

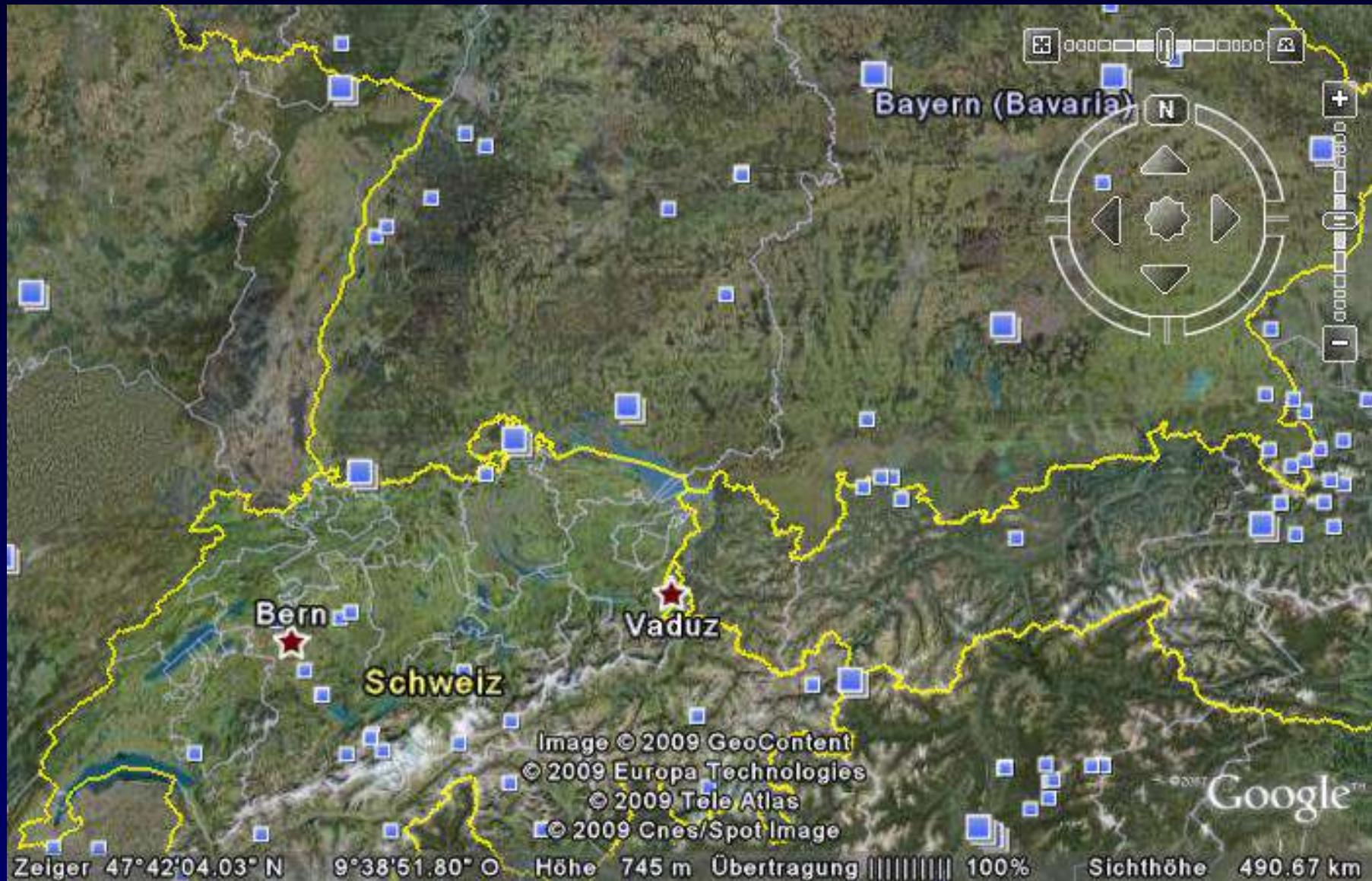


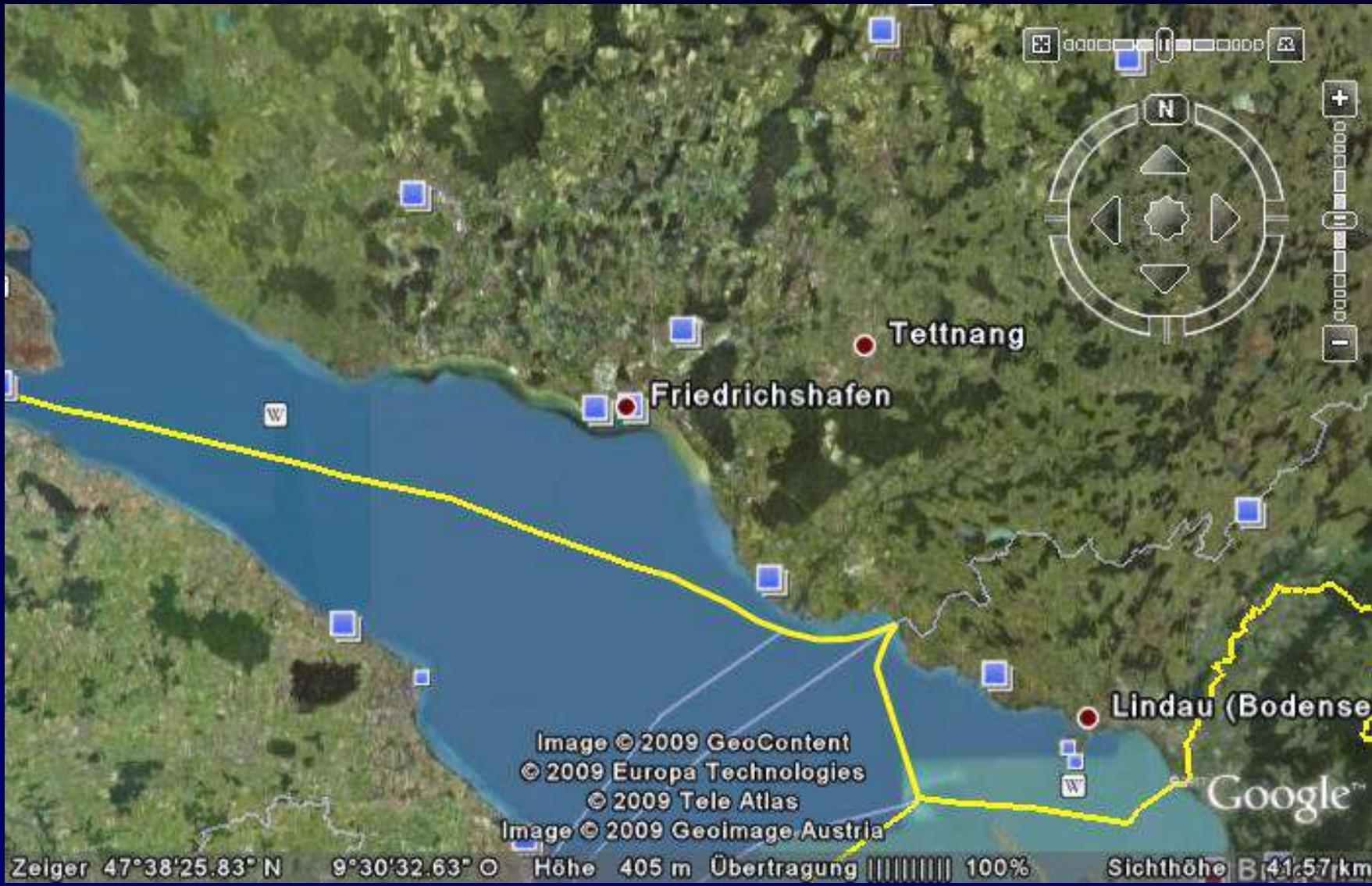
Vascular Tumours of Skin and Soft Tissues



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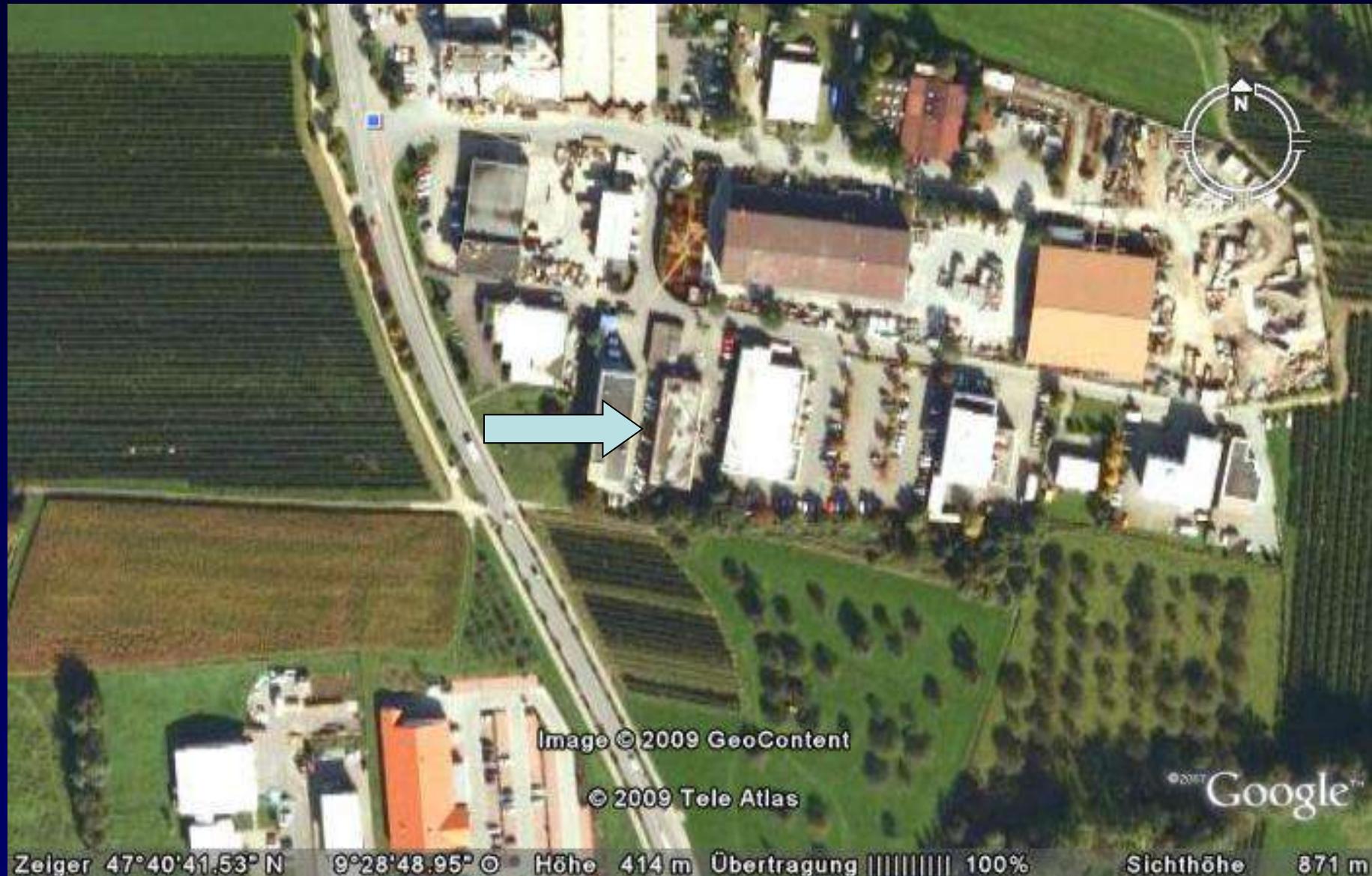


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Sichthöhe 871 m



ISSVA Classification of vascular Tumours (Melbourne 2014, update 2018)

vascular Malformations

simple (capillary, lymphatic, venous,
arteriovenous, arteriovenous fistula)

combined of major named vessels
associated with other anomalies

vascular Neoplasms

benign

locally aggressive / borderline

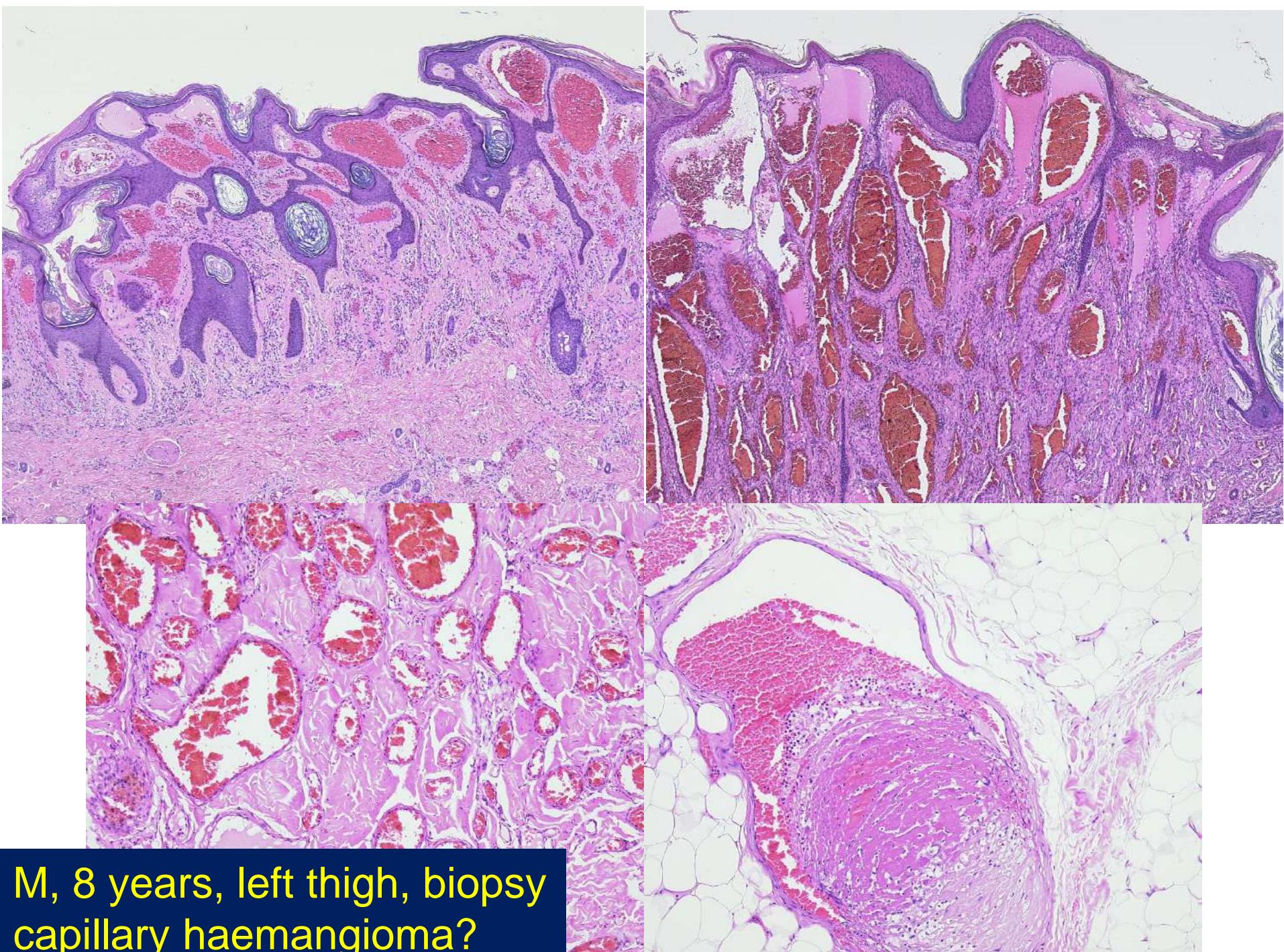
(Kaposi sarcoma, haemangioendotheliomas)

malignant

(epithelioid HE, angiosarcoma)

Vascular Tumours of Skin and Soft Tissues

- vascular Malformations
- Angiomatoses
- Haemangioendotheliomas
- Angiosarcomas



M, 8 years, left thigh, biopsy
capillary haemangioma?



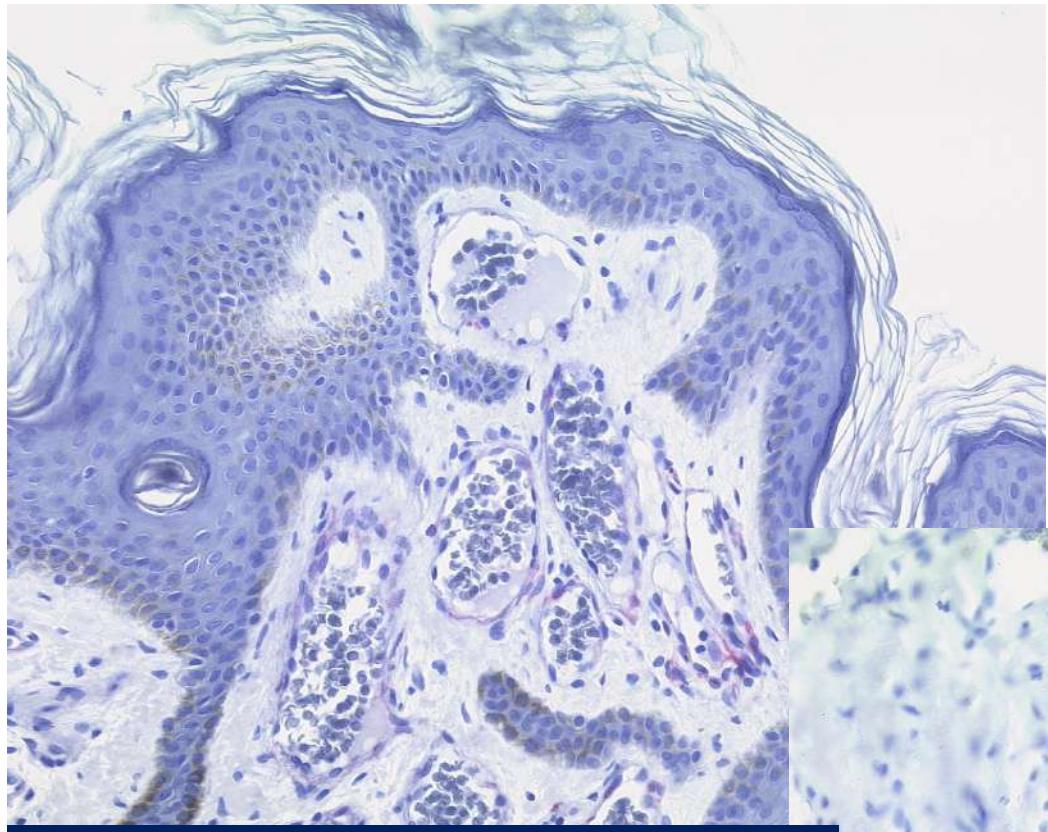
Diagnosis: vascular malformation in Klippel-Trenaunay

Lawley LP et al.:

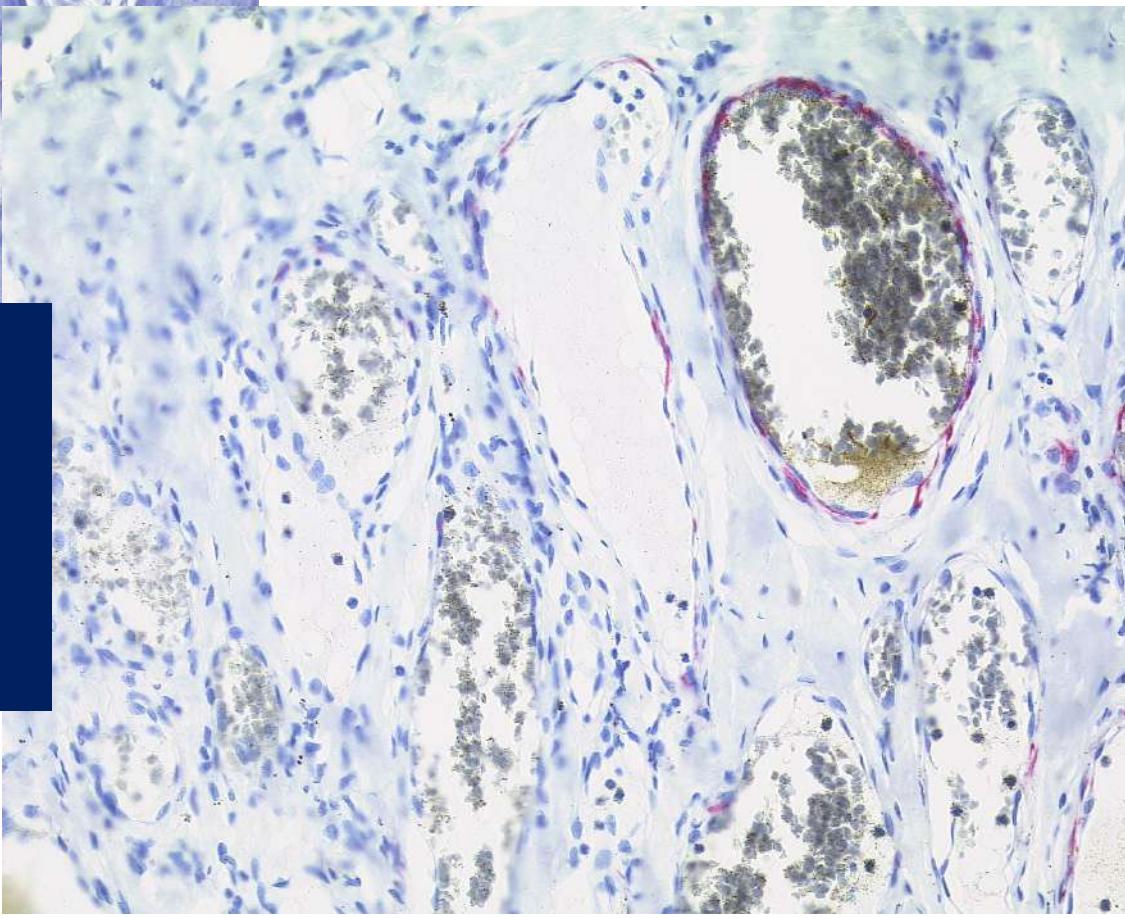
Expression of Wilms tumor 1 gene
distinguishes vascular malformations
from proliferative endothelial lesions.

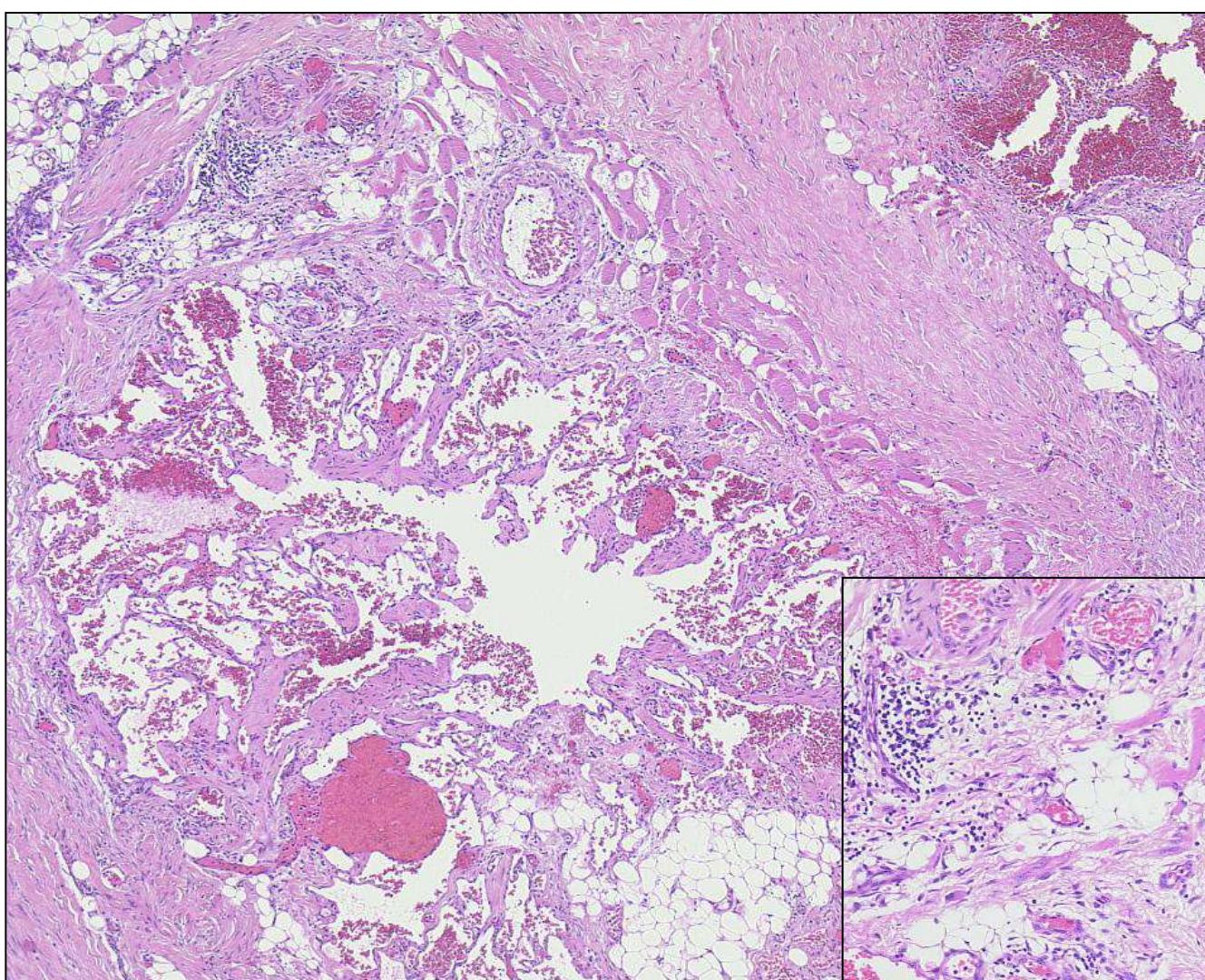
Arch Dermatol 2005; 141: 1297-1300

„Defects in WT1 signaling may underlie
the inability of malformation endothelial cells
to undergo physiologic apoptosis and remodeling.“

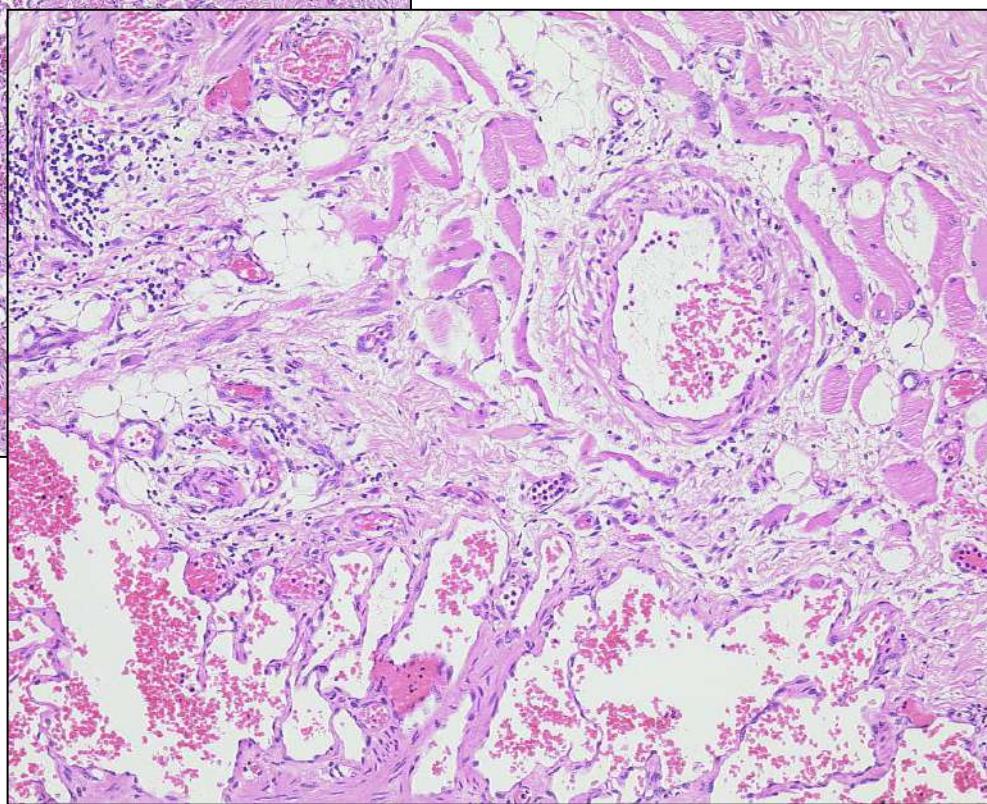


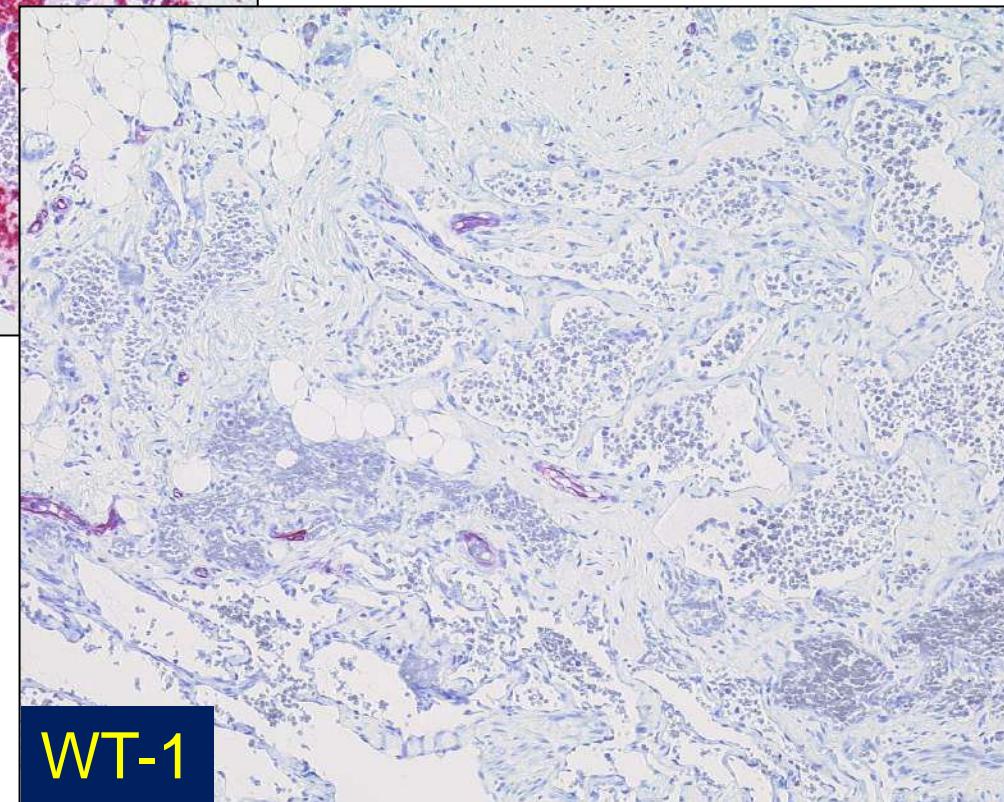
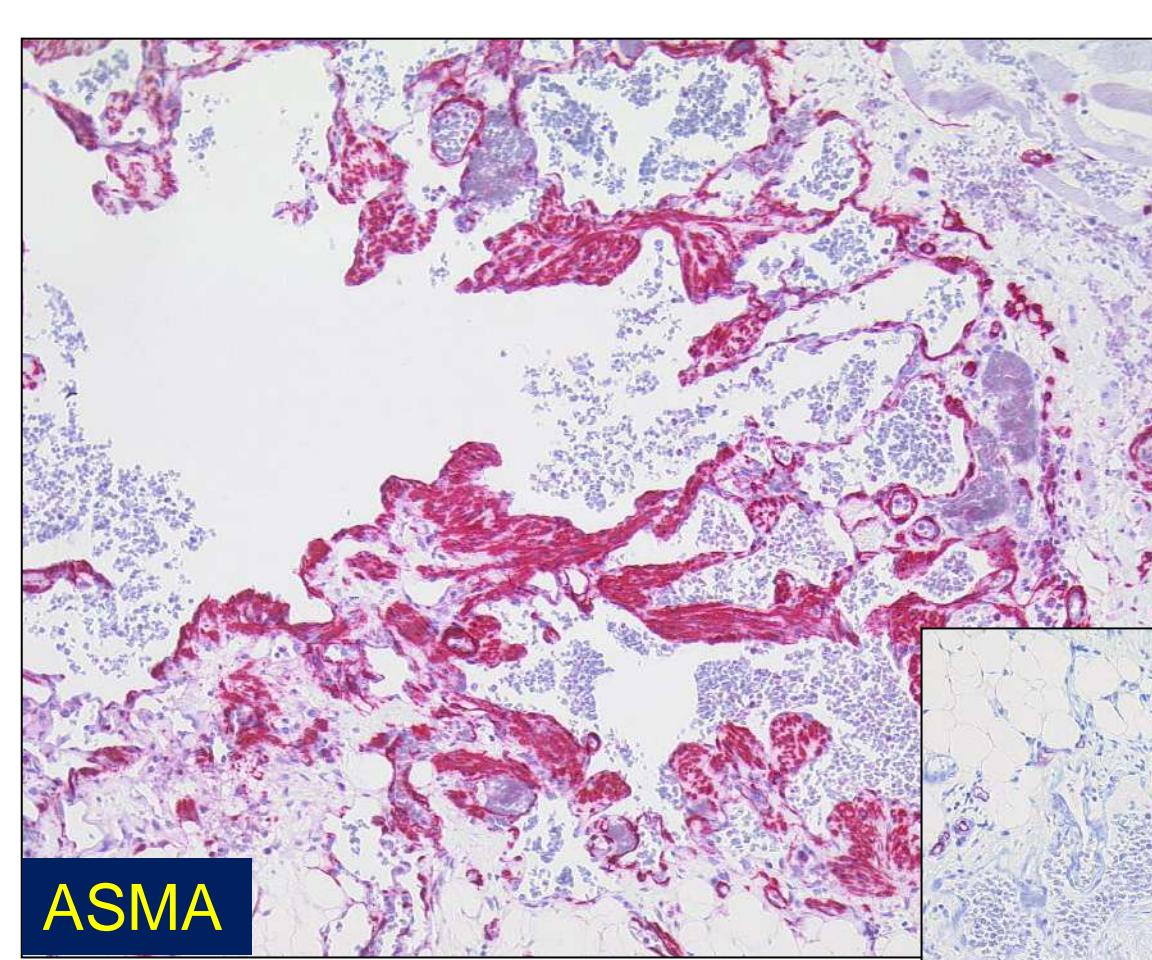
WT-1 (6F-H2, N-terminus)
cytoplasmic staining
of endothelial cells
6F-H2, WT49, EP122
recommended by NordiQC

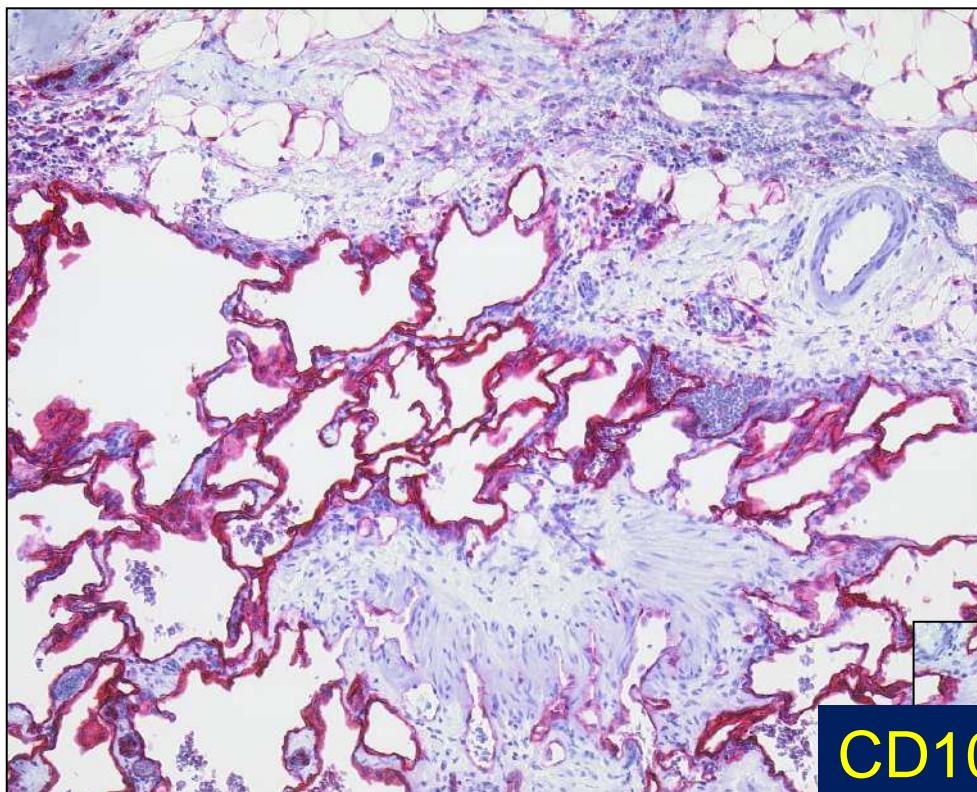




M, 21 years,
large vascular
lesion, trunk

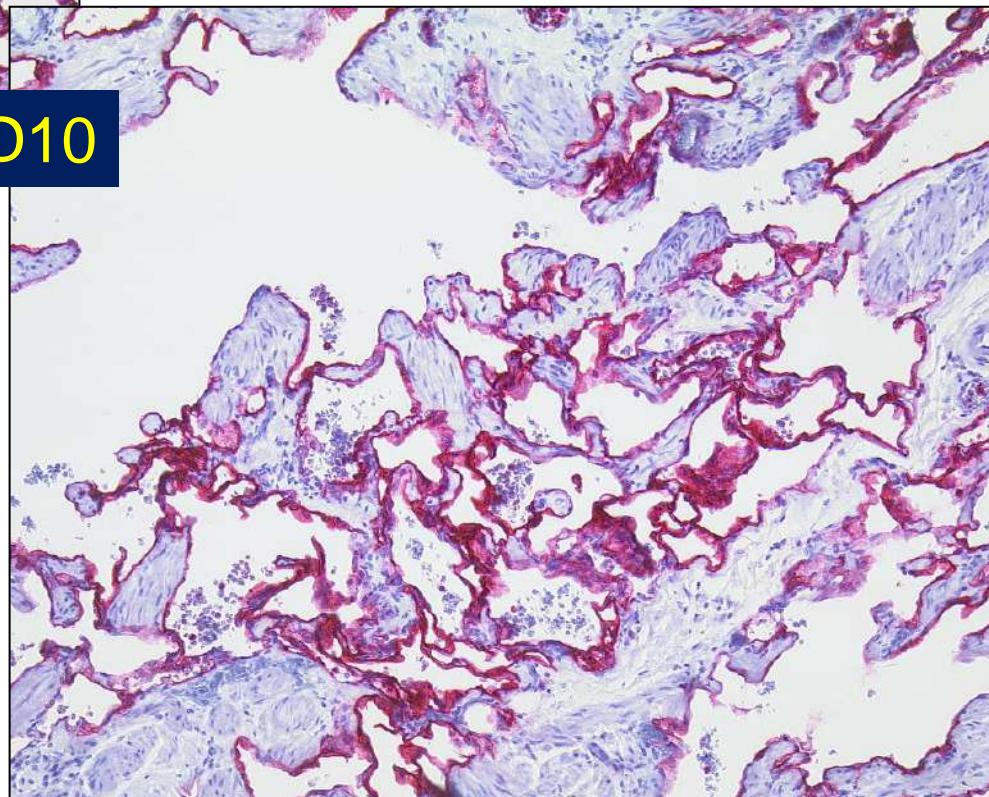






CD10

CD10 is expressed in
endothelial cells of
vascular malformations
Mod Pathol 2018; 31: 578A



Vascular Malformations

- relatively frequent (0.3% of population), genetically very heterogeneous
- disturbances in vessel development in the 4th-10th week of pregnancy, manifestation often later, no regression
- proper diagnosis also of underlying genetic changes is important for treatment
 - Rapamycin in lymphangiomatous malformations
 - Alpesilib in PIK3CA associated overgrowth syndroms (Nature 2018; 558: 540-546)

Vascular Malformations + Genetics

PIK3CA-mutations: PROS-PIK3CA associated overgrowth syndrome (Alpesilib treatment)

- CLOVES syndrome (congenital lipomatous proliferation, vascular MF, epidermal naevi, scoliosis)
- Megalencephaly-capillary malformation
- Dysplastic Megalencephaly
- CLAPO syndrome (capillary MF lower lip, lymphatic MF head/neck, overgrowth)

RASA1 mutations

- CM-AVM syndrome (elongated vessels)
- Parkes-Weber syndrome (arteriovenous MF + overgrowth)

GNAQ/GNA11 mutations

- Sturge-Weber syndrome
- capillary MF + overgrowth of the extremities

IDH1/2 mutations

- Mafucci syndrome

PTEN mutations

- PTEN hamartomatous syndrome

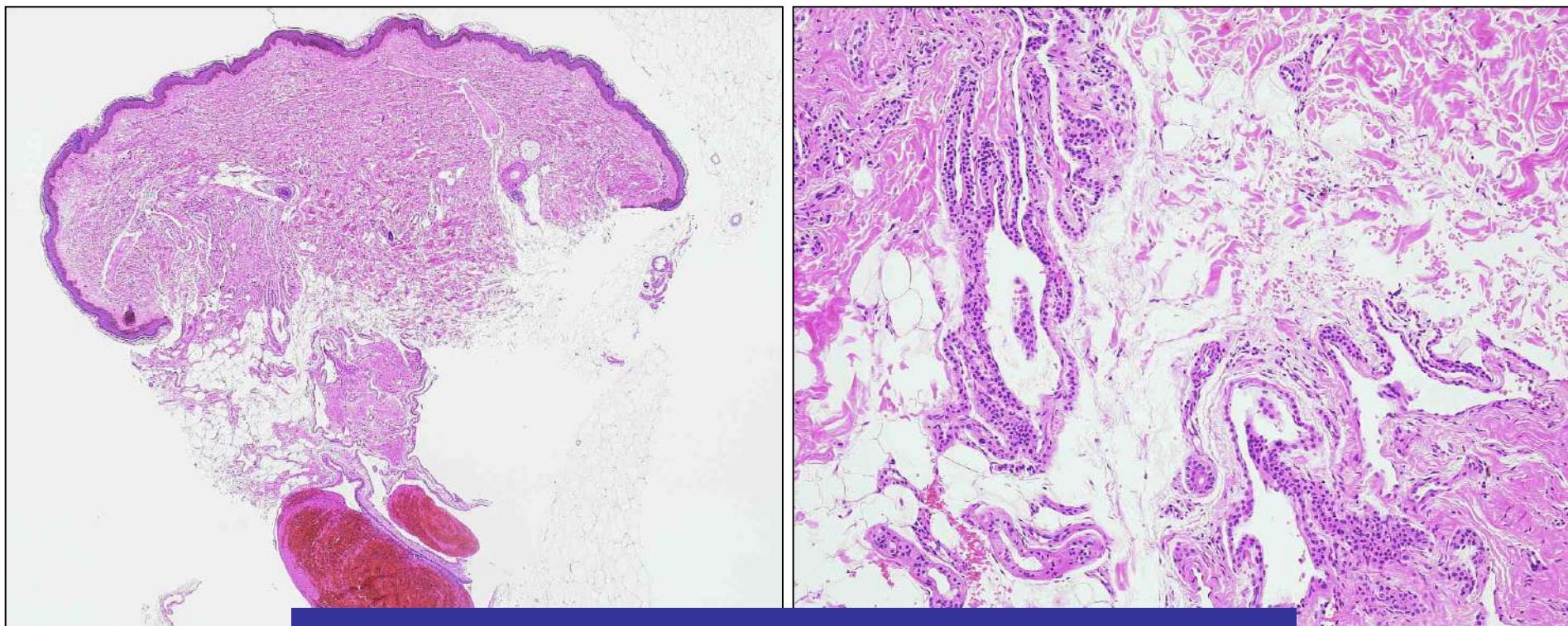
AKT1 mutations

- Proteus syndrome

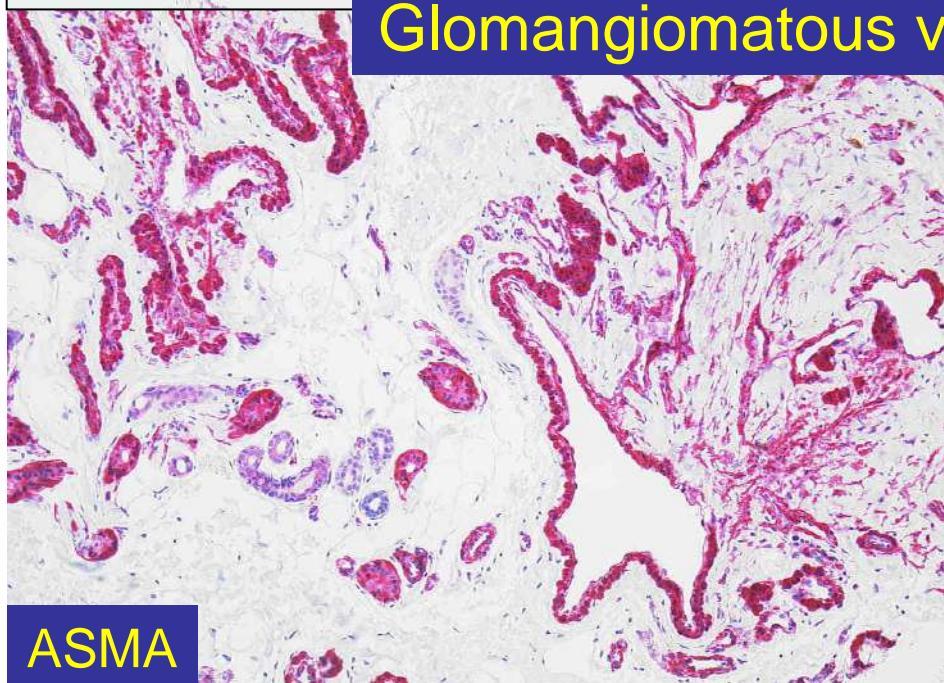


M, 50 years, multiple lesions, grow slowly, Kaposi´s sarcoma was suspected

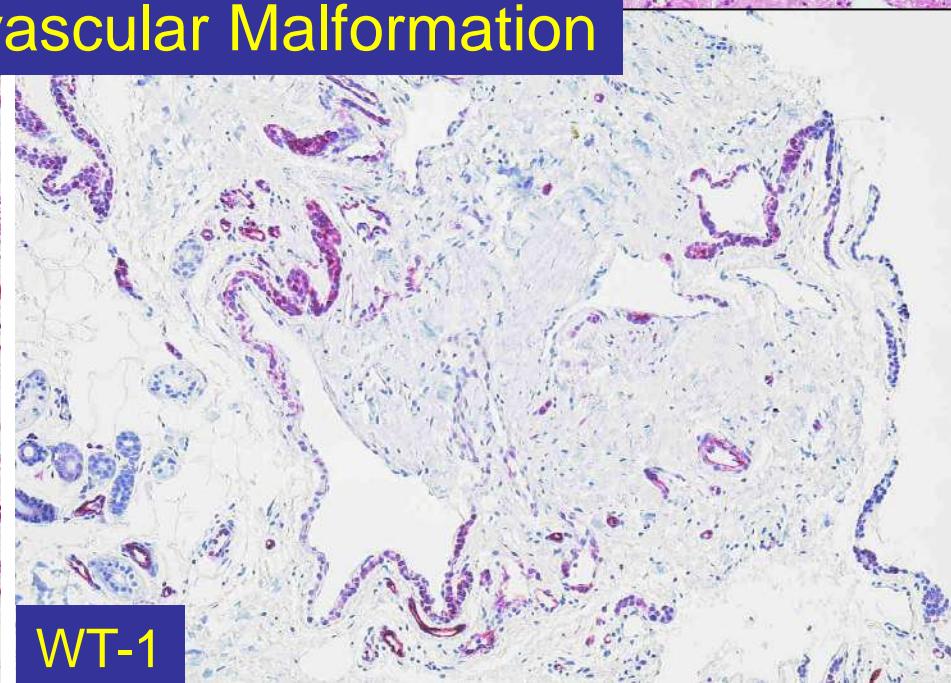




Glamangiomatous vascular Malformation



ASMA

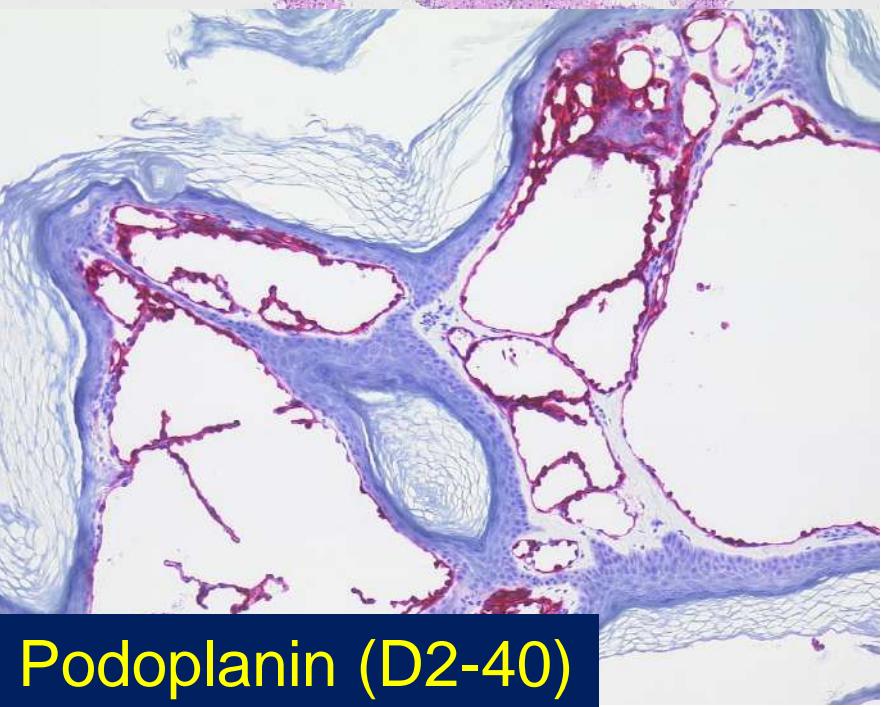
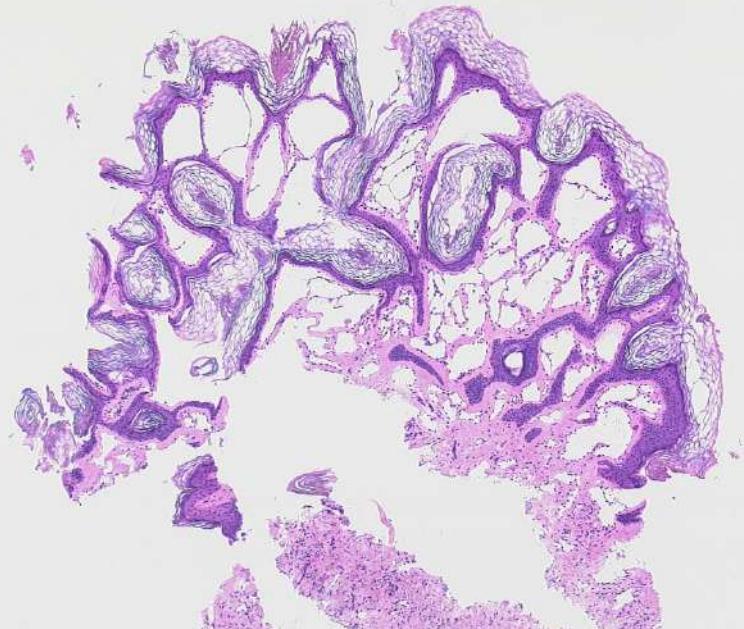


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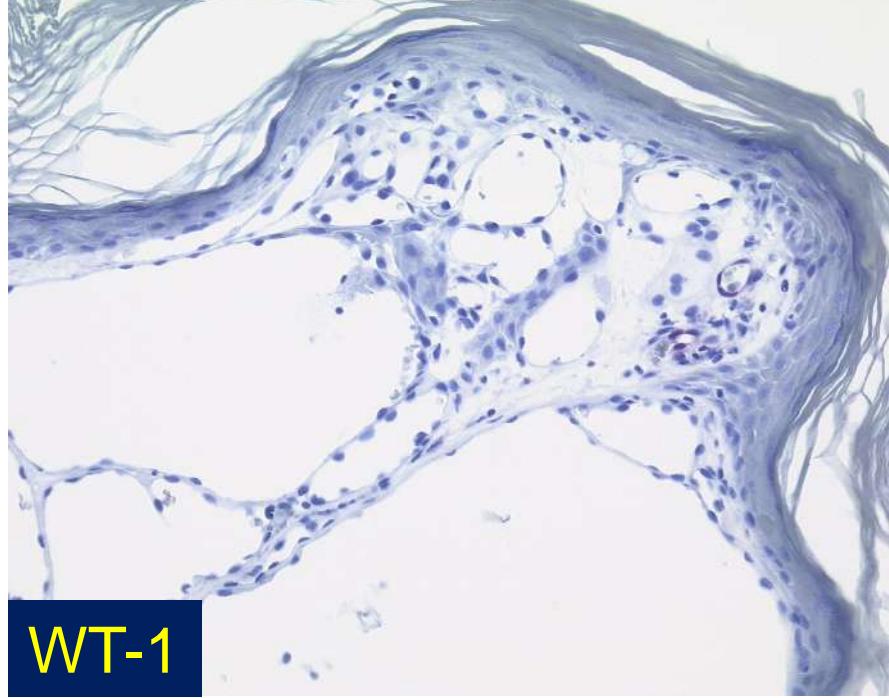
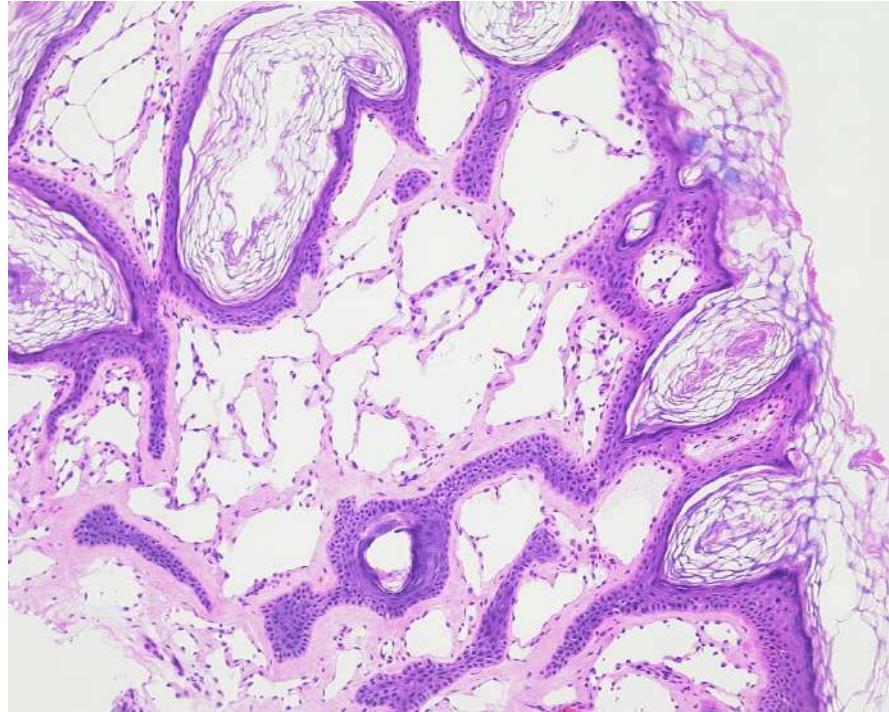


lymphangioma /
lymphangieectasia





Podoplanin (D2-40)

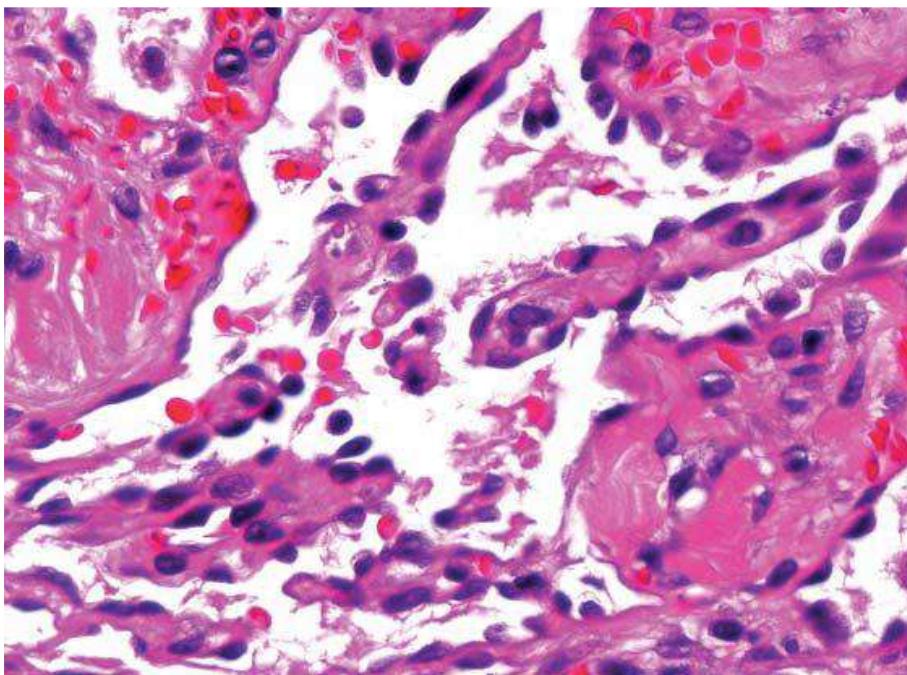
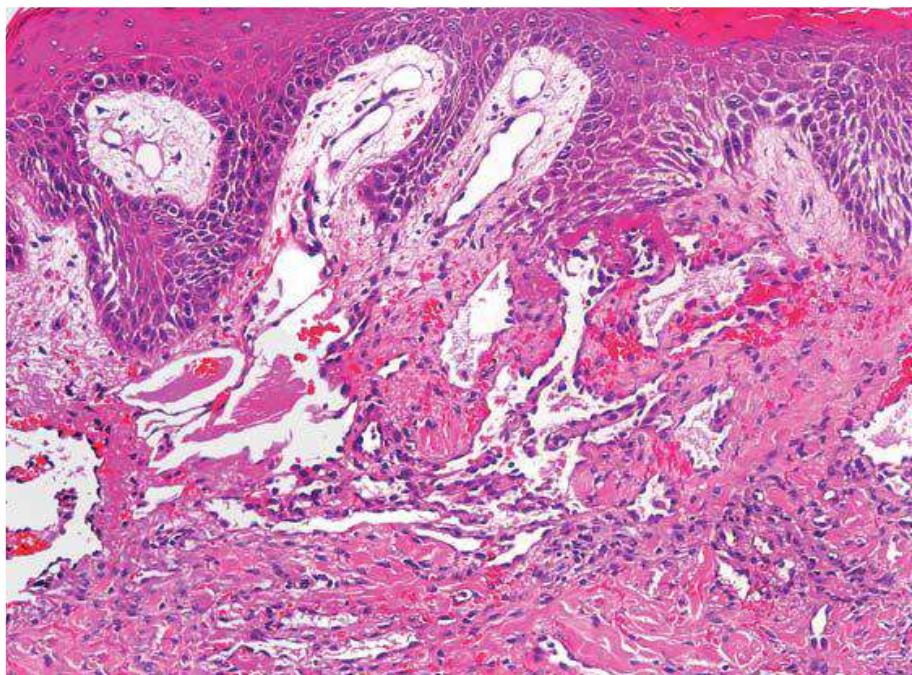


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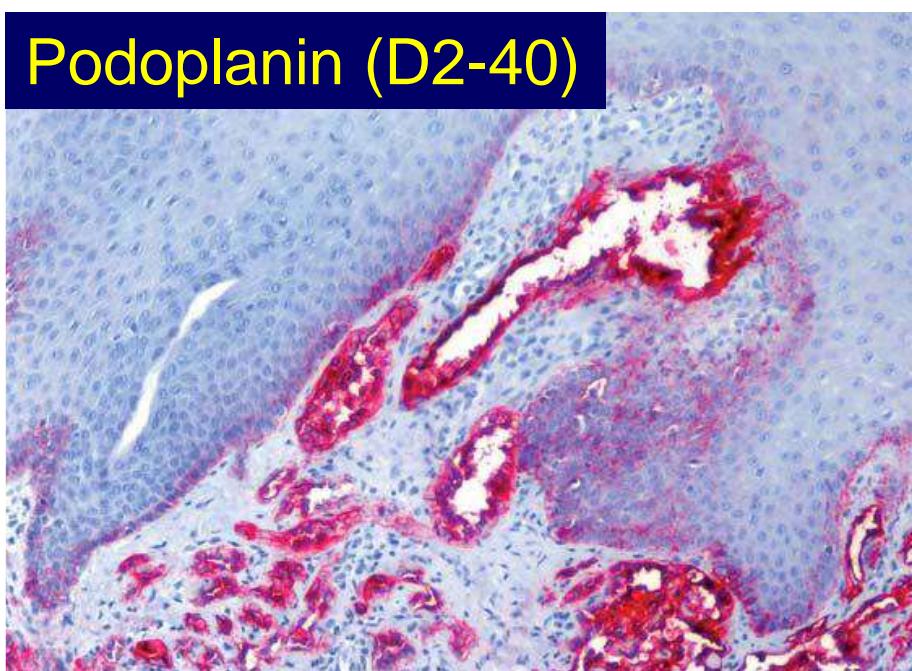
Superficial haemosiderotic lymphovascular Malformation ("targetoid haemosiderotic haemangioma" ,"hobnail haemangioma")

