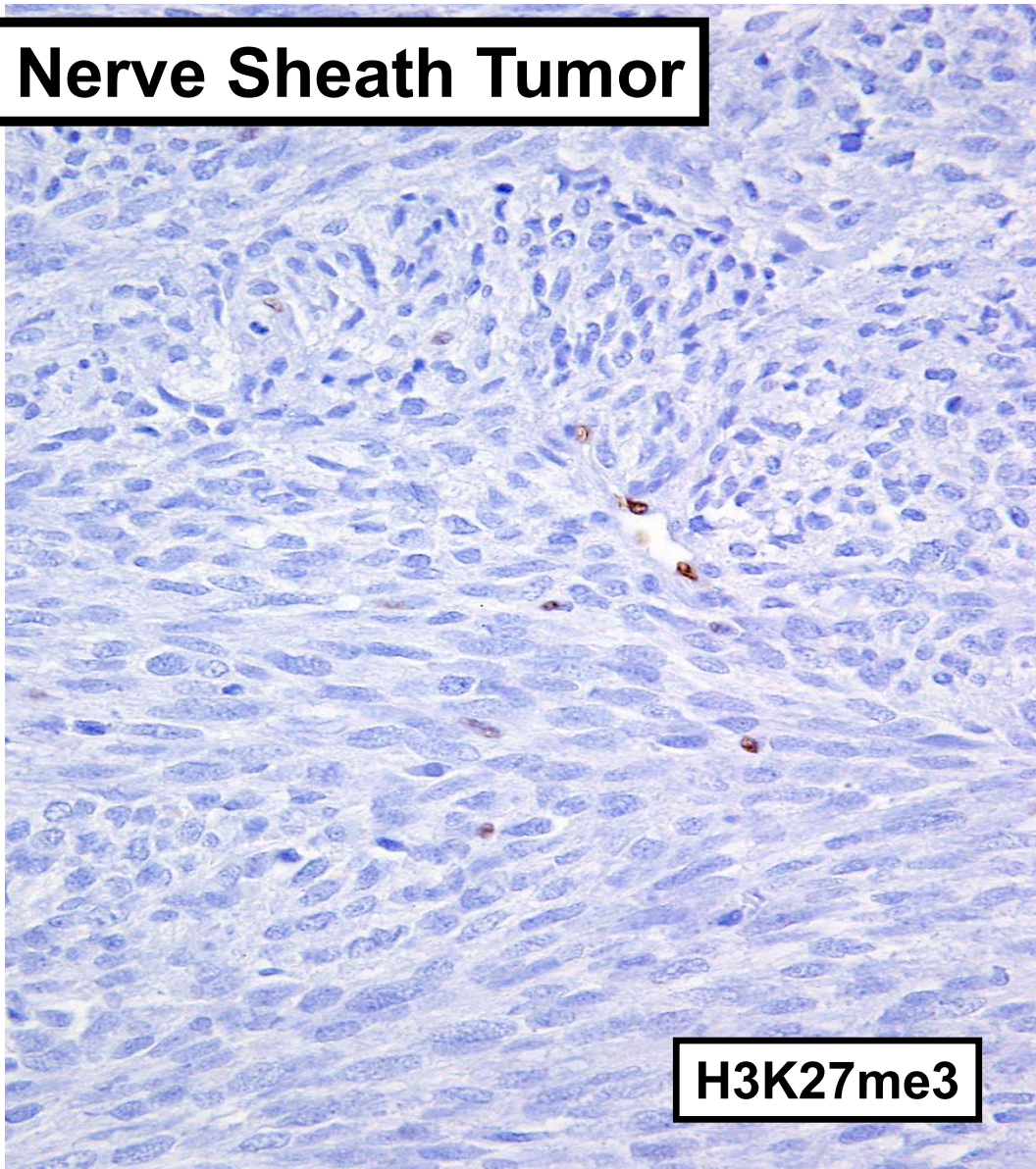
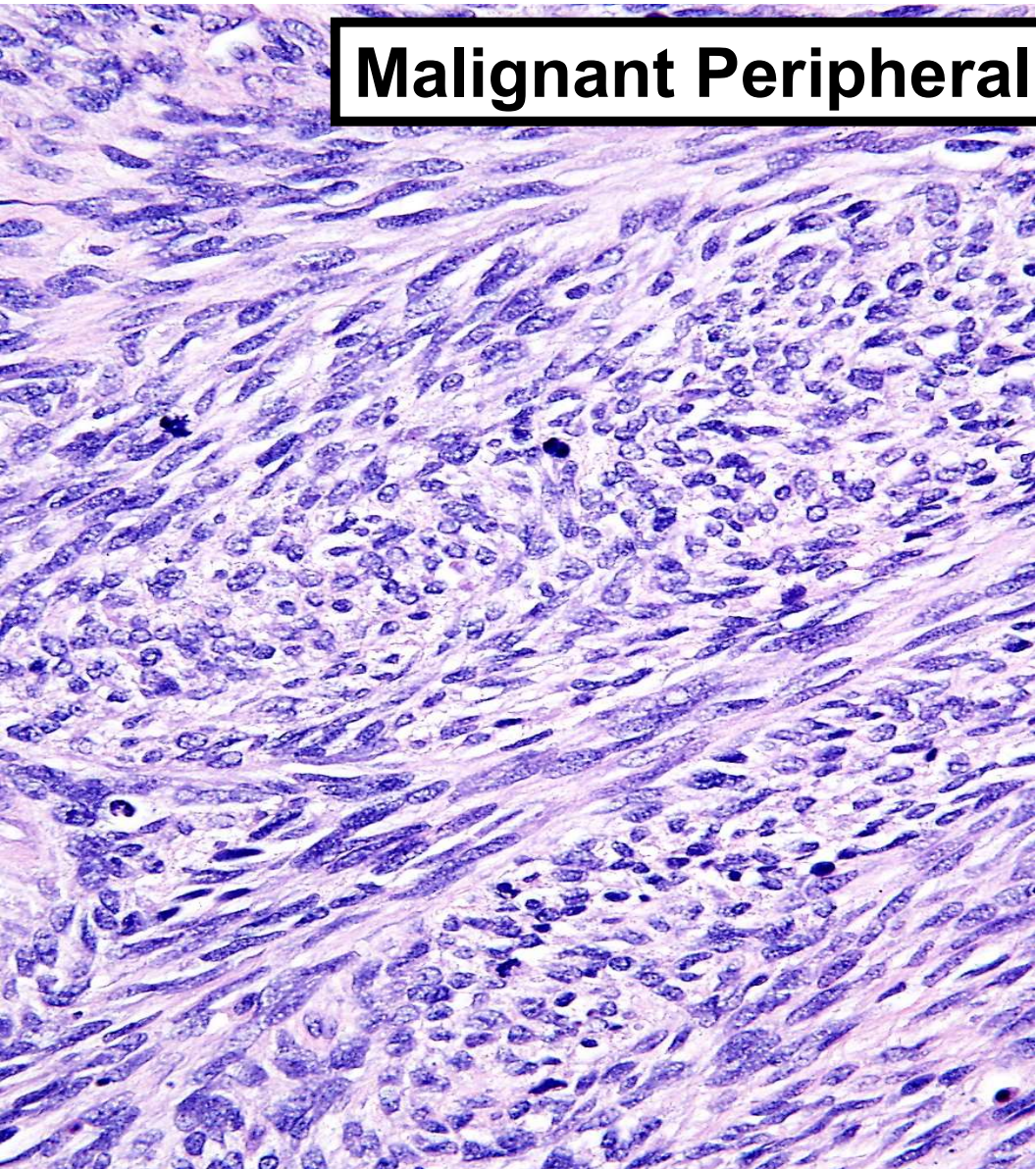
Tumor type	H3K27me3 loss
Cellular schwannoma	0%
Atypical neurofibroma	0%
Monophasic synovial sarcoma	0%
Leiomyosarcoma	0%
Myxofibrosarcoma	0%
Malignant solitary fibrous tumor	0%
Low-grade fibromyxoid sarcoma	0%
Spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma	0%
Gastrointestinal stromal tumor	0%
Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	6%
Spindle cell melanoma	7%

Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor



H3K27me3

Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor



H3K27me3

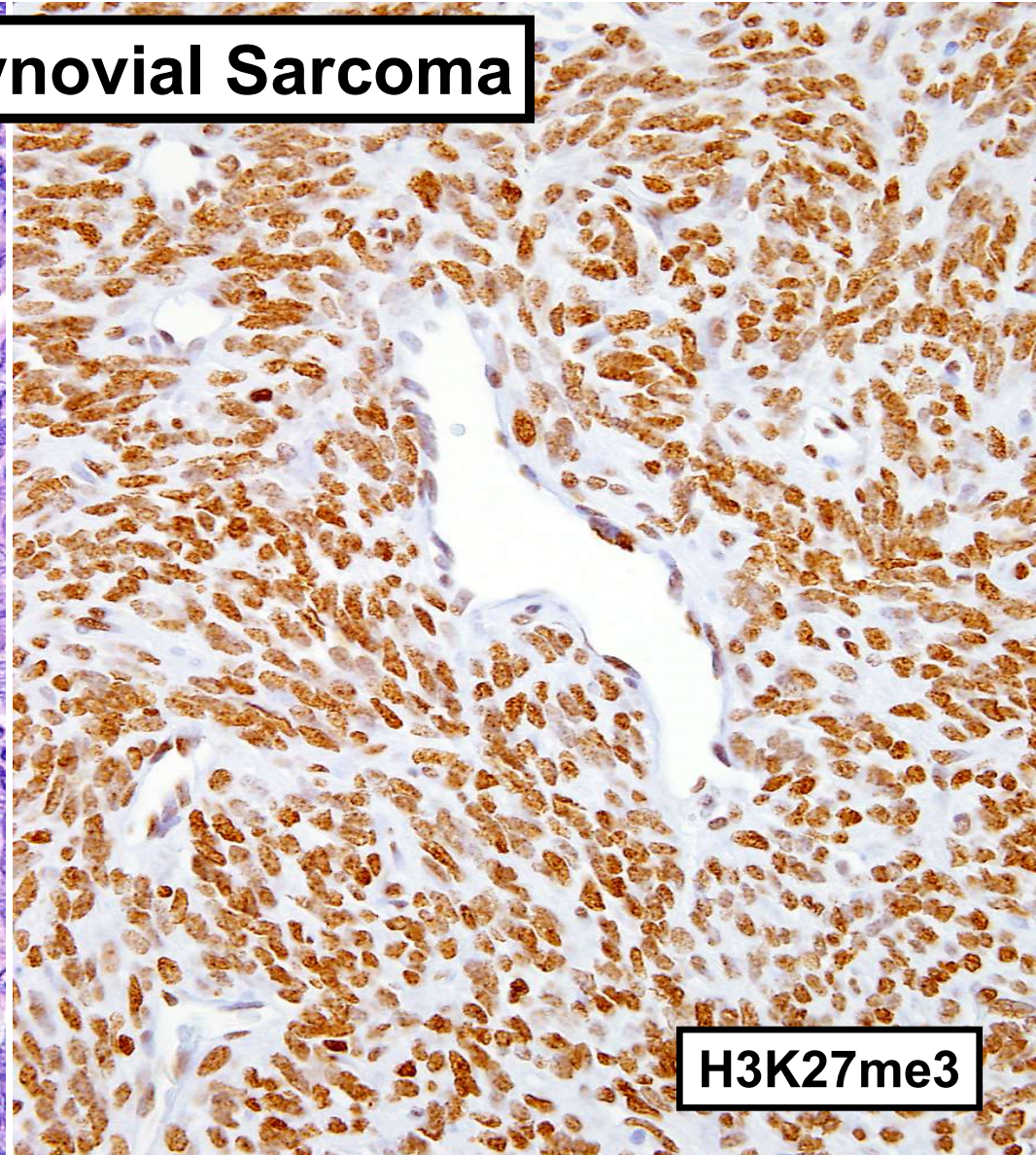
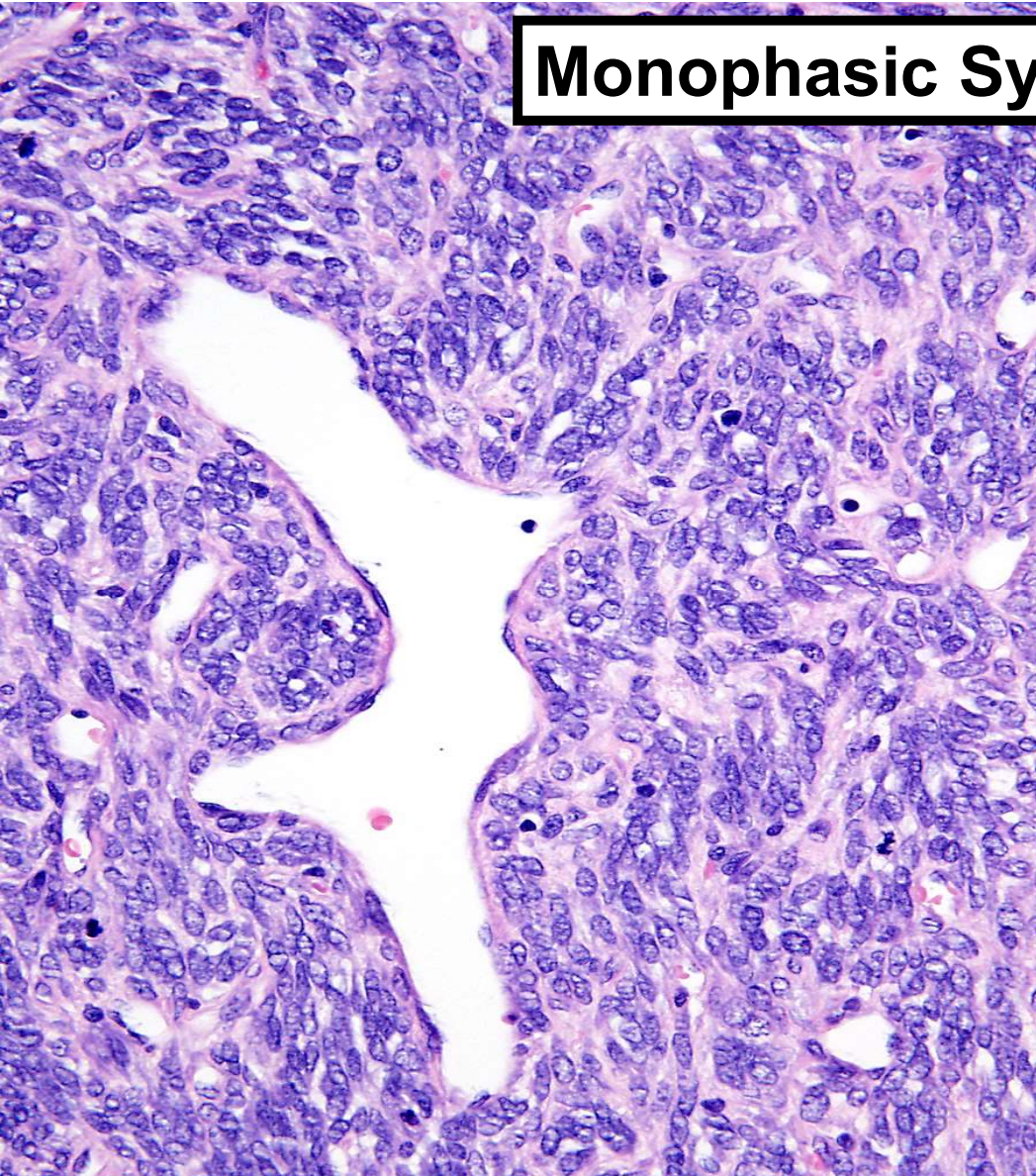


The image is a composite of two histological sections. The left section is a hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stained slide showing a dense population of spindle-shaped cells with elongated, wavy nuclei, characteristic of Schwann cells. The right section is an immunohistochemical (IHC) stain for H3K27me3, showing brown nuclear staining in the same spindle-shaped cells, indicating the presence of this epigenetic marker. A black box with white text is overlaid on the top of the left image, and another black box with white text is overlaid on the bottom right of the right image.

Cellular Schwannoma

H3K27me3

Monophasic Synovial Sarcoma



H3K27me3

Protein Products of Gene Fusions

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Synovial Sarcoma

- **Relatively common soft tissue sarcoma: 8% overall**
- **Peak in young adults; predilection for extremities**
- **Aggressive: 5-yr and 10-yr survival 60% and 50%**
- **Harbors pathognomonic t(X;18)(p11;q11)**
- **Results in *SS18::SSX1* >> *SS18::SSX2* (rarely *SS18::SSX4*)**
- **Monophasic, biphasic, and poorly differentiated variants**
- **Considerable overlap with other tumor types**
- **Currently available IHC markers lack specificity**

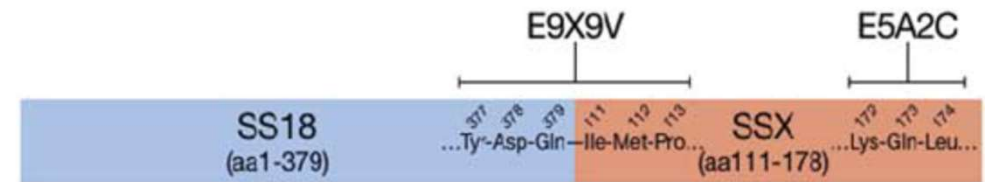
TABLE 1. Summary of IHC Staining With SS18-SSX Fusion-specific and SSX C-terminus Antibodies

Tumor Type	Total Cases	n (%)	
		SS18-SSX Positive	SSX C-terminus Positive
SS	100	95 (95)	100 (100)
Monophasic SS	41	39 (95)	41 (100)
Biphasic SS	18	18 (100)	18 (100)
PD SS	41	38 (93)	41 (100)
Non-SS tumors	300	0 (0)	13 (4)
MPNST	20	0 (0)	2 (10)
SFT	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	20	0 (0)	2 (10)
Leiomyosarcoma	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fibrosarcomatous variant of DFSP	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
Ewing sarcoma	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
CIC sarcoma	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
Spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	20	0 (0)	1 (5)
Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma	20	0 (0)	1 (5)
Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma	20	0 (0)	2 (10)
Desmoplastic small round cell tumor	20	0 (0)	2 (10)
Clear cell sarcoma	20	0 (0)	0 (0)
Biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma	10	0 (0)	1 (10)
BCOR-rearranged sarcoma	10	0 (0)	0 (0)
Sarcomatoid mesothelioma	10	0 (0)	2 (20)
Biphasic mesothelioma	10	0 (0)	0 (0)

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Antibody	Sensitivity	Specificity
SS18::SSX	95%	100%
SSX (C-term)	100%	96%

IHC with SS18::SSX fusion-specific antibody

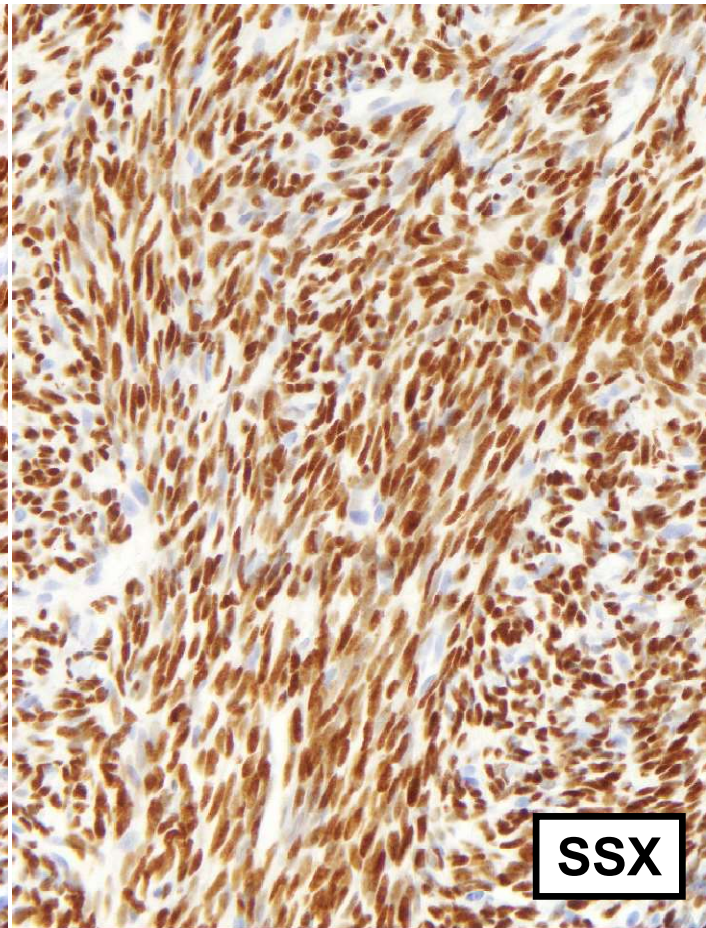
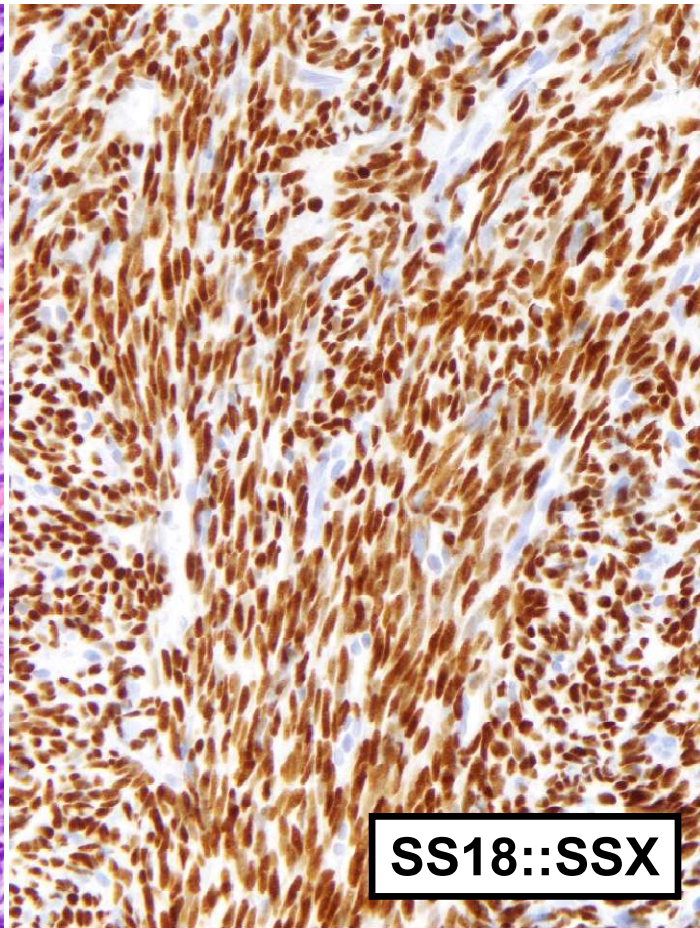
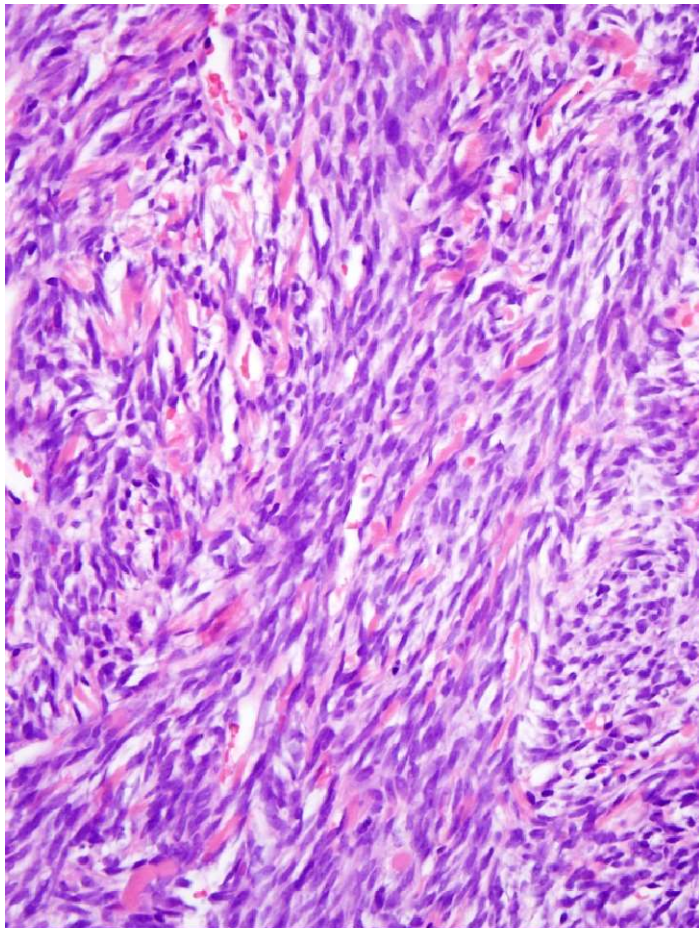
Tumor type	Total cases	SS18-SSX +
Synovial sarcoma	233	94%
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor	128	0%
Solitary fibrous tumor	52	0%
Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	87	0%
Leiomyosarcoma	64	0%
Ewing sarcoma	35	0%
Mesothelioma (sarcomatoid)	24	0%
Sarcomatoid carcinoma	19	0%

