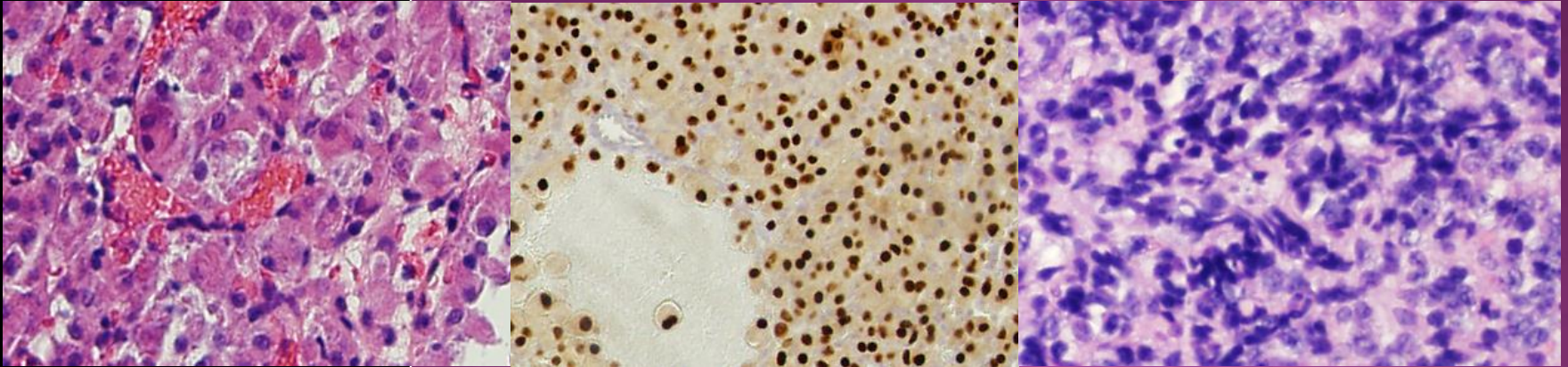


**SURPRISE!**

**BREAST TUMORS WITH  
UNEXPECTED FINAL PATHOLOGY**



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# OBJECTIVES

## ○ Part I

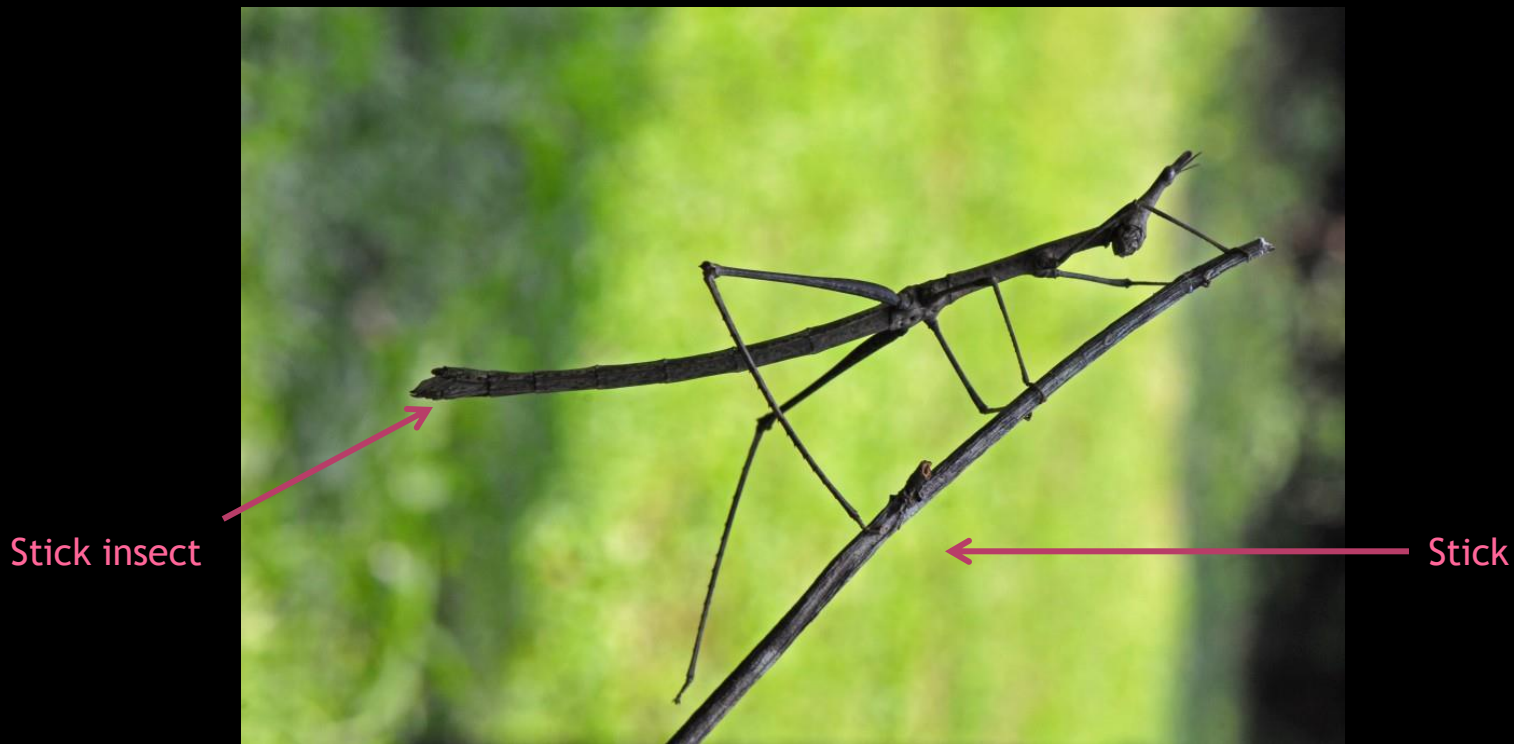
- Review Lobular carcinoma and variants
- Mimics of lobular carcinoma
- W/u of primary vs metastatic disease

## ○ Part II

- Review classification of neuroendocrine tumors of the breast
- Review primary vs metastatic
- Rare tumors of the breast: Small cell carcinoma and Adenoid cystic carcinoma

# PART 1

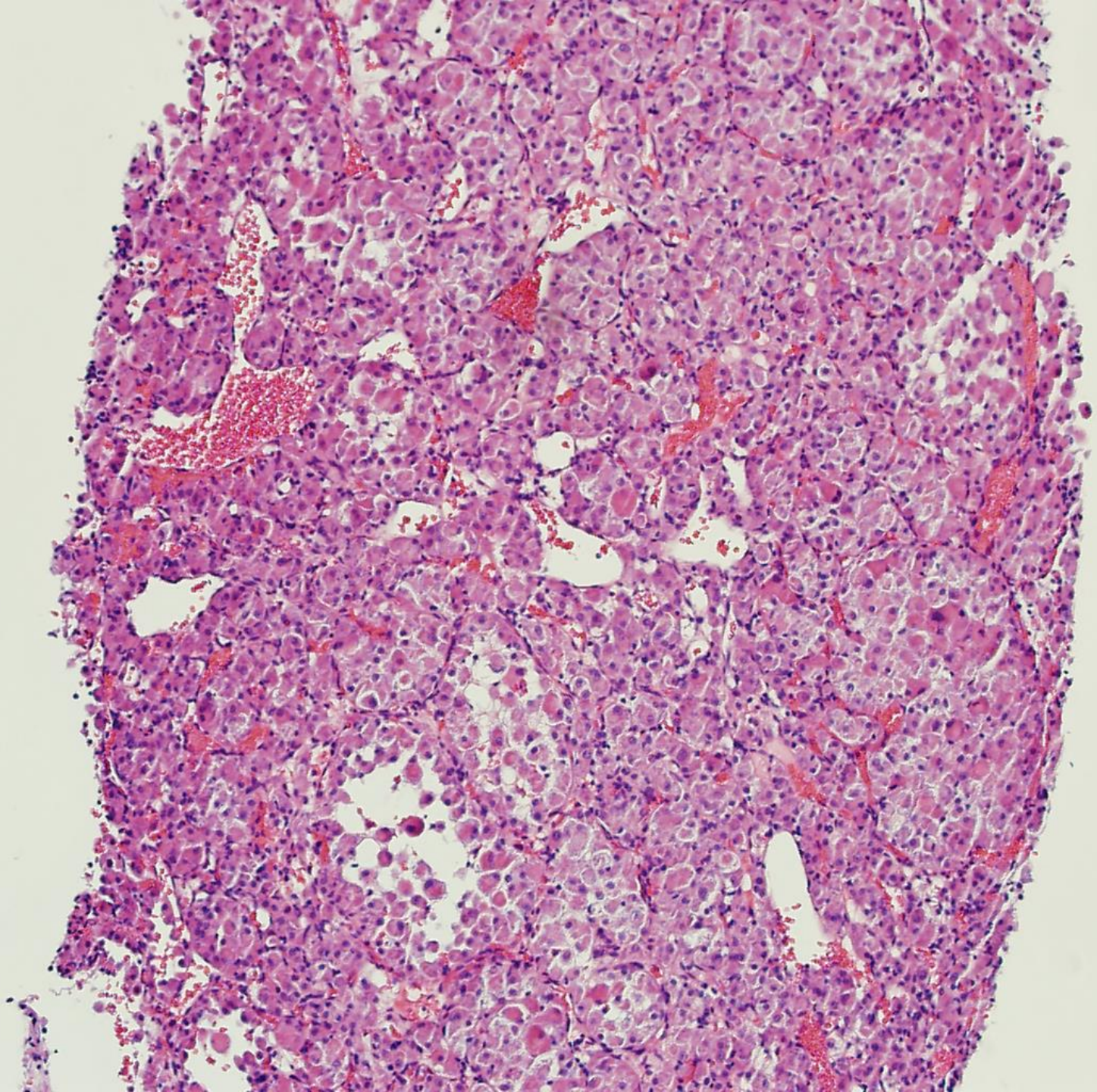
- Two cases with similar morphology but different origins



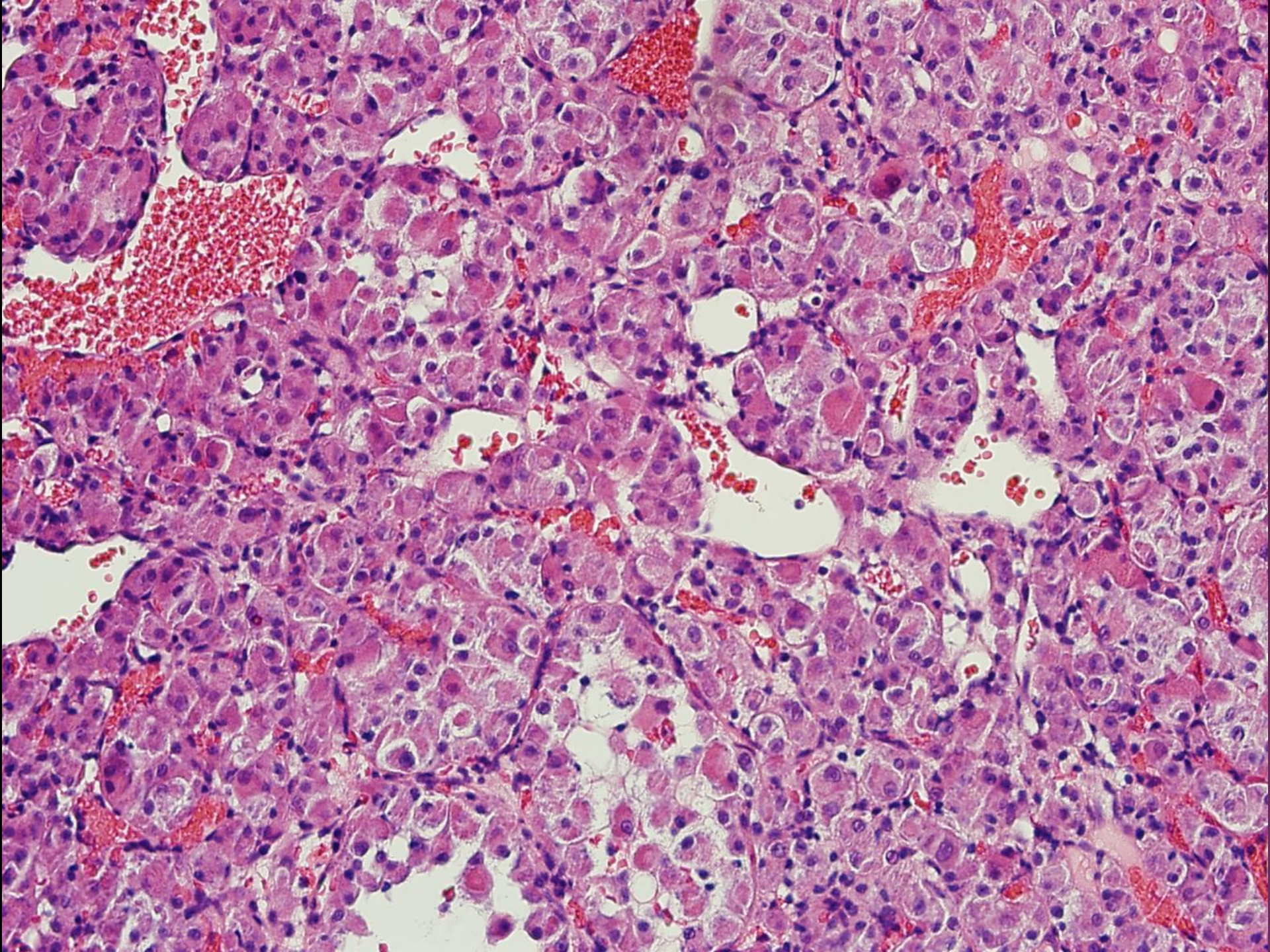
# FIRST CASE

- ⦿ 29 yo woman, pregnant
- ⦿ Palpable breast mass
- ⦿ U/S: 1.6cm mass at 9:00, 8cm from nipple
- ⦿ Biopsy performed