Joyce JC et al. Pediatr Dermatol 2014; 31: 281

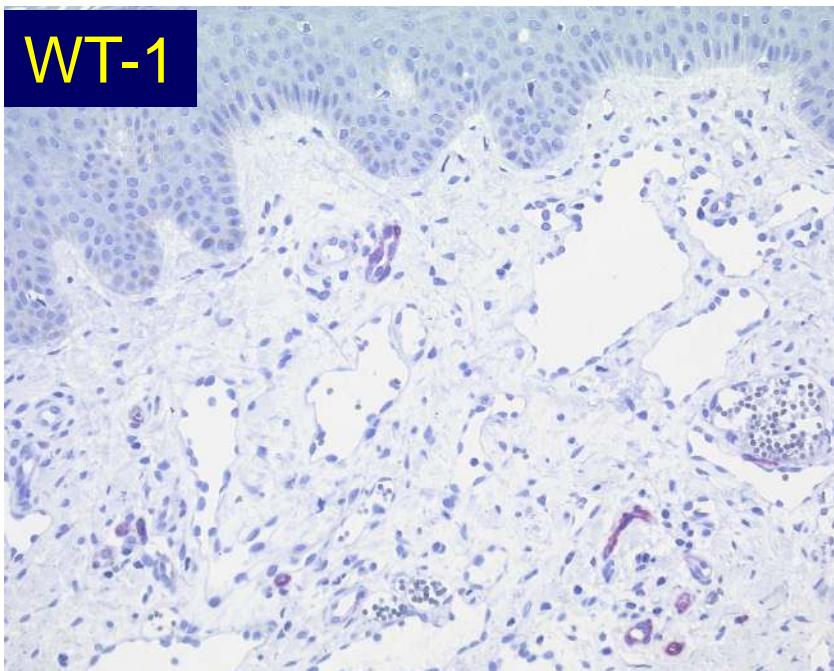




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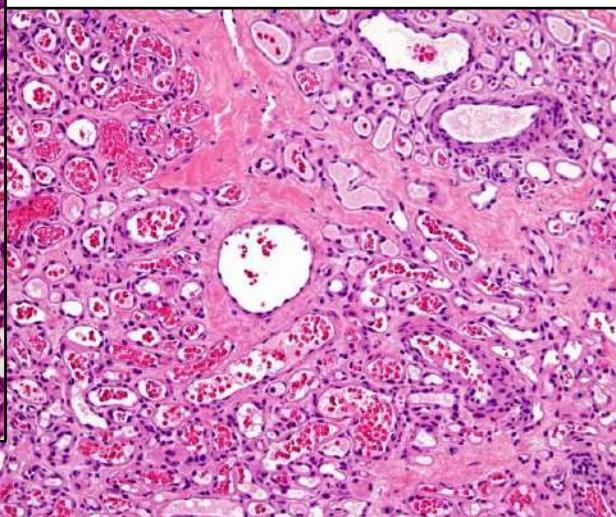
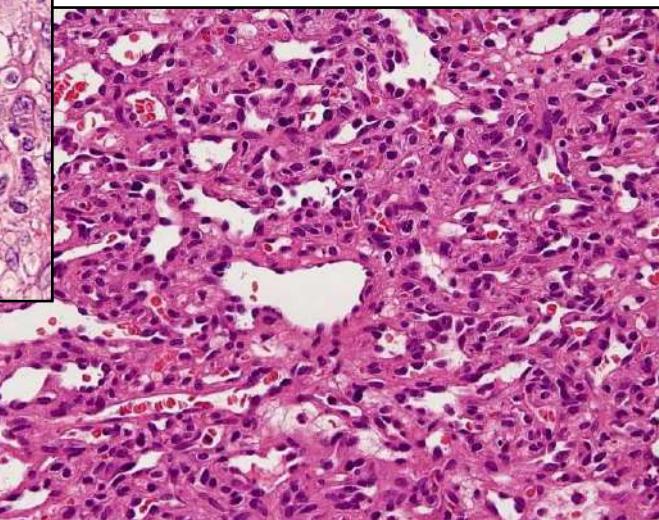
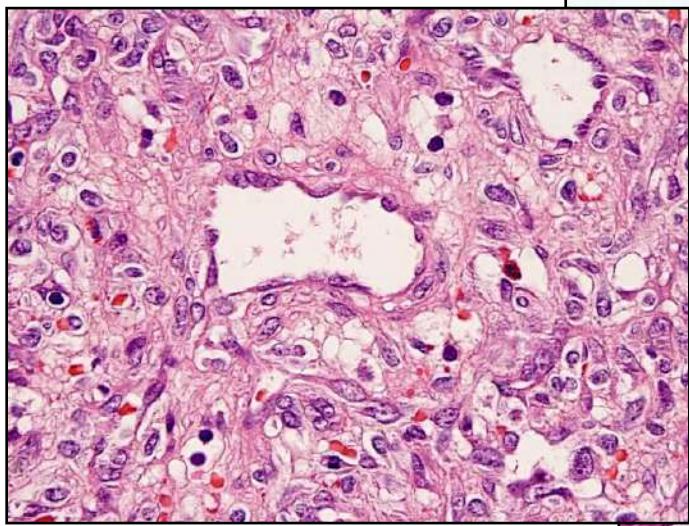
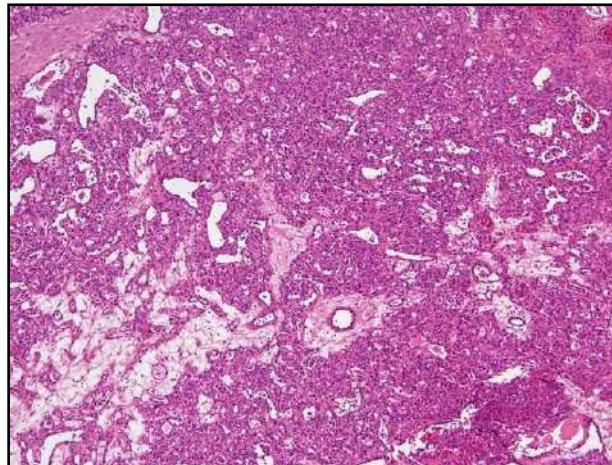
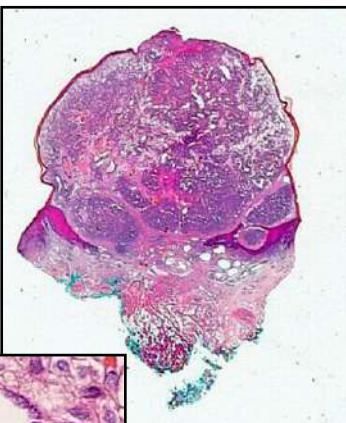


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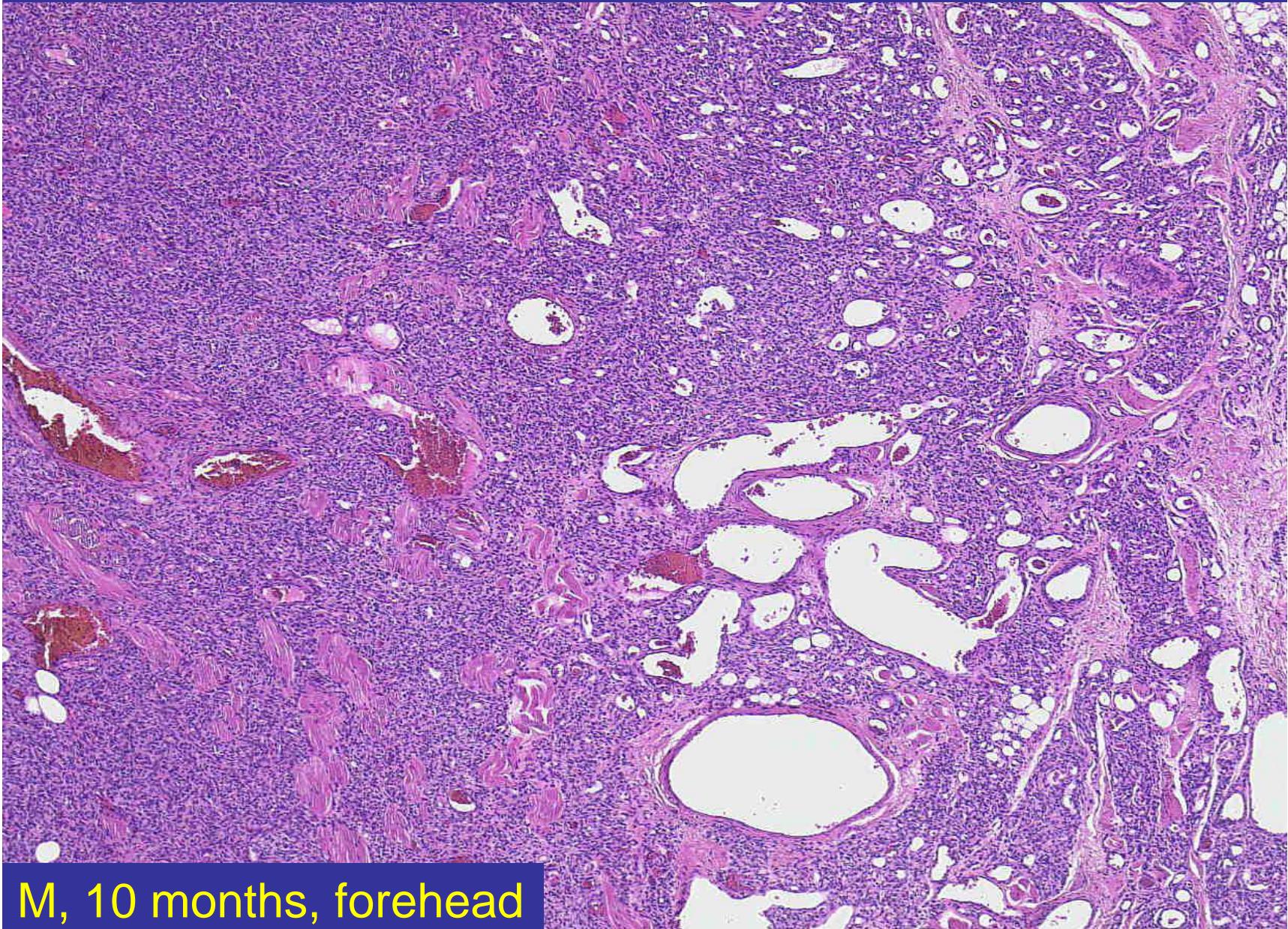


Differential Diagnosis: capillary vascular Malformation

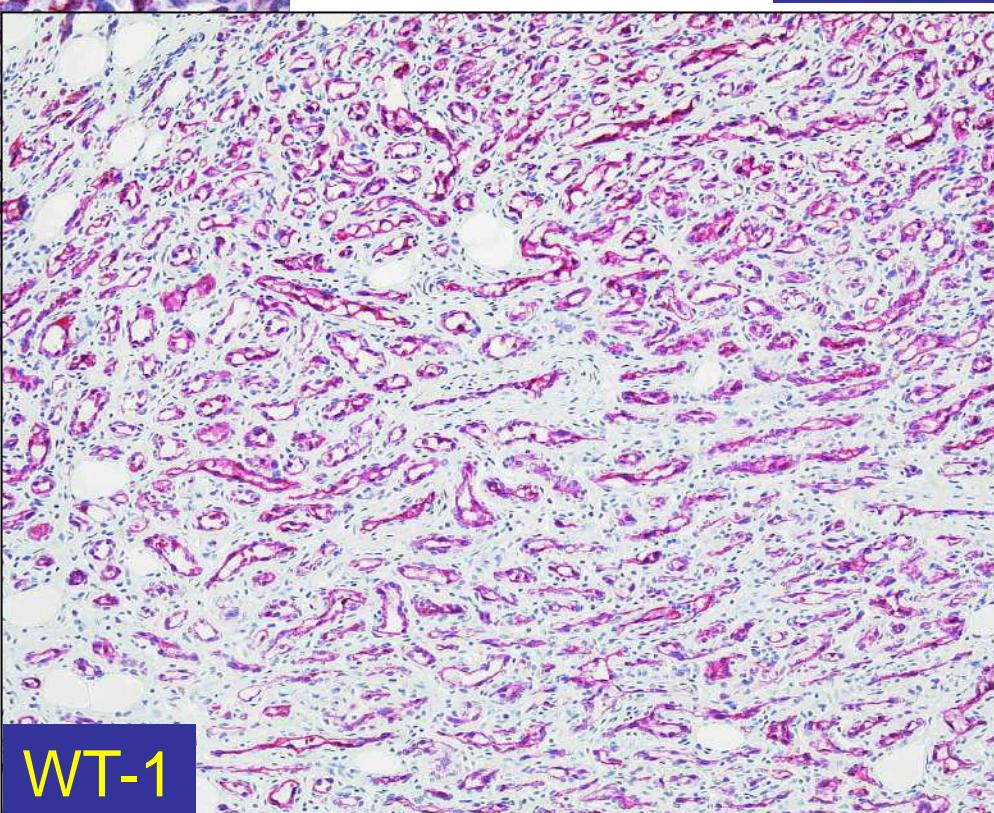
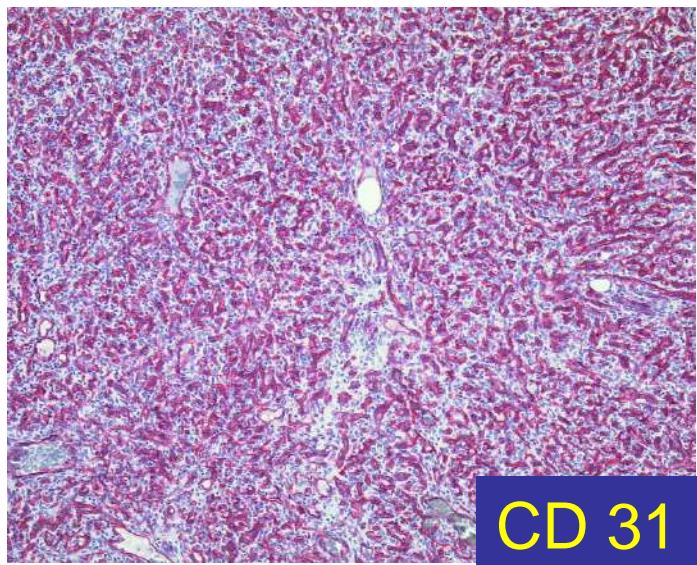
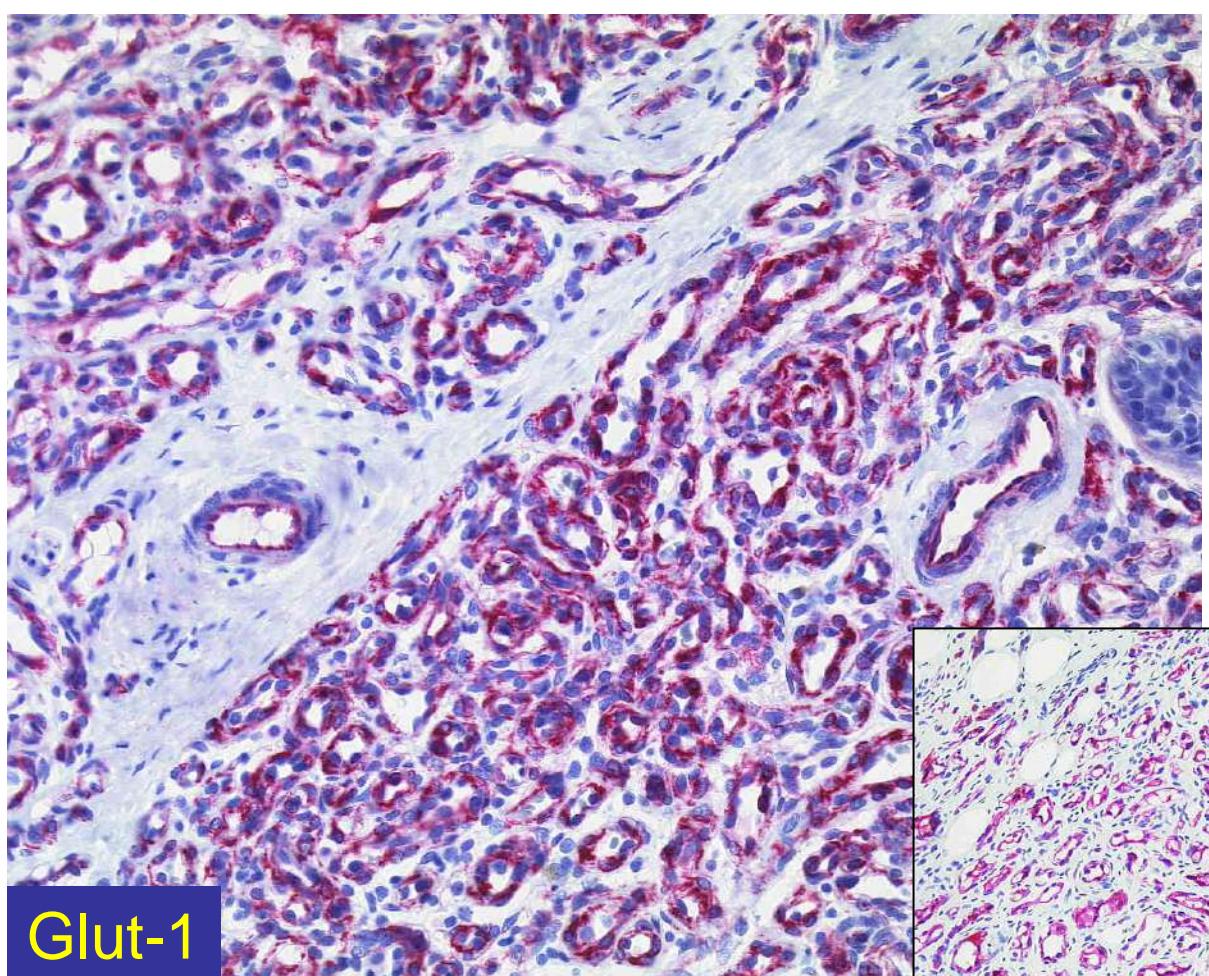
- pyogenic Granuloma («lobular capillary haemangioma»)



Differential Diagnosis: capillary vascular malformation - cellular infantile Haemangioma



M, 10 months, forehead



infantile Haemangioma

commonest benign tumour of childhood (4-5%)

rapid proliferative growth phase

slow involution phase

superficial, deep, mixed

localized, segmental, multifocal

frequent head / neck region

lobular, cellular, capillary proliferation

Glut-1+ (placental differentiation, hypoxia
induces angiogenesis)

vascular markers +

complete layer of ASMA-positive myopericytes



Complications

infiltrative growth

superinfection, ulceration

PHACE (posterior fossa malformations, haemangiomas
arterial anomalies, cardiac defects,
eye abnormalities, sternal clefting) Syndrom

involvement of visceral organs

prominent scarring, destruction

increased risk in segmental and multifocal
haemangiomas

successful treatment with Propranolol!

Cellular infantile Haemangioma: Glut-1 +

DD: Congenital Haemangioma

Rapidly Involuting CH

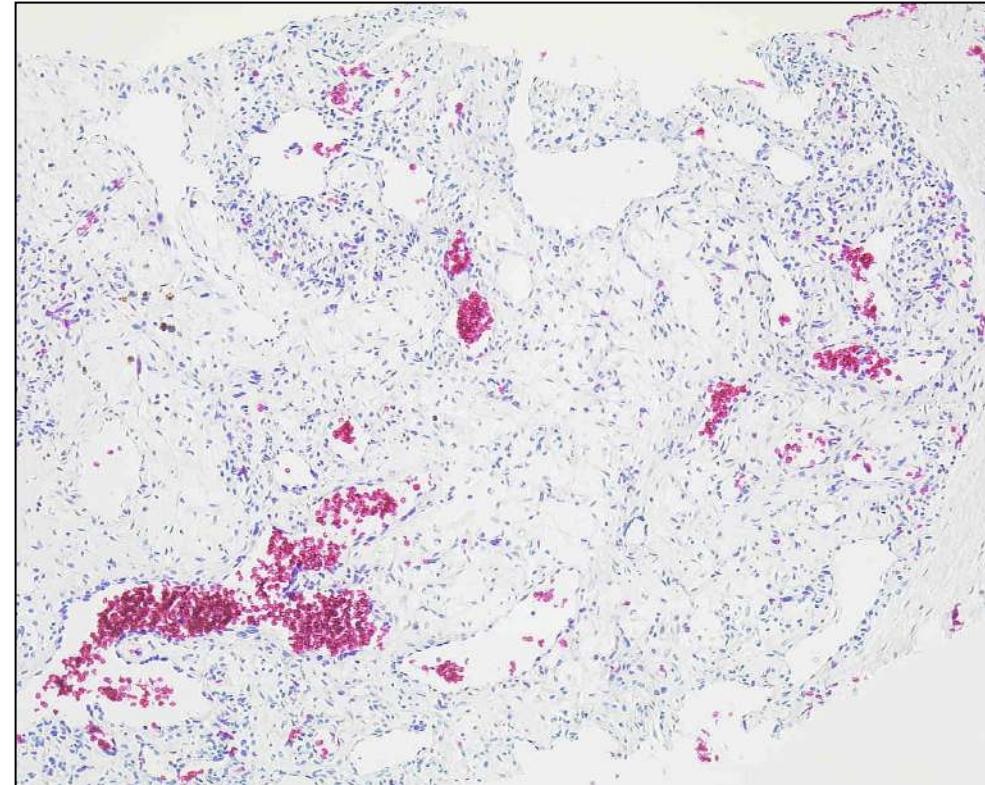
- Glut-1 **negative**
- rapid shrinking
- often thrombosis

Non Involuting CH

- Glut-1 **negative**
- persist over time
- grow proportionally with the child
- arteriolobular fistulae

Partially Involuting CH

- Glut-1 **negative**



Glut-1

The histopathology of congenital haemangioma and its clinical correlations: a long-term follow-up study of 55 cases

S El Zein et al. Histopathology 2020; 77: 275

- histopathological features **are similar** in all three subtypes
- histopathological features are related to the time since disease onset
- RICH, NICH, and PICH **are a single entity**
- intralobular expression of podoplanin was related with thrombocytopenia

Differential Diagnosis

infantile HE: Glut-1 +, WT-1 +
(Propranolol sensitive)

congenital HE: Glut-1 -, WT-1 +

vascular MF: Glut-1 -, WT-1 -,
CD10 +

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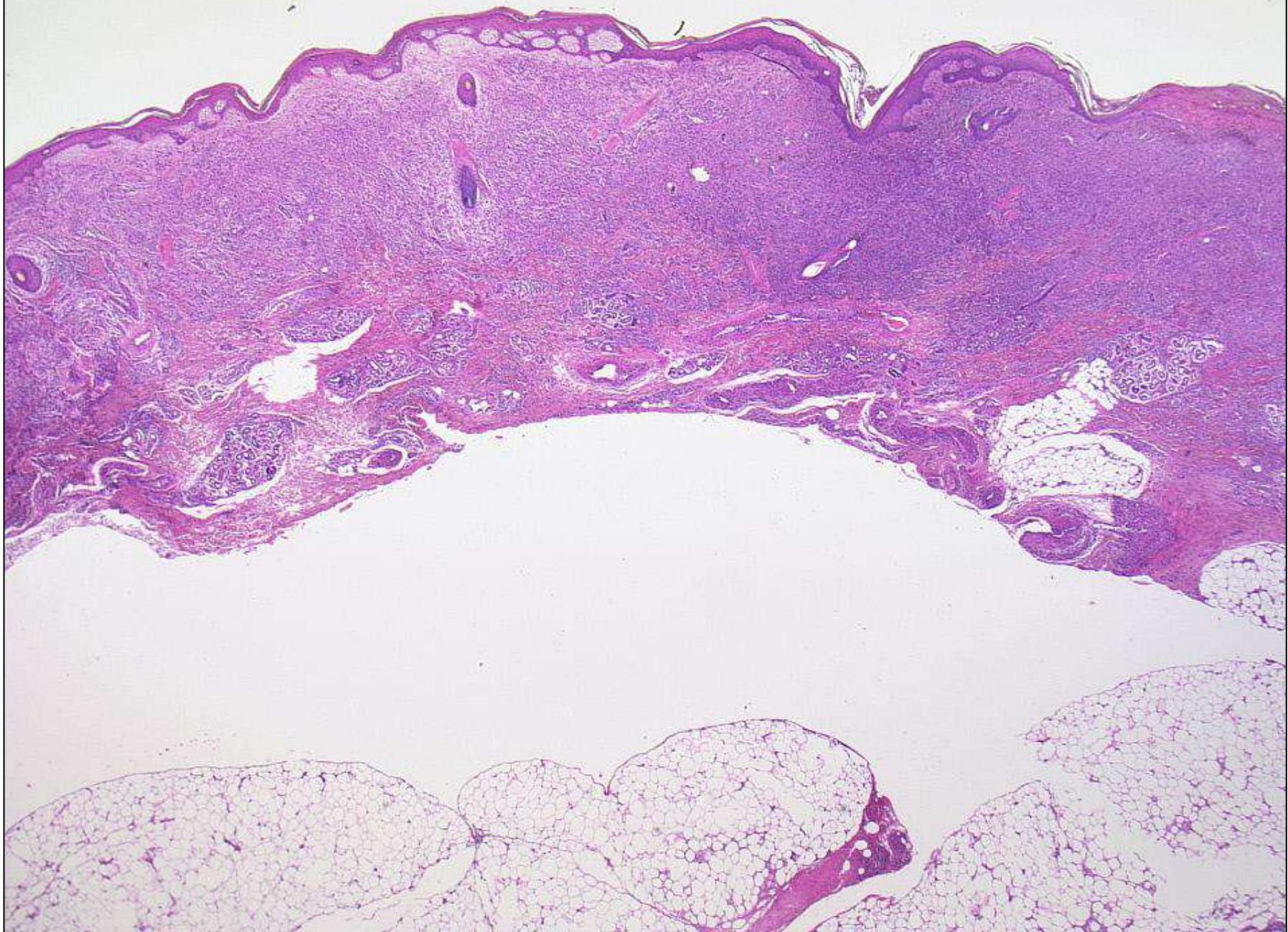
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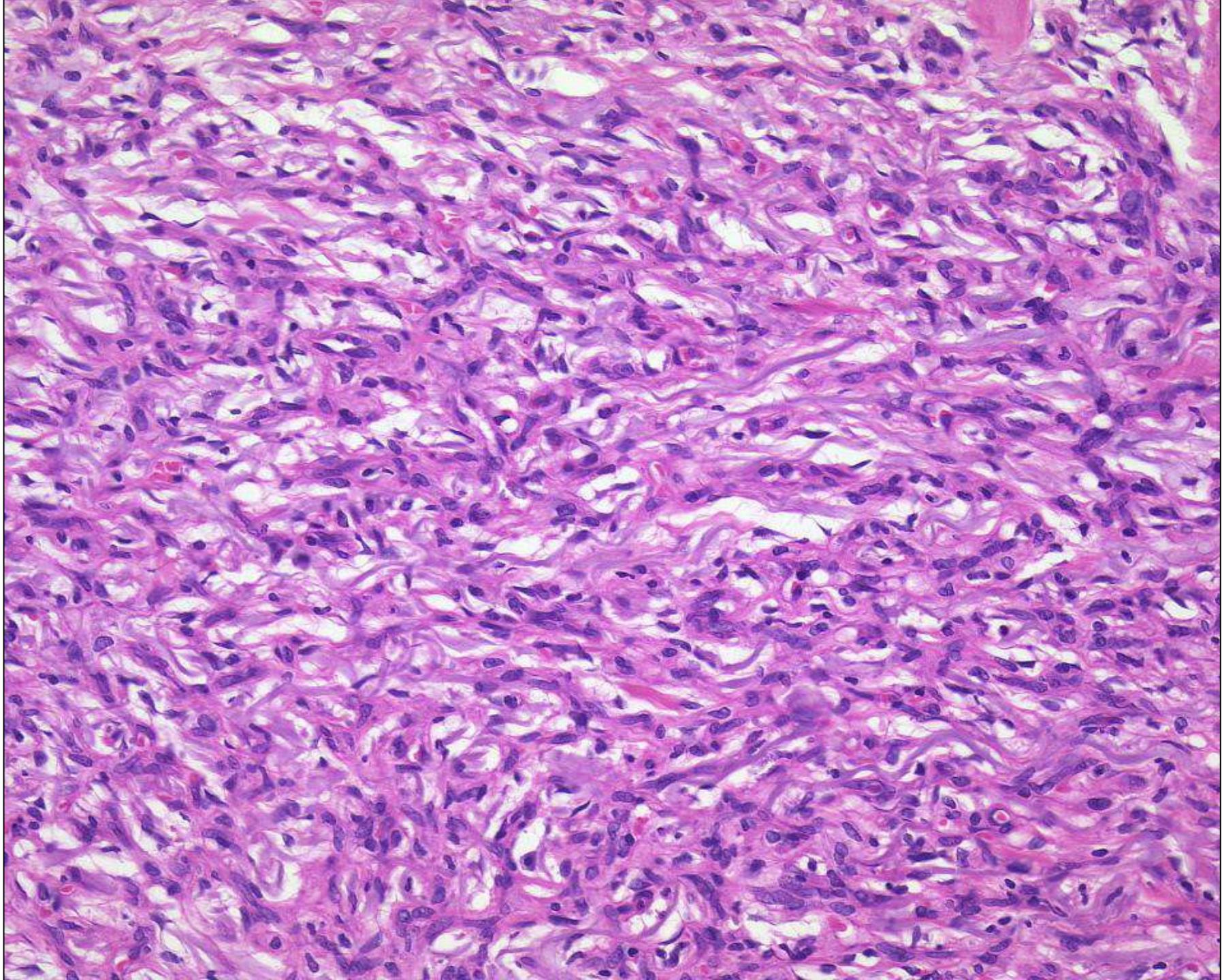
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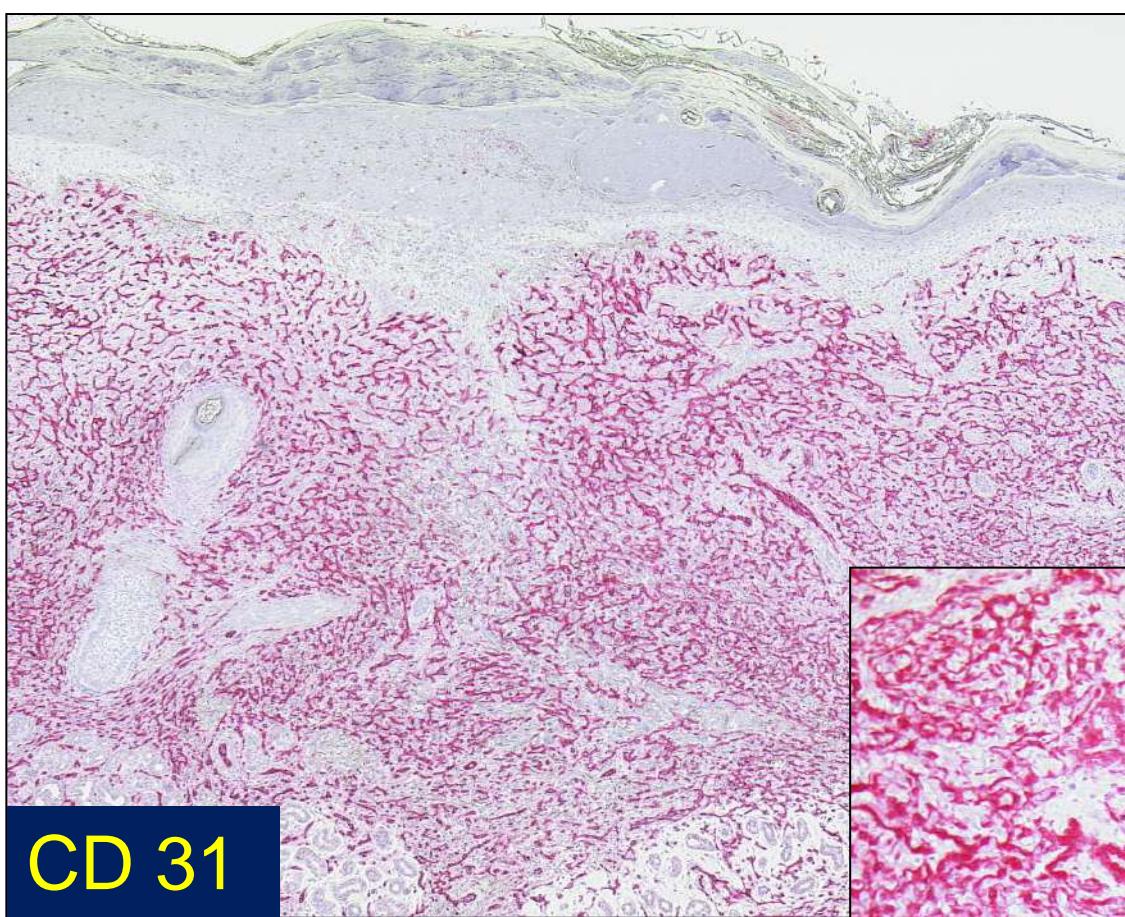
- diffuse dermal Angiomatosis
- reactive Angloendotheliomatosis
- Lymphangiomatosis (of the limbs)
- multifocal Lymphangioendotheliomatosis
with thrombocytopenia
- prurigiform Angiomatosis
- bacillary Angiomatosis
- kaposiform Lymphangiomatosis
(dermis, ST, lung, mediastinum, spleen, skeleton
dilated lymphatics + haemosiderotic spindled endothelial cells
activating *NRAS* mutation, AJSP 2022; 46: 963)



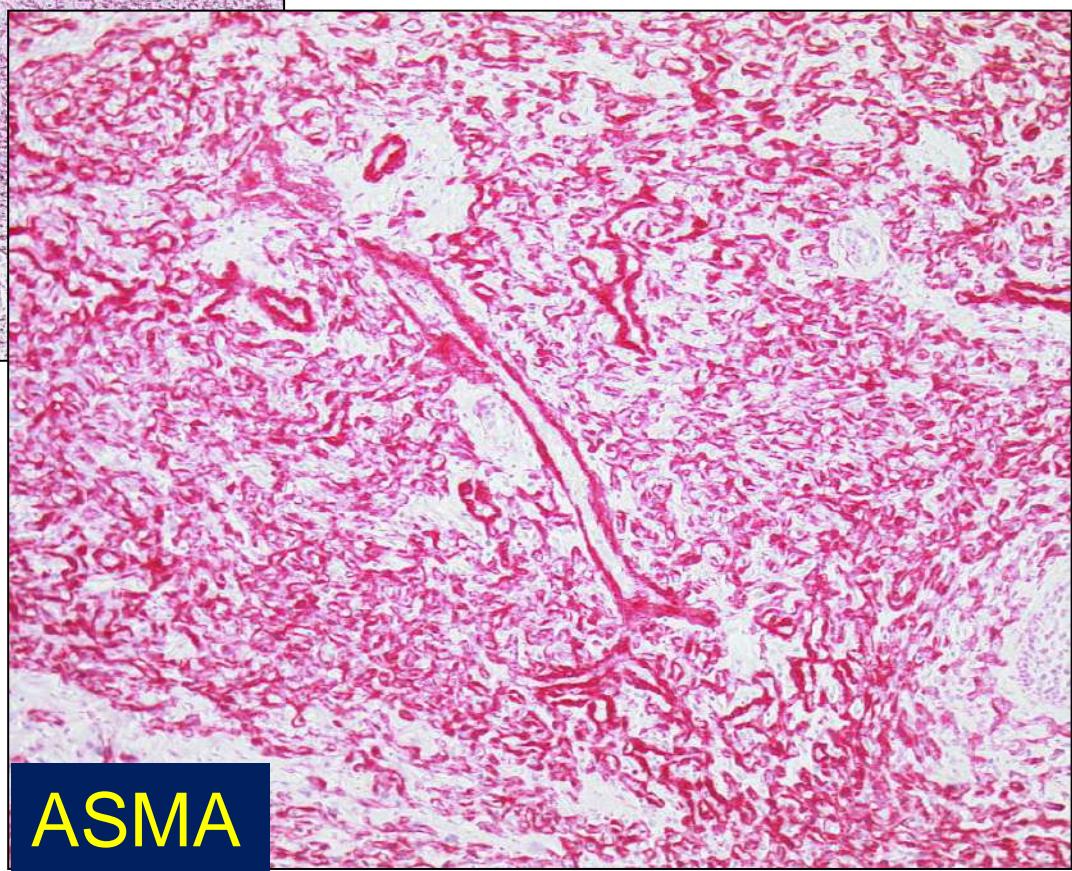
M, 79 years, in the area of an a.v. shunt







CD 31



ASMA

Diffuse Dermal Angiomatosis*

Clinicopathological Findings

- elderly patients, rapid growth
- large, ulcerated, red-violet plaques
- distal to a.v. fistula, severe atherosclerosis
- may show spontaneous regression
- diffuse proliferation of narrow vessels
- newly formed dermal vessels
- CD31 + endothelial cells, ASMA + pericytes
- mitoses, spindled cells, fibrosis
- biologically benign vascular lesion

Diffuse Dermal Angiomatosis *versus* Reactive Angioendotheliomatosis

Related or identical ?

Reactive Angioendotheliomatosis:

cryoglobulinaemia, infection

intravascular endothelial proliferation

formation of capillary tufts

no proliferation of newly formed vessels

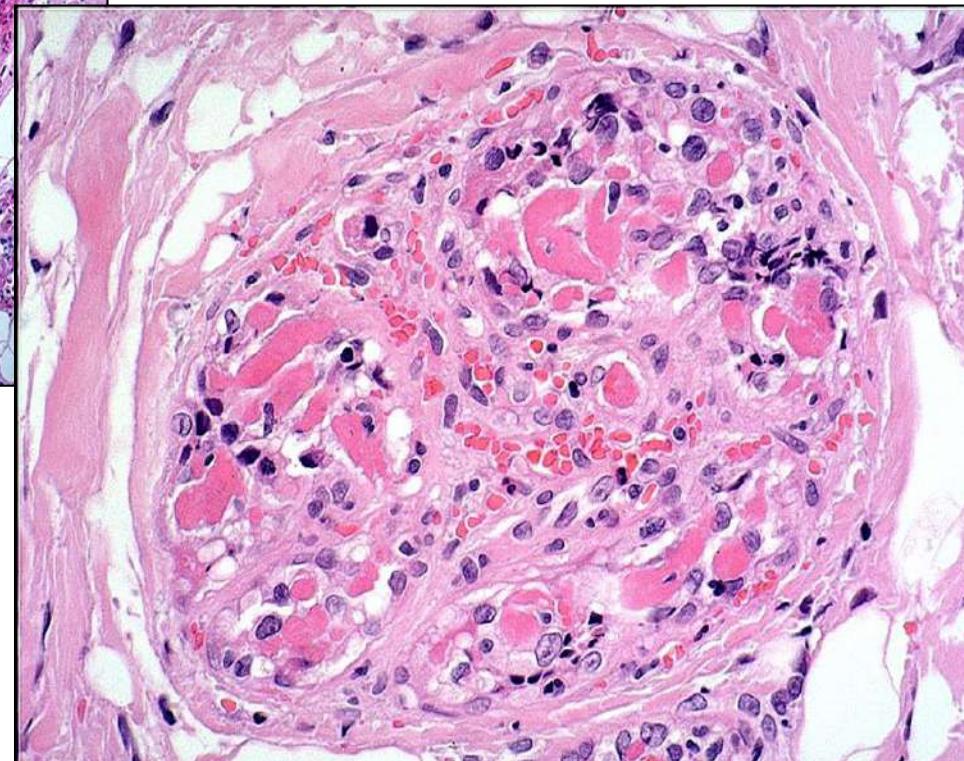
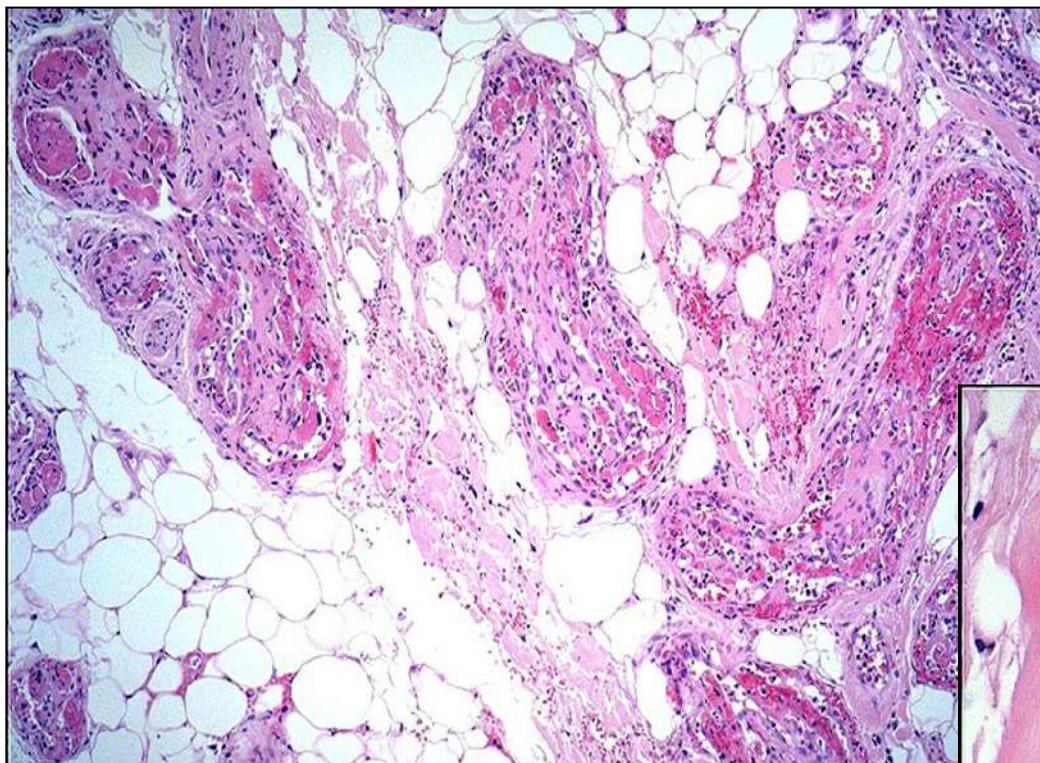
often fibrin thrombi

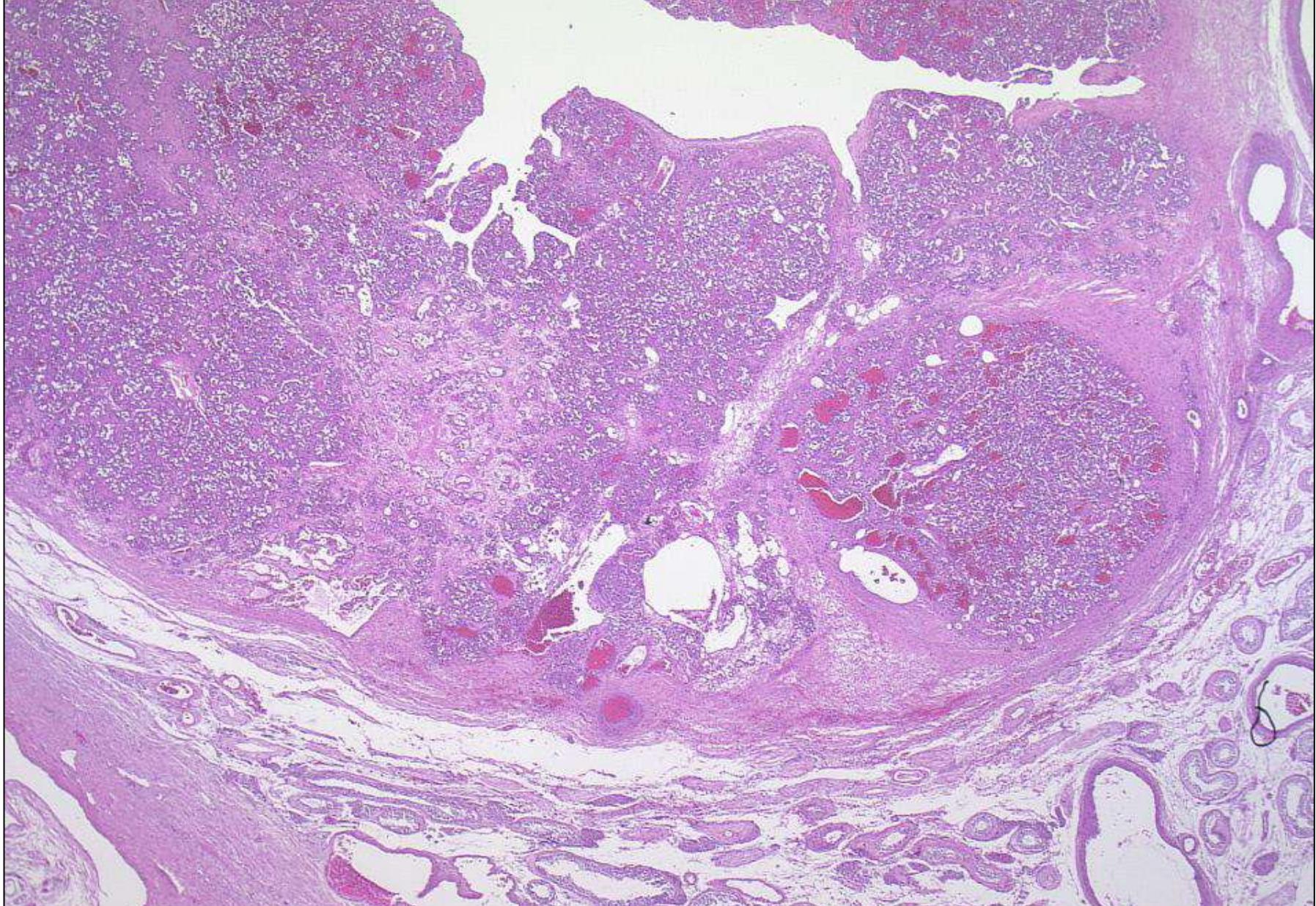
Related but not identical !

Reactive Angioendotheliomatosis in Cryoglobulinaemia

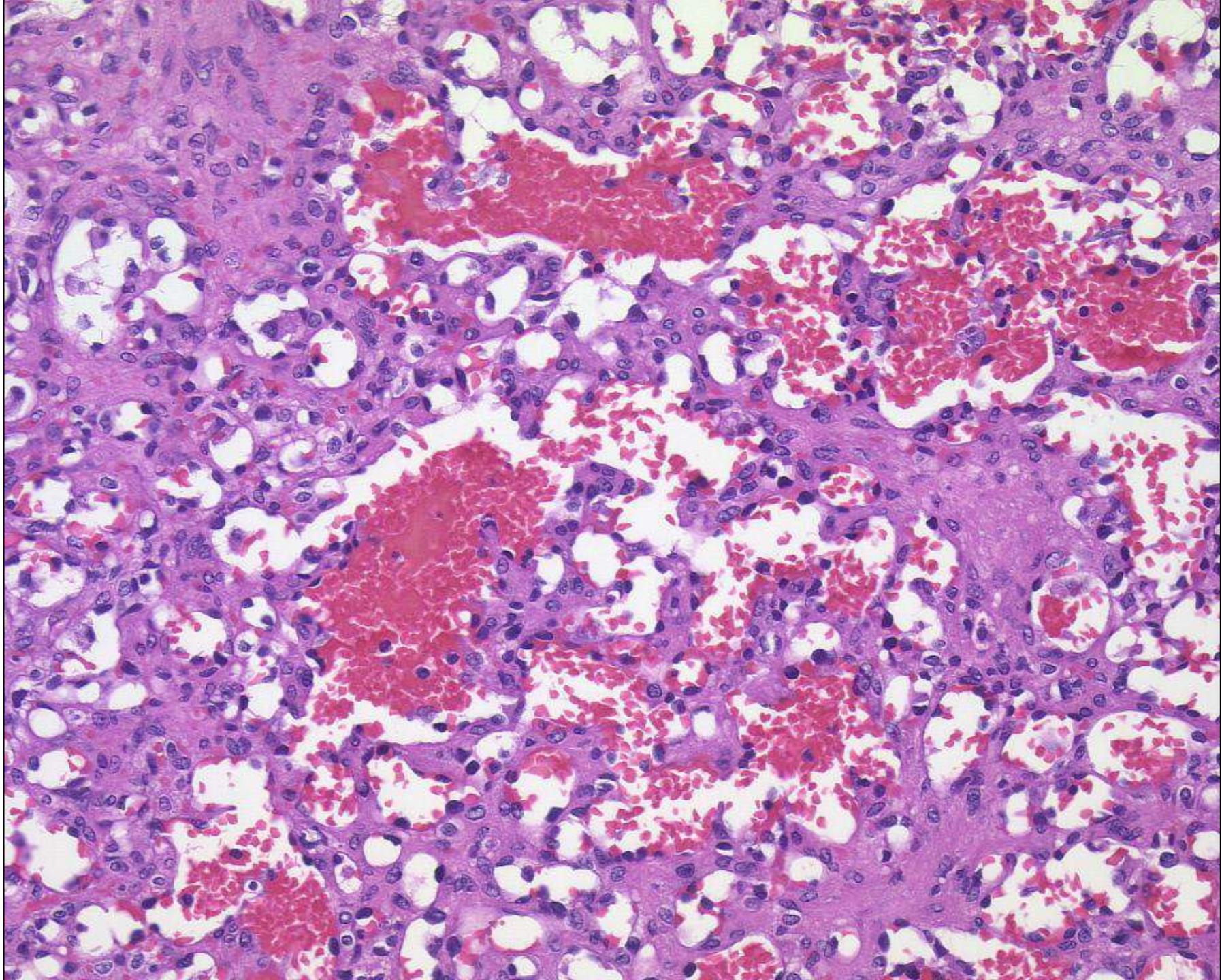


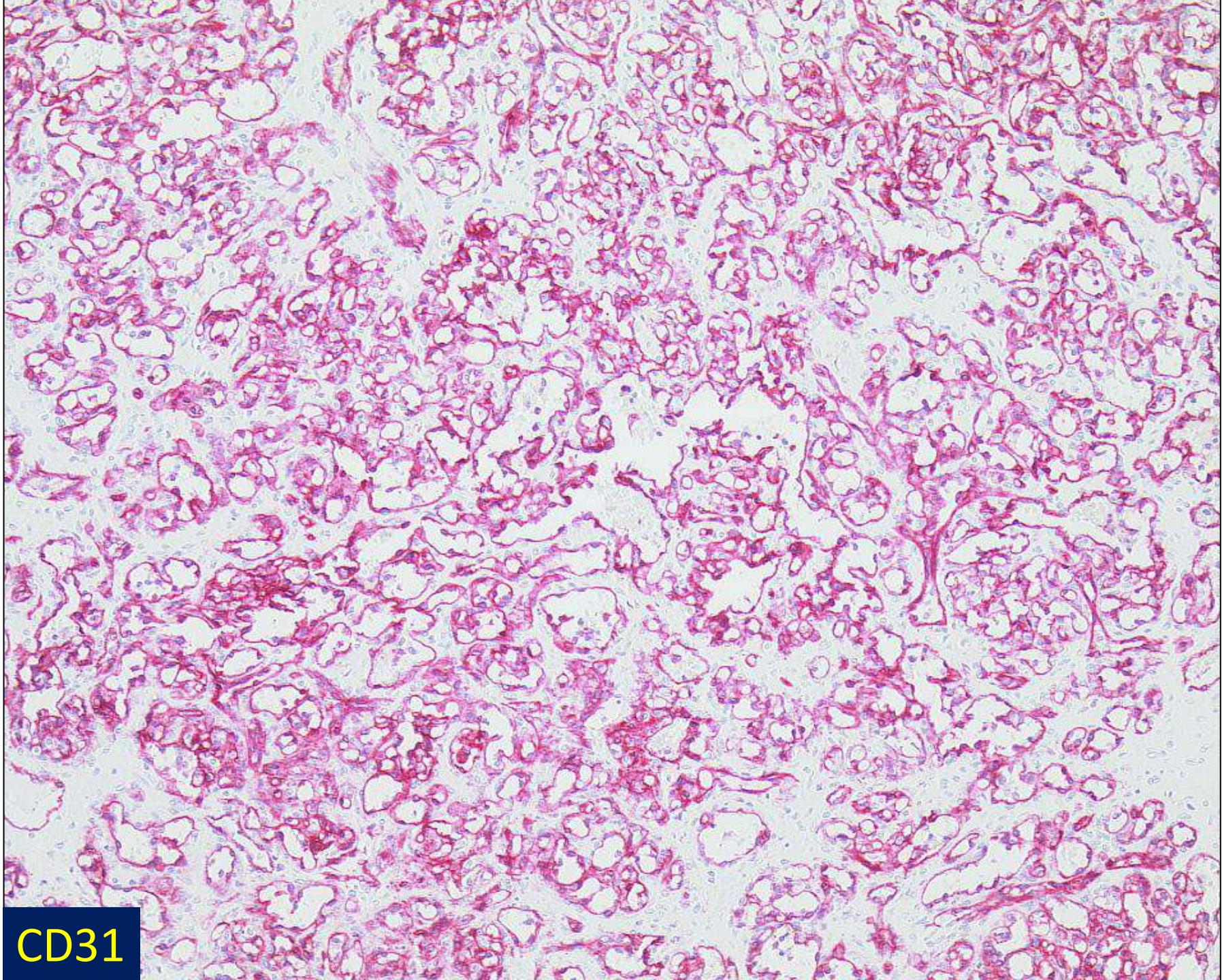
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M, 74 years, right testis
(by courtesy of Prof.E.Montgomery, U.S.A.)





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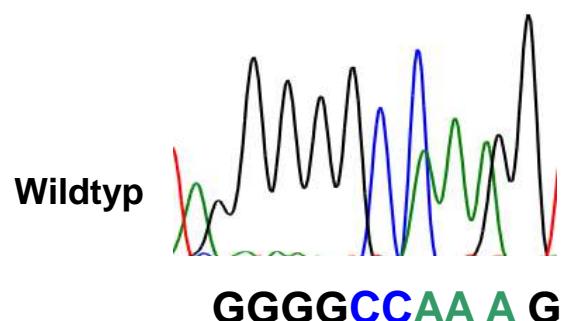
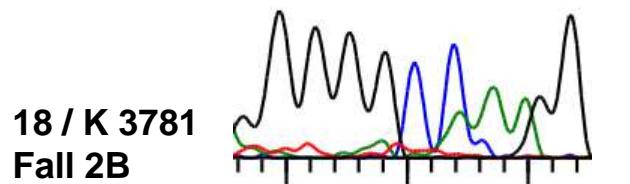
Ergebnis der molekularpathologischen Untersuchung des GNAQ Gens
(Guanine nucleotide-binding protein Q polypeptide, OMIM-Nummer 600998)
Histologie-Nummer 18/K 3781

Mutationsstatus		
Sequenzierung von	DNA	abgeleitete Aminosäuresequenz
GNAQ Exon 5 (Codon 209)	A 626 C	Q209H

Die arabischen vierstelligen Zahlen bezeichnen die betroffenen Nukleotide, die arabischen dreistelligen Zahlen die betroffenen Codons, die Buchstaben die entsprechenden Nukleotide (A-Adenin, C-Cytosin, G-Guanin, T-Thymin) bzw. Aminosäuren: A-Alanin, R-Arginin, N-Asparagin, D-Asparaginsäure, C-Cystein, E-Glutaminsäure, Q-Glutamin, G-Glycin, H-Histidin, I-Isoleucin, K-Lysin, M-Methionin, F-Phenylalanin, P-Prolin, S-Serin, T-Threonin, W-Tryptophan, Y-Tyrosin, V-Valin.

