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Case study

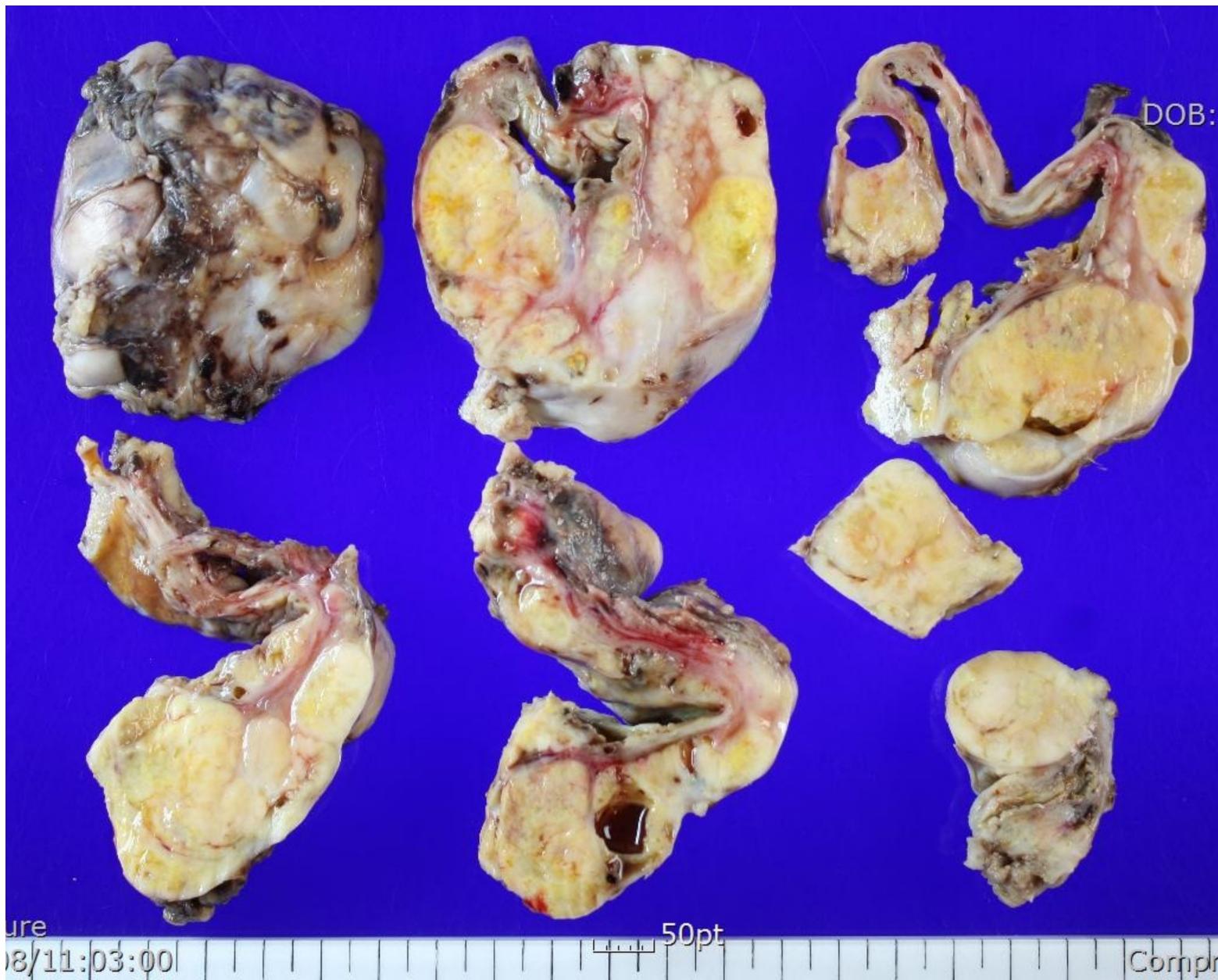
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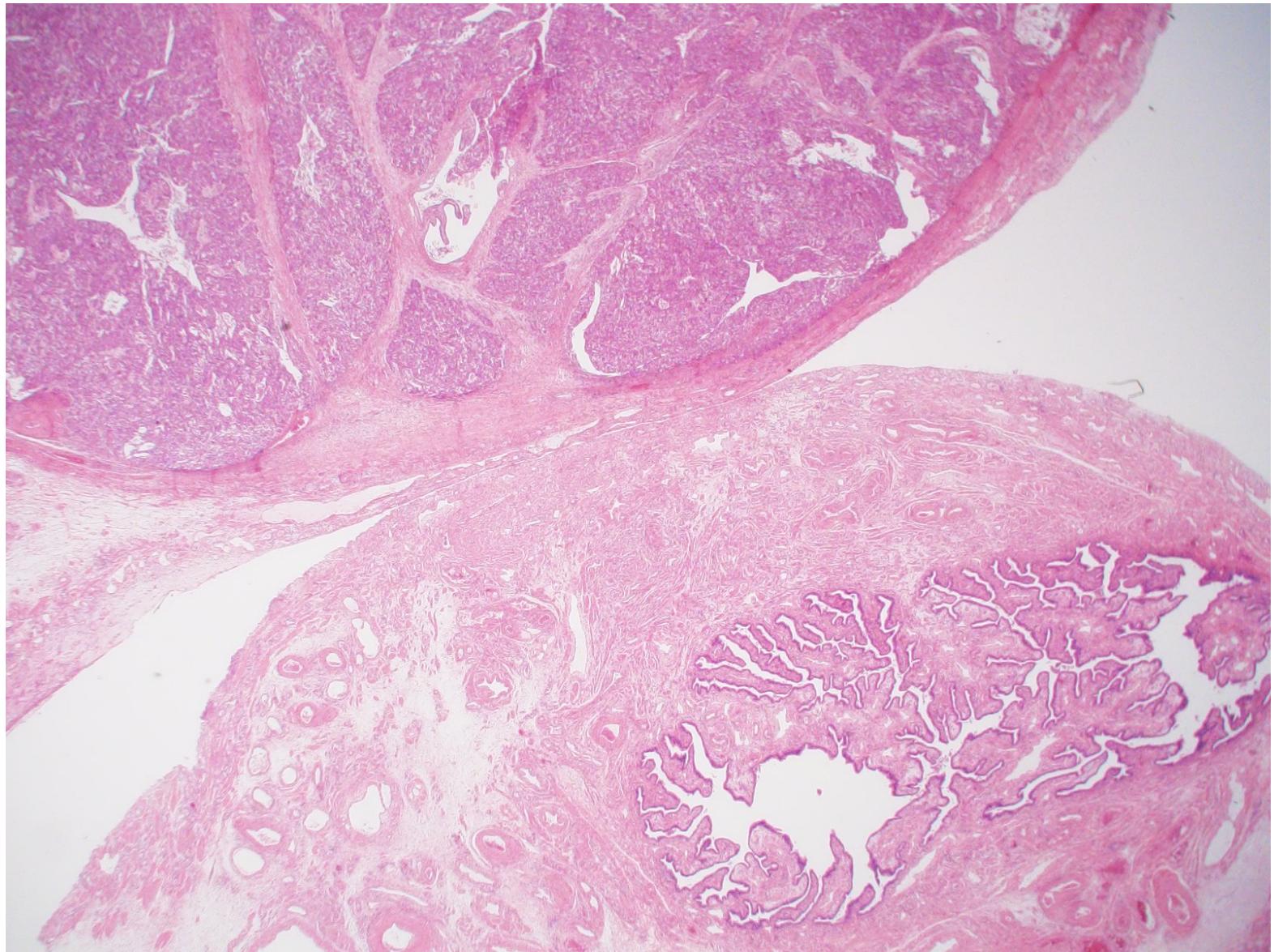