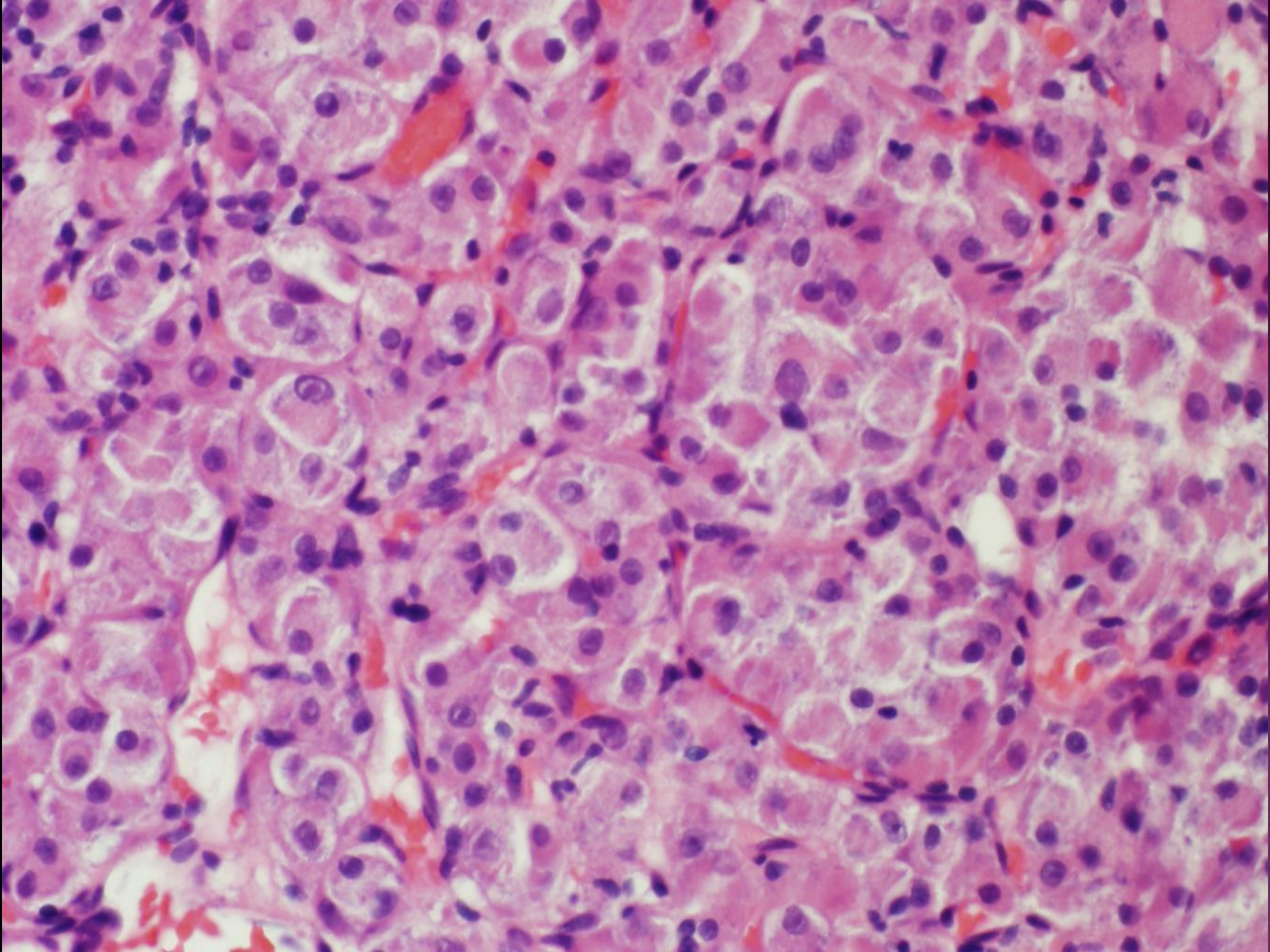








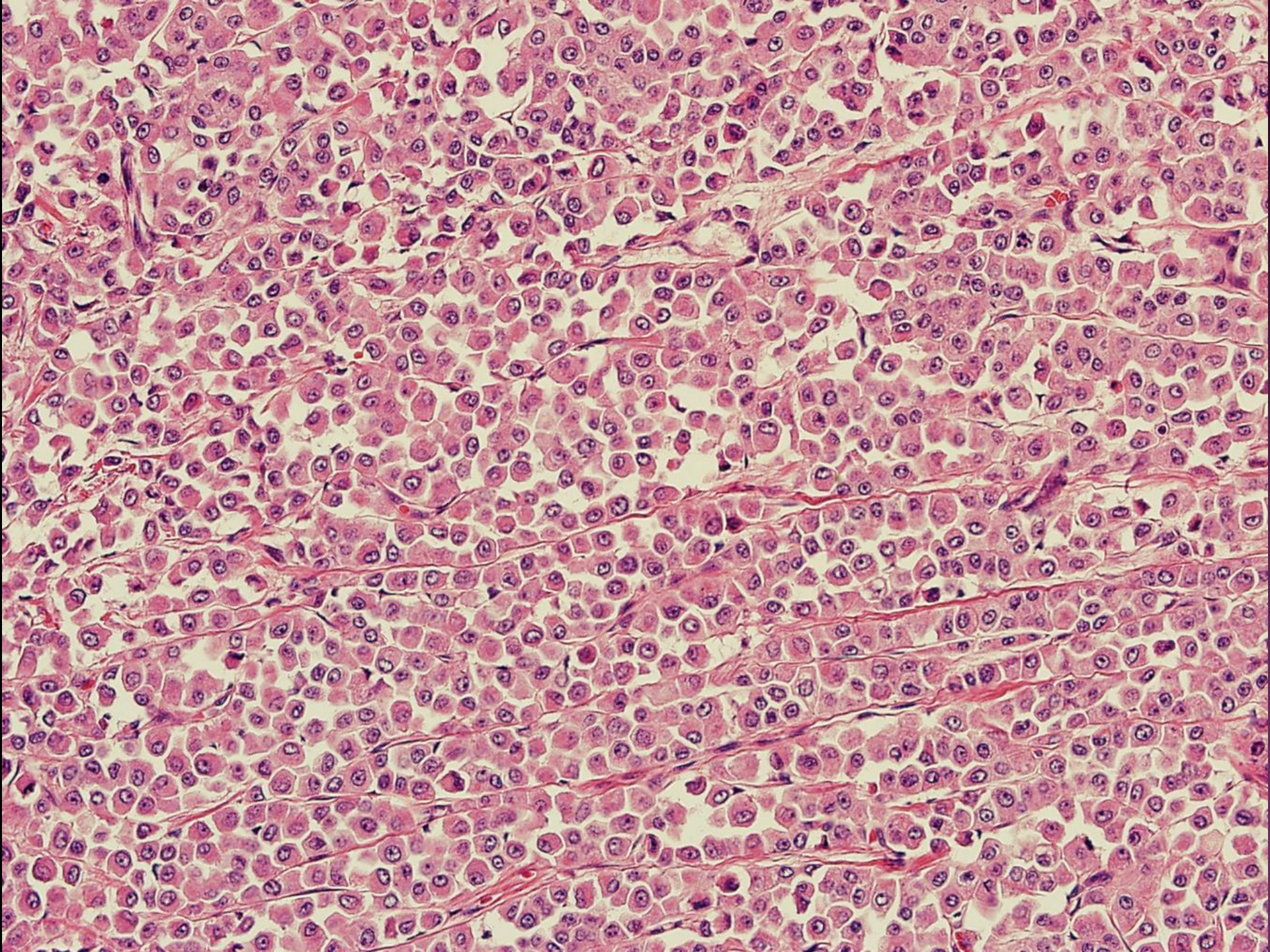




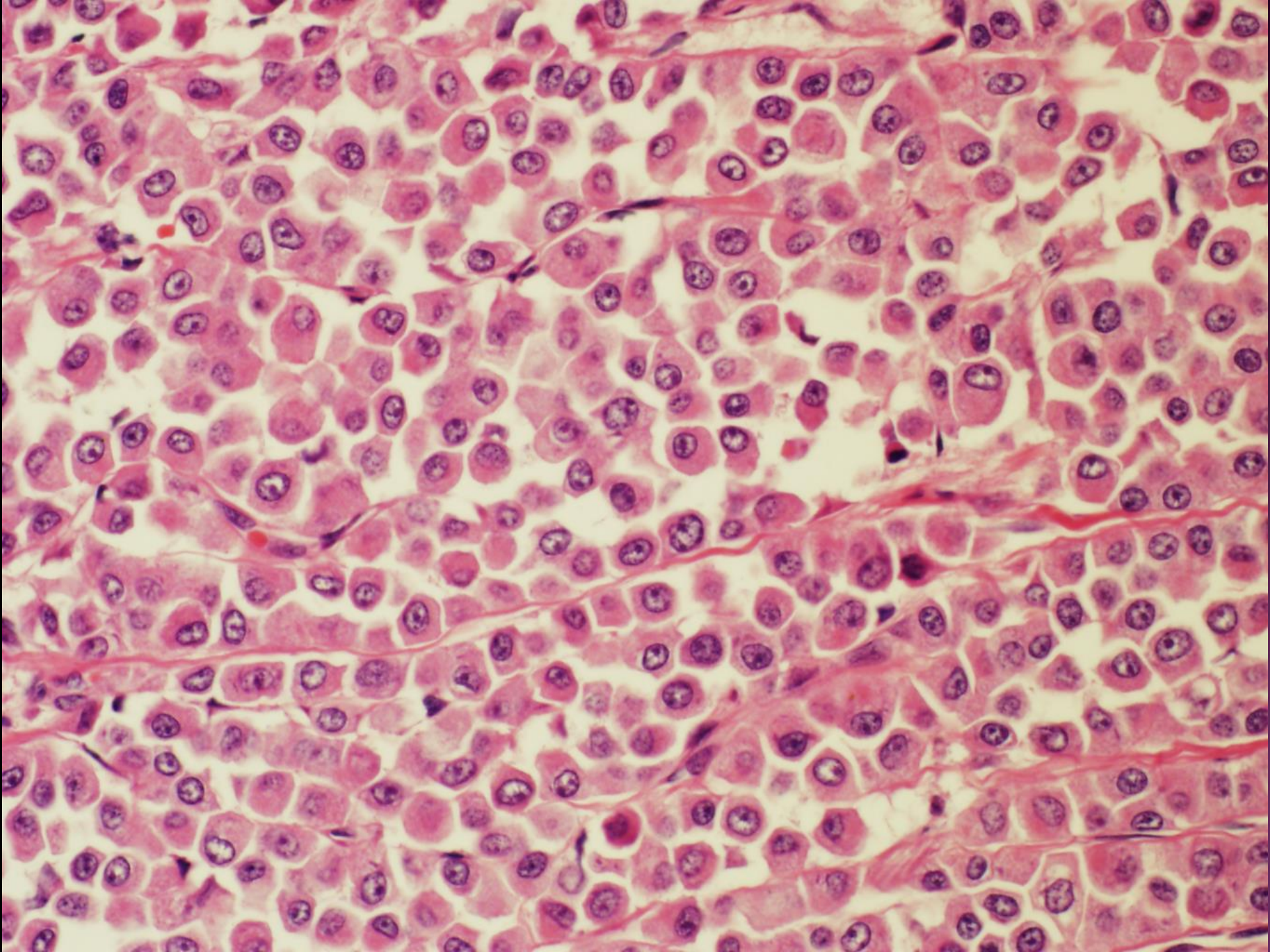
# SECOND CASE

- ◉ 70 year old woman
- ◉ 2 masses in the right breast
- ◉ Biopsy-proven malignancy
- ◉ Excision performed