Nach: "Guidelines for mutation nomenclature" der "Human Genome Variation Society" (HGVS; www.hgvs.org/)

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Anastomosing hemangioma of the genitourinary tract: a lesion mimicking angiosarcoma.
(Montgomery E, Epstein J AJSP 2009; 33: 1364)

Anastomosing hemangioma arising in unusual locations: a clinicopathologic study of 17 soft tissue cases showing predilection for the paraspinal region
(John I, Folpe AL AJSP 2016; 40: 1084)

Recurrent GNAQ mutations in anastomosing hemangiomas.
(Bean GR et al. Mod Pathol 2017; 30: 722)

anastomosing Haemangioma

- genital area, visceral organs, skin, soft tissues, children, adults
- solitary, multiple, circumscribed, infiltrative
- dilated, anastomosing vessels, enlarged, hobnail-like endothelial cells
- hyaline globuli, extramedullary haematopoiesis, lipomatous metaplasia, few mitoses, no endothelial multilayering
- activating GNAQ or GNA14 mutations

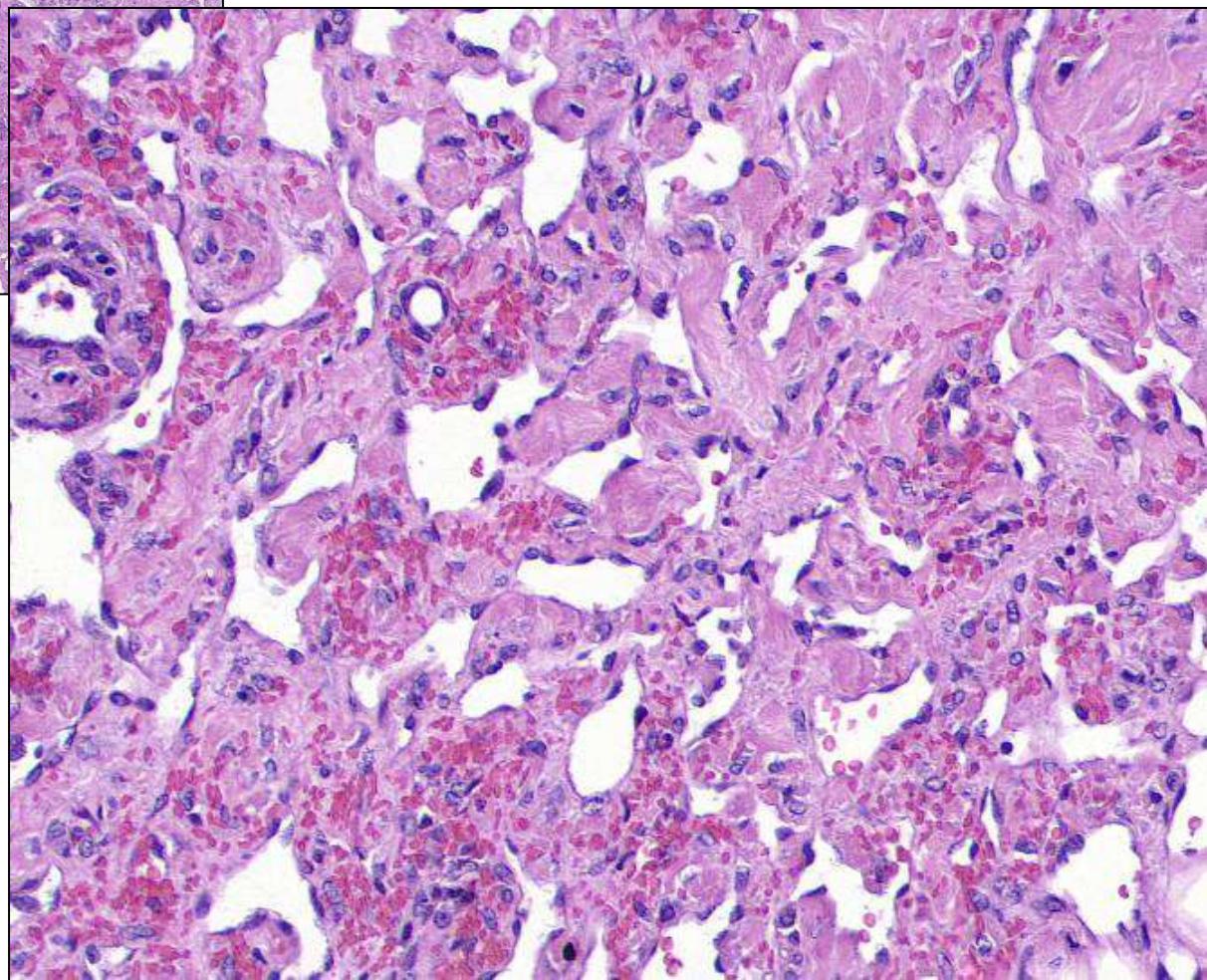
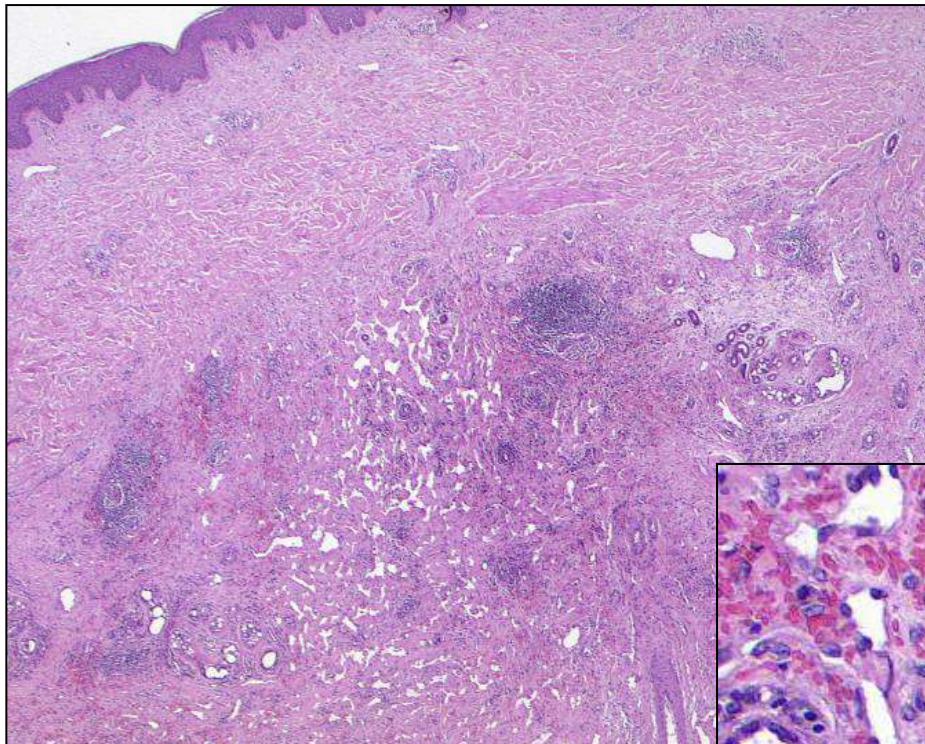
young female patient, since early childhood,
slowly growing, indurated lesion

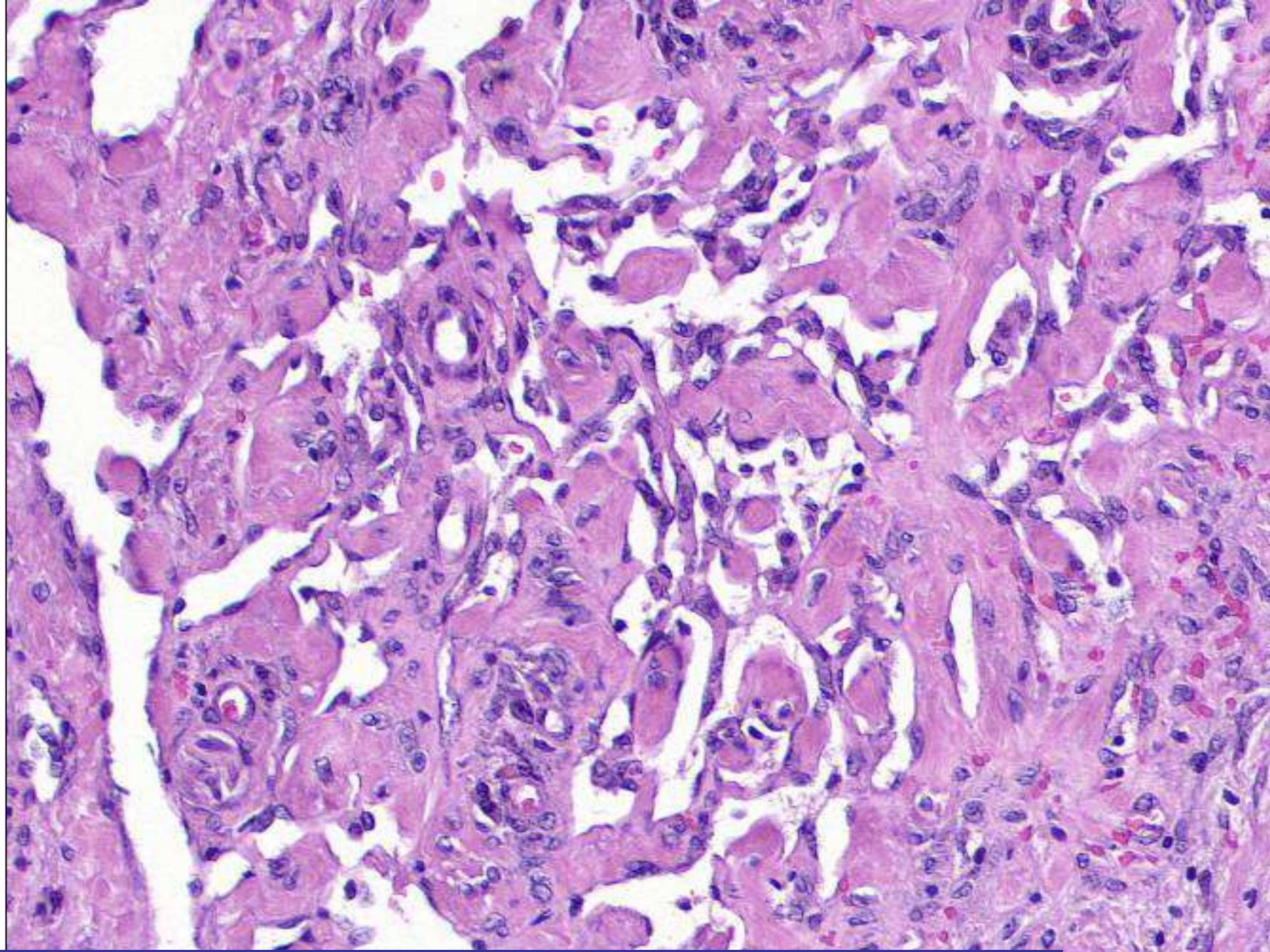


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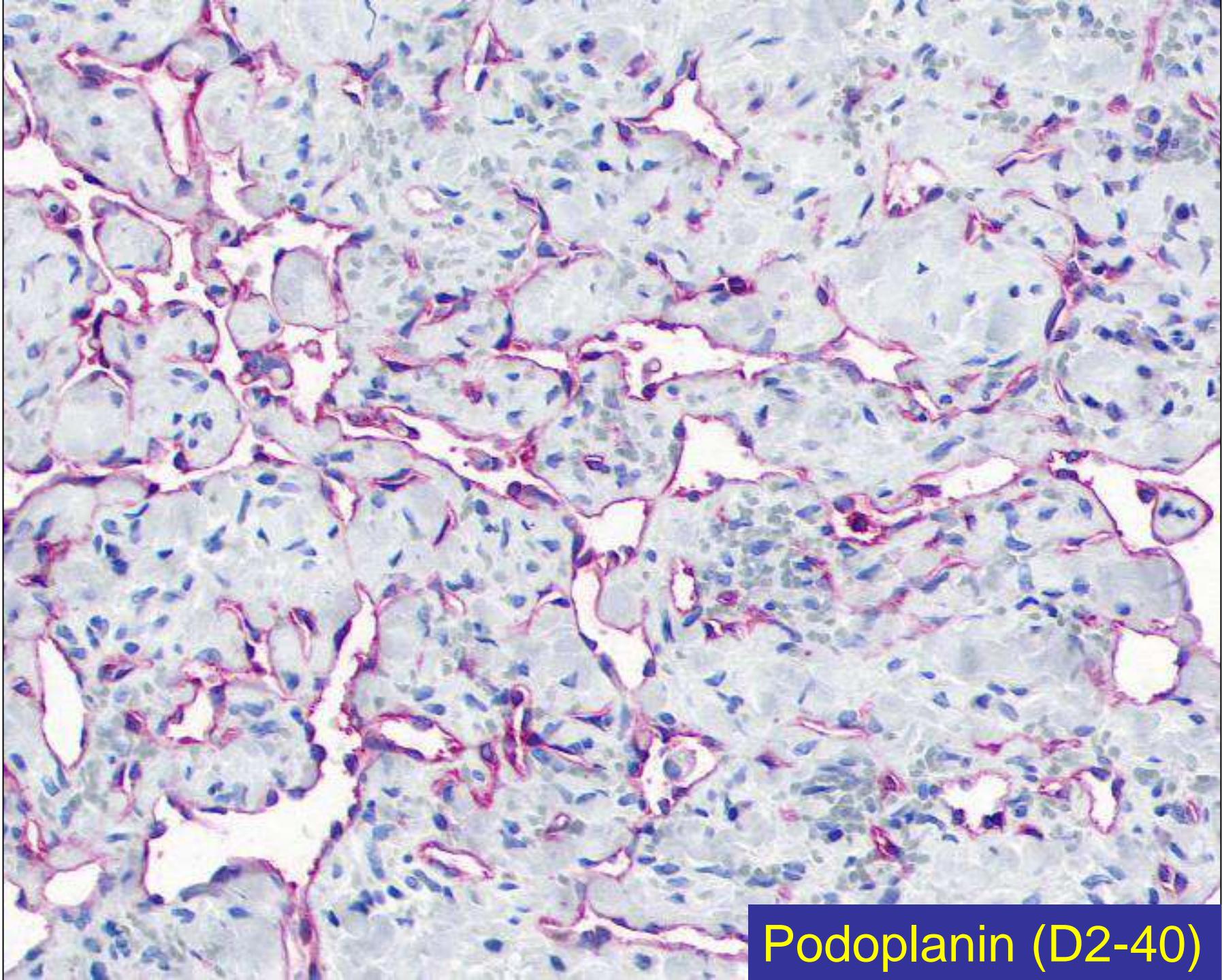


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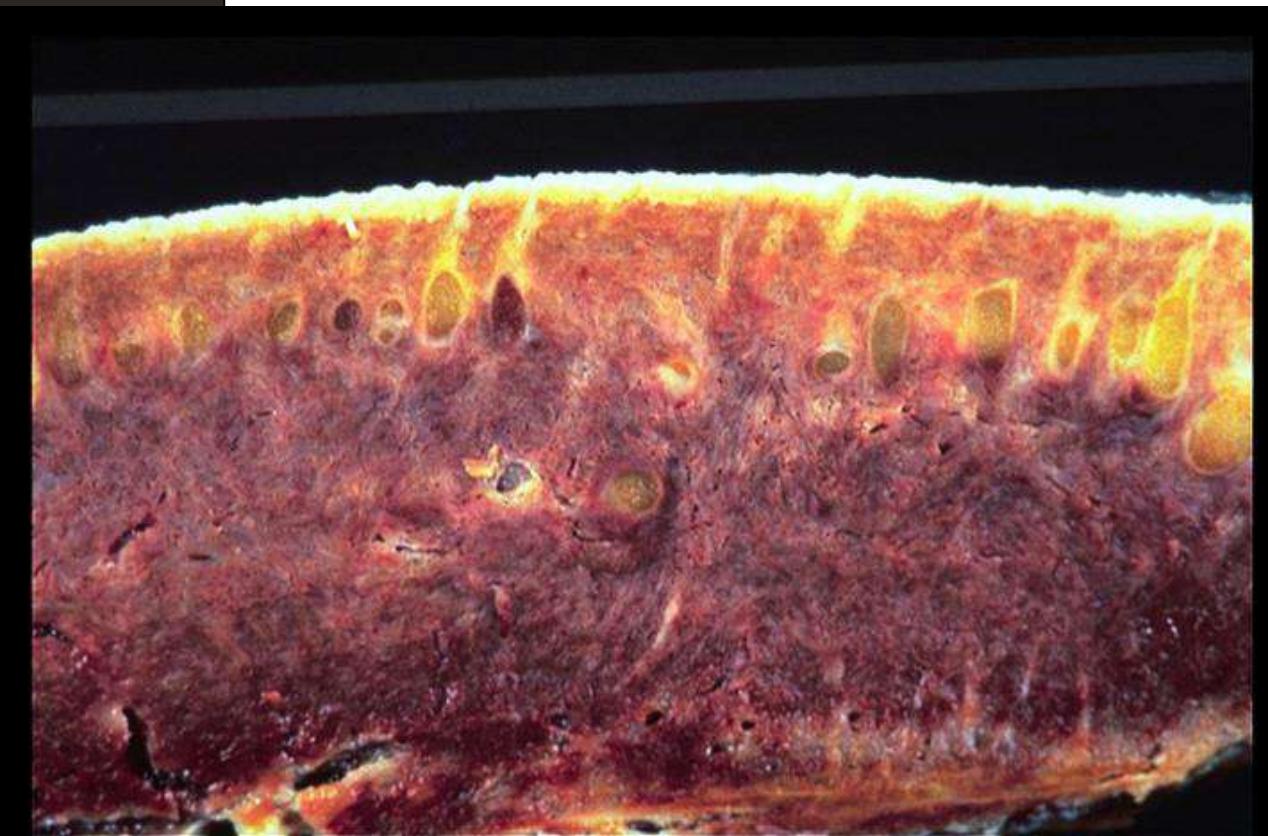


no prominent endothelial atypia, no mitoses



Podoplanin (D2-40)

Lymphangiomatosis
of the limbs (courtesy
of Prof.Fletcher, Boston)
AJSP 1995; 19: 125-133
(no systemic involvement,
benign clinical course)



Multifocal Lymphangioendotheliomatosis With Thrombocytopenia

A Newly Recognized Clinicopathological Entity

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Background: Severe thrombocytopenic coagulopathy may complicate platelet-trapping vascular tumors such as kaposiform hemangioendothelioma and tufted angioma. Low-grade, chronic consumptive coagulopathy may occur with extensive venous and lymphatic malformations. We have also observed patients with rare multifocal, congenital skin and gastrointestinal (GI) tract vascular anomalies of distinctive and remarkably similar appearance, all associated with coagulopathy. We studied the clinical and histopathologic features of 3 patients demonstrating this previously uninvestigated phenomenon.

Observations: All 3 patients presented with hundreds of congenital red-brown skin plaques as large as a few centimeters, with similar lesions throughout the GI tract and severe GI tract bleeding. One patient had synovial involvement. All had significant thrombocytopenia, with prothrombin and partial thromboplastin times and fi-

brinogen levels near the reference range. Corticosteroids and/or interferon alfa treatment resulted in equivocal or no improvement. Skin lesions from all 3 patients were histologically distinctive and similar, including dilated, thin-walled vessels in the dermis and subcutis lined by hobnailed, proliferative endothelial cells (10%-15% immunoreactive for Ki-67), most displaying intraluminal papillary projections. Immunoreaction for the lymphatic marker LYVE-1 was uniformly present.

Conclusions: We propose the term *multifocal lymphangioendotheliomatosis with thrombocytopenia* to distinguish this newly recognized clinicopathological entity. These congenital lesions, like tufted angioma and kaposiform hemangioendothelioma, show lymphatic differentiation, strengthening the association between abnormal lymphatic endothelium and coagulopathy.

Arch Dermatol. 2004;140:599-606

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MULTIFOCAL VASCULAR tumors and malformations are relatively unusual among vascular anomalies, but are characteristic of several well-defined disorders. These include so-called neonatal hemangiomas (benign and disseminated),¹ blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome,² glomuvenous malformations,^{3,4} Maffucci syndrome,⁵ hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia,⁶⁻⁸ familial cutaneocerebral capillary malformations,^{9,10} and familial multiple mucocutaneous venous malformations.^{11,12} We herein describe 3 patients with an entirely different disorder, characterized by multiple congenital and progressive cutaneous and gastrointestinal (GI) tract vascular lesions with occasional involvement of other anatomic sites, coagulopathy, and distinctive histopathologic features resembling those of solitary acquired lesions recently classified as benign lymphangioendothelioma¹³ and previously as acquired progressive lymphangioma.¹⁴ We propose the term *multifocal*

lymphangioendotheliomatosis with thrombocytopenia to describe this unique and potentially life-threatening condition.

METHODS

Three patients with an unusual and remarkably similar clinical presentation characterized by multiple discrete cutaneous and GI tract vascular anomalies associated with coagulopathy were identified independently at 3 different institutions. Medical records were reviewed, and hematoxylin-eosin-stained tissue sections were reviewed and compared by one of us (P.E.N.). Biopsy specimens included skin samples of the lower back and right hip synovium (patient 1, aged 5-6 years), a punch biopsy specimen from a left buttock lesion (patient 2, aged 6 years), and a resection specimen from the cheek (patient 3, aged 13 years 9 months). Histochemical, immunohistochemical, and immunofluorescent studies, including evaluation for expression of the lymphatic marker LYVE-1,¹⁵ were performed.

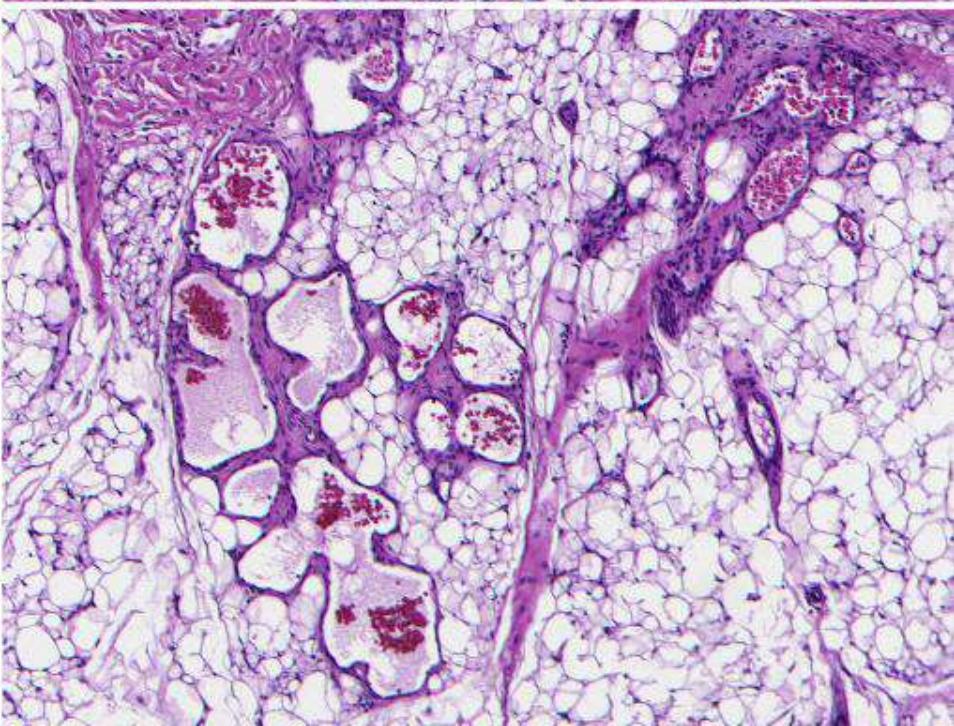
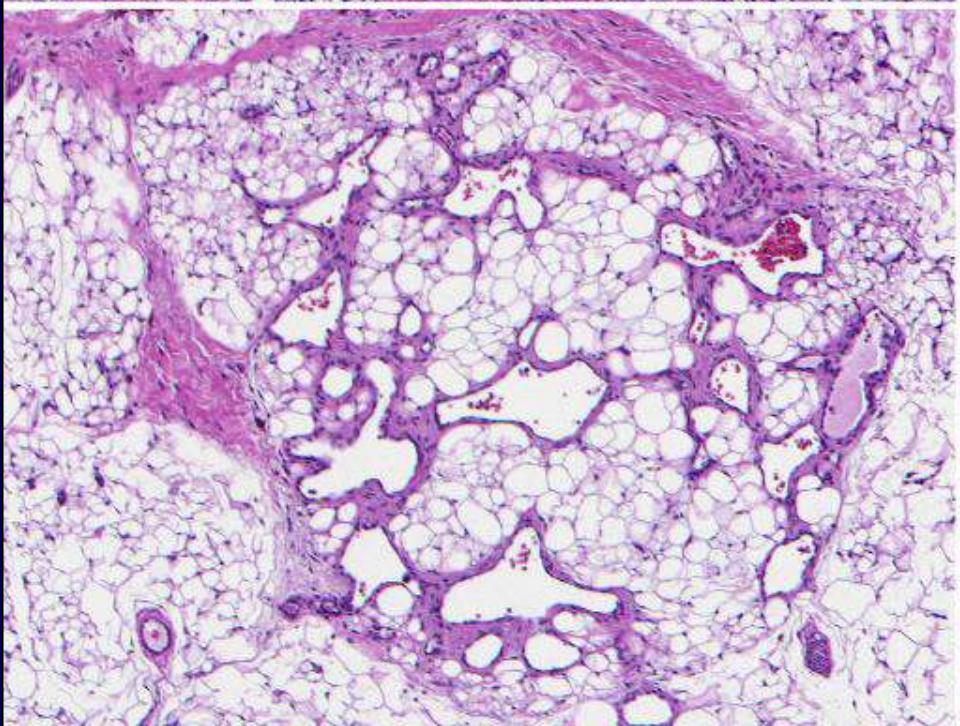
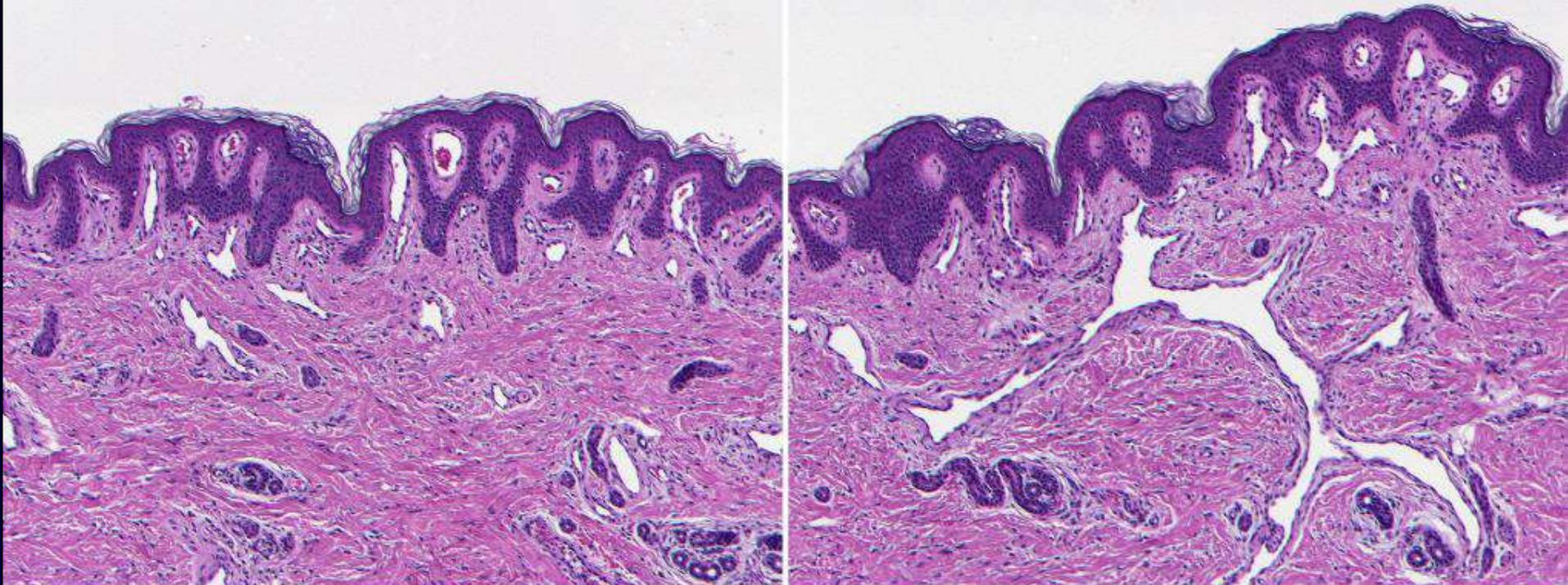
For immunofluorescent microscopy, paraffin-embedded sections (6-μm thickness) were deparaffinized, rehydrated, and treated with 0.01% protease XXIV (Sigma-Aldrich Corp,

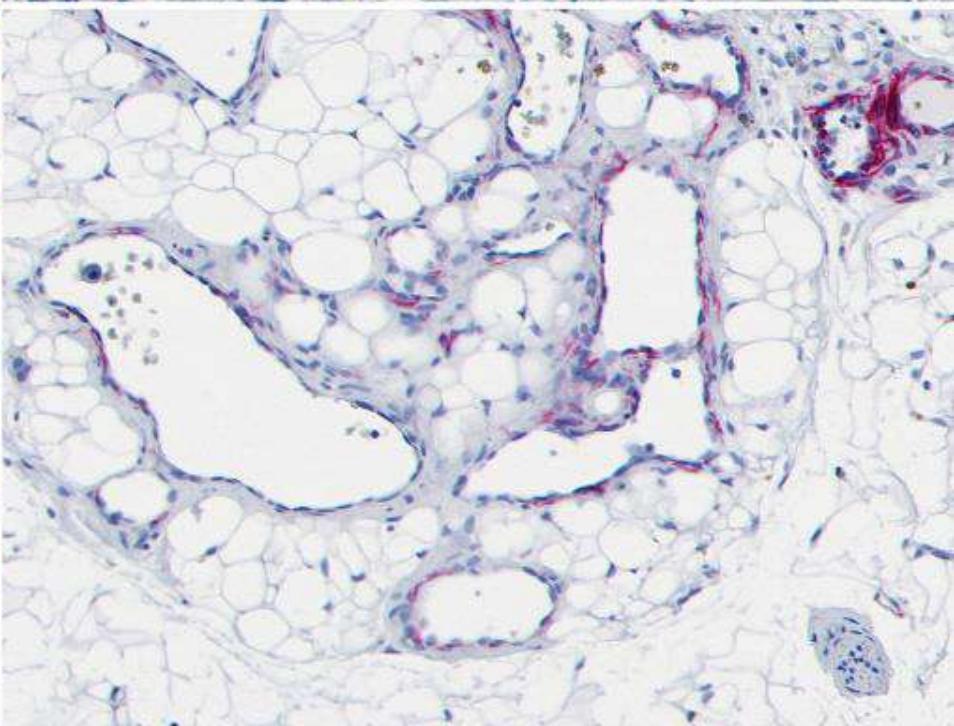
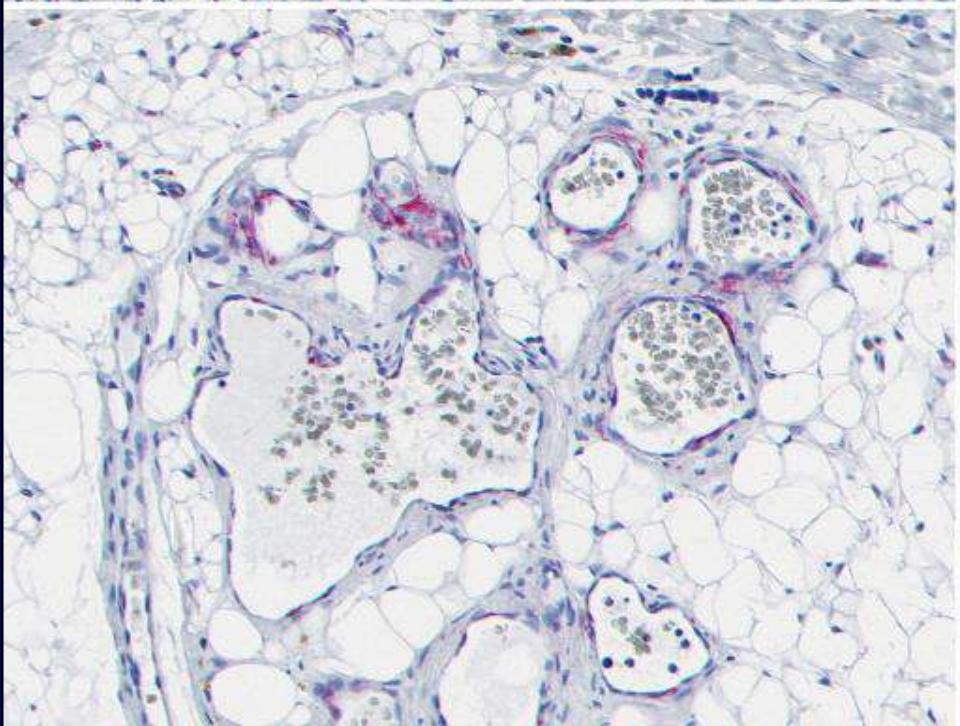
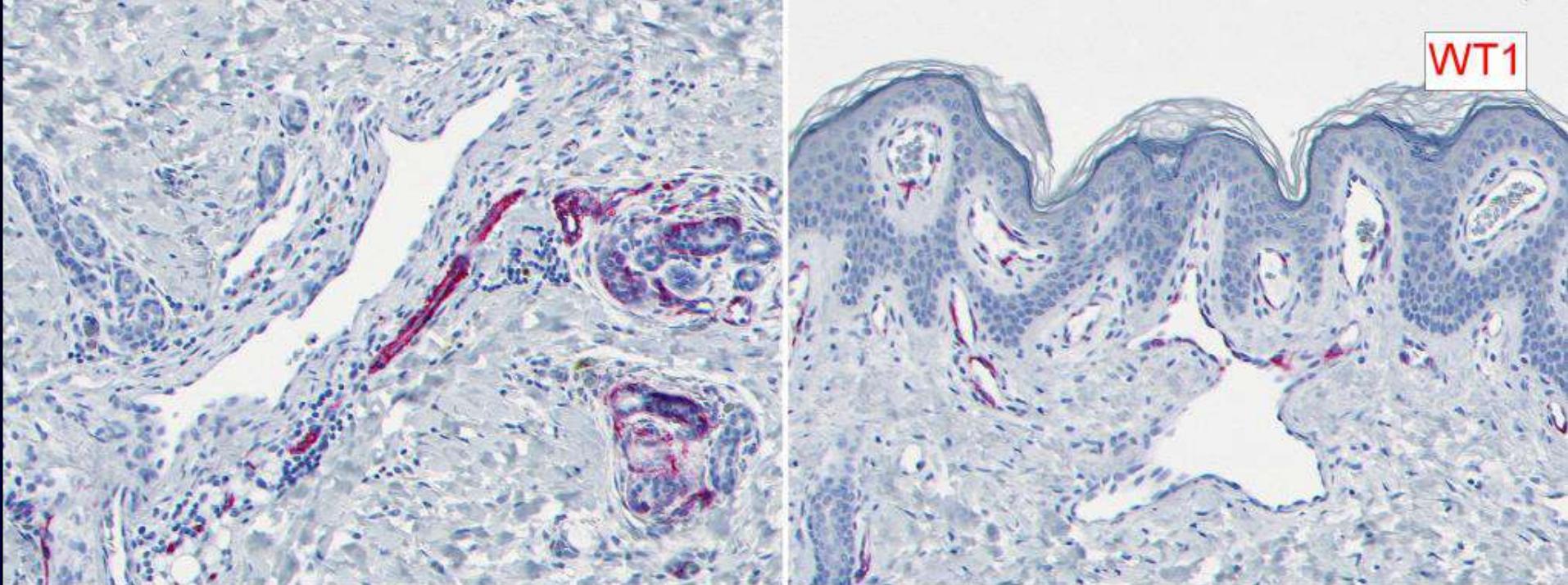
- 3 patients (2 M, 1 F, 5, 6, 13 years), hundreds of congenital skin plaques
- dilated vascular structures with hobnail endothelial cells, LYVE-1 +
- GI-vascular lesions with bleeding, synovial vascular lesions (1 patient)
- significant thrombocytopenia (vascular lesions of lymphatic diff.)
- association of abnormal lymphatic endothelium and coagulopathy
- represents a vascular malformation



M, newborn, multifocal haemangiomatosis of the skin and visceral organs (spleen), disseminated intravascular coagulation, thrombocytopenia



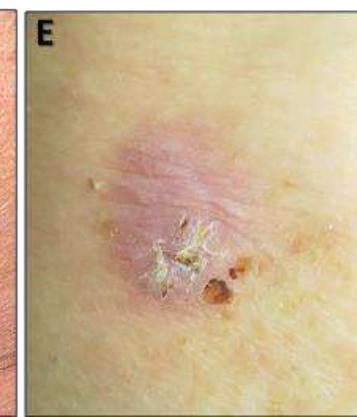


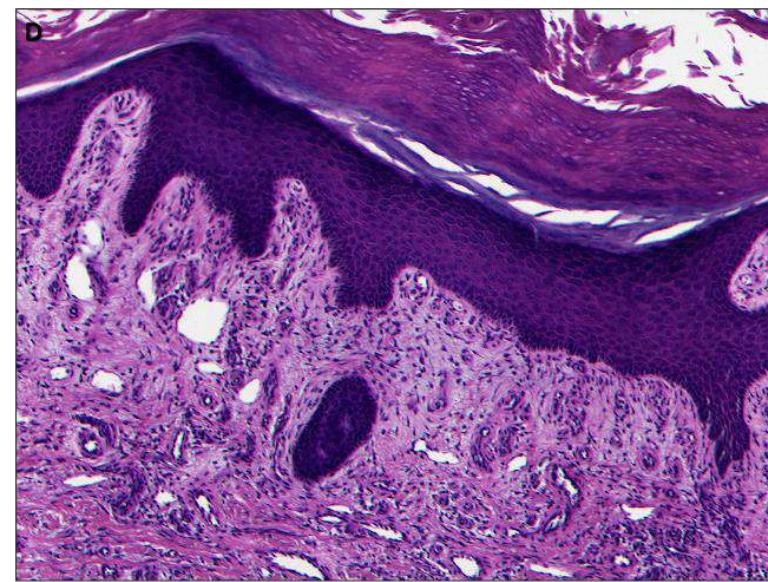
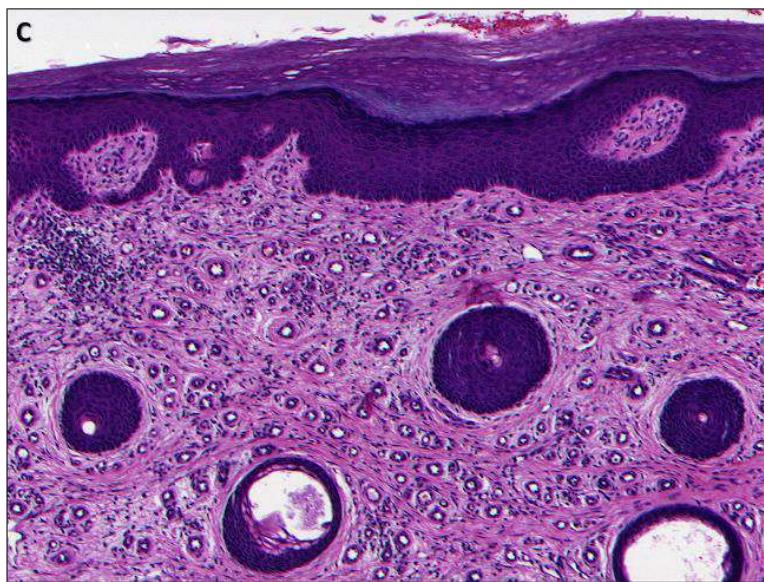
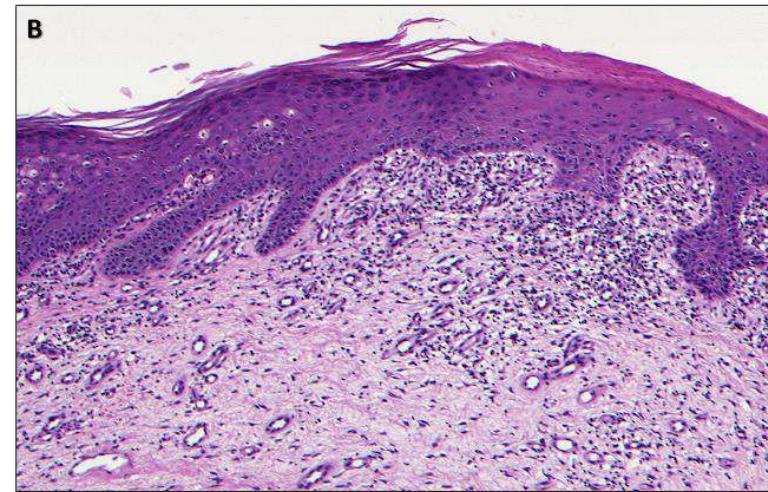
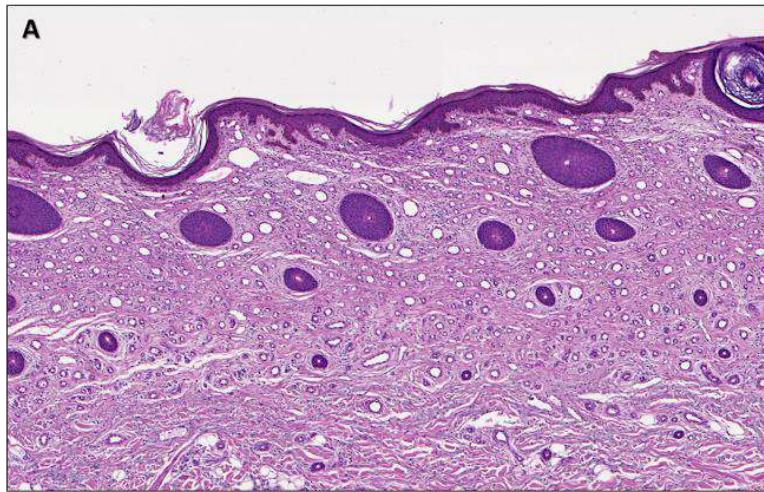


Prurigiform angiomas and endothelial growth factors: a distinct reactive angioproliferation in the skin

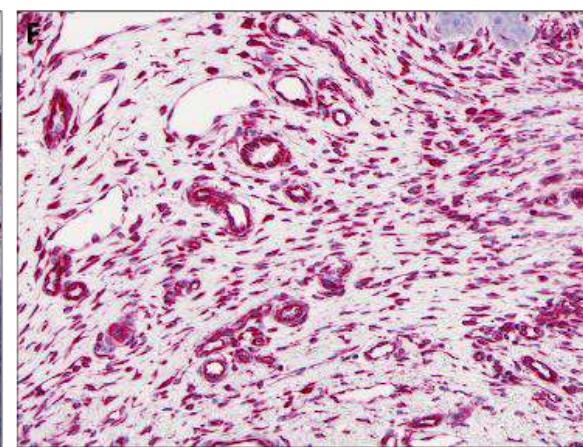
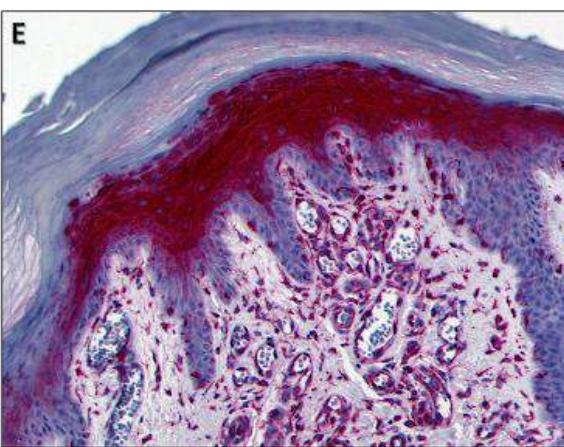
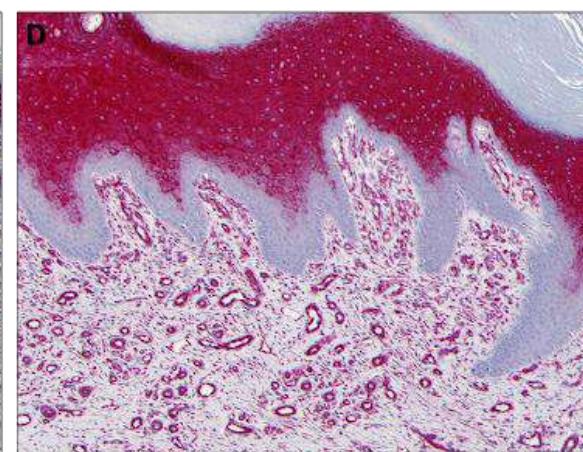
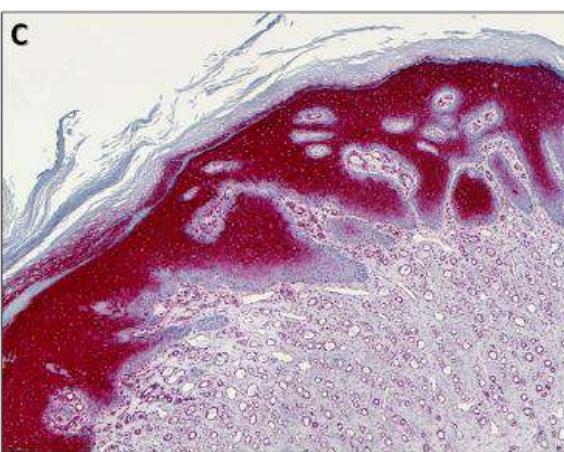
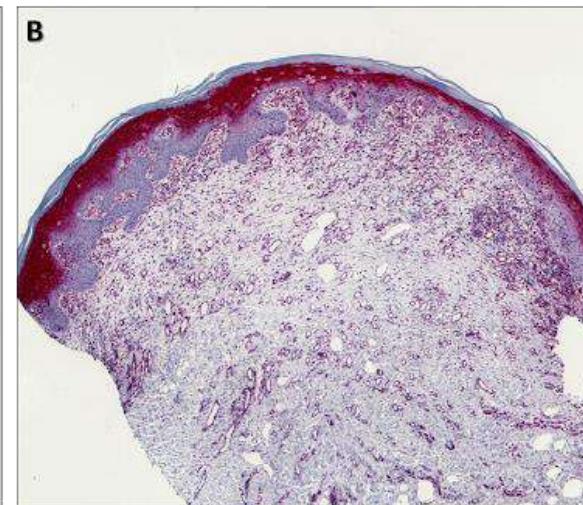
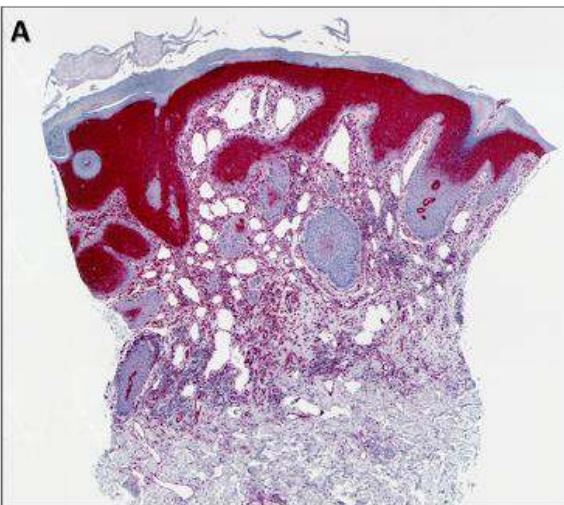
(Ortins-Pina A et al. Am J Dermatopathol 2020; 42: 29-34)

- non-neoplastic, reactive increase of vessels
- elderly patients, M > F, buttock, intergluteal fold, erythematous / brown plaques
- epidermis hyperplasia with VEGF secretion and increase of organoid vessels
- band- or plaque-like, dermal vascular proliferation inflammatory cells, fibrosis
- mechanical injury, inflammation are triggers of angiogenesis driven by epidermal VEGF expression
- no topical treatment



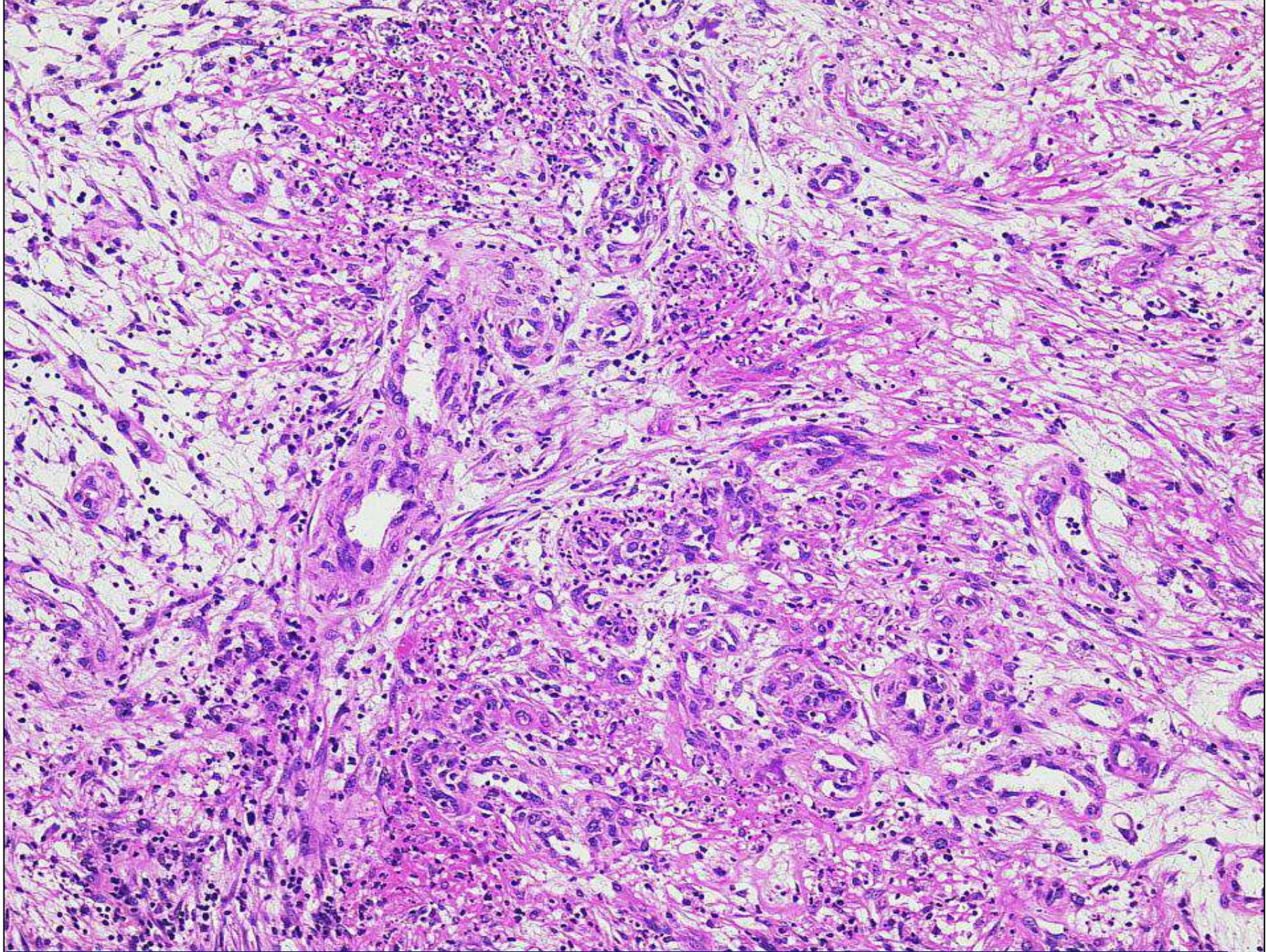


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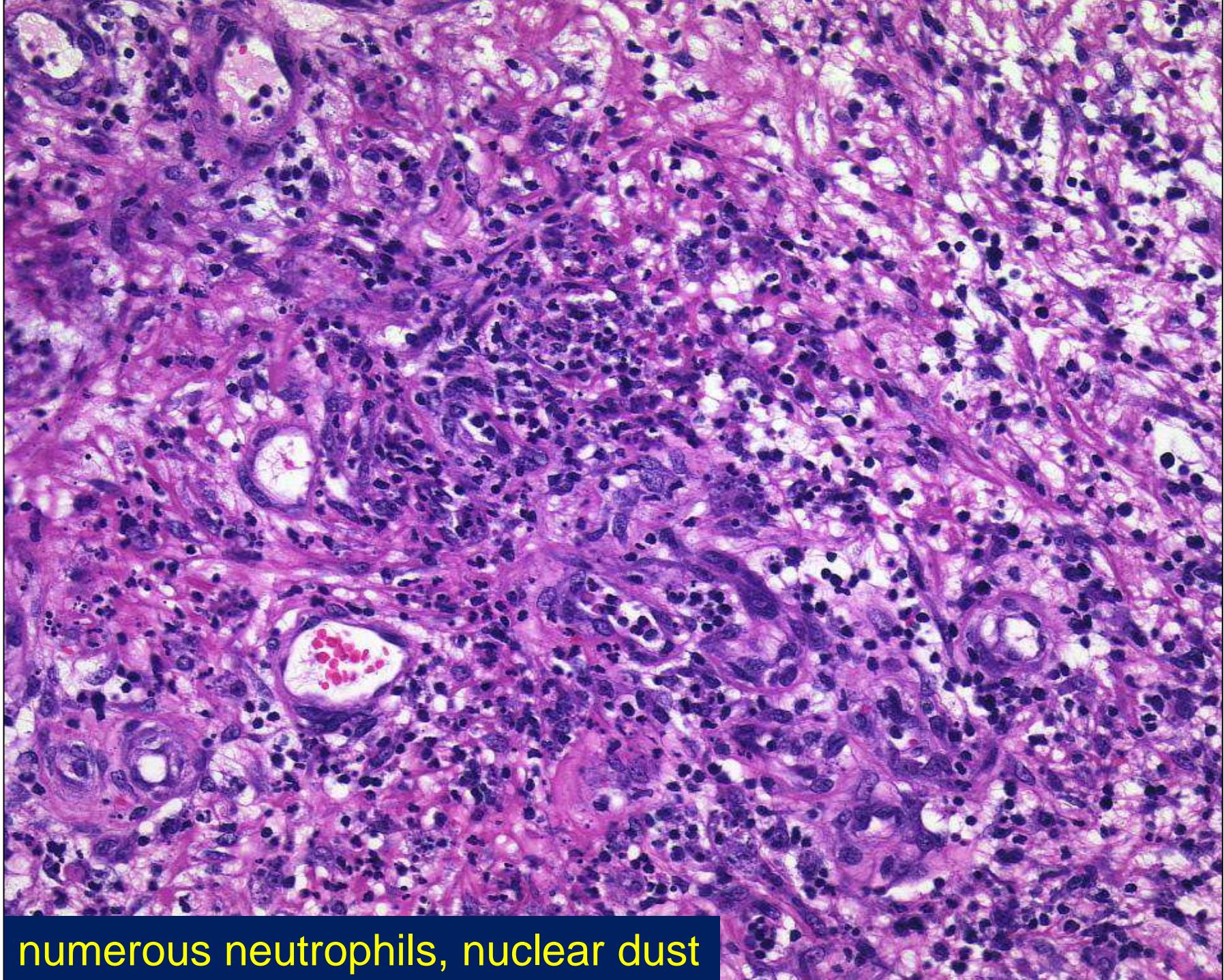


F, 81 years
previous breast
cancer and CLL
since 6/12 nodular,
ulcerated skin lesions
? angiosarcoma

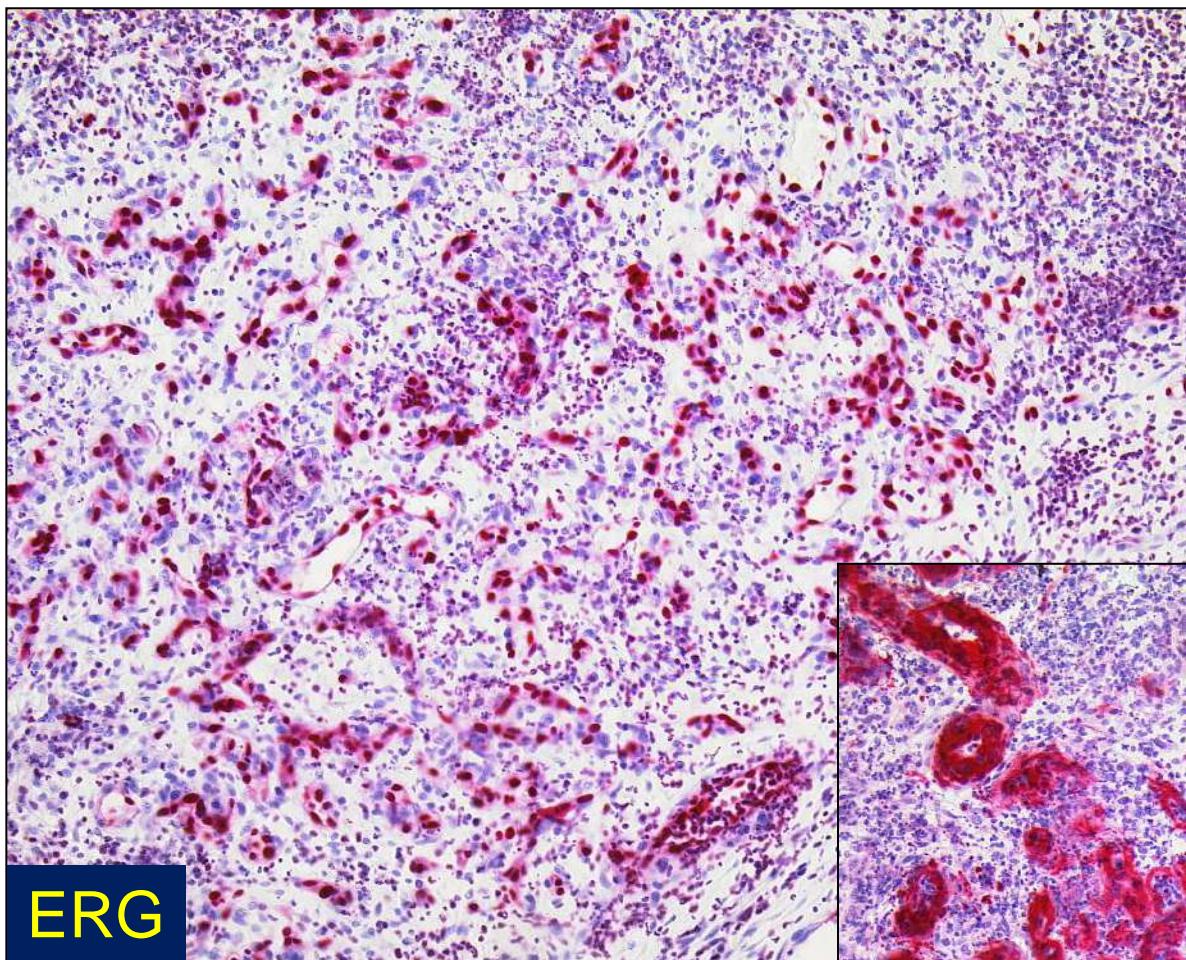




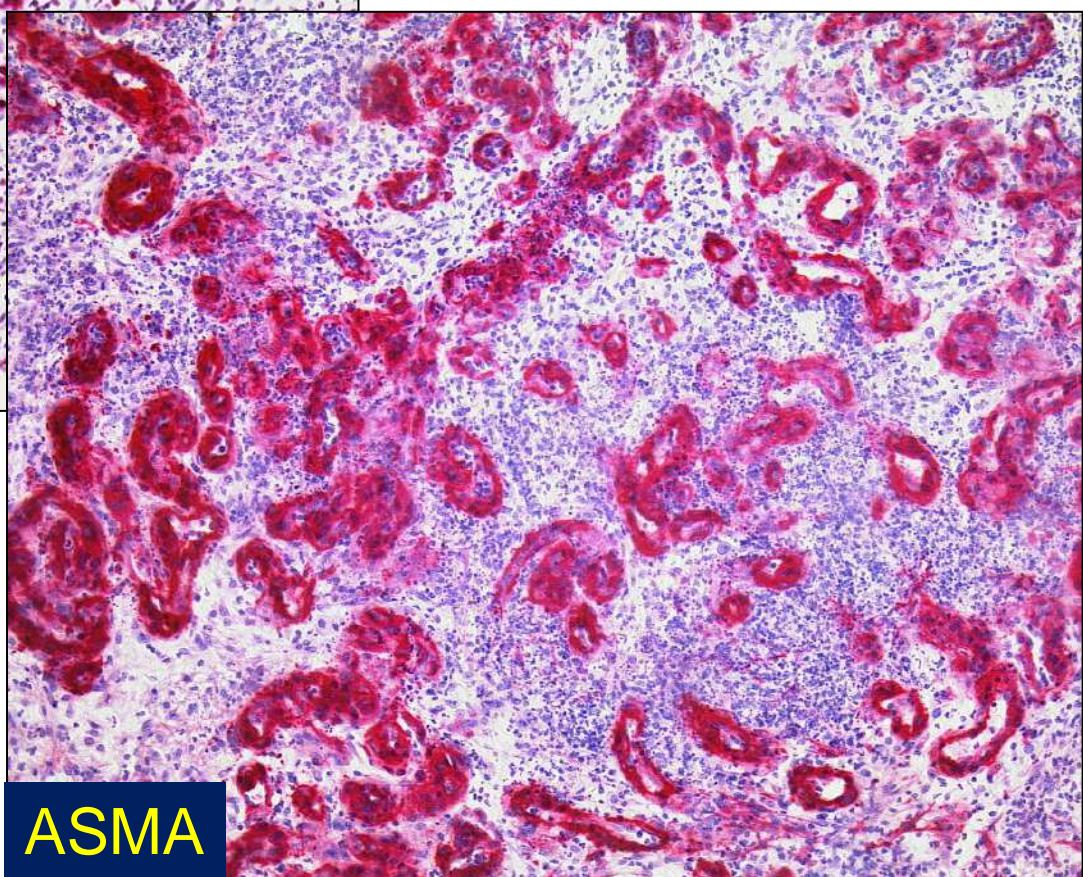
numerous vessels lined by slightly atypical endothelial cells



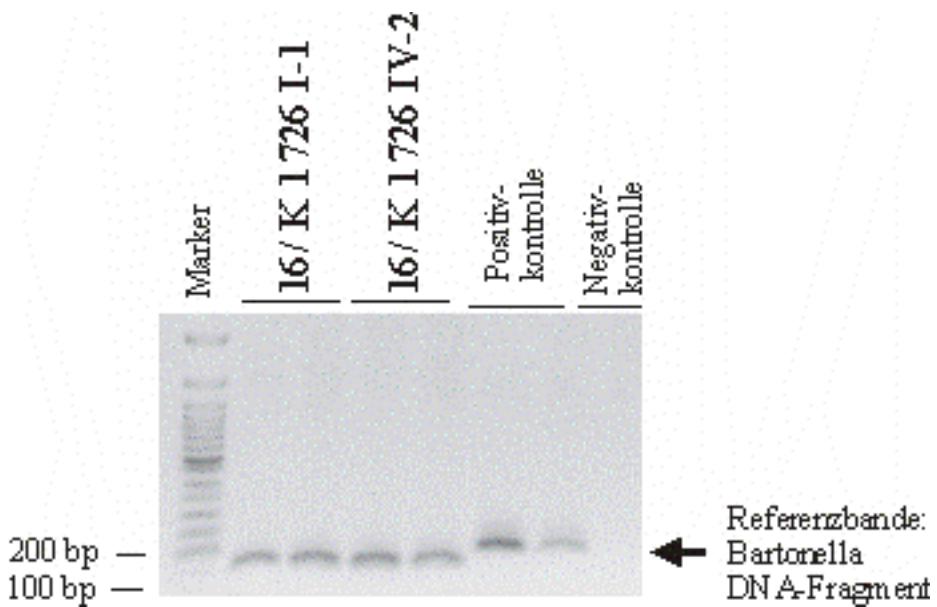
numerous neutrophils, nuclear dust



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ASMA



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bacillary Angiomatosis

- tumour-like vasoproliferative lesion
- *Bartonella henselae* (quintana)
- often in immunosuppressed patients
- skin > lymph node, spleen
- often multiple dermal nodules
- lobular vascular proliferation
epithelioid endothelial cells, neutrophils,
extracellular amorphous material
- excellent response to erythromycin

Vascular Tumours of Skin and Soft Tissues

- vascular Malformations
- Angiomatoses
- Haemangioendotheliomas
- Angiosarcomas

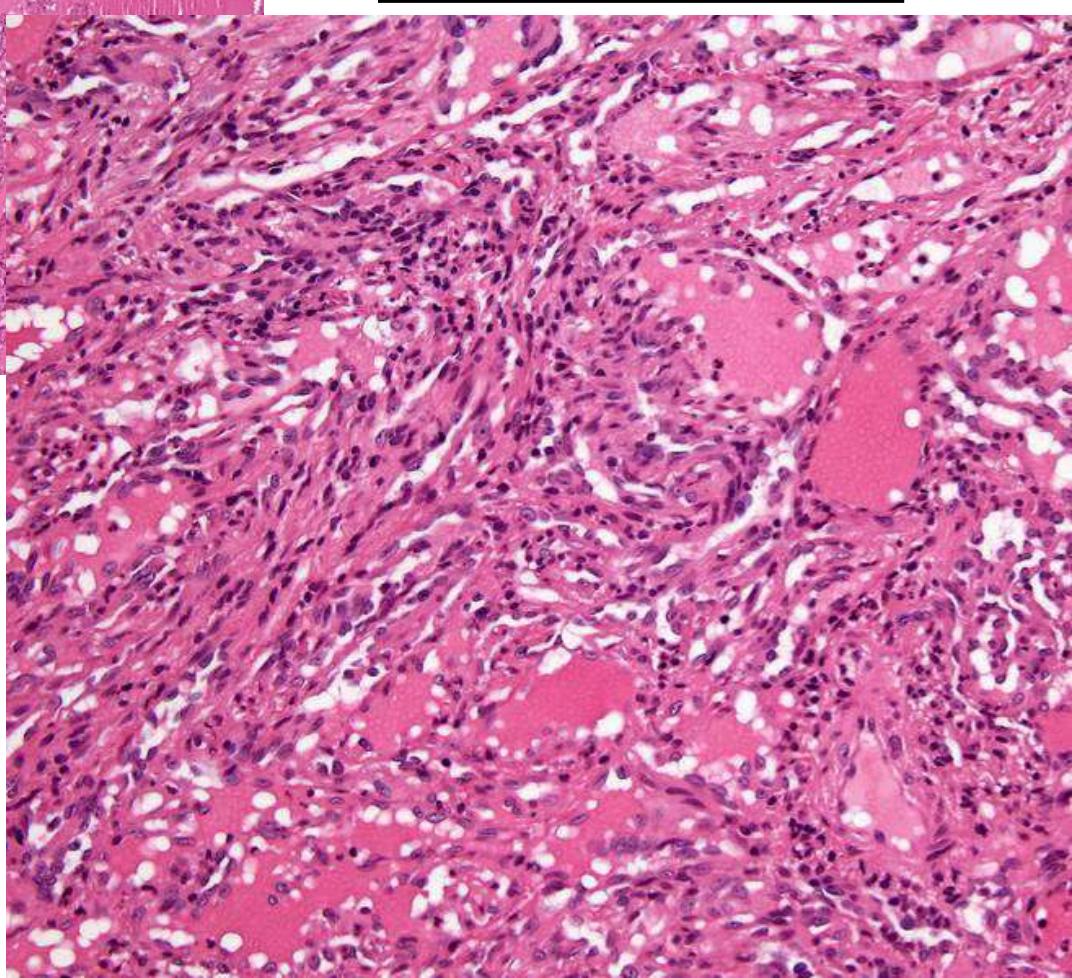
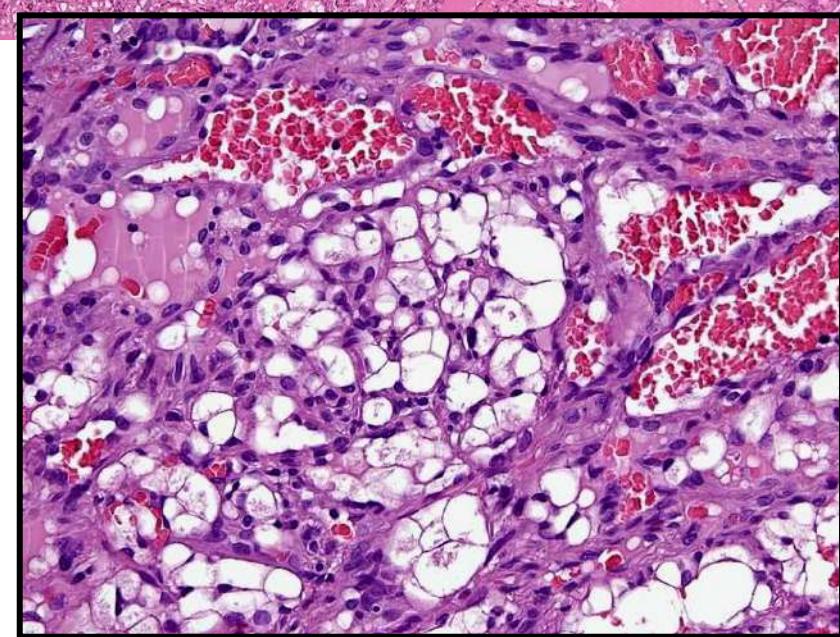
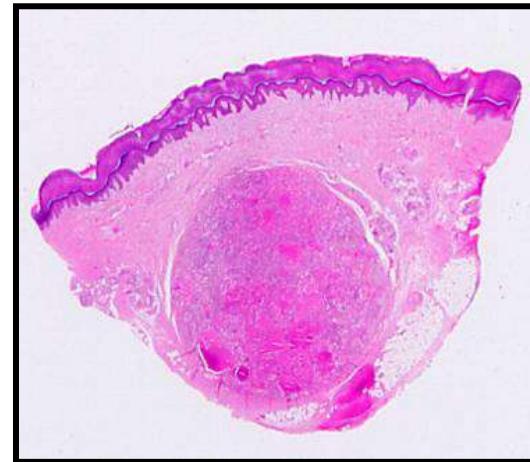
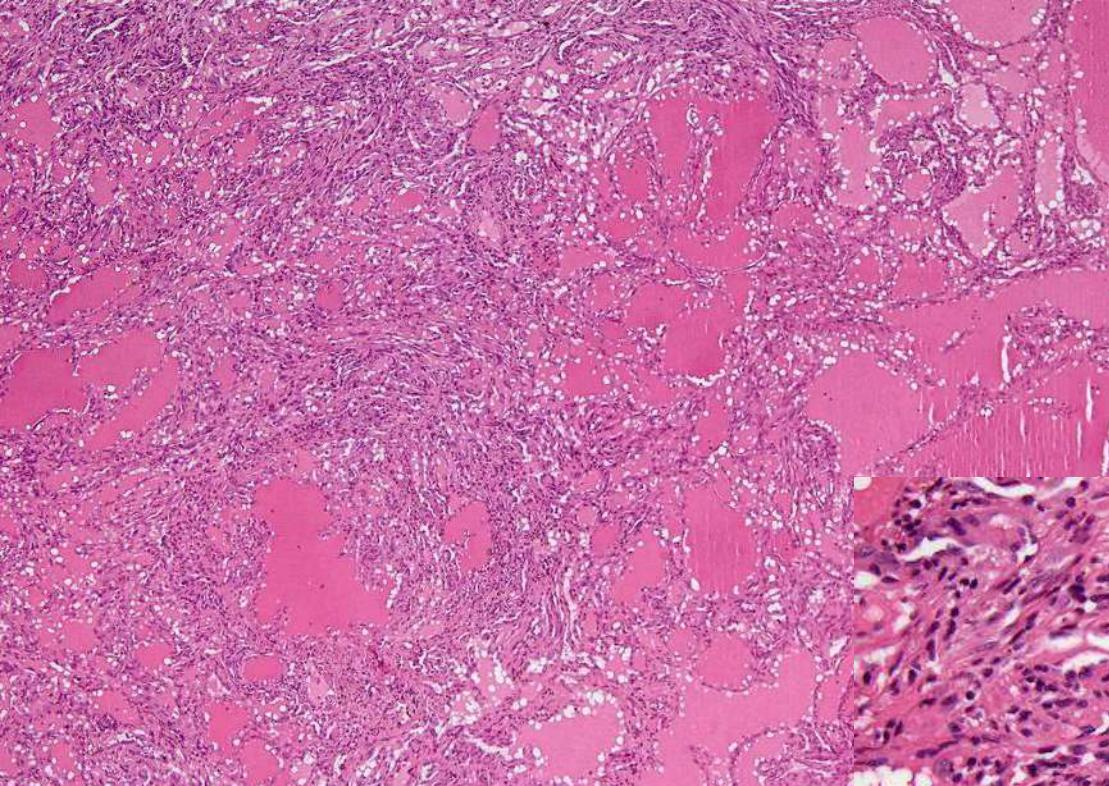
„Borderline“ malignant vascular tumours Haemangioendotheliomas

Mallory EB J Exp Med 1908; 10: 575

spindle cell HE	spindle cell haemangioma	↓
Dabska Tumour	PILA, lymphatic tumour	↓
kaposiform HE	locally aggressive	↓
retiform HE	locally aggressive, rare MTS	
polymorphous HE	locally aggressive, rare MTS	
composite HE	locally aggressive, rare MTS	
pseudomyogenic HE	locally aggressive, rare MTS	
epithelioid HE	malignant neoplasm	↑



„Haemangioendothelioma“
Be specific !