Baranov et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2020

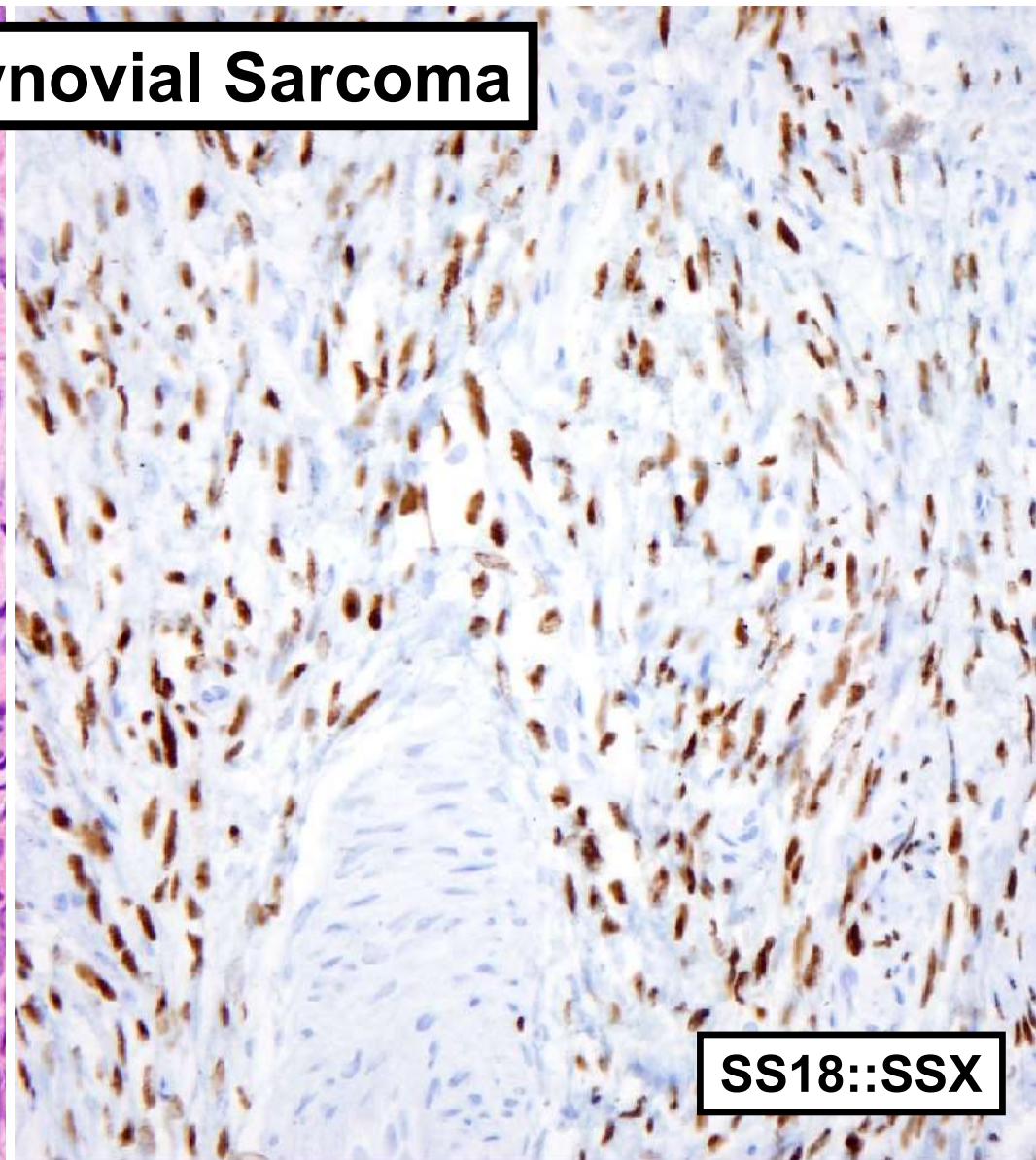
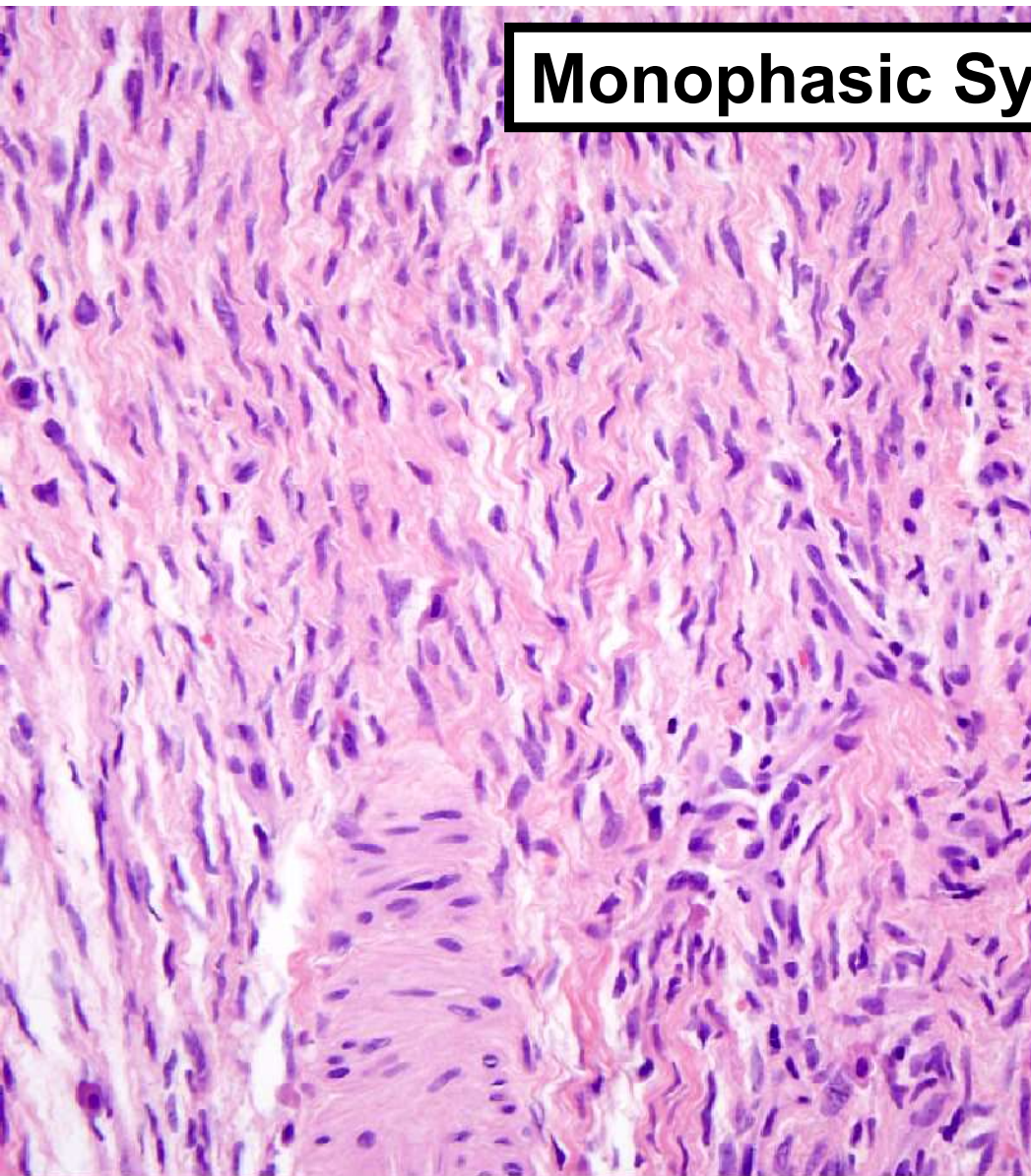
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Monophasic Synovial Sarcoma

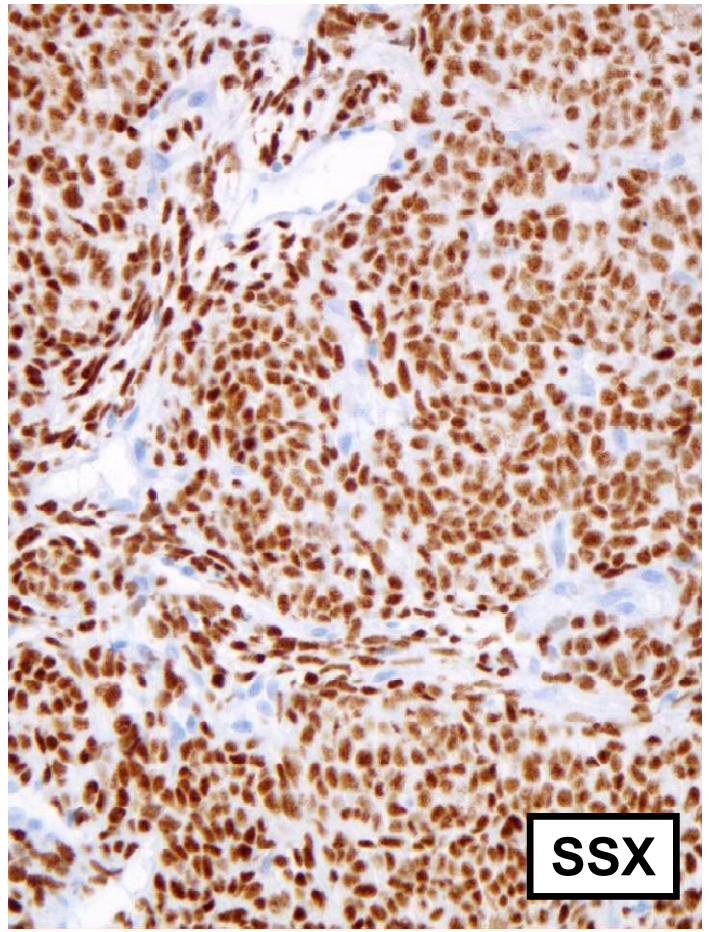
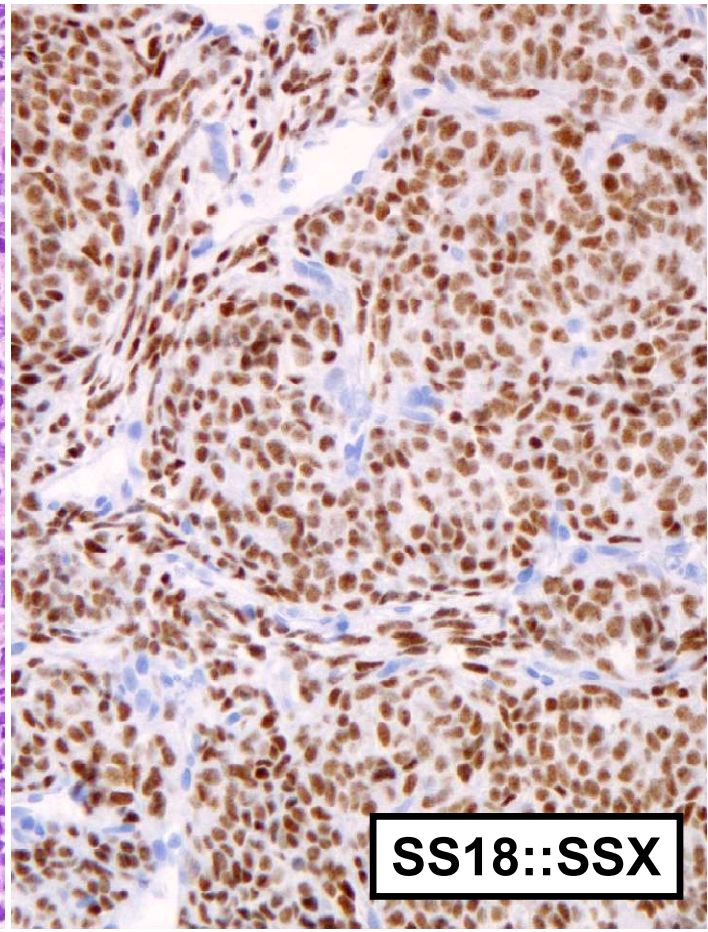
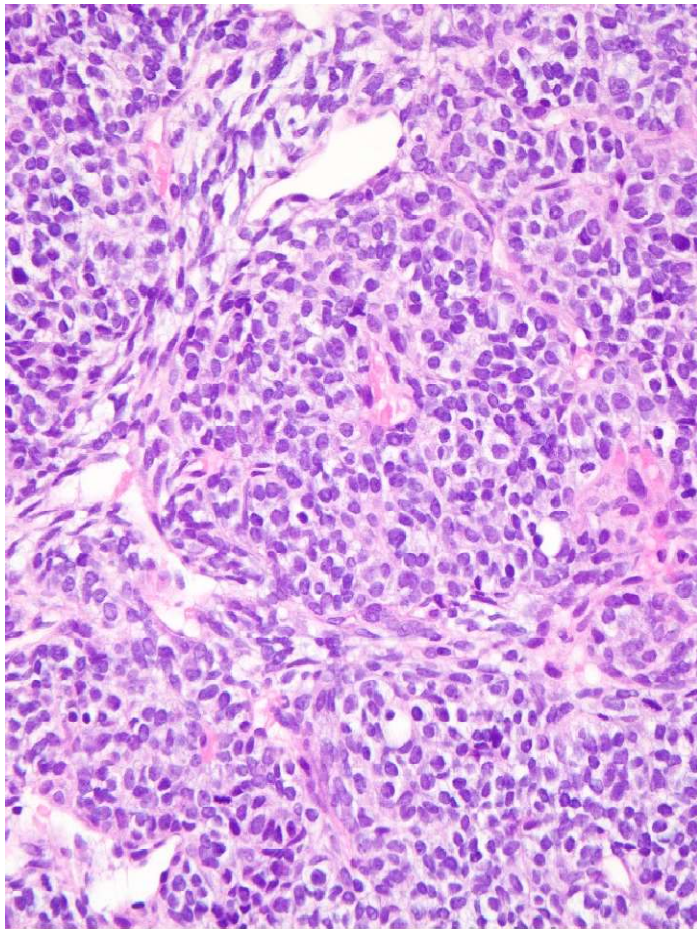


Monophasic Synovial Sarcoma



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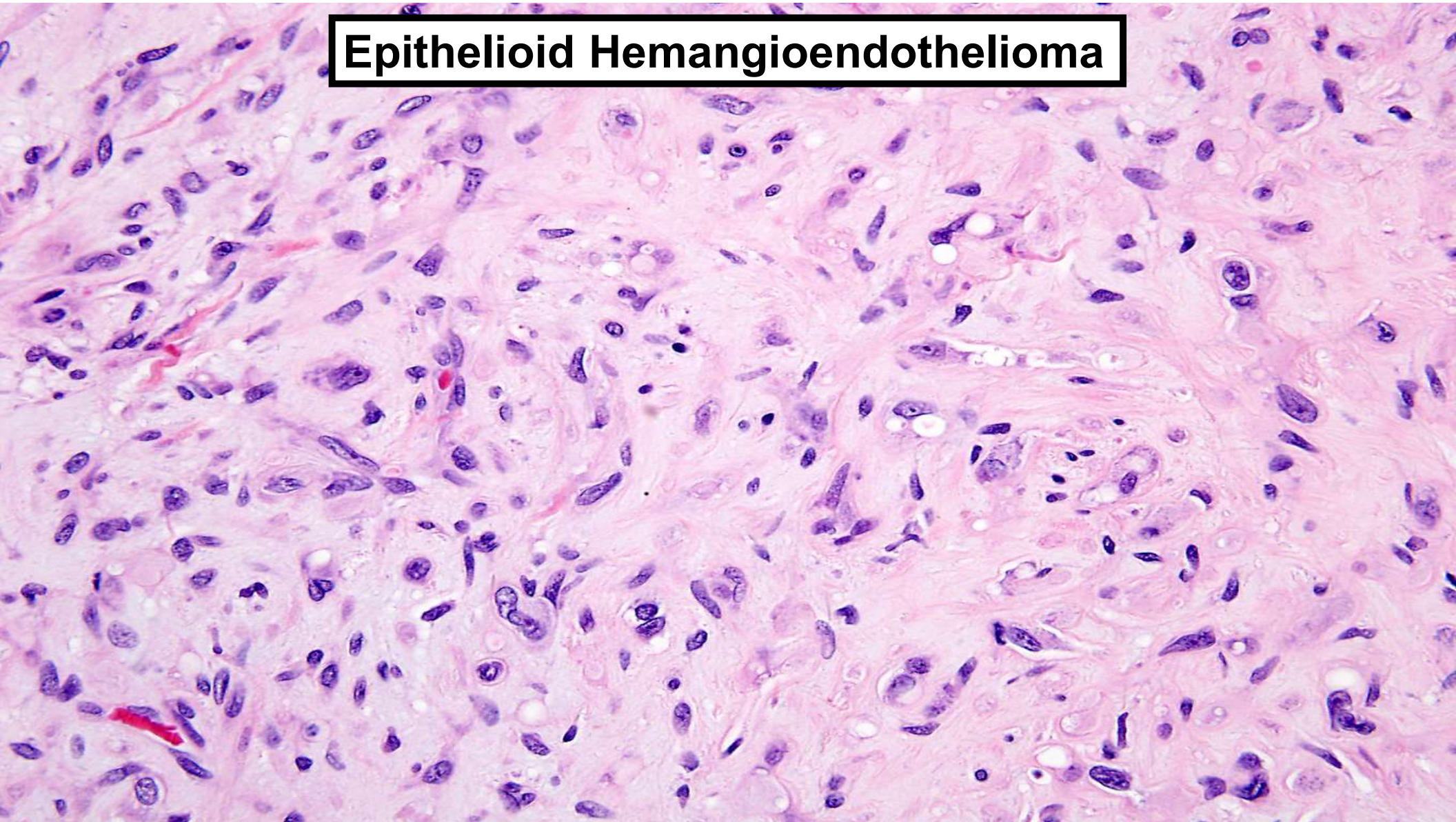
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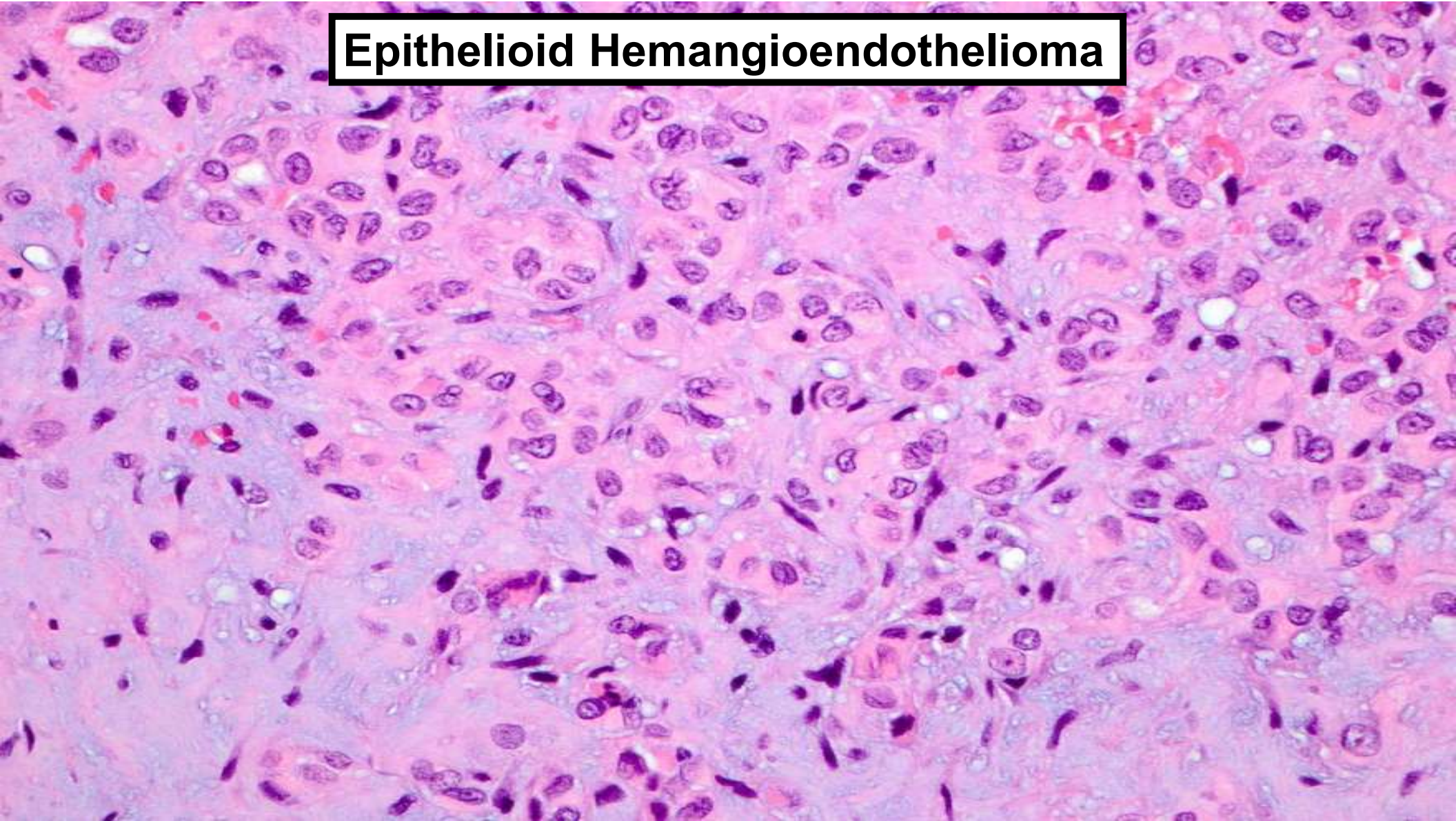
Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma

- **Distinctive sarcoma showing endothelial differentiation; less aggressive than angiosarcoma**
- **Epithelioid cells arranged in cords and nests**
- **Myxohyaline stroma typical**
- **Occasional cytoplasmic vacuoles**
- **Keratin expression common**
- **May be confused with metastatic carcinoma, especially lobular breast and signet-ring-cell gastric**