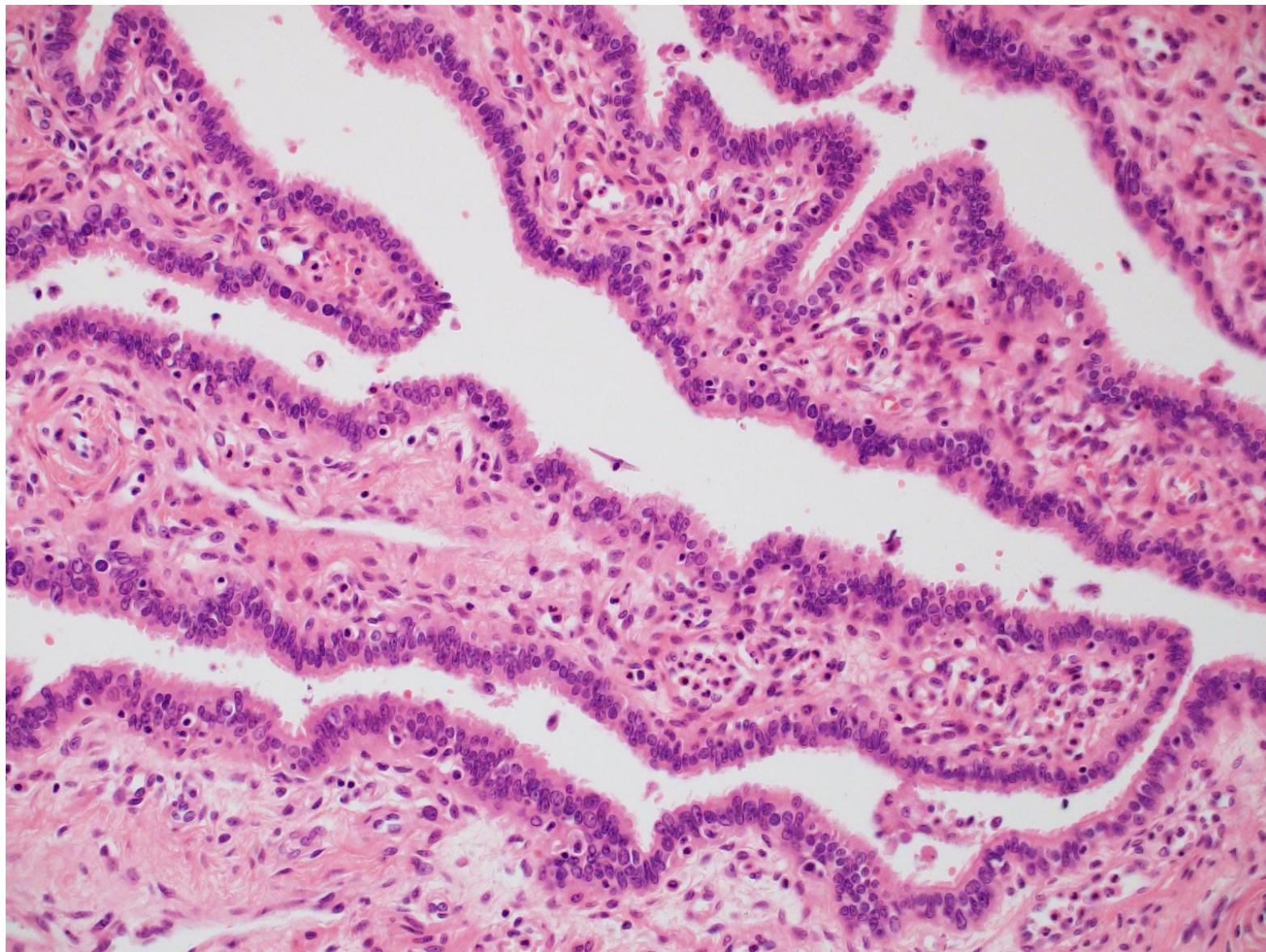
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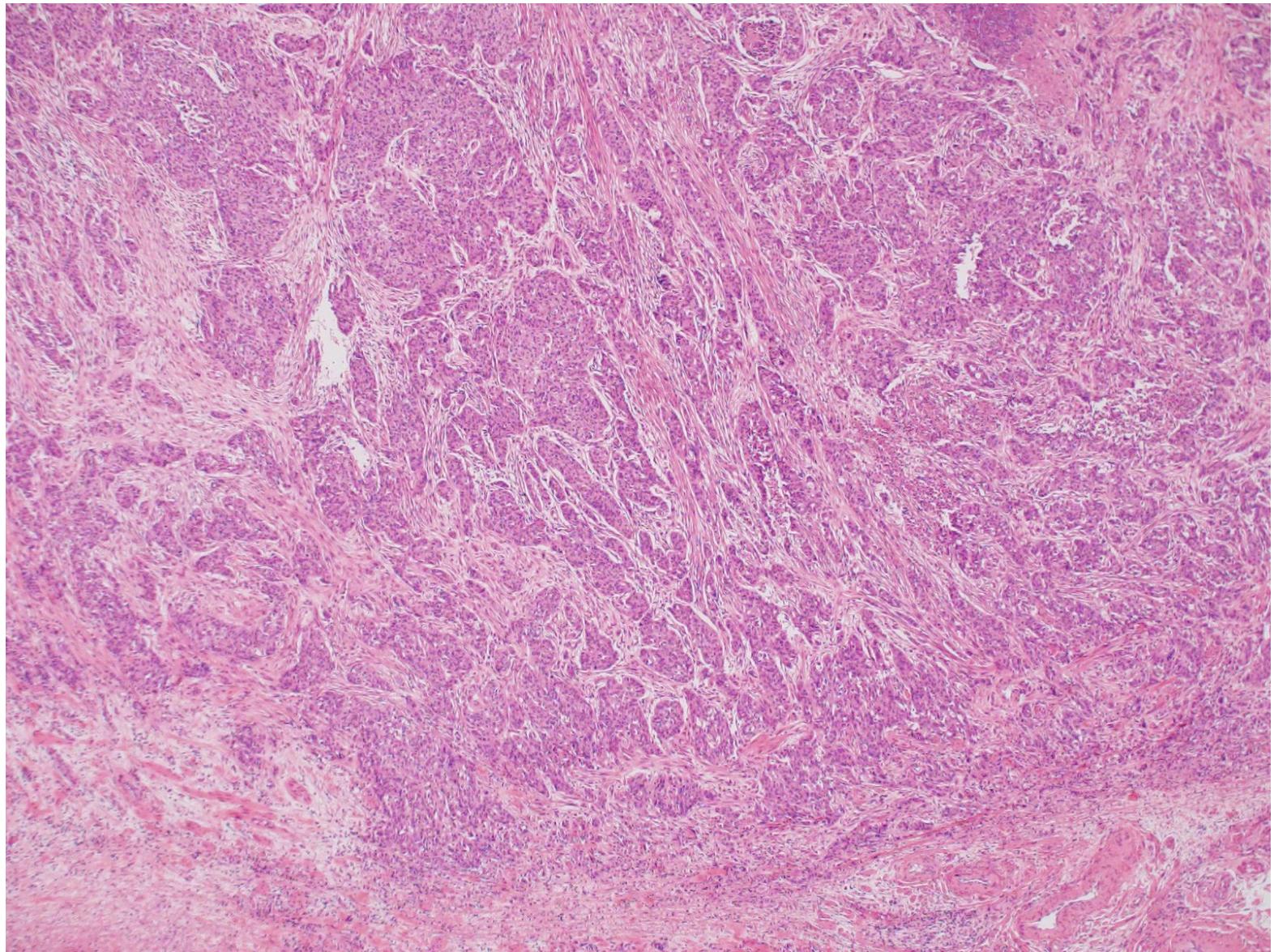
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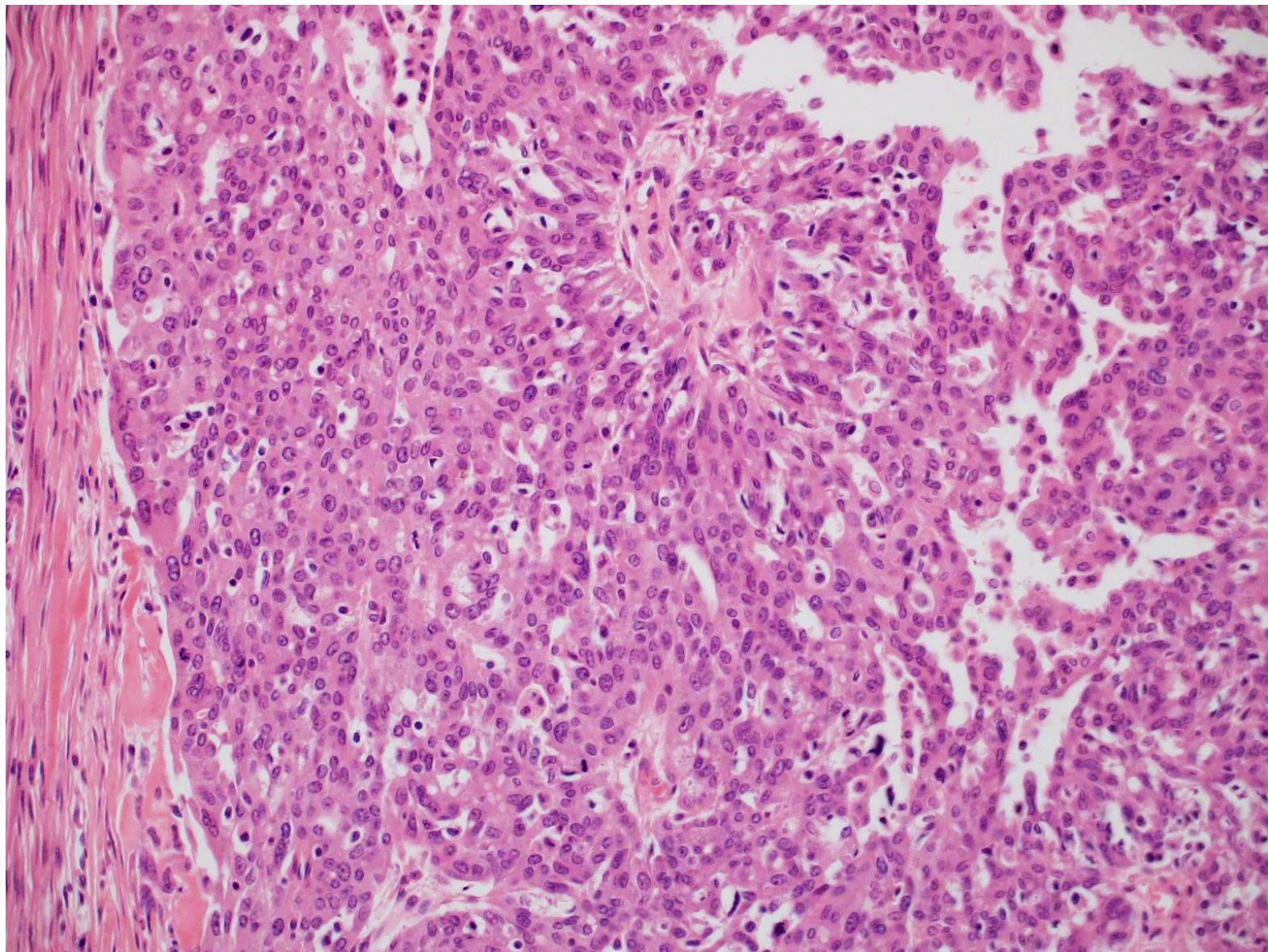
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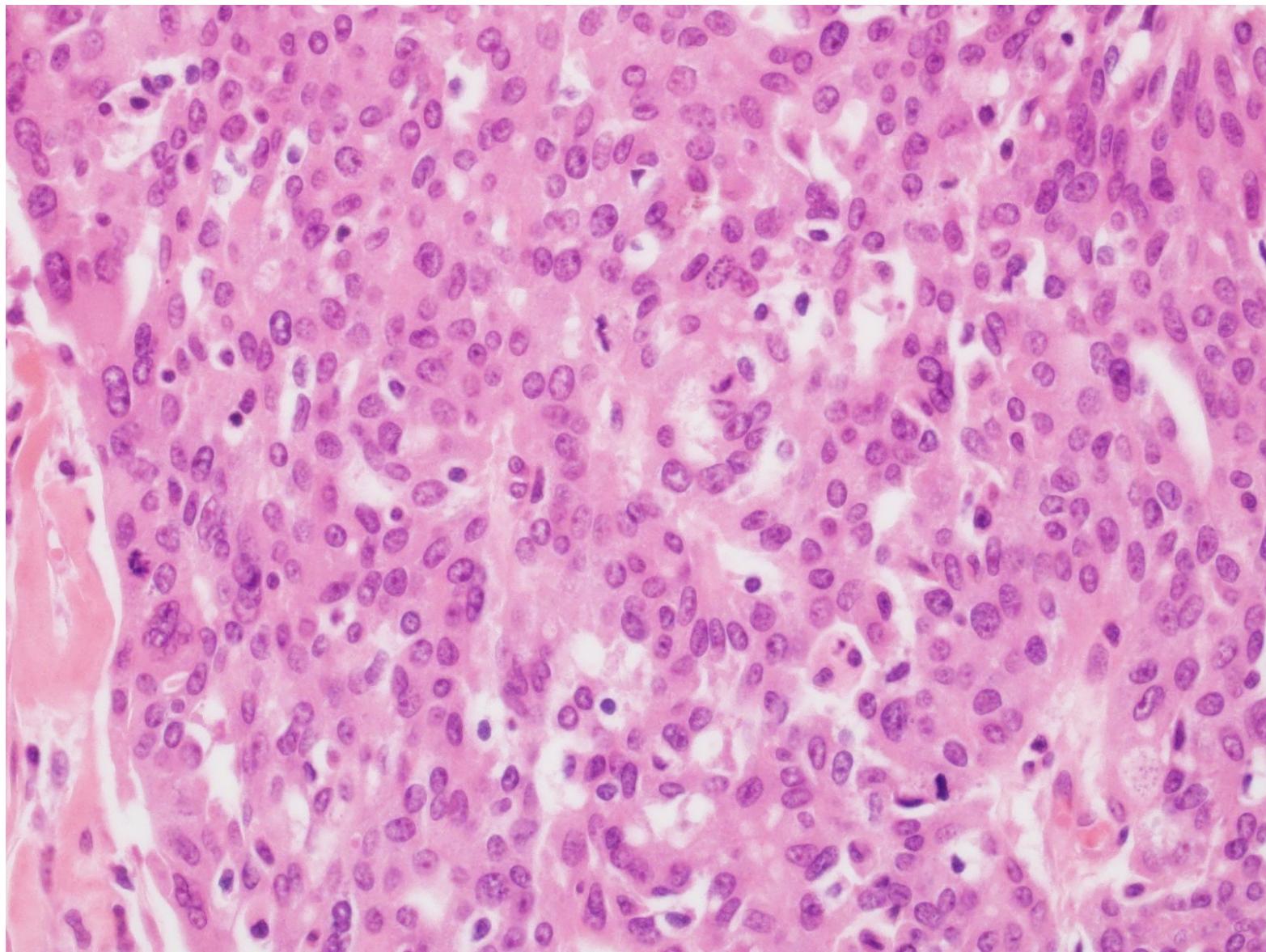
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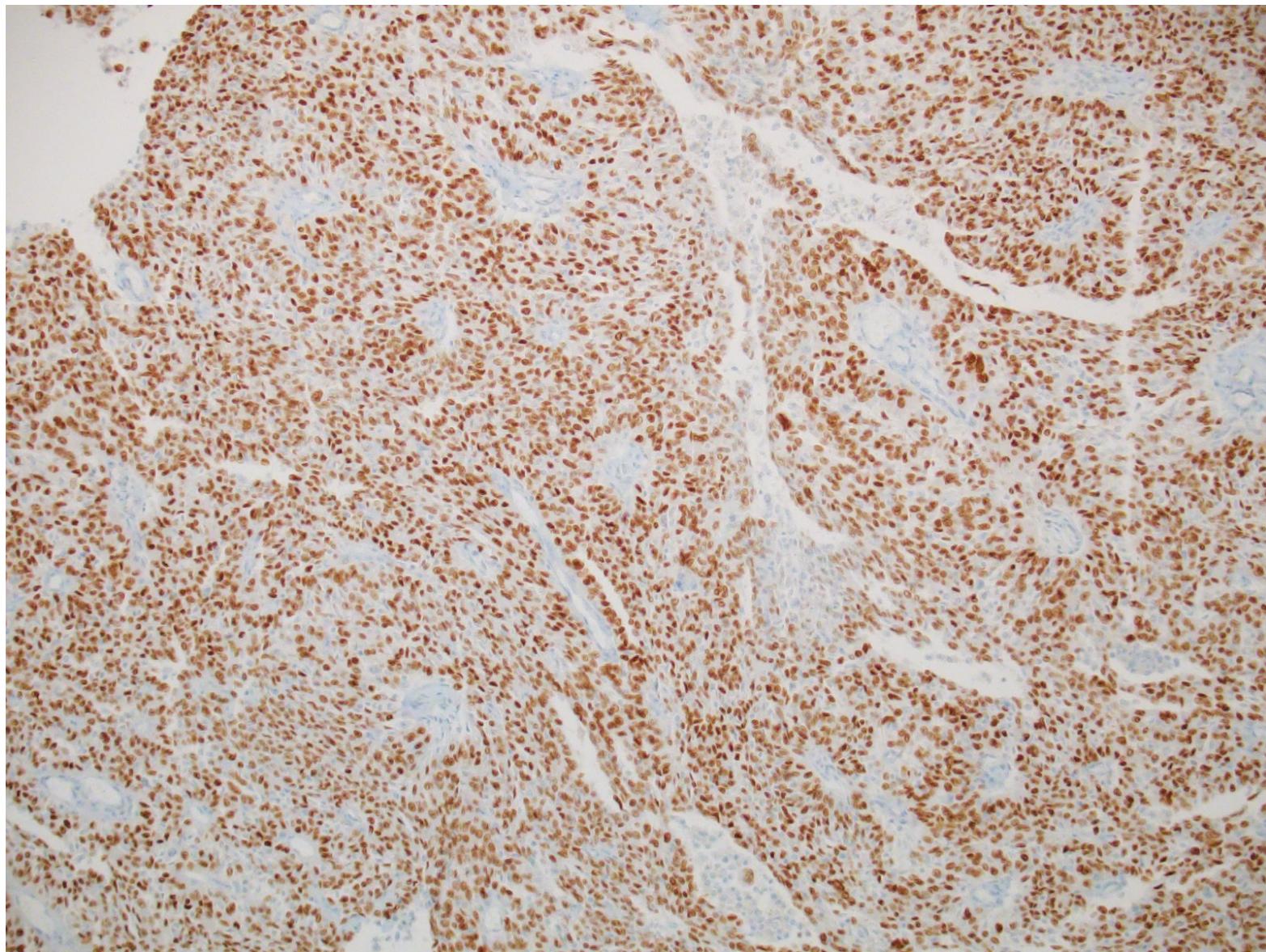