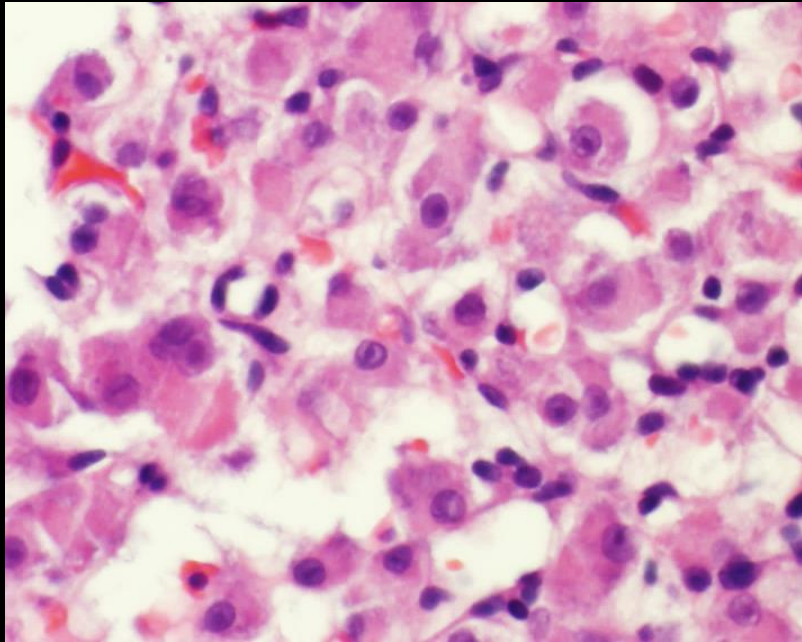




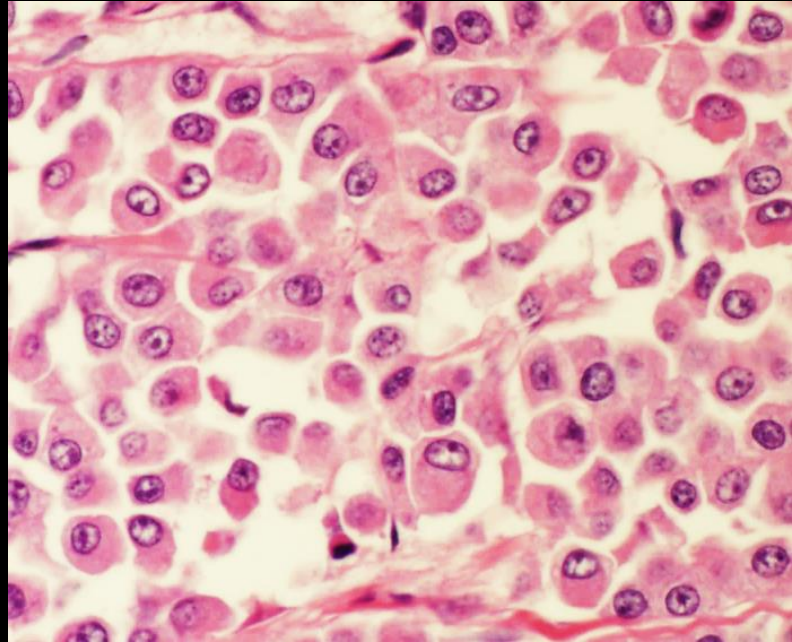


# SIMILAR MORPHOLOGY

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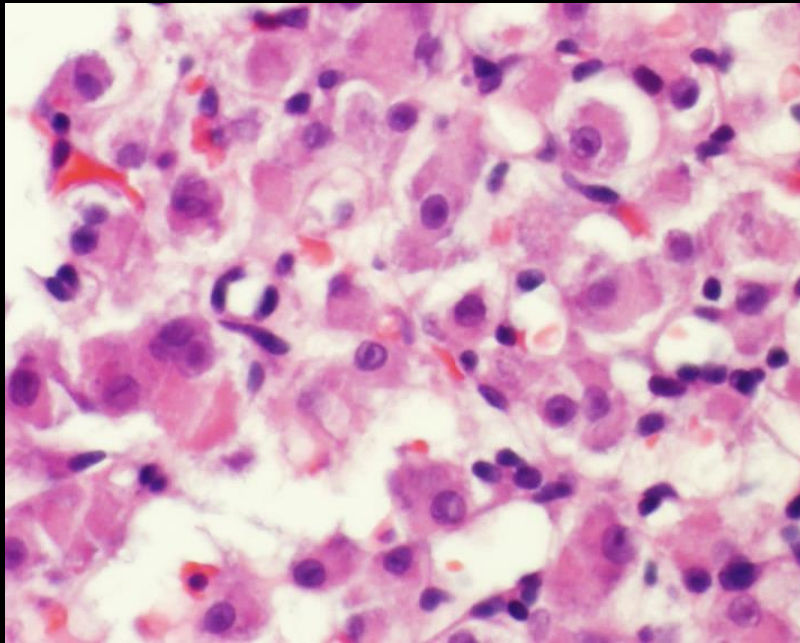
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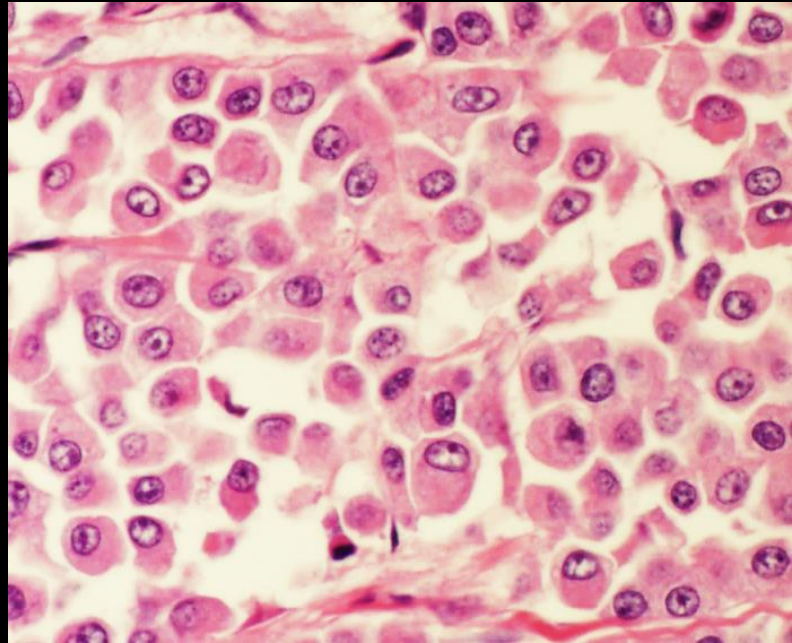
# SURPRISE!

- One case is invasive lobular breast carcinoma
- One is a metastatic tumor

Case 1



Case 2





# INVASIVE LOBULAR CARCINOMA AND ITS MIMICS

- ⦿ Lobular carcinoma and variants
- ⦿ Mimics of lobular carcinoma
- ⦿ Review w/u primary vs metastatic disease

# Epithelial Breast Cancer

## In situ

Lobular

Ductal

Cribriform  
Solid  
Micropapillary  
Papillary  
Clinging  
Comedo

## Invasive

Lobular

Ductal

Ductal, NOS  
Tubular  
Mucinous  
Micropapillary  
Papillary  
Cribriform  
Apocrine  
Secretory  
Medullary  
Metaplastic  
Adenoid cystic  
Neuroendocrine



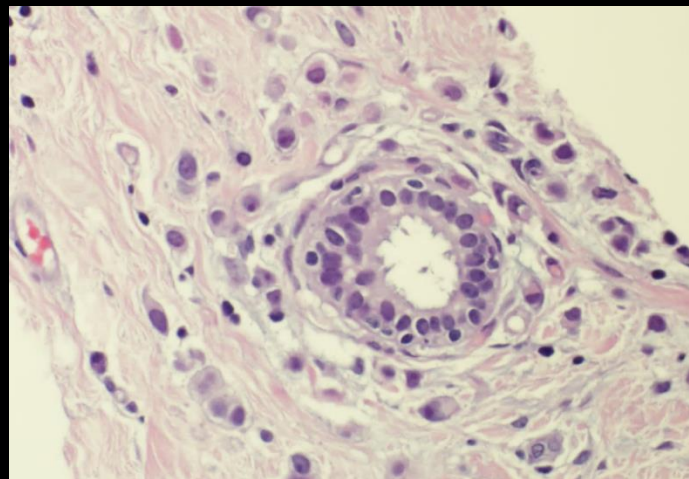
# INVASIVE LOBULAR CARCINOMA

- 5-15% of invasive breast carcinomas
- Frequently multifocal in ipsilateral breast
- Some reports of increased incidence of breast cancer in contralateral breast
- Palpable mass or mammographic or u/s abnormality, but may be subtle
- Mass may not be identifiable grossly

# INVASIVE LOBULAR HISTOLOGY

## ○ Classic type + variants:

- Loosely cohesive cells
- Intracytoplasmic lumina with eosinophilic mucin and eccentrically placed nuclei
- Linear growth
- Concentric growth pattern around ducts





# LOBULAR VS DUCTAL

## ○ Lobular

- Shows loss of E-cadherin
- Usually ER/PR+
- Rarely HER2+
- Less likely to show lymphovascular invasion
- Poor response to chemotherapy
- Negative margin status difficult to achieve
- Mets: bone, GI, meninges, ovary, serosa

# LOBULAR VS DUCTAL

## ○ Ductal

- ER/PR/HER2 varies
- Variable response to chemotherapy
- Margin status varies
- Mets: more likely to lung

## ○ Ultimate question:

- Is there is a prognostic difference?
- It's complicated!



From the University Hospital, Zurich; International Breast Cancer Study Group (IBCSG) Coordinating Center and Swiss Group for Clinical Cancer Research (SAKK), Bern; Serology Center of Eastern Switzerland, Kantonsspital, St. Gallen; Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland, Bellinzona, Switzerland; IBCSG Statistical Center; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation; Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA.

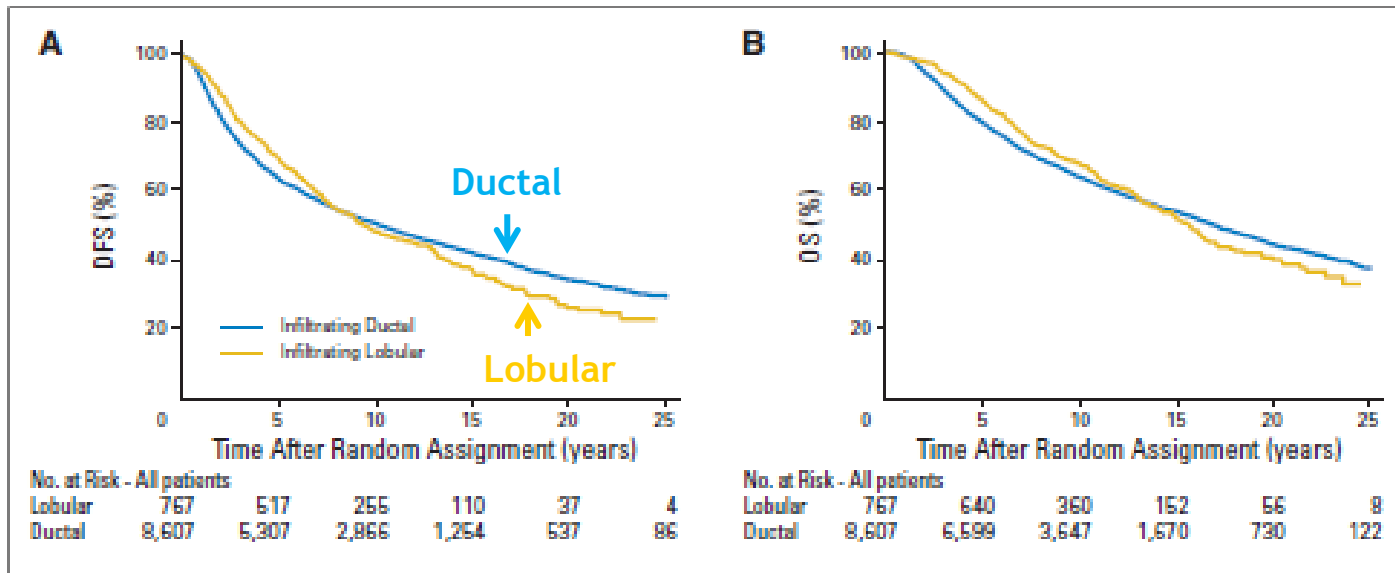
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A B S T R A C T

- Retrospective
- Patients enrolled in the International Breast Cancer Study Group Clinical Trial 1978-2002
- 9,374 patients with either pure IDC or ILC
- Median follow-up of 13 years

## Disease Free Survival (DFS) and Overall Survival (OS)



- ◉ Within the first 10 years, risk of death was 16% lower for ILC than IDC.
- ◉ After 10 years, risk of death was 50% higher for ILC than IDC.



# Epithelial Breast Cancer

## In situ

Lobular

Classic  
Pleomorphic

Ductal

GRADE:  
Low  
Intermediate  
High

Cribriform  
Solid  
Micropapillary  
Papillary  
Clinging  
Comedo

## Invasive

Lobular

Classic  
Alveolar  
Solid  
Trabecular  
Apocrine  
Signet ring  
Histiocytoid  
Pleomorphic

Ductal

GRADE:  
Well  
Moderate  
Poor

Ductal, NOS  
Tubular  
Mucinous  
Micropapillary  
Papillary  
Cribriform  
Apocrine  
Secretory  
Medullary  
Metaplastic  
Adenoid cystic  
Neuroendocrine

## EXPRESSION:

ER

PR

HER2/NEU

# INVASIVE LOBULAR VARIANTS

- Based on architecture and cytology
- Architecture:
  - Classic
  - Solid
  - Alveolar
  - Trabecular
- Cytology:
  - Signet ring
  - Apocrine
  - Histiocytoid
  - Pleomorphic

CLINICAL TRIAL

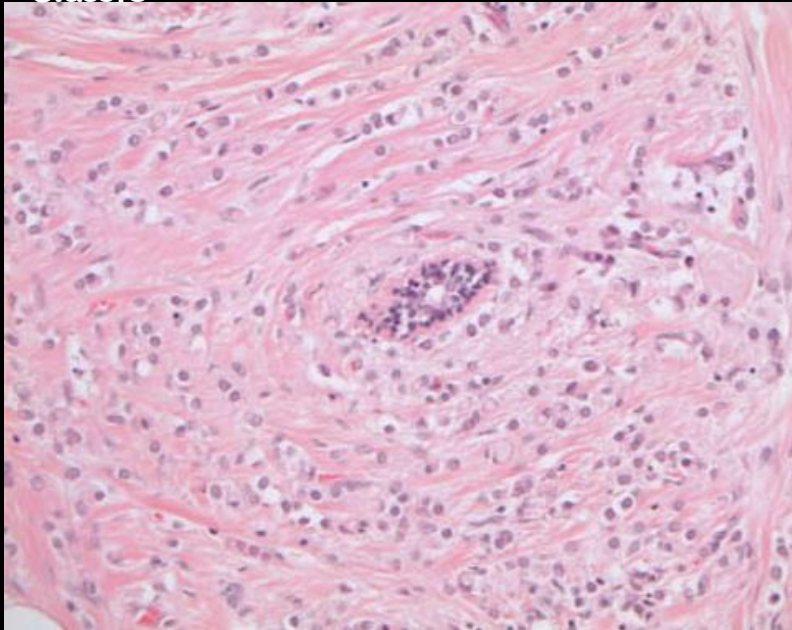
## **Invasive lobular breast cancer: subtypes and outcome**

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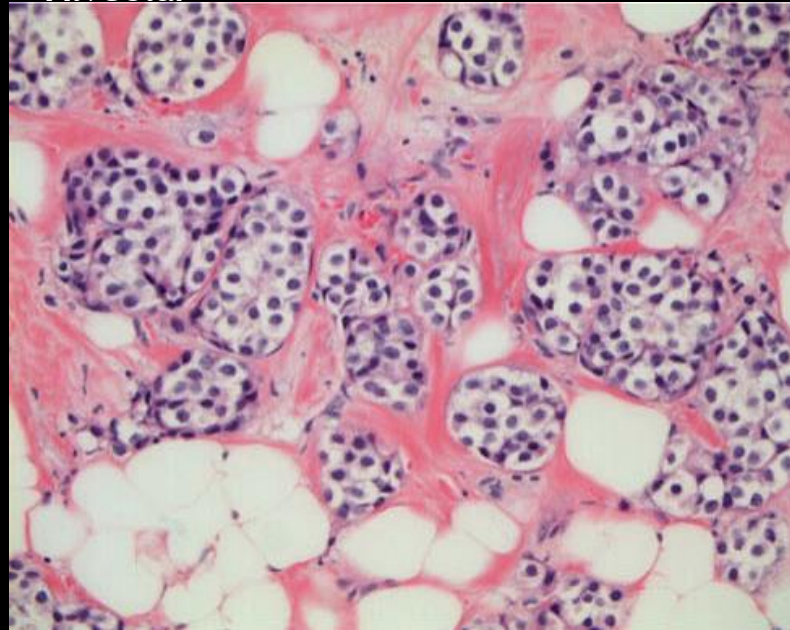
- Studied prognosis of classic ILC vs variants
- 981 patients with pure ILC
- Classified as classic (including alveolar, solid, trabecular) or mixed non-classic (including pleomorphic, signet ring, histiocytoid and apocrine)
- Median follow up 6.4 years for DFS and 7.4 years for OS