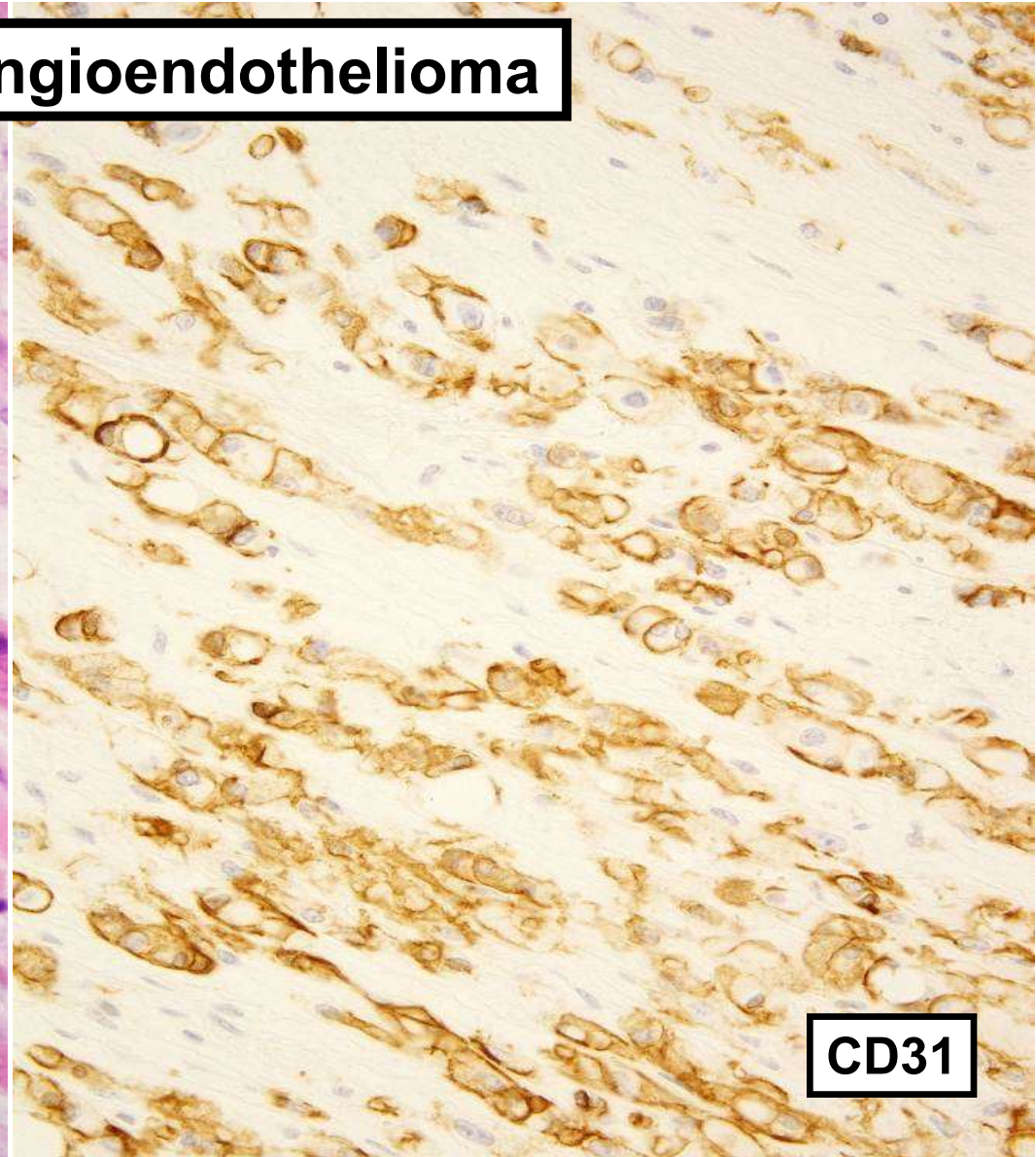
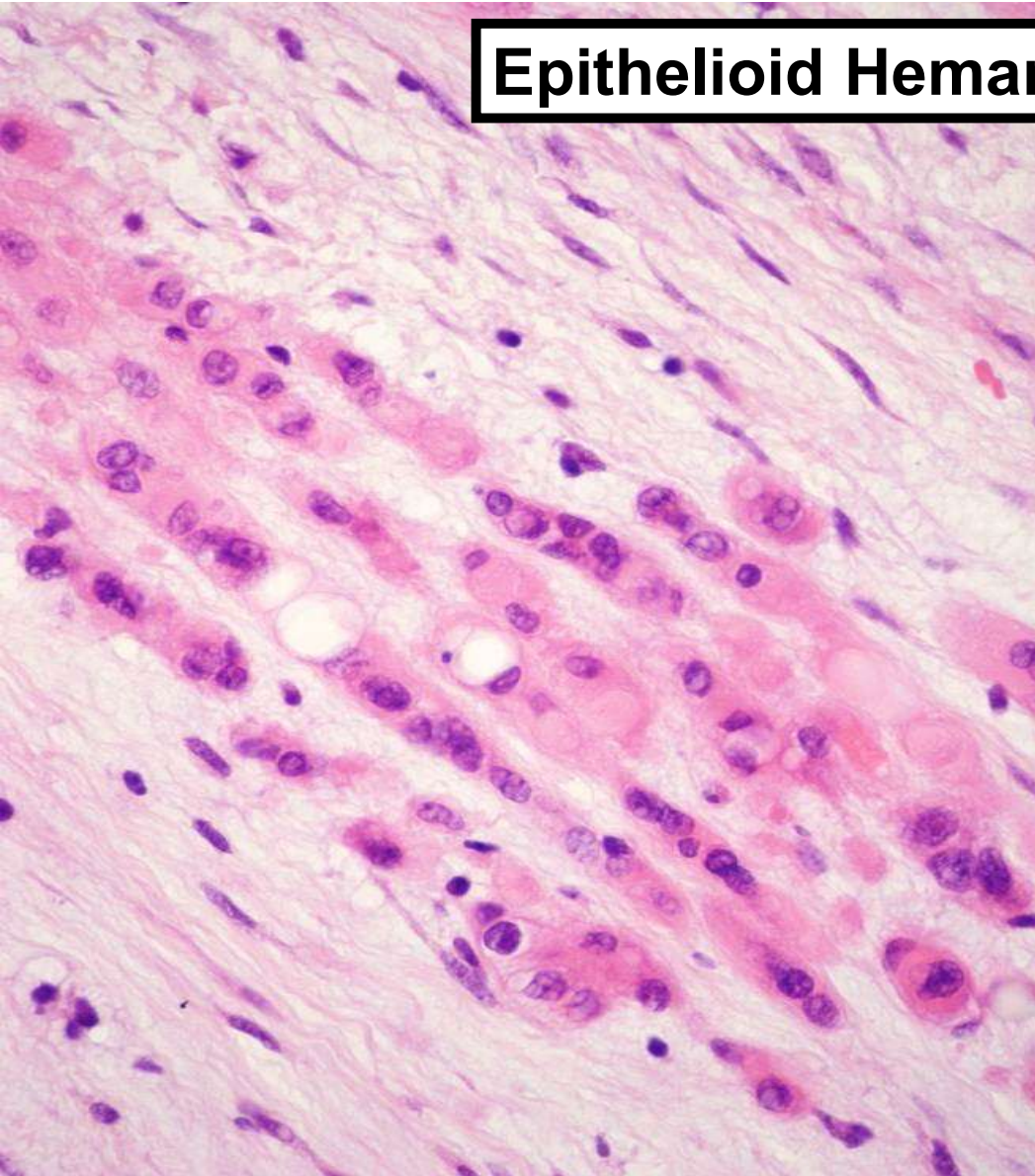
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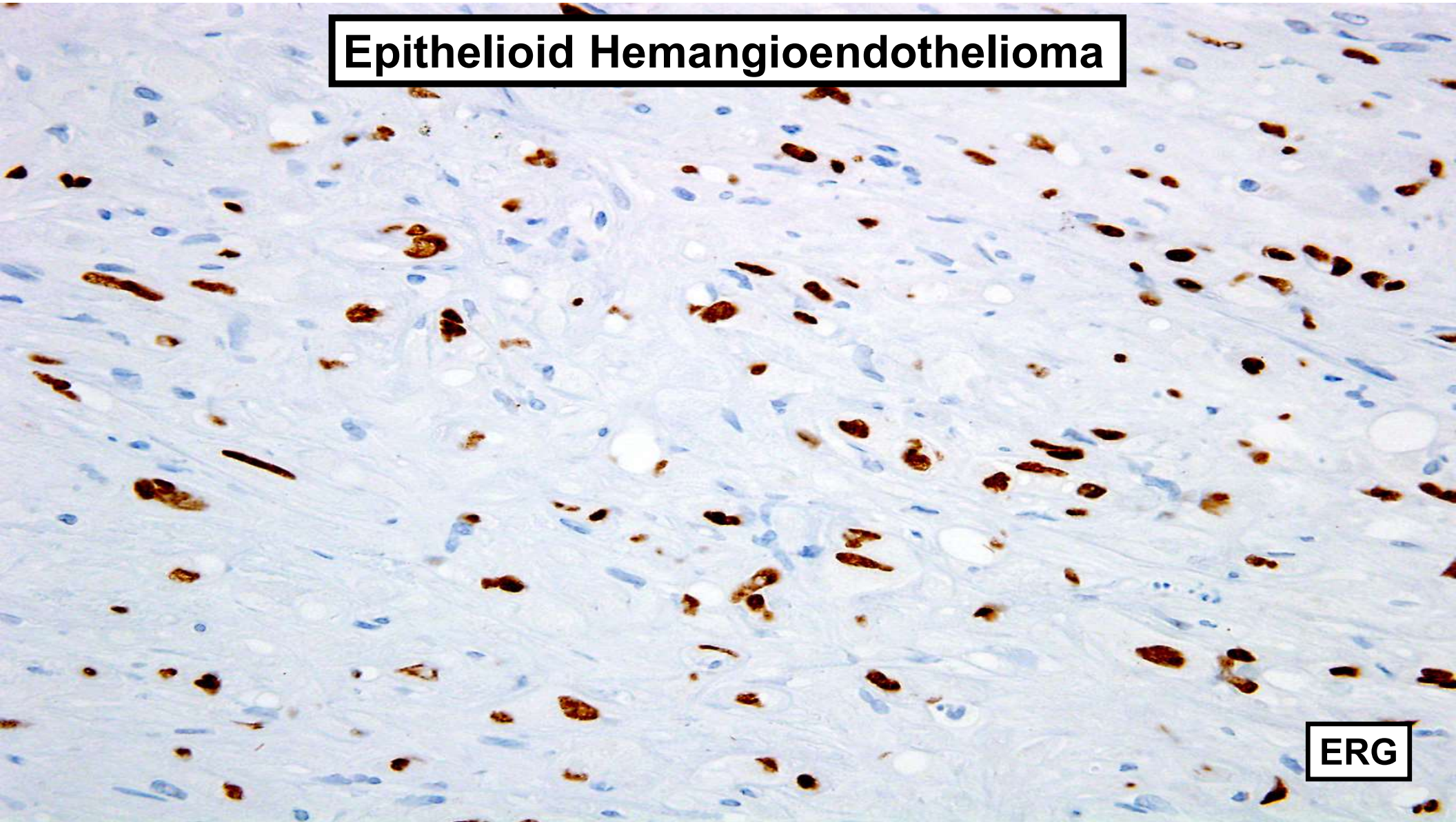


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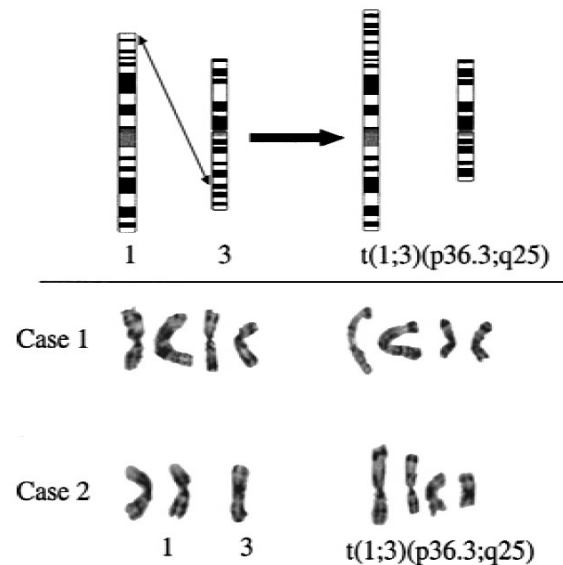


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Identification of a Disease-Defining Gene Fusion in Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma

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A Novel *WWTRI-CAMTA1* Gene Fusion Is a Consistent Abnormality in Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma of Different Anatomic Sites

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IHC for CAMTA1

- Nuclear staining in most cases of EHE
- Negative in epithelioid hemangioma and epithelioid angiosarcoma
- Negative in other epithelioid mesenchymal tumors
- Negative in carcinomas
- Useful diagnostic marker for EHE

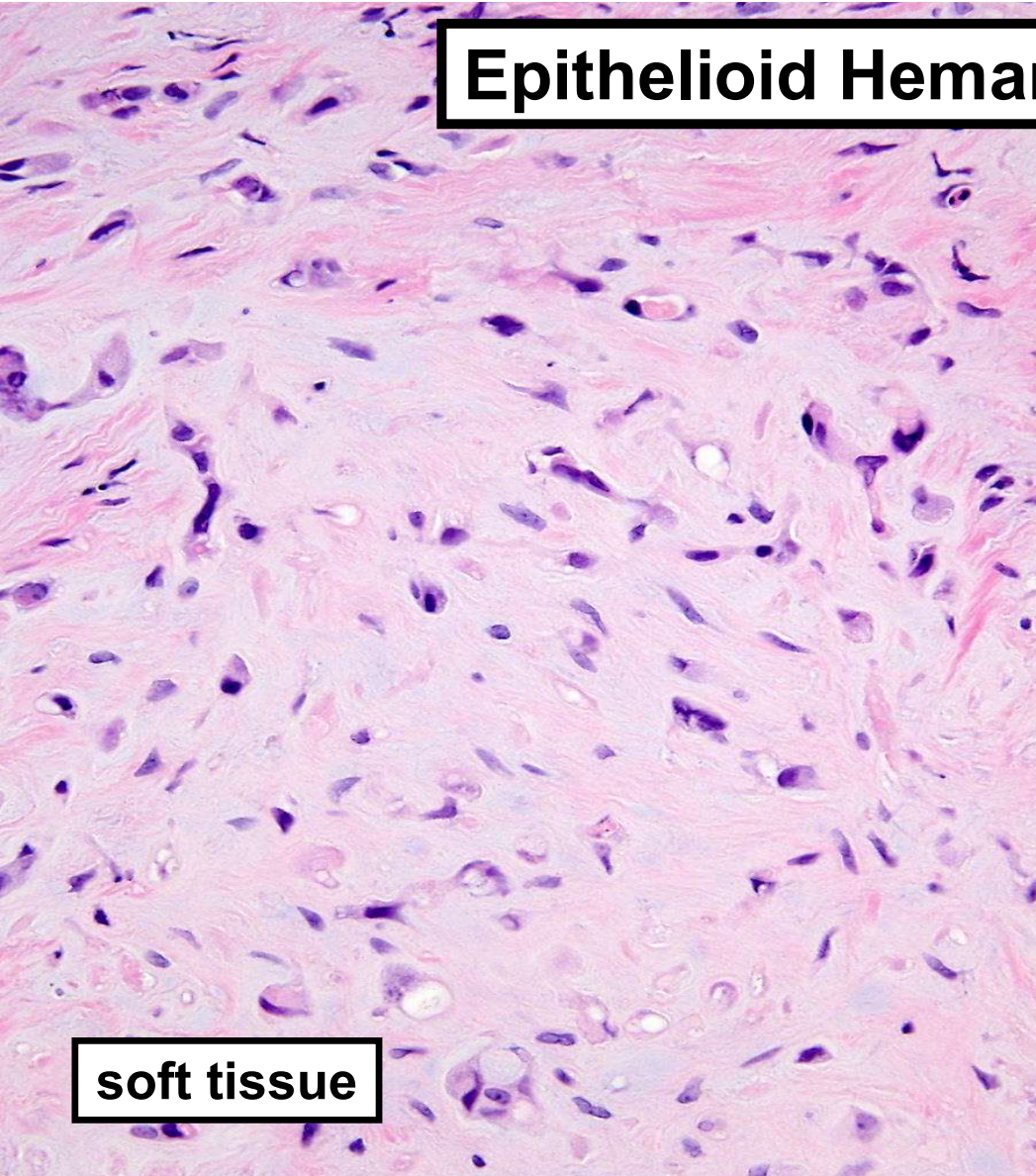
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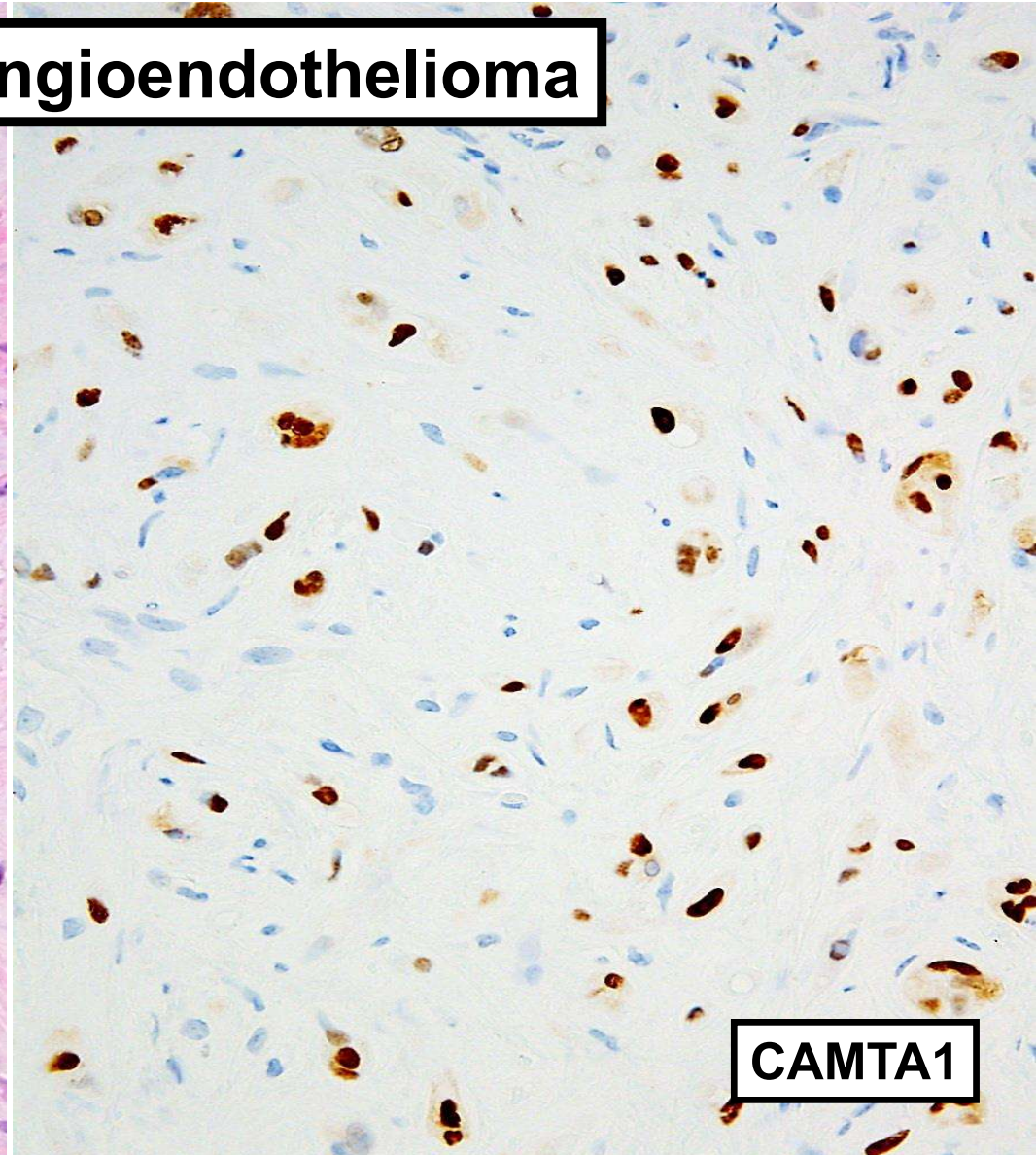
TABLE 1. Summary of IHC Staining for CAMTA1 in EHE and Other Epithelioid Mesenchymal Tumors

Tumor Type	Total Cases	CAMTA1 Positive (n [%])
EHE	59	51 (86)
Epithelioid hemangioma	20	0 (0)
Epithelioid angiomatous nodule	10	0 (0)
Epithelioid angiosarcoma	25	1 (4)
Composite hemangioendothelioma	5	0 (0)
Pseudomyogenic hemangioendothelioma	10	0 (0)
Epithelioid sarcoma	25	0 (0)
Sclerosing epithelioid fibrosarcoma	10	0 (0)
Myoepithelial neoplasms of soft tissue	10	0 (0)
PEComa	10	0 (0)
Alveolar soft part sarcoma	10	0 (0)
Ossifying fibromyxoid tumor	10	0 (0)

Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma

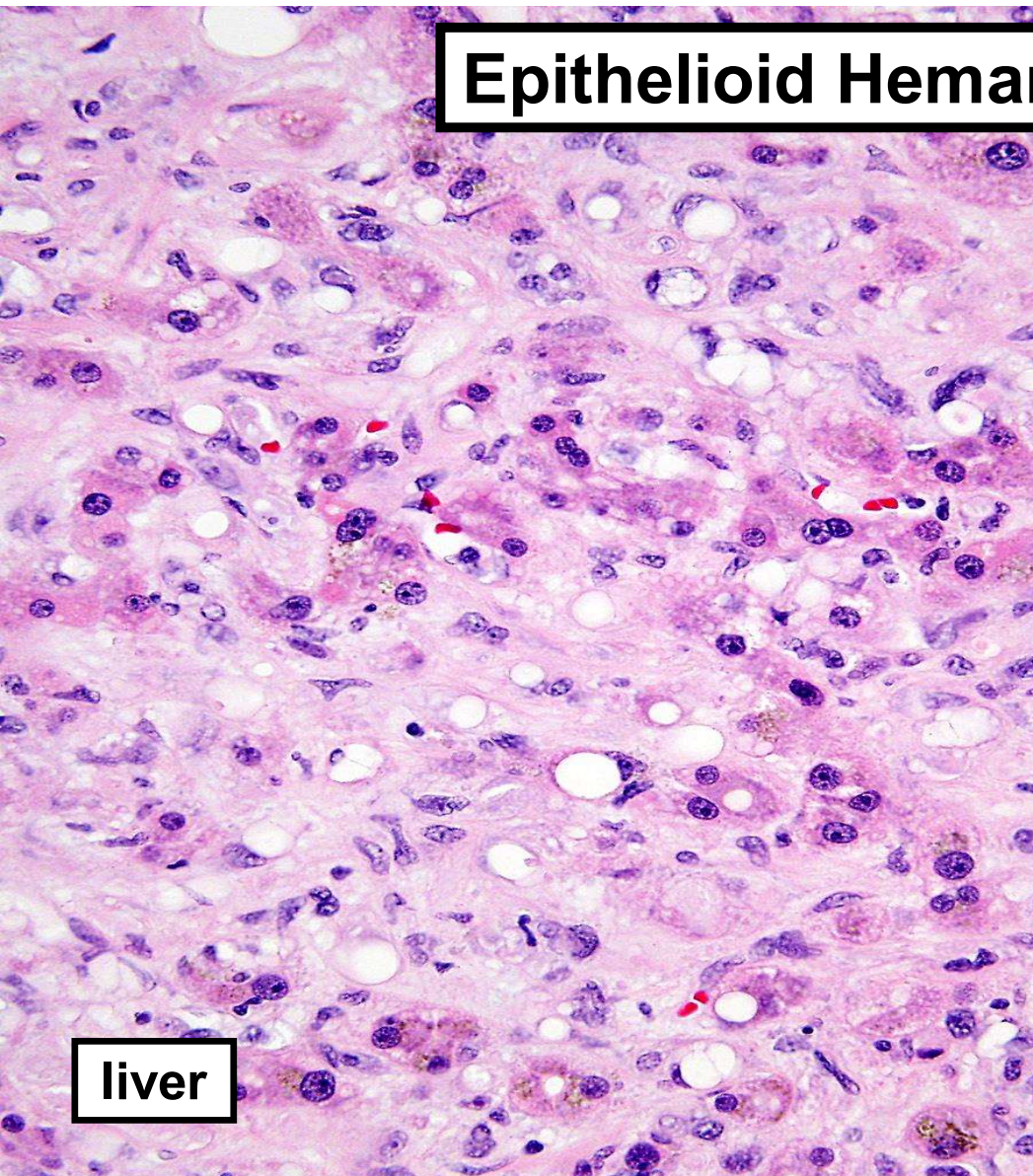


soft tissue

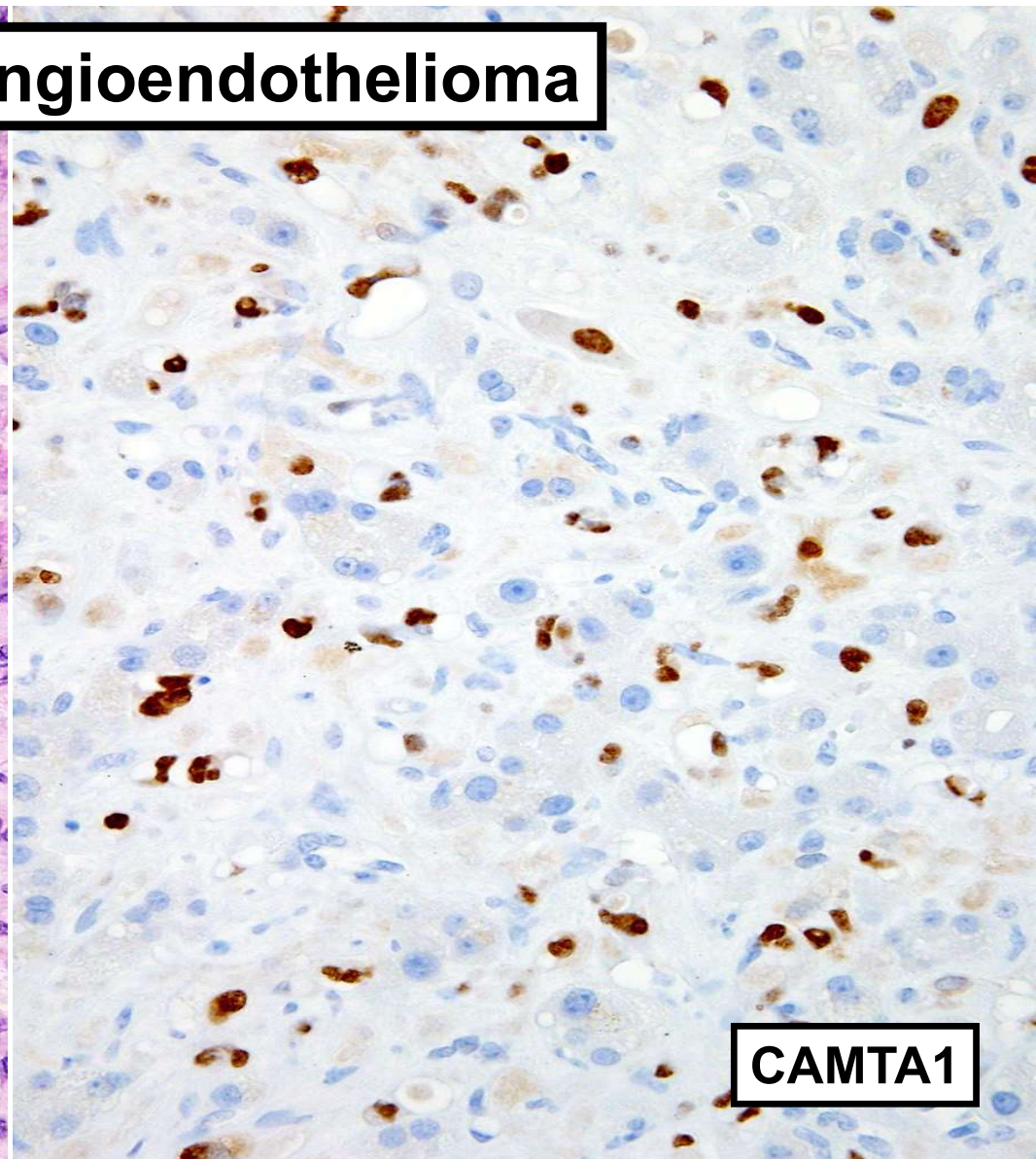


CAMTA1

Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma

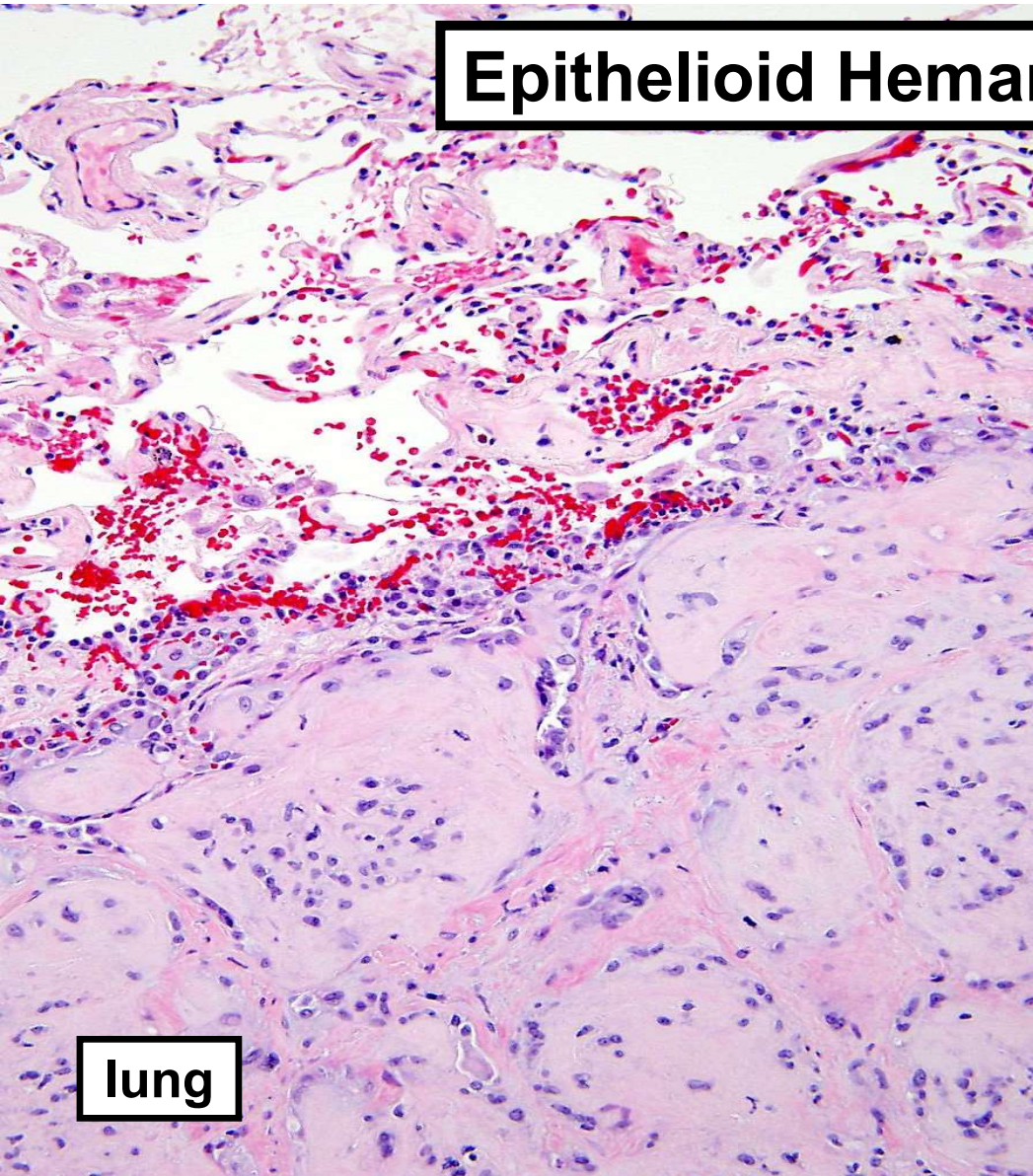


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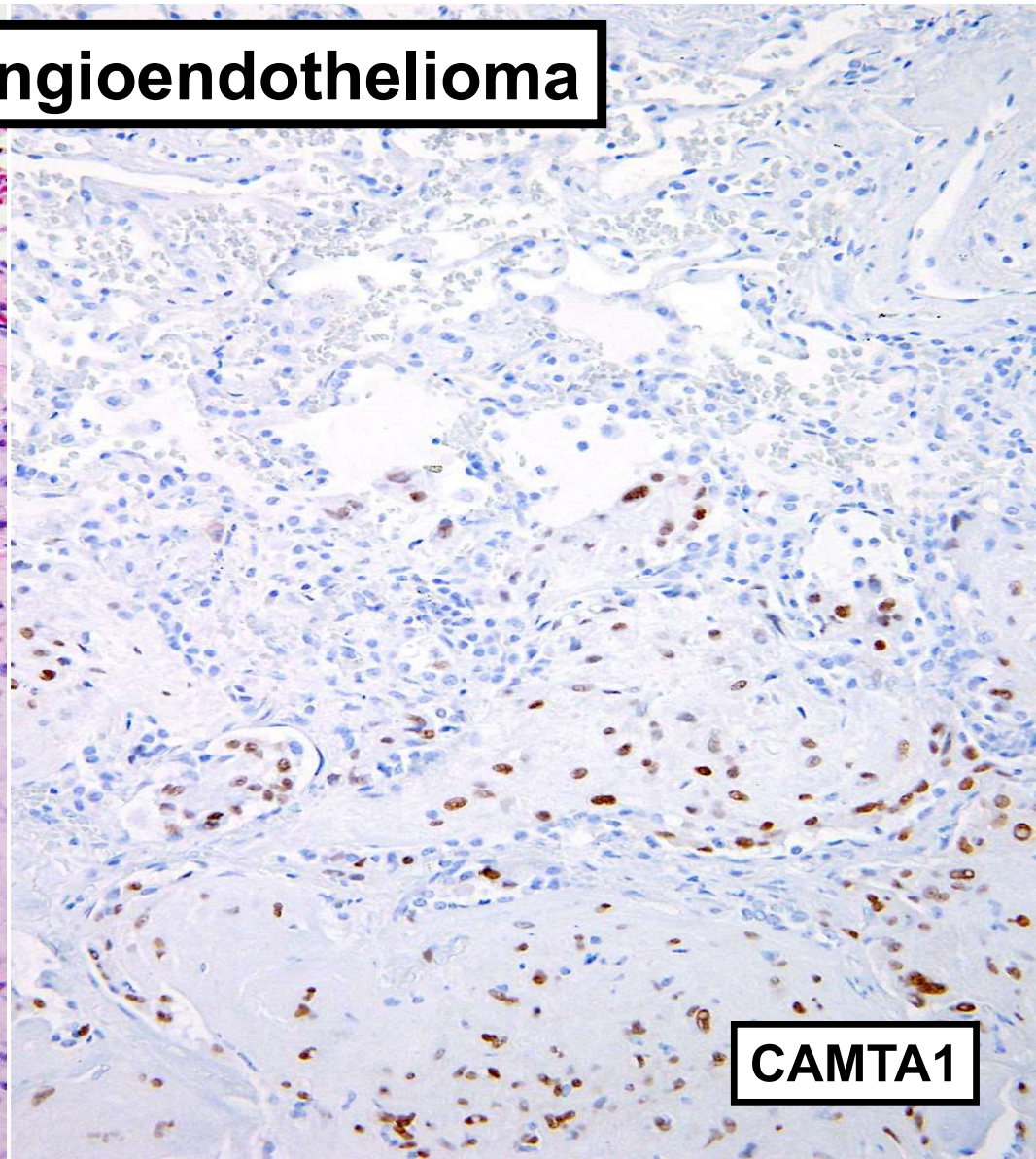


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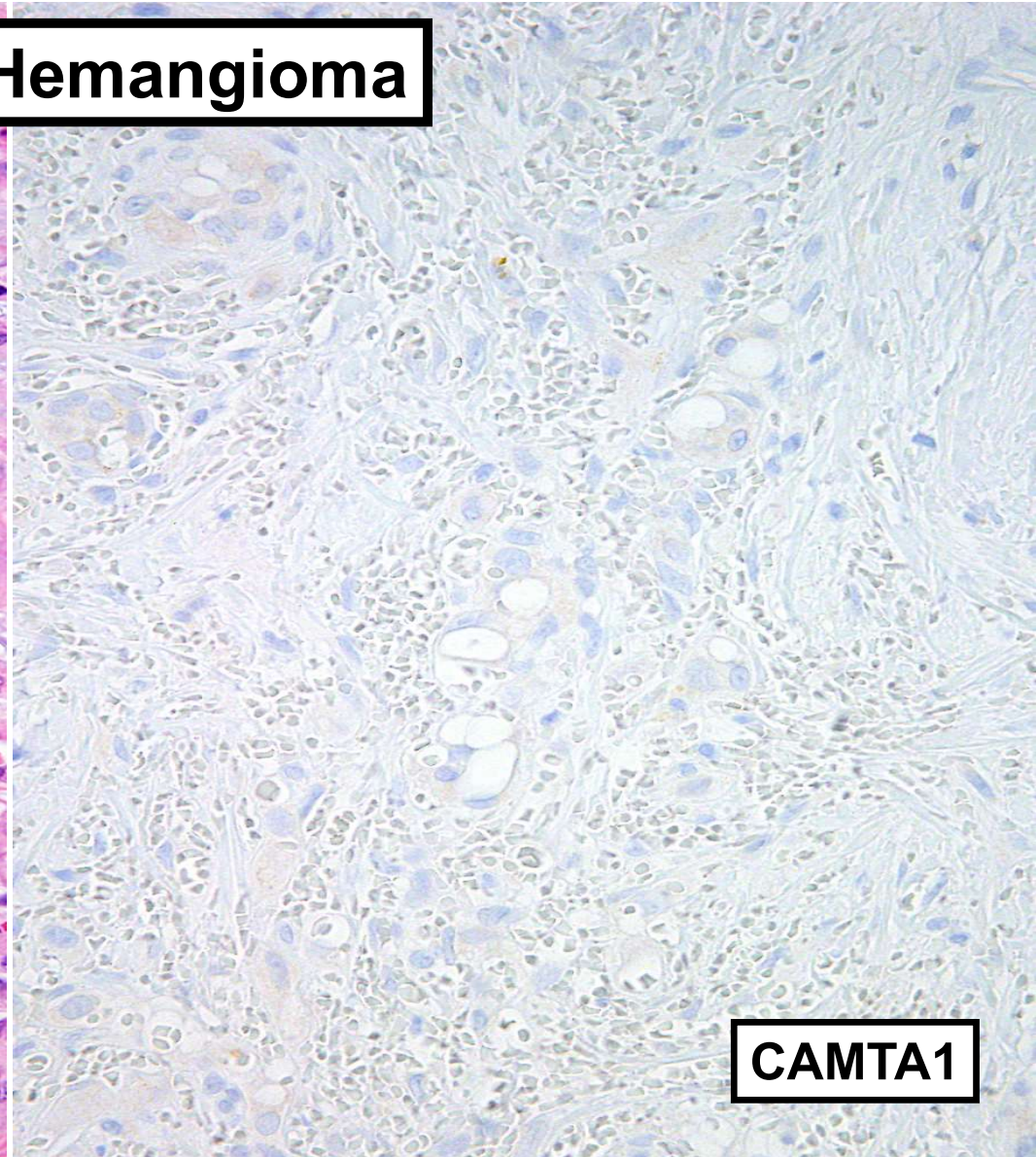
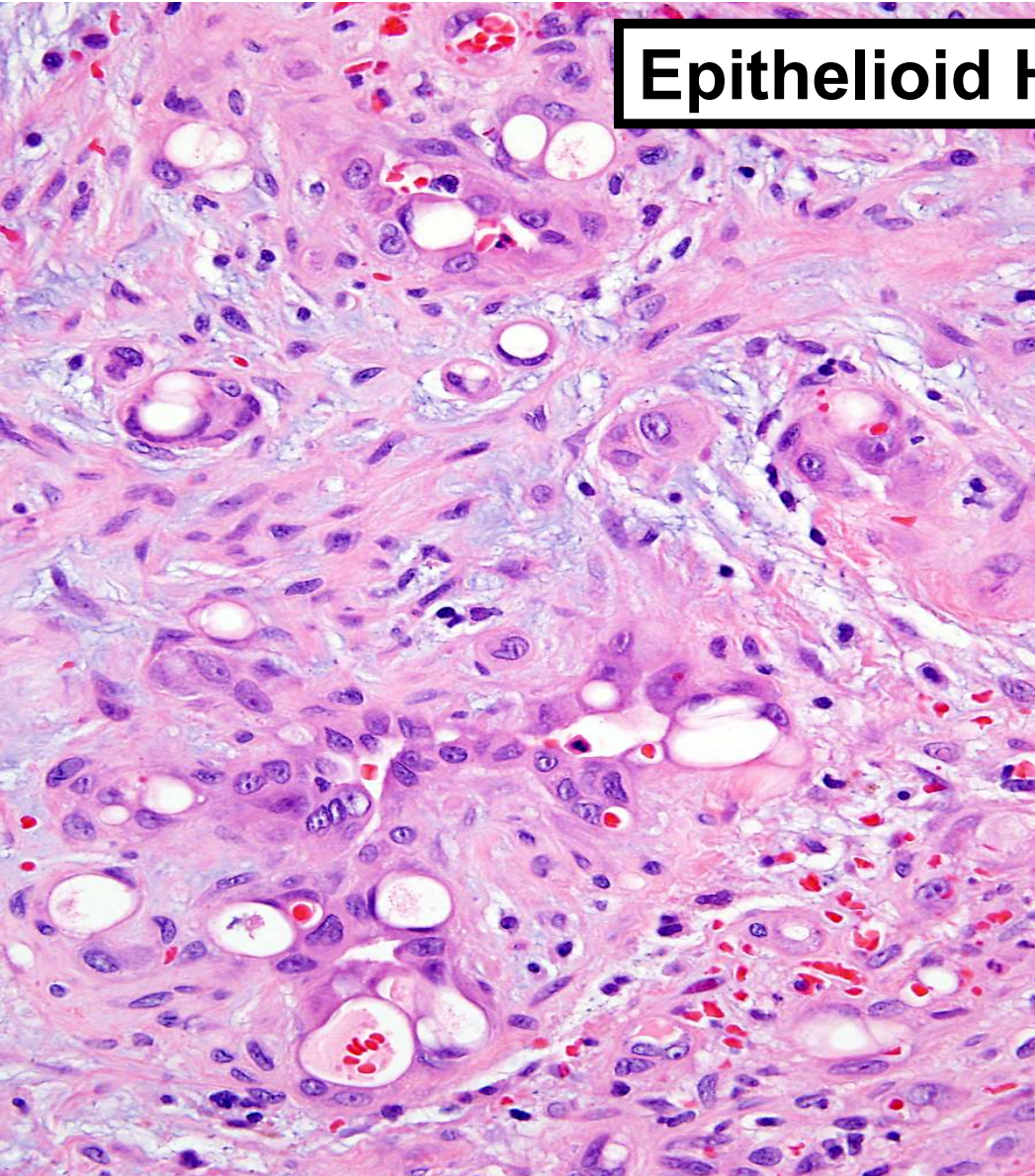


lung



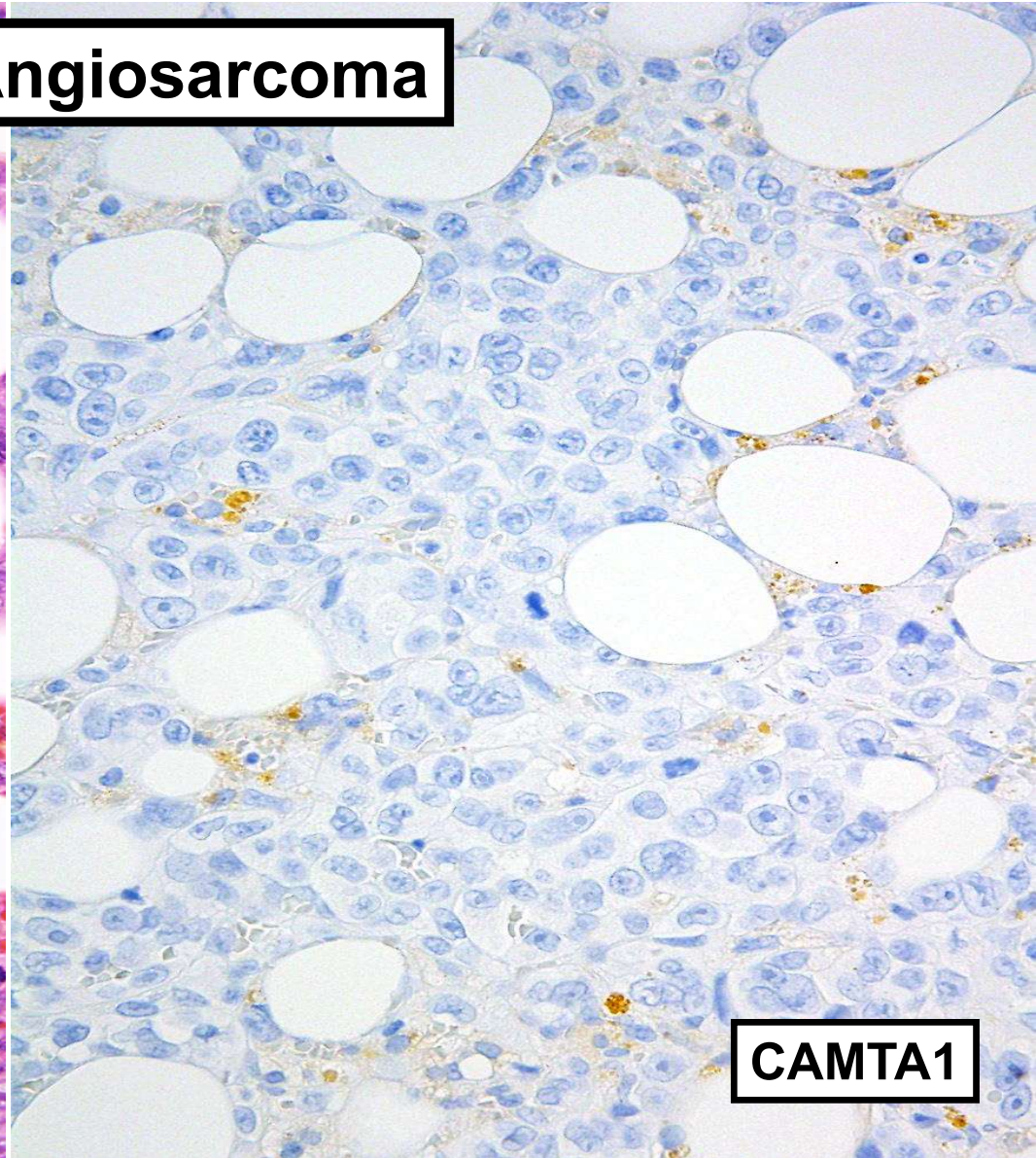
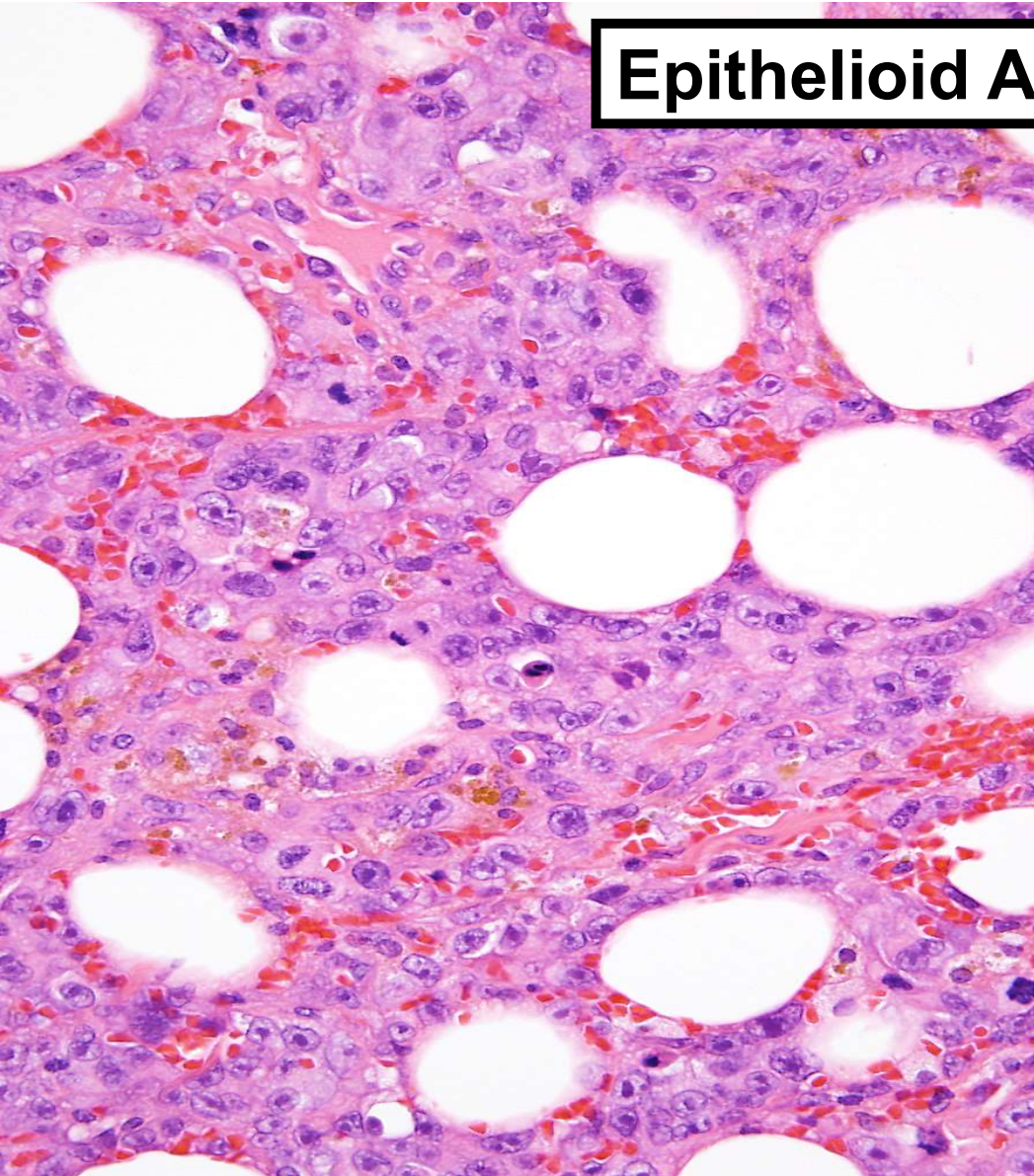
CAMTA1

Epithelioid Hemangioma



CAMTA1

Epithelioid Angiosarcoma



CAMTA1

Diagnostic Markers Identified by Gene Expression Profiling

DOG1 (ANO1)	NKX2-2
ETV4	SATB2
MUC4	TLE1

NKX2-2

- Homeobox transcription factor involved in neuronal development and glial/ neuroendocrine differentiation
- Gene expression profiling: NKX2-2 downstream target of *EWSR1::FLI1* fusion
- NKX2-2 required for oncogenic transformation

Expression profiling of EWS/FLI identifies *NKX2.2* as a critical target gene in Ewing's sarcoma

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NKX2-2

- **IHC: diffuse nuclear NKX2-2 sensitive marker for Ewing sarcoma (95%)**
- **Also positive in Ewing sarcoma with *EWSR1::ERG***
- **Imperfect specificity: mesenchymal chondrosarcomas often positive (also olfactory neuroblastomas)**

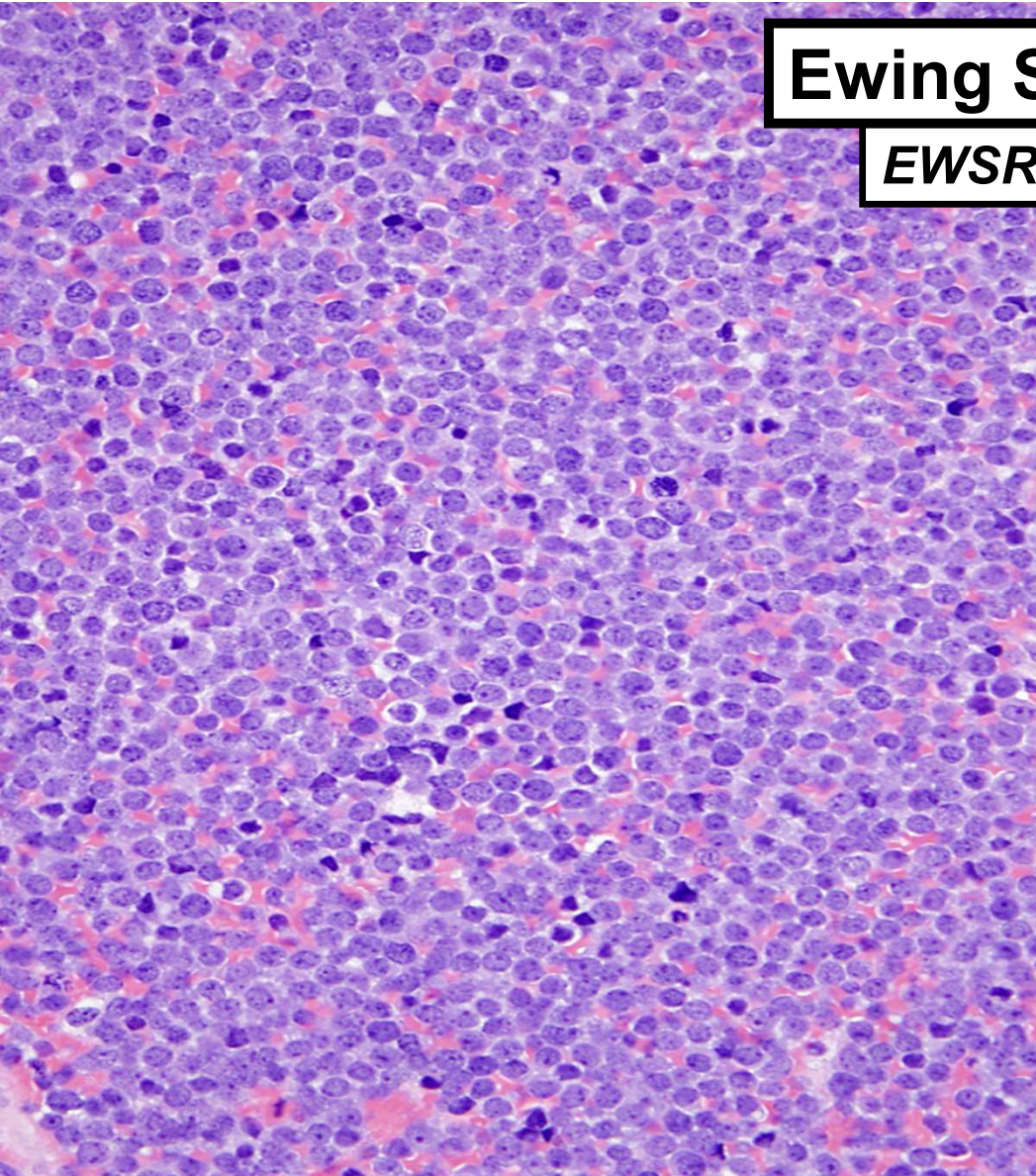
NKX2.2 is a Useful Immunohistochemical Marker
for Ewing Sarcoma