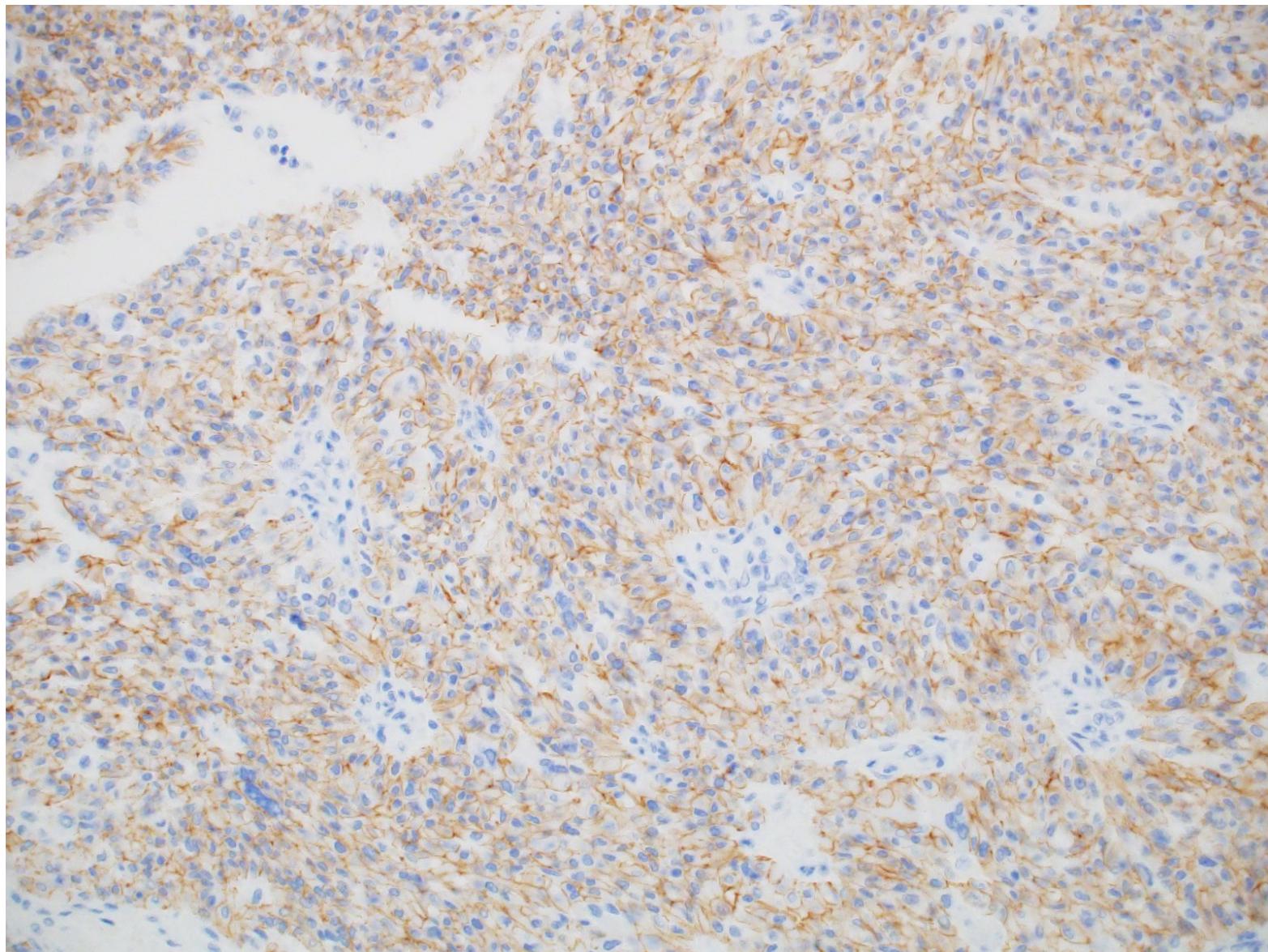






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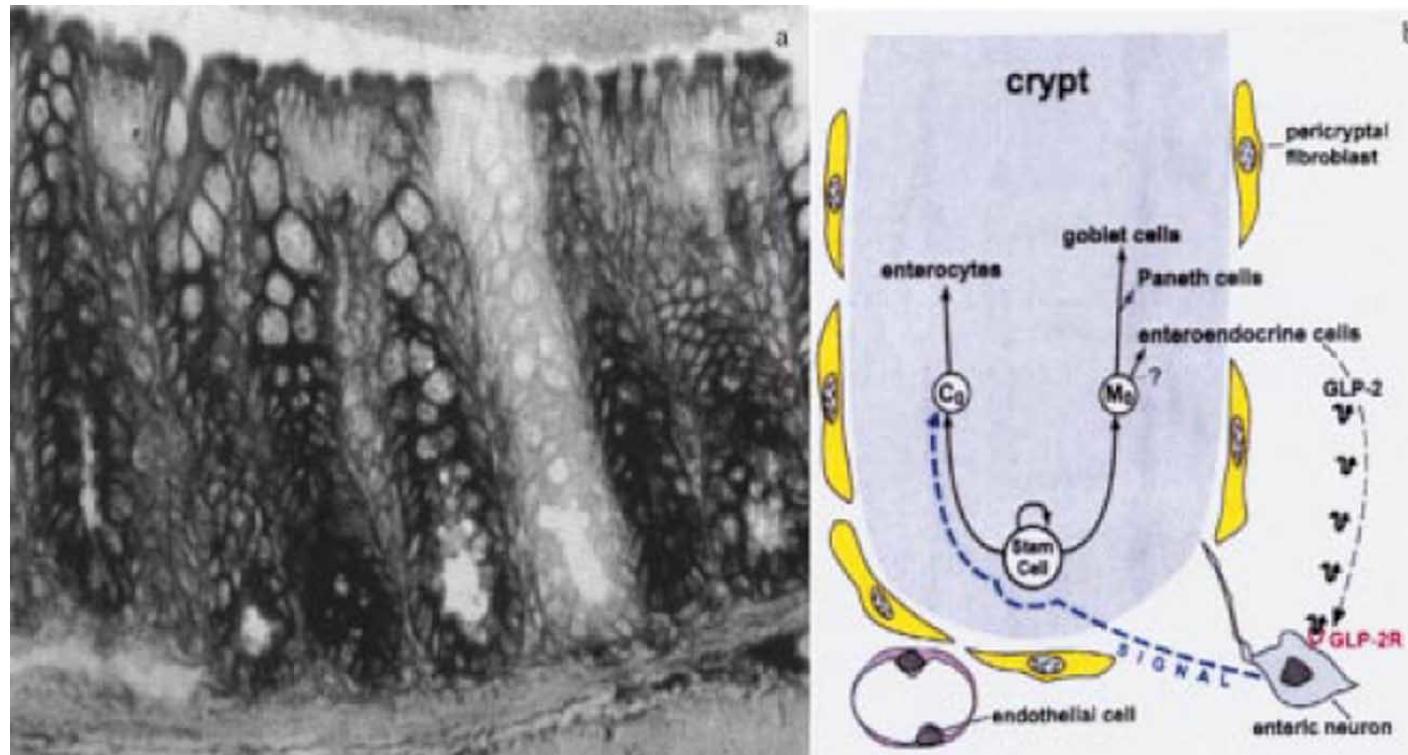
- DNA damage and repair
 - Regulation or progression through the cell cycle
 - Apoptosis
 - Genomic stability
- Mutation
 - Null-type
 - Gain-of-function
 - 95% of high-grade serous carcinoma



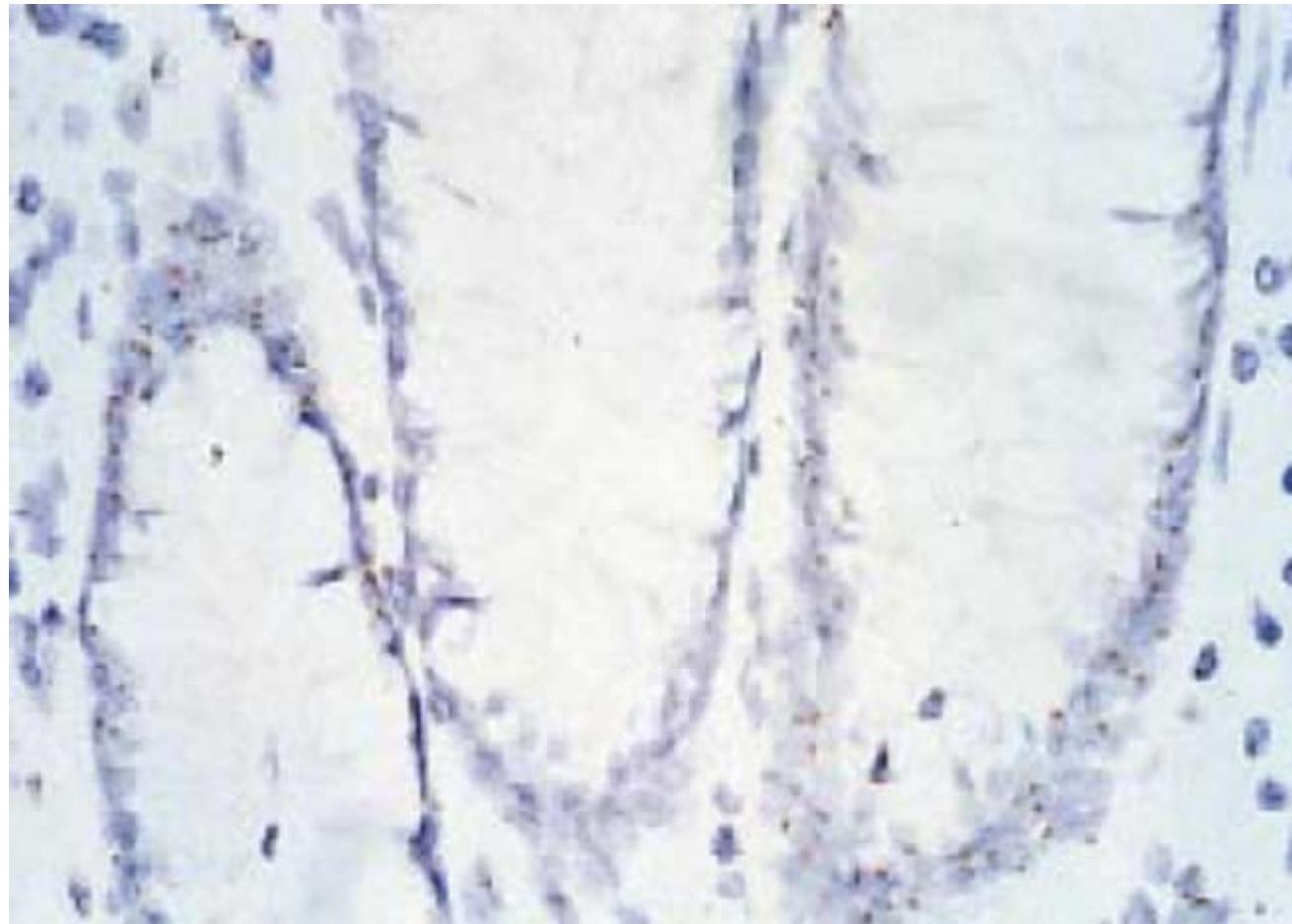
E-cadherin

- Key component of the **adherens junctions** that are integral in **cell-cell adhesion**
- As a marker of epithelium
- Loss of E-cadherin in some cancers
 - Lobular carcinoma of breast
 - Poorly cohesive carcinoma of stomach