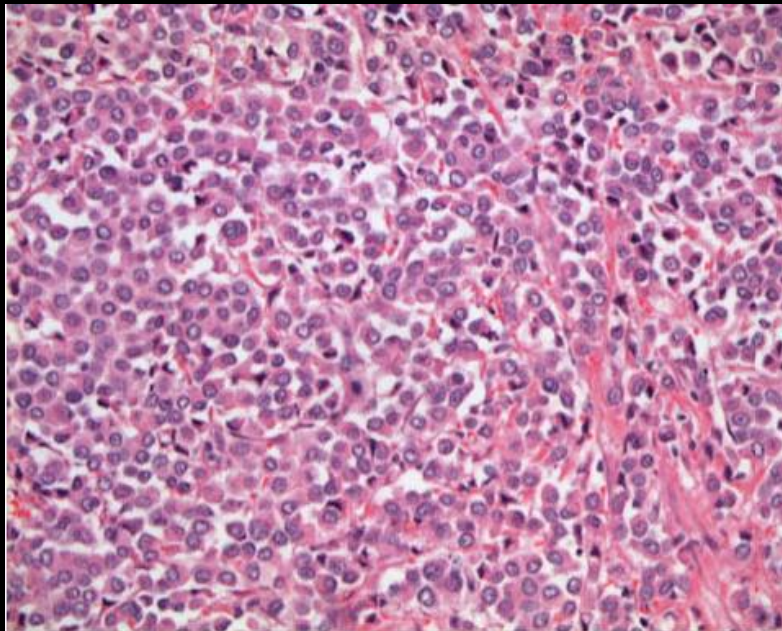
**Classic**



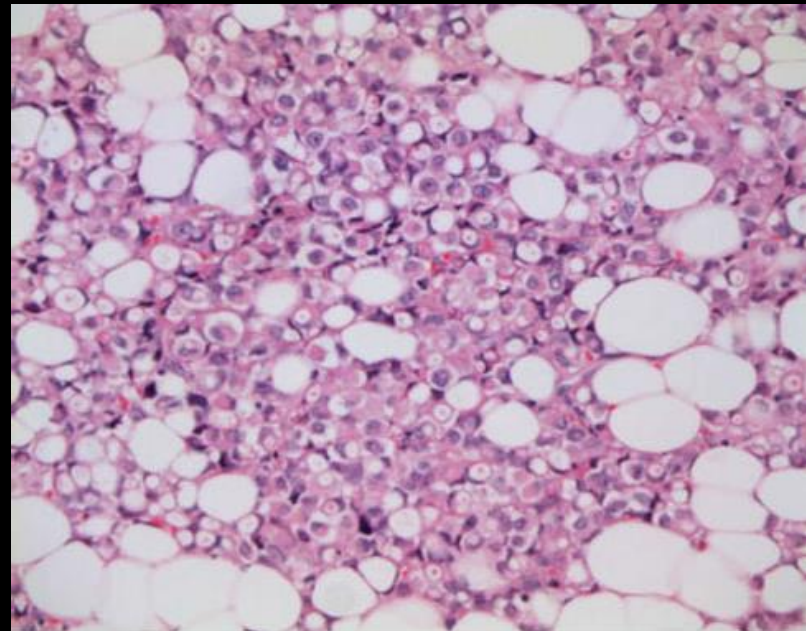
**Alveolar**



**Solid**

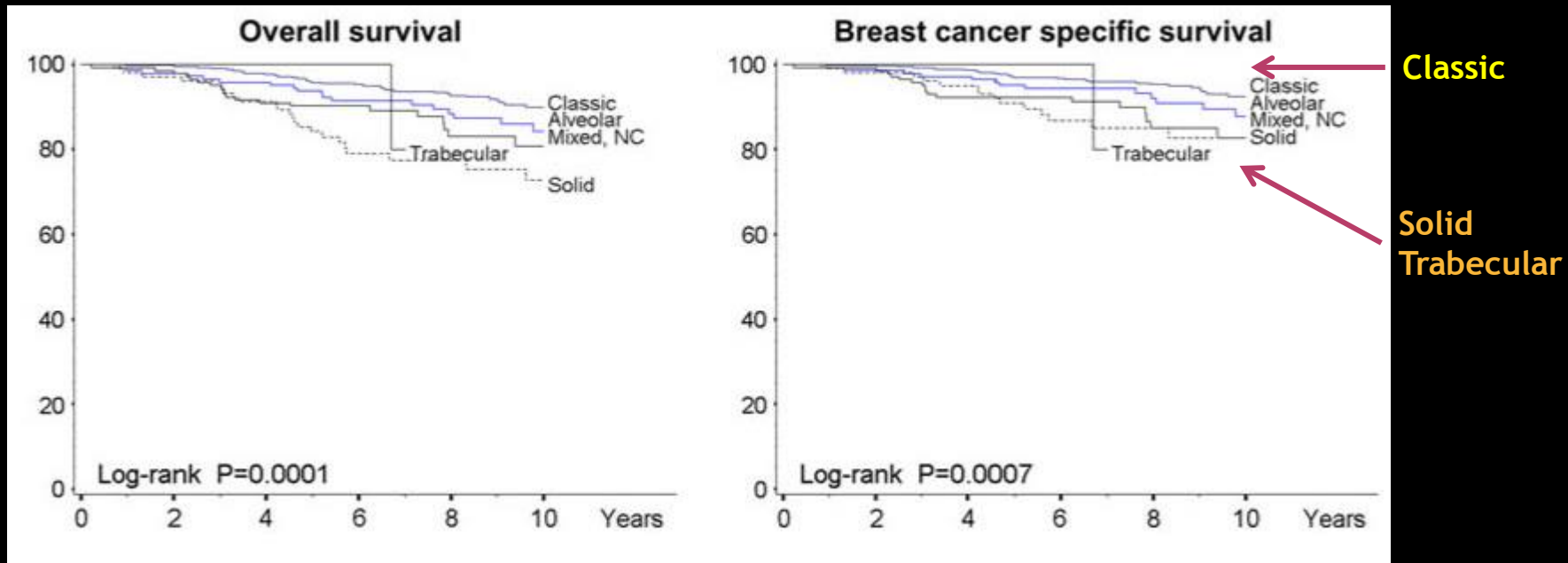


**Signet ring**



# RESULTS

- Classic (55.8%), alveolar/trabecular (18.8%), solid (10.6%), mixed non-classic (14.8%)
- Classic: >50% grade 1
- Mixed non-classic: 58.6% grade 3
- Solid: 37.5% grade 3
- Overall, 96.5% were ER+
- Overall, Based on IHC, 48.5% were Luminal B



- Multivariate analysis
- Significantly different outcomes between classic vs non-classic and solid types
- Independent prognostic factors: age >70, large tumor size and positive nodes



# CONCLUSION

- ILC is a heterogeneous disease
- Different histologic subtypes with different grades, different behaviors and different response to treatment
- Selected subgroups may benefit from tailored therapy

# PLEOMORPHIC INVASIVE LOBULAR CARCINOMA

- First described by Page in 1987
- Growth pattern of classic ILC
- Nuclei 4x the size of a lymphocyte
- Hyperchromasia
- Nuclear irregularity
- Prominent nucleoli
- Increased mitotic activity





## Clinicopathologic and biomarker analysis of invasive pleomorphic lobular carcinoma as compared with invasive classic lobular carcinoma: an experience in our institution and review of the literature

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Table 1  
Patient and tumor characteristics (PLC vs ILC)

		PLC (n = 7)	ILC (n = 58)	P
Age (y)		35–69	30–88	.20
Grade	I	0/7	11/58	.59
	II	5/7	47/58	.62
	III	2/7	0/58	.01
LVI present		2/7	7/58	.25
Lymph node	Unknown	0/7	4/58	>.99
	N0	4/7	37/58	.70
	N1a	1/7	12/58	>.99
	N2a	0/7	2/58	>.99
	N3a	2/7	3/58	.09
ER ≥ 1%		4/7	All positive	.001
Her-2		All negative	All negative	>.99
Ki-67 ≥ 10%		5/7	7/58	.002
Follow-up (median, 29 mo)	None	1/7	2/58	.30
	NED	5/7	51/58	.25
	Metastases	1/7	4/58	.45
	Deceased	0/7	1/58	>.99

LVI indicates lymphovascular invasion; NED, no evidence of disease.

Not Significant:

HER2 →  
F/u →

Significant:

← Grade

← ER

← Ki67

# BOTTOM LINE

- Pleomorphic invasive lobular carcinoma is a distinct entity
- E-cadherin negative
- Often higher grade, higher Ki67
- May be ER-
- Has implications for anti-estrogen therapy and chemotherapy



# OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- Non-classical morphology
- Fairly rare occurrence
- Need to consider other tumors

# MIMICS OF INVASIVE LOBULAR

## ○ Breast

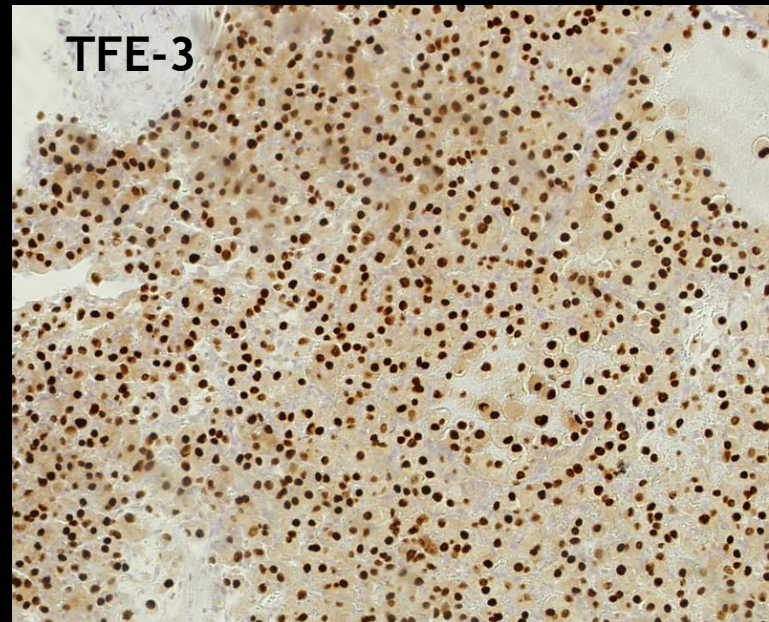
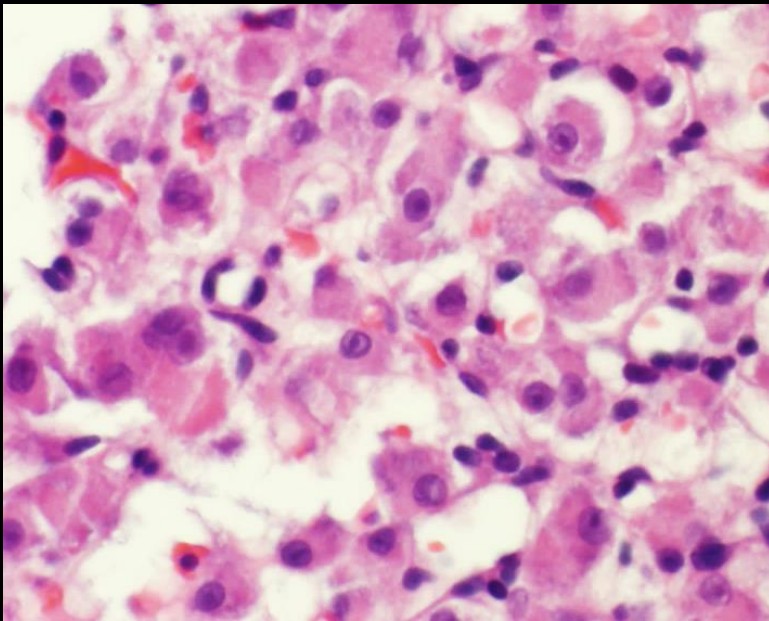
- Apocrine carcinoma
- Acinic cell carcinoma
- Secretory carcinoma

## ○ Metastatic

- Melanoma
- Gastric carcinoma
- Renal cell carcinoma
- Hepatocellular carcinoma
- Alveolar soft part sarcoma

# OUR CASE

- Patient had a known history 10 years before
- Alveolar soft part sarcoma of the leg
- Now with widely metastatic disease
- Brain, lungs, breast





# PRIMARY VS METASTATIC

- Clinical history
- Have a low threshold for “other”
- ER can be positive in metastatic lesions
- ER can be negative in breast tumors

# USEFUL IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY

	GCDFP15 (BRST2)	Estrogen Receptor	Progesterone Receptor	PAX8	Gata 3
Infiltrating ductal carcinoma	60-70%	75%	50-60%	0%	92%
Infiltrating lobular carcinoma	60-70%	>95%	80%	0%	100%
Lung adenocarcinoma	0-1%	<5%	<5%	0%	8%
Ovarian adenocarcinoma	1-5%	50-100%	40-90%	90-100%	6%
Endometrioid adenocarcinoma	negative	70%	70%		7%
GI adenocarcinoma	negative	<5%	1-10%	0%	<5%
Pancreatic adenocarcinoma	negative	negative	0-5%	0%	37%
Cholangiocarcinoma	negative	negative	30%		9%
Thyroid carcinoma	negative	20%	30%	100%	<10%
Germ cell tumors					40-100%
Urothelial carcinoma					84-100%
Mesothelioma					58%

Adapted from Surgical Pathology Criteria <http://surgpathcriteria.stanford.edu/>

GATA3 column from Miettinen M, McCue PA, Sarlomo-Rikala M, et al. A Multispecific but potentially useful marker in surgical pathology. Am J Surg Pathol, 38(1):13-22. 2014.