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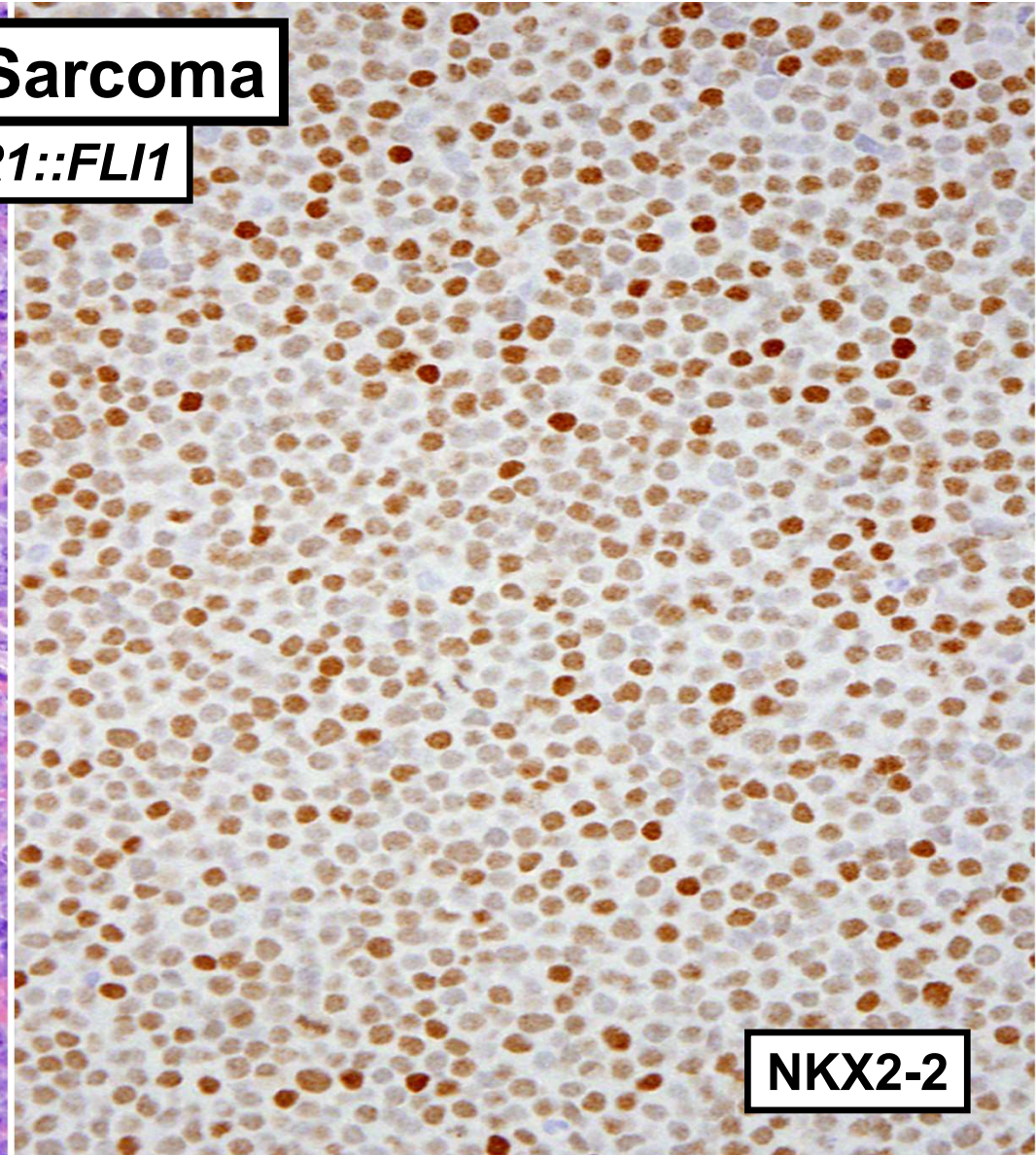
Table 1 Summary of immunohistochemical staining for NKX2-2

<i>Tumor type</i>	<i>Total cases</i>	<i>NKX2-2 positive (%)</i>
Ewing sarcoma	40	37 (93)
<i>Non-Ewing small round blue cell tumors</i>		
<i>CIC-DUX4</i> sarcoma	20	1 (5)
<i>BCOR-CCNB3</i> sarcoma	5	0 (0)
Unclassified round cell sarcoma	9	2 (22)
Synovial sarcoma, poorly differentiated	10	1 (10)
Lymphoblastic lymphoma	10	0 (0)
Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	10	0 (0)
Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma	10	0 (0)
NUT midline carcinoma	5	0 (0)
Wilms tumor	10	0 (0)
Merkel cell carcinoma	10	0 (0)
Melanoma	20	0 (0)
Small cell carcinoma	10	3 (30)
Neuroblastoma	10	1 (10)
Olfactory neuroblastoma	10	8 (80)
Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma	12	9 (75)

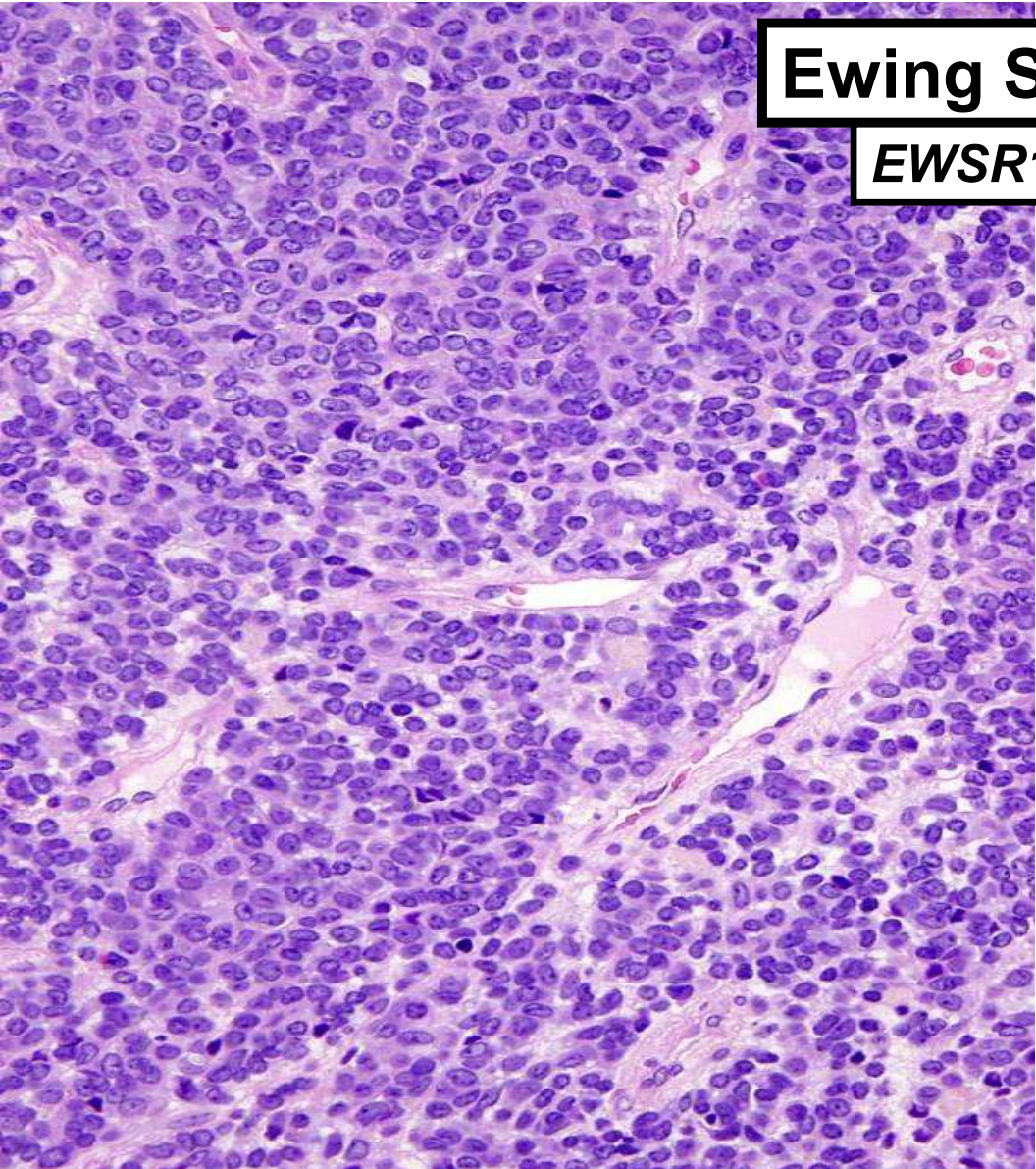


Ewing Sarcoma

EWSR1::FLI1

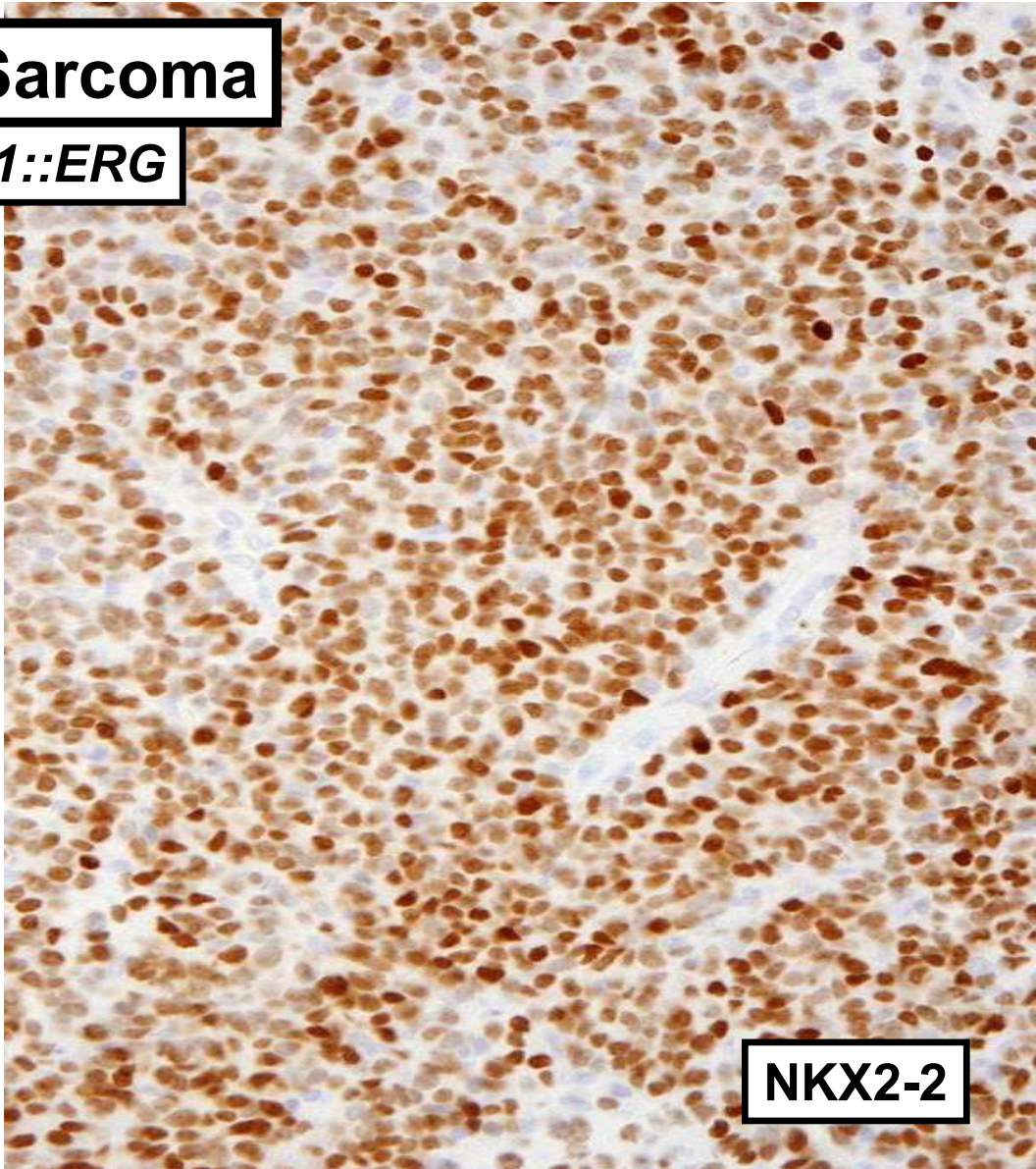


NKX2-2



Ewing Sarcoma

EWSR1::ERG



NKX2-2

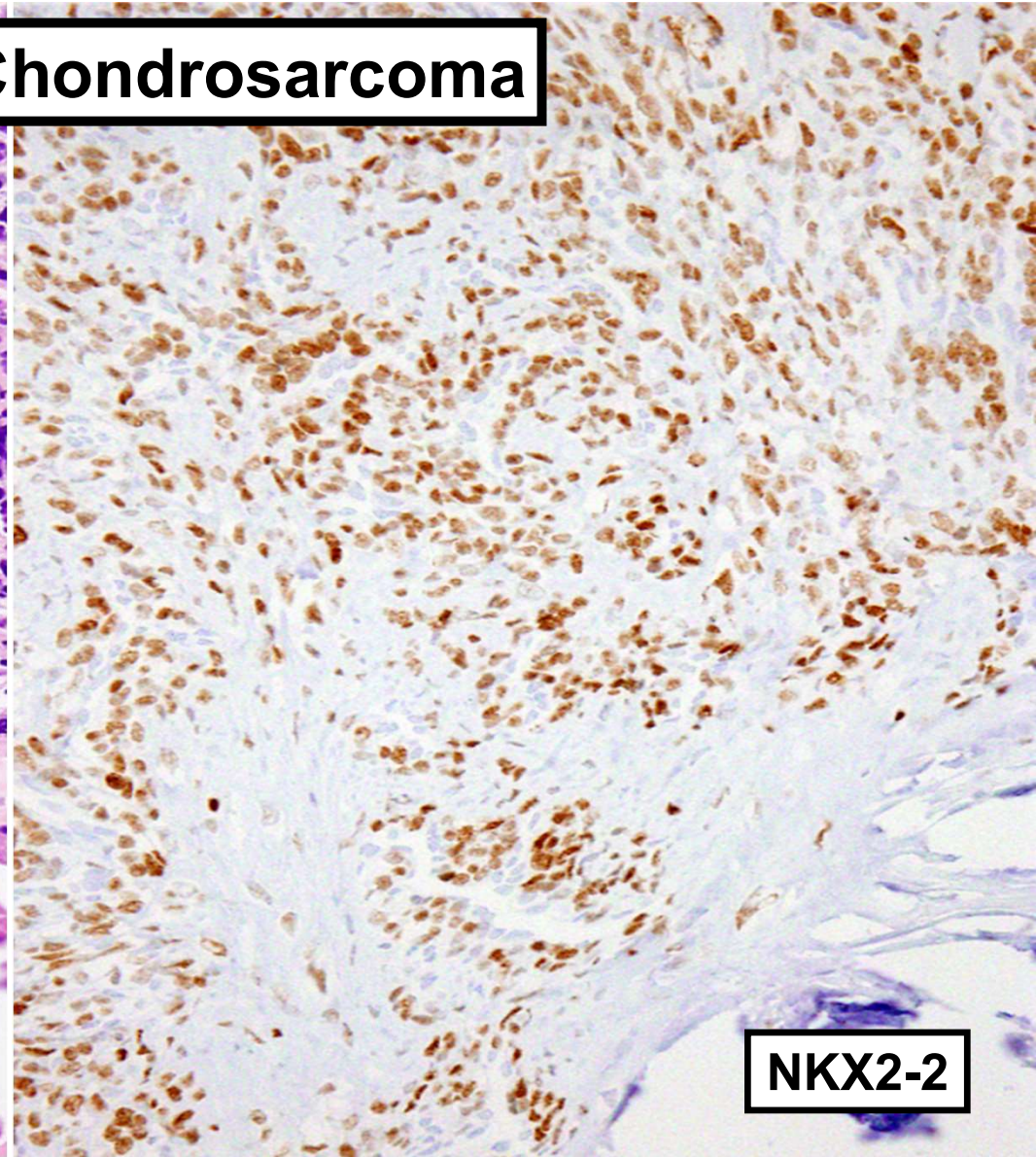
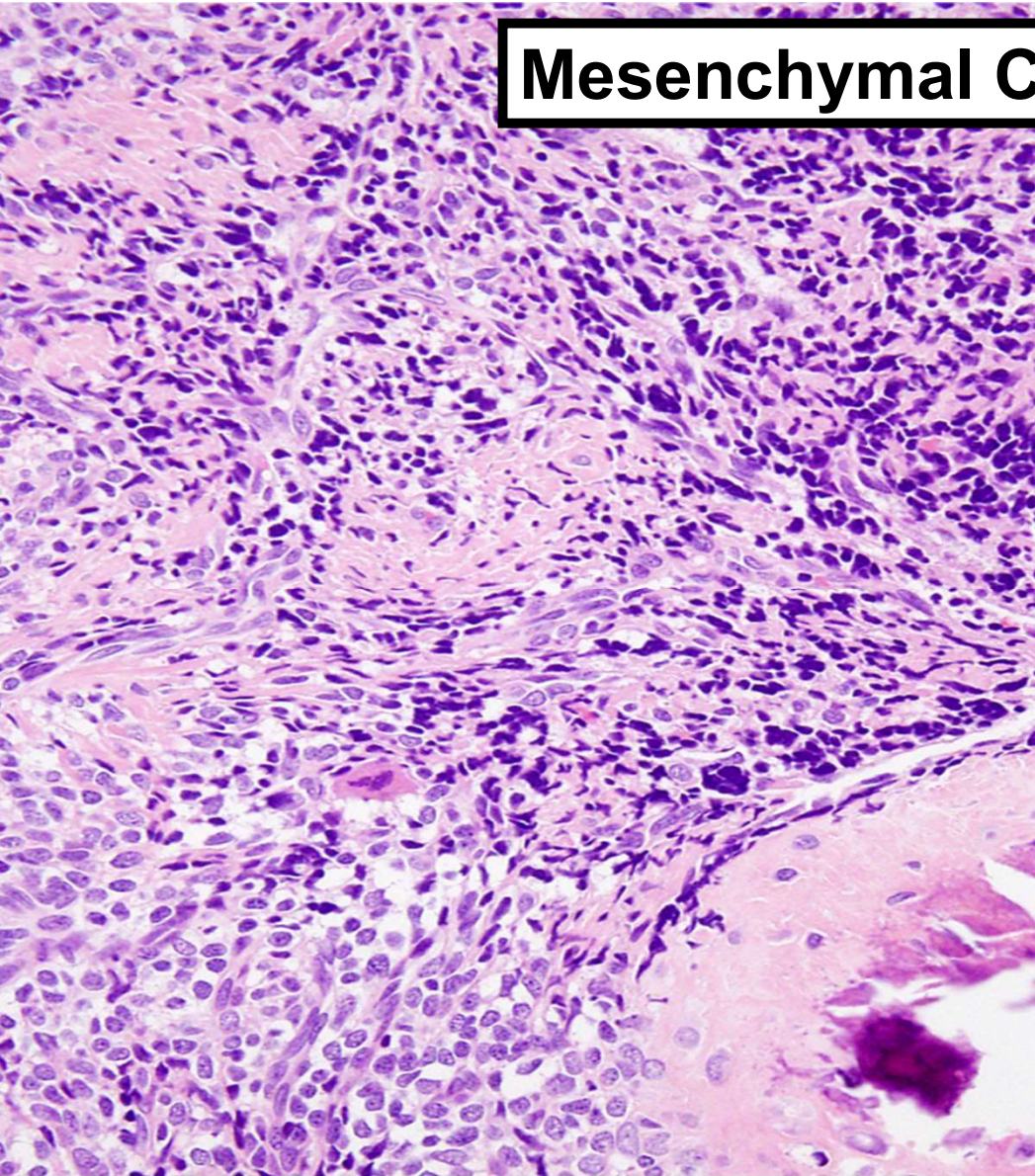


***CIC::DUX4* Sarcoma**

The image displays two panels of histological sections from a CIC::DUX4 Sarcoma. The left panel shows a low-magnification view of a tissue section stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E), revealing a dense population of cells with large, round nuclei and a high nuclear-to-cytoplasmic ratio. The right panel is a high-magnification view of the same tissue, showing individual cells with prominent, darkly stained nuclei and scant cytoplasm, characteristic of a sarcoma. A central label 'CIC::DUX4 Sarcoma' is overlaid on the top of the left panel. A label 'NKX2-2' is located in the bottom right corner of the right panel.