The stem cell niche hypothesis

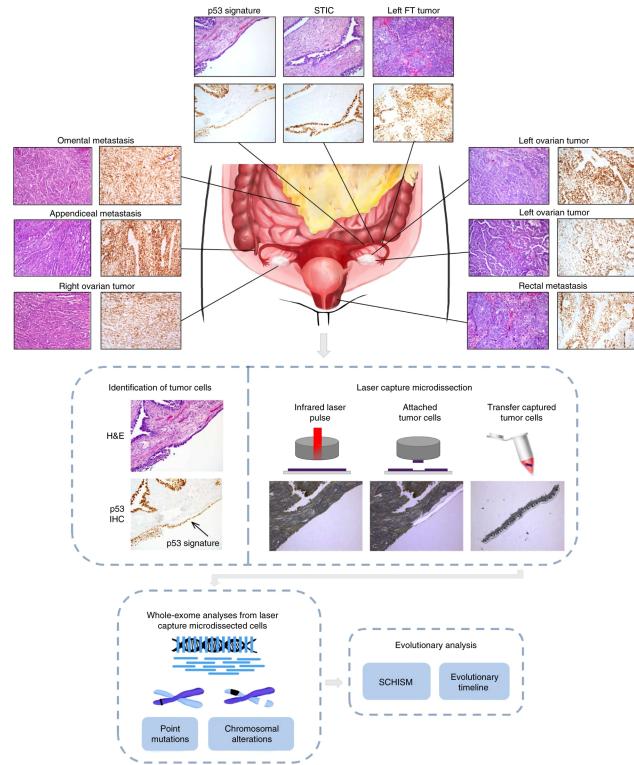


Monoclonal origin of colonic crypts in an XO/XY patient

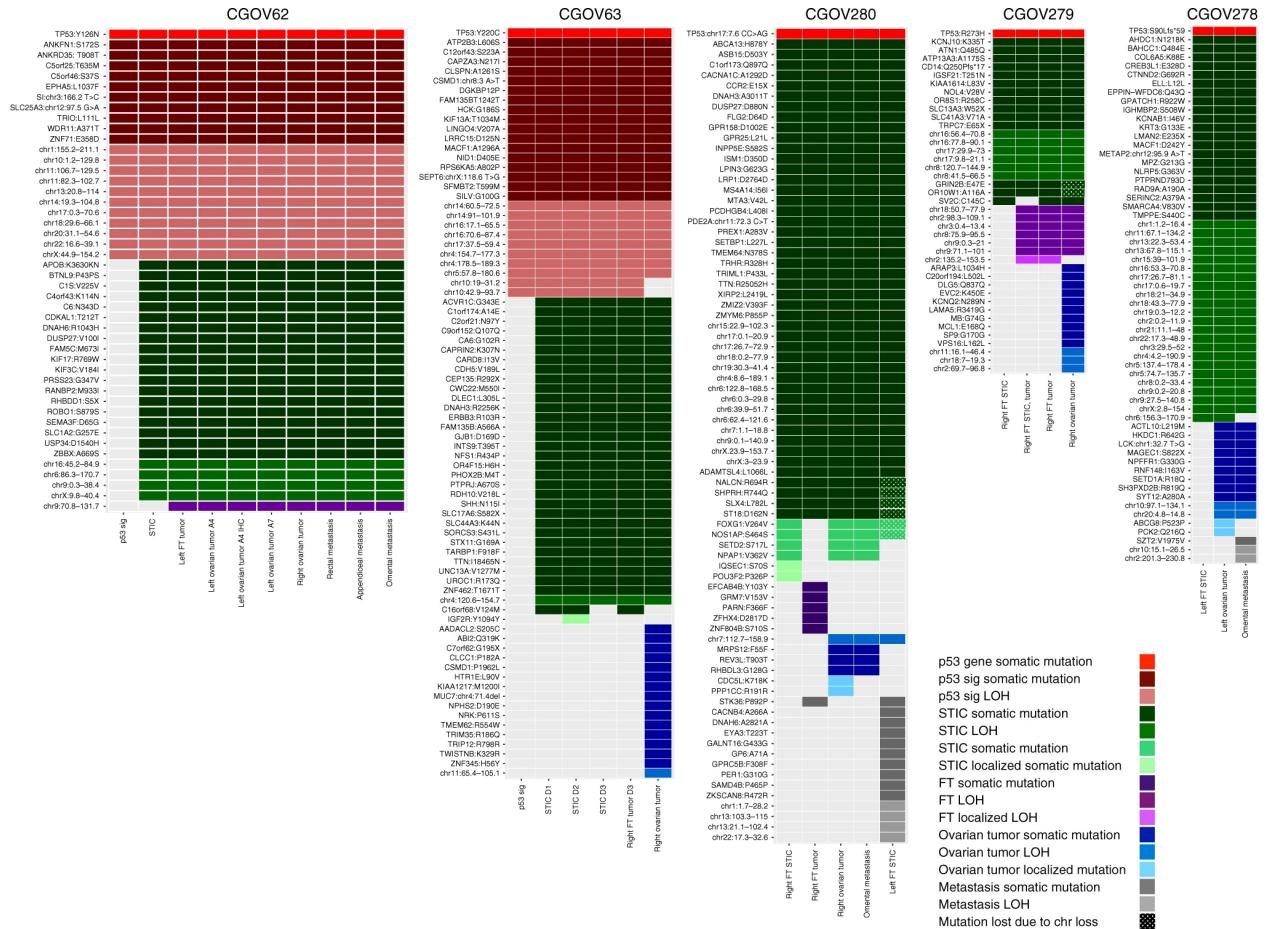


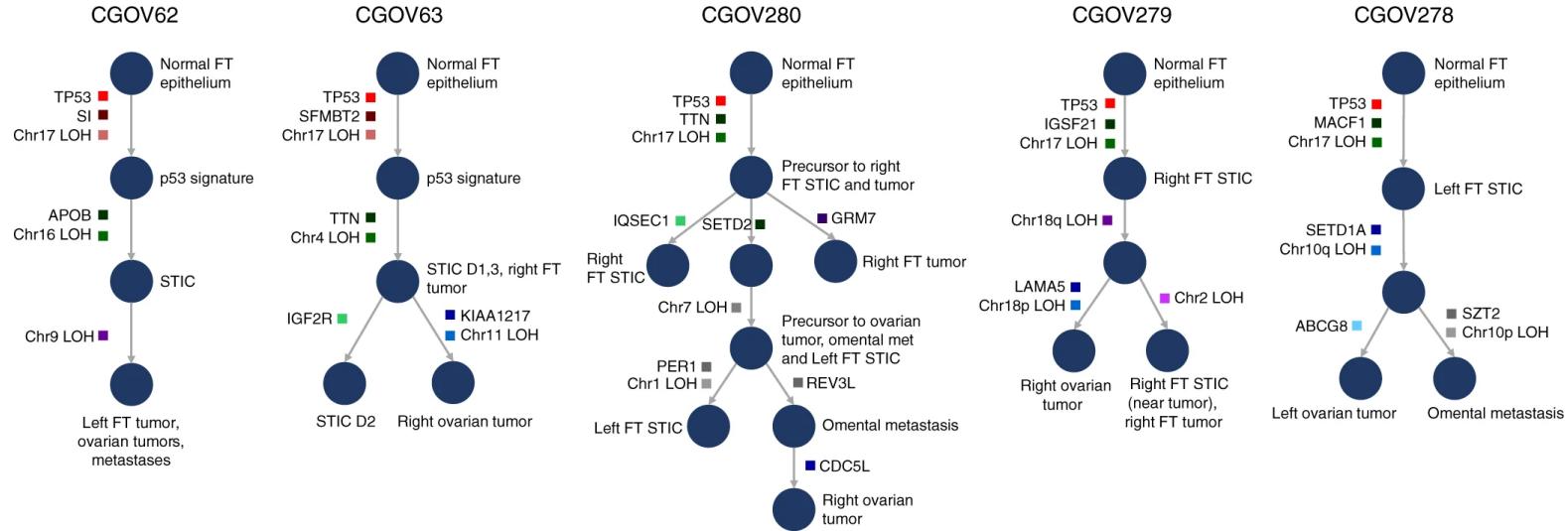
Robbins definition

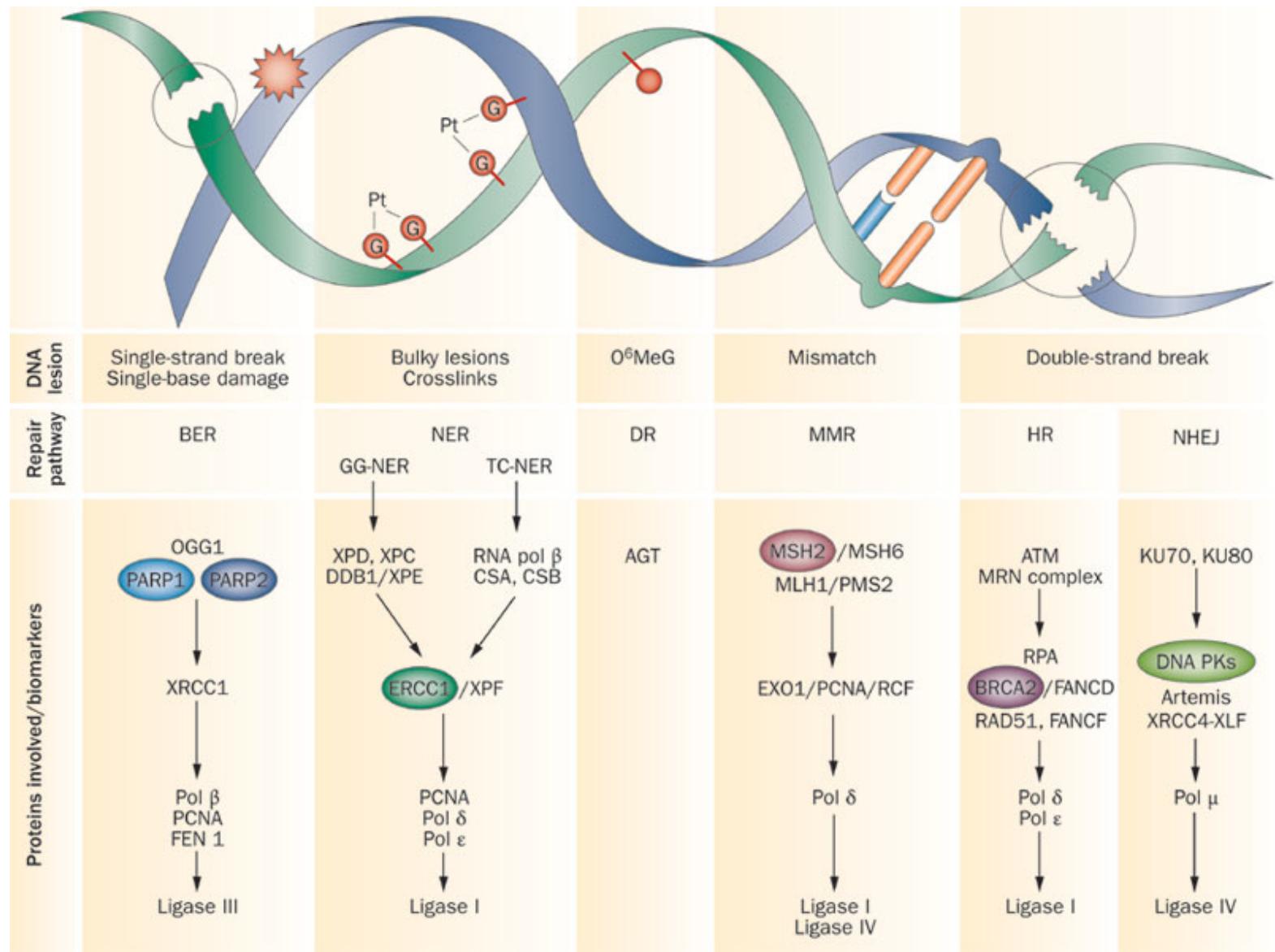
A neoplasm is defined as a genetic disorder of cell growth that is triggered by acquired or less commonly inherited mutations affecting a single cell and its clonal progeny.