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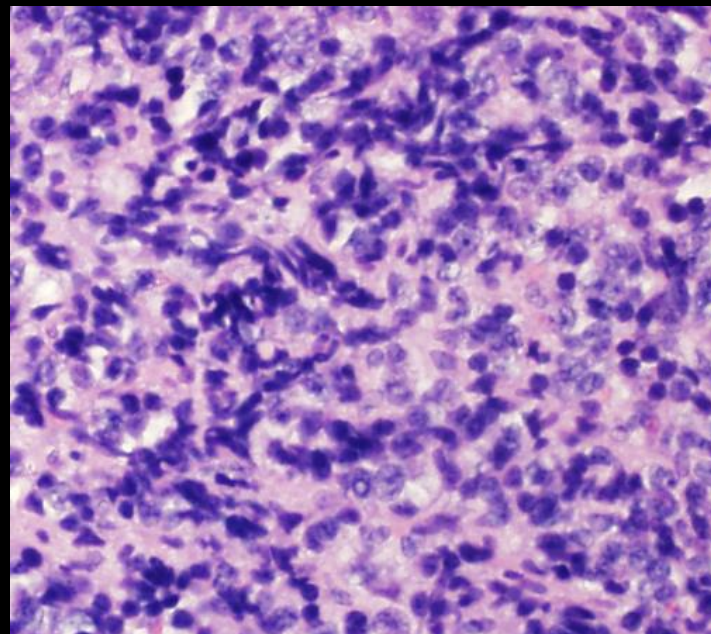
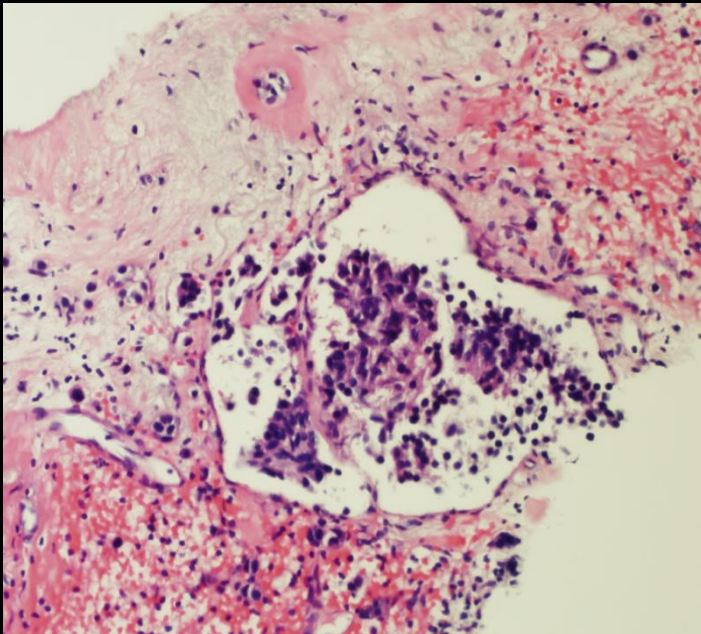
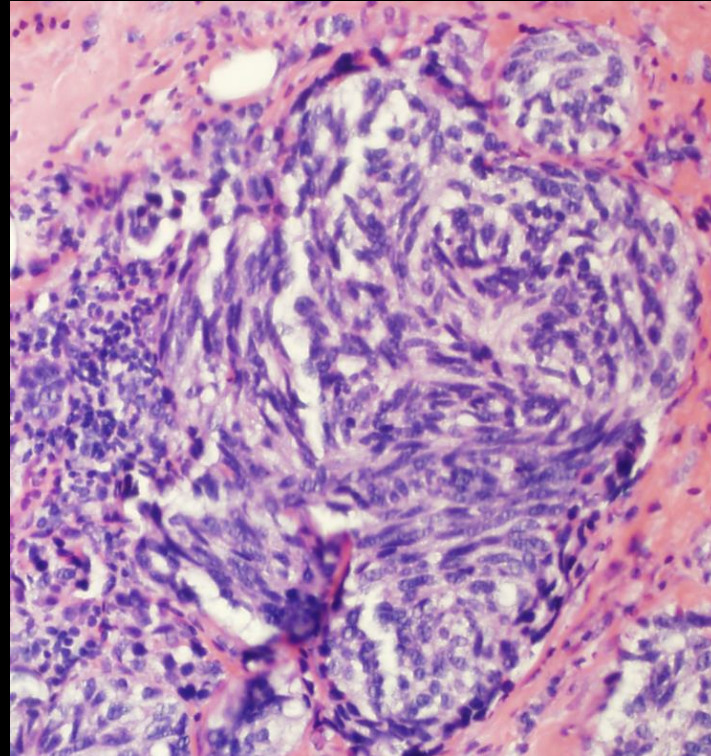
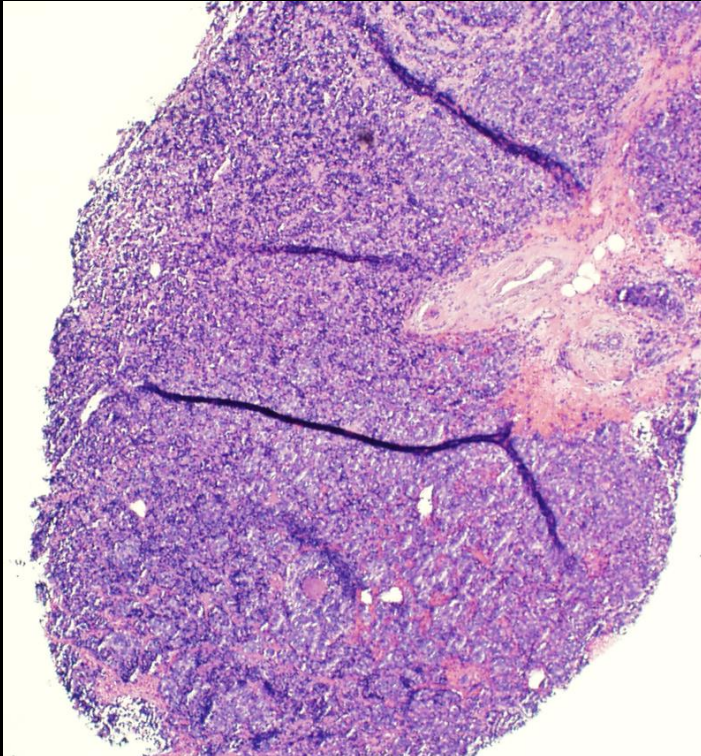
- Two consult cases, similar on first blush and both initially given the wrong diagnoses.





# FIRST CASE

- 73 yo woman with a left breast mass
- Core biopsy performed

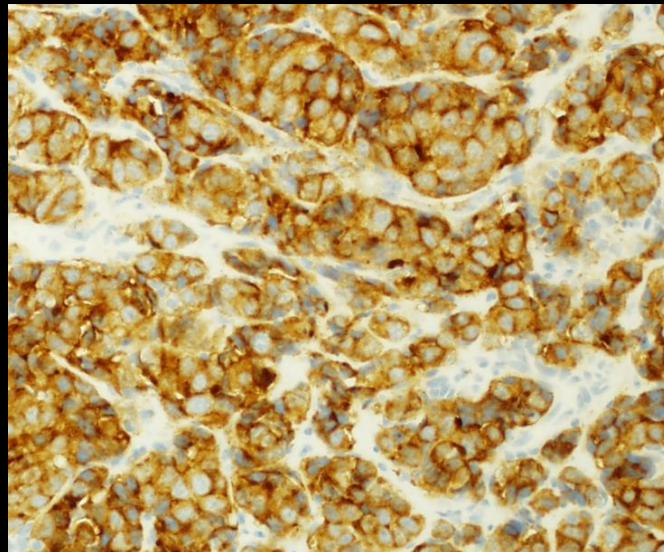




# OUTSIDE HOSPITAL STUDIES

## ○ Ancillary studies:

- **POSITIVE:** AE1/AE3, CAM5.2, CK7, ER (weak, 20%), Synaptophysin, Chromogranin
- **NEGATIVE:** CK20



Synaptophysin

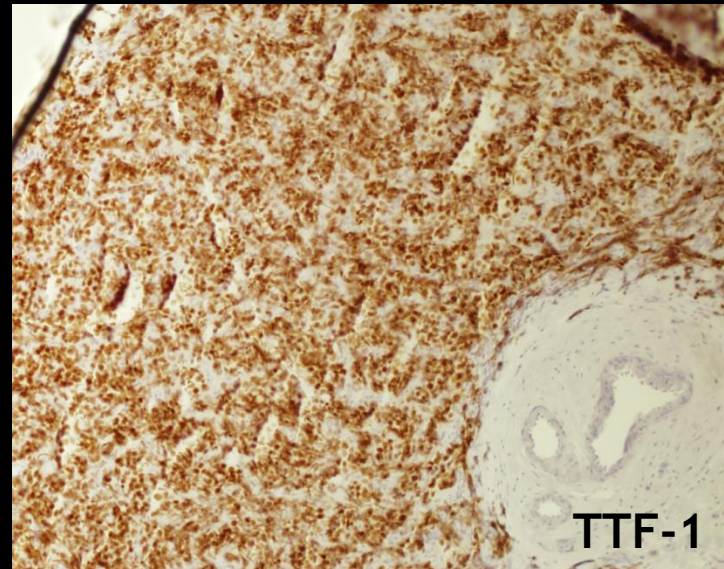
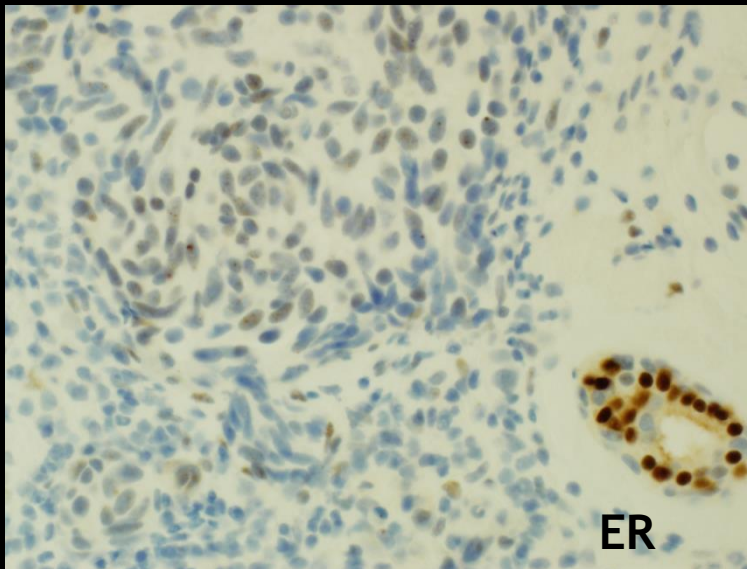


# INTERPRETATION

- ◉ Due to positivity for **Estrogen receptor, Synaptophysin and Chromogranin**, the tumor was called “poorly differentiated invasive ductal carcinoma with neuroendocrine features.”
- ◉ Our in house oncologist agreed.
- ◉ To us, the work-up was incomplete.

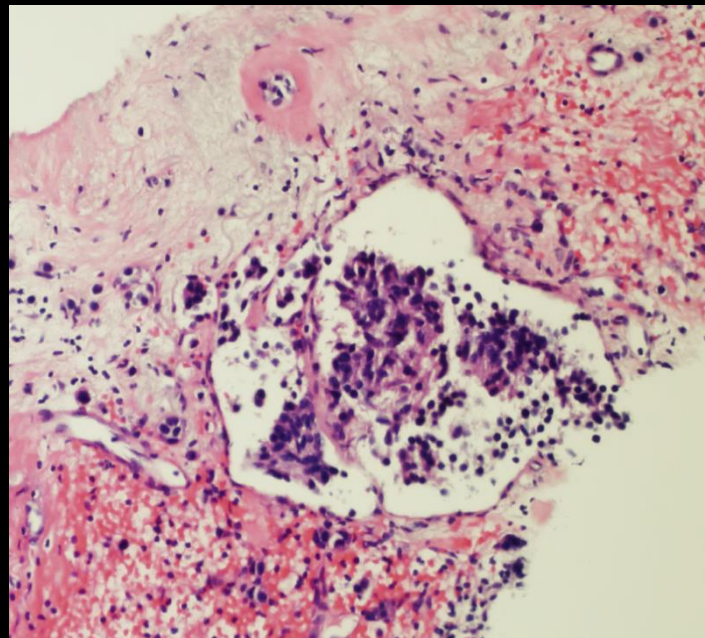
# ADDITIONAL HISTORY AND STAINS

- Patient had lesions in bone, breast and lung.
- We performed additional stains:
  - **POSITIVE:** TTF-1 (diffuse, strong)
  - **NEGATIVE:** PR (0), HER2 (0)



# NEW INTERPRETATION

- Metastatic neuroendocrine tumor, most likely of primary lung origin.