NKX2-2

Mesenchymal Chondrosarcoma

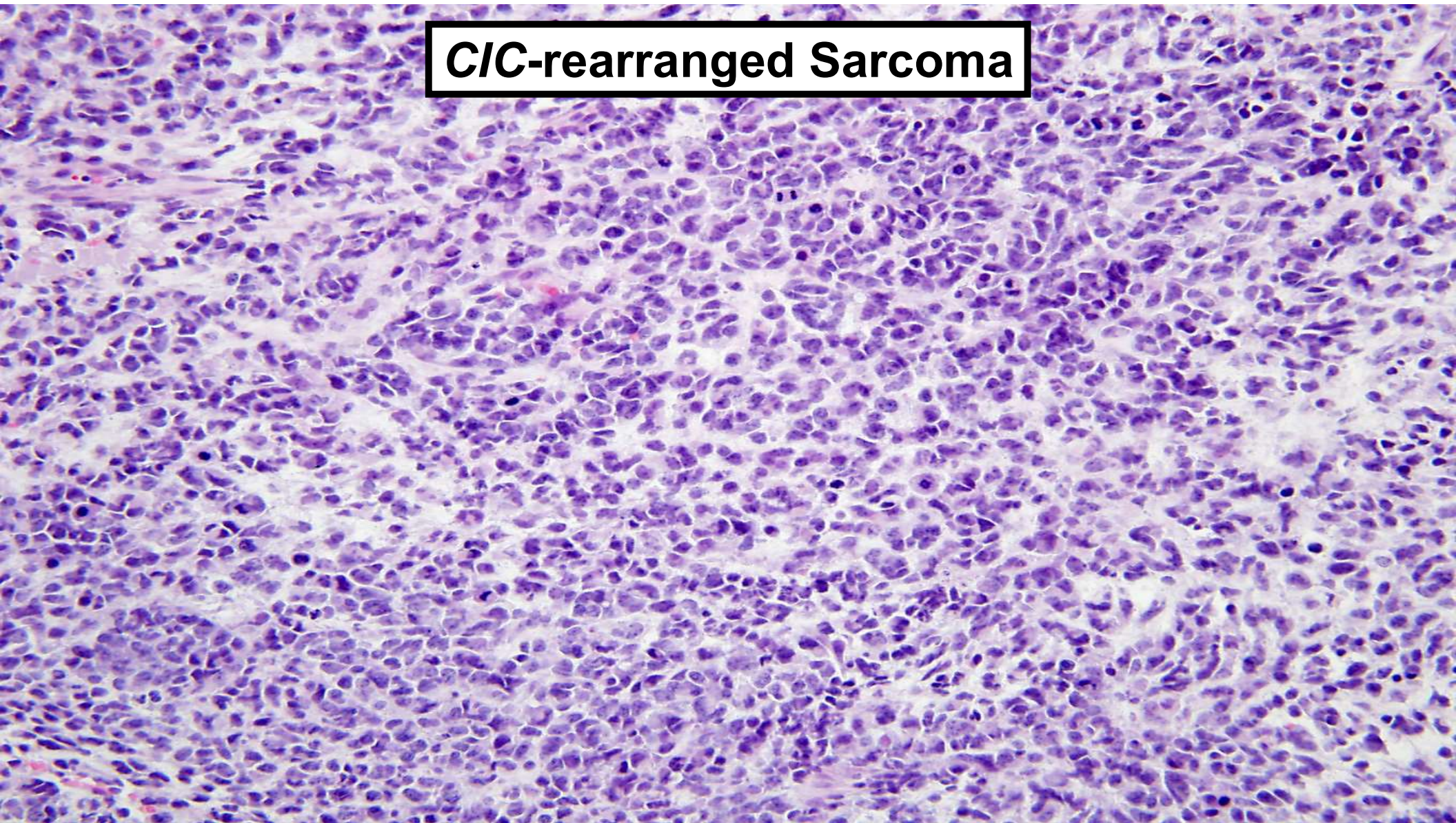


NKX2-2

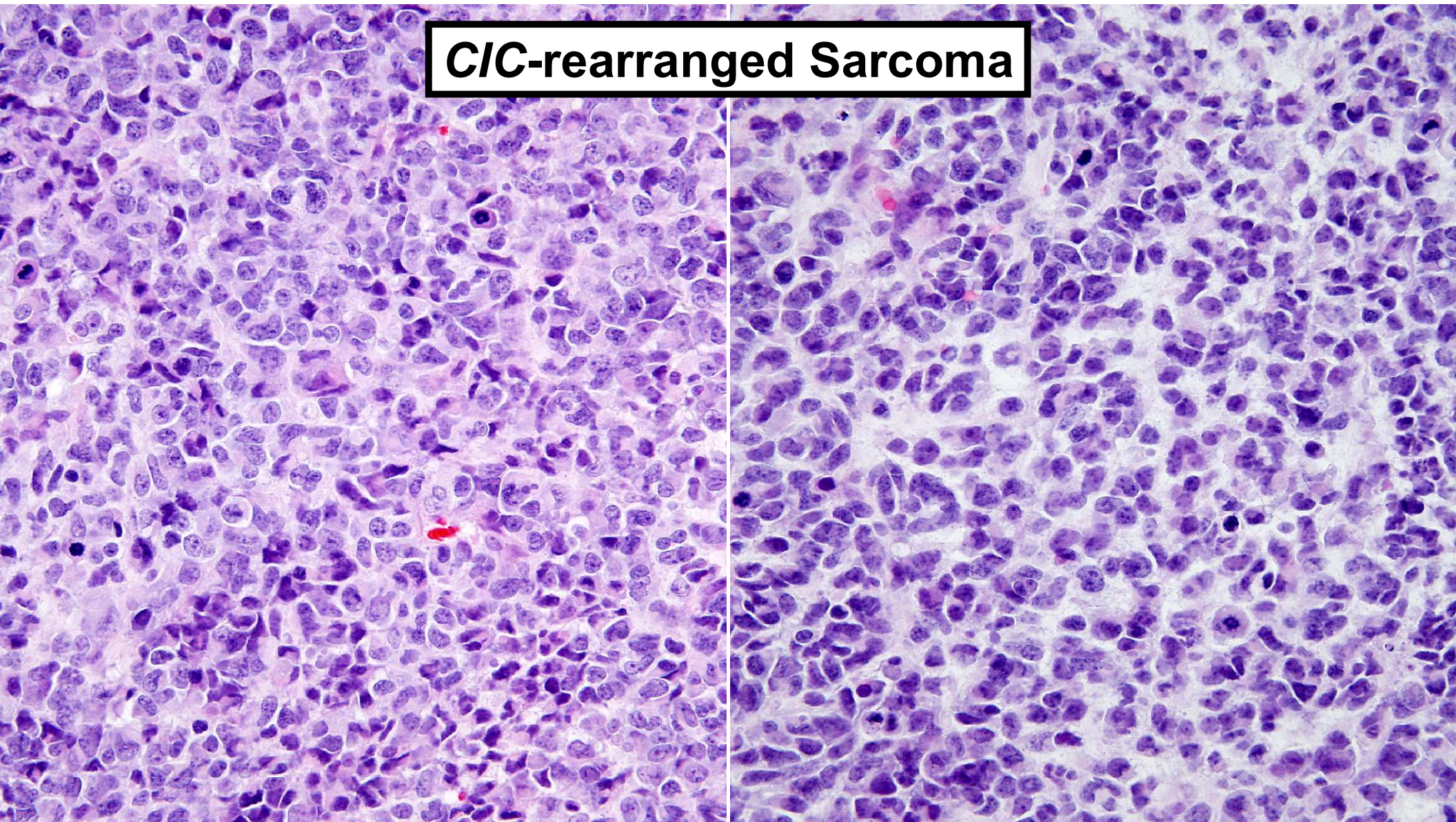
***CIC*-rearranged sarcoma**

- **Most common “Ewing-like” (“undifferentiated”) round cell sarcoma that lacks *EWSR1* gene fusions (more than 70%)**
- **Majority with *CIC::DUX4* fusions (also known as *CIC::DUX4* sarcoma)**
- **Wide age range; peak in young adults**
- **Deep soft tissue of extremities and trunk most frequent**
- **Bone and visceral sites rare**
- **Much more aggressive clinical course and worse survival than Ewing sarcoma; currently treated similarly**

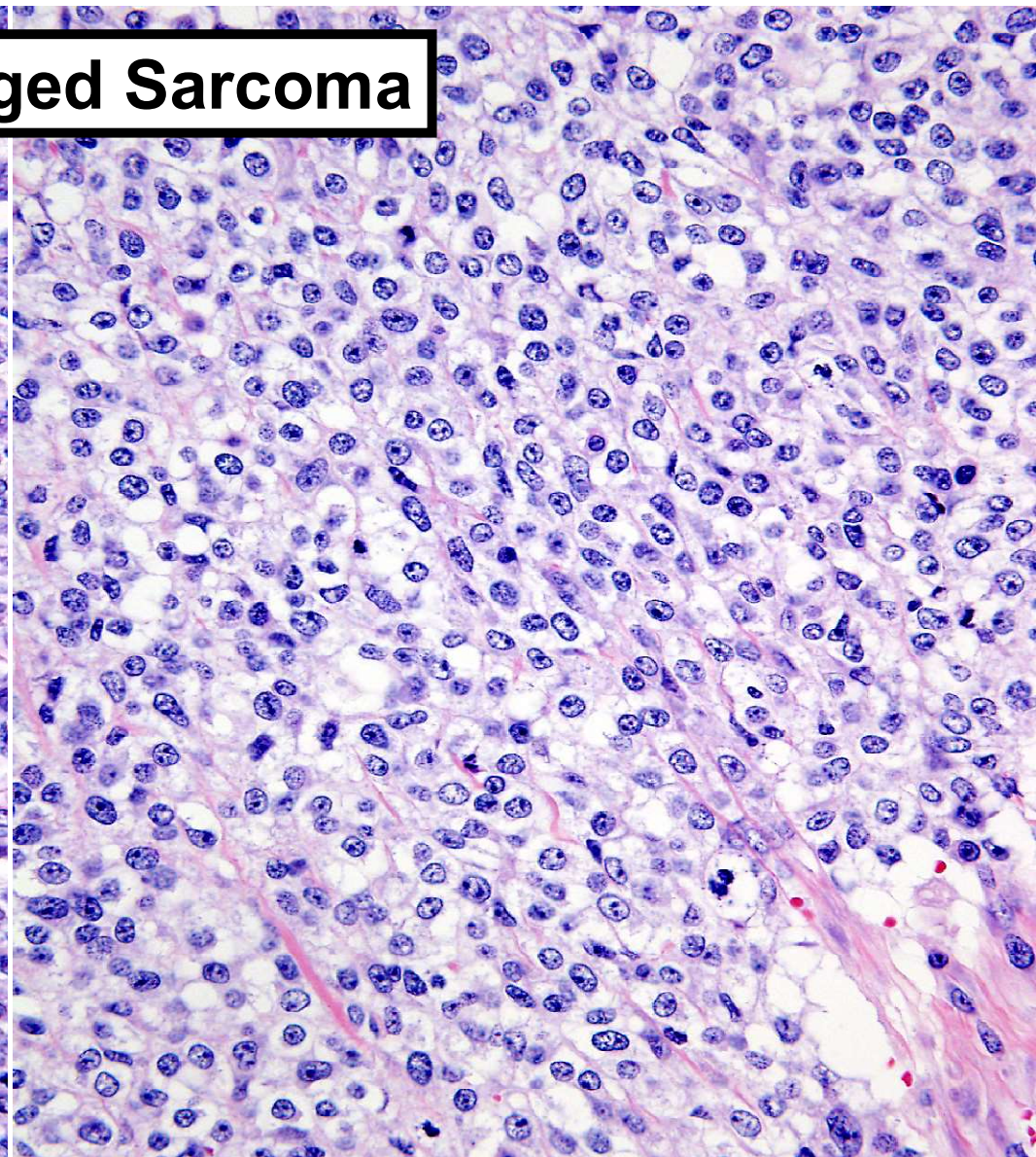
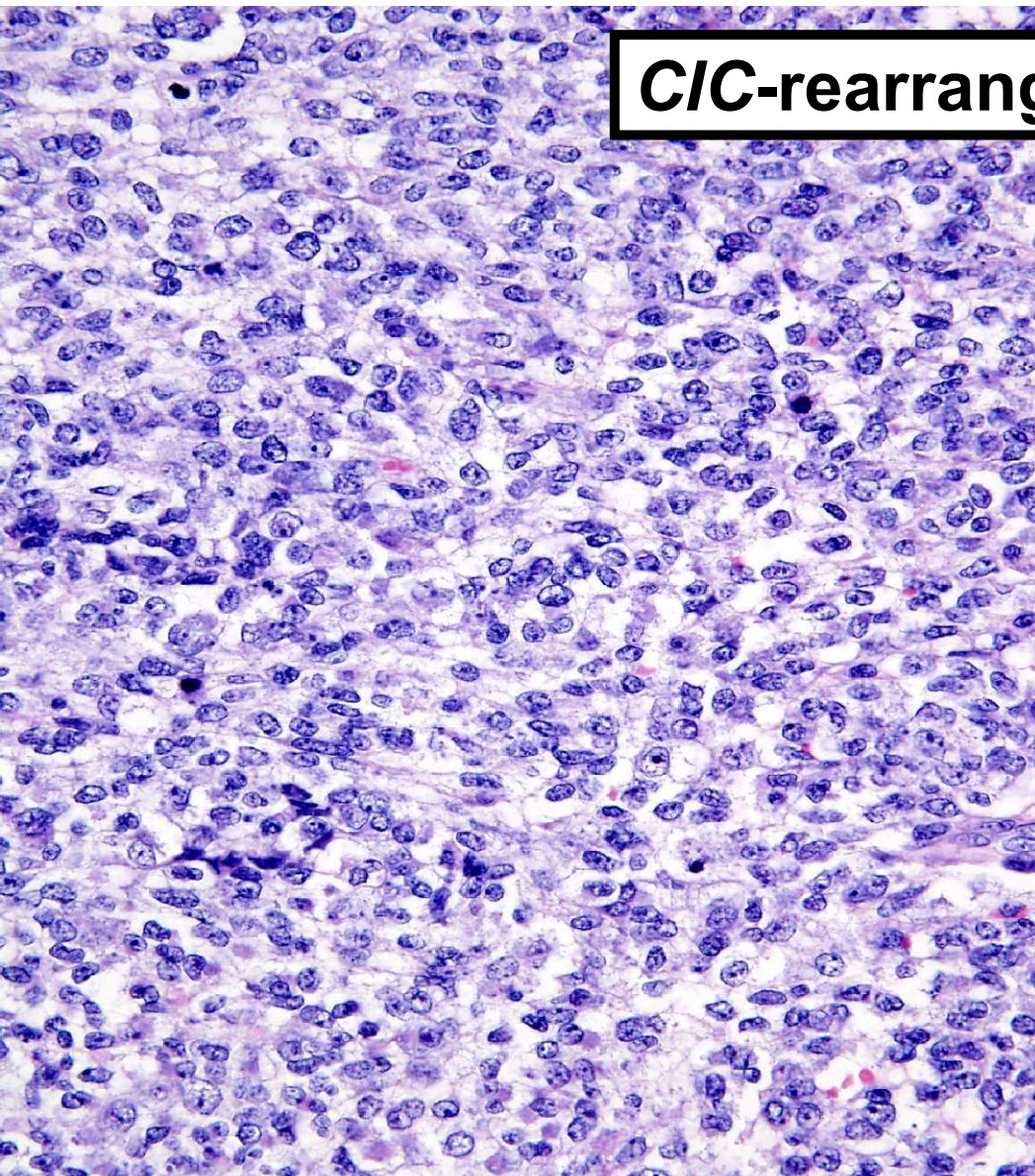
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C/C-rearranged Sarcoma



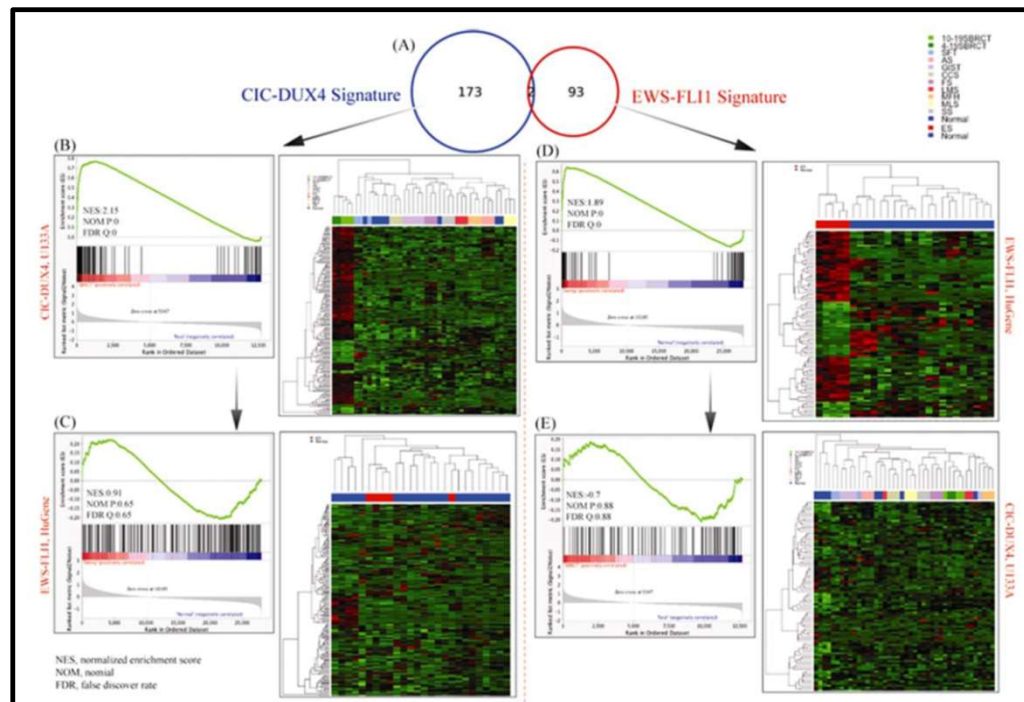
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Distinct Transcriptional Signature and Immunoprofile of *CIC-DUX4* Fusion-Positive Round Cell Tumors Compared to *EWSRI*-Rearranged Ewing Sarcomas: Further Evidence Toward Distinct Pathologic Entities

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**CIC-DUX sarcomas demonstrate frequent
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MODERN PATHOLOGY (2016) 29, 1324–1334

**Evaluation of ETV4 and WT1 expression in
CIC-rearranged sarcomas and histologic mimics**

Yin P Hung, Christopher DM Fletcher and Jason L Hornick

MODERN PATHOLOGY (2016) 29, 1523–1531

**ETV4 is a useful marker for the diagnosis of
CIC-rearranged undifferentiated round-cell
sarcomas: a study of 127 cases including
mimicking lesions**

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C/C-rearranged Sarcoma: IHC

Marker	Positive	Comments
CD99	85%	Usually patchy; 20% diffuse
WT1	90%	Nuclear +/- cytoplasmic
ETV4	95%	Nuclear
Keratins	15%	Focal

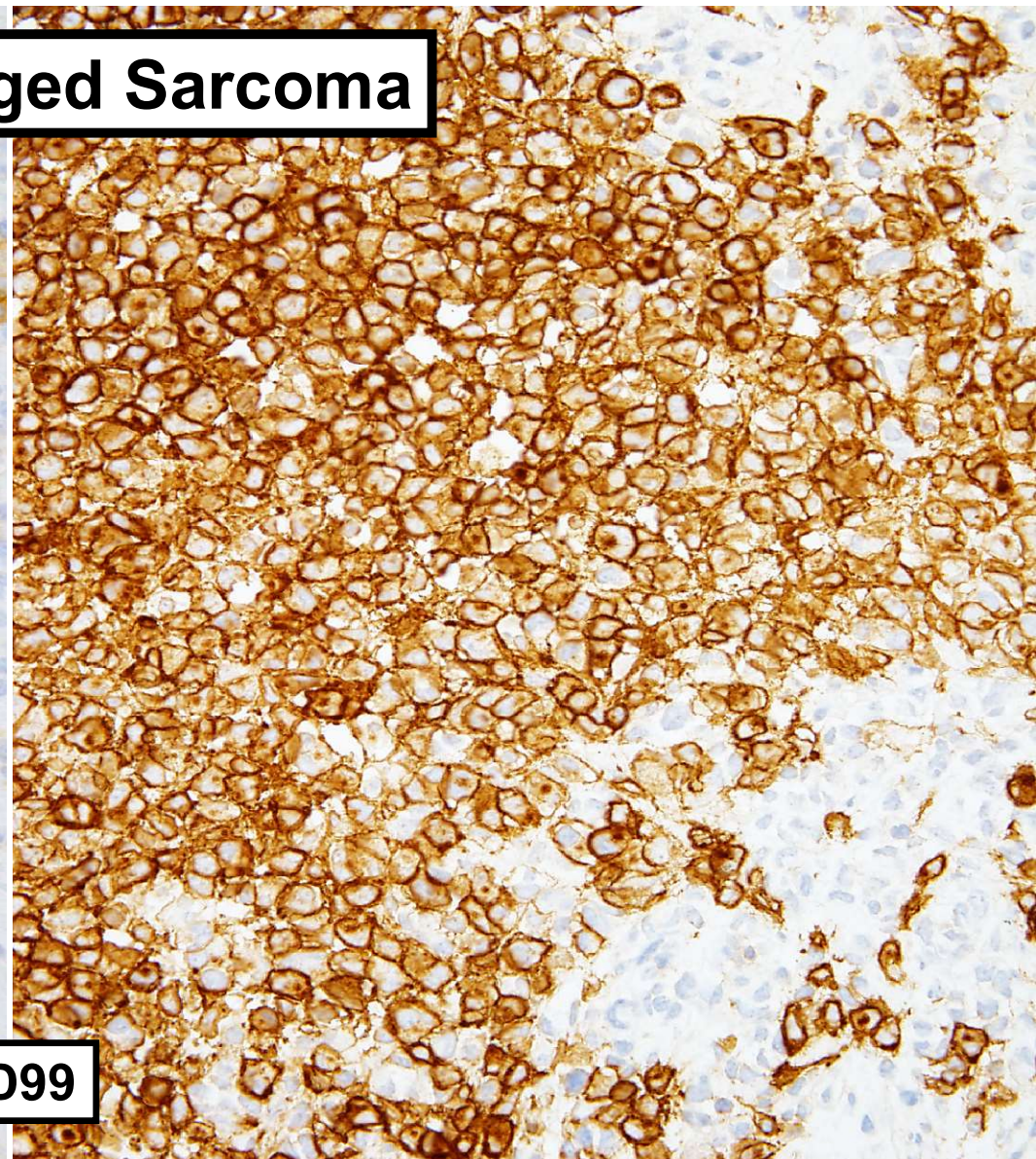
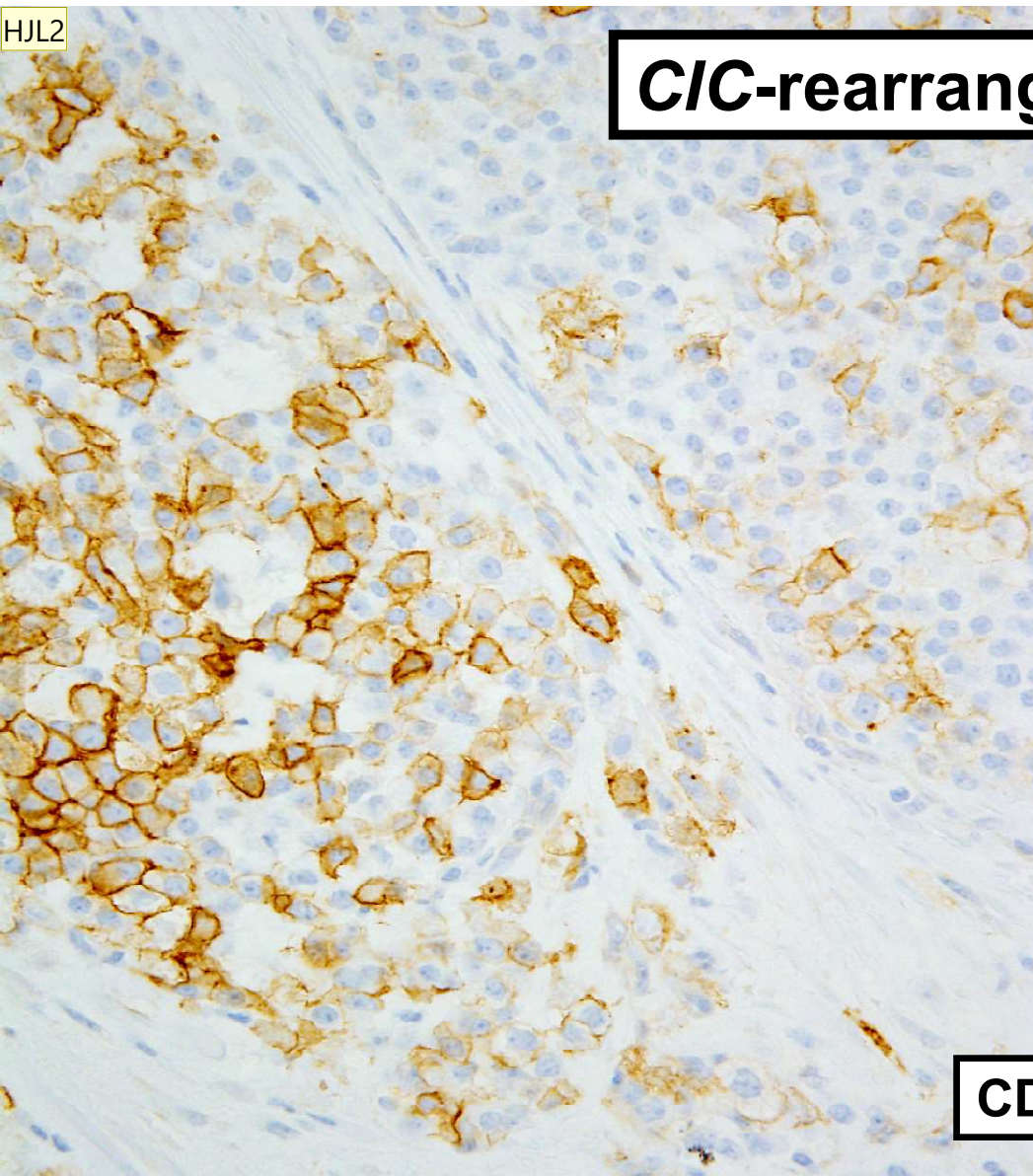
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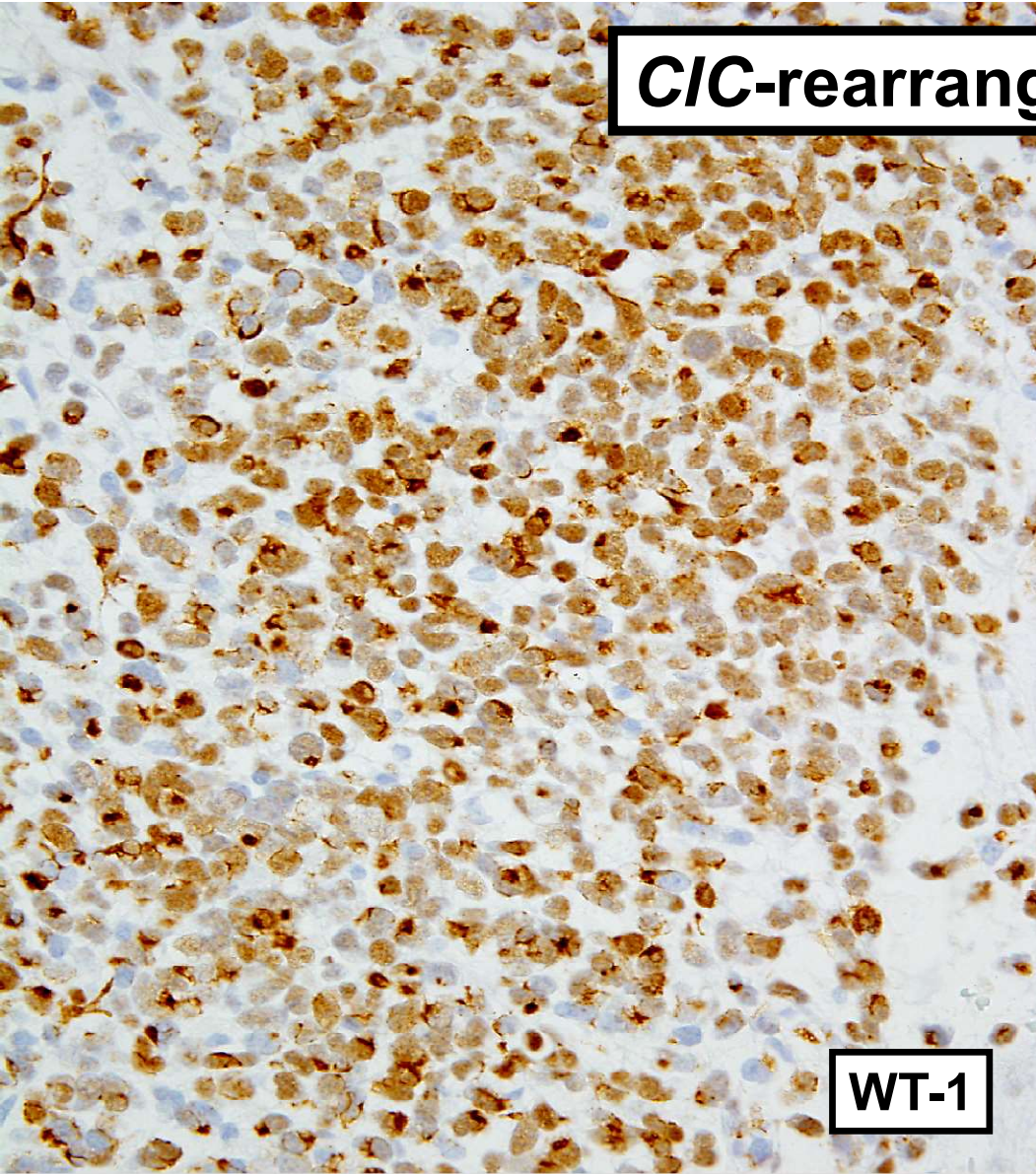
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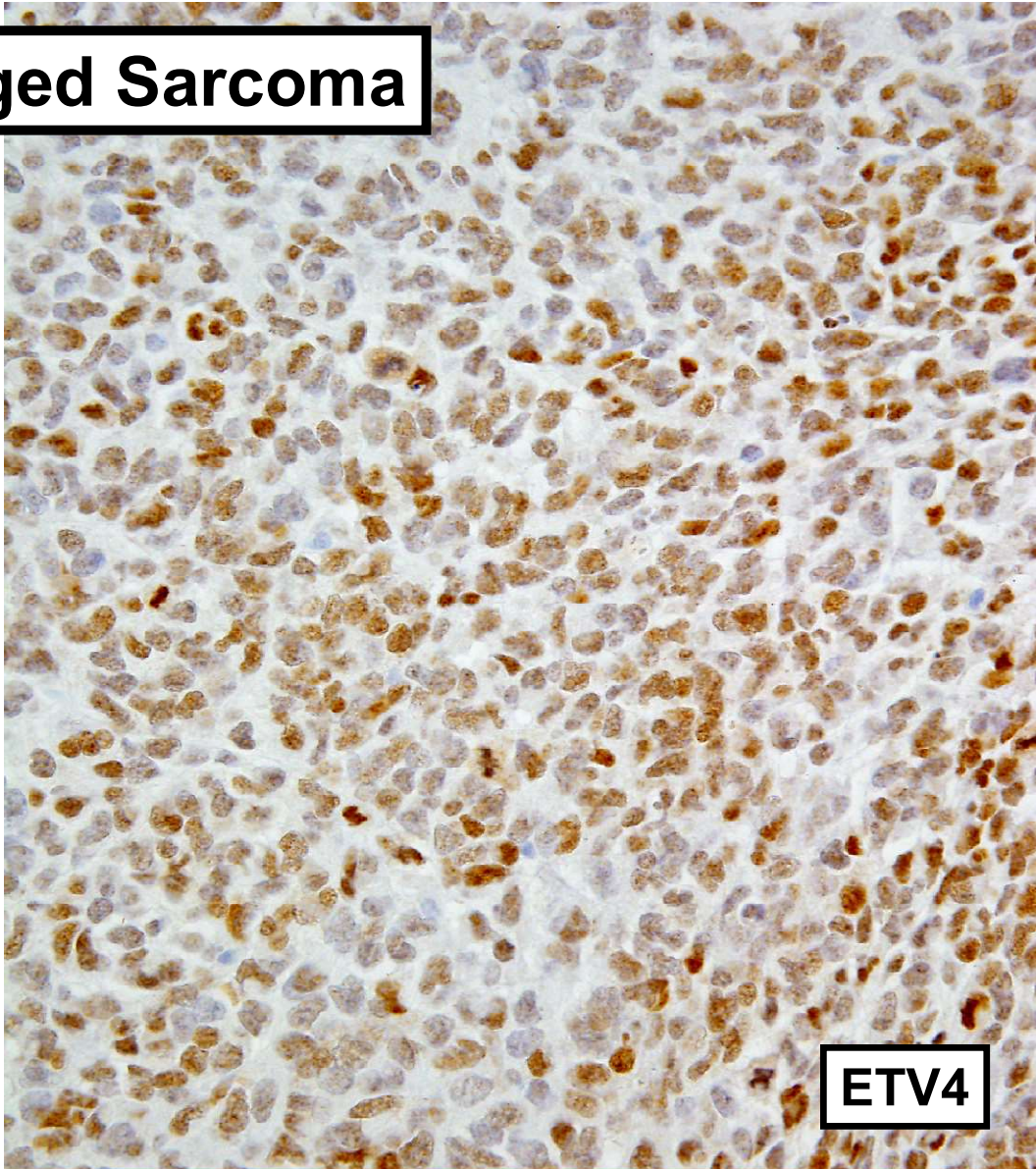