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Double Strand Break (DSB)

- The most deleterious form of DNA damage
- Generated by
 - IR radiation
 - Free radicals
 - Topoisomerase II inhibitor
 - VDJ recombination
 - Meiotic recombination
- Repaired by two major pathways
 - Homologous recombination (HR)
 - Nonhomologous end-joining (NHEJ)

Double Strand Break (DSB)

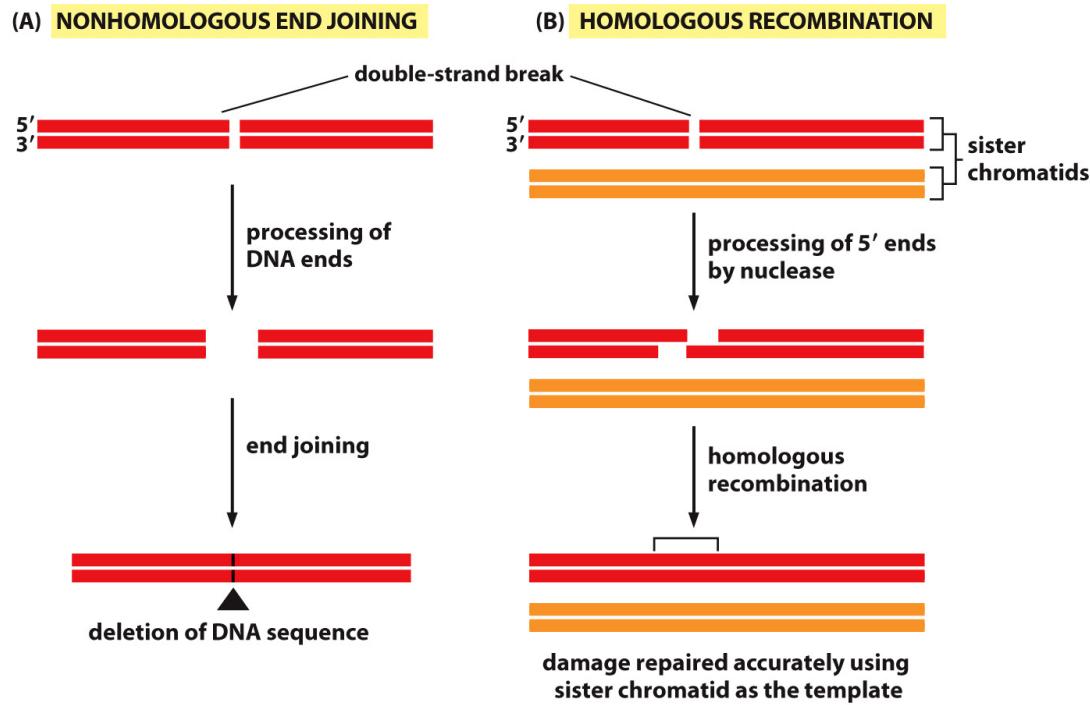
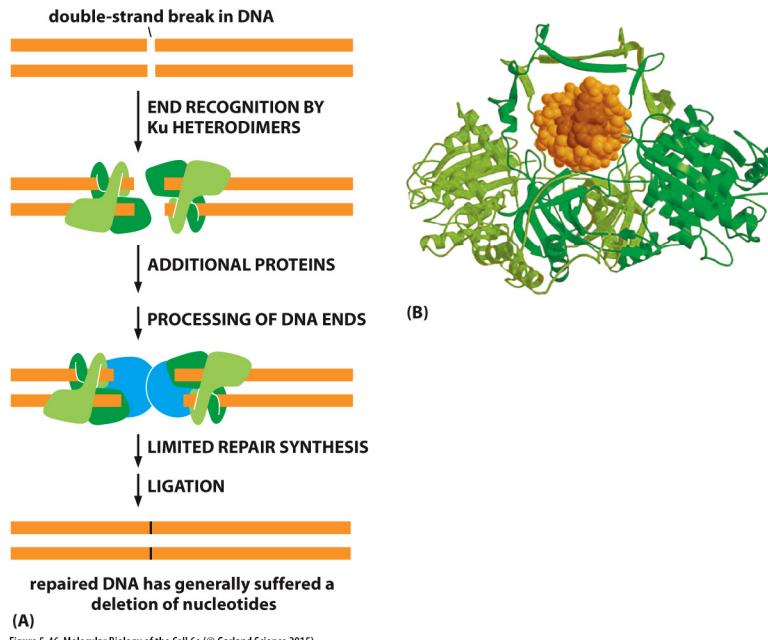


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Nonhomologous end-joining



Homologous recombination

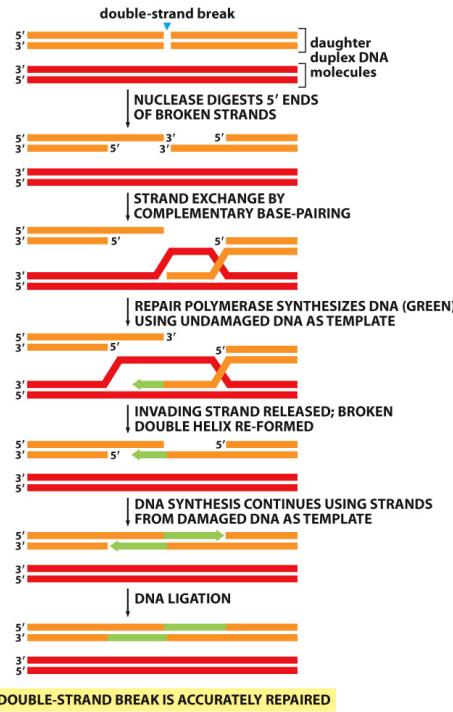


Figure 5-48 Molecular Biology of the Cell 6e (© Garland Science 2015)

Diseases Due to Defects in DNA Repair

TABLE 5–2 Some Inherited Human Syndromes with Defects in DNA Repair

Name	Phenotype	Enzyme or process affected
MSH2, 3, 6, MLH1, PMS2	Colon cancer	Mismatch repair
Xeroderma pigmentosum (XP) groups A–G	Skin cancer, UV sensitivity, neurological abnormalities	Nucleotide excision repair
Cockayne syndrome	UV sensitivity; developmental abnormalities	Coupling of nucleotide excision repair to transcription
XP variant	UV sensitivity, skin cancer	Translesion synthesis by DNA polymerase η
Ataxia telangiectasia (AT)	Leukemia, lymphoma, γ -ray sensitivity, genome instability	ATM protein, a protein kinase activated by double-strand breaks
BRCA1	Breast and ovarian cancer	Repair by homologous recombination
BRCA2	Breast, ovarian, and prostate cancer	Repair by homologous recombination
Werner syndrome	Premature aging, cancer at several sites, genome instability	Accessory 3'-exonuclease and DNA helicase used in repair
Bloom syndrome	Cancer at several sites, stunted growth, genome instability	DNA helicase needed for recombination
Fanconi anemia groups A–G	Congenital abnormalities, leukemia, genome instability	DNA interstrand cross-link repair
46 BR patient	Hypersensitivity to DNA-damaging agents, genome instability	DNA ligase I

Table 5-2 Molecular Biology of the Cell 6e (© Garland Science 2015)

Why is BRCA1/2 special?

- High prevalence in population
- Frequent benign variant

What about hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome (HBOCS)

- BRCA1/2 and other genes
- Breast, ovarian cancer and other cancers
- Prevalence (between 1 in 400 to 1 in 800 people)
- Penetration rate (40-90%)

Categories of interpretation of variants

- Pathogenic
- Likely-pathogenic
- Uncertain (VUS)
- Likely-benign
- Benign

Let's guess the evidences

Family pedigree

Segregation data (BS1, PP1)

- Caveat: linkage disequilibrium
- Penetration rate
- Difficult statistical evaluation

Population data

- 5%: benign stand alone (BA1)
- 0.5-5% (BS1)
- Wow! The first time observed variant! (Absent in population DB, PM2)

Null variant

- Frameshift, Nonsense, canonical +1 or 2 splicing site, initiation codon
- Caveat: LOF variants at the extreme 3' end of a gene
- Caveat: presence of multiple transcripts

Computational (in silico) data

- PolyPhen2, SIFT, MutationTaster, etc
- Mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established (PM1)
- Protein length changes due to in-frame deletions/insertions and stop losses functional domain (PM4 BP3)
- Novel missense at the same position (PM5)

Other evidence

- de novo variants (PS2 PM6)
- Functional studies (PS3 BS3)
- Allelic data (BP2 PM3)

Evidences of interpretation

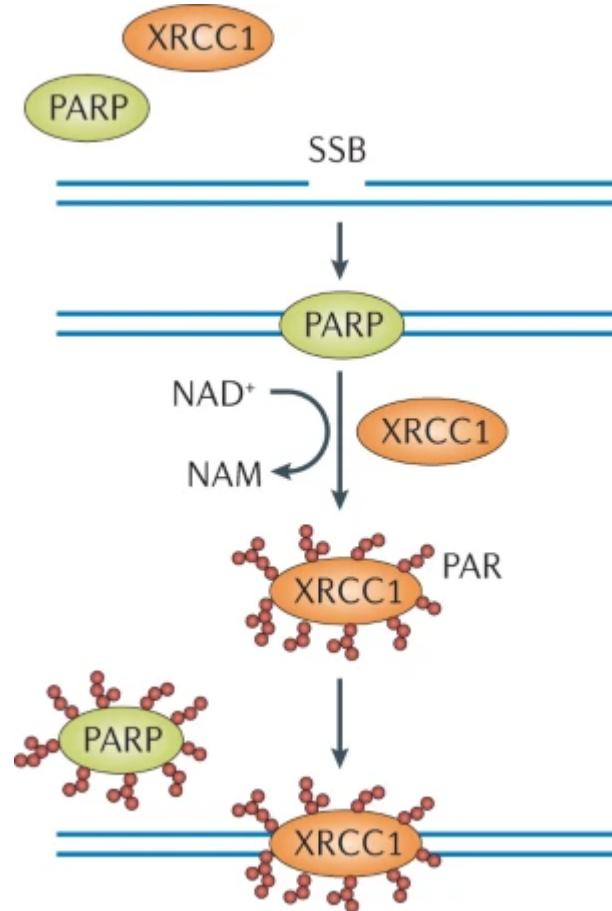
- Population data
- Computational data
- Functional data
- Segregation data
- De novo data
- Allele data
- Other databases
- Other data

