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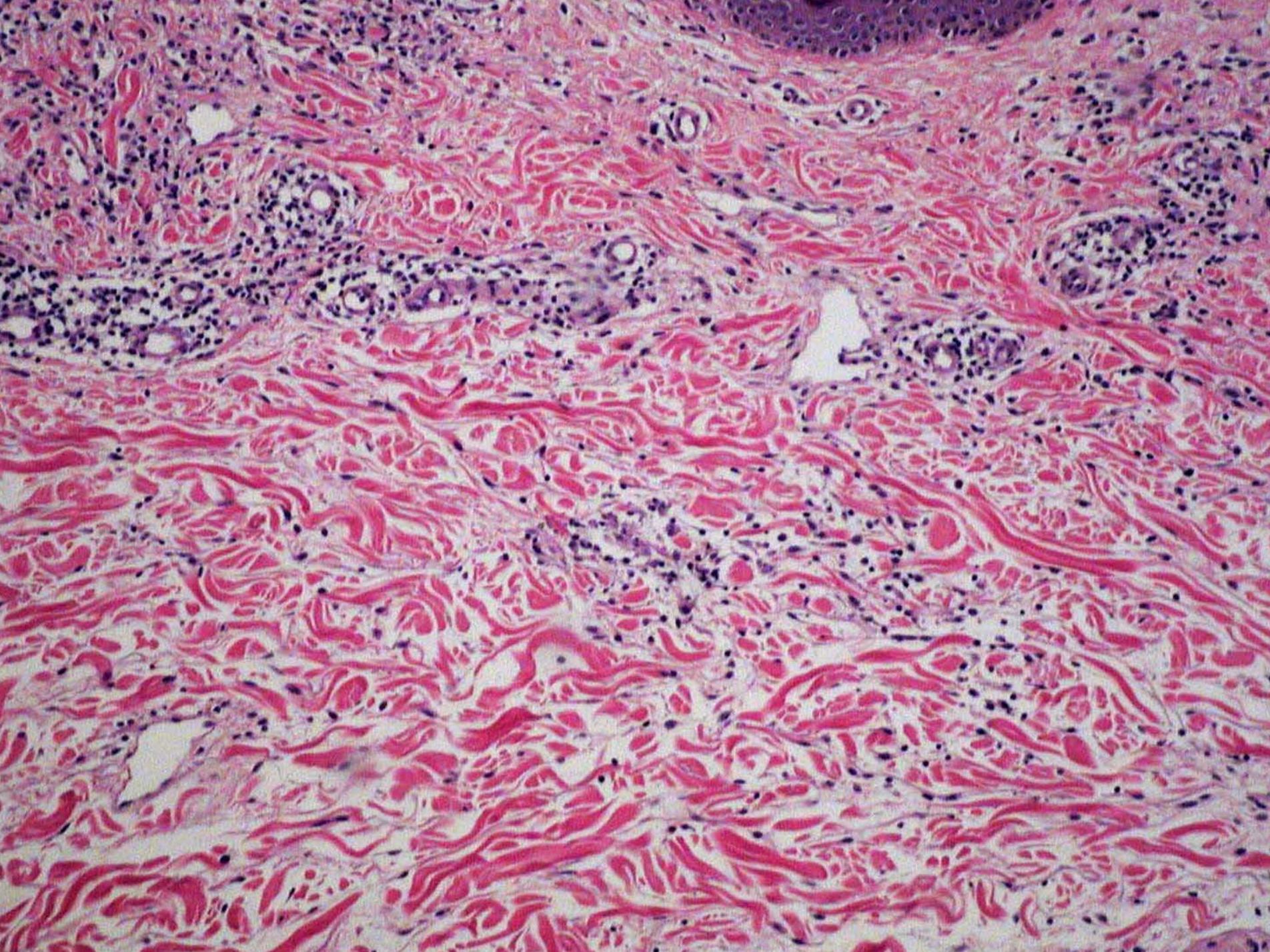
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