CD99

C/C-rearranged Sarcoma




WT-1



ETV4


Histopathology 2017, 71, 461–469.

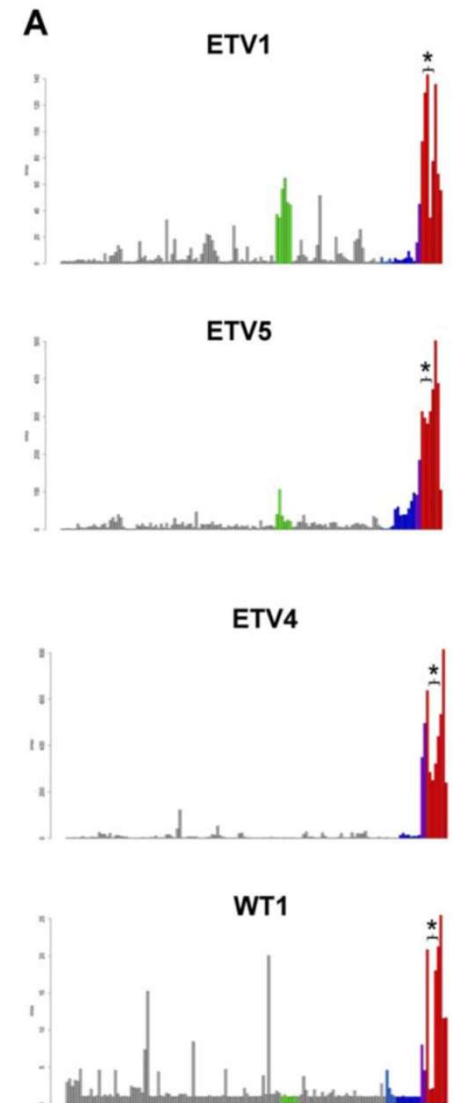
CIC break-apart fluorescence *in-situ* hybridization misses a subset of CIC–DUX4 sarcomas: a clinicopathological and molecular study

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ETV transcriptional upregulation is more reliable than RNA sequencing algorithms and FISH in diagnosing round cell sarcomas with CIC gene rearrangements

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***CIC*-rearranged sarcoma: Genetics**

- ***CIC::DUX4* in most cases (95%)**
- ***CIC::FOXO4*, *CIC::LEUTX*, *CIC::NUTM1*, *CIC::NUTM2A* in rare cases**
- **FISH negative in 15% (cryptic rearrangement)**
- **Next-generation sequencing can also miss gene fusions**

MUC4

- **High-molecular-weight transmembrane glycoprotein**
- **Expressed in colonic epithelium, among others**
- **Gene expression profiling: MUC4 excellent discriminator of low-grade fibromyxoid sarcoma from histologic mimics**

FUS-CREB3L2/L1-Positive Sarcomas Show a Specific Gene Expression Profile with Upregulation of CD24 and FOXL1

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MUC4 in Low-Grade Fibromyxoid Sarcoma

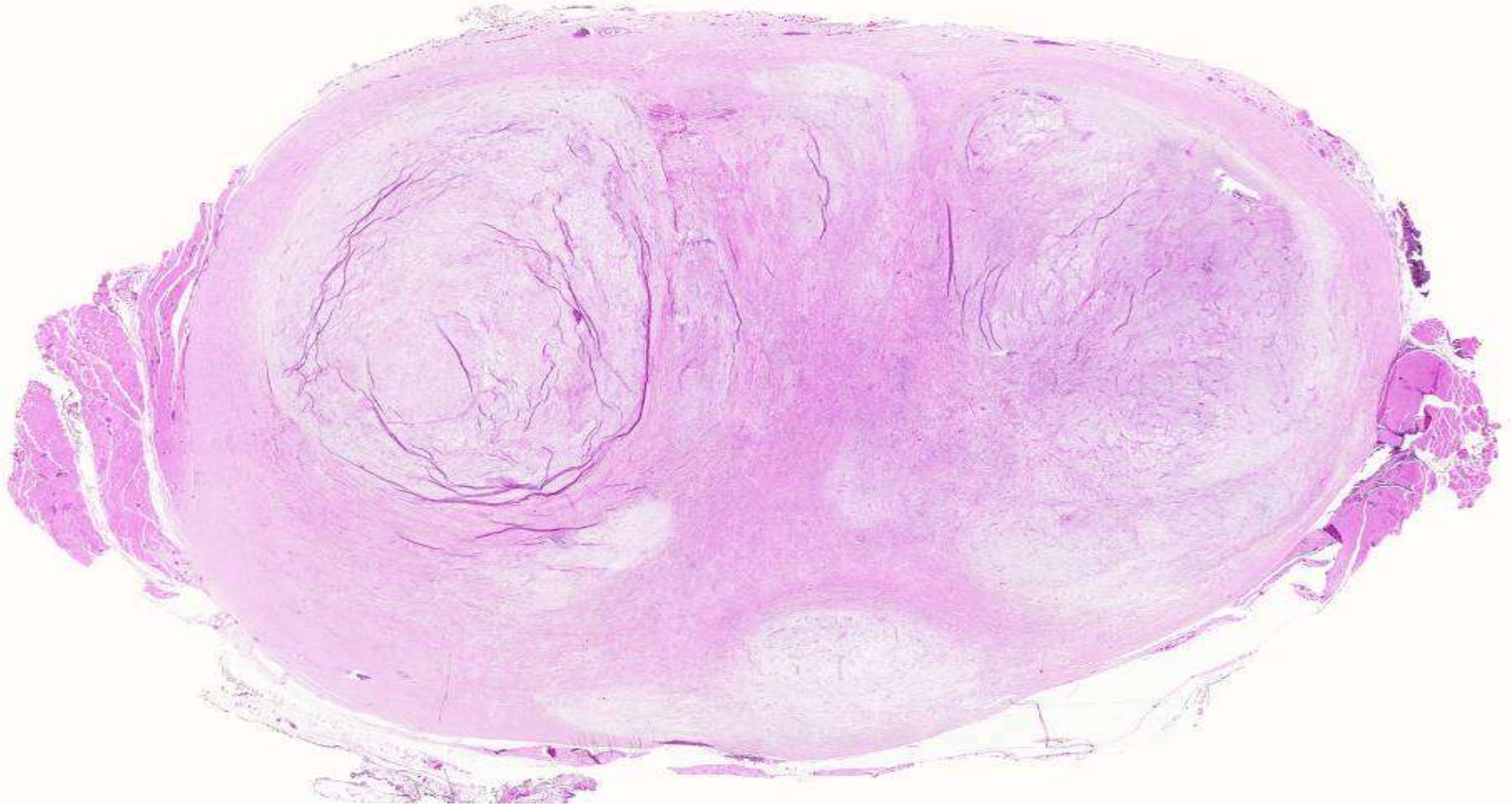
- **IHC for MUC4 helpful in differential diagnosis:**
 - **Positive in >99% of LGFMS**
 - **Negative in soft tissue perineurioma, MPNST, myxofibrosarcoma, solitary fibrous tumor, desmoid fibromatosis, intramuscular/cellular myxoma**

**MUC4 Is a Highly Sensitive and Specific Marker
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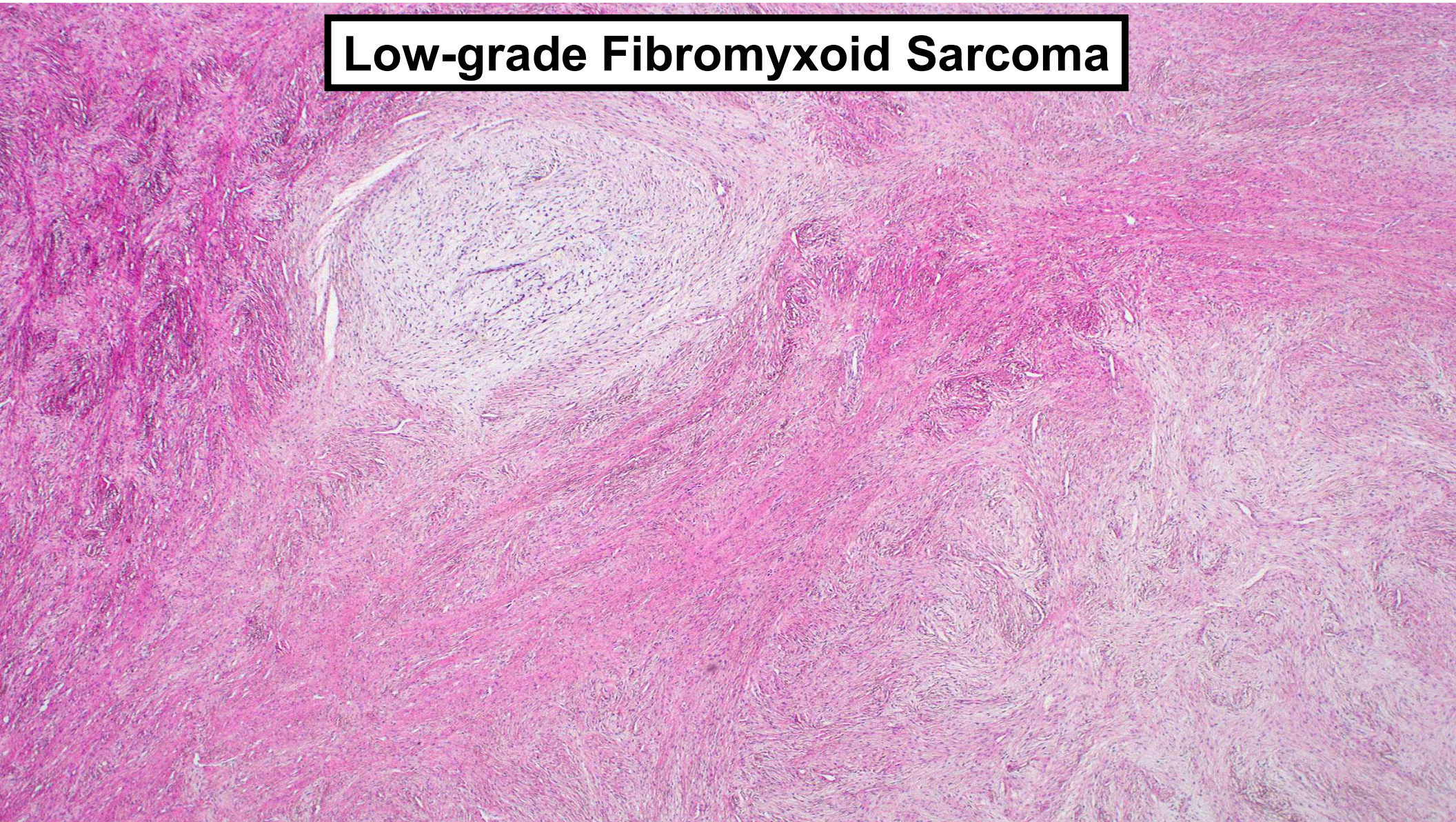
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Low-grade Fibromyxoid Sarcoma