Characteristics of BRCA1/2

- LOF known mechanism of disease (for PVS1)
- Mode of inheritance (for PM3/BP2)
 - AD/AR (BRCA2)
- Missense pathogenic (for PP2/BP1)
 - BRCA2 1%
- Hot spot or critical/well-established functional domain (for PM1)
 - BRCA2, Helical (2479-2667), OB (2670-2799 and 3052-3190), Tower (2831-2872)

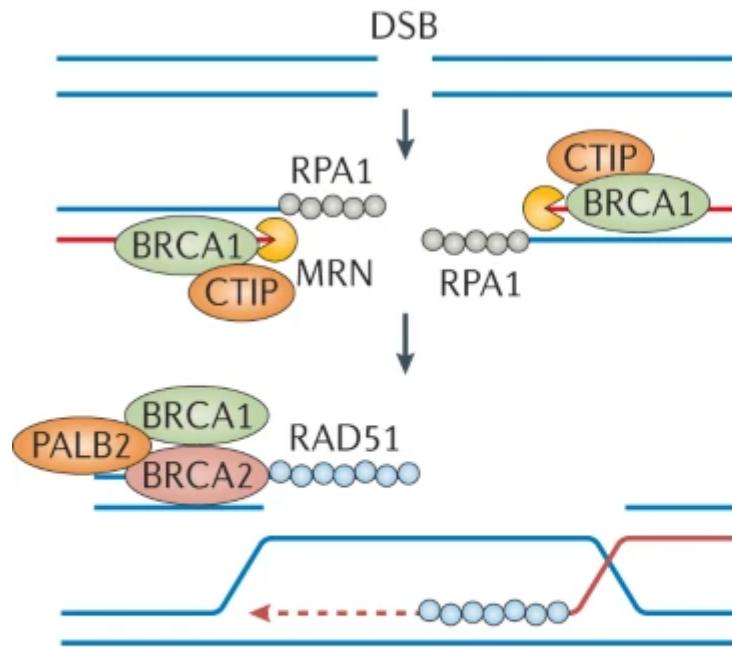
BRCA1/2 gene analysis

- BRCA1
 - p.Glu1148Argfs*7
 - c.3442del

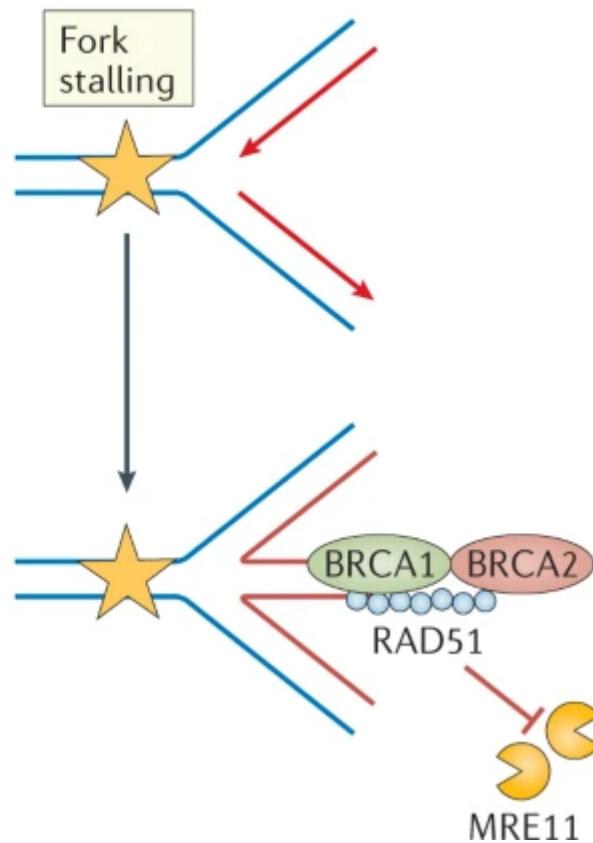


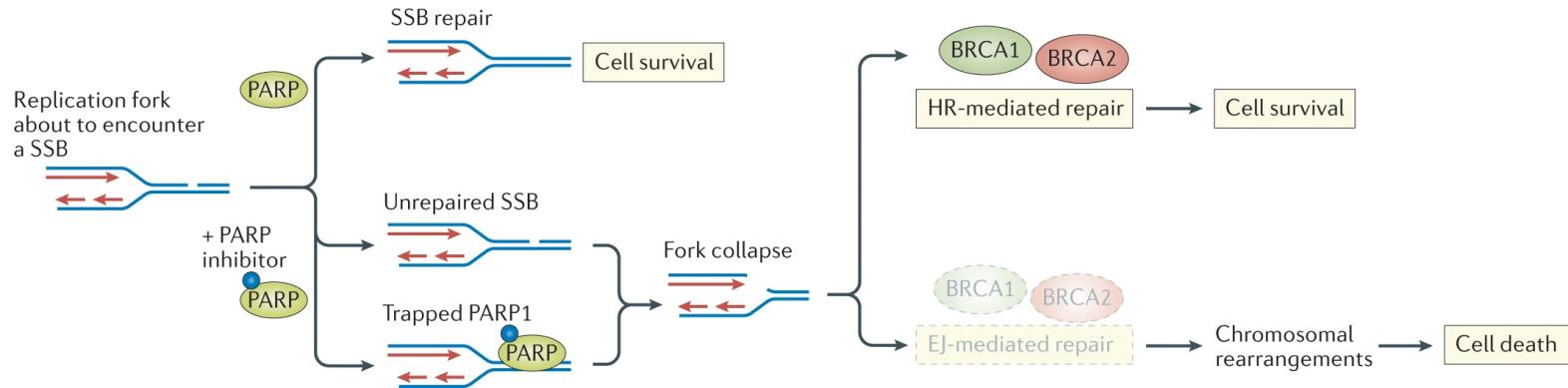
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Homologous recombination

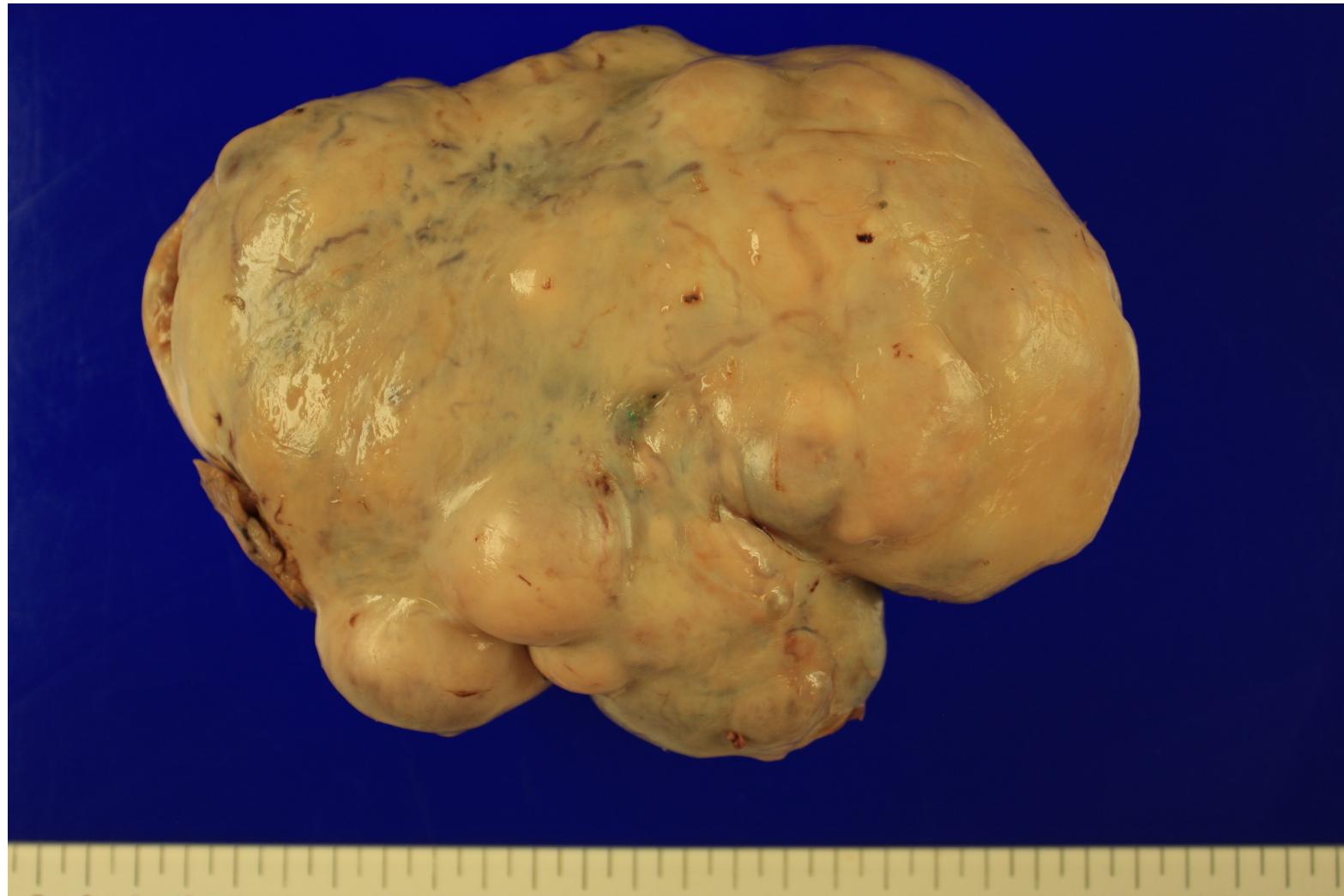


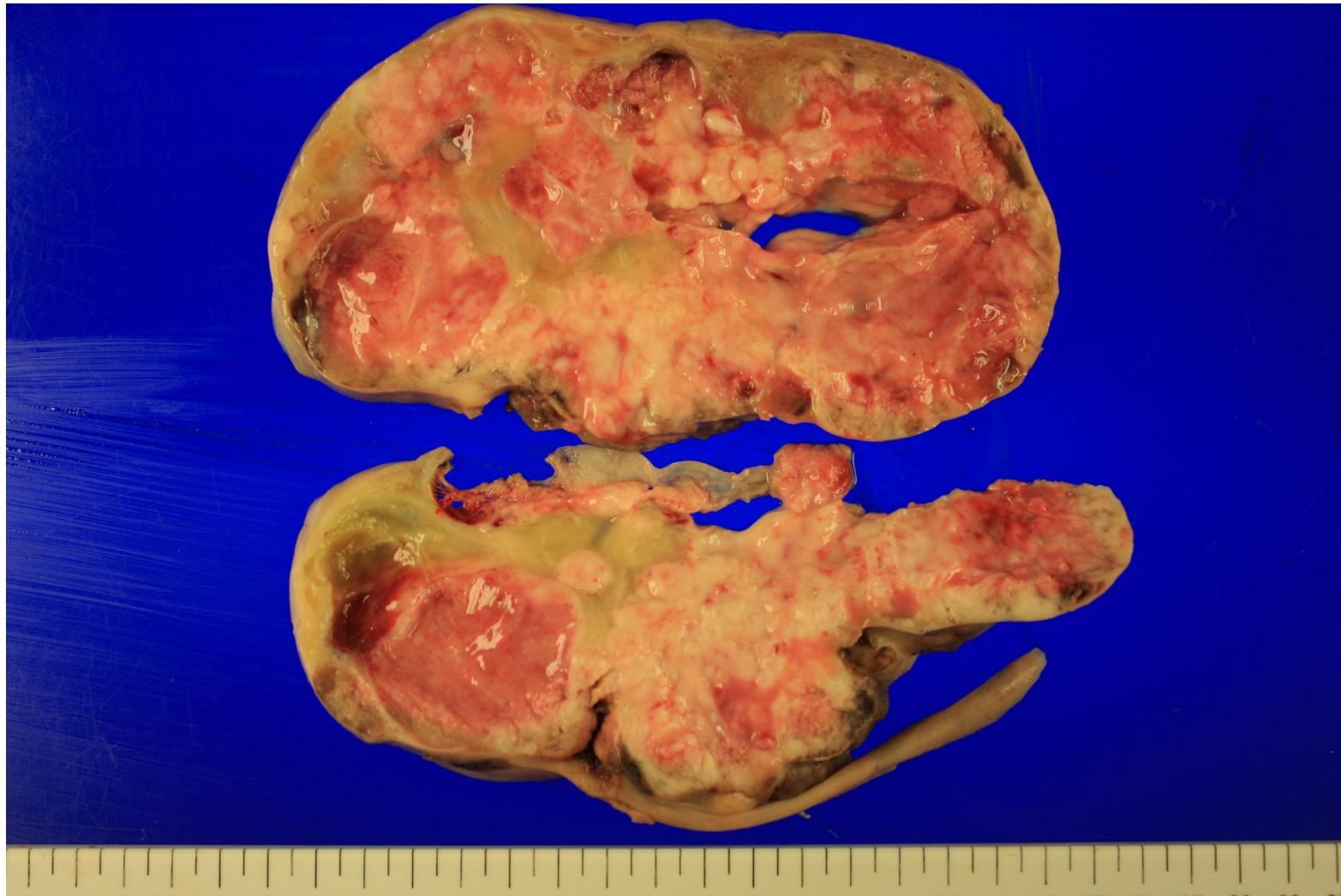
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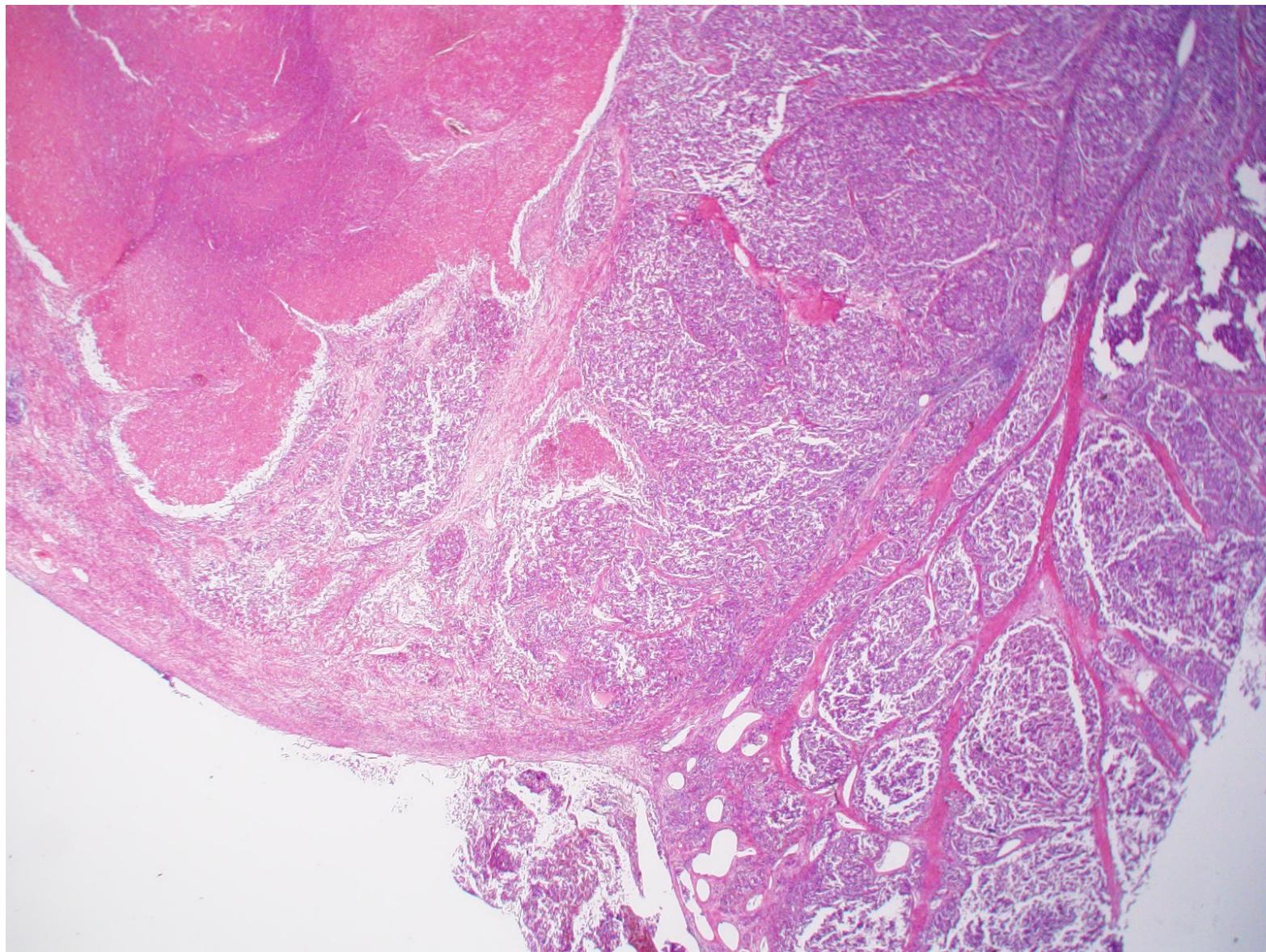