# SURPRISE!

IDC of breast with neuroendocrine features



Metastatic NET from lung

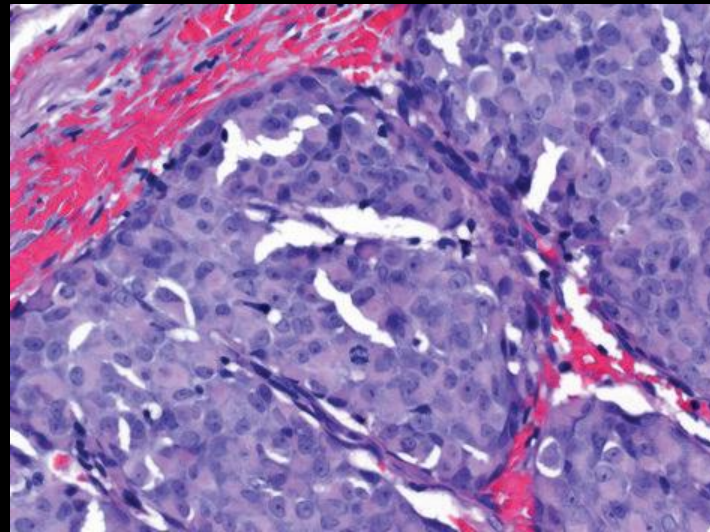
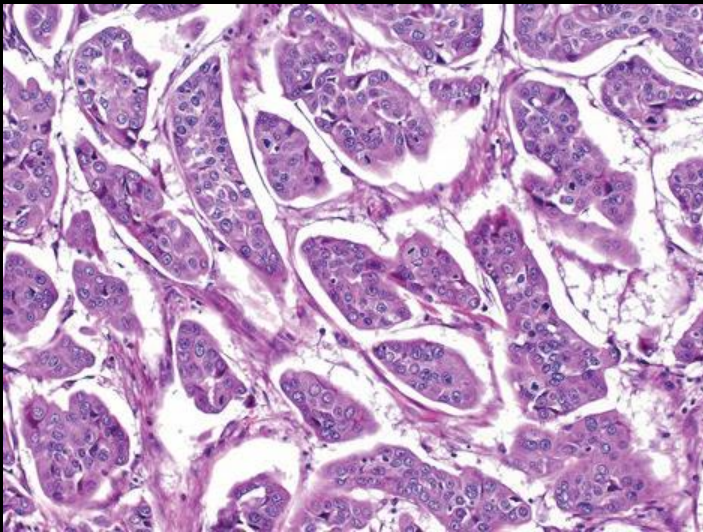


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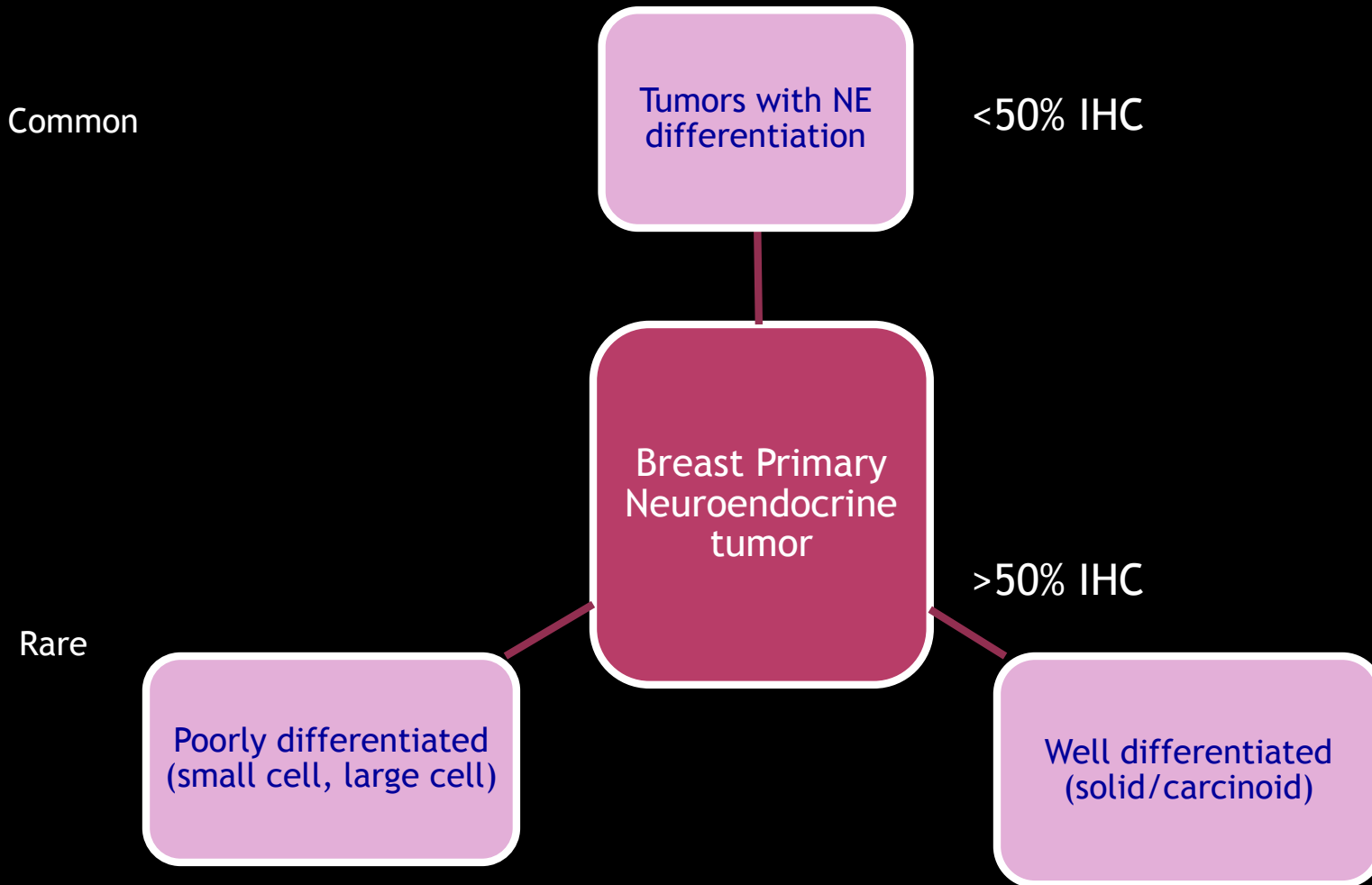
← Sand

# DISCUSSION POINTS

- Neuroendocrine tumors of the breast: classification and diagnosis



# CATEGORIES (WHO 2003)





# TUMORS WITH NEUROENDOCRINE DIFFERENTIATION

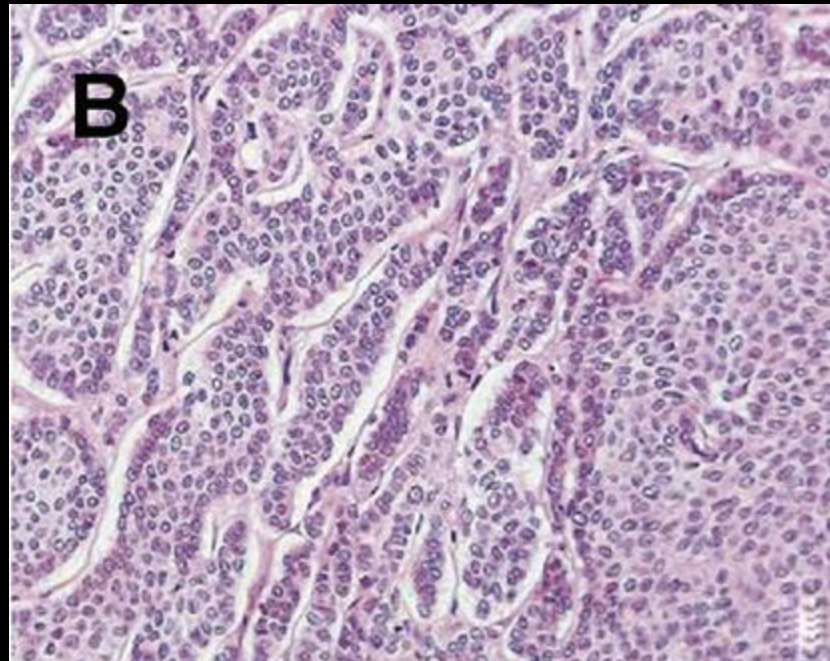
- Uncertain how many cases this includes
- Lack cyto-architectural features of true neuroendocrine tumors
- Often post-menopausal
- IDC-NOS, mucinous, solid papillary included
- Show scattered expression of endocrine markers such as Synaptophysin and Chromogranin in <50% of cells (WHO 2003)

# PROGNOSIS OF TUMORS WITH NE DIFFERENTIATION

- Uncertain
- Some report no prognostic significance
- Others report better prognosis
- Most important: Grade, Stage, ER/PR/HER2
- Bottom line:
  - No need to test every tumor for NE Diff
  - Some NE staining does not = NEC

# SOLID/CARCINOID-LIKE

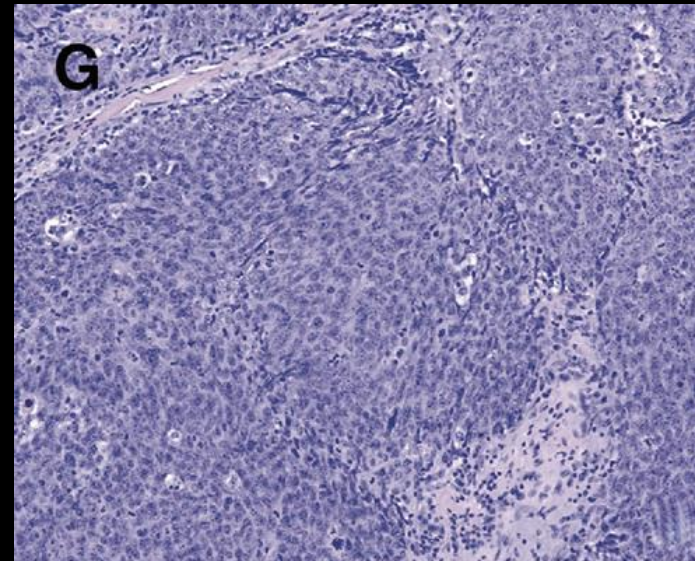
- <1% of breast cancers
- Morphologically indistinguishable from carcinoids from other sites
- Presence of DCIS and/or LVI may help
- Majority ER/PR+
- HER2 negative





# POORLY DIFFERENTIATED

- Small/large cell neuroendocrine carcinomas
- Morphologically indistinguishable from lung
- TTF-1 does not help: may be positive
- In situ carcinoma may help
- Variable expression of NE markers
- Prognosis?



# Small Cell Carcinoma of the Breast

A Clinicopathologic and Immunohistochemical Study of  
Nine Patients

Sandra J. Shin, M.D., Ronald A. DeLellis, M.D., Liang Ying, B.A., and  
Paul Peter Rosen, M.D.

*The American Journal of Surgical Pathology 24(9): 1231-1238, 2000*

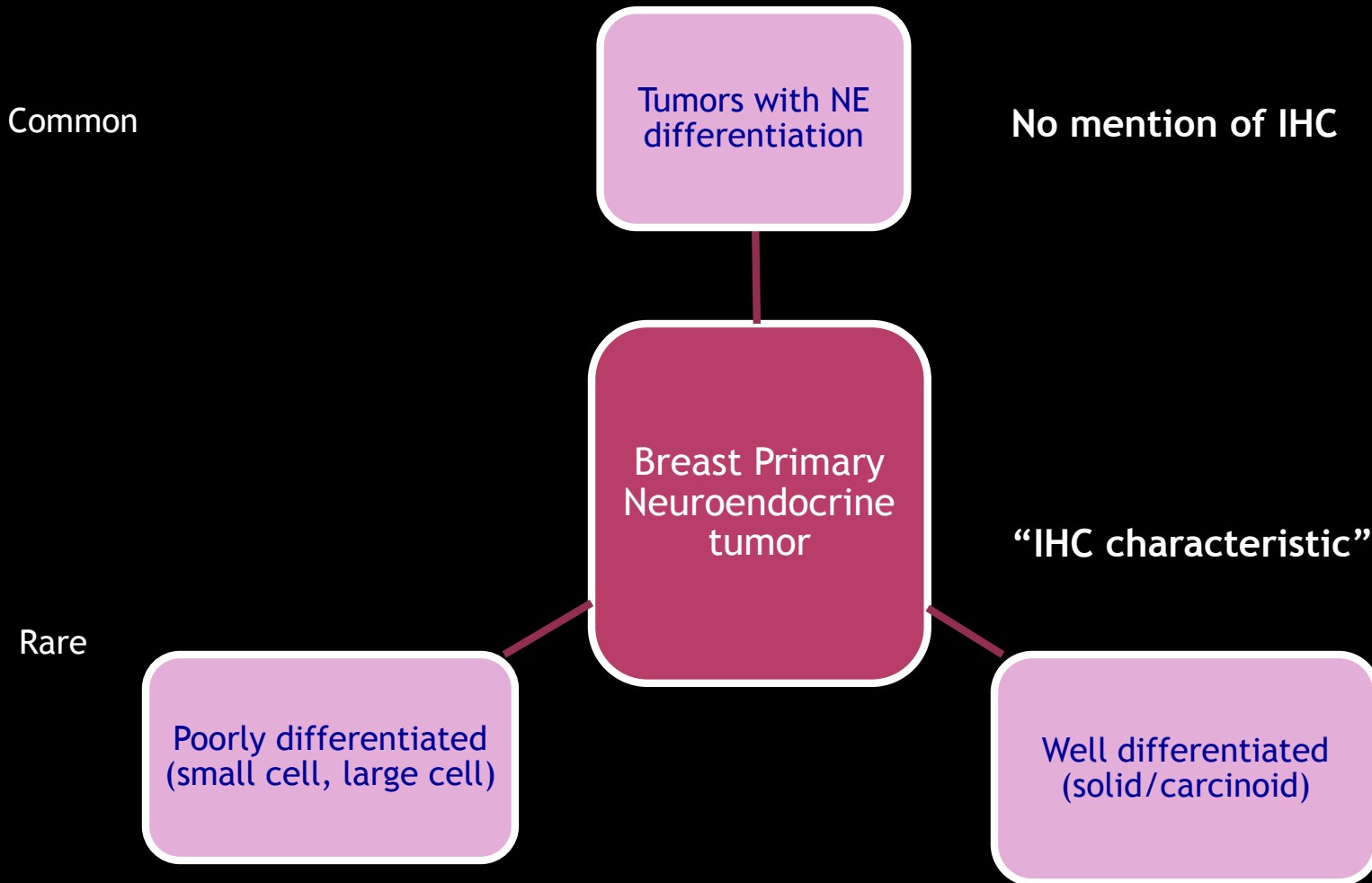
- 9 patients diagnosed with primary small cell ca
- Treatment: mastectomy or lumpectomy with or without ALDN
- Follow-up 3-35 months
- All patients alive
- Conclusion: Primary small cell carcinoma of the breast is not as aggressive as at other sites

# ISSUES WITH NE CLASSIFICATION

- >50% expression is arbitrary
- Most appropriate IHC marker for NET's?
  - Panel is recommended
  - Synaptophysin and chromogranin
  - Others: NSE, CD56
- Some tumors with cyto-architecture of neuroendocrine tumors are negative for markers of NE differentiation



# CATEGORIES (WHO 2012)

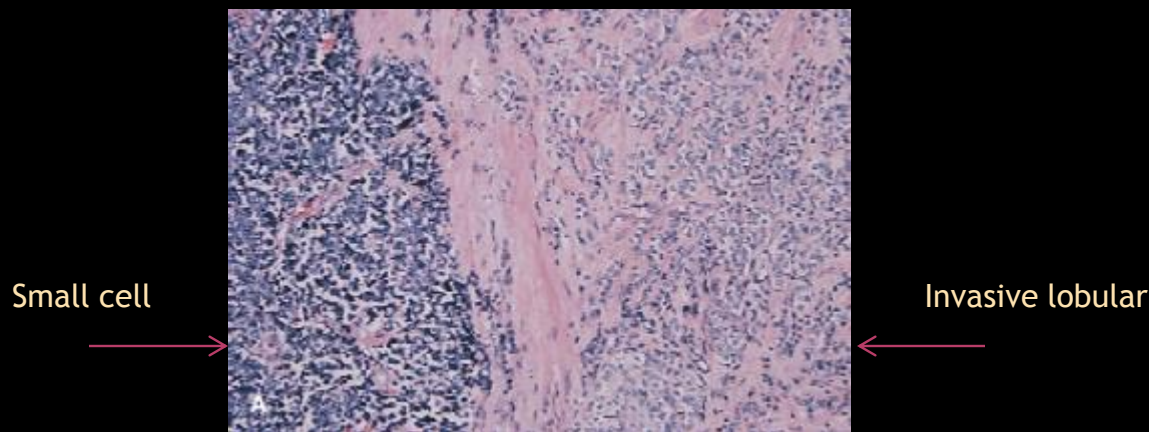


# NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS OF THE BREAST: SUMMARY

- Breast carcinoma with endocrine differentiation is relatively common
- True primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast is rare (<1%)
- Any neuroendocrine tumor of the breast should be distinguished from metastatic neuroendocrine tumors if possible