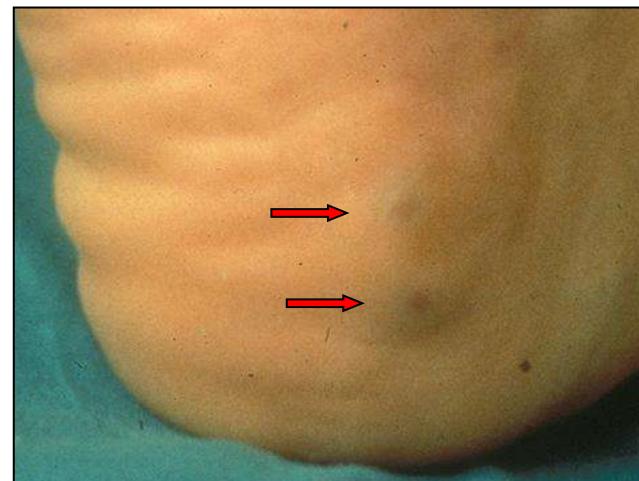


spindle cell Haemangioma

- children, young adults, also in elderly patients
- 10% of cases: associated abnormalities (lymphedema, Maffucci Syndrom, Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrom)
- dermis / subcutis of distal extremities
- 50% of cases: multiple lesion, mostly in one anatomic region
- no progression, no metastases
- small (< 2 cm), often painful, blue, dermal nodules
- *IDH 1/2* mutations



SCH in Maffucci Syndrome
AJSP 1996; 20: 1196-1204



spindle cell Haemangioma

- haemorrhagic, dermal and / or subcutaneous nodules
- well-circumscribed, unencapsulated

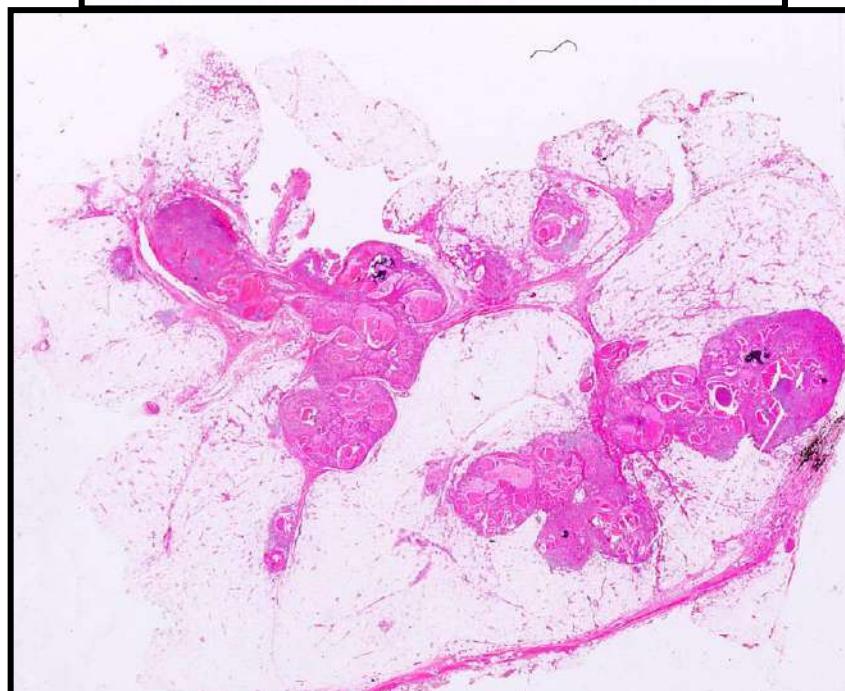
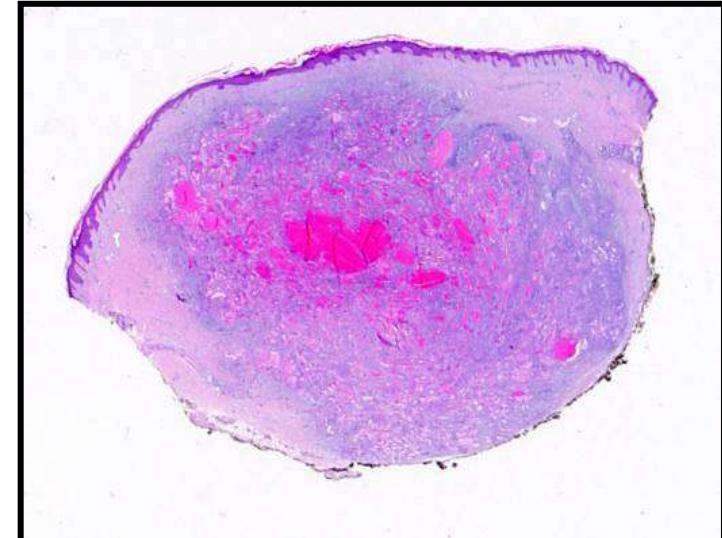
1. dilated, cavernous vascular spaces
2. bland spindle cells

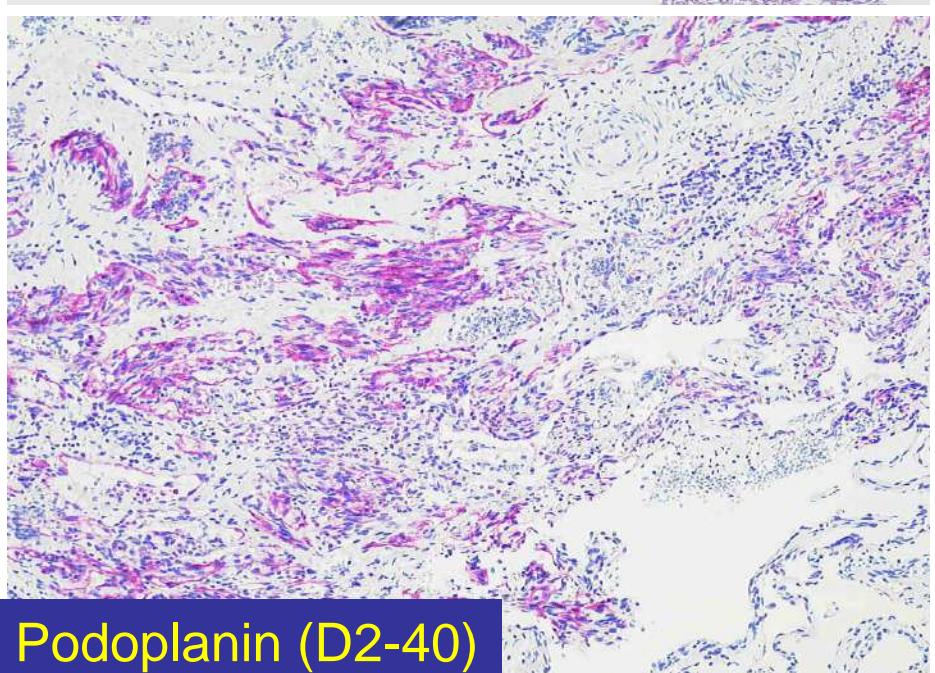
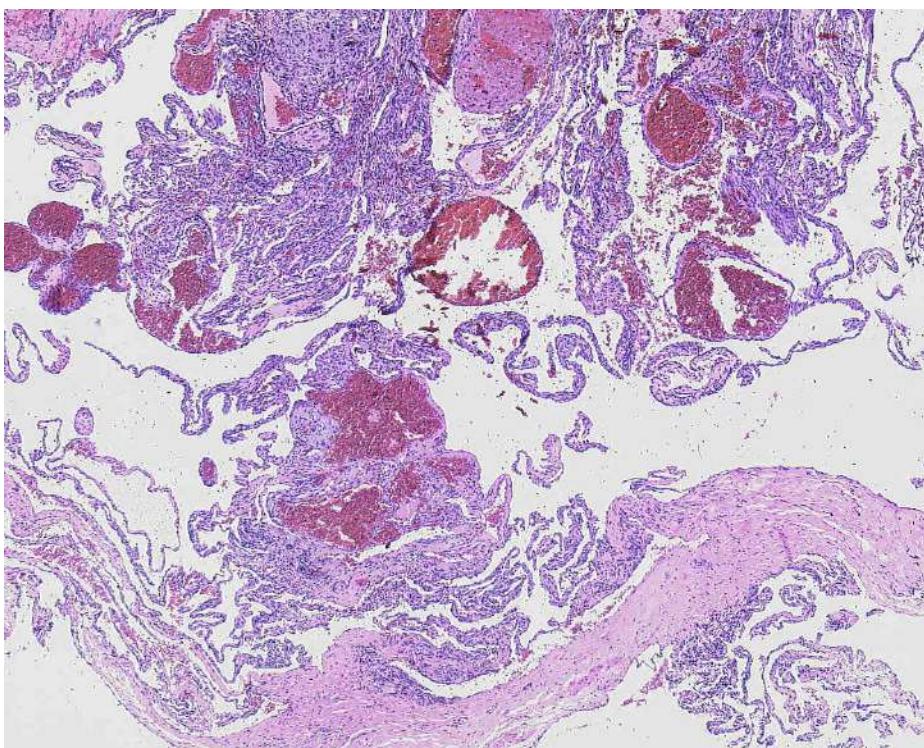
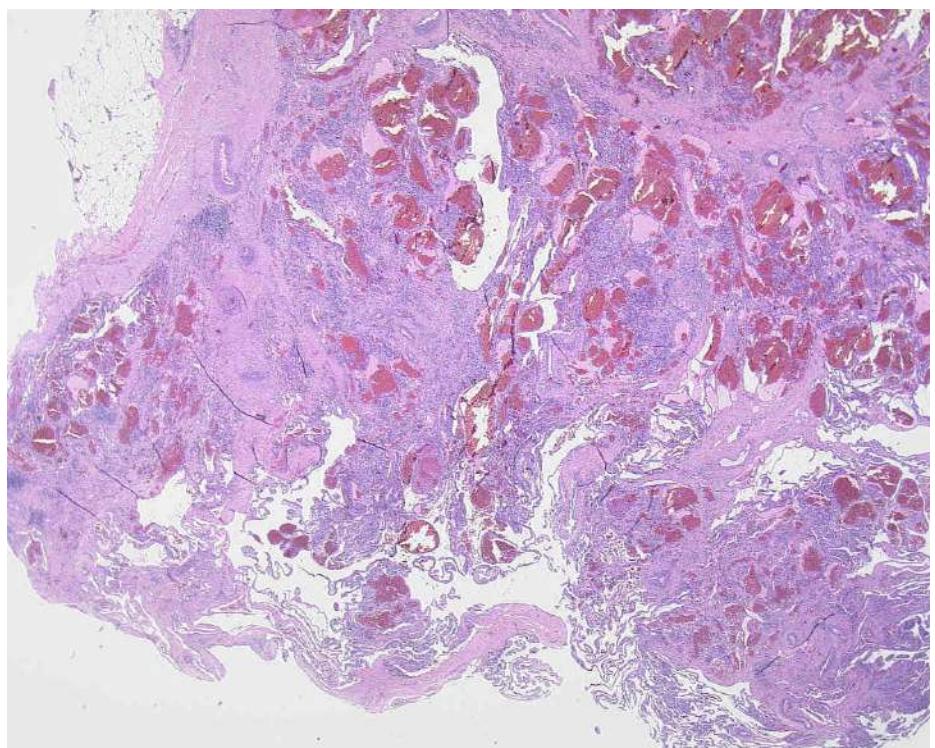
epithelioid endothelial cells
(cytoplasmic vacuoles)

endothelial bridges

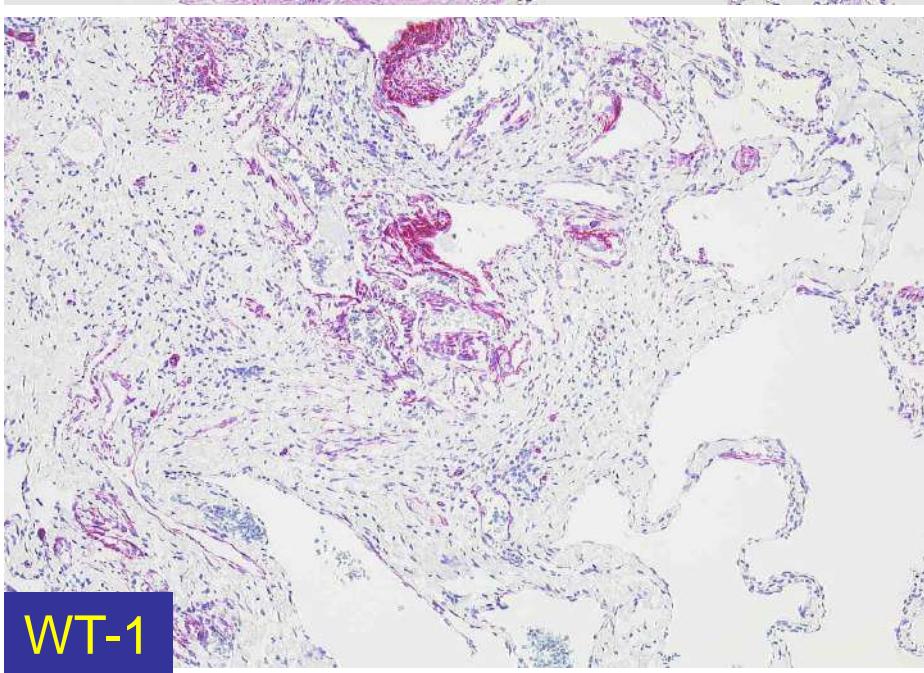
abnormal thick-walled vessels
(vascular malformations)

20-30% intravascular





Podoplanin (D2-40)



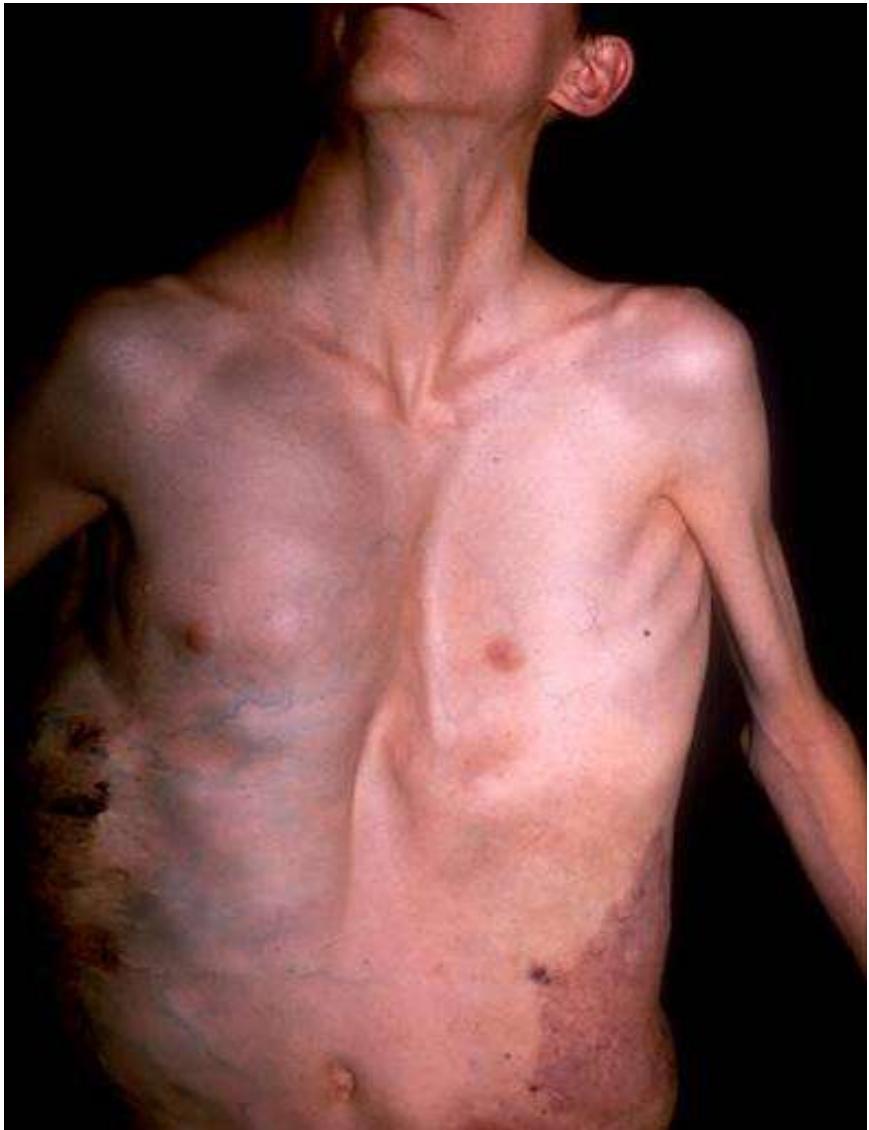
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papillary intravascular Lymphangio-endothelioma* (Dabska´s Tumour)

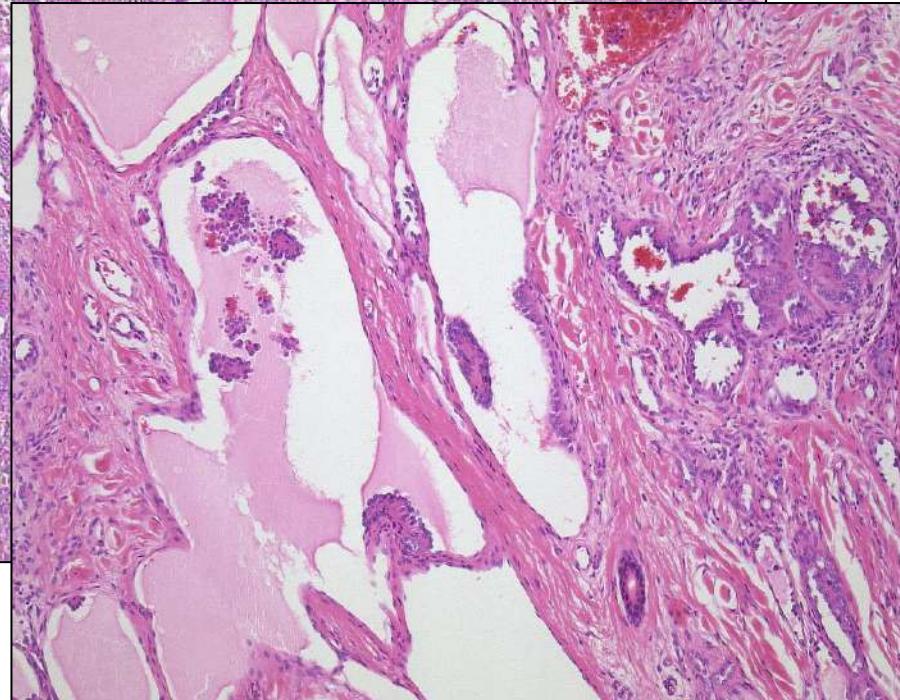
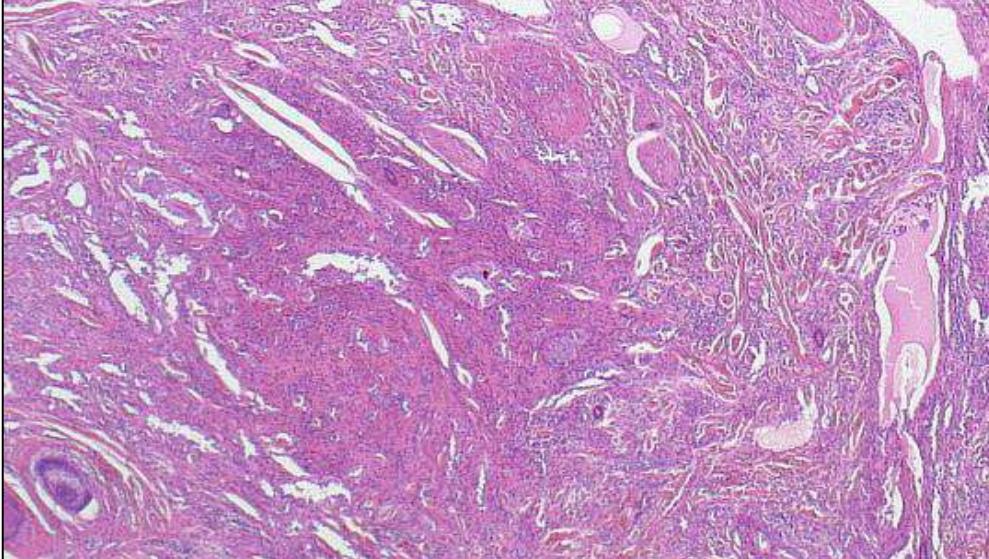
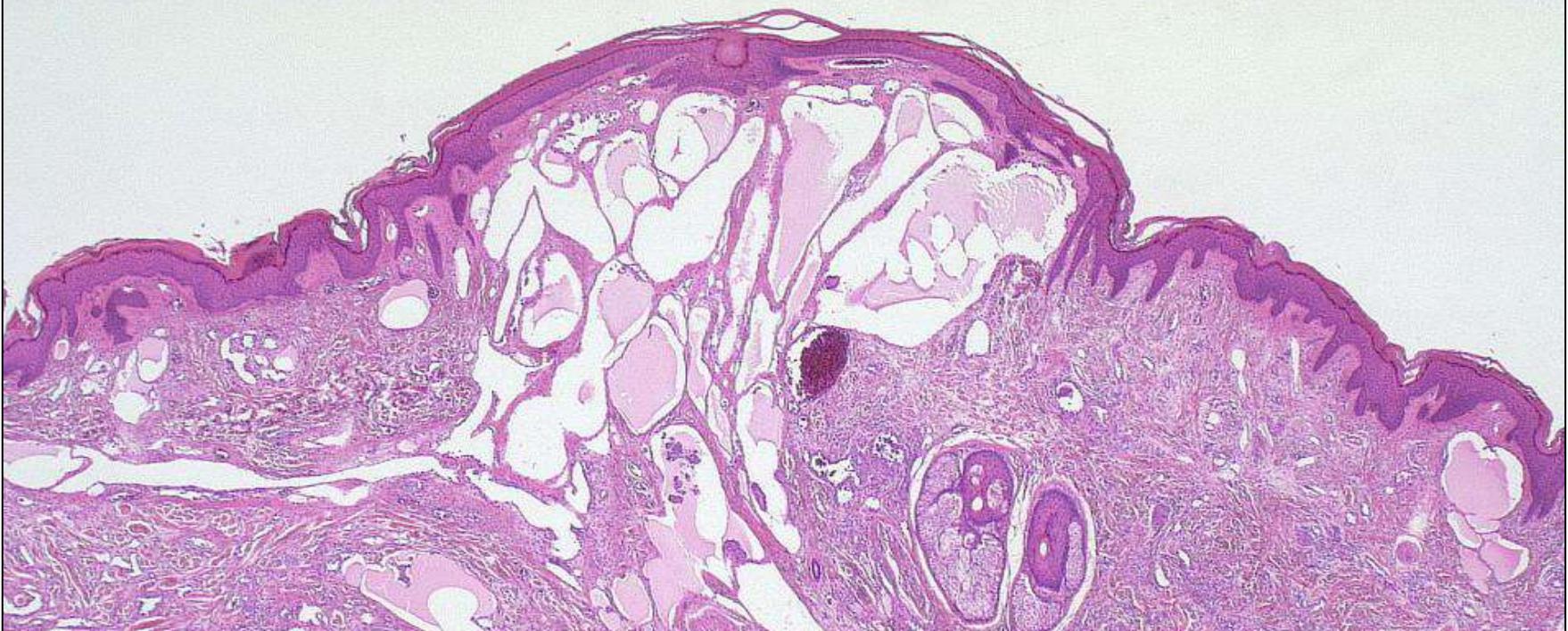
- children and young adults, locally aggressive, good prognosis, no metastases
- lymphangioma-like vascular spaces, prominent, hobnail endothelial cells, intravascular papillae (coll.core, hobnail cells)
- no surrounding actin + myopericytes, foci of lymphatic infiltrate

* Fanburg-Smith JC et al. AJSP 1999; 23: 1004

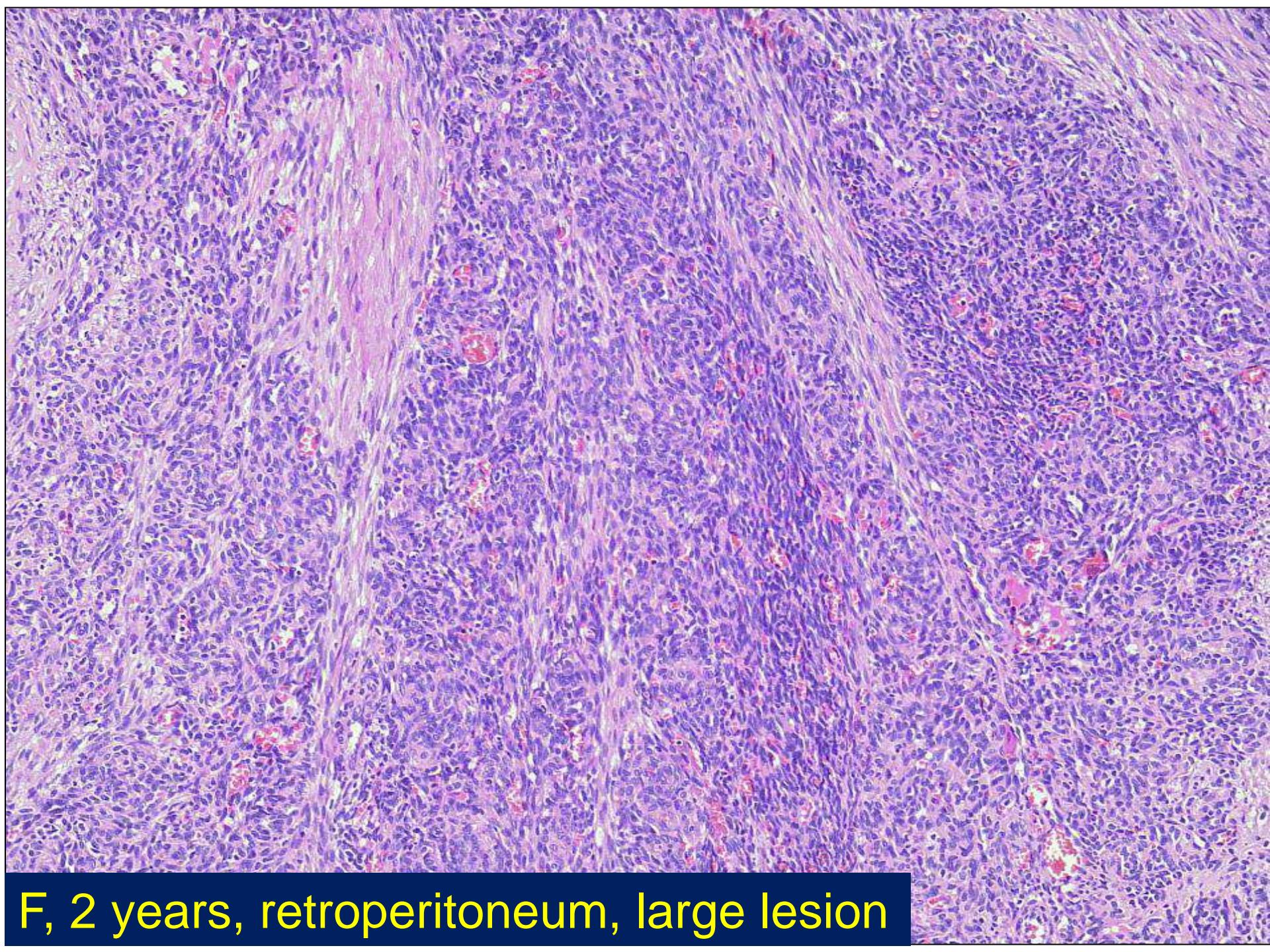
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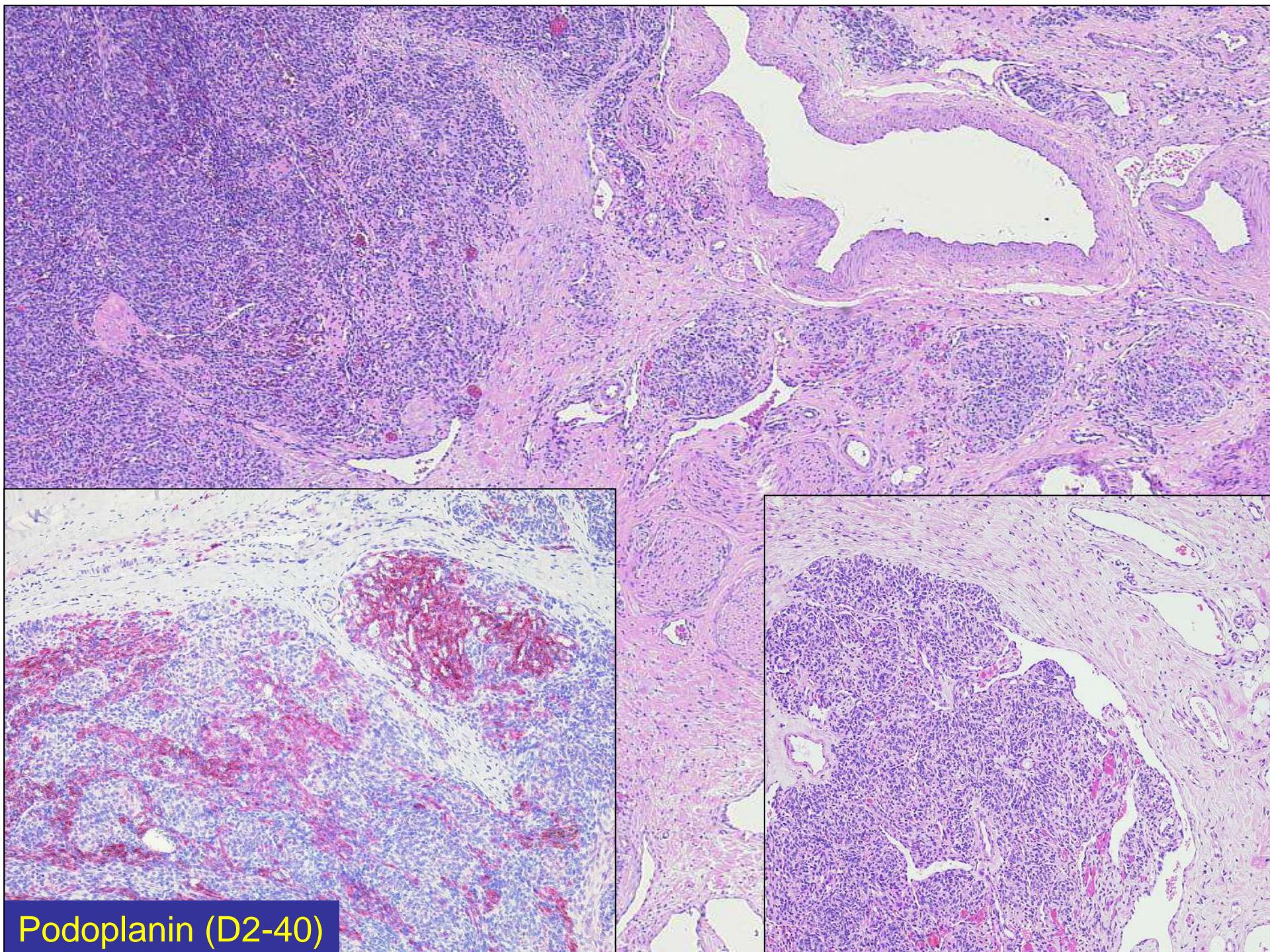
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M, 15 years, thigh



F, 2 years, retroperitoneum, large lesion

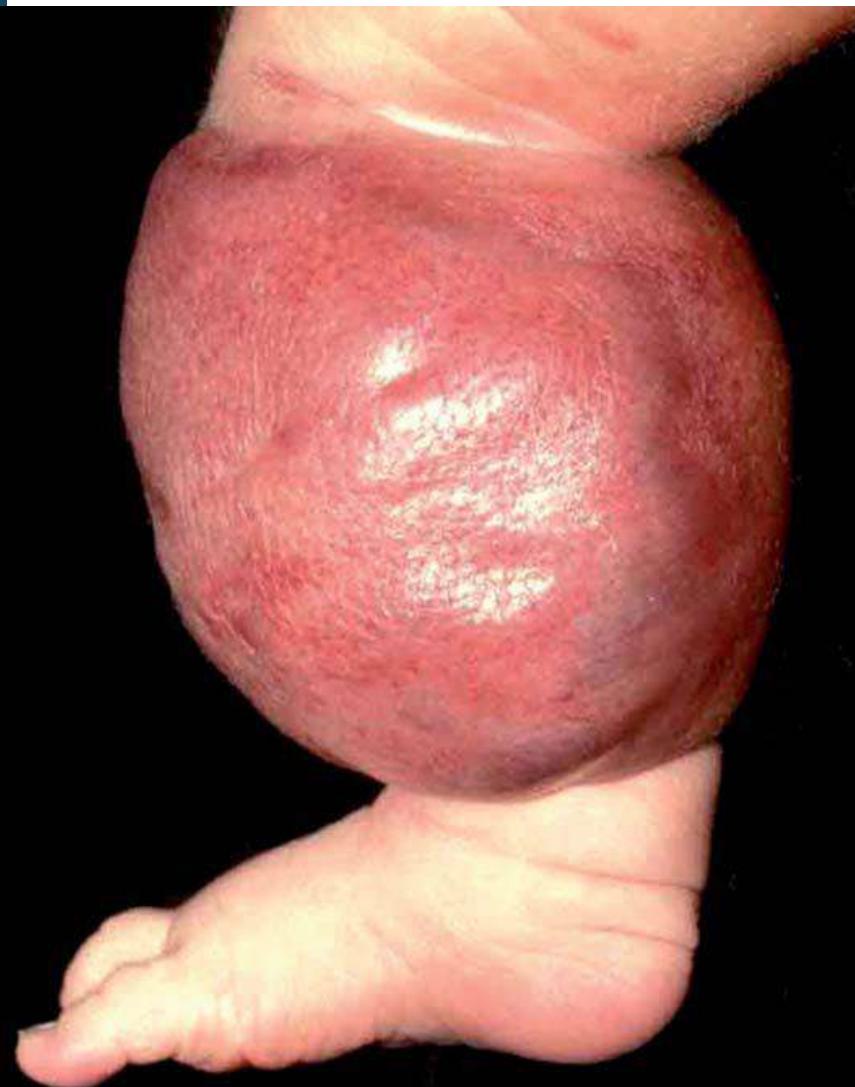
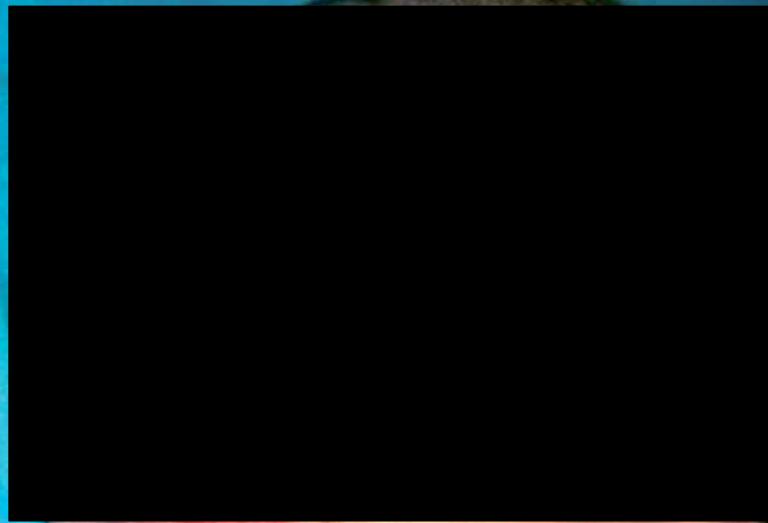


Podoplanin (D2-40)

kaposiform Haemangioendothelioma*

- children >> adults, retroperitoneum, extremities
 - deep soft tissues >> dermal
 - prognosis related to size and depth !
 - locally aggressive, no metastases
- Cave: Kasabach Merritt syndrome
- cellular neoplasm, lobular growth
 - bland spindled cells, fibrin thrombi
 - focally podoplanin +, prox-1 +, LYVE-1 +
 - associated lymphangiomatous changes
 - spectrum with tufted haemangioma !

* Tsang WY, Chan JKC AJSP 1991; 15: 982
Zukerberg LR et al. AJSP 1993; 17: 321



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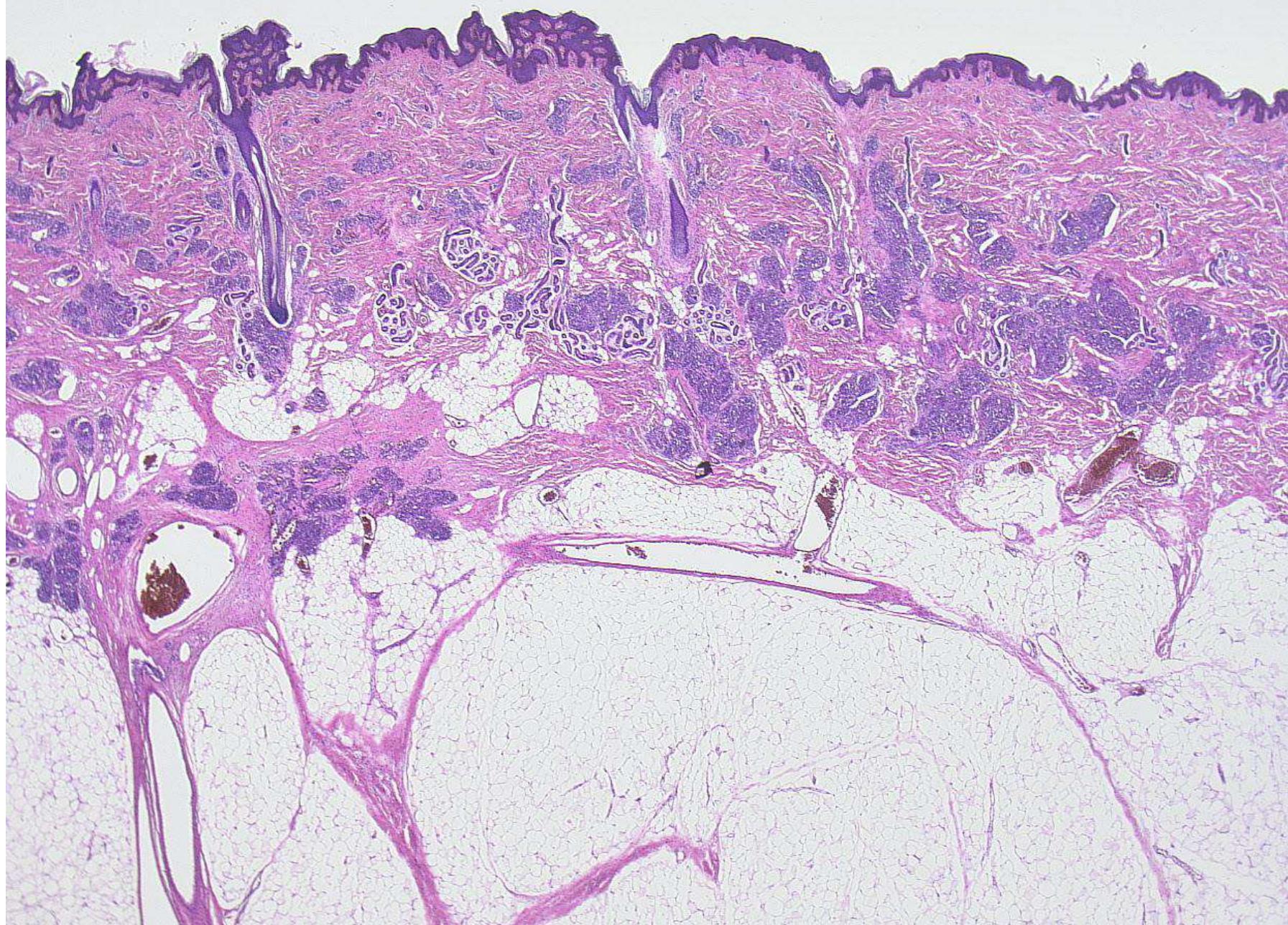
tufted Haemangioma

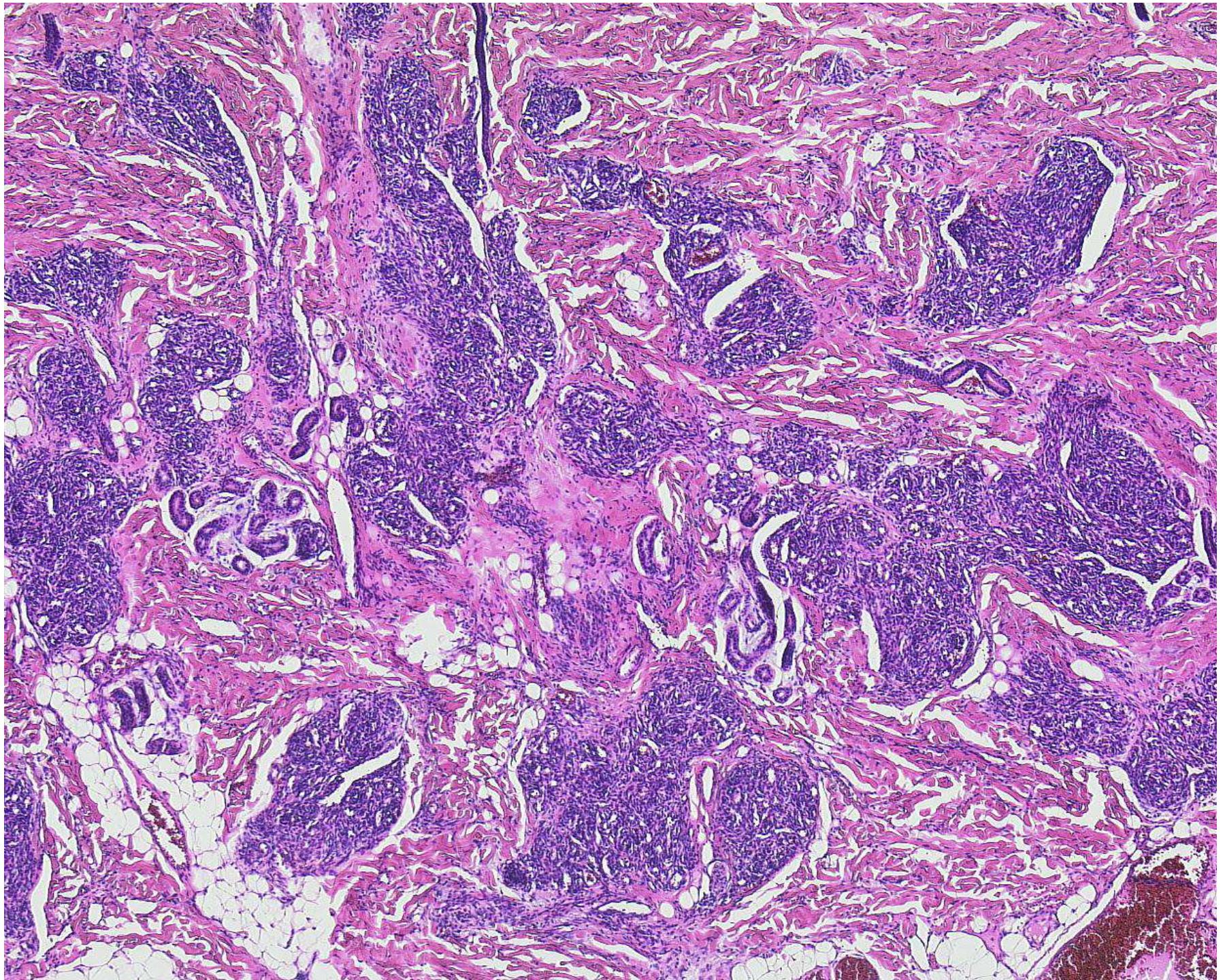
Pathological Findings

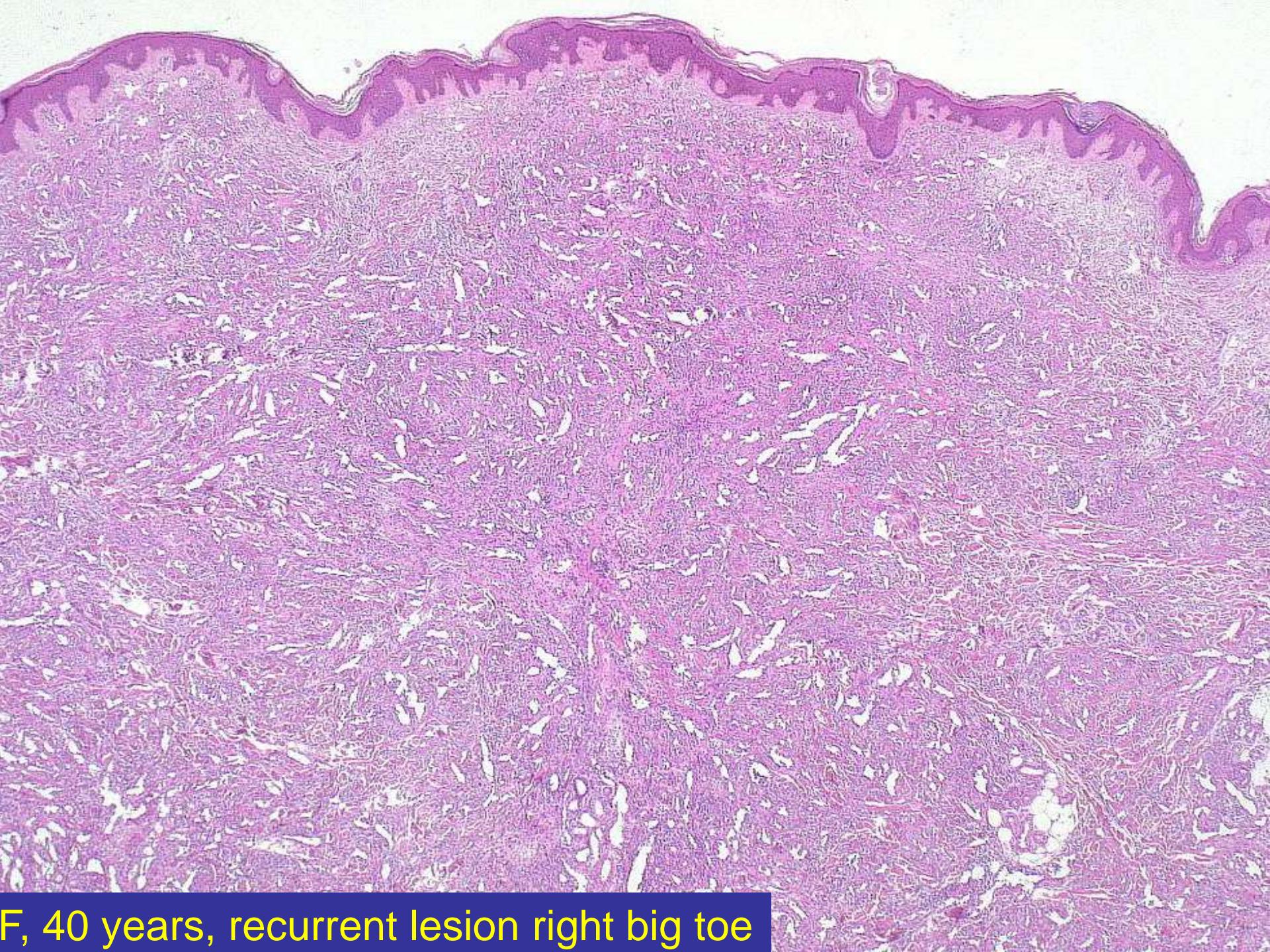
- infants, children >> adults
head / neck, trunk
- slowly growing lesions
- cannon-ball distribution
of cellular vascular tufts
- peripheral lymphangio-
matous changes
- CD31 +, ASMA +
Podoplanin focal +
- spectrum with kaposiform
haemangioendothelioma



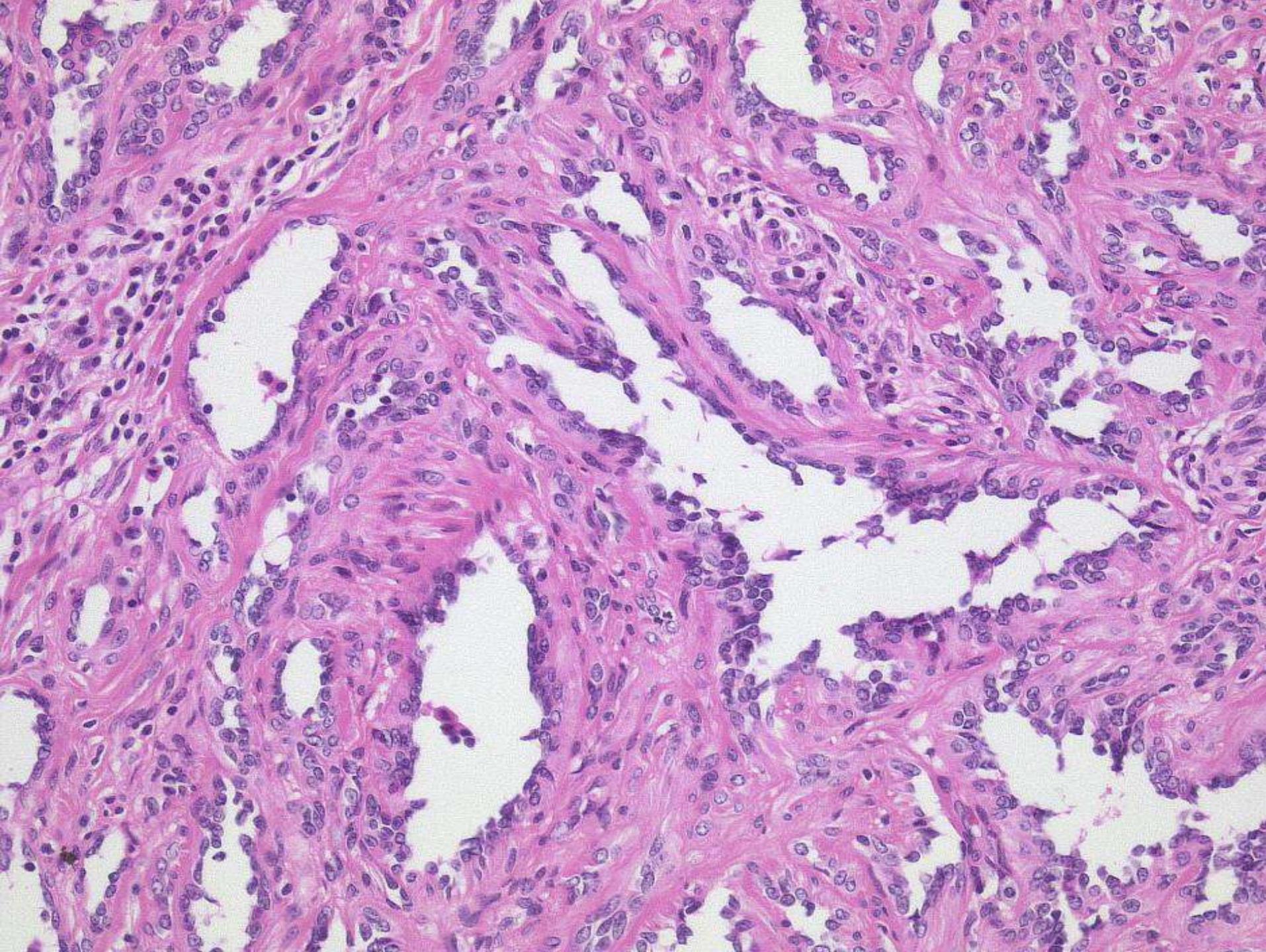
F, 18 months







F, 40 years, recurrent lesion right big toe



retiform Haemangioendothelioma*

- young adults, dermis, subcutis,
often distal extremities
- slowly growing red-bluish plaques, nodules
- destructive growth, many R, rare metastases
- very rarely multiple lesions
- retiform vascular channels
hobnail endothelial cells, solid foci possible,
associated lymphocytes
- CD31 +, CD34 -/+, VEGFR +, D2-40 +