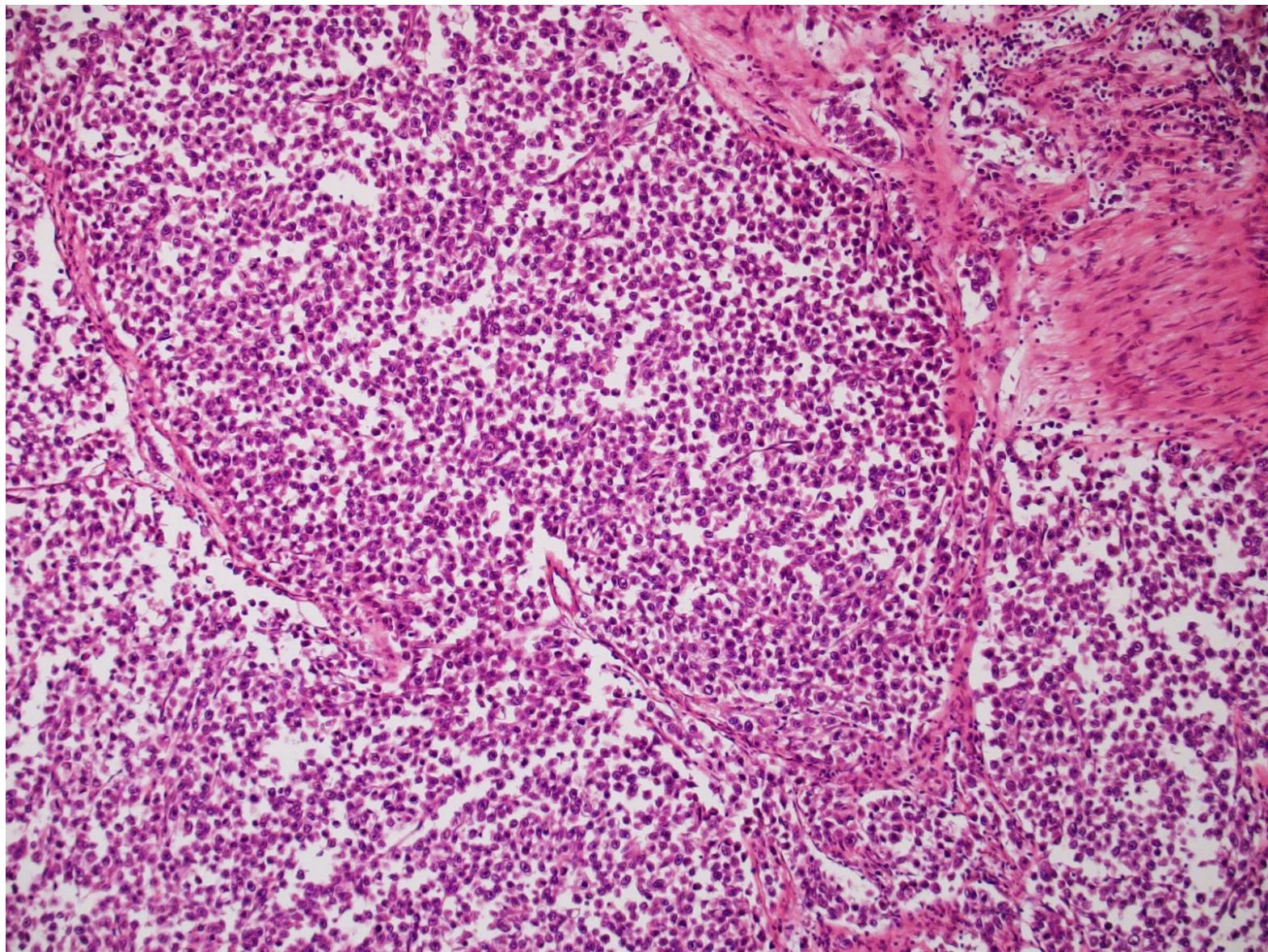


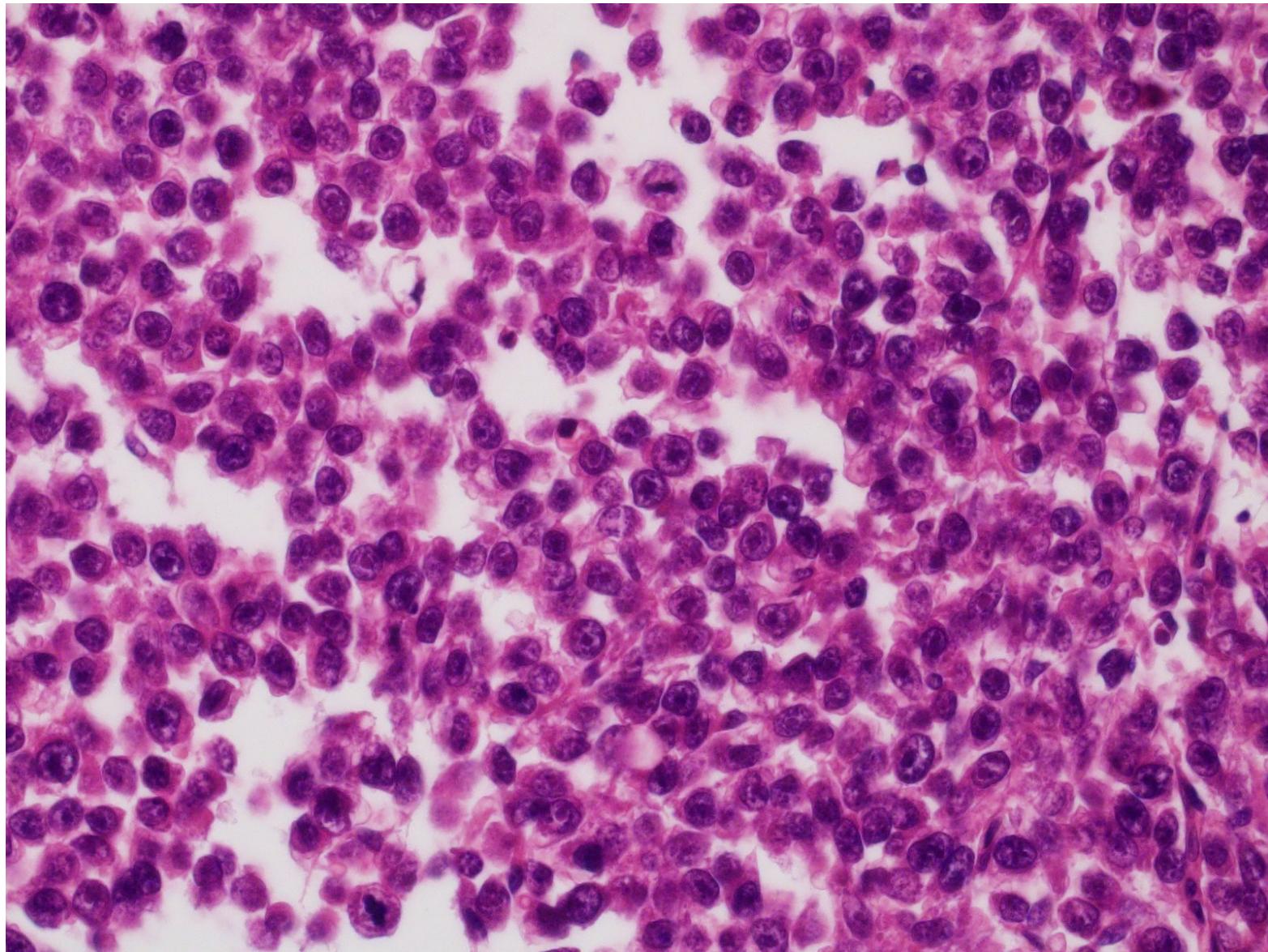
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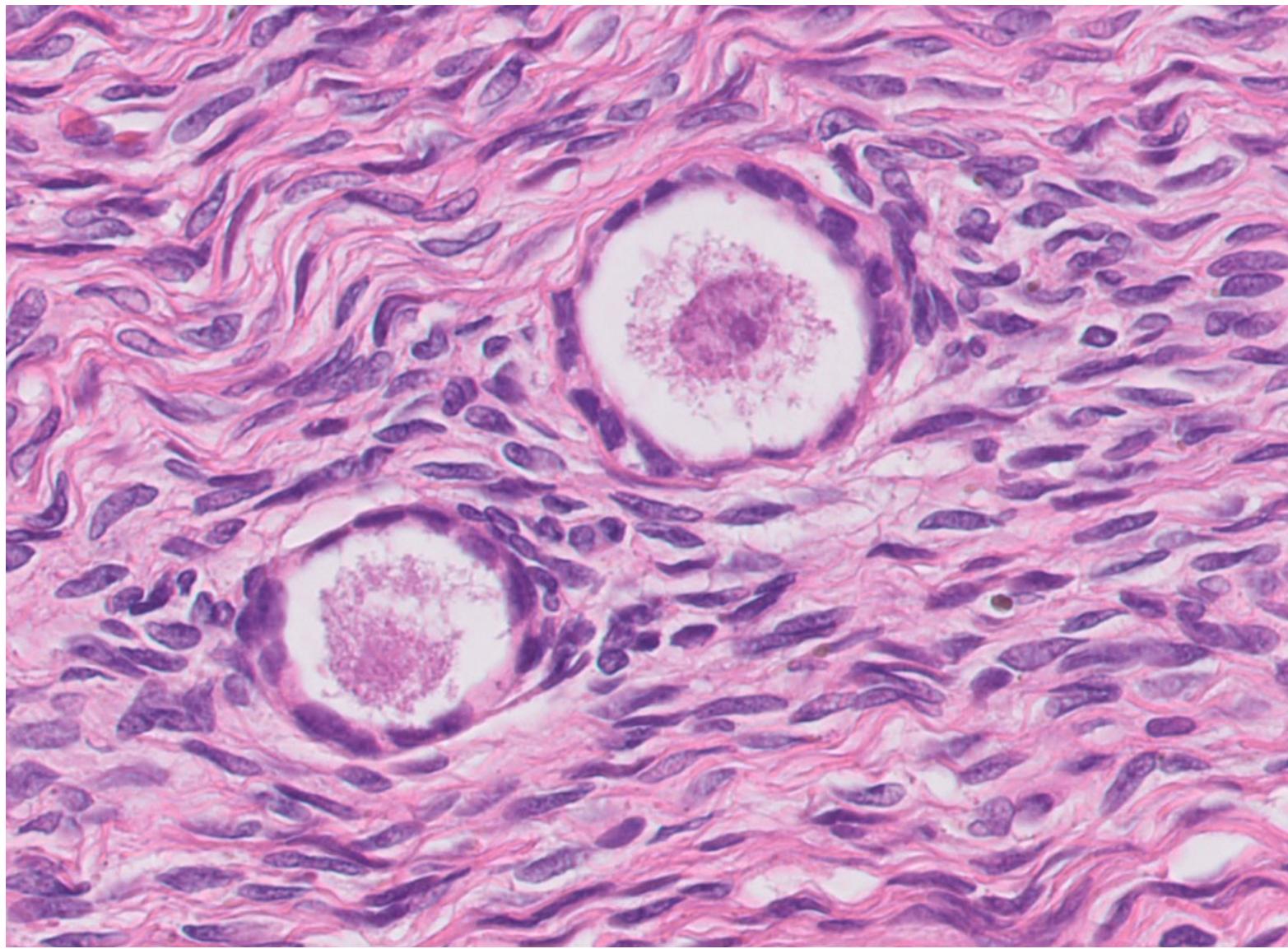


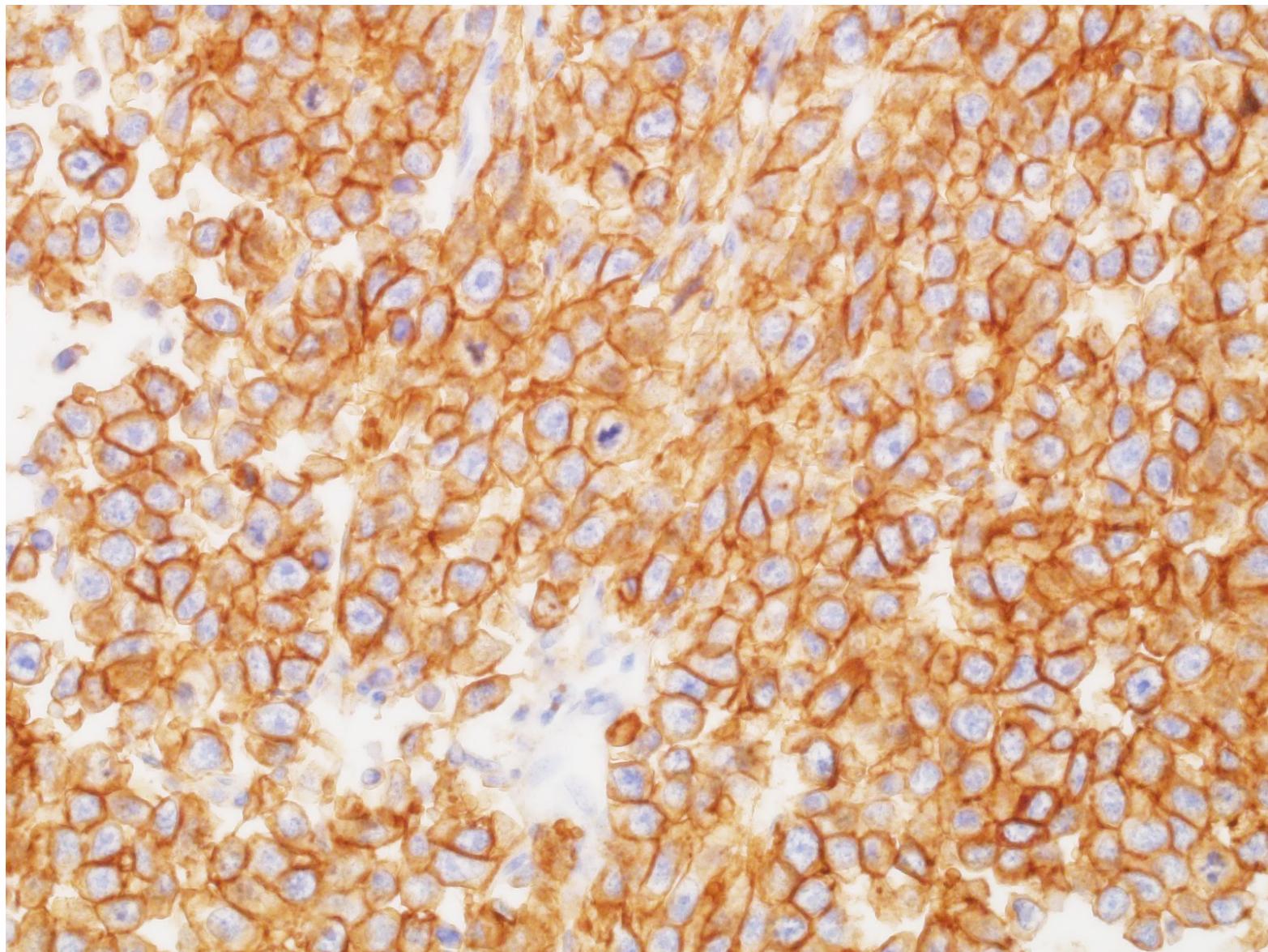






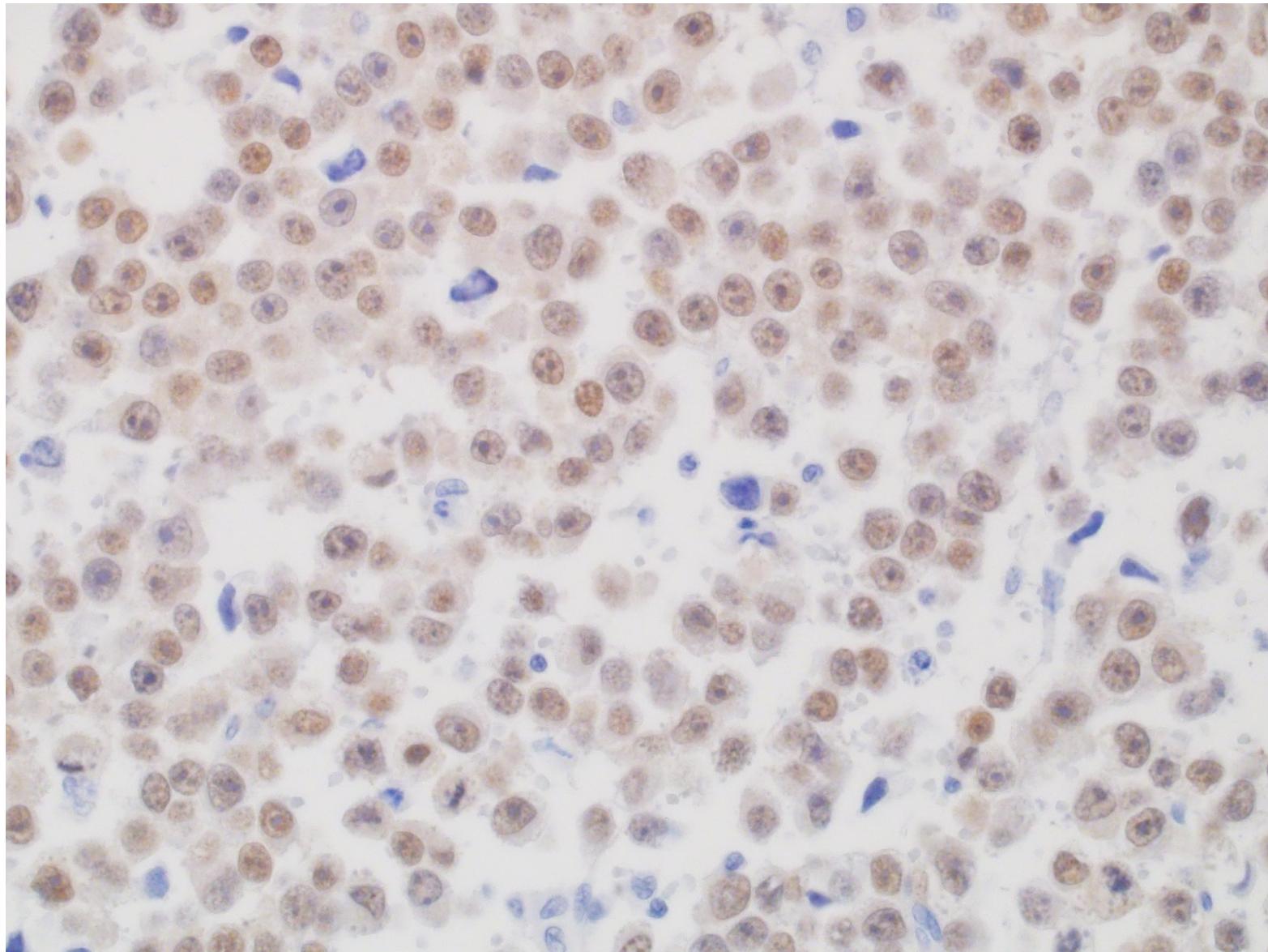






C-kit

- Platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR) family
- Cell surface receptors
- Stem cell factor ligand
- Essential in the development of melanocytes, germ cells, mast cells, erythrocytes, and interstitial cells of Cajal
- KIT mutations occur in 25%–50% of tumors, most commonly involving codon 816 of exon 17



oct3/4

- One of four transcription factors (OCT4, Sox2, Nanog and Lin28) induce pluripotency in somatic cells