# INTERESTING POINT

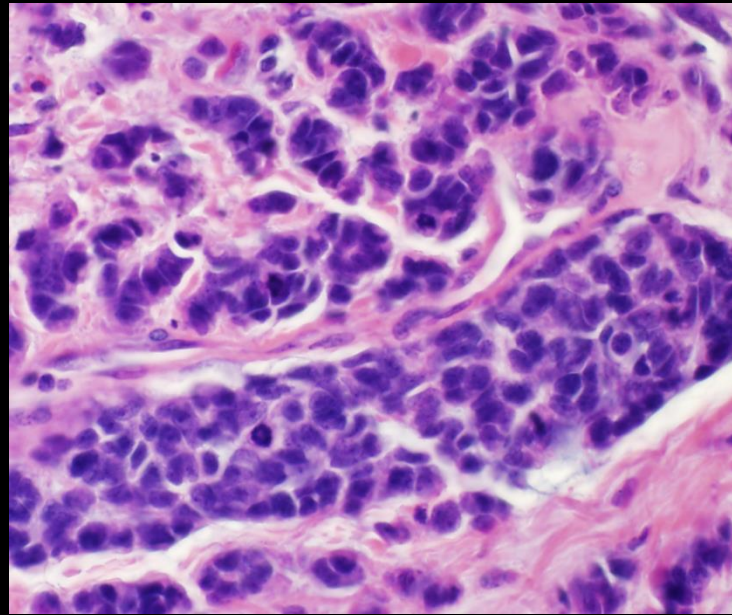
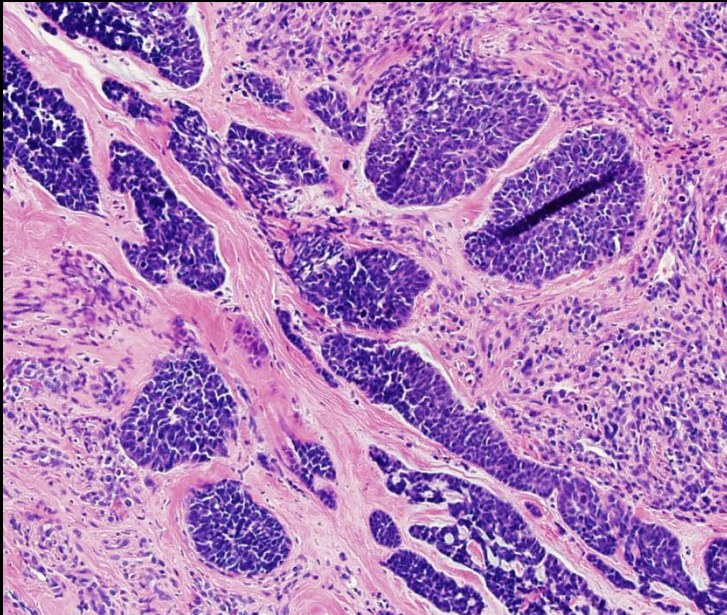
- 4 patients showed dimorphic tumor growth, showing small cell carcinoma co-existing with invasive lobular, ductal NOS, metaplastic and mixed types.



Shin, SJ, DeLellis RA, Ying L, Rosen PP. Small cell carcinoma of the Breast: A Clinicopathologic and Immunohistochemical Study of Nine Patients. *Am J Surg Path* 24(9): 1231-1238, 2000

# SECOND CASE

- 2010: 71 yo woman, 3cm mass in right breast
- Outside hospital case- excision performed



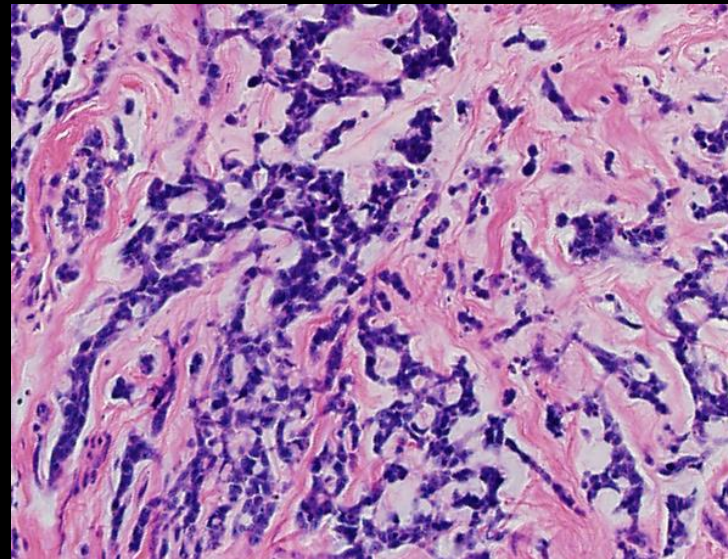
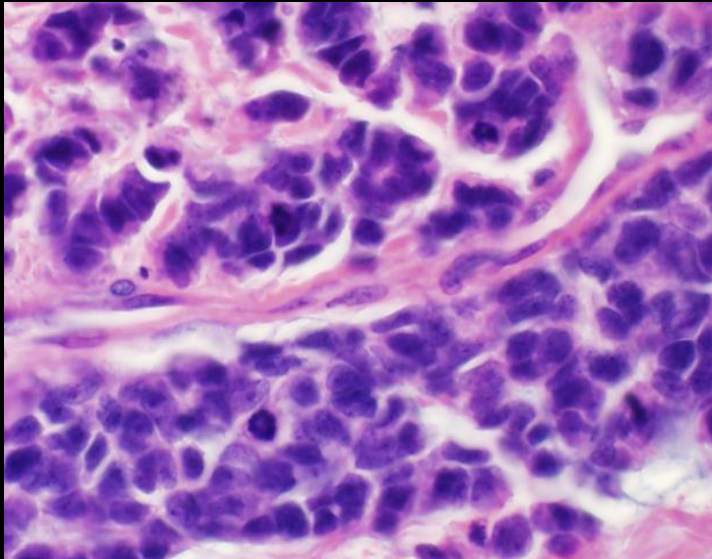


# ORIGINAL INTERPRETATION

- ◉ 6 negative lymph nodes.
- ◉ Stains: Pan-K and **NSE (+)**, ER/PR/HER2 (-), Synaptophysin (-), Chromogranin (-).
- ◉ Diagnosis: **poorly differentiated small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma.**
  
- ◉ Patient received 6 cycles of Carboplatin, Taxol and radiation.
- ◉ Developed severe neuropathy and recurrence in 2014.

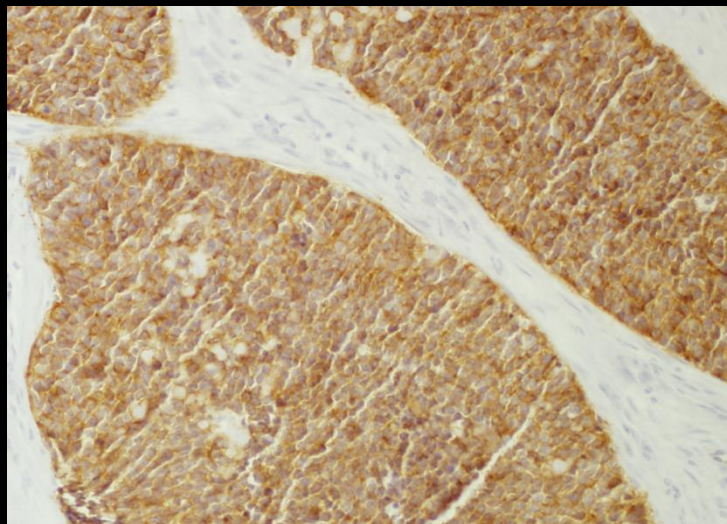
# CASE REVIEWED

- Small round blue cell tumor.
- Sheets and clusters.
- Mitotically active (15/10).
- Areas of necrosis and LVI.
- Intervening hyaline and myxoid stroma.



# STAINS: RECAP AND NEW

- ◉ SMA and p63: Negative
- ◉ Synaptophysin, Chromogranin: Negative
- ◉ CK7: Positive (patchy)
- ◉ **NSE: Positive**
- ◉ **CD117: Positive (patchy to diffuse)**

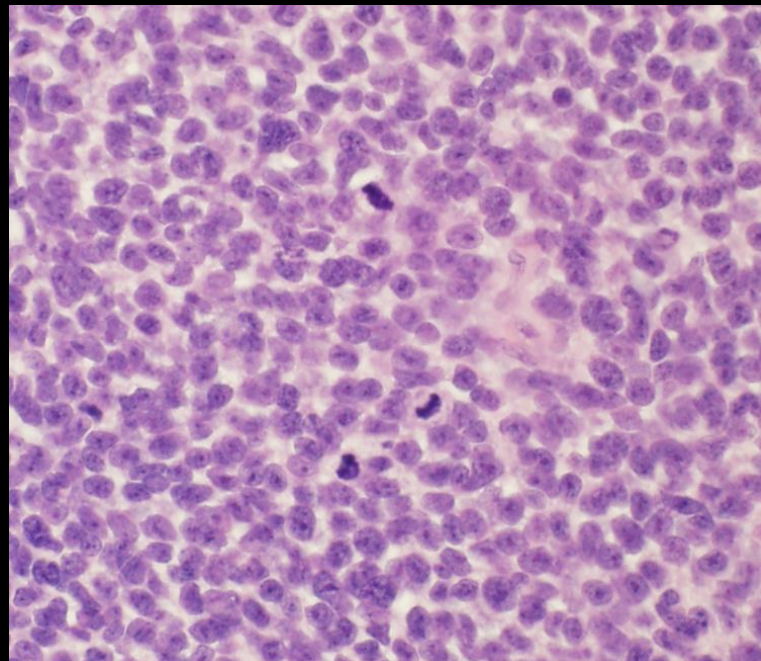
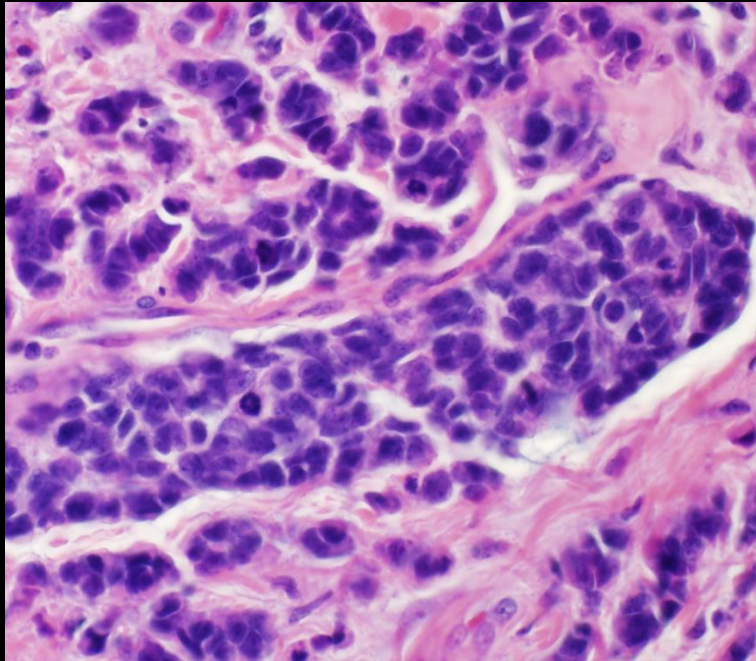


CD117



# MORPHOLOGY + STAINS

- New diagnosis:
  - Adenoid cystic carcinoma of the breast, solid type with basaloid features



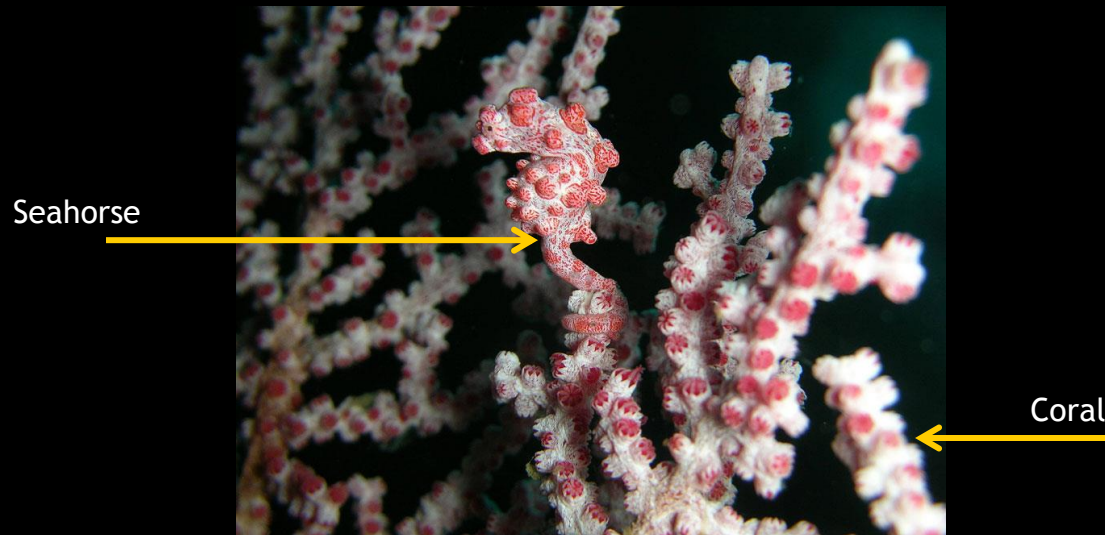


# SURPRISE!

Primary small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma



Primary adenoid cystic carcinoma



# ADENOID CYSTIC CARCINOMA OF THE BREAST

- Rare: 0.1% of breast carcinoma
- Morphologically indistinguishable from Adenoid cystic in salivary gland, lung, cervix
- 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> decade
- Subareolar region common
- Good prognosis