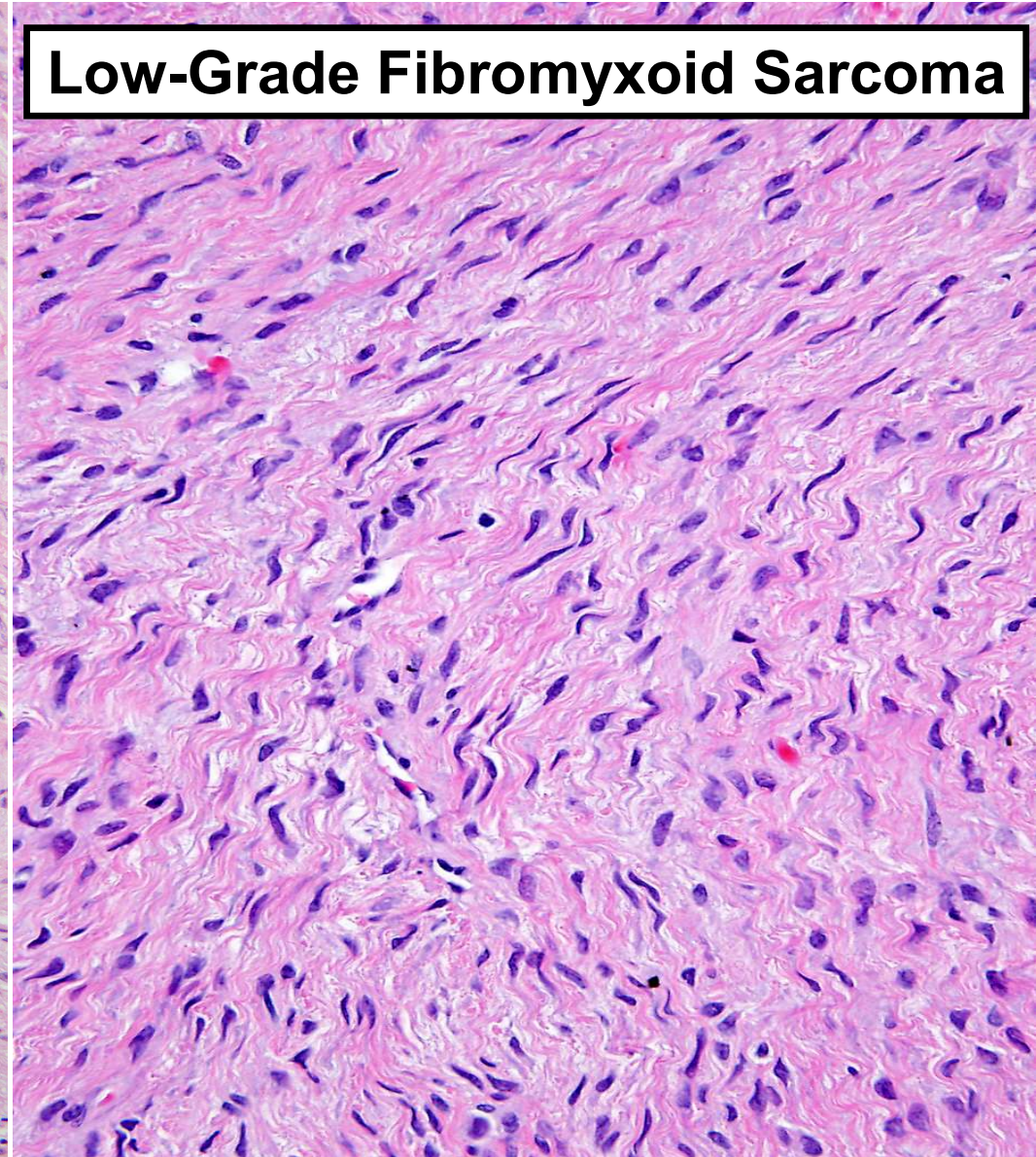
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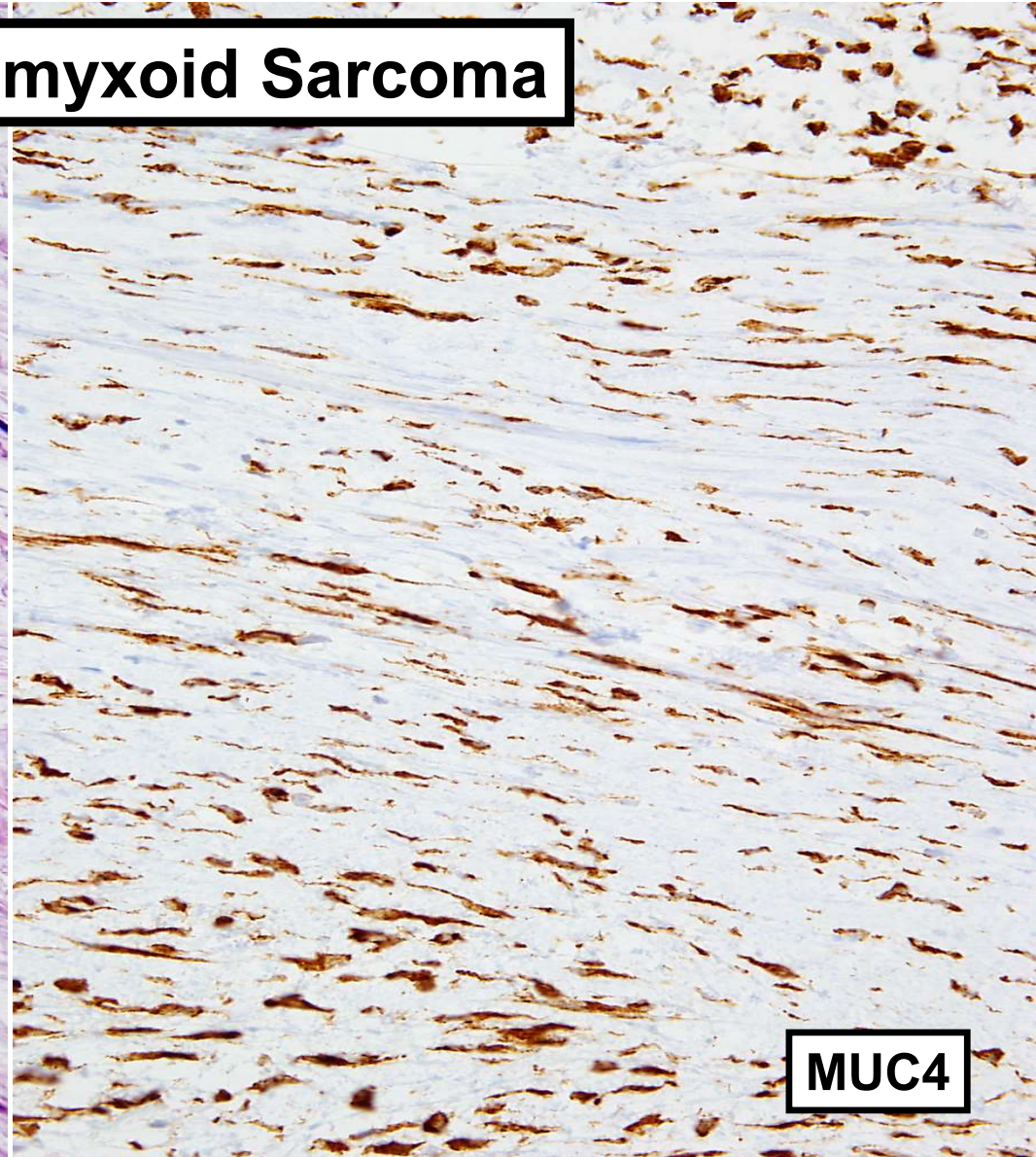
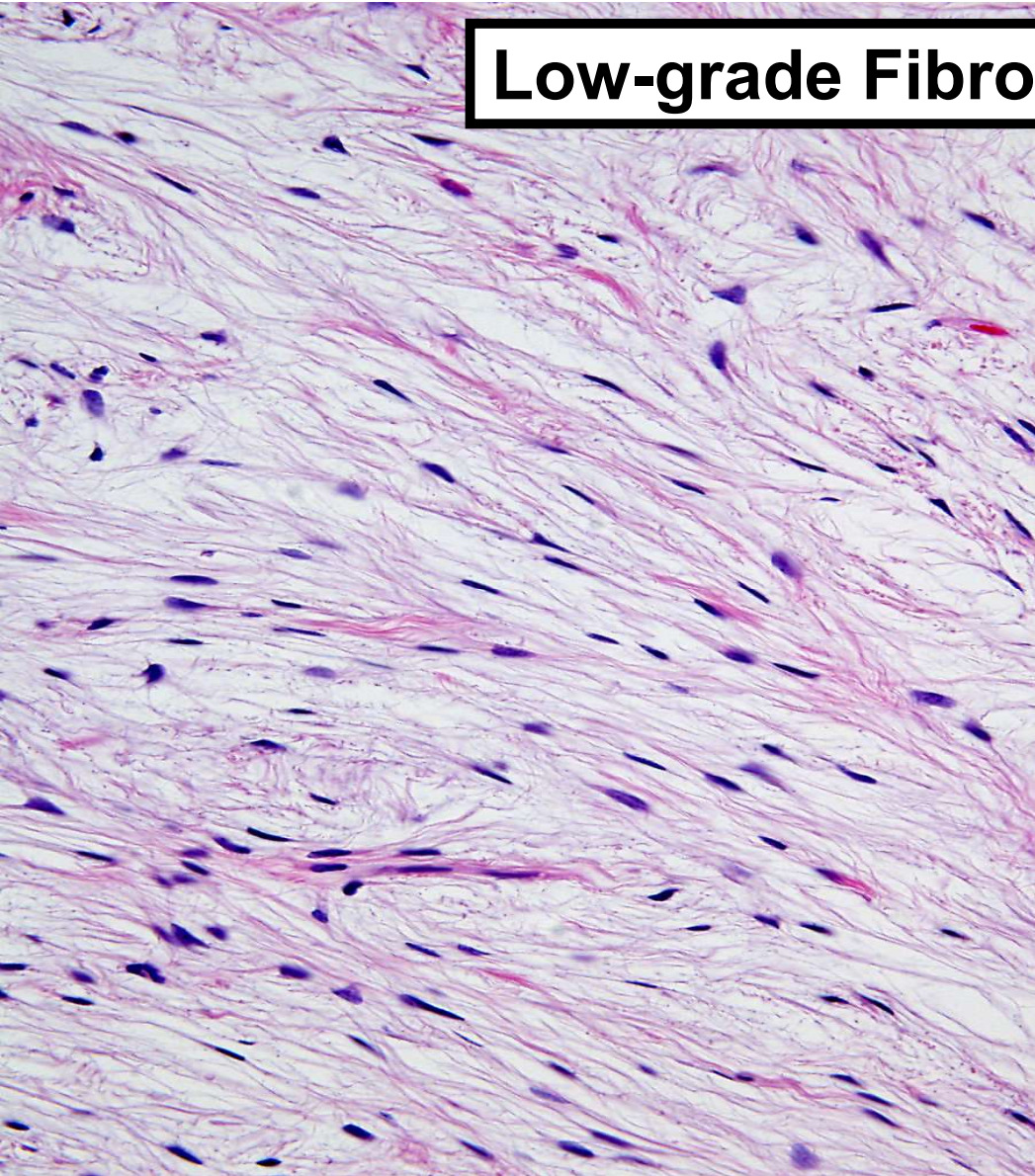
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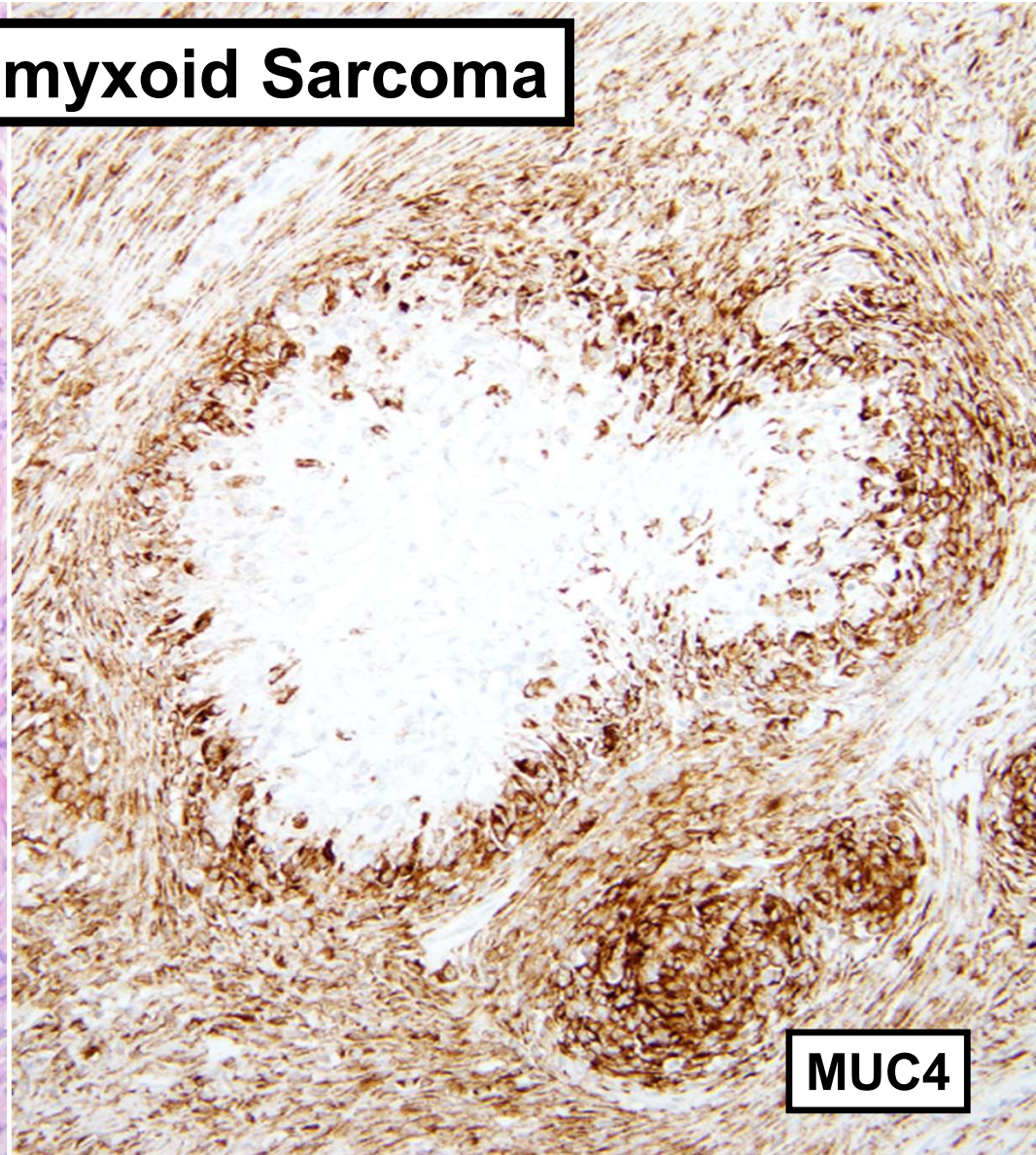
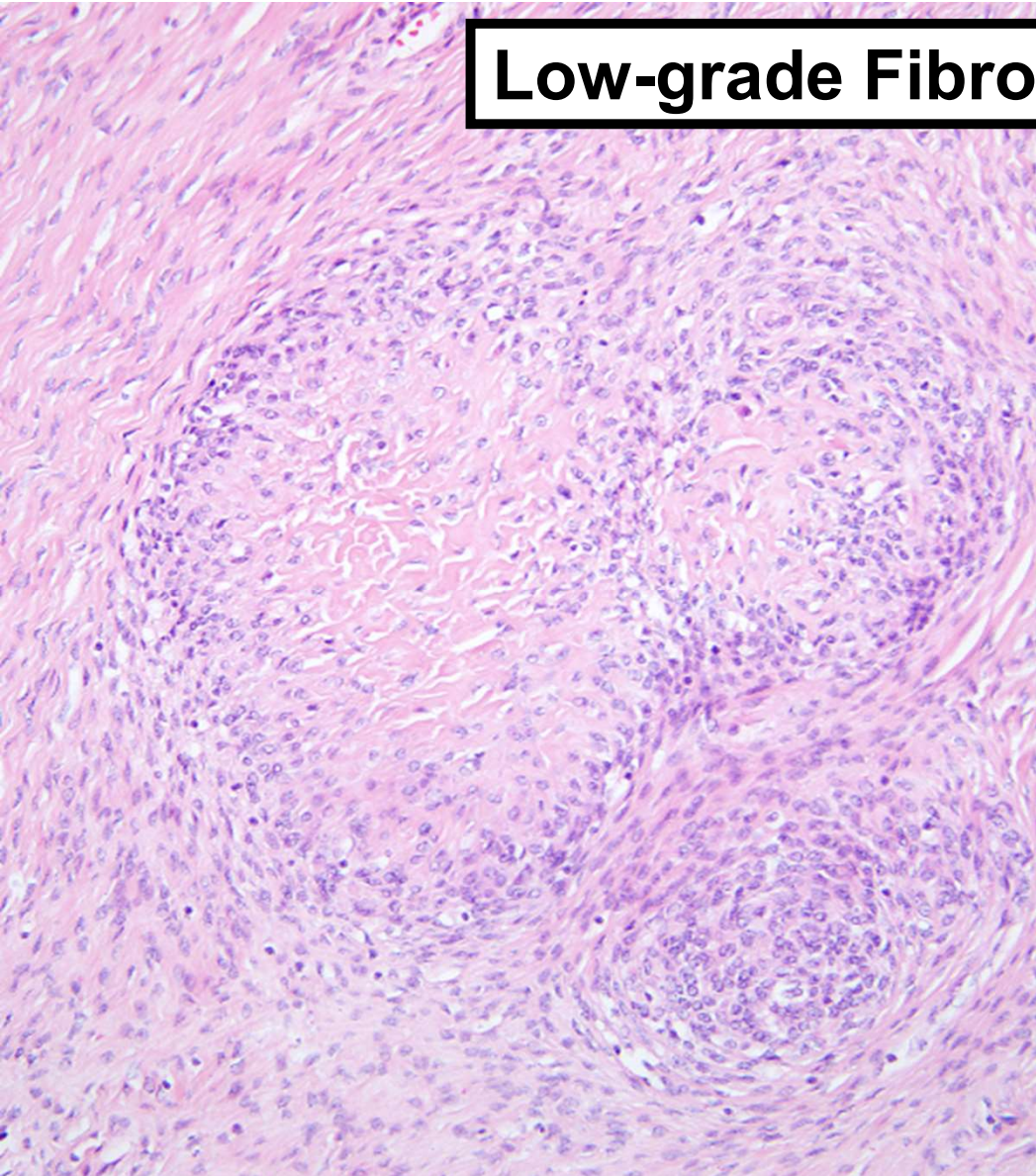


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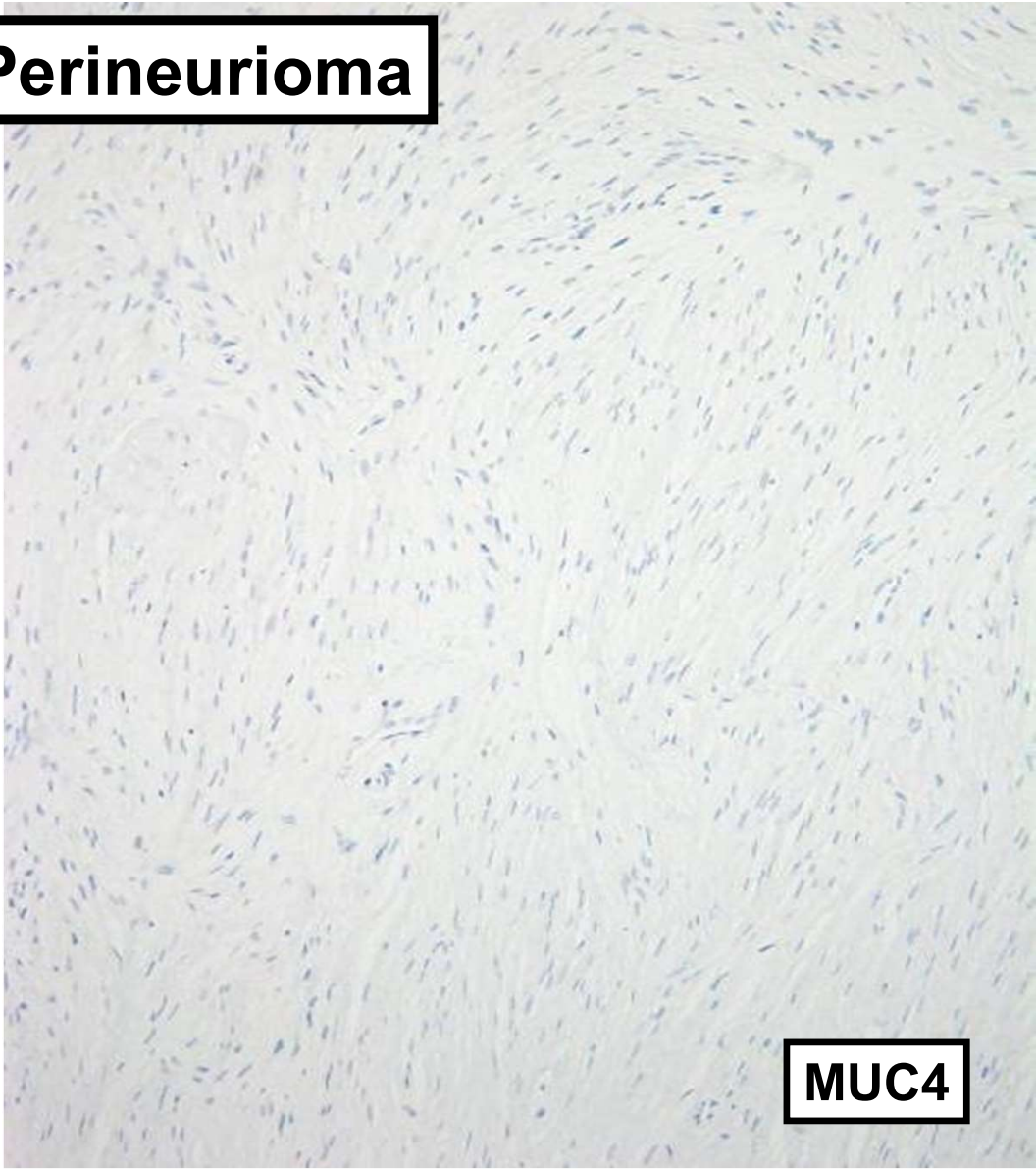
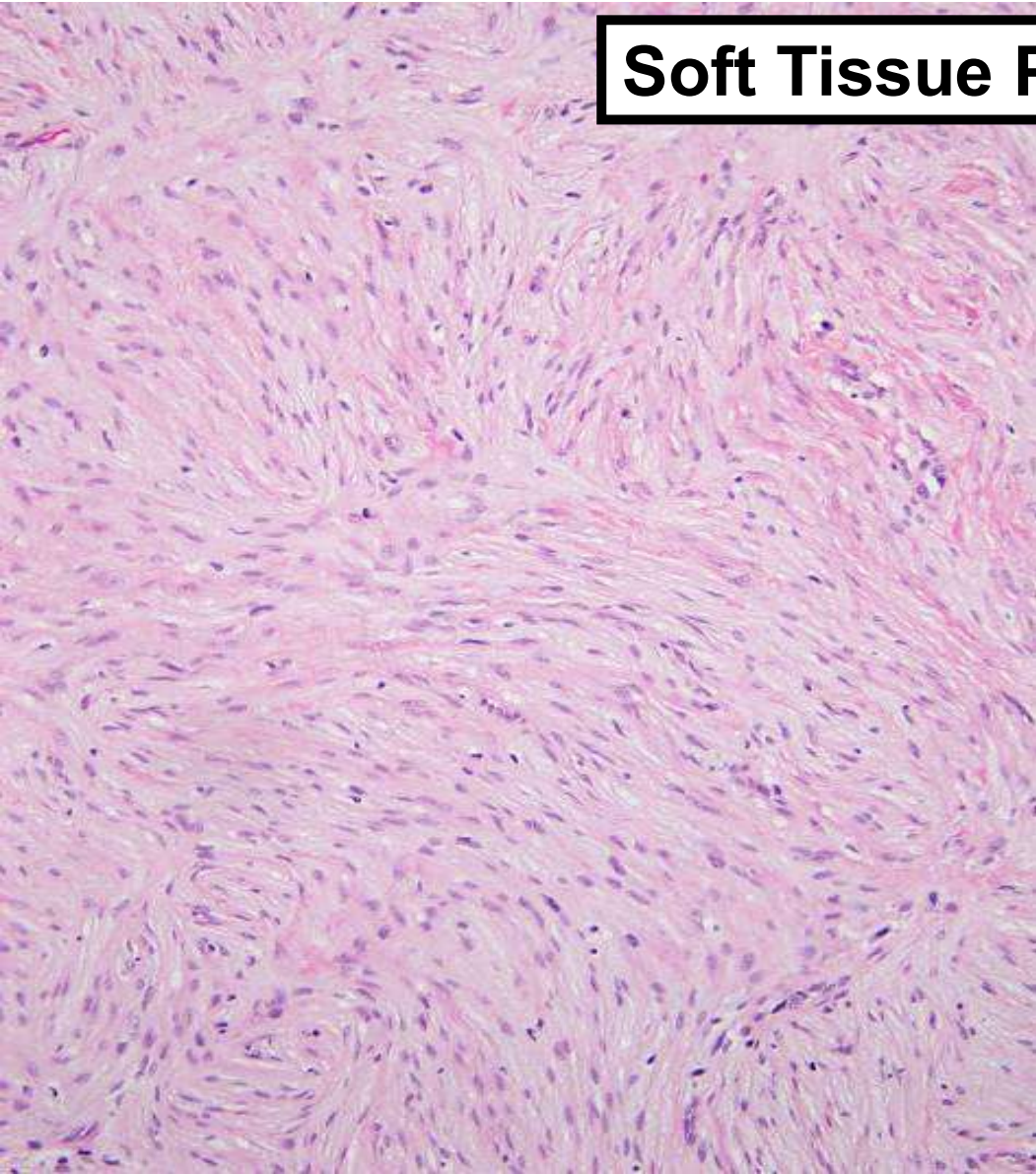
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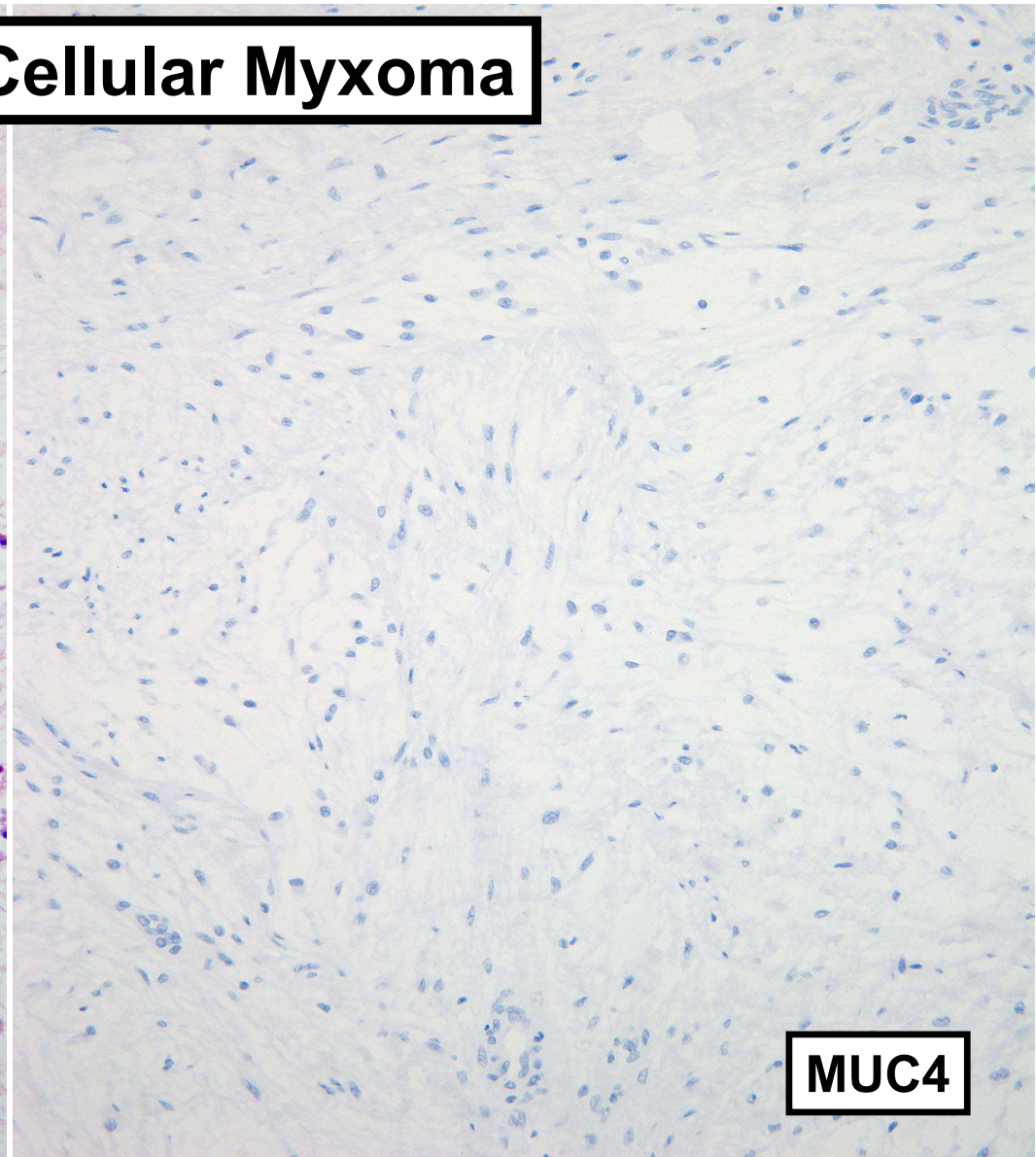
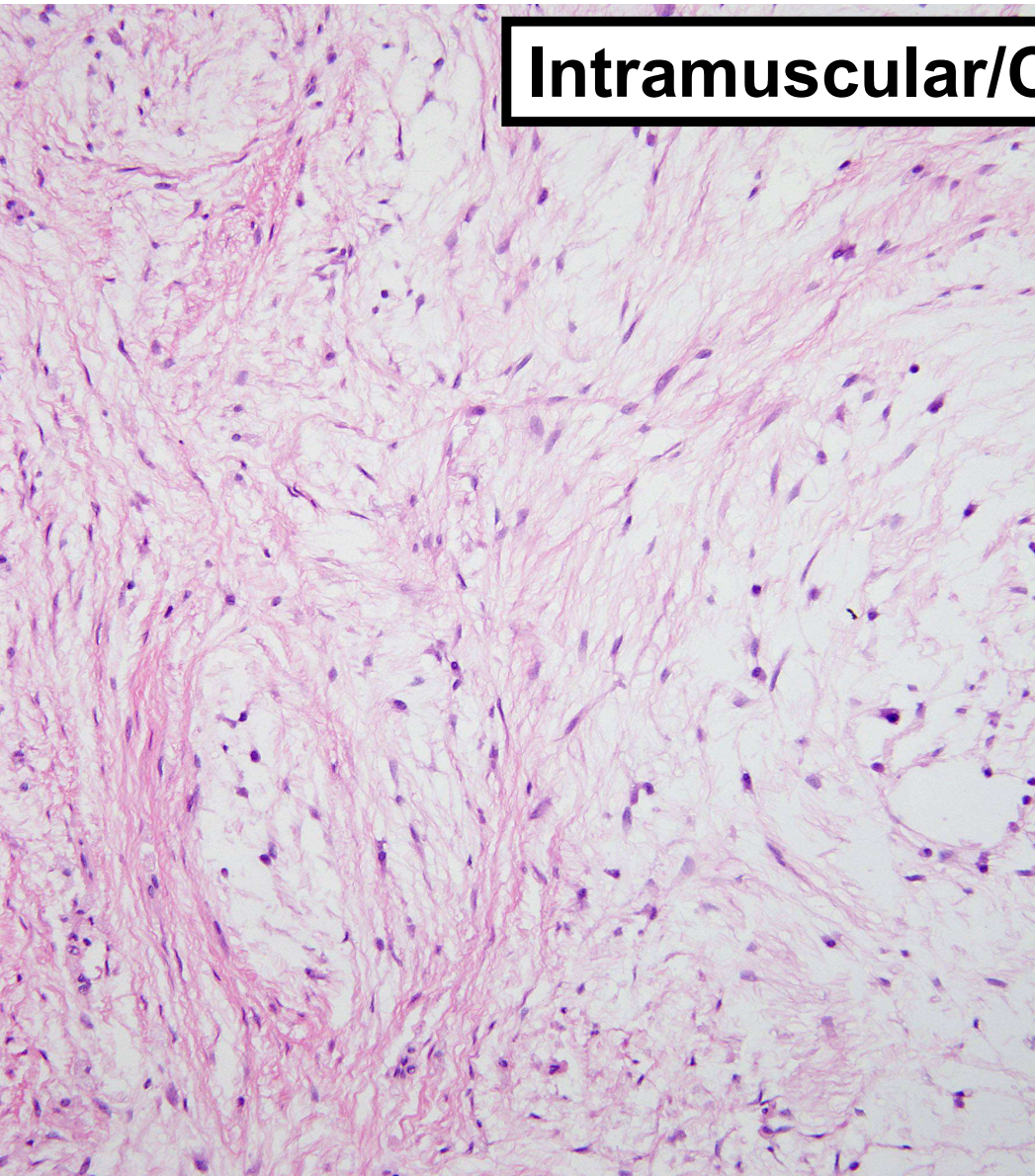
MUC4

Soft Tissue Perineurioma



MUC4

Intramuscular/Cellular Myxoma



MUC4

Practice Points

- **Rapid evolution in understanding of genetics of soft tissue tumors**
- **Molecular genetic findings lead to highly specific IHC markers**
- **Gene expression profiling provides novel markers to discriminate among classes of histologically similar tumors**
- **Should lead to more reproducible and accurate diagnosis of rare tumor types**

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