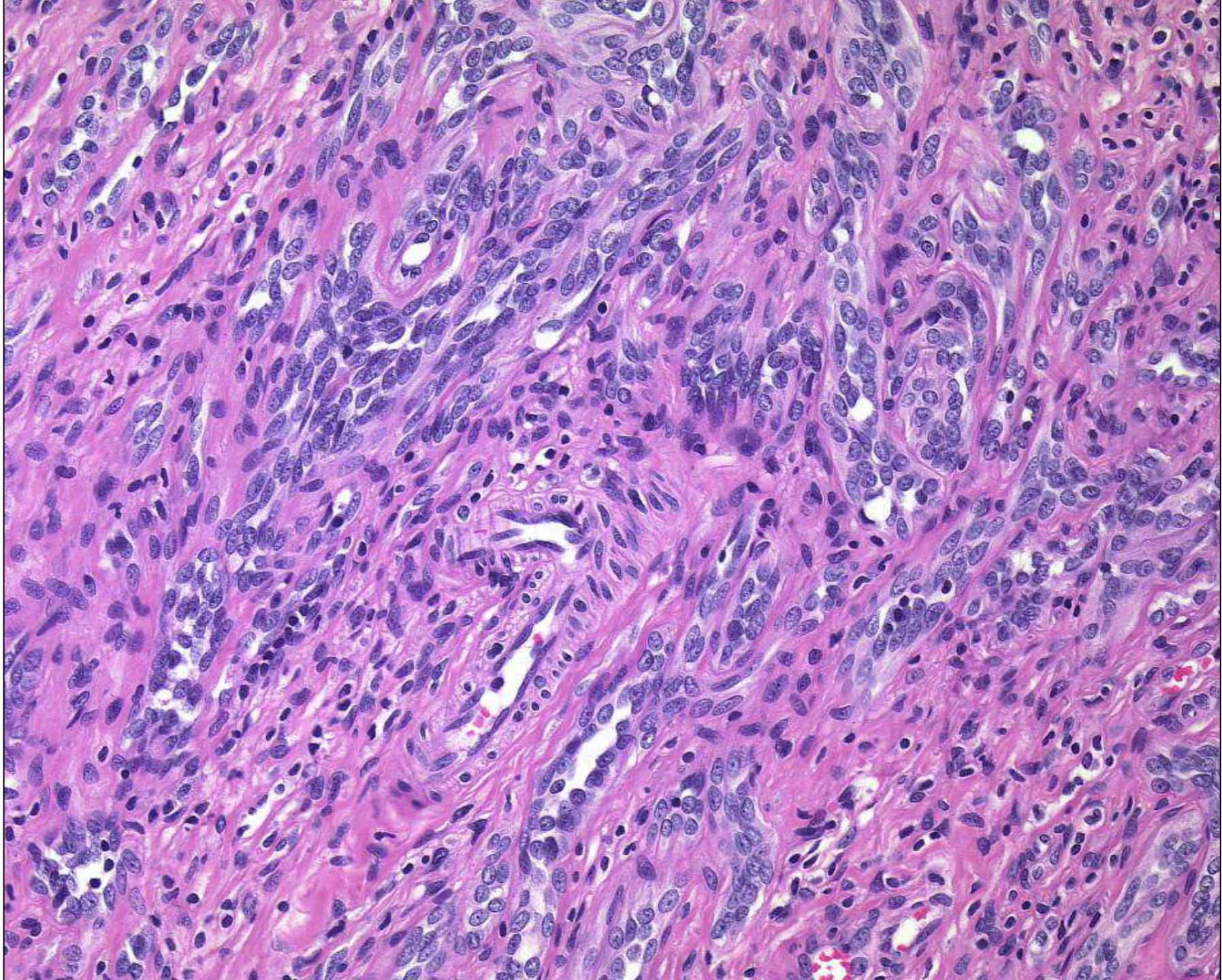
* Calonje E et al. AJSP 1994; 18: 115

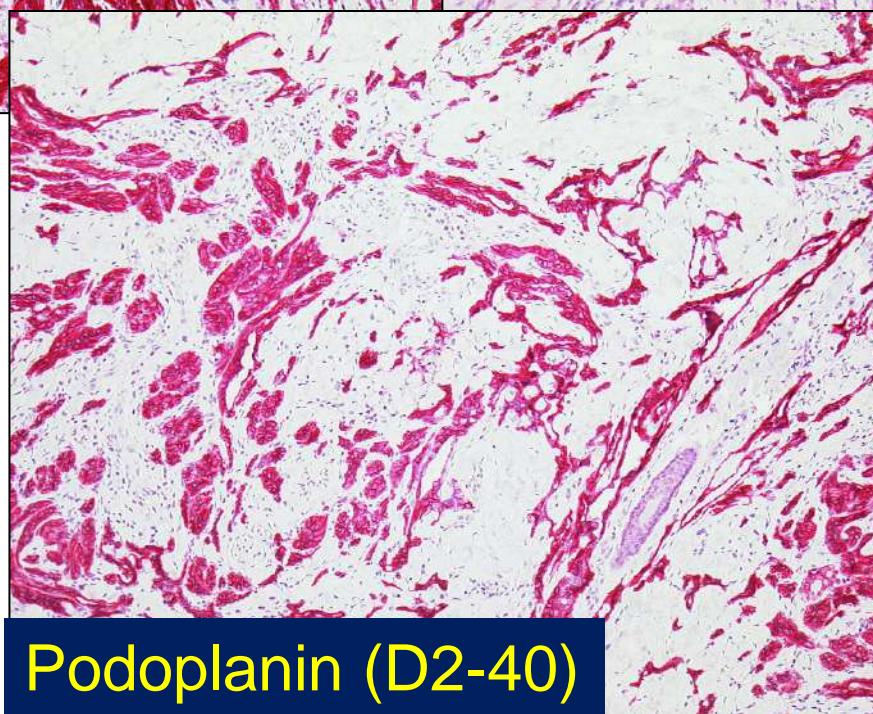
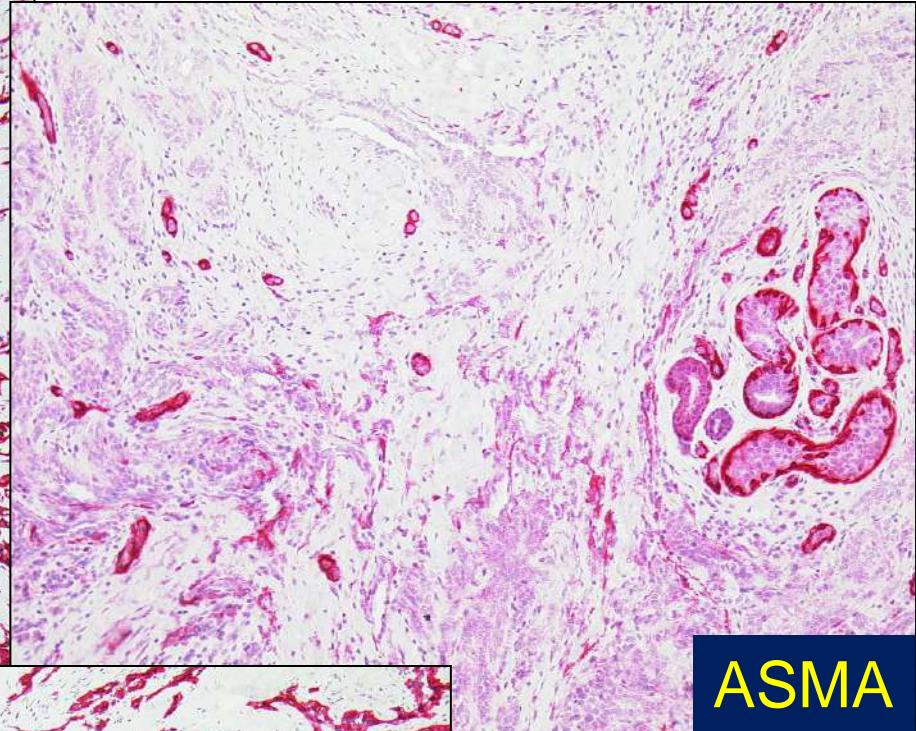
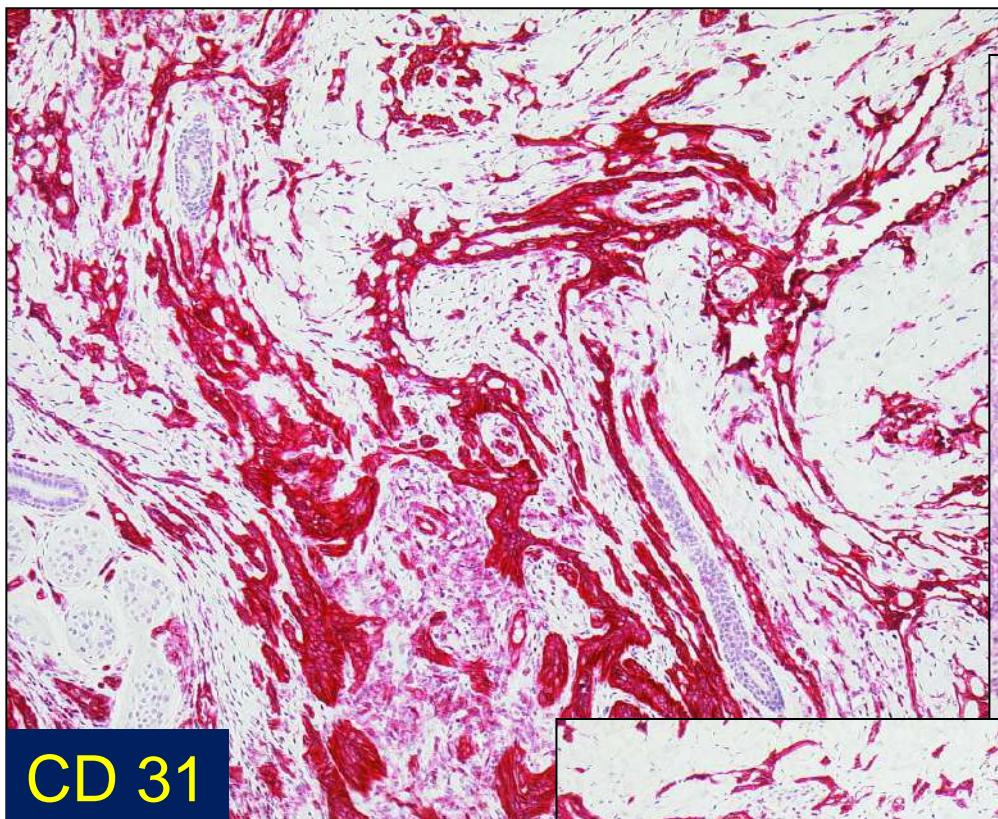


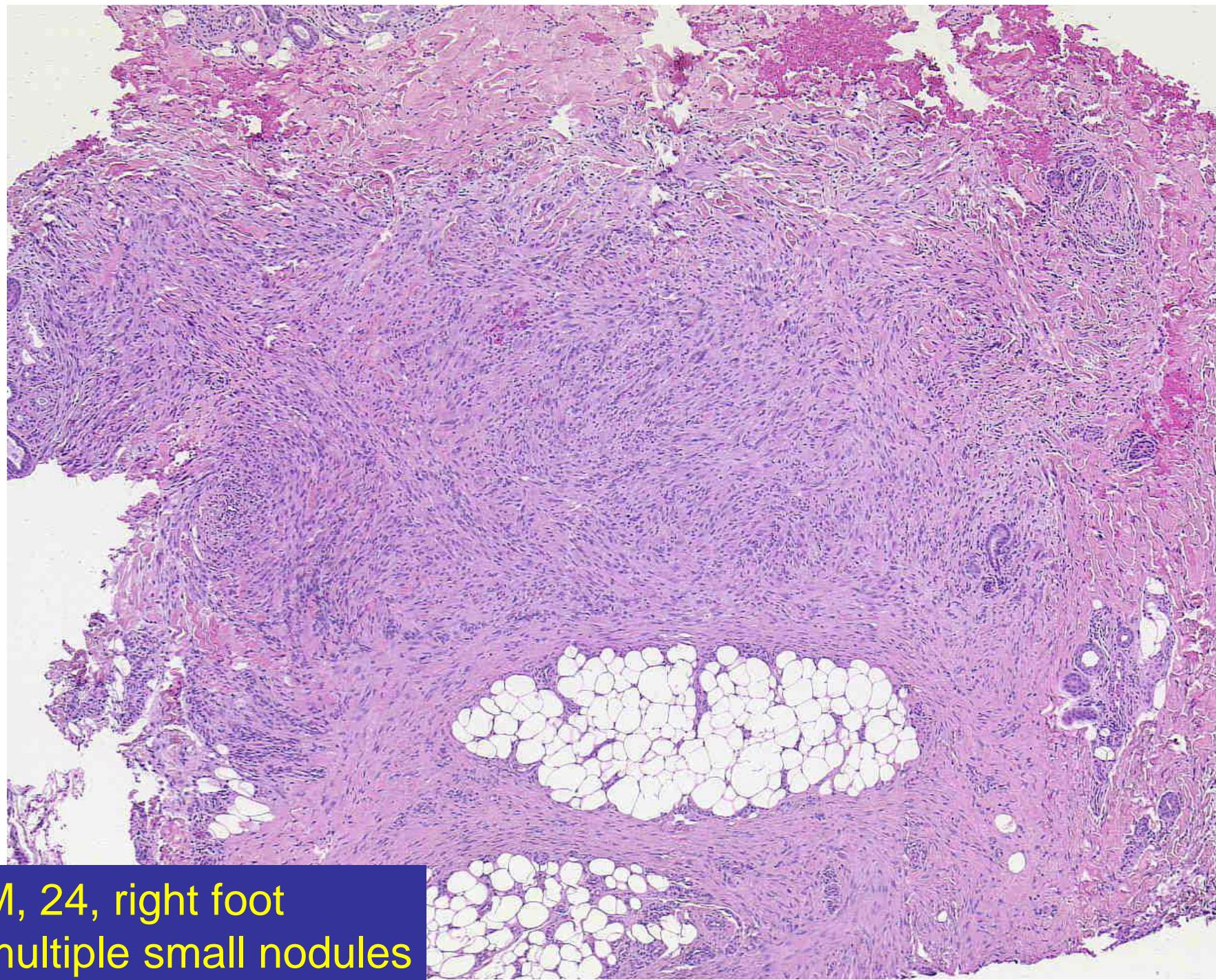
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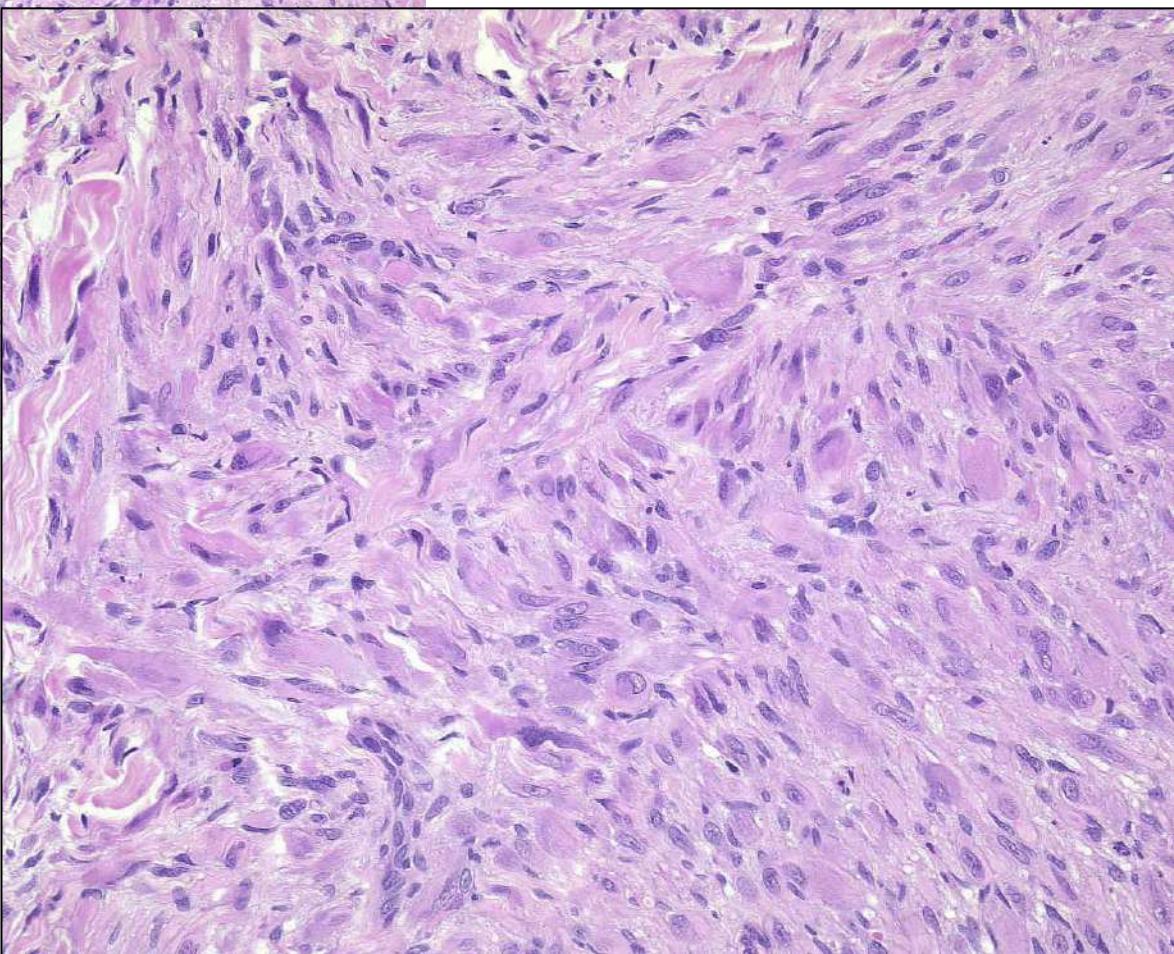
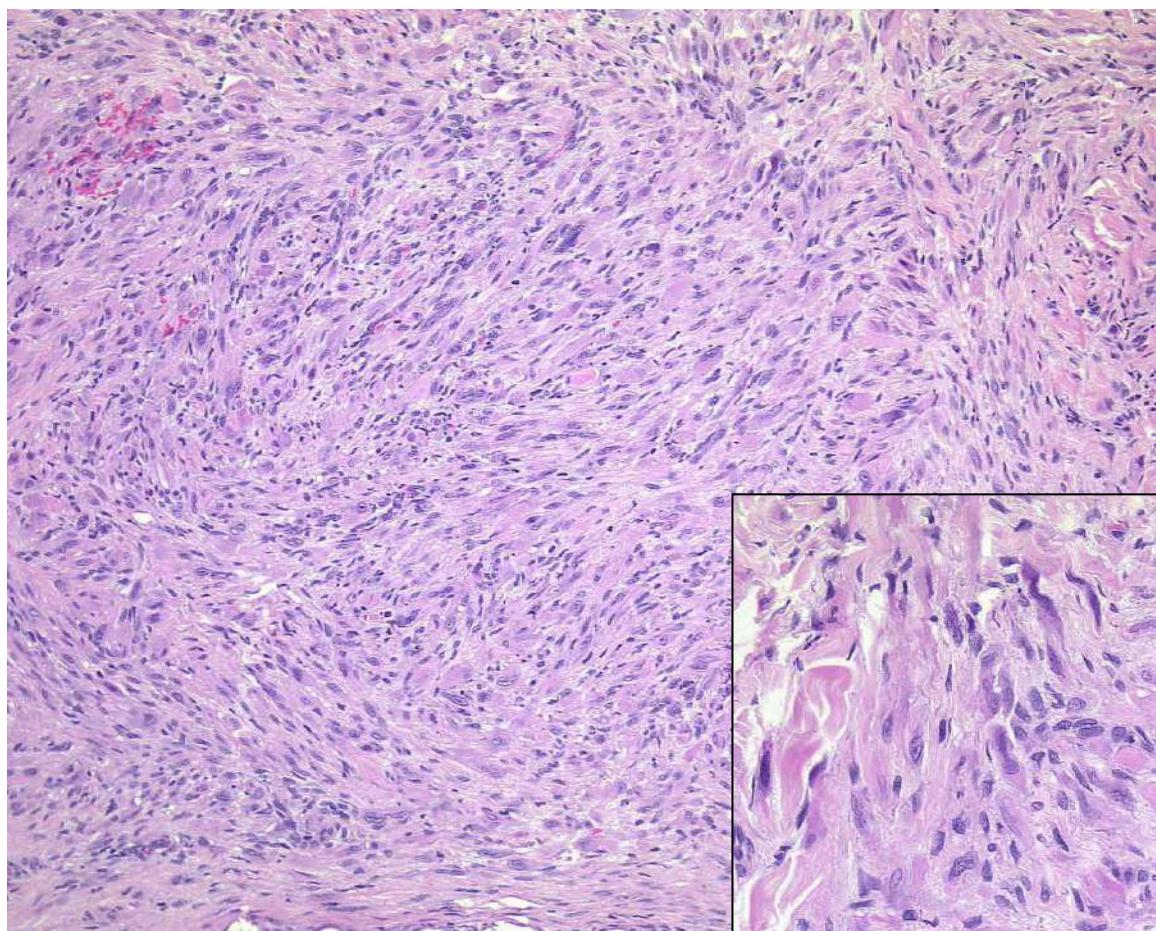
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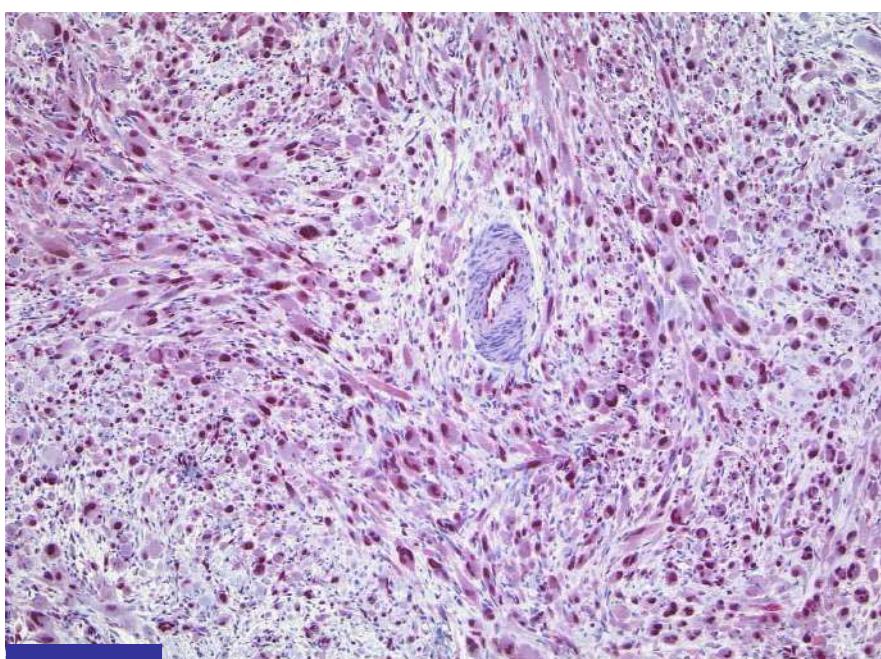




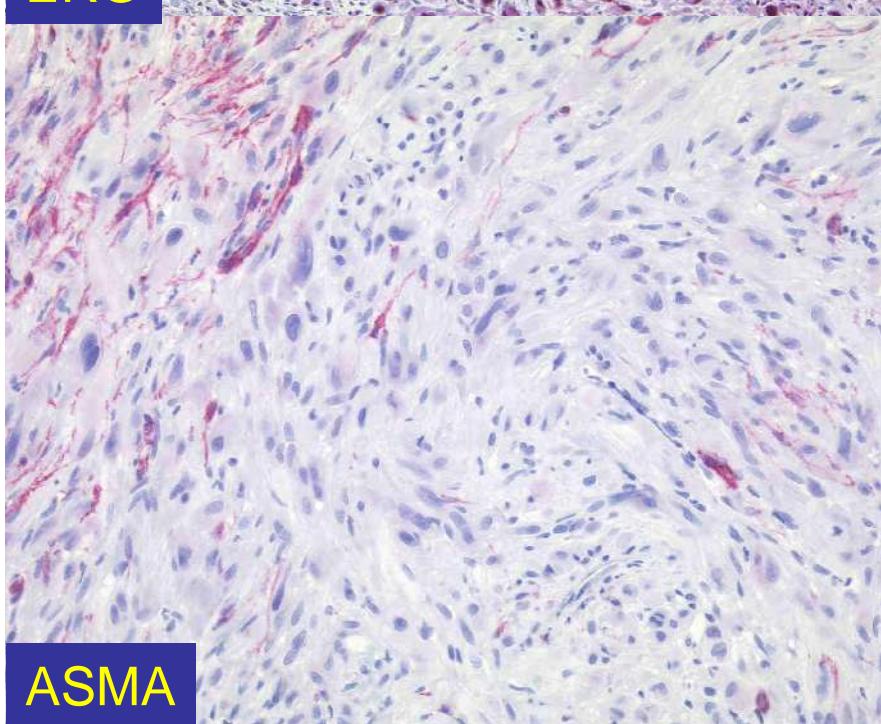


M, 24, right foot
multiple small nodules

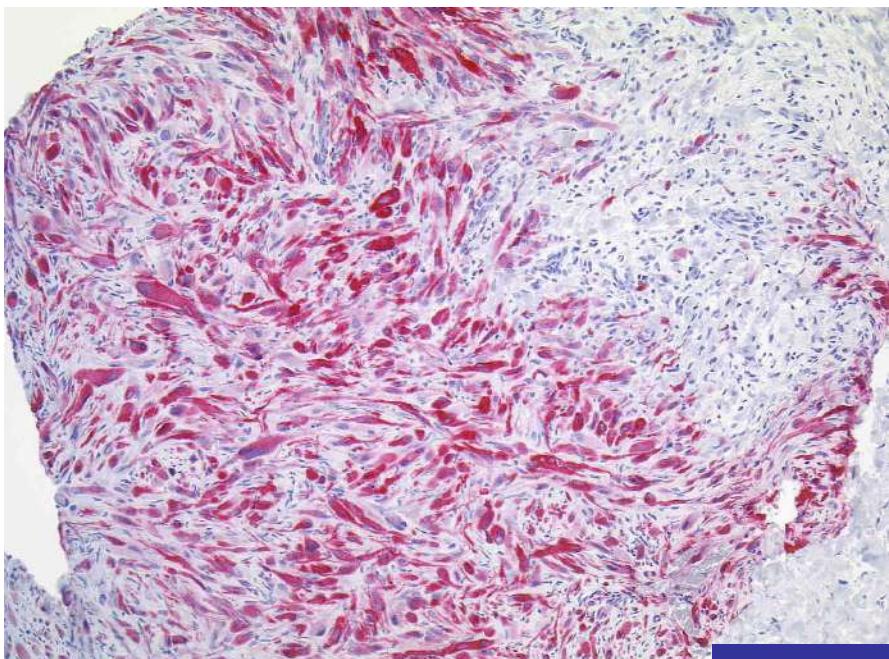




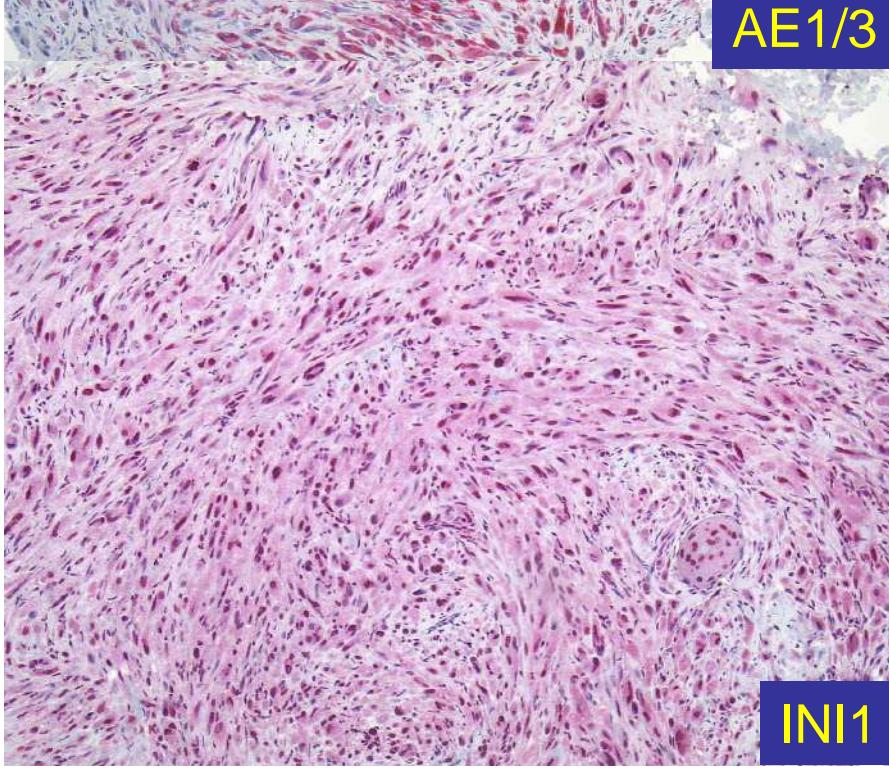
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ASMA



AE1/3



INI1

pseudomyogenic Hemangioendothelioma: A distinctive, often multicentric tumor with indolent behavior

(„epithelioid sarcoma-like Hemangioendothelioma“)

(Hornick JL, Fletcher CDM AJSP 2011; 35: 190)

- 50 cases, 41 M, 9 F, 14 - 80 years
- extremities >> trunk, head / neck region
dermis / subcutis > deep soft tissue > bone
- multifocal neoplasms (2-15 neoplasms) (66%)
- fascicles, sheets of plump spindled cells,
few epithelioid cells, neutrophils
- AE1/3 +, MNF116 -, Fli-1 +, 22/47 CD 31 +,
7/49 EMA +, CD 34 -, INI1 +, S-100 -
- local recurrence (58%), MTS (2 x)

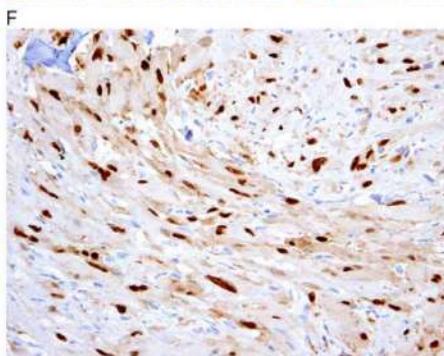
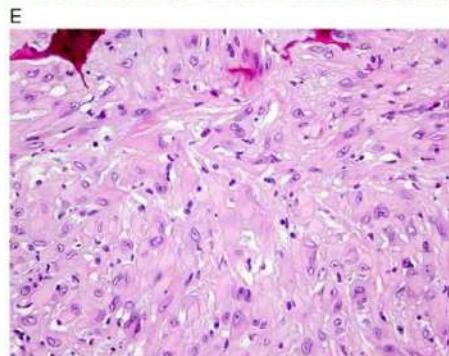
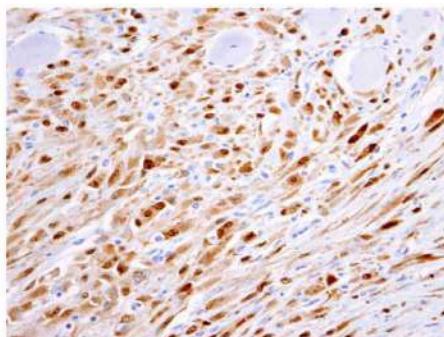
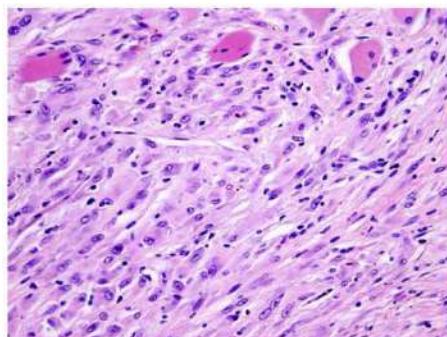
pseudomyogenic Haemangioendothelioma

- t(7;19)(q22;q13) (Cancer Genetics 2011; 204: 211)
- *SERPINE1-FOSB* fusion (J Pathol 2014; 232: 534)
- *SERPINE1*: promotor for FOSB
- *FOSB*: encodes a transcription factor (FOS family)
a component of the activating protein 1
- expanding the spectrum of genetic alterations in
pseudomyogenic hemangioendothelioma with
recurrent novel *ACTB-FOSB* gene fusion
(Agaram NP et al. Am J Surg Pathol 2018; 42: 1653)

FOS-B in vascular neoplasms

Pseudomyogenic hemangioendothelioma (PHE)

t(7;19) SERPINE1-FOSB



Hung et al, 2017

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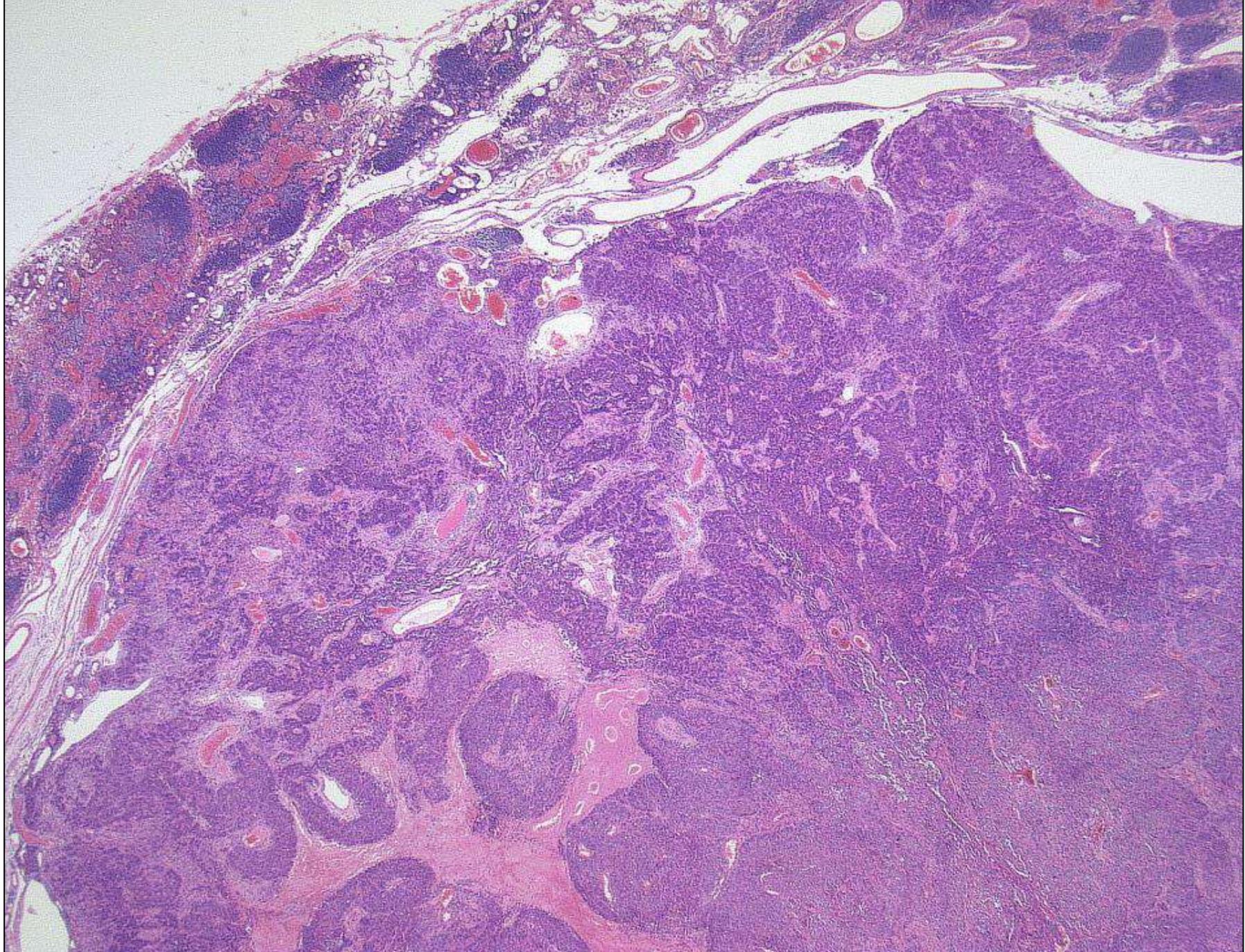
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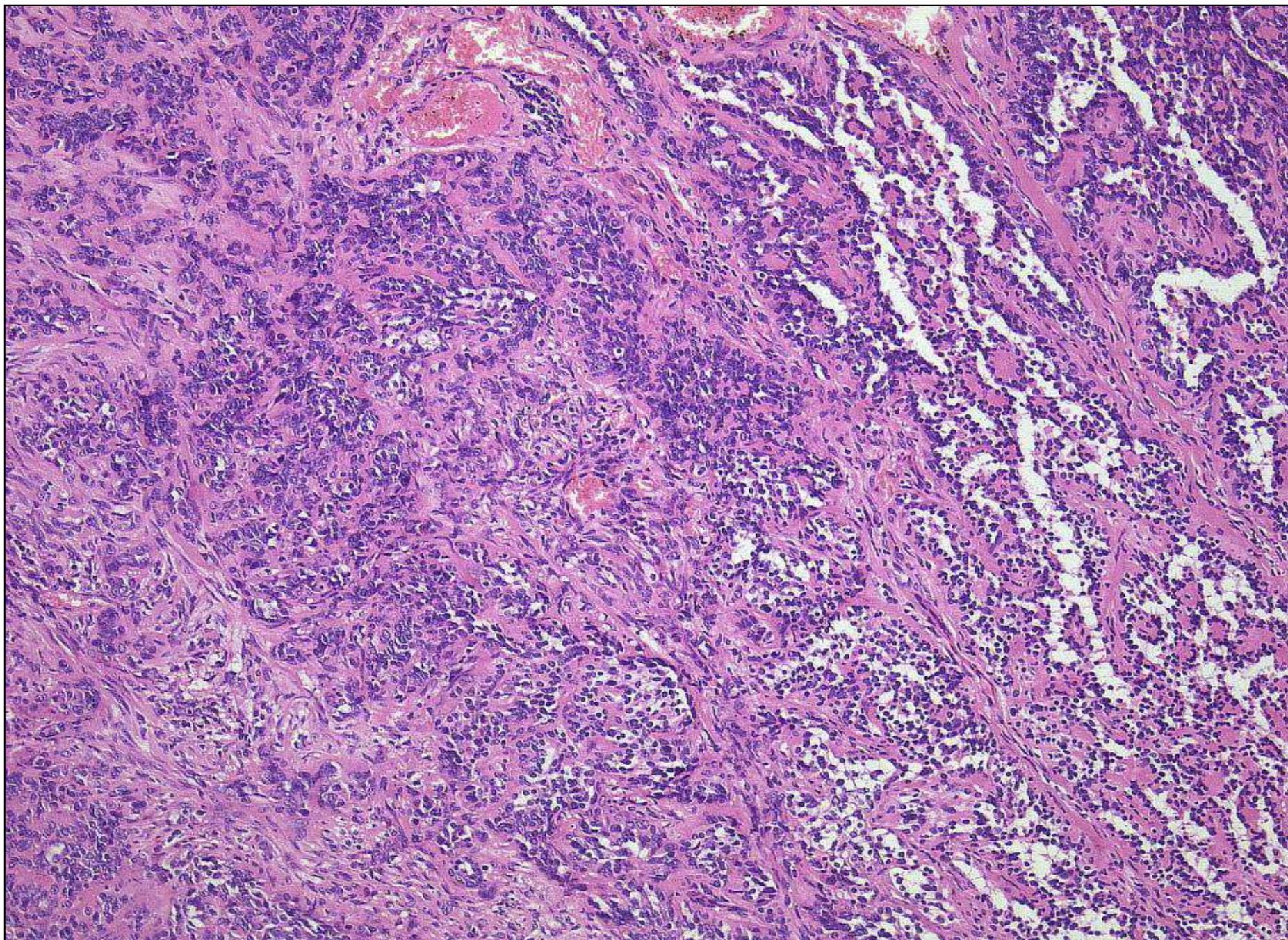
Diagnostic utility of FOSB immunohistochemistry in pseudomyogenic hemangioendothelioma and its histological mimics

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FOSB immunohistochemistry useful marker
strong nuclear expression > 95% of cases



courtesy of Prof.Fletcher, Boston, MA

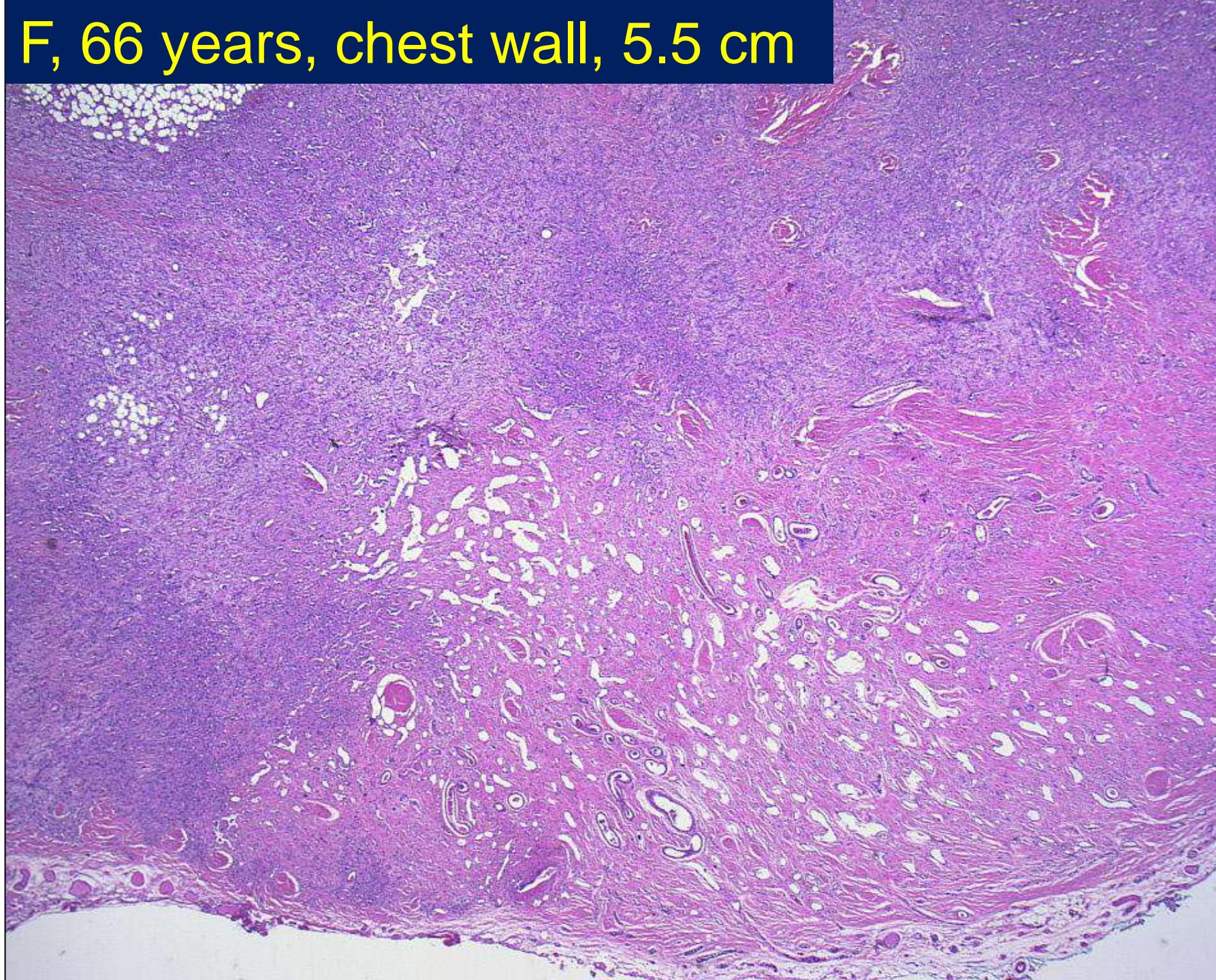


polymorphous Haemangioendothelioma*

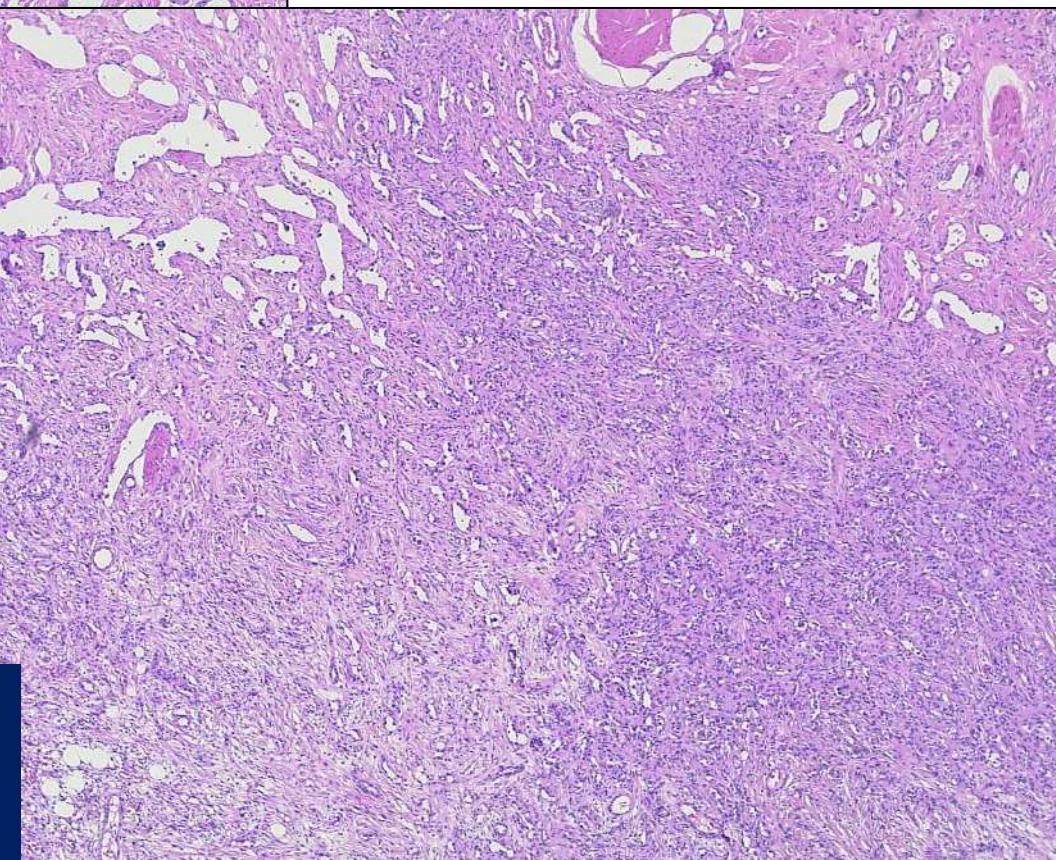
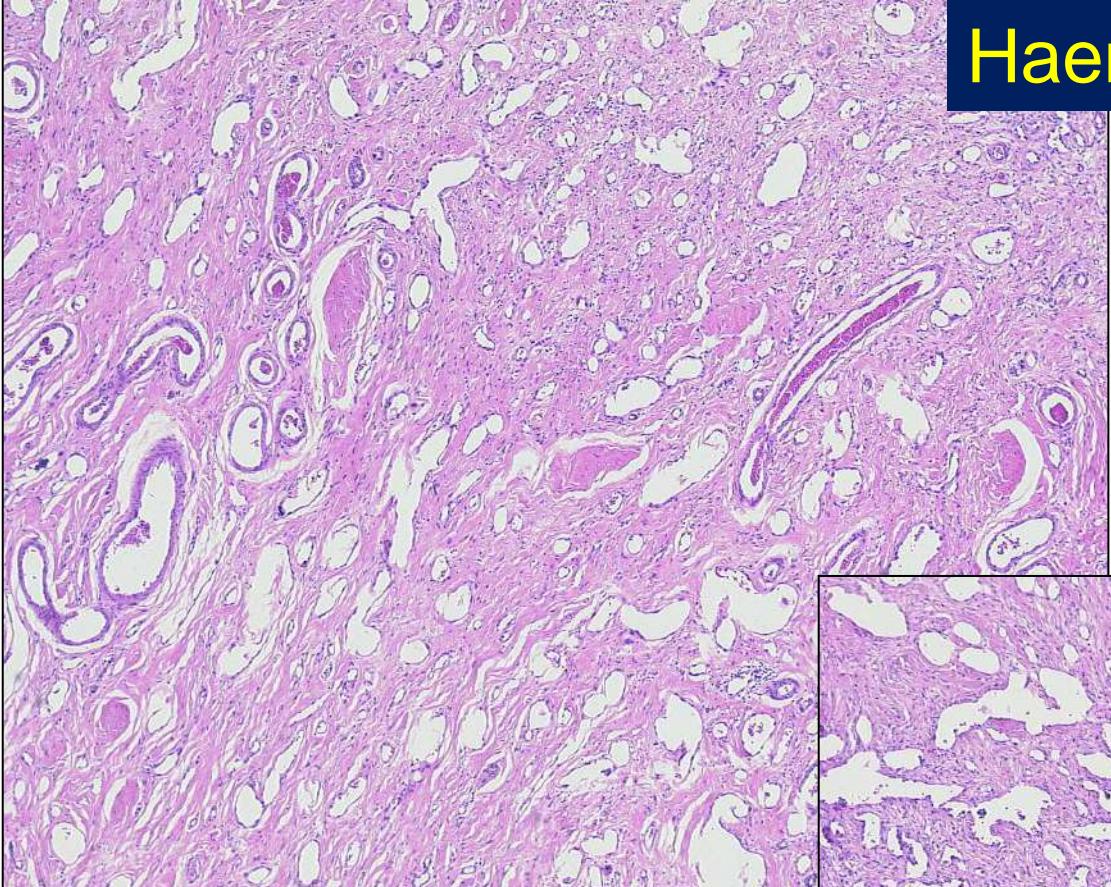
- extremely rare neoplasm
- adult patients
- lymph node > soft tissue
- retiform and solid areas
- enlarged, but uniform hobnail cells

* Chan JKC et al. AJSP 1992; 16: 335
Nascimento AG et al. AJSP 1997; 21: 1083

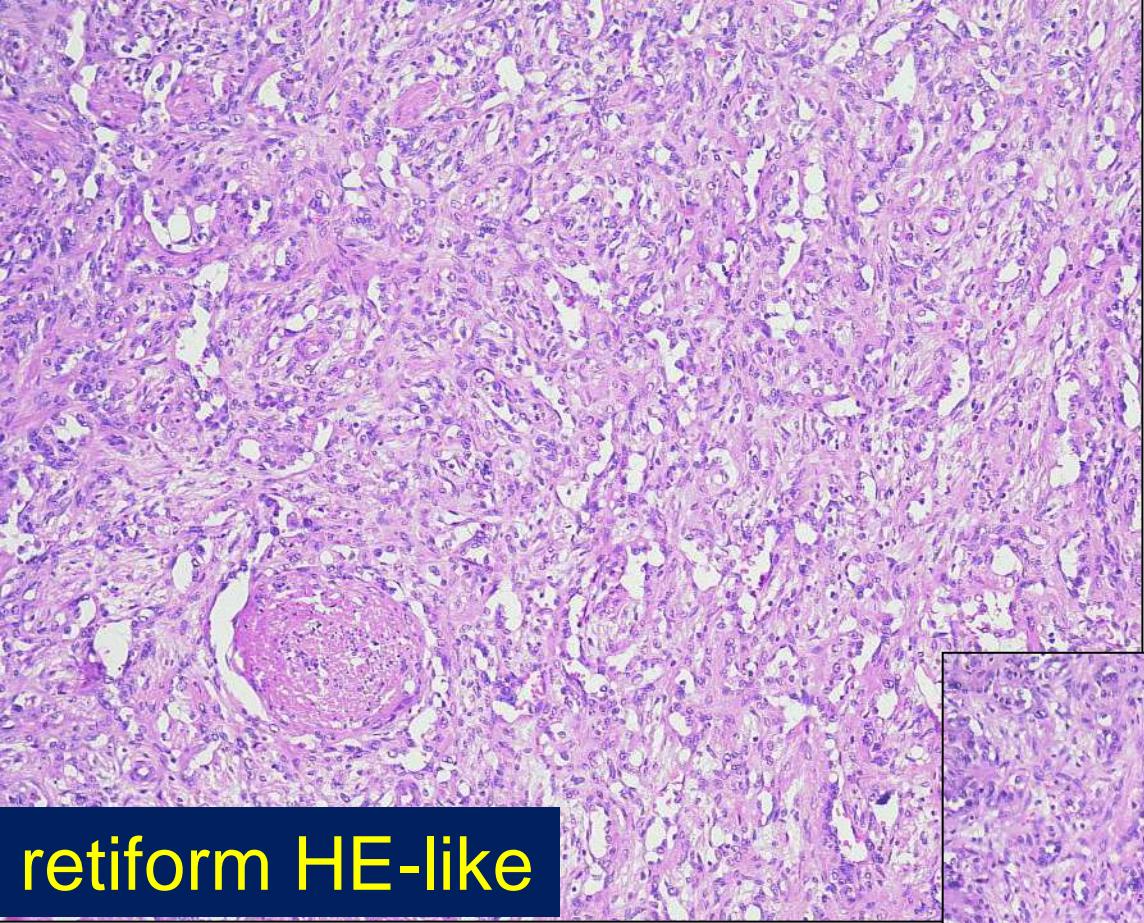
F, 66 years, chest wall, 5.5 cm



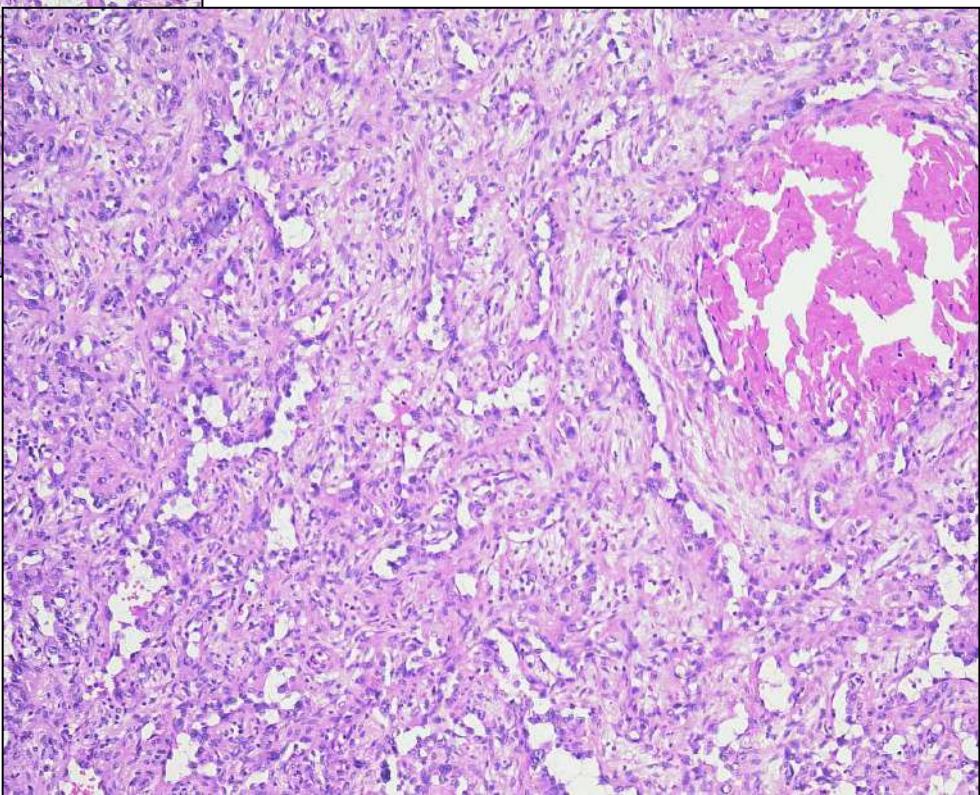
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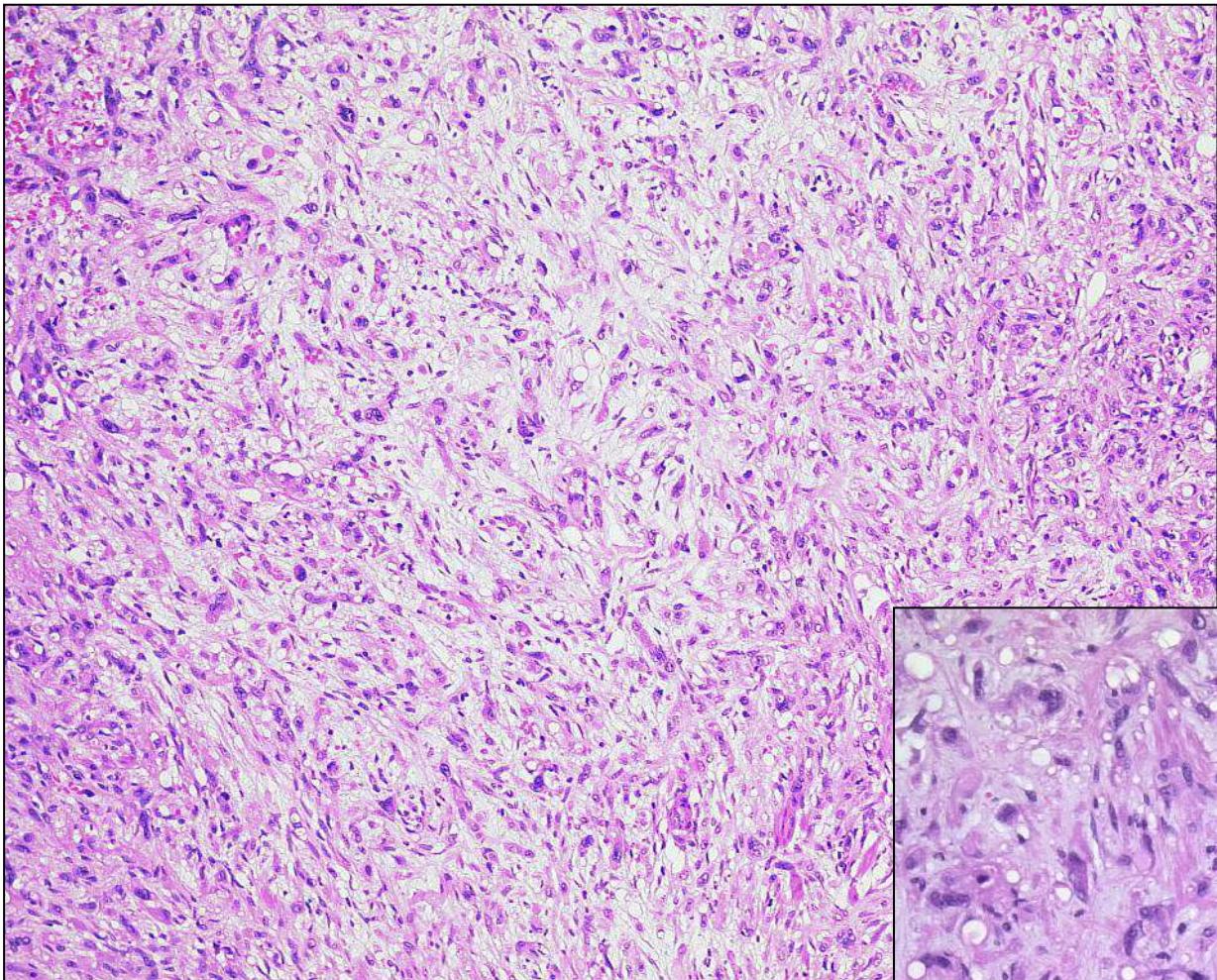


Haemangioma-like +
infiltrating component

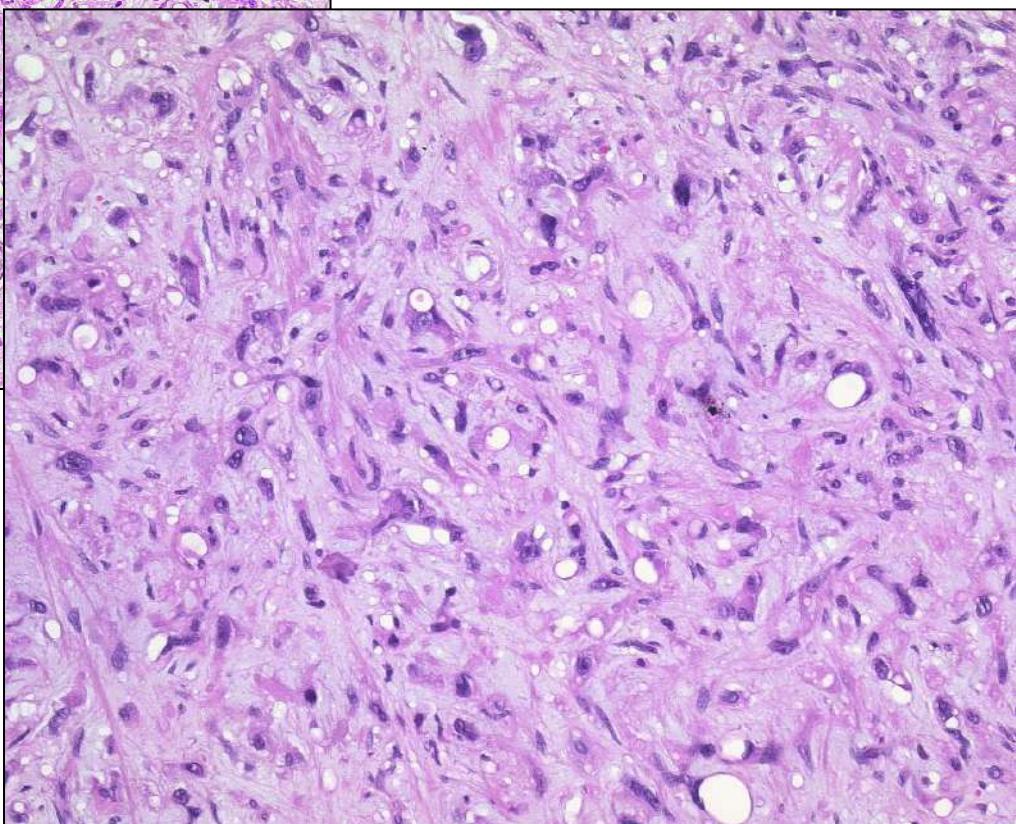


retiform HE-like





epithelioid HE-like



composite Haemangioendothelioma (Nayler SJ et al. AJSP 2000; 24: 352)

- adult patients
- mainly distal lower extremities > head / neck
- locally aggressive, 50% R, single MTS
- irregular admixture of:
 - haemangioma-like areas
 - low-grade areas (i.e. RHE-like)
 - malignant areas (i.e. EHE, AS)
- composite hemangioendothelioma with neuroendocrine marker expression: an aggressive variant (Mod Pathol 2017; 30: 1589)

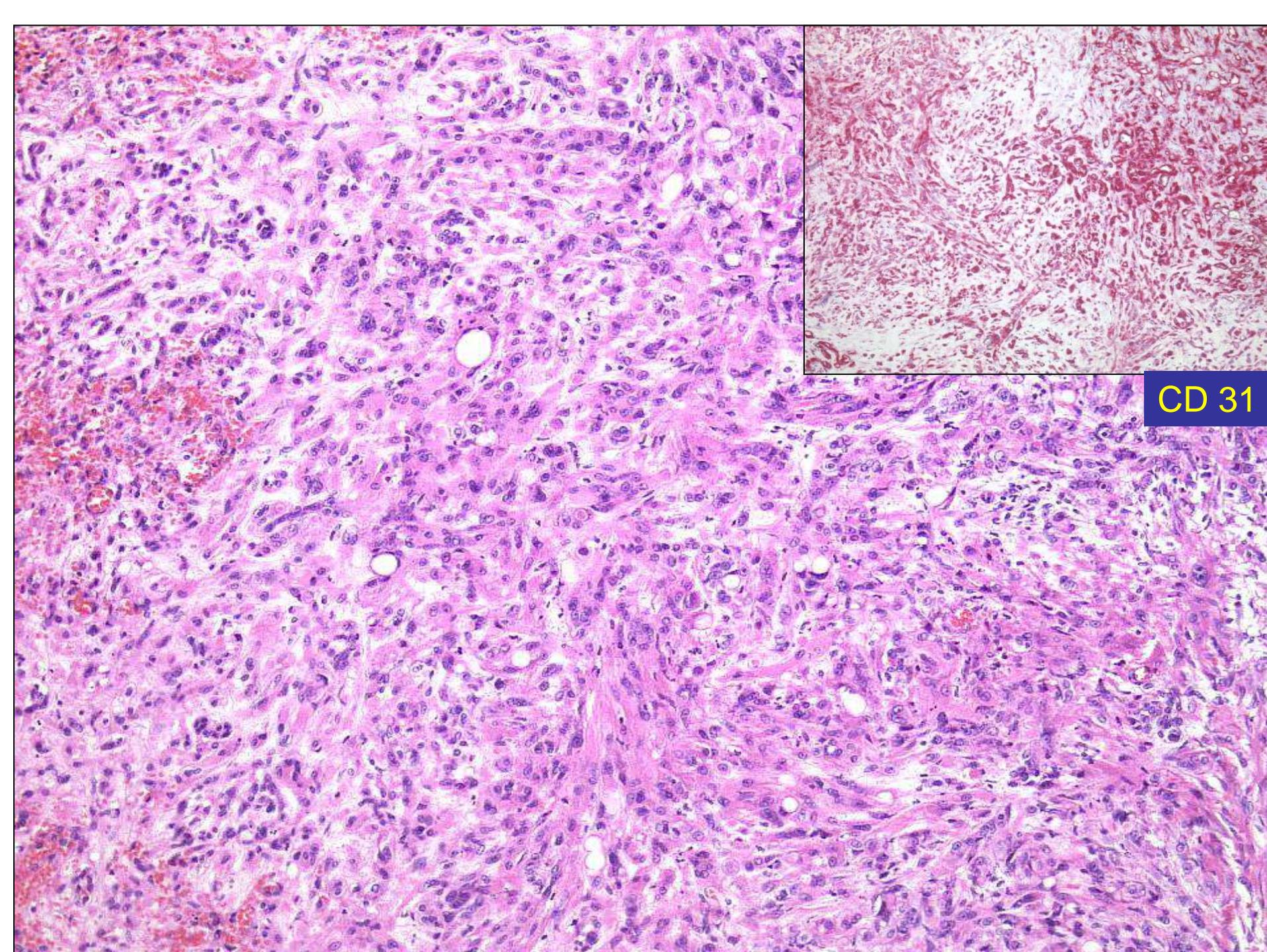
Recurrent *YAP1* and *MAML2* gene rearrangements in retiform and composite hemangioendothelioma

Antonescu CR et al. AJSP 2020; 44: 1677

13 RHE, 10-55 years; 11 CHE, 7-68 years
skin, soft tissues, extremities > head / neck
M, 37 years, CHE with neuroendocrine
differentiation (pancreas, liver, lung)
5/13 RHE and 3/11 CHE *YAP1* rearrangement
5 cases showed *YAP1-MAML2* fusion
PTBP1-MAML1 fusion in neuroendocrine CHE
close relationship between RHE and CHE
neuroendocrine CHE appears a distinct subset



F, 56 years, deep soft tissue, thigh

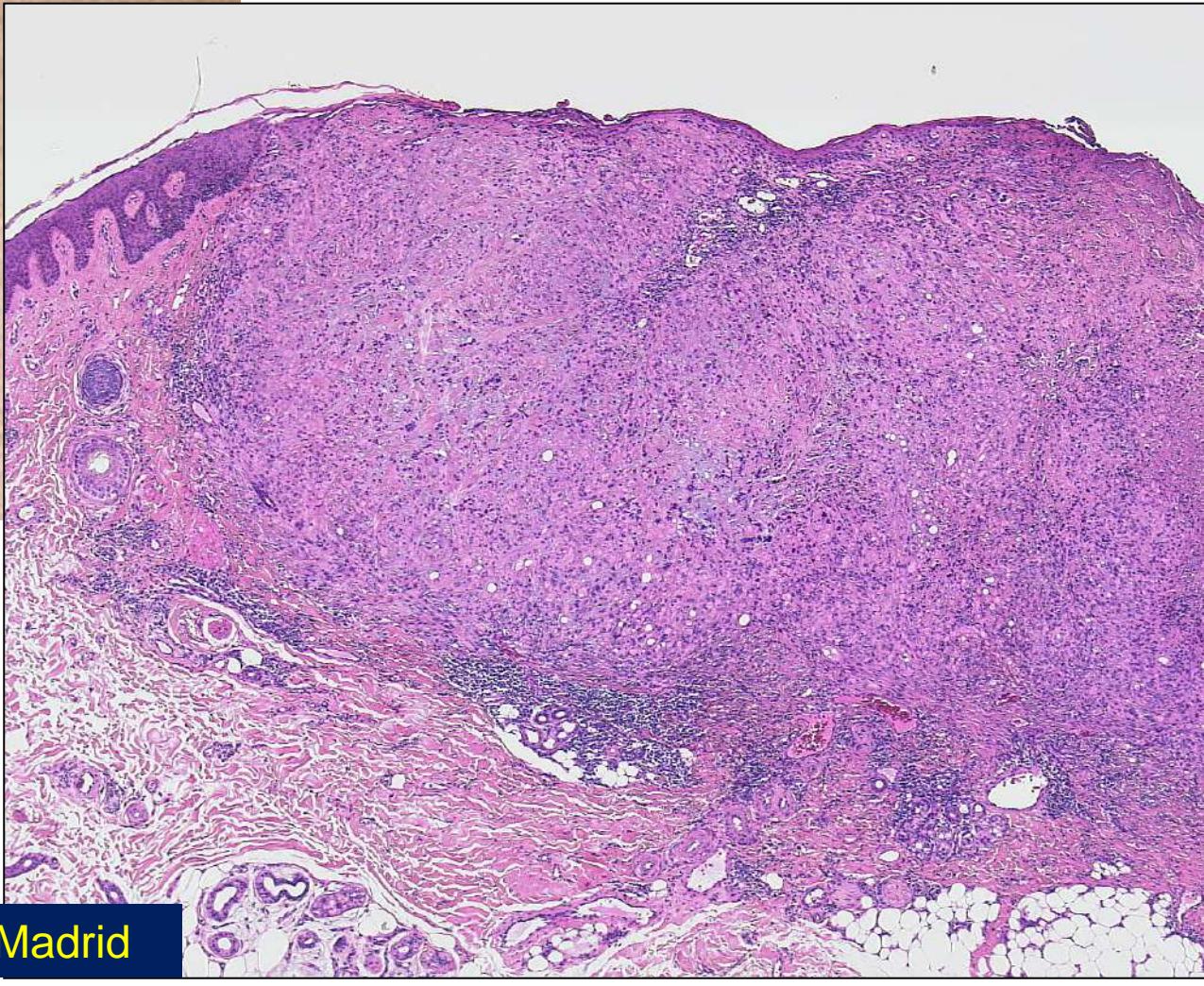


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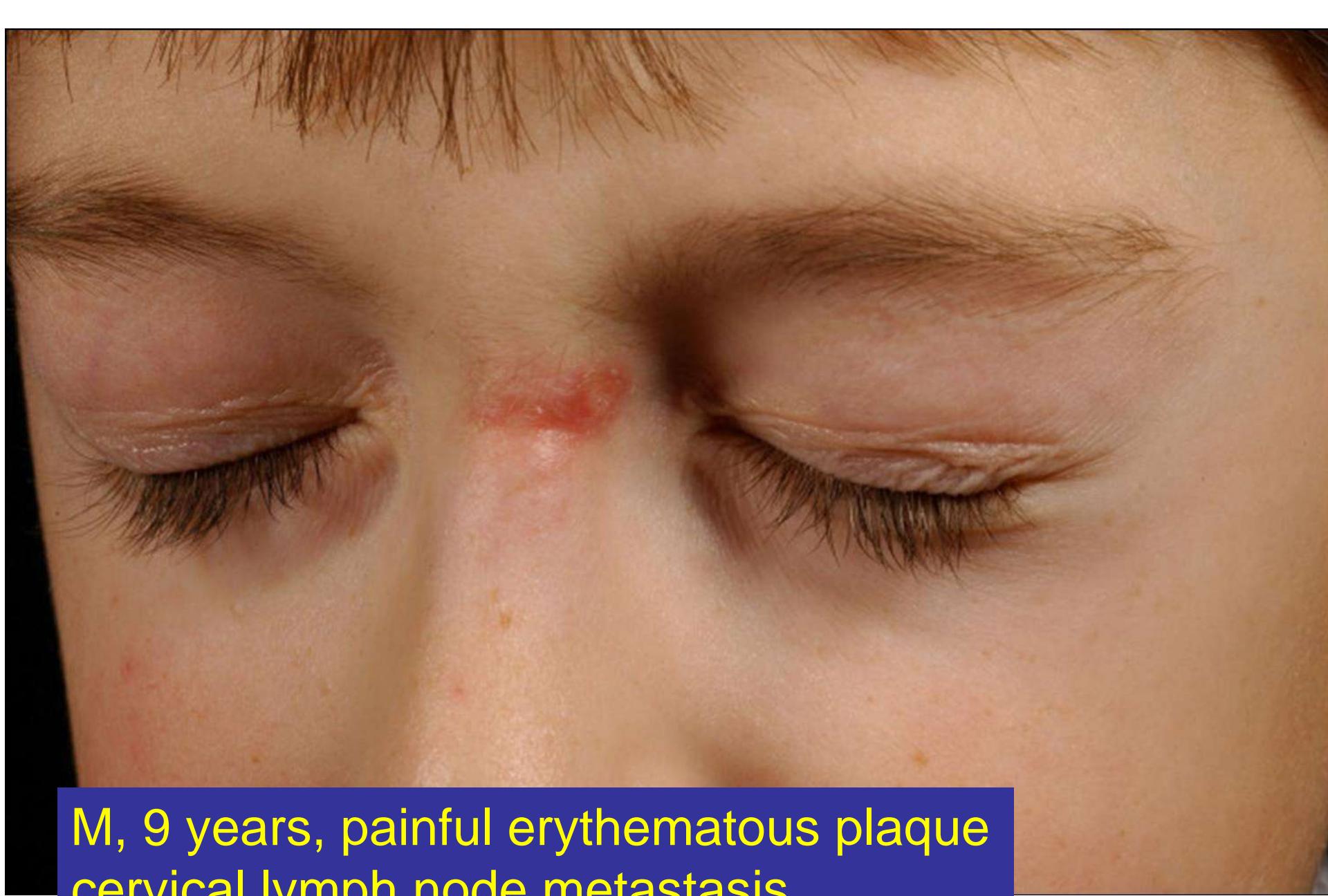
epithelioid Haemangioendothelioma

- adults, rarely in childhood
- solid > multicentric, soft tissues > skin
- arise from large vessels in 50% of cases
- ill-defined, infiltrative neoplasms
- nests, cords, trabeculae, epithelioid cells, cytoplasmic vacuoles (with erythrocytes), myxohyaline stroma
- endothelial markers +, podoplanin + in 40%, CK + in 25%

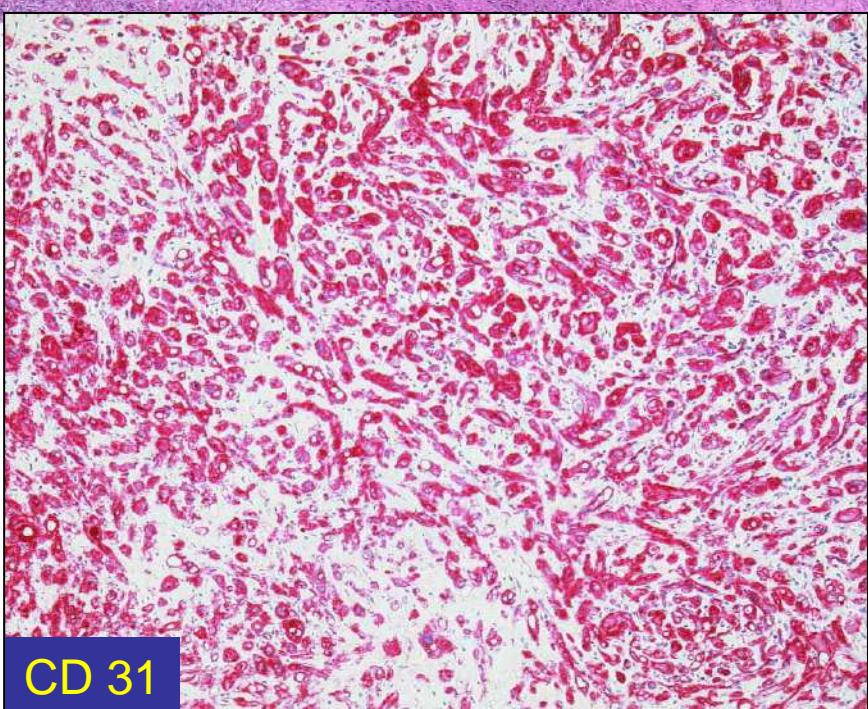
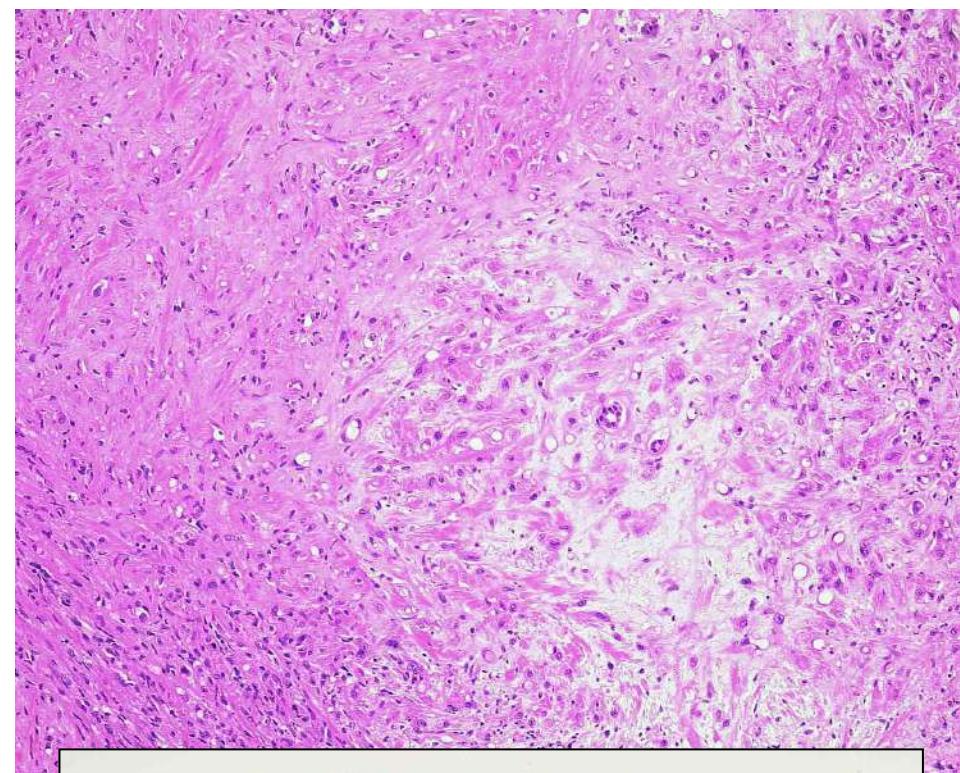
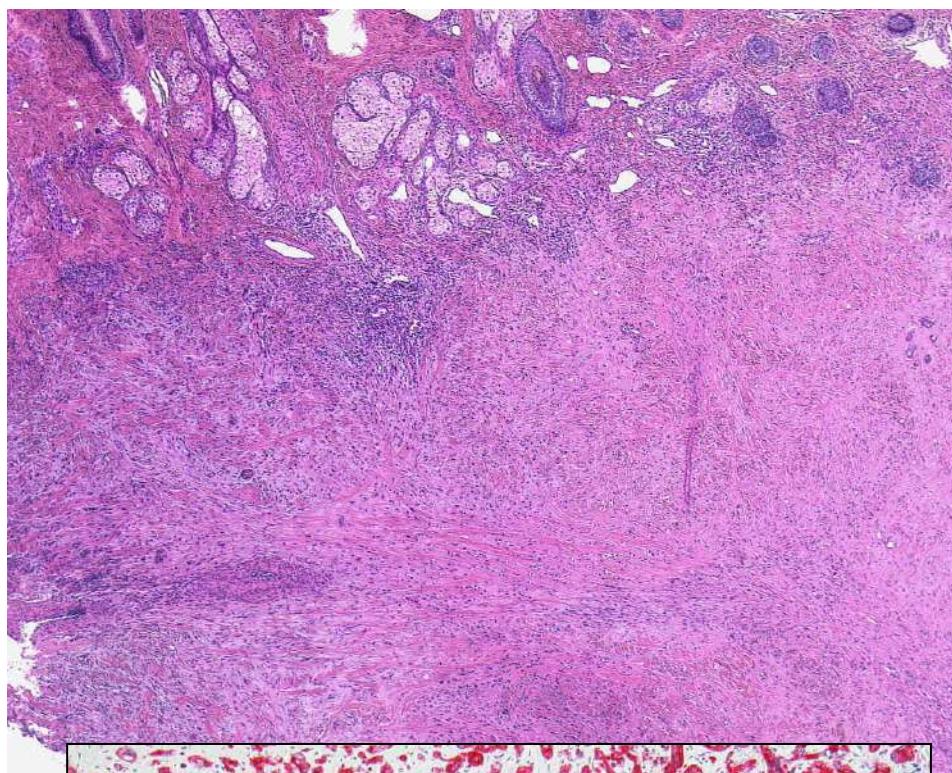
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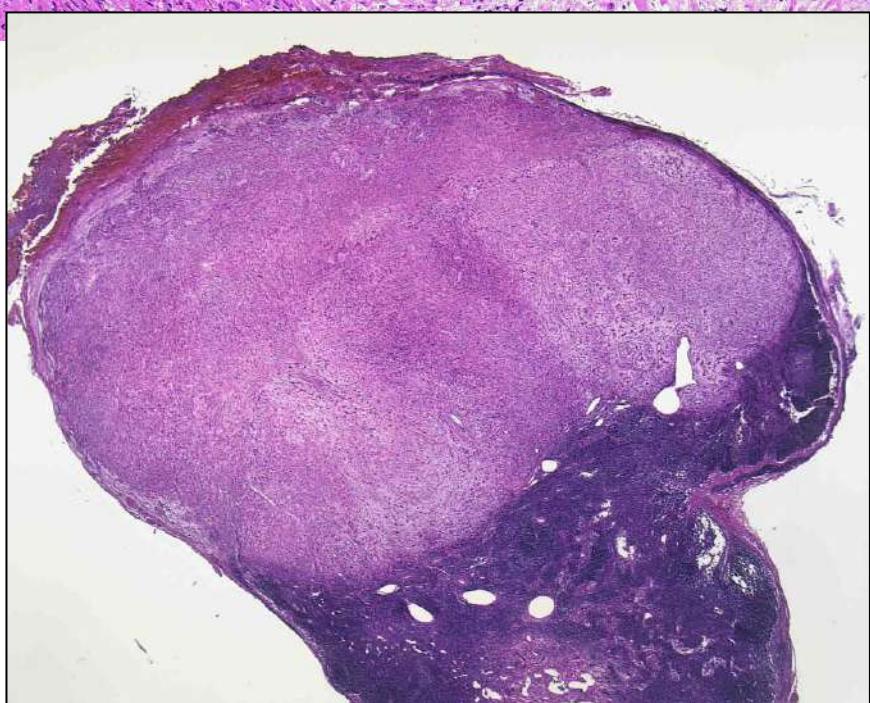
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M, 9 years, painful erythematous plaque
cervical lymph node metastasis
J Cutan Pathol 2008; 35: 80



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epithelioid Haemangioendothelioma

Errani C et al. Genes Chromosomes Cancer
2011; 50: 644-653

- EHE (17), epithelioid haemangioma (13),
epithelioid AS (5), pseudomyogenic HE (4)
- t(1;3)(p36.3;q25), *WWTR1-CAMTA1* fusion
present only in cases of EHE
- *WWTR1-CAMTA1* oncogenic function

Doyle LA et al. Am J Surg Pathol 2016; 40: 94

- nuclear expression of CAMTA1 distinguishes
EHE from histologic mimics
- rabbit polyclonal antibody (Novus Biologicals)
is highly sensitive (85%) and specific

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A Novel *WWTR1-CAMTA1* Gene Fusion is a Consistent Abnormality in Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma of Different Anatomic Sites

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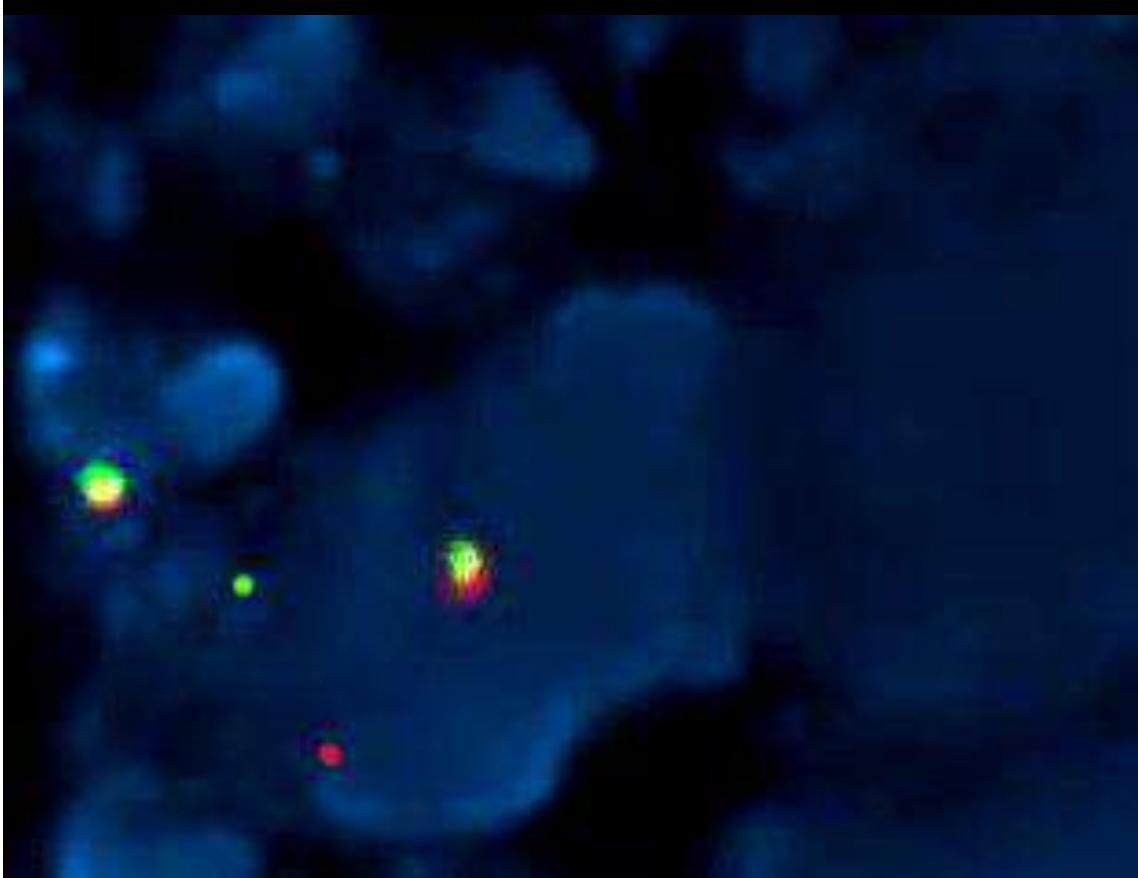
Abstract

The classification of epithelioid vascular tumors remains challenging, as there is considerable morphologic overlap between tumor subtypes, across the spectrum from benign to malignant categories. A t(1;3)(p36.3;q25) translocation was reported in two cases of epithelioid hemangioendothelioma (EHE), however, no follow-up studies have been performed to identify the gene fusion or to assess its prevalence in a larger cohort of patients. We undertook a systematic molecular analysis of 17 EHE, characterized by classic morphologic and immunophenotypic features, from various anatomic locations and with different malignant potential. For comparison we analyzed 13 epithelioid hemangiomas, five epithelioid angiосarcomas and four epithelioid sarcoma-like EHE. A fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) positional cloning strategy, spanning the cytogenetically defined regions on chromosomes 1p36.3 and 3q25, confirmed rearrangements in two candidate genes from these loci in all EHE cases tested. None of the other benign or malignant epithelioid vascular tumors examined demonstrated these abnormalities. Subsequent RT-PCR confirmed in three EHE the *WWTR1-CAMTA1* fusion product. *CAMTA1* and *WWTR1* have been previously shown to play important roles in oncogenesis. Our results demonstrate the presence of a *WWTR1-CAMTA1* fusion in all EHE tested from bone, soft tissue and visceral location (liver, lung) in keeping with a unique and specific pathological entity. Thus, FISH or RT-PCR analysis for the presence of *WWTR1-CAMTA1* fusion may serve as a useful molecular diagnostic tool in challenging diagnoses.

INTRODUCTION

Epithelioid vascular tumors encompass a wide histologic spectrum, including epithelioid hemangioma (EH), a benign tumor, epithelioid hemangioendothelioma (EHE), a low grade malignant tumor, and epithelioid angiосarcoma (E-AS), a high grade malignant tumor (Wenger and Wold, 2000; O'Connell et al., 2001; Fletcher et al., 2002). Although some of

CAMTA1 fusion probe



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Novel *YAP1-TFE3* fusion defines a distinct subset of epithelioid hemangioendothelioma

(Antonescu CR et al. Genes Chromosomes & Cancer 2013; 52: 775-784)

- t(11;X)(q13;p11) with *YAP1-TFE3* fusion
- *YAP1-TFE3* oncogenic function
- young patients
- well-formed vasoformative vascular structures, more solid growth
- abundant pale eosinophilic cytoplasm
- strong nuclear TFE3 expression, TFE3 immunohistochemistry is not specific



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Novel YAP1-TFE3 Fusion Defines a Distinct Subset of Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma

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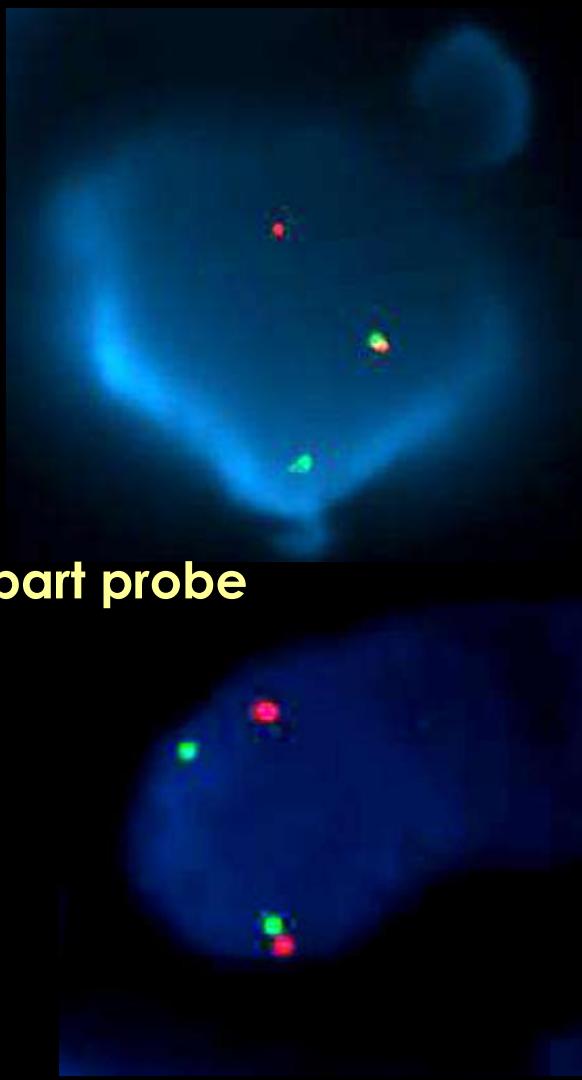
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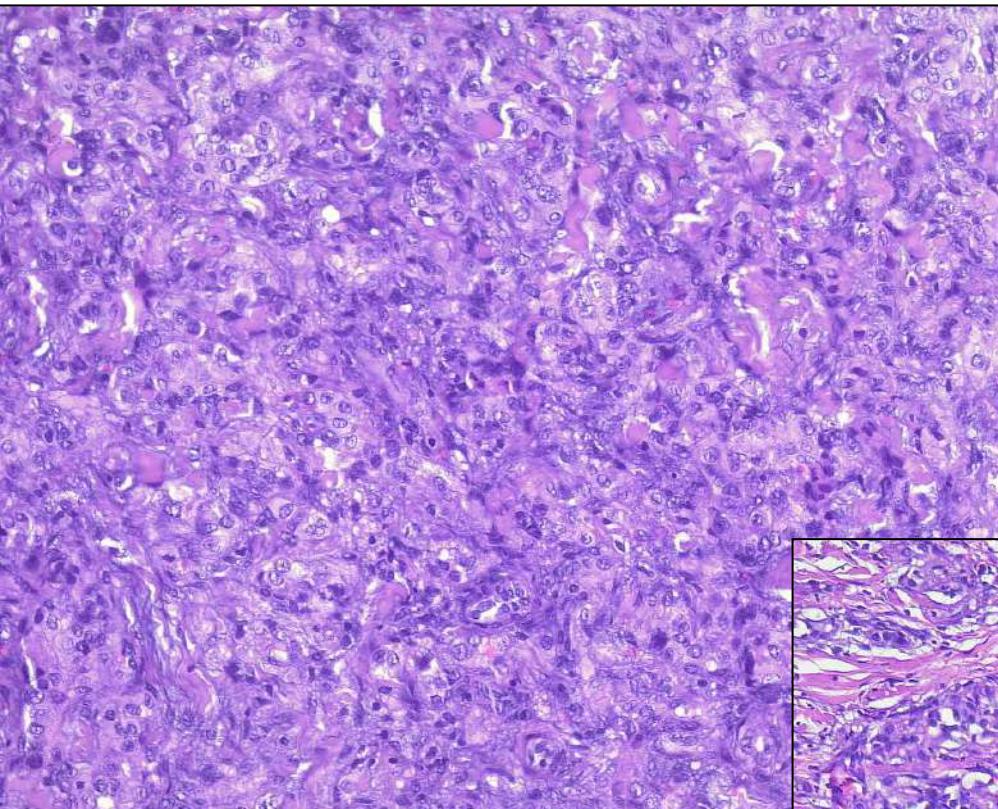
Conventional epithelioid hemangioendotheliomas (EHE) have a distinctive morphologic appearance and are characterized by a recurrent (1;3) translocation, resulting in a *WWTR1-CAMTA1* fusion gene. We have recently encountered a fusion-negative subset characterized by a somewhat different morphology, including focally well-formed vasoformative features, which was further investigated for recurrent genetic abnormalities. Based on a case showing strong TFE3 immunoreactivity, FISH analysis for *TFE3* gene rearrangement was applied to the index case as well as to 9 additional cases, selected through negative *WWTR1-CAMTA1* screening. A control group, including 18 epithelioid hemangiomas, 9 pseudomyogenic HE and 3 epithelioid angiiosarcomas, was also tested. *TFE3* gene rearrangement was identified in 10 patients, with equal gender distribution and a mean age of 30 years old. The lesions were located in somatic soft tissue in 6 cases, lung in 3 and one in bone. One case with available frozen tissue was tested by RNA sequencing and FusionSeq data analysis to detect novel fusions. A *YAP1-TFE3* fusion was thus detected, which was further validated by FISH and RT-PCR. *YAP1* gene rearrangements were

TFE3 break-apart probe

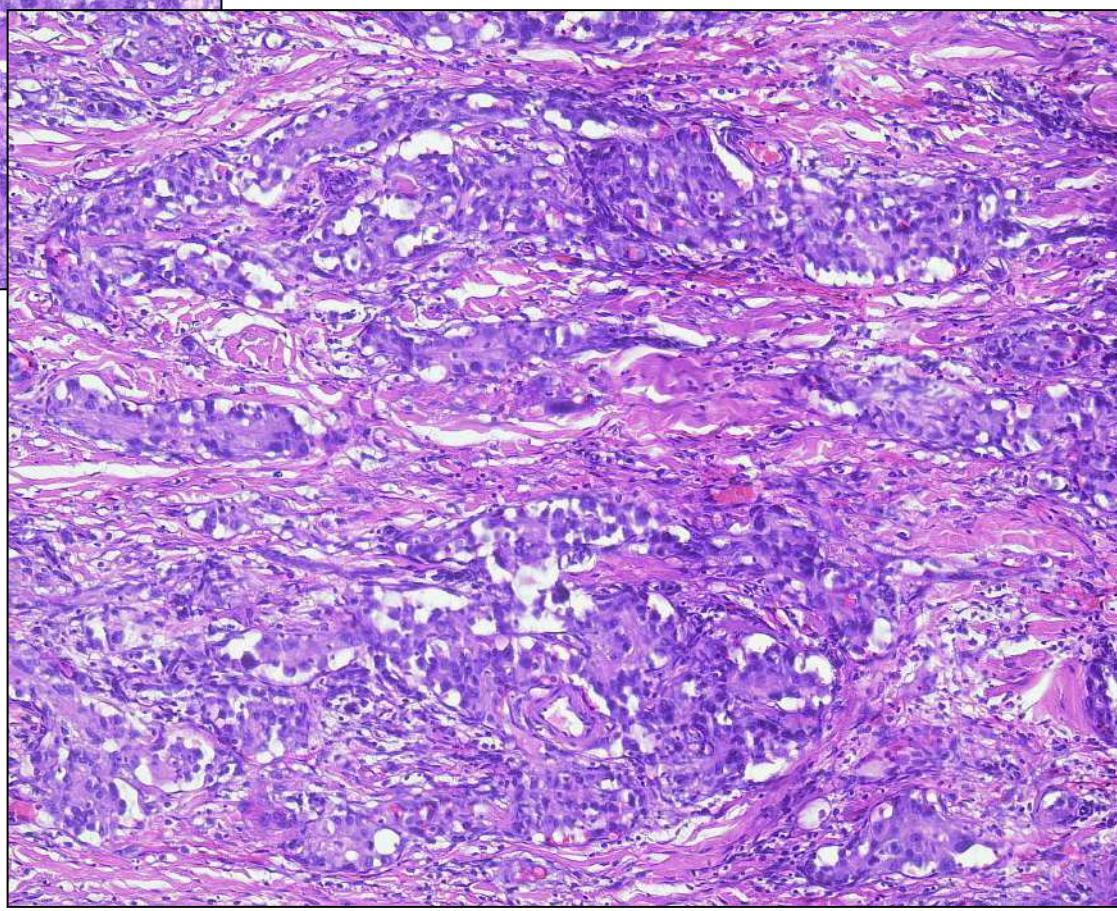


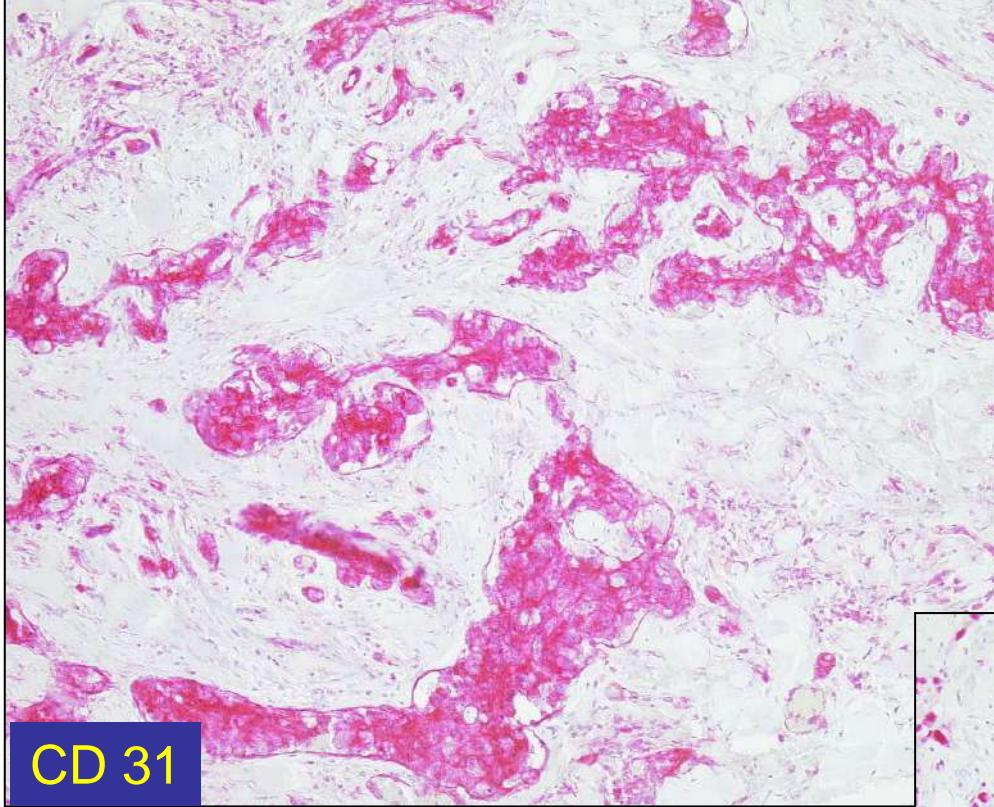
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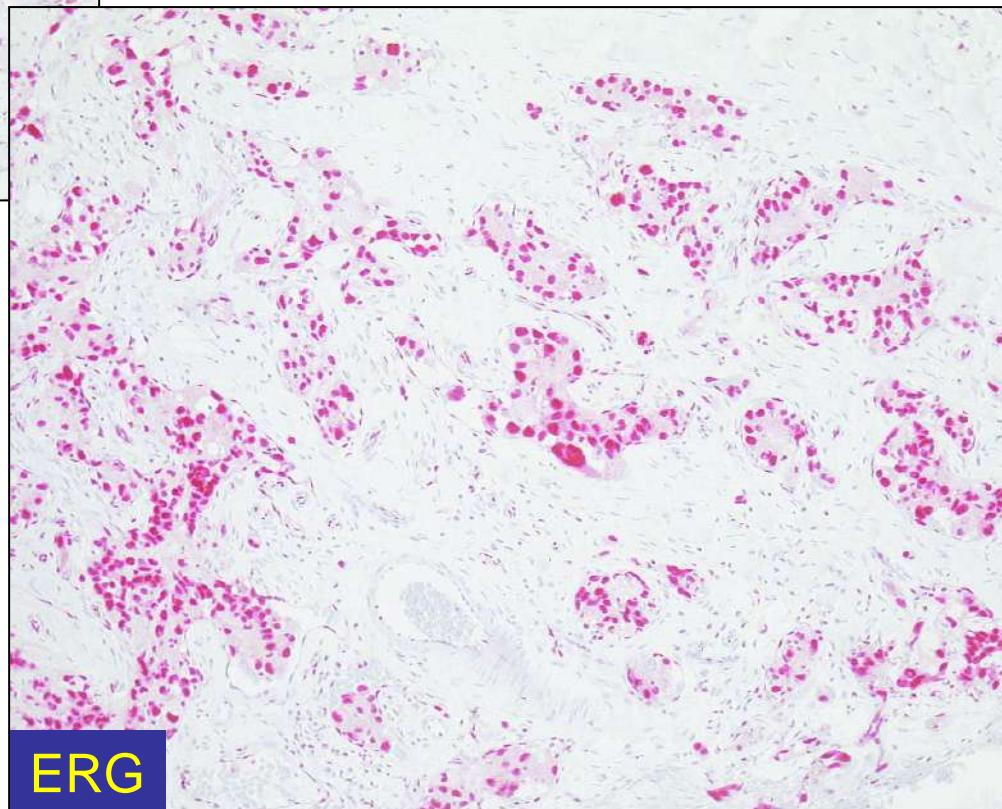
F, 43 years,
occipital region





Archer expanded sarcoma
fusionplex analysis:
YAP1::TFE3 fusion

Diagnosis:
epithelioid EHE with
***YAP1::TFE3* fusion**



Prognostic stratification of clinical and molecular epithelioid hemangioendothelioma subsets

E Rosenbaum et al. Mod Pathol 2020; 33: 591-602

- 93 translocation positive cases
- 83 patients with *WWTR1-CAMTA1* gene fusion
- 10 patients with *YAP1-TFE3* gene fusion
- ***WWTR1-CAMTA1* fusion: 59% 5-year survival**
***YAP1-TFE3* fusion: 86% 5-year survival**
- multifocality, pleural involvement, lymph node and distant metastases are adverse prognostic factors
- more than half of the analysed cases showed additional genetic changes

epithelioid Haemangioendothelioma

many recurrences
20-30% MTS
10-20% DOD



true malignant
vascular neoplasm
(better prognosis
in dermal EHE)

size > 3 cm,
> 3 mitoses/50 hpf
(Deyrup AT et al.
AJSP 2008; 32: 924)



high risk tumours
5-year survival 59%

Clinicopathological characterization of epithelioid hemangioendothelioma in a series of 62 cases: a proposal of risk stratification and identification of a synaptophysin-positive aggressive subset

(Shibayama T et al. Am J Surg Pathol 2021; 45: 616)

62 cases, CAMTA1 subtype (59), TFE3 subtype (2)

22 cases atypical histology (>2 mitoses/mm², high nuclear grade, necrosis)

DOD (11 cases, 18%), 5-year survival 78.8%

> 3 cm, histological atypia = shorter survival

3-tiered risk assessment system

low-risk (5-ys. 100%), intermediate risk (5-ys. 81.8%),
high-risk (5-ys. 16.9%)

4 cases synaptophysin + = high-risk lesions, aggressive clinical course

Vascular Tumours of Skin and Soft Tissues

- vascular Malformations
- Angiomatoses
- Haemangioendotheliomas
- Angiosarcomas

Angiosarcoma

Cutaneous Angiosarcoma

- lymphedematous angiosarcoma
- postirradiation angiosarcoma
- (idiopathic) actinic angiosarcoma

Angiosarcoma of Soft Tissues

Lymphedematous Angiosarcoma (congenital chronic lymphedema)



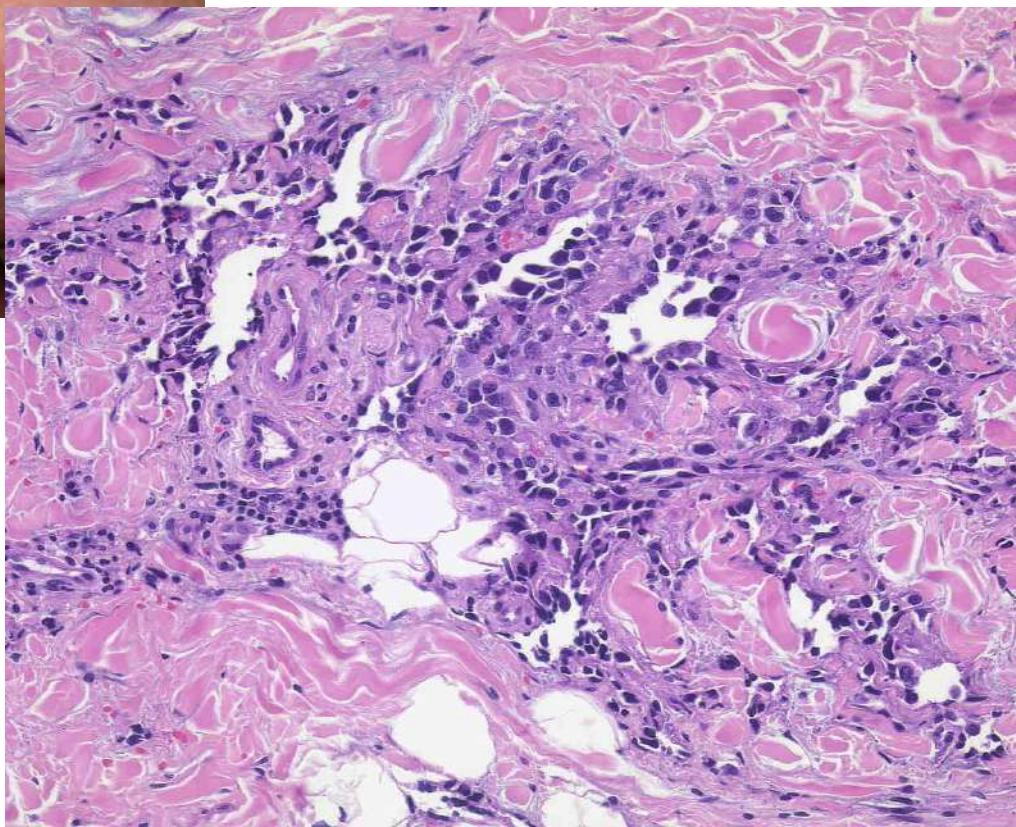
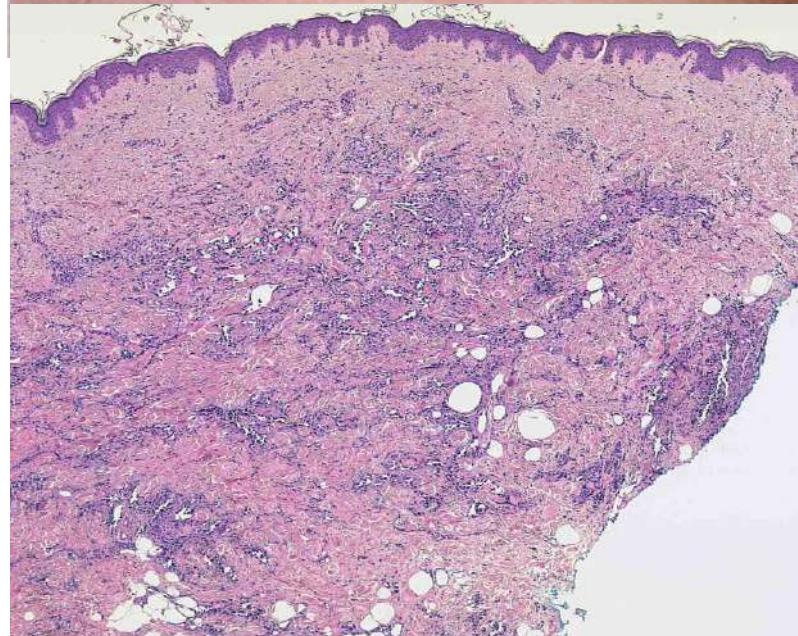
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Lymphedematous Angiosarcoma (Stewart Treves Syndrome)

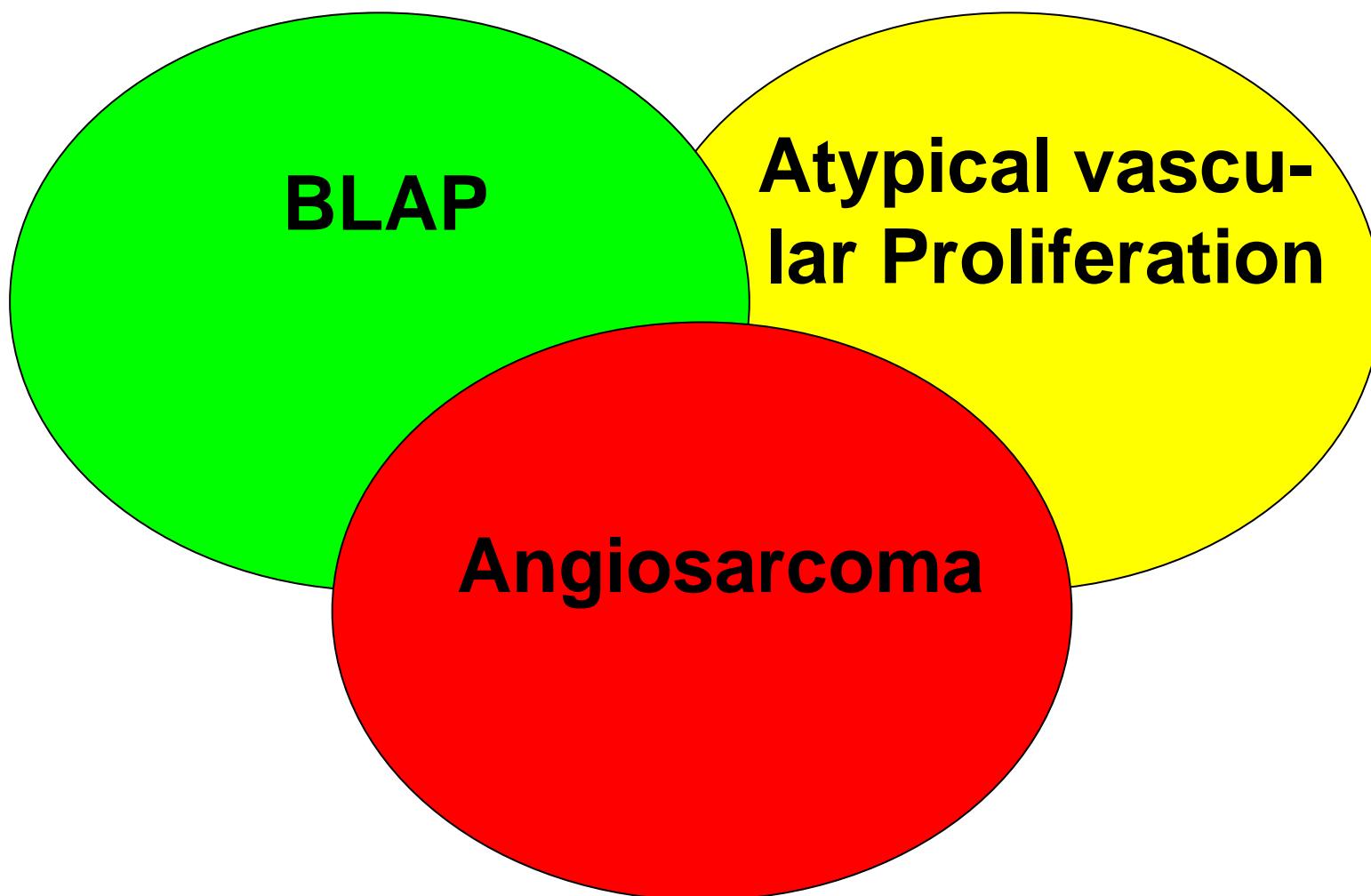


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Postirradiation Angiosarcoma



Vascular Proliferations after Radiotherapy*



* Brenn T, Fletcher CDM AJSP 2005; 29: 983
Mattoch IW at al. JAAD 2007; 57: 126

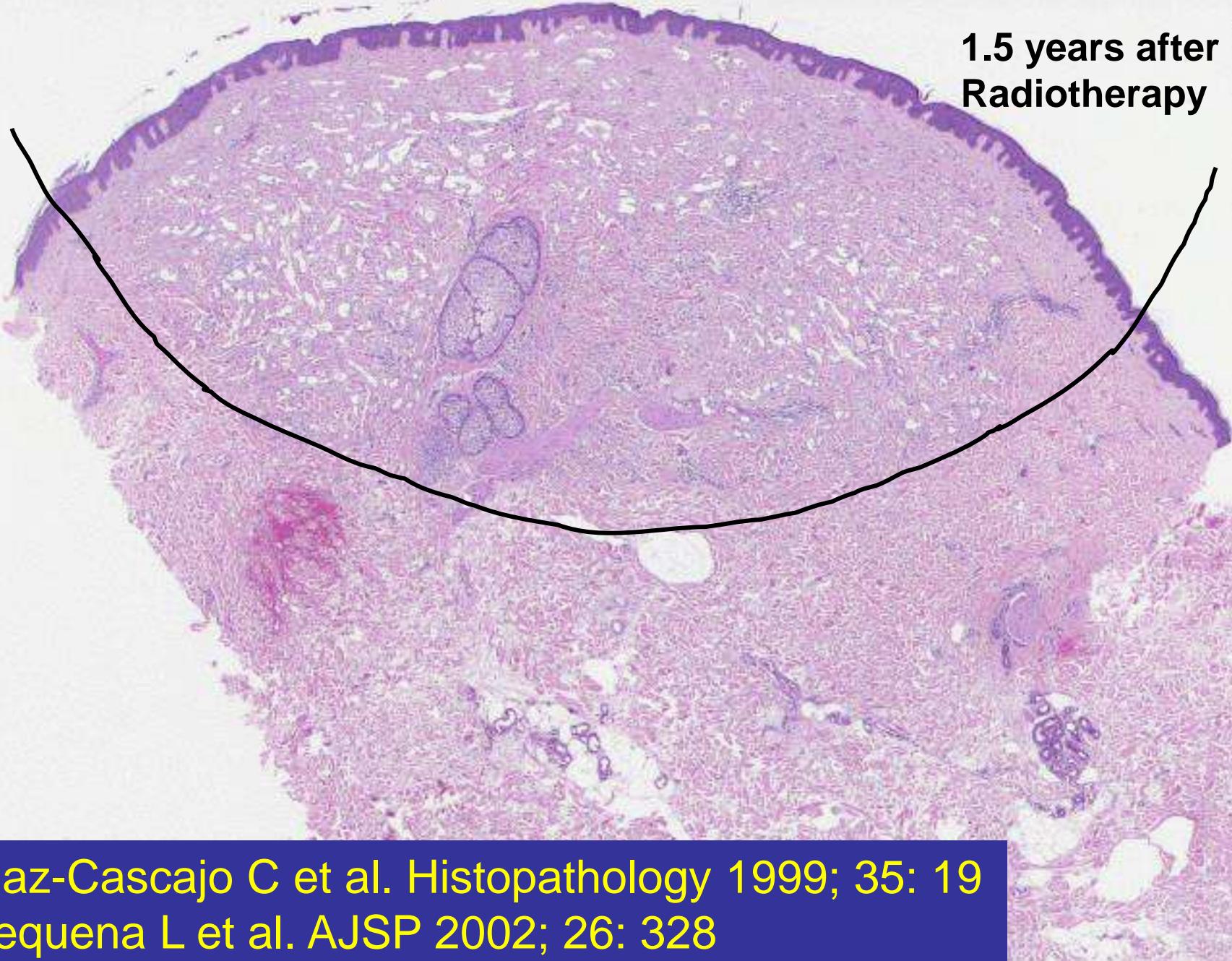
Benign lymphangiomatous Papule



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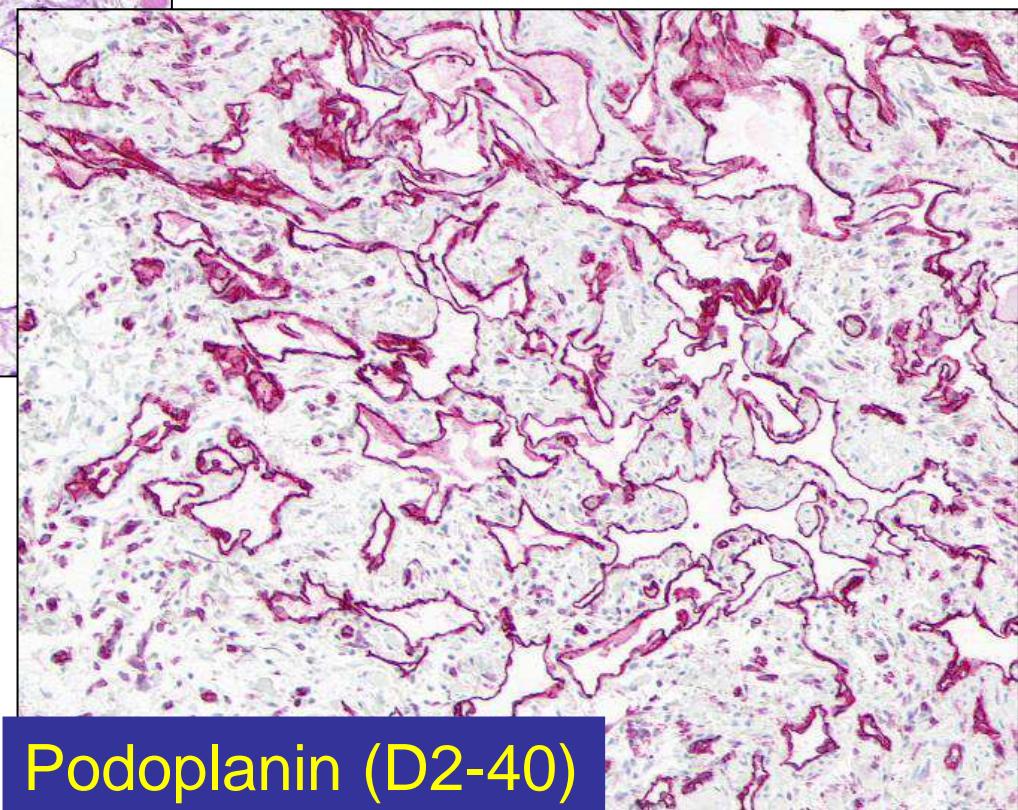
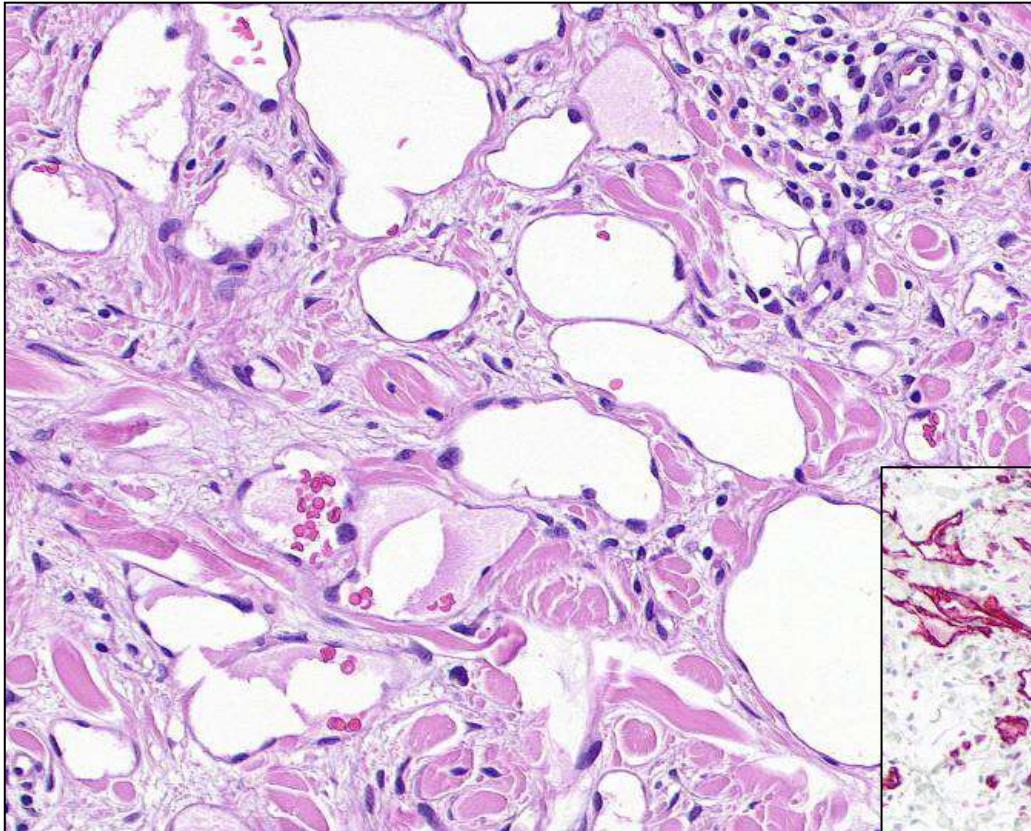
Benign lymphangiomatous Papule

1.5 years after
Radiotherapy



Diaz-Cascajo C et al. Histopathology 1999; 35: 19
Requena L et al. AJSP 2002; 26: 328

Benign lymphangiomatous Papule



Podoplanin (D2-40)

Atypical vascular proliferation after RT

(Fineberg S, Rosen PP AJCP 1994; 102: 757)

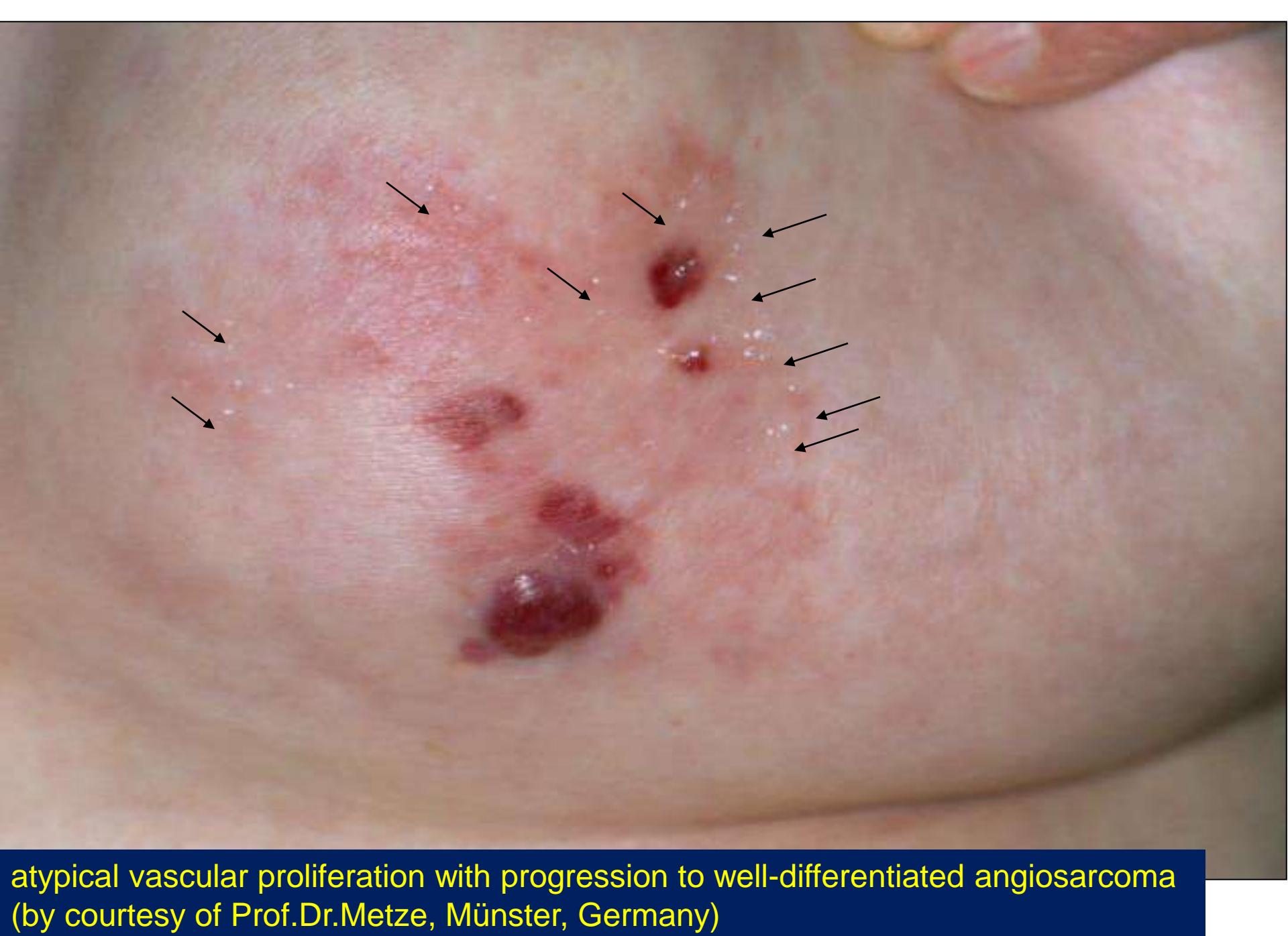
Clinicopathological Findings

- brown to erythematous papules / nodules
- single or multiple, circumscribed lesions
- anastomosing vessels, endothelial cells with hyperchromatic nuclei, no prominent nucleoli
- chronic inflammation
- no significant atypia, no mitoses
- no papillary endothelial proliferation
- no „blood lakes“, no infiltration of subcutis

Table 1. Histopathological features that help distinguish atypical vascular lesions from angiosarcoma (from Fineberg and Rosen²⁵)

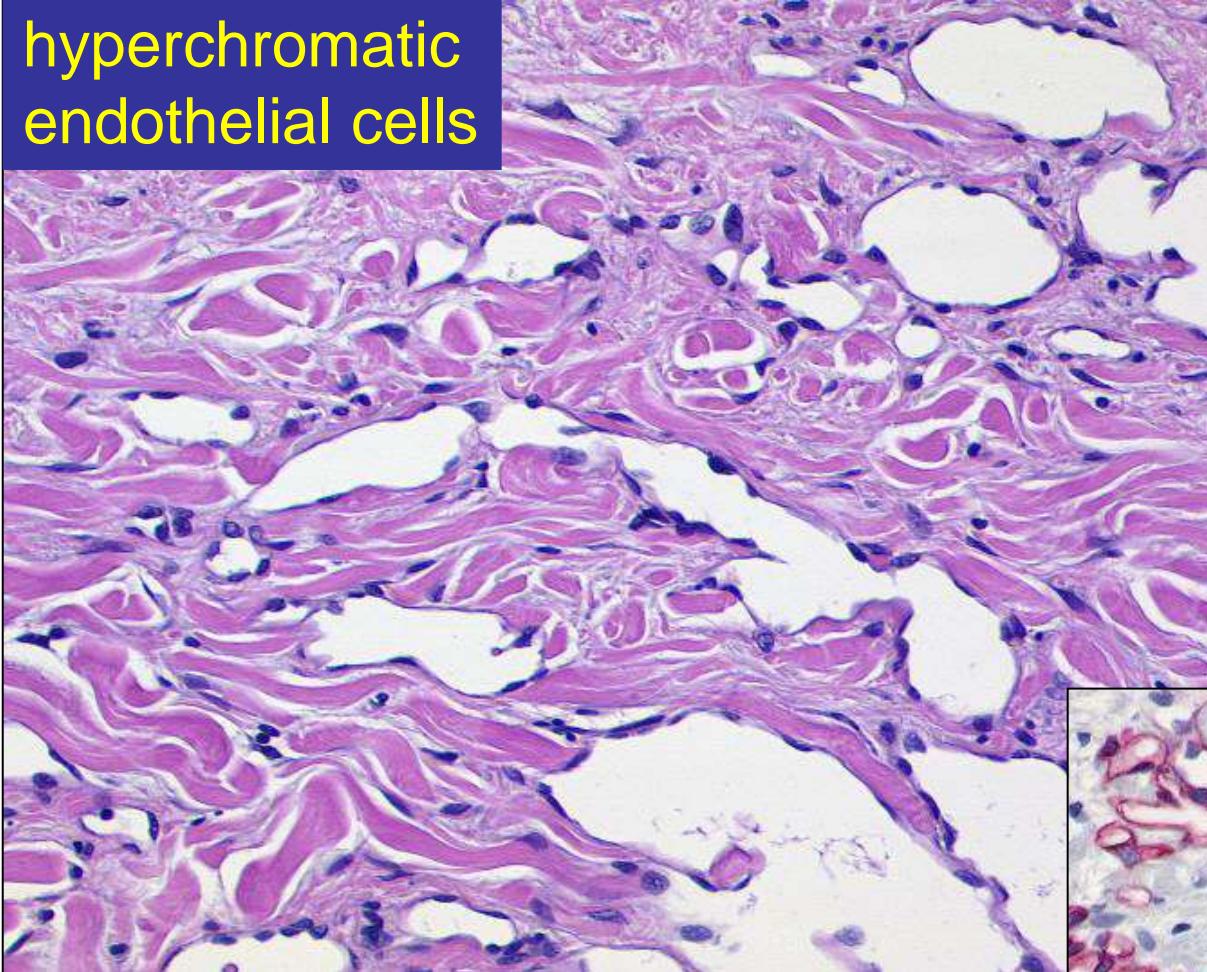
Histopathological feature	AVL	AS
Infiltration into subcutis	-	+++
Papillary endothelial hyperplasia	-	+++
Prominent nucleoli	-	+++
Mitotic figures	-	+++
Significant cytological atypia	-	+++
'Blood lakes'	-	++
Dissection of dermal collagen	±	+++
Anastomotic vessels	++	+++
Hyperchromatic endothelial cells	+++	++
Chronic inflammation	+++	+
Relative circumscription	+++	-
Projections of stroma into lumen	+++	-

AVL, atypical vascular lesion; AS, angiosarcoma.

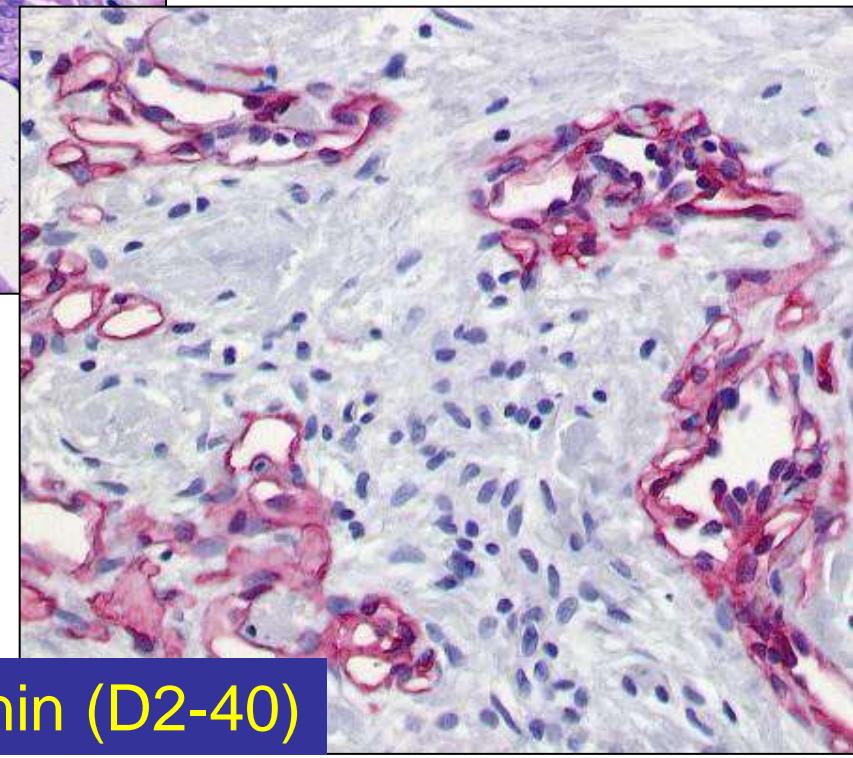


atypical vascular proliferation with progression to well-differentiated angiosarcoma
(by courtesy of Prof.Dr.Metze, Münster, Germany)

hyperchromatic
endothelial cells



multiple lesions
11 years after
radiotherapy
AVP with
transition into
well-diff. AS



Podoplanin (D2-40)

Menzel T, Schildhaus HU, Palmedo G, Büttner R, Kutzner H. Postradiation cutaneous angiosarcoma after treatment of breast carcinoma is characterized by MYC amplification in contrast to atypical vascular lesions after radiotherapy and control cases: clinicopathological, immunohistochemical and molecular analysis of 66 cases. *Mod Pathol* 2012;25(1):75-85

Fernandez AP, Sun Y, Tubbs RR, Goldblum JR, Billings SD. FISH for MYC amplification and anti-MYC immunohistochemistry: useful diagnostic tools in the assessment of secondary angiosarcoma and atypical vascular proliferations. *J Cutan Pathol* 2012;39(2):234-242

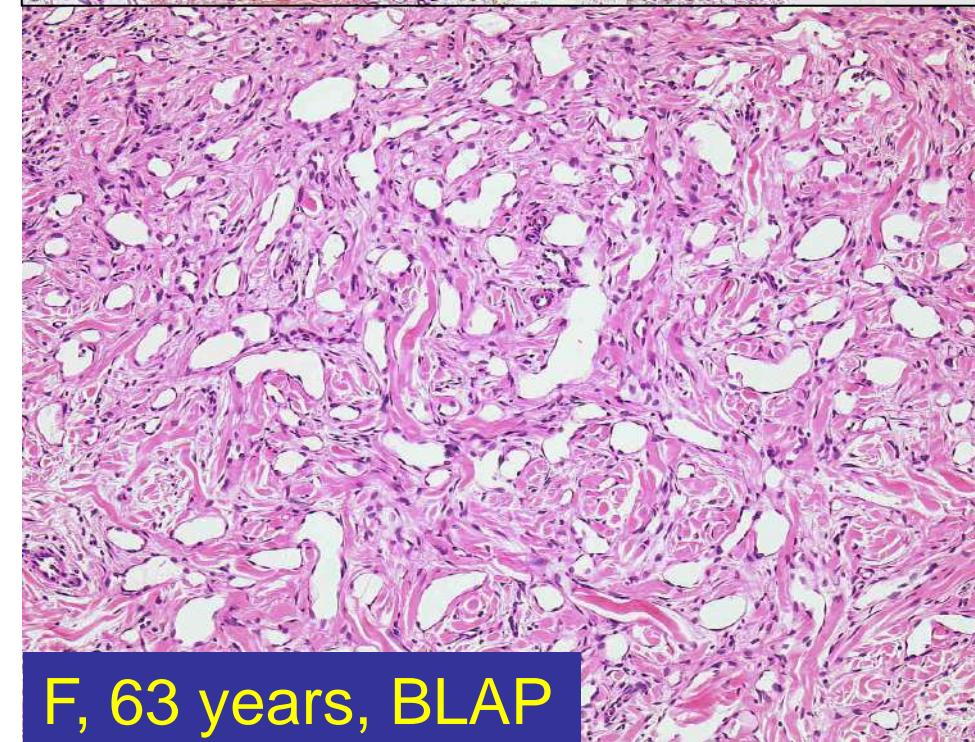
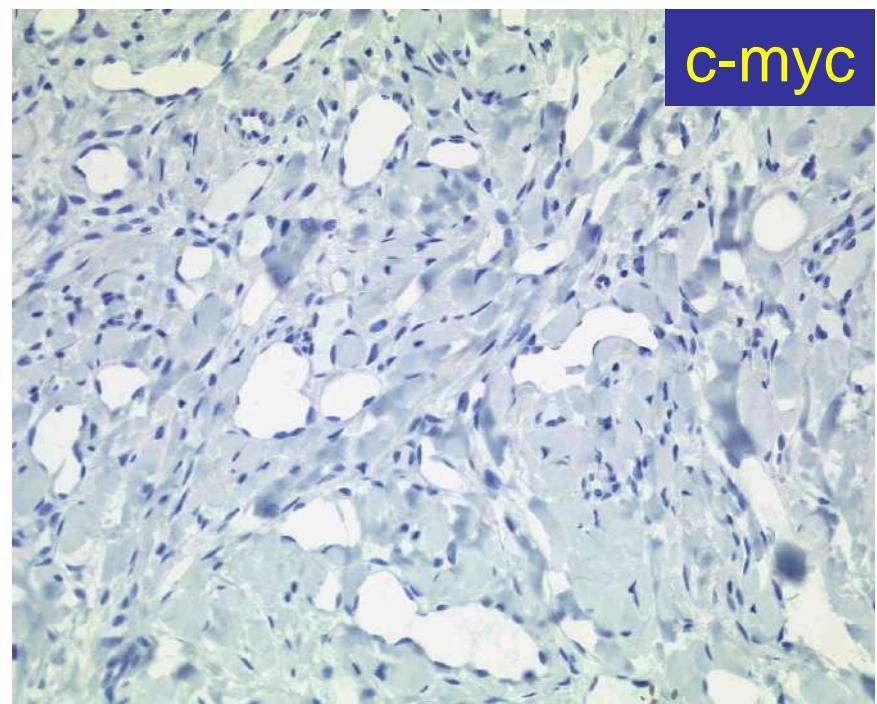
Guo T, Zhan L, Chang NE et al. Consistent MYC and FLT4 gene amplification in radiation induced angiosarcoma but not in other radiation-associated atypical vascular lesions.

Genes Chromosomes Cancer 2011; 50: 25-33

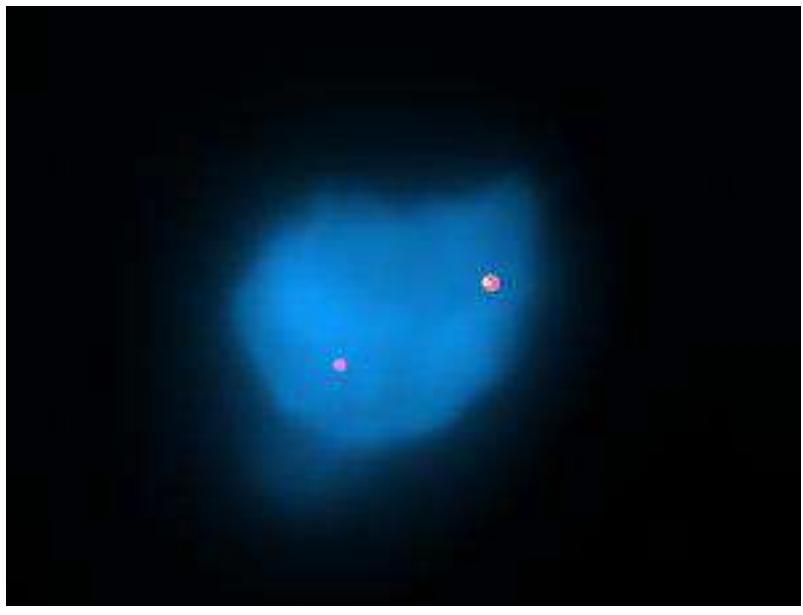
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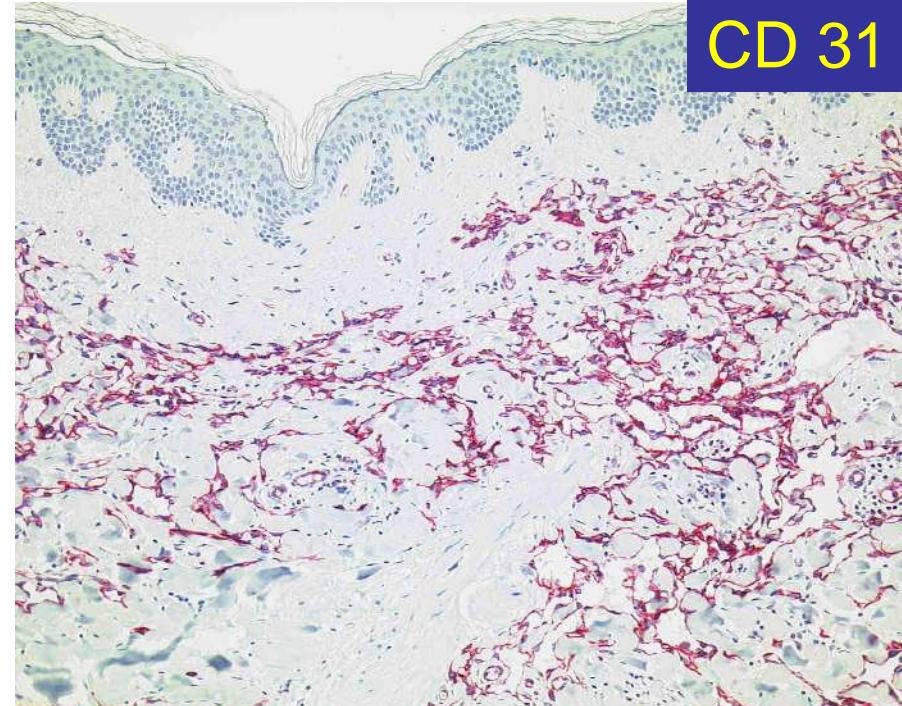
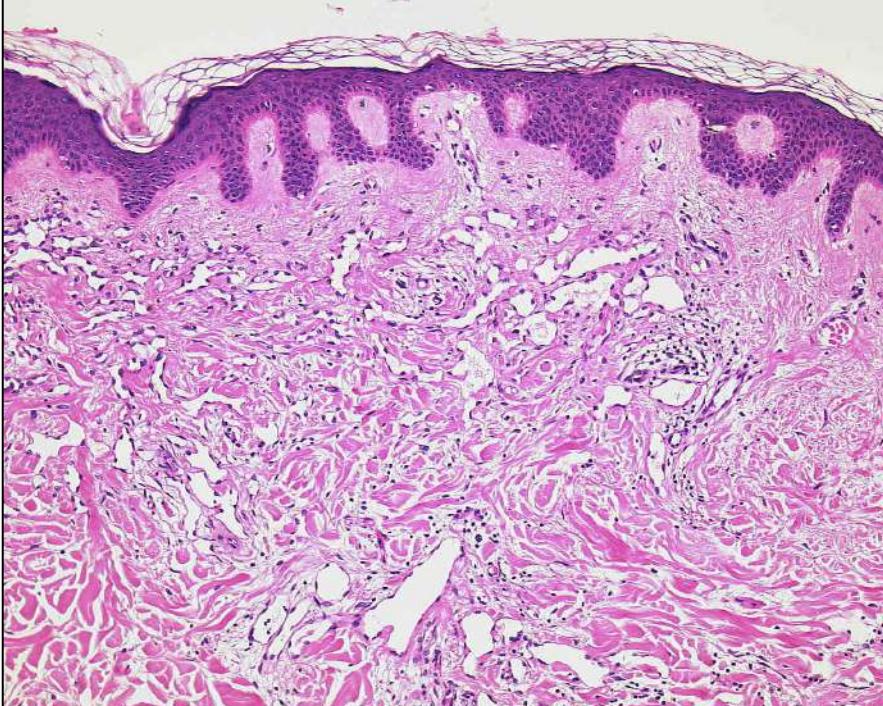
Fraga-Guedes C, Andre S, Mastropasqua MG et al. Angiosarcoma and atypical vascular lesions of the breast: diagnostic and prognostic role of MYC gene amplification and protein expression. *Breast Cancer Res Treat* 2015; 151: 131-140

c-myc

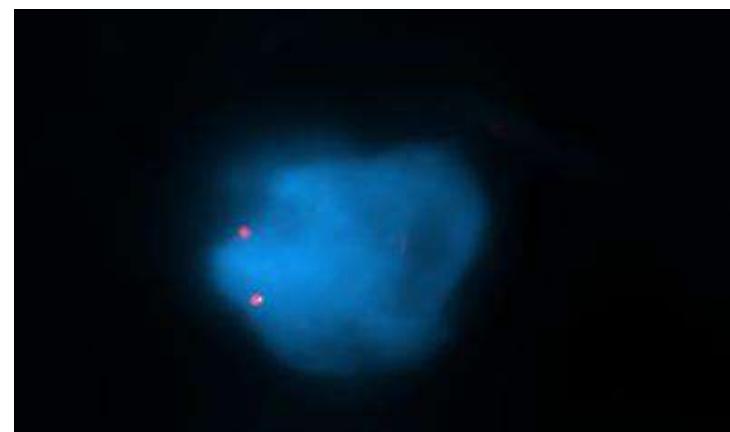
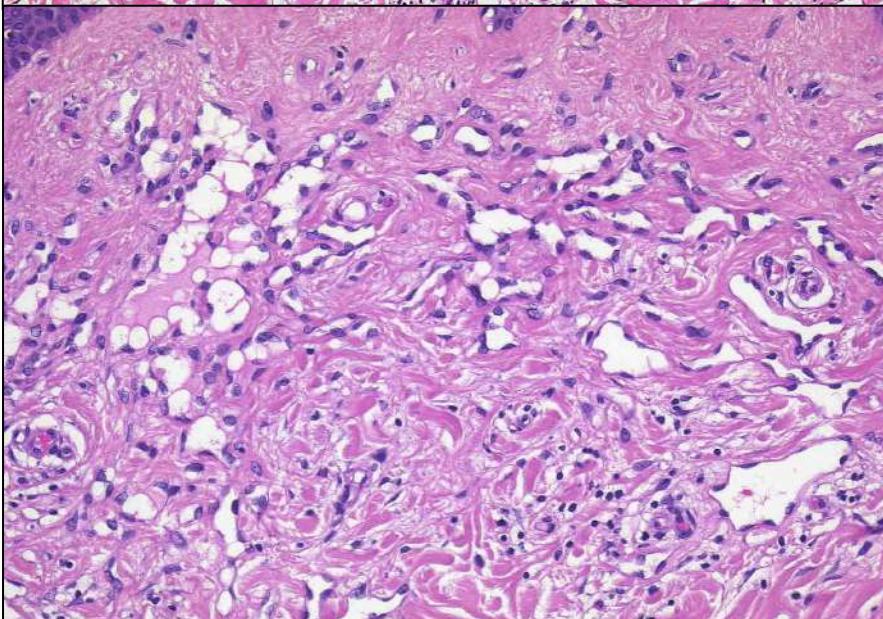


F, 63 years, BLAP

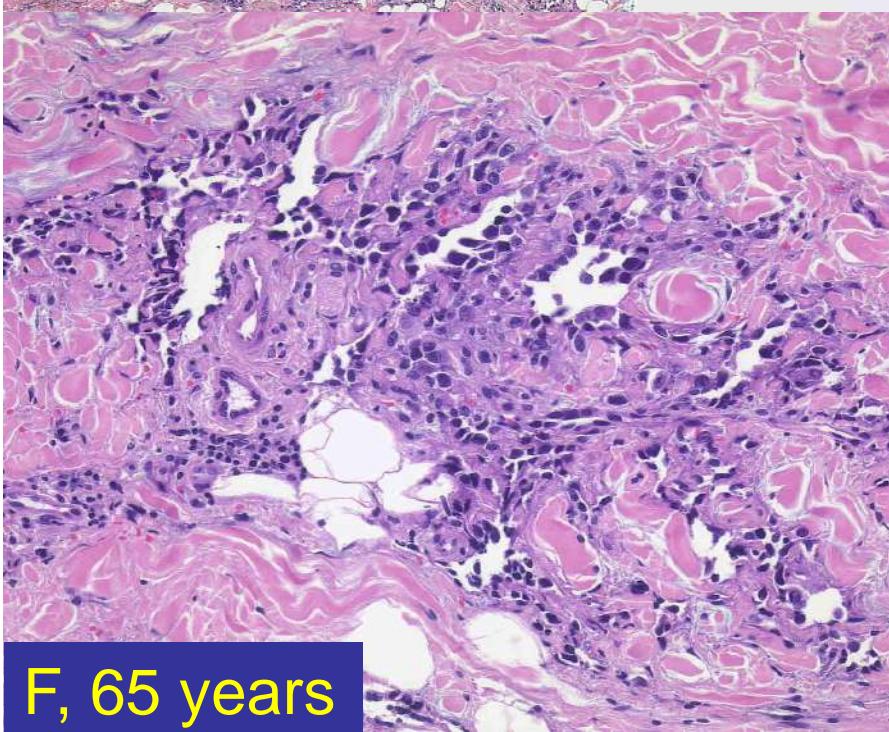
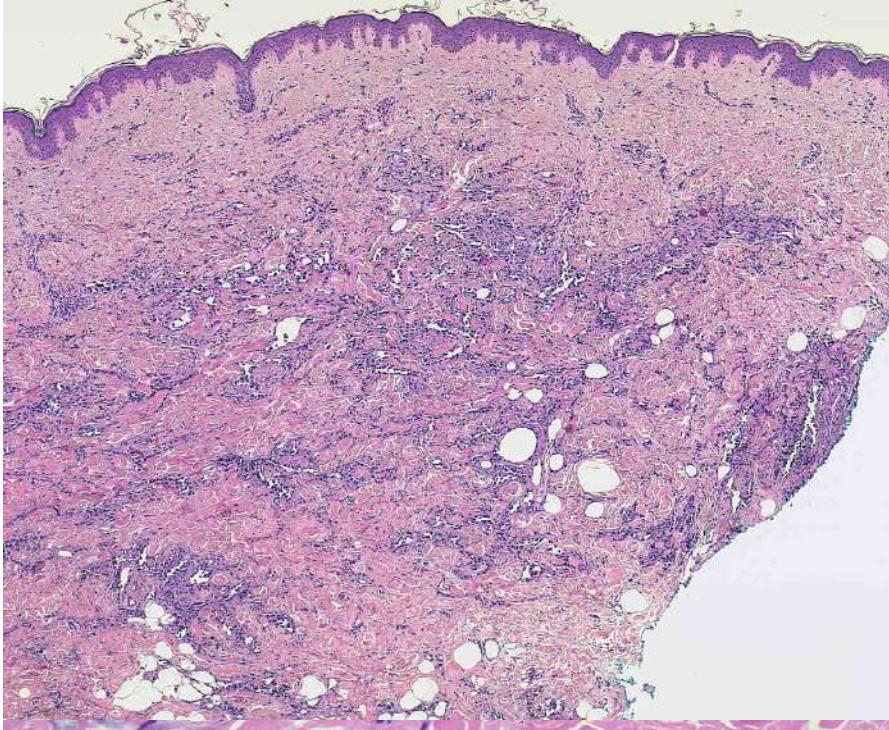




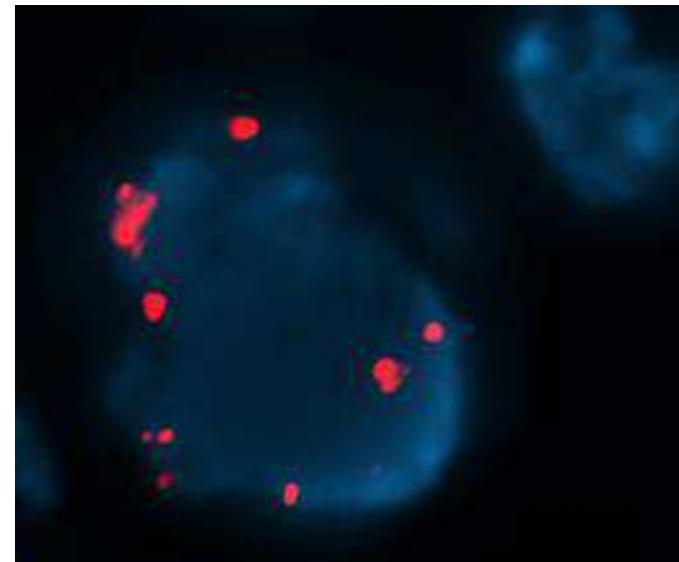
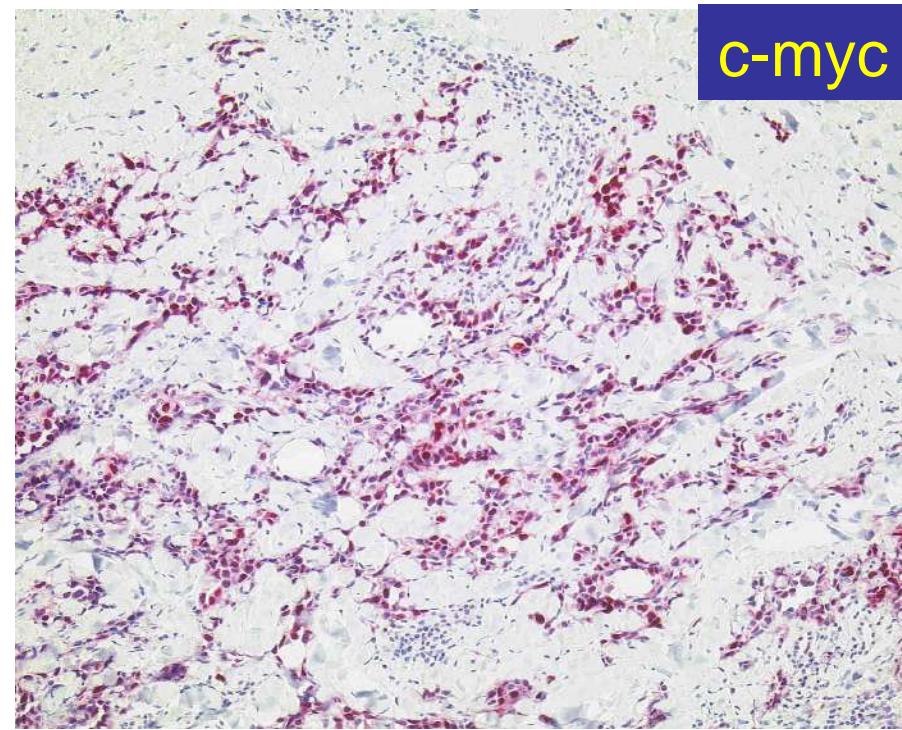
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F, 65 years, AVL, NSR at 36/12



F, 65 years



Problematic issue: Incidence of postradiation Angiosarcoma

Marchal C et al. Int J ROBP 1999; 44: 113

9 AS in 18115 patients = 0.049%

Strobbe LJ et al. Breast Cancer RT 1998; 47: 101

estimated incidence is 0.16%

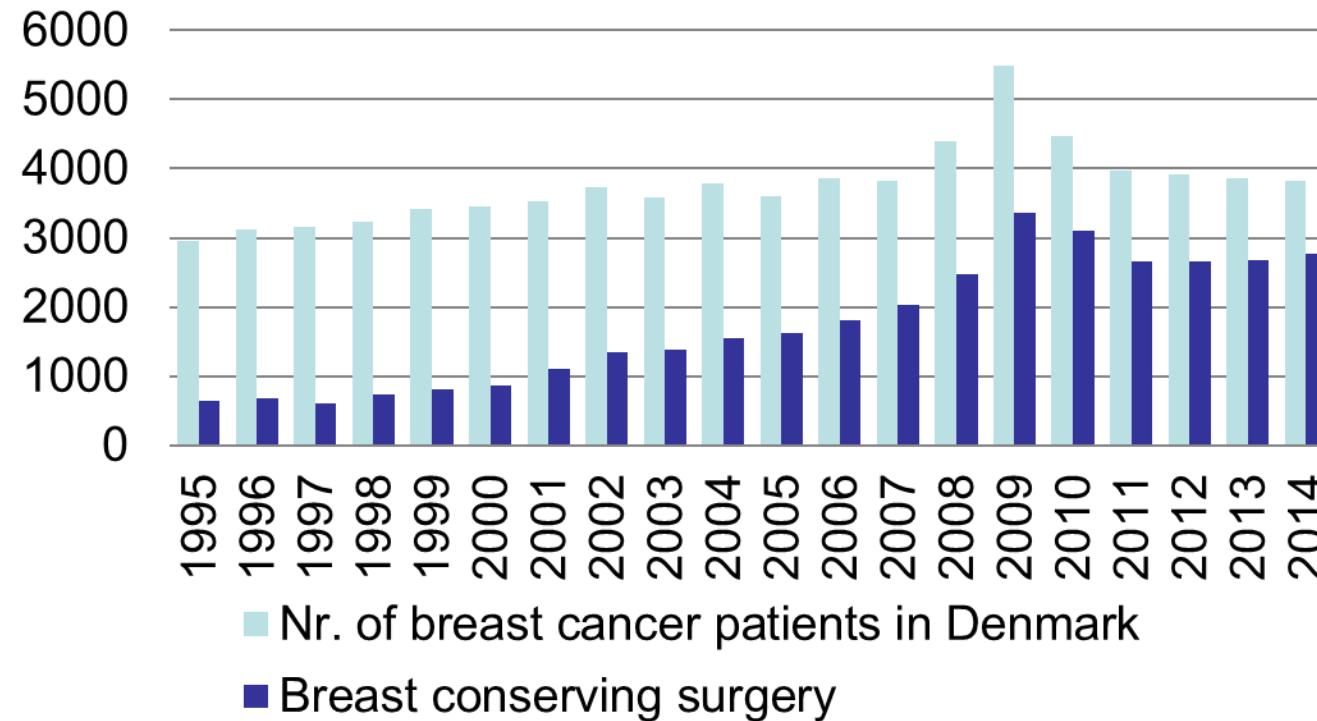
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estimated rate 0.05% - 1.11%

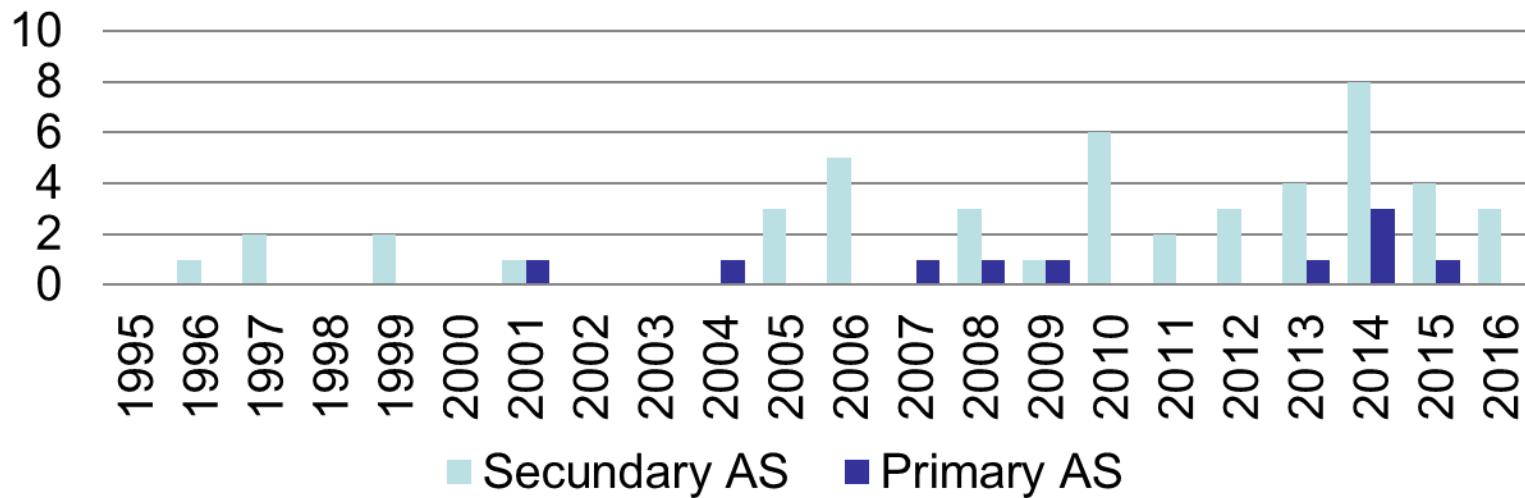
Hornick JL Practical Soft Tissue Pathology

reported risk varies from 0.09% to 0.3%

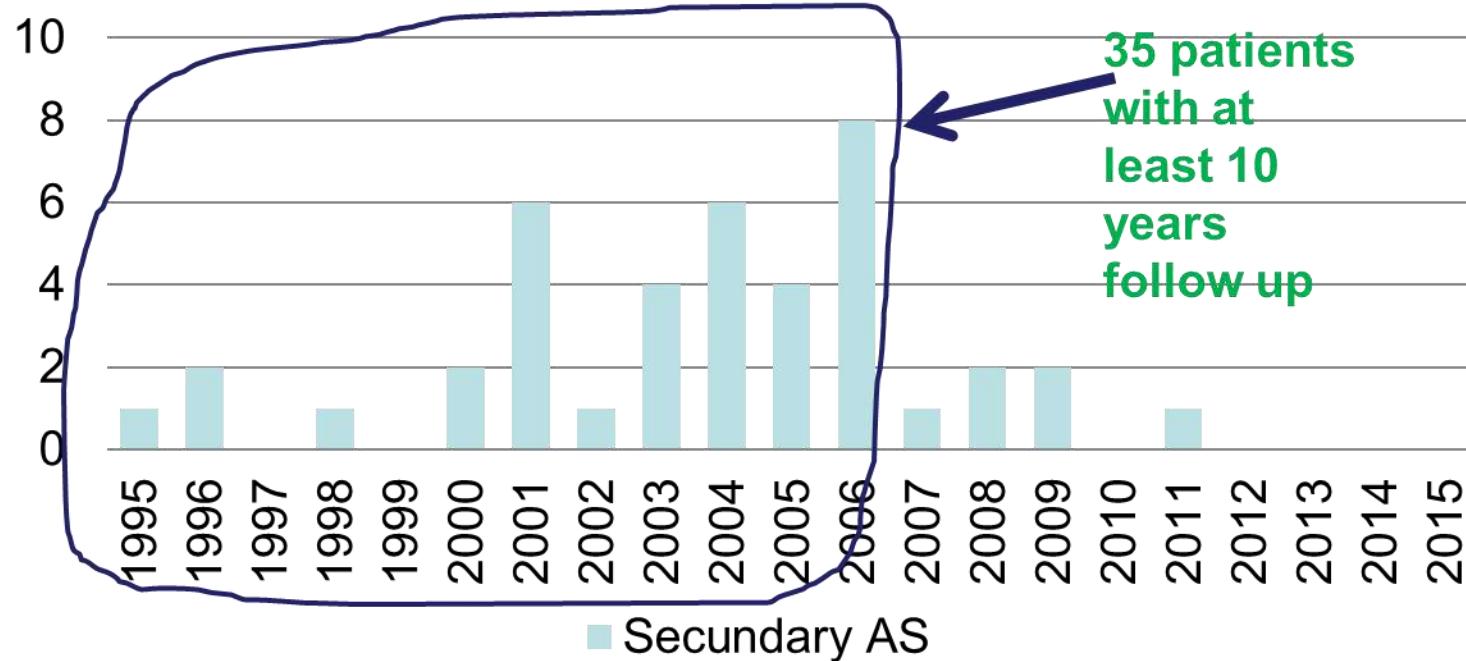
Breast carcinoma in Denmark 1995-2014



AS of the breast in DK, the year of AS diagnosis



The year of breast cancer diagnosis of AS patients



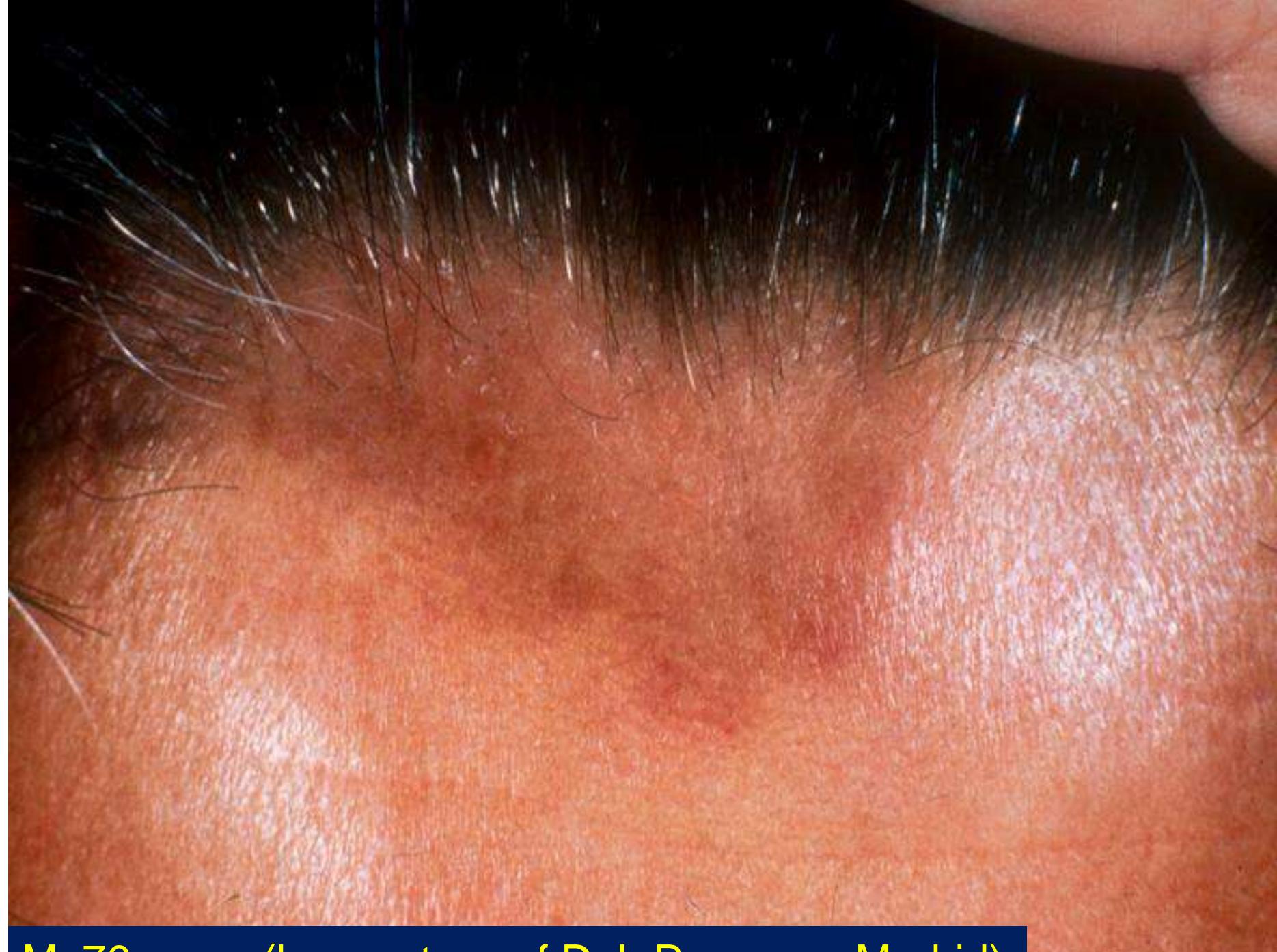
1995-2006: 13.150 patients received radiotherapy
35 patients developed AS within follow-up period
incidence of RT-induced AS 0.266%
9 patients developed other sarcomas
incidence of RT-induced sarcomas 0.319%



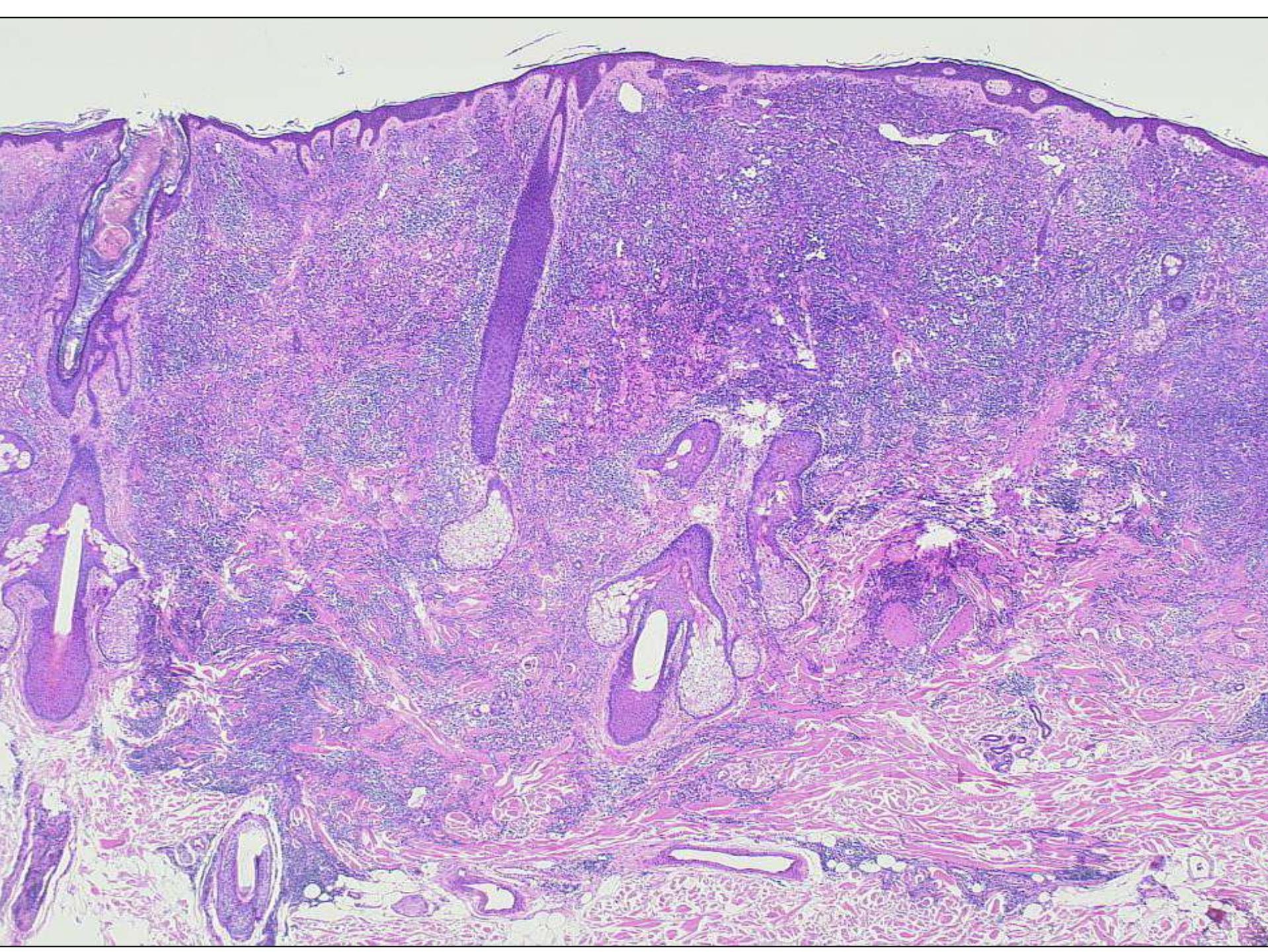
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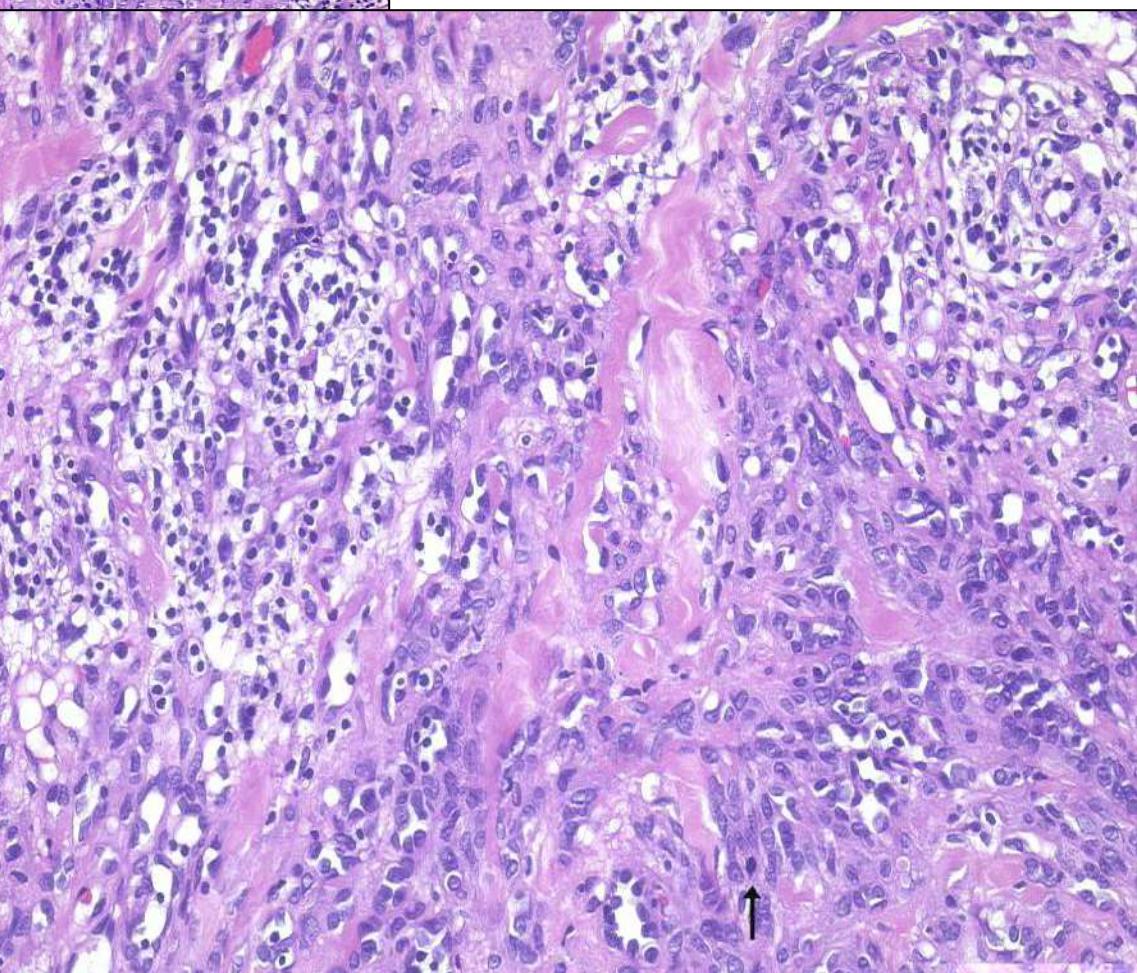
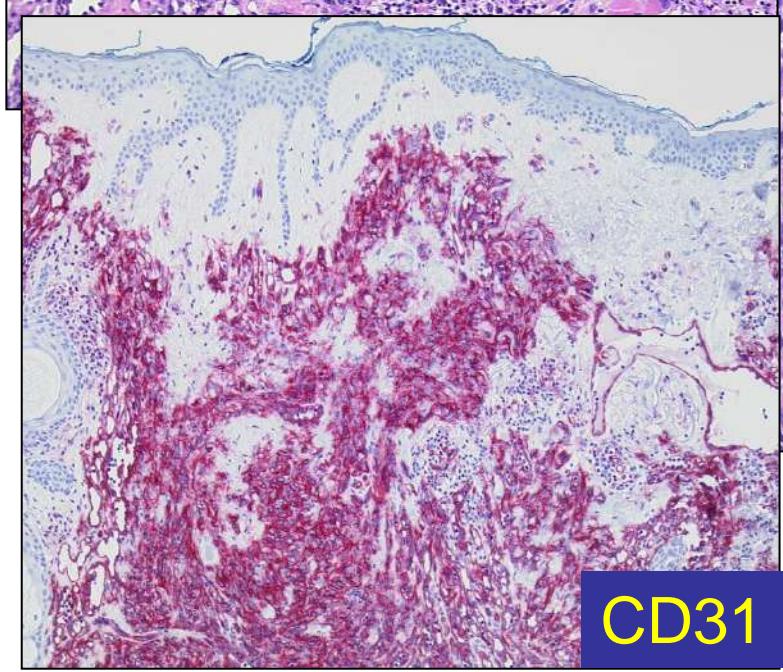
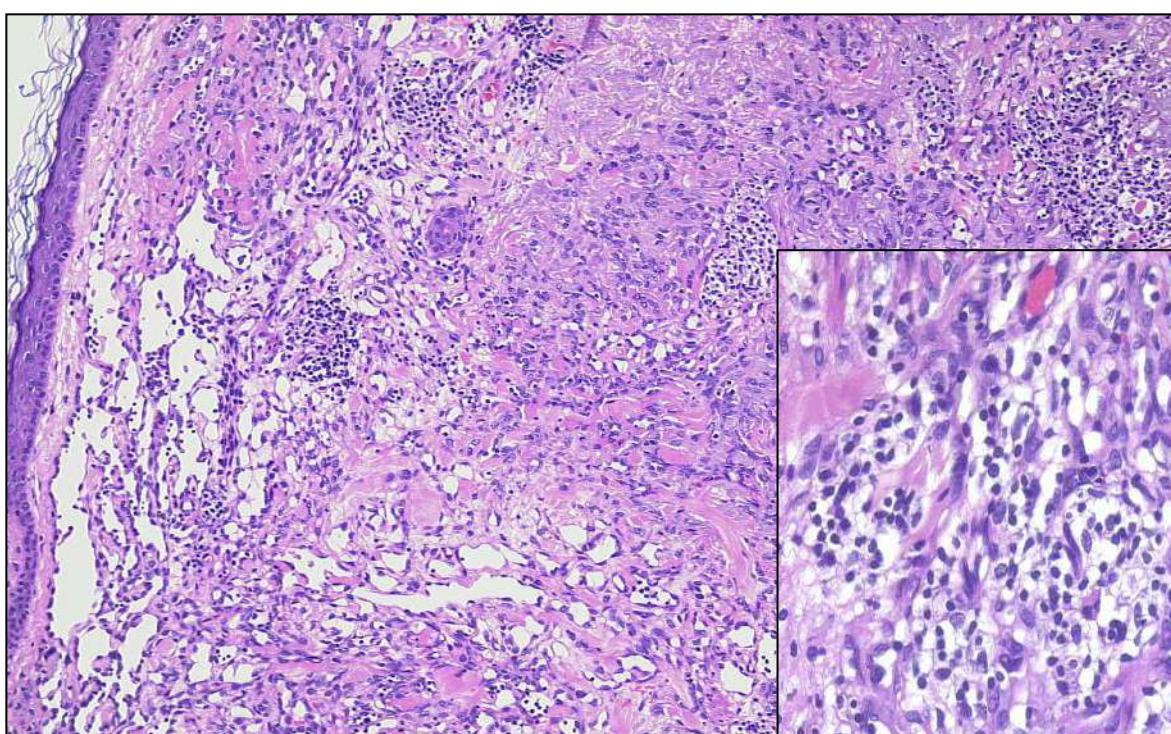
Conclusions

- all cutaneous vascular lesions after radiotherapy should be excised completely
- presence / absence of c-myc amplification / expression represents an additional finding in order to establish the correct dignity in RT-associated vascular lesions
- c-myc stainings may be used for mapping
- raises the possibility of new potential therapeutic options (*MYC* / *FLT4* amplification)
i.e. Sorafenib
- extended follow-up studies are necessary



M, 76 years (by courtesy of Dr.L.Requena, Madrid)

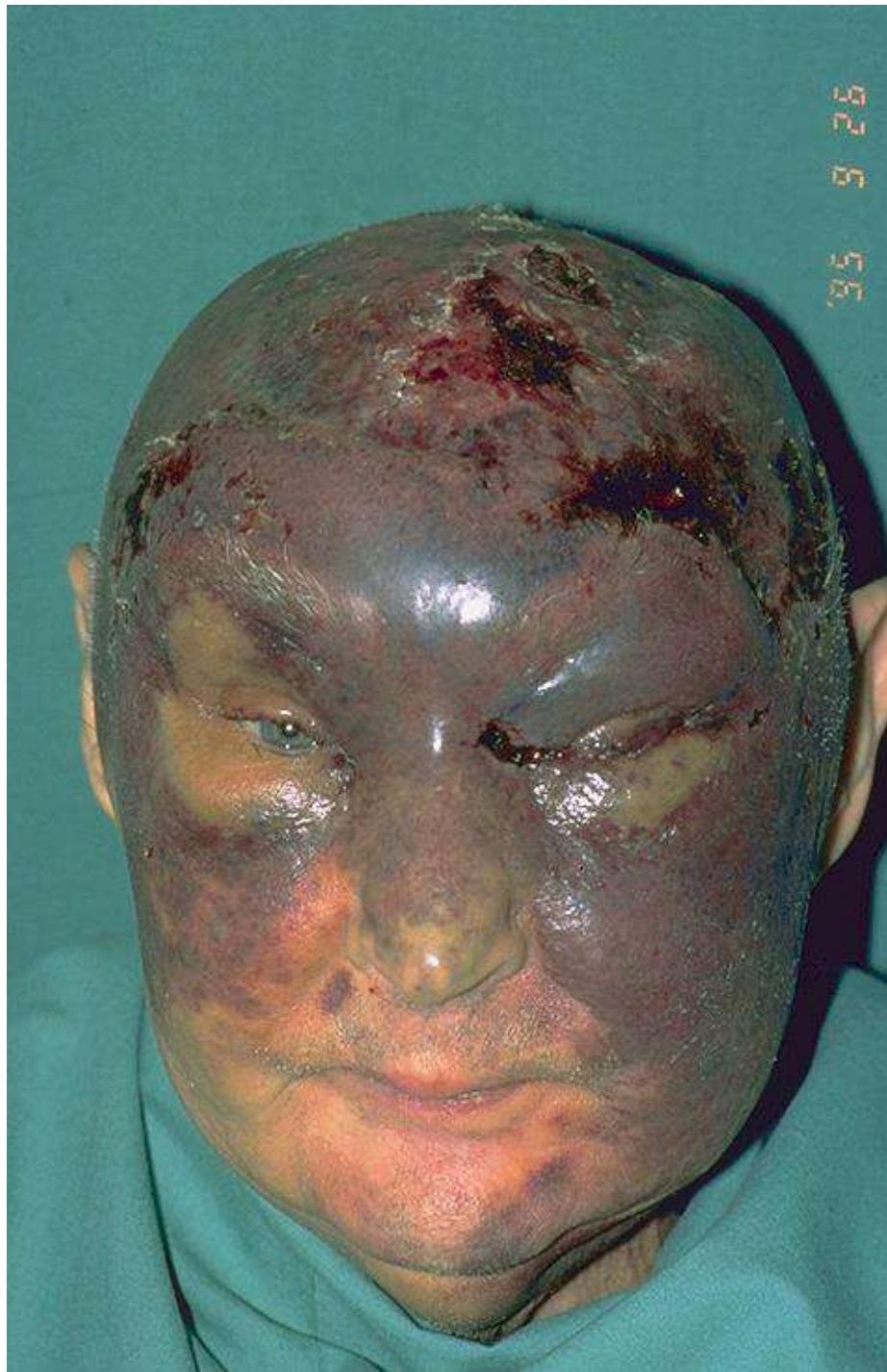
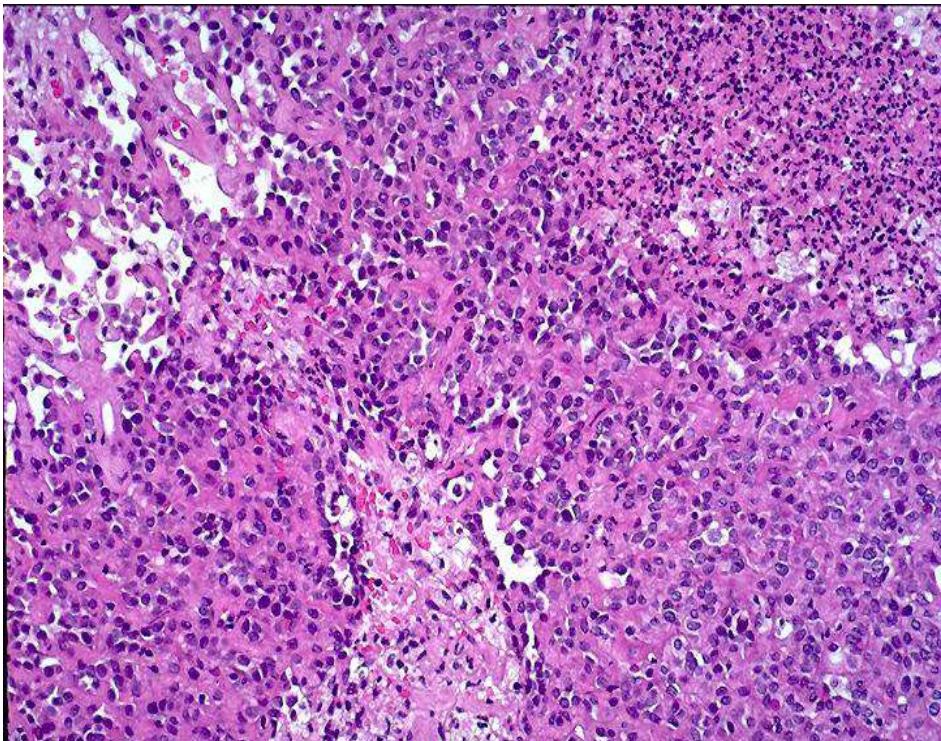




Cutaneous actinic Angiosarcoma

- irregular red plaques, nodular lesions, resemble inflammatory lesions, cut. lymphomas
- infiltrating, anastomosing vessels, atypical endothelial cells, mitoses, epithelioid morphology only rarely, prominent lymphocytic infiltrate
- CD31 +, CD34 -/+, D2-40+/-, Lyfe-1 +/-
- locally aggressive, many recurrences, late metastases, 5-years survival 15-30%
- adjuvant therapy: i.e. Paclitaxel, Thalidomide
(Eur J Cancer 2008; 30: 639; Cancer 2005; 104: 361)

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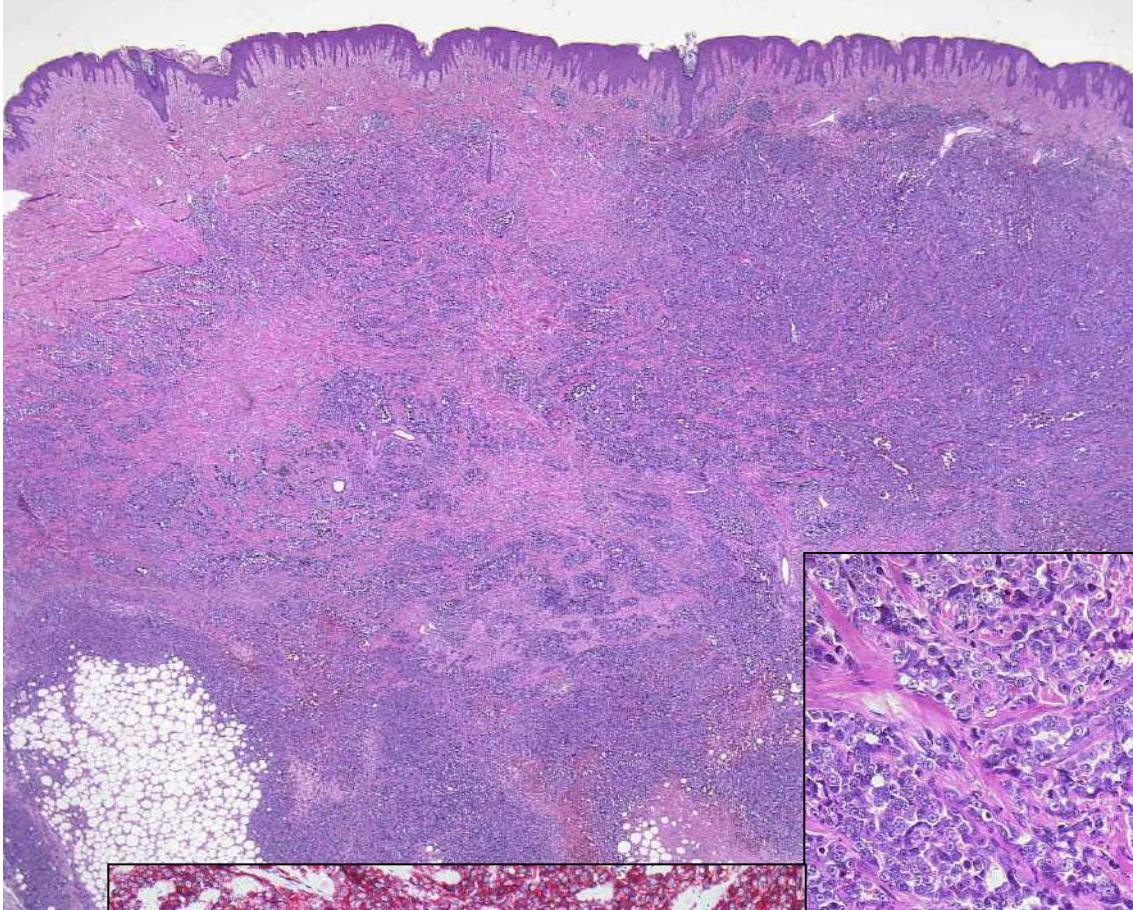
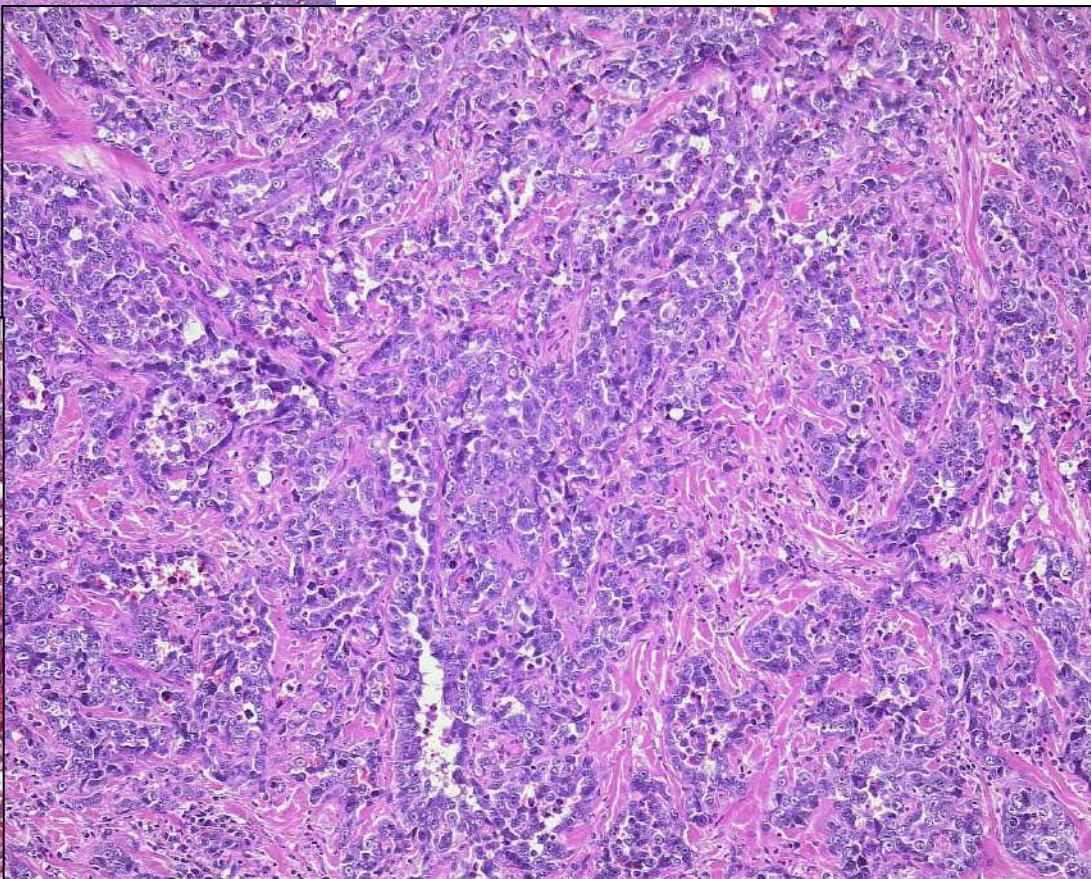
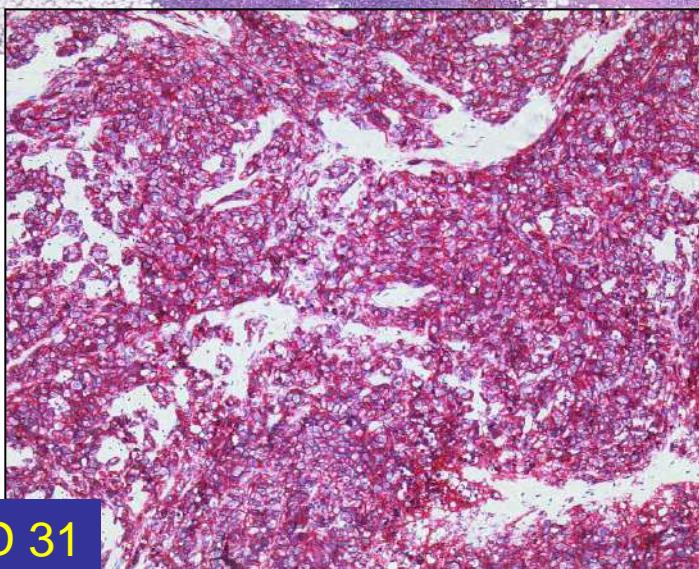


Primary cutaneous epithelioid angiosarcoma: a clinicopathologic study of 13 cases of a rare neoplasm occurring outside the setting of conventional angiosarcomas and with predilection for the limbs

Suchak R et al. AJSP 2011; 35: 60

- 13 cases, $x = 66$ years, extremities (10)
- solitary (10), multicentric (3)
- dermis, infiltration of subcutis
- confluent areas of epithelioid tumour cells
- atypia, mitoses, necrosis (40%)
- CD 31 +, Fli-1 +, CK in 2/3 +
- 6/11 MTS, 6/11 DOD

F, 88 years
abdominal wall



Conclusions: cutaneous Angiosarcoma

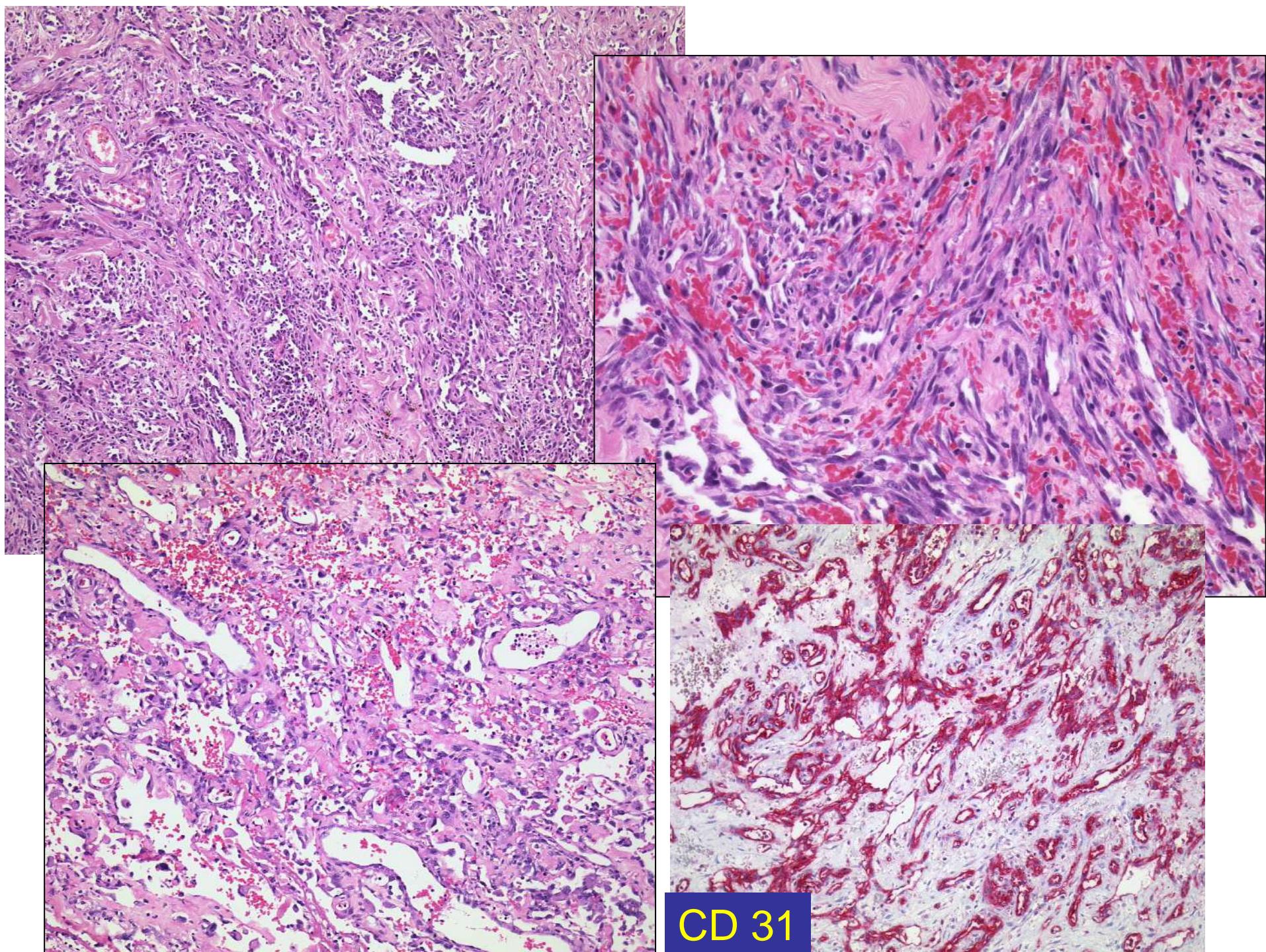
- varying clinical presentation mimicking an inflammatory disorder, cut. lymphoma
- often prominent inflammation
- clinically very aggressive neoplasms
- morphological grading has no prognostic influence (AJSP 2008; 32: 1896)
- rare epithelioid angiosarcoma has a worse prognosis (AJSP 2011; 35: 60)



!!! Think on cutaneous angiosarcoma !!!

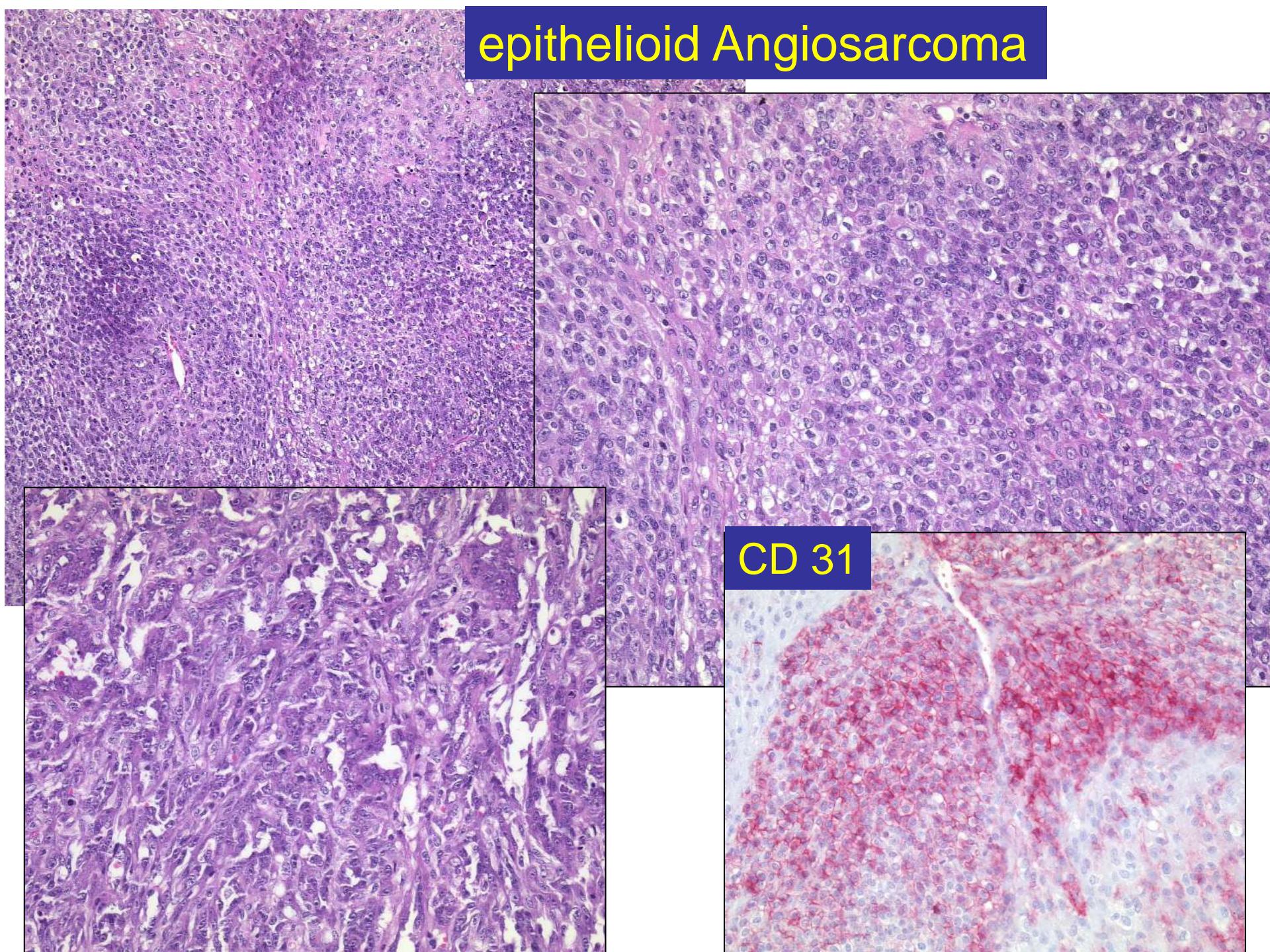
Angiosarcoma of Soft Tissues

- very rare (< 1 % of all sarcomas)
 - elderly patients, M > F,
lower > upper extremities, trunk > head
 - rarely intraabdominal, retroperitoneal
 - rarely multicentric
 - very rarely in preexisting haemangiomas
 - very rarely in nerve sheath tumours
 - local recurrences in 20-30%
metastases in 50%
- 5-year survival 20-30%
- aggressive surgery



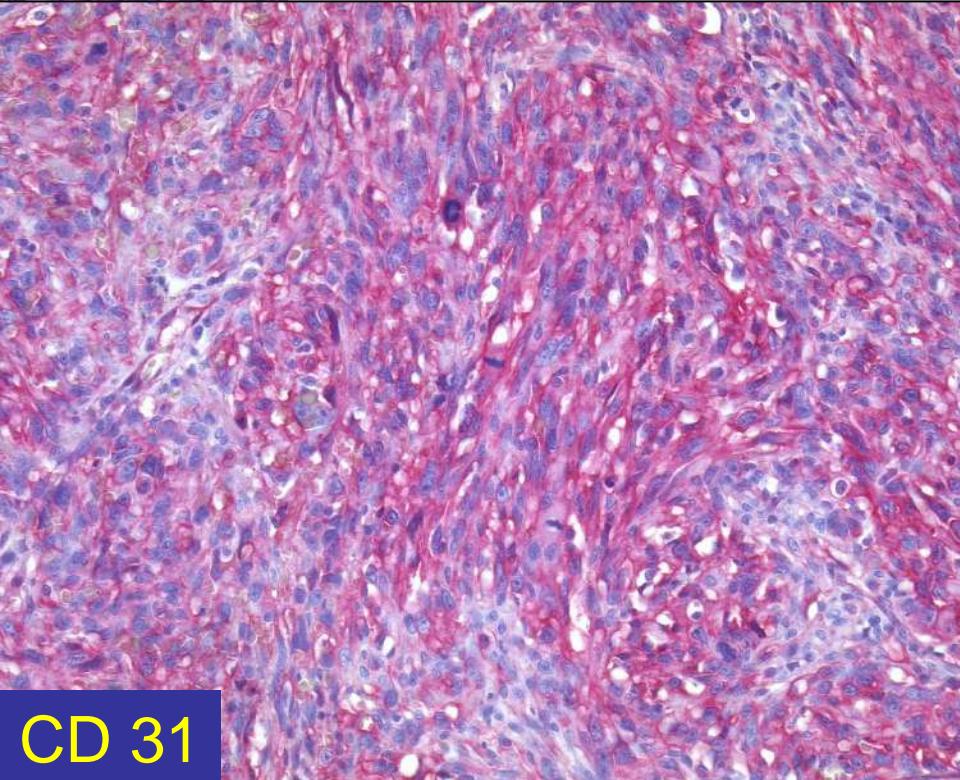
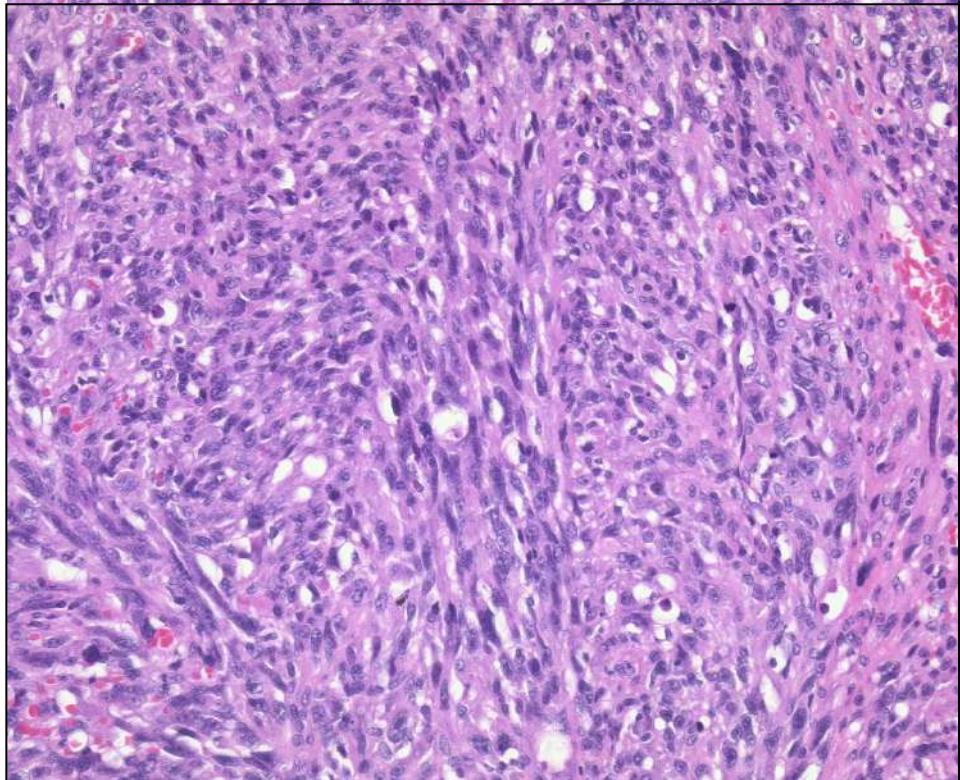
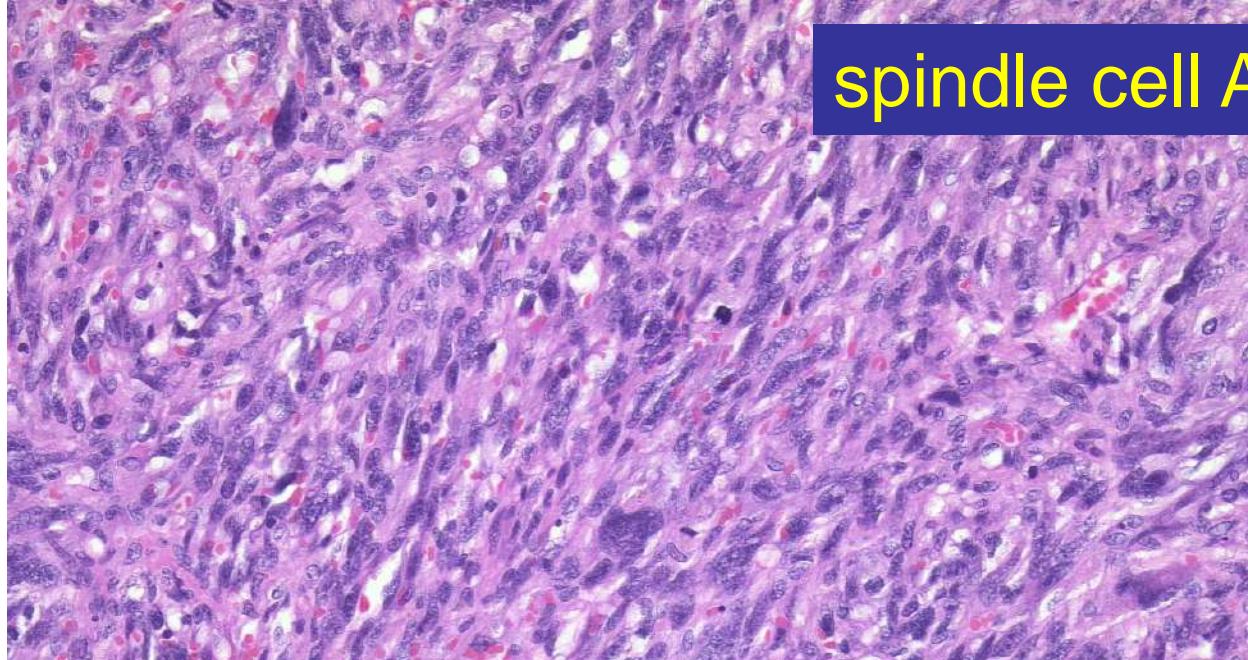
CD 31

epithelioid Angiosarcoma



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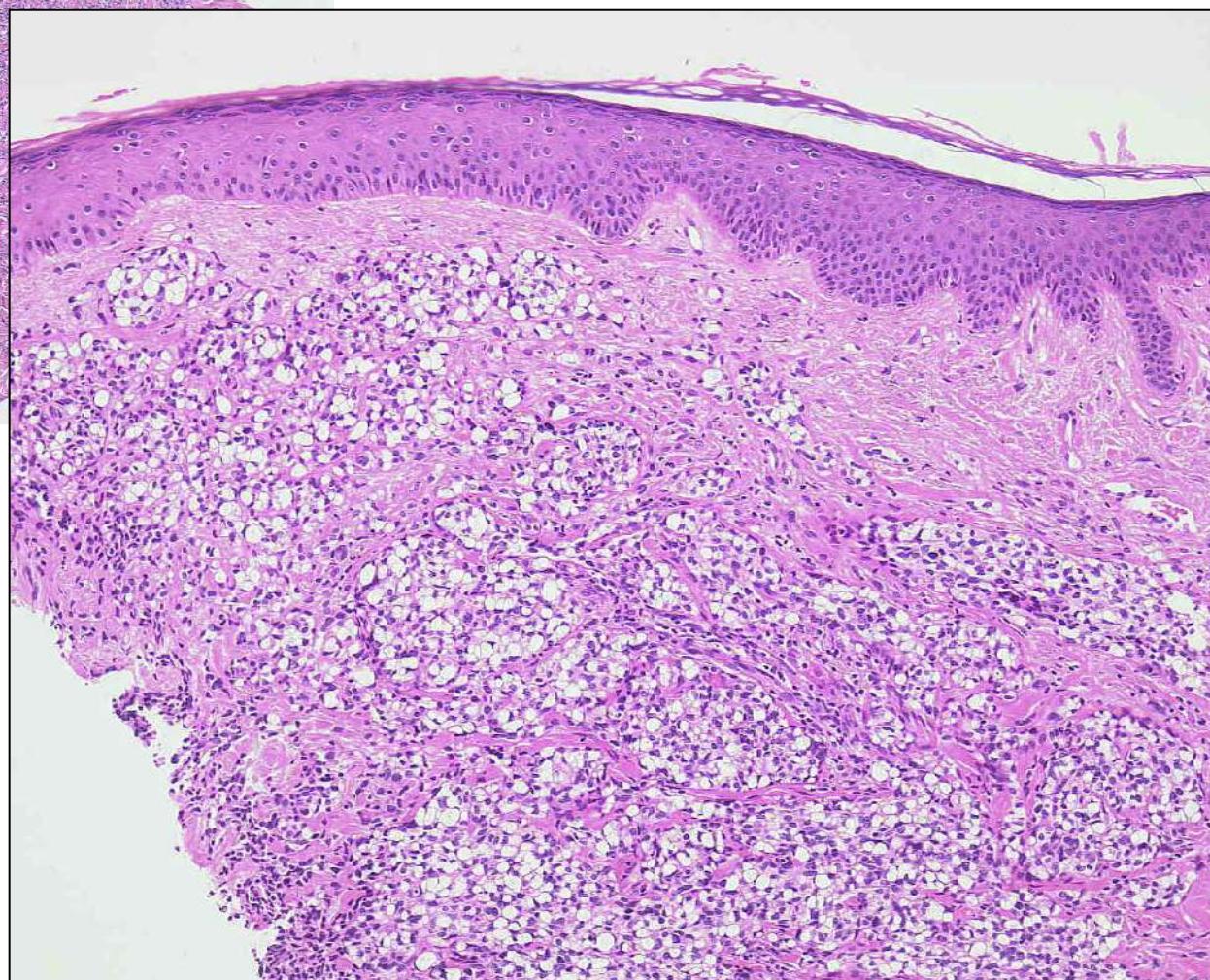
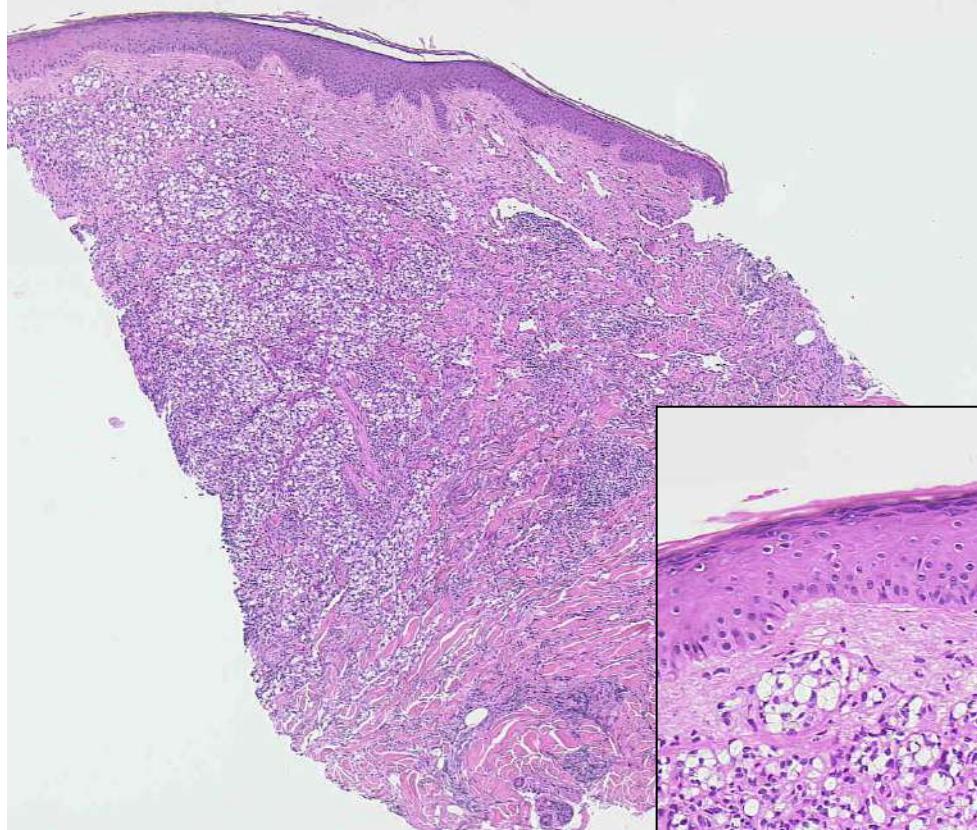
spindle cell Angiosarcoma

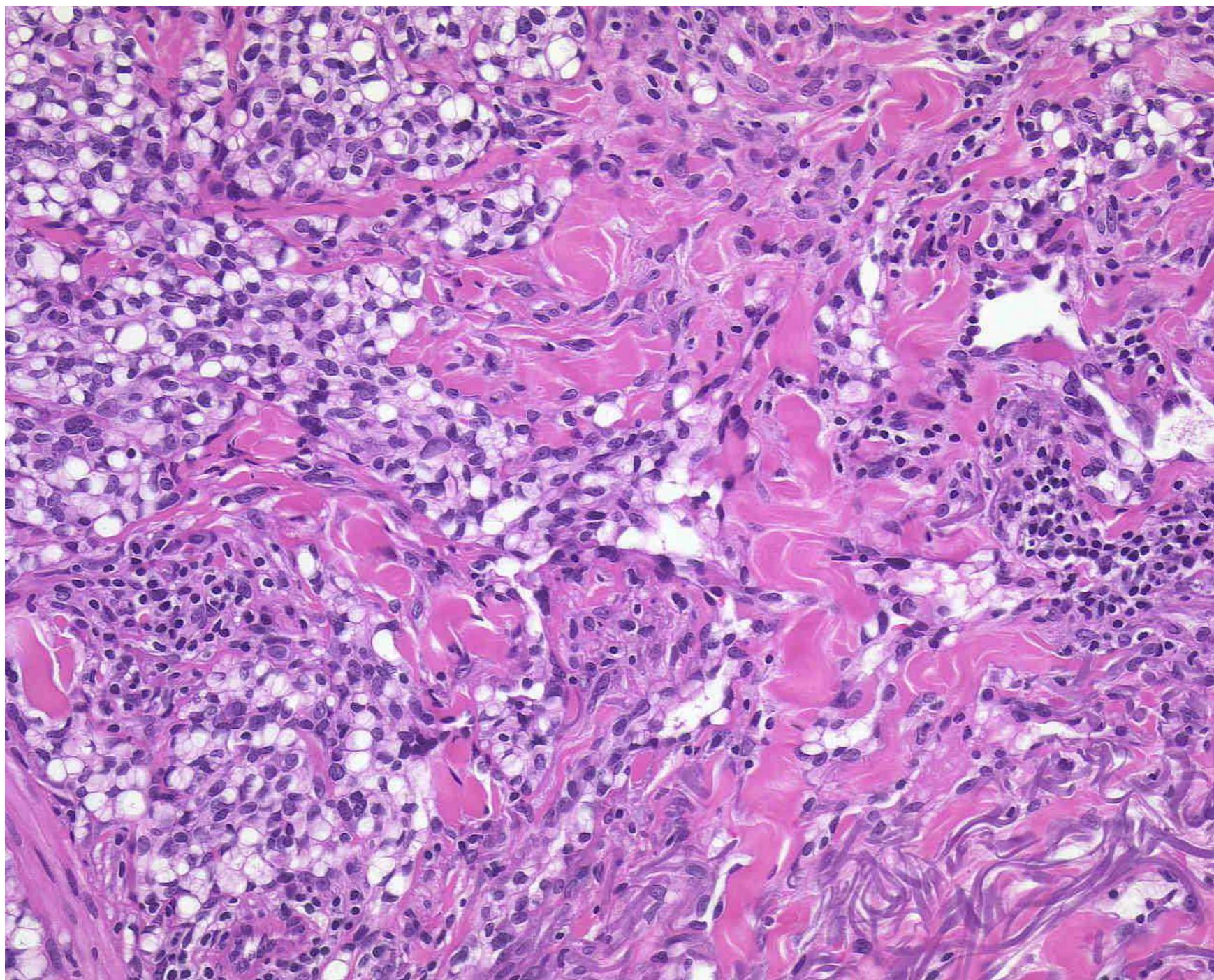


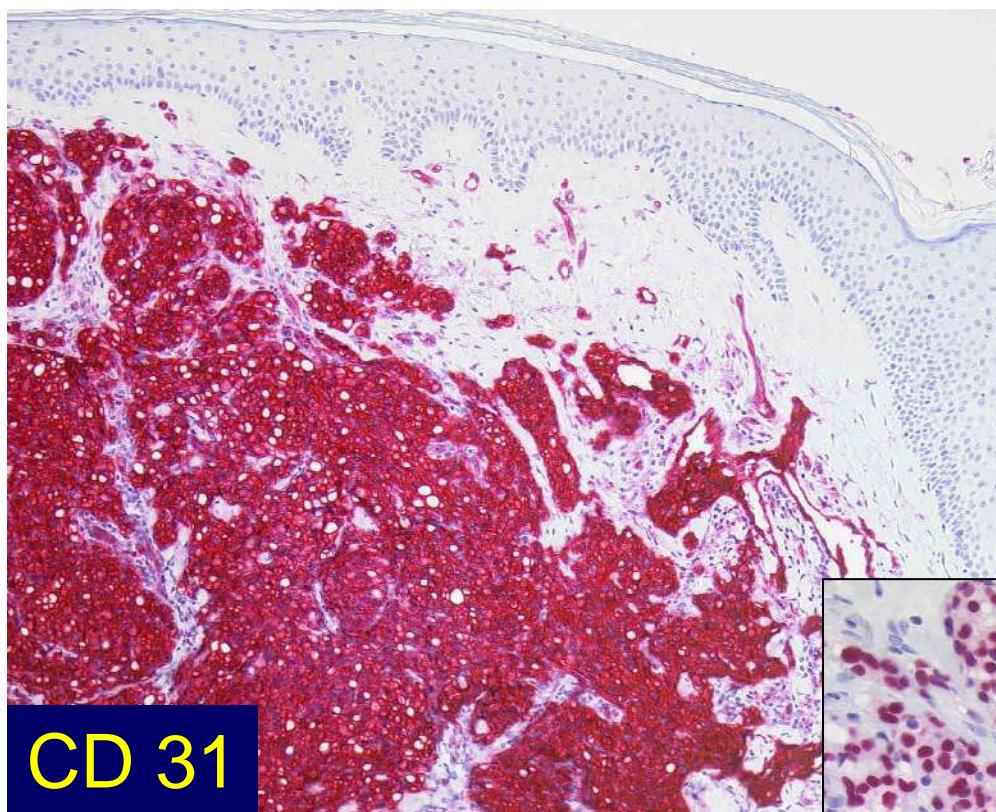
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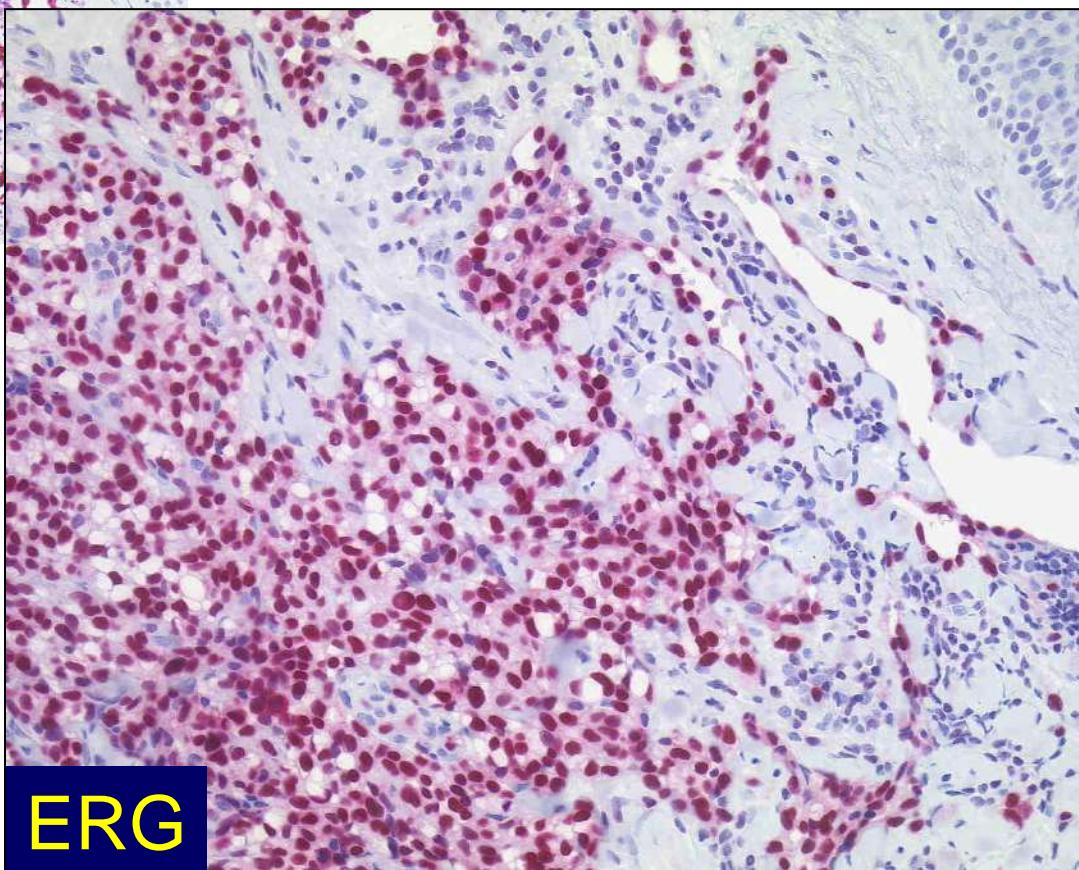
M, 74 years, BCC was suspected, biopsy







CD 31



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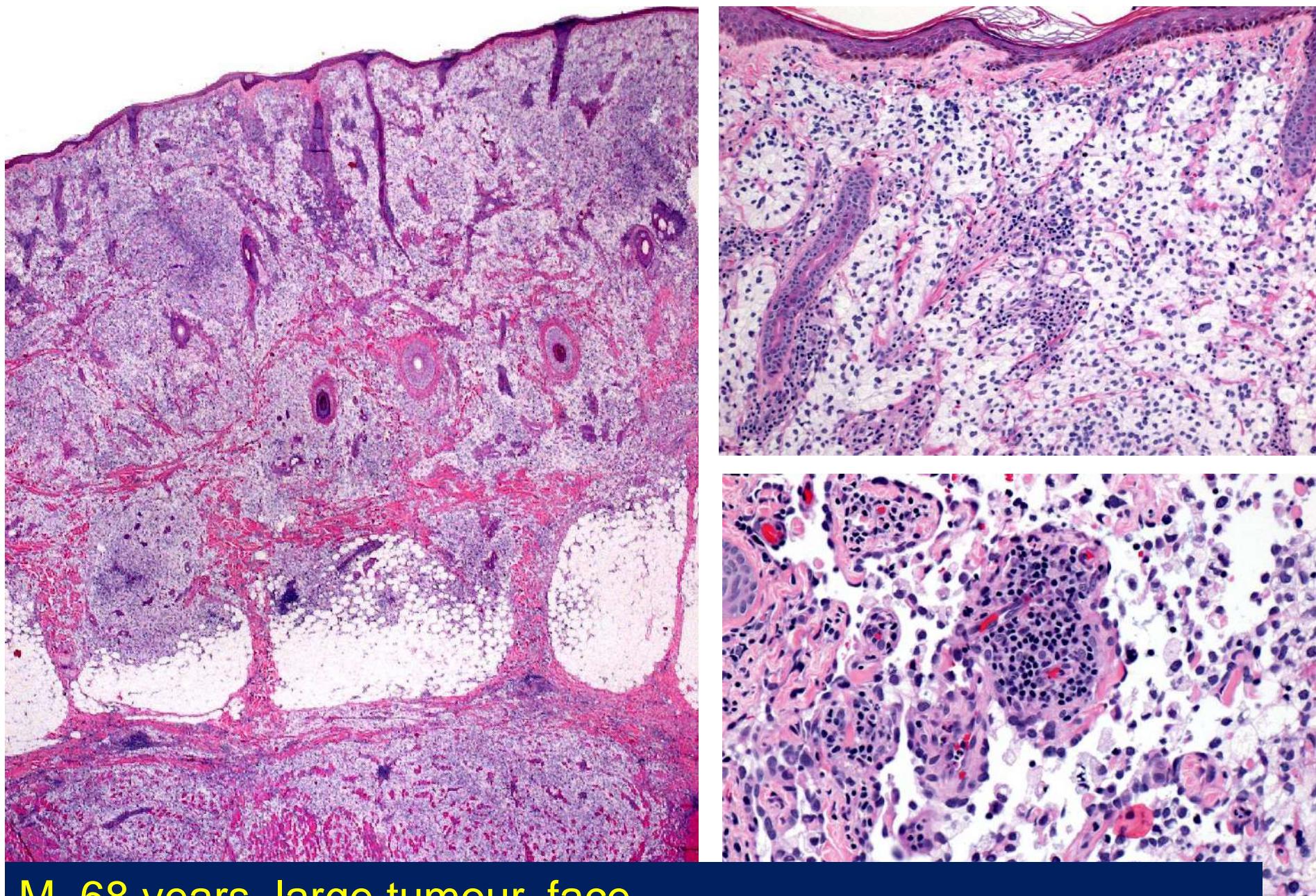
Signet ring cell Angiosarcoma

Salviato T et al. AJDP 2013; 35: 671

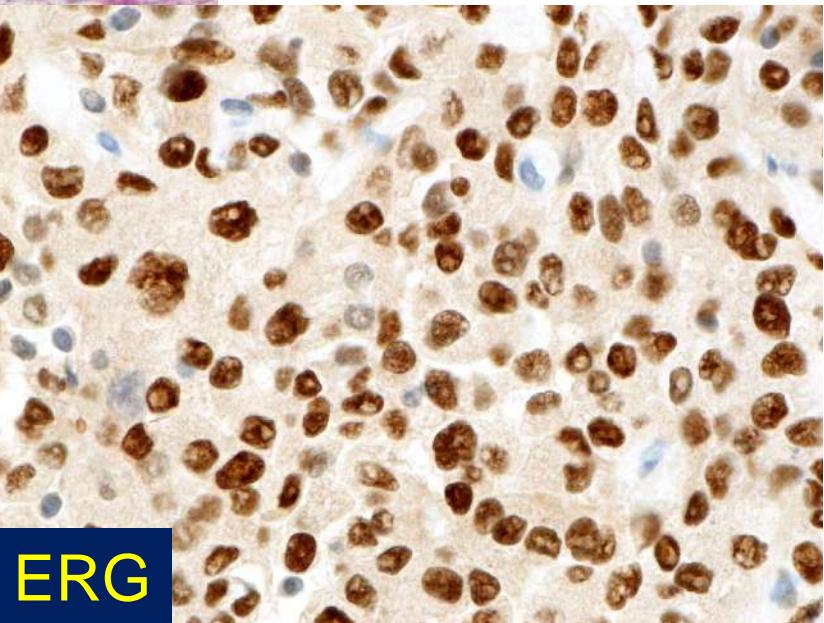
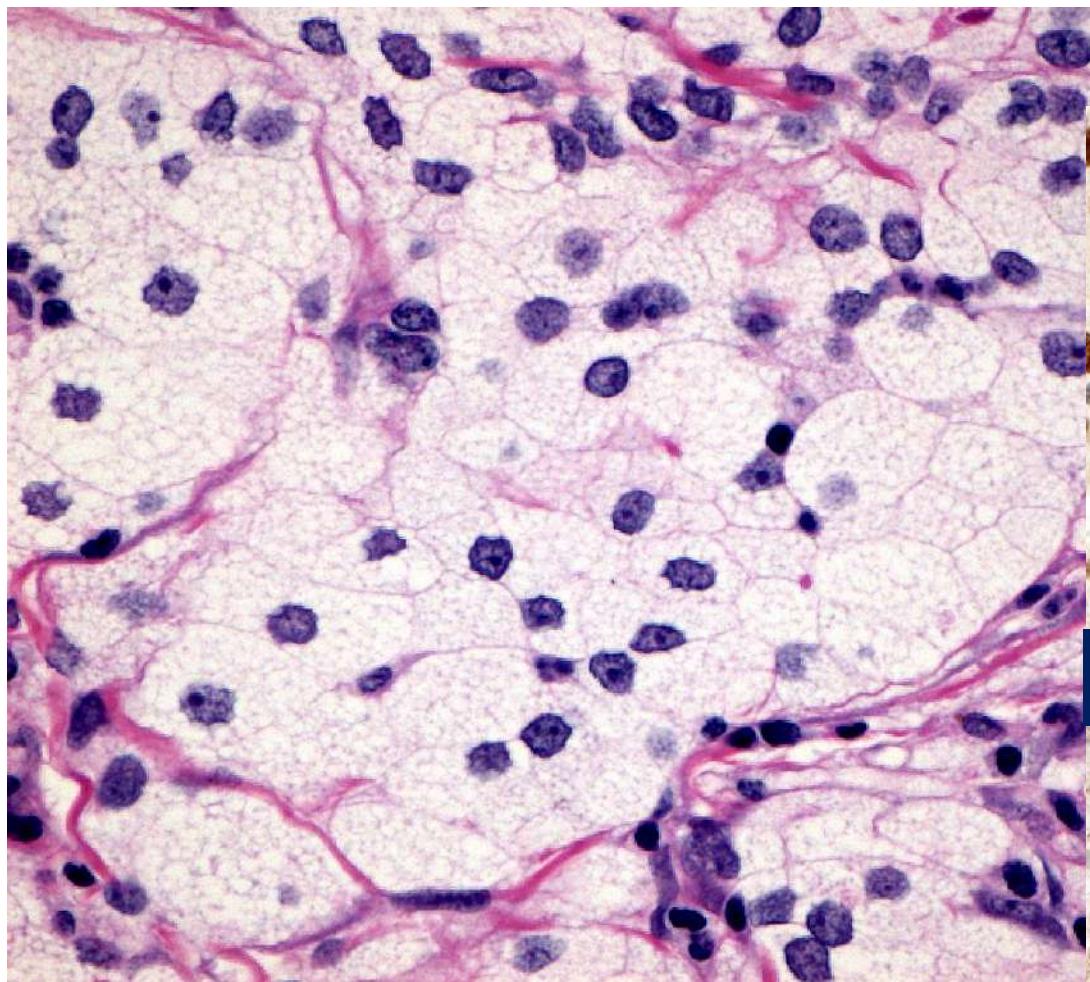
- two cases, F, 68 years, M, 85 years
- parietal, retroauricular skin
- CD 31+, CD 34 +, Podoplanin +

Wood et al. Histopathology 2015; 66: 856

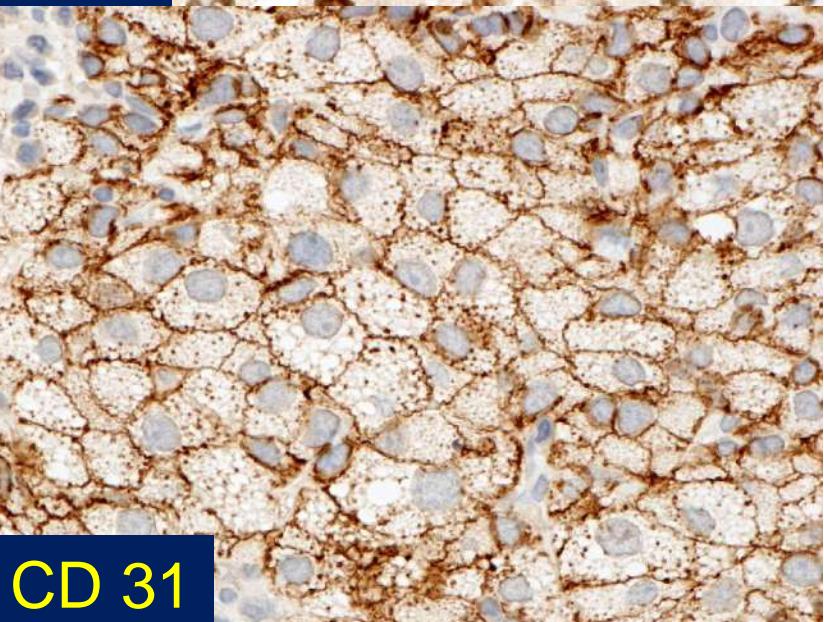
(2 x signet ring AS, 2 x foamy cell AS,
1 x granular cell AS)



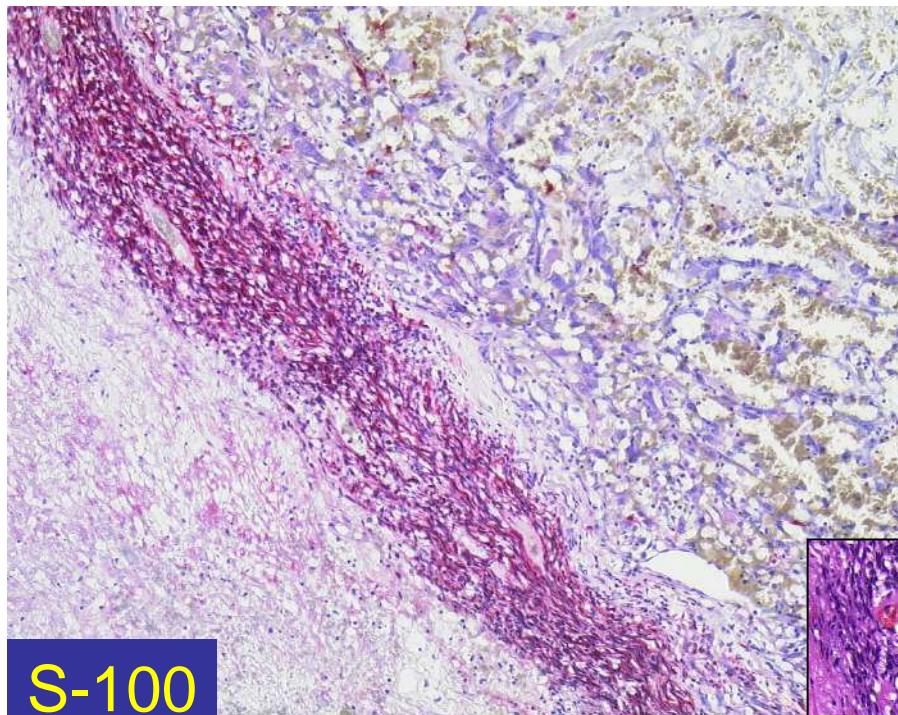
M, 68 years, large tumour, face
foam cell angiosarcoma (by courtesy of Dr.Th.Brenn, Calgary)



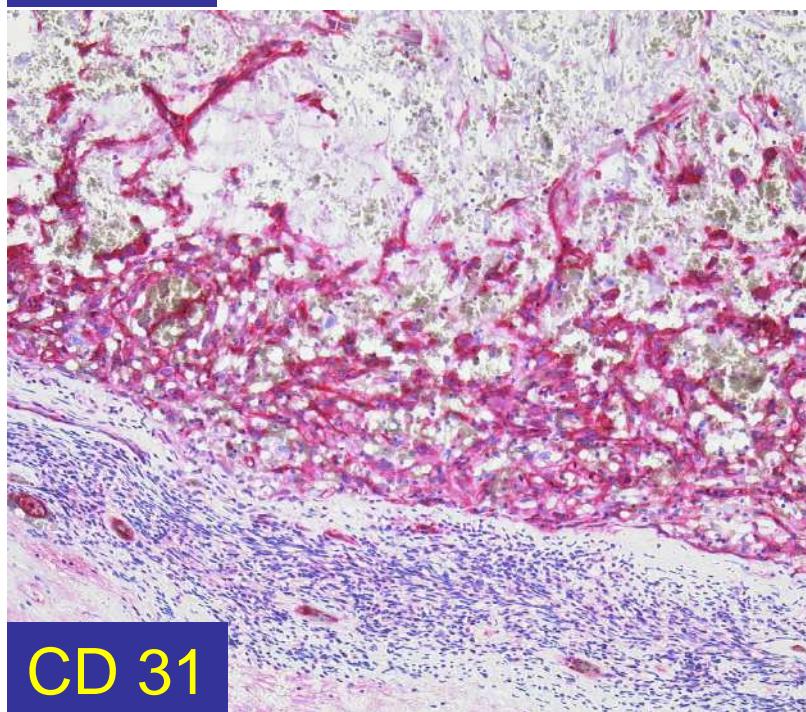
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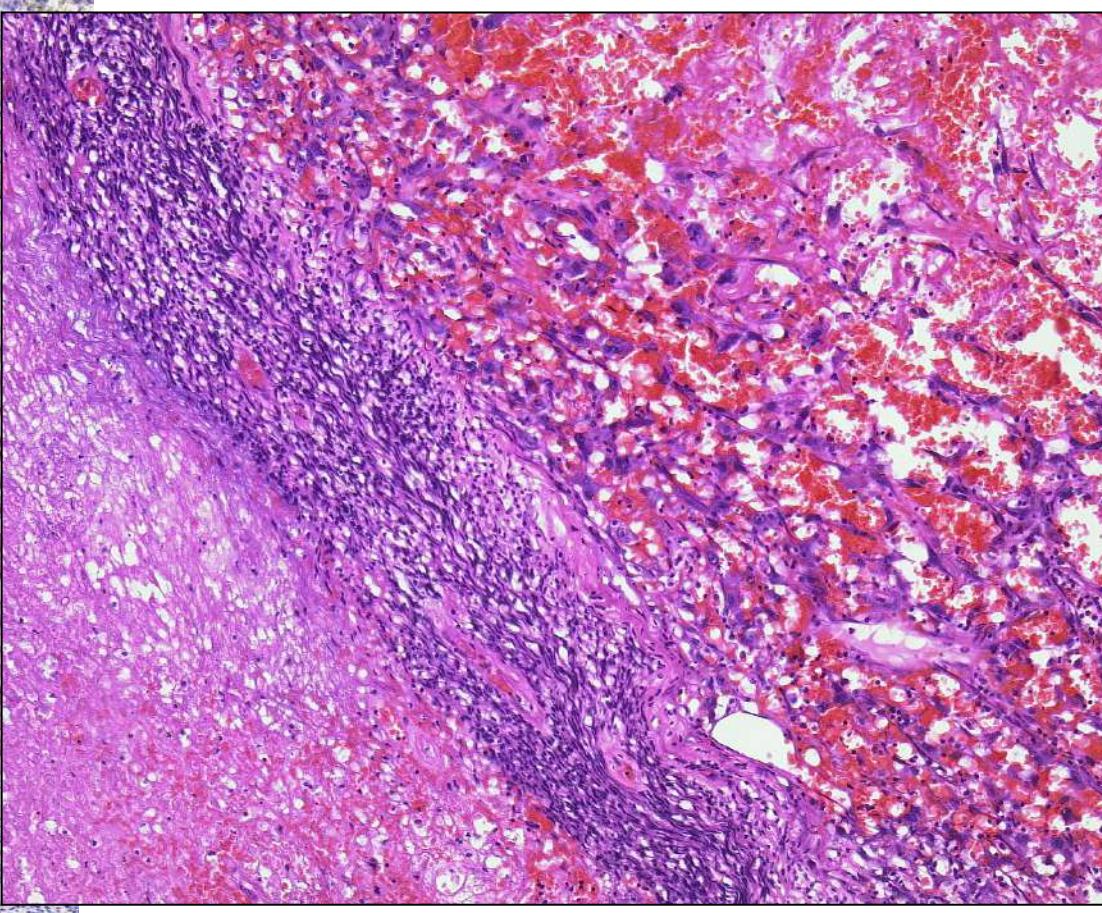


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CD 31

Angiosarcoma in a pre-existing schwannoma
F, 73 years, neck
(Mentzel T, Katenkamp D
Histopathology 1999; 35: 114)



Histopathologic grading in angiosarcoma

WHO-classification 2019:
grade does not correlate with prognosis

Primary angiosarcoma of the breast: clinico-pathologic analysis of 49 cases, suggesting that grade is not prognostic

Nascimento AF et al. AJSP 2008; 32: 1896

Histopathologic grading is of prognostic significance in primary angiosarcoma of breast: proposal of a simplified 2-tier grading system

Kuba MG et al. AJSP 2023; 47: 307-317

low-grade:	no / < 10% of solid foci < 10 mitoses/mm ² no tumour necrosis
high-grade:	> 10% of solid foci > 10 mitoses/mm ² tumour necrosis

low-grade angiosarcoma of the breast

5-year survival: 74%

high-grade angiosarcoma of the breast

5-year survival: 38%

PIK3CA and *KDR* alterations were identified in
angiosarcomas of the breast with
worse prognosis

Molecular Pathology of Angiosarcoma

Array-CGH analysis identifies two distinct subgroups of primary angiosarcoma

SLJ Verbeke et al. Genes Chromosomes Cancer 2015; 54: 72

- bone (13) and soft tissue (5) neoplasms
- array-CGH, FISH analysis and IM have been performed
- group 1: complex genetic profile
(disrupted Rb pathway in 55%, lack of CDKN2A expression)
- group 2: few genetic aberrations only
(*MYC* amplification, *FLT4* coamplification,
high level amplification of 2q, 17q)
- no genetic differences between bone and soft tissue AS

Consistent *MYC* and *FLT4* gene amplification in radiation-induced angiosarcoma but not in other radiation-associated atypical vascular lesions

T Guo et al. Genes Chromosomes Cancer 2011; 50: 25-33

***KDR* activating mutations in human angiosarcomas are sensitive to specific kinase inhibitors**

CR Antonescu et al. Cancer Res 2009; 15: 7175-7179

Recurrent CIC gene abnormalities in angiosarcomas: A molecular study of 120 cases with concurrent investigation of PLGCG1, KDR, MYC, and FLT4 gene alterations (120 cases)

Huang SC et al. Am J Surg Pathol 2016; 40: 645-655

Targeted massively parallel sequencing of angiosarcomas reveals frequent activation of the mitogen activated protein kinase pathway

R Murali et al. Oncotarget 2015; 6: 36041

DNA methylation profiling identifies distinct clusters in angiosarcoma

Weidema ME et al. Clin Cancer Res 2020; 26: 93

36 primary angiosarcomas

6 visceral AS, 5 soft tissue AS, 14 radiation-induced AS,
11 UV-induced AS

DNA methylation revealed two main clusters (A,B)
and four subclusters

A1: UV-induced AS

A2: radiation-induced AS

B: visceral and soft tissue AS

Cluster A: increased chromosomal instability
better overall survival compared with cluster B

Conclusions: Vascular tumours of skin and soft tissues

- recognition of vascular malformations
- angiomas are a heterogeneous group
- haemangioendotheliomas are a heterogeneous group of vascular neoplasms
- AVL after RT should be handled cautiously
- angiosarcomas may mimic inflammation / cutaneous lymphoma / pseudolymphoma
- broad morphological spectrum of AS
- AS are heterogeneous genetically

SMILE!!!!
it confuses people