# ADENOID CYSTIC CARCINOMA

- Architectural patterns:
  - Trabecular, tubular, cribriform, solid
- Histology triplet:
  - Epithelial cells
  - Myoepithelial cells - bulk of tumor
  - Matrix

# ADENOID CYSTIC CARCINOMA

## ◉ Epithelial cells

- Eosinophilic cytoplasm, round nuclei
- Forms real glands
- CK7, CD117+

## ◉ Myoepithelial cells

- Basaloid: small, dark, scant cytoplasm
- Pseudolumens
- p63, SMA, Calponin+

## ◉ Matrix

- PAS-d+



# DIFFERENTIAL

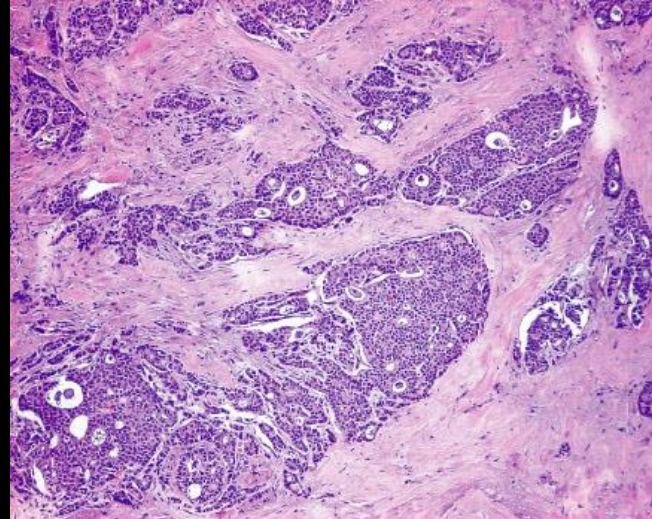
## ○ Malignant

- Cribriform carcinoma
  - DCIS
  - Invasive

## ○ Benign

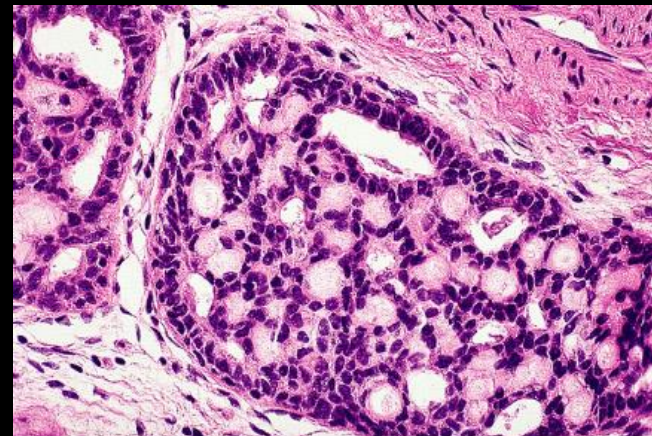
- Collagenous spherulosis

Cribriform carcinoma



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Collagenous spherulosis



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# HOW TO DISTINGUISH?

## ○ Adenoid cystic

- Infiltrative with two cell populations
- ER,PR, HER2 negative
- \*CD117 positive\*

## ○ Invasive Cribriform carcinoma

- Usually ER/PR positive
- Lacks myoepithelial cells

## ○ Cribriform DCIS

- Myoepithelial cell markers around periphery

## ○ Collagenous spherulosis

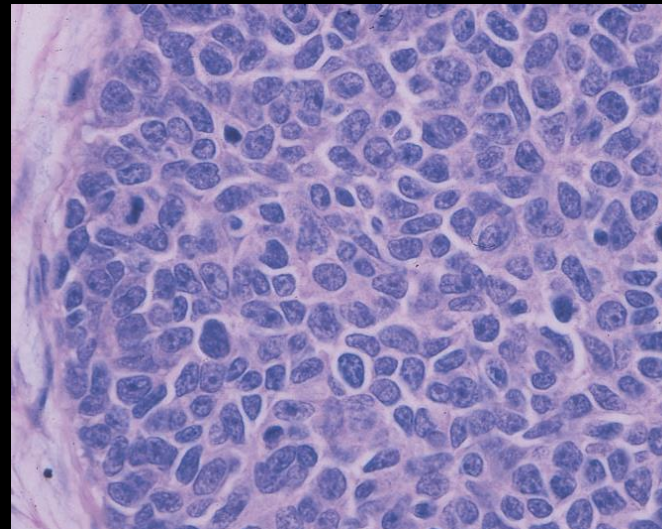
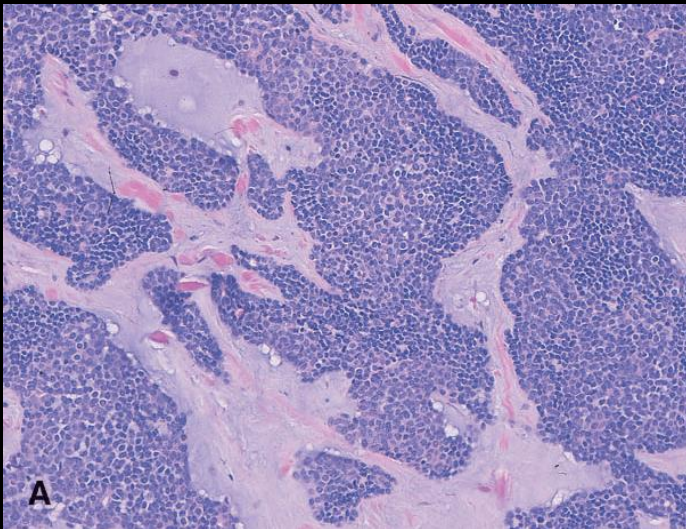
- Incidental
- Not infiltrative
- Lack cytologic atypia

# GRADING: PROPOSED METHODS

- ◎ 1. Most common
  - Nottingham grade (I-III)
  
- ◎ 2. Salivary gland method:
  - Ro, et al. *Hum Pathol* 18: 1276-1281, 1987
    - Grade 1: no solid areas
    - Grade 2: <30% solid
    - Grade 3: at least 30% solid

# MORE AGGRESSIVE ADENOID CYSTIC VARIANTS?

- Some reports suggest the following:
  - Solid type (Ro, et al. *Hum Pathol* 18: 1276-1281, 1987)
  - Solid type with basaloid features (Shin, Rosen. *Am J Surg Path* 26(4): 413-420, 2002)





# Solid Variant of Mammary Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma With Basaloid Features

A Study of Nine Cases

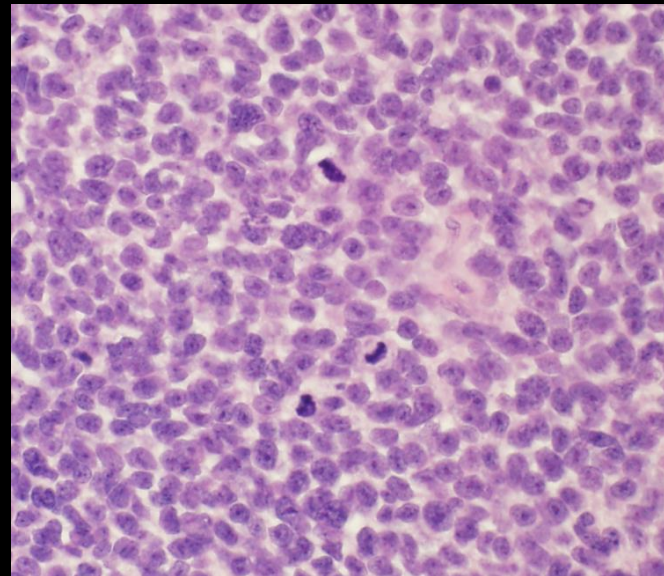
Sandra J. Shin, M.D., and Paul Peter Rosen, M.D.

The American Journal of Surgical Pathology 26(4): 413-420, 2002

- Each >90% solid with basaloid features
- Nuclear atypia moderate - marked in 8 cases
- Brisk mitotic activity in 50% of tumors
- No LVI or PNI
- Two cases with one positive axillary lymph node
- Management differed (surgical, radiation, endocrine)
- Follow-up:
  - 6 patients with no evidence of recurrent carcinoma (2-88 mo out)
  - 1 patient died of unknown causes; 1 lost to follow-up
- Conclusion: may be a worse ACC subtype, but still better than invasive ductal, NOS of similar size

# DIFFERENTIAL

- Cribriform carcinoma (in situ, invasive)
- Collagenous spherulosis
- Lymphoma
- Small cell carcinoma
- Solid papillary carcinoma
- Metaplastic carcinoma



TEACHING CASE

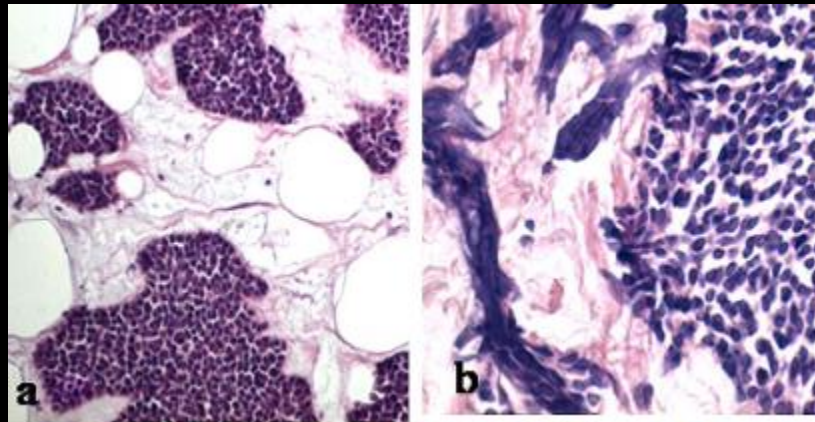
**Solid variant of mammary “adenoid cystic carcinoma with basaloid features” merging with “small cell carcinoma”**

Daniela Cabibi<sup>a,\*</sup>, Calogero Cipolla<sup>b</sup>, Ada Maria Florena<sup>a</sup>, Salvatore Fricano<sup>b</sup>,  
Elisabetta Barresi<sup>a</sup>, Salvatore Vieni<sup>b</sup>, Vito Rodolico<sup>a</sup>, Liborio Napoli<sup>b</sup>

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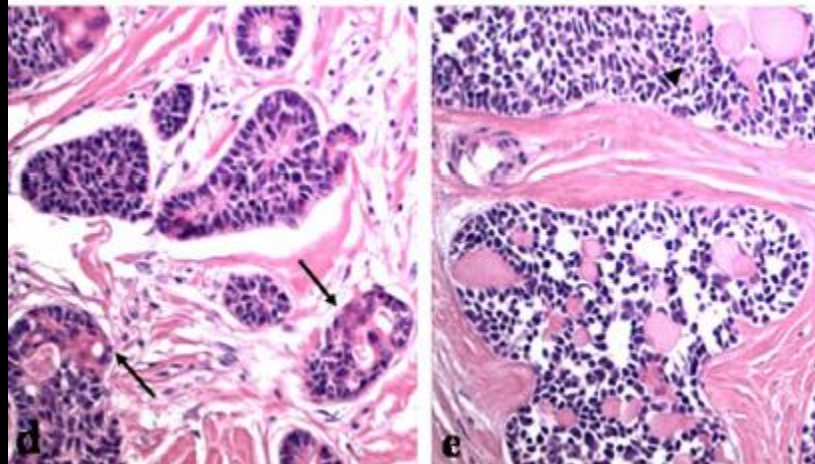
**Small cell**

- Keratin and CD117+
- Synaptophysin, NSE+
- MIB-1 >30%



**Adenoid cystic**

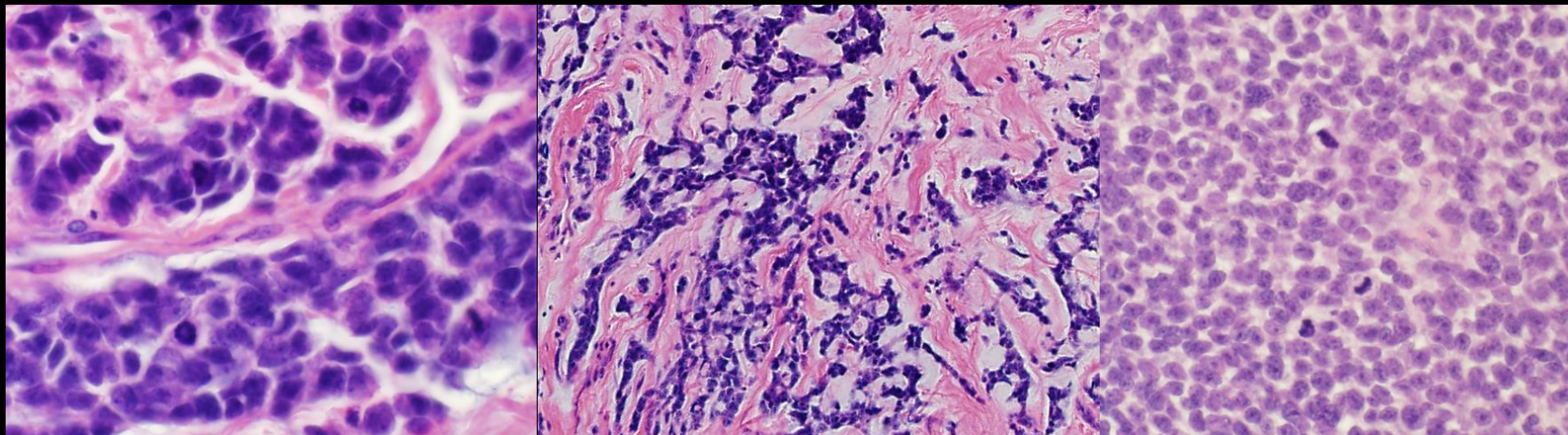
- Keratin and CD117+
- Synaptophysin, NSE-
- MIB-1 10%





# OUR CASE: REVISITED

- ◉ Solid, basaloid with trabecular components showing matrix production
- ◉ Mitotically active
- ◉ CD117+, NSE+
- ◉ Originally called small cell carcinoma
- ◉ Possible collision tumor?





# THANK YOU



Deer Valley in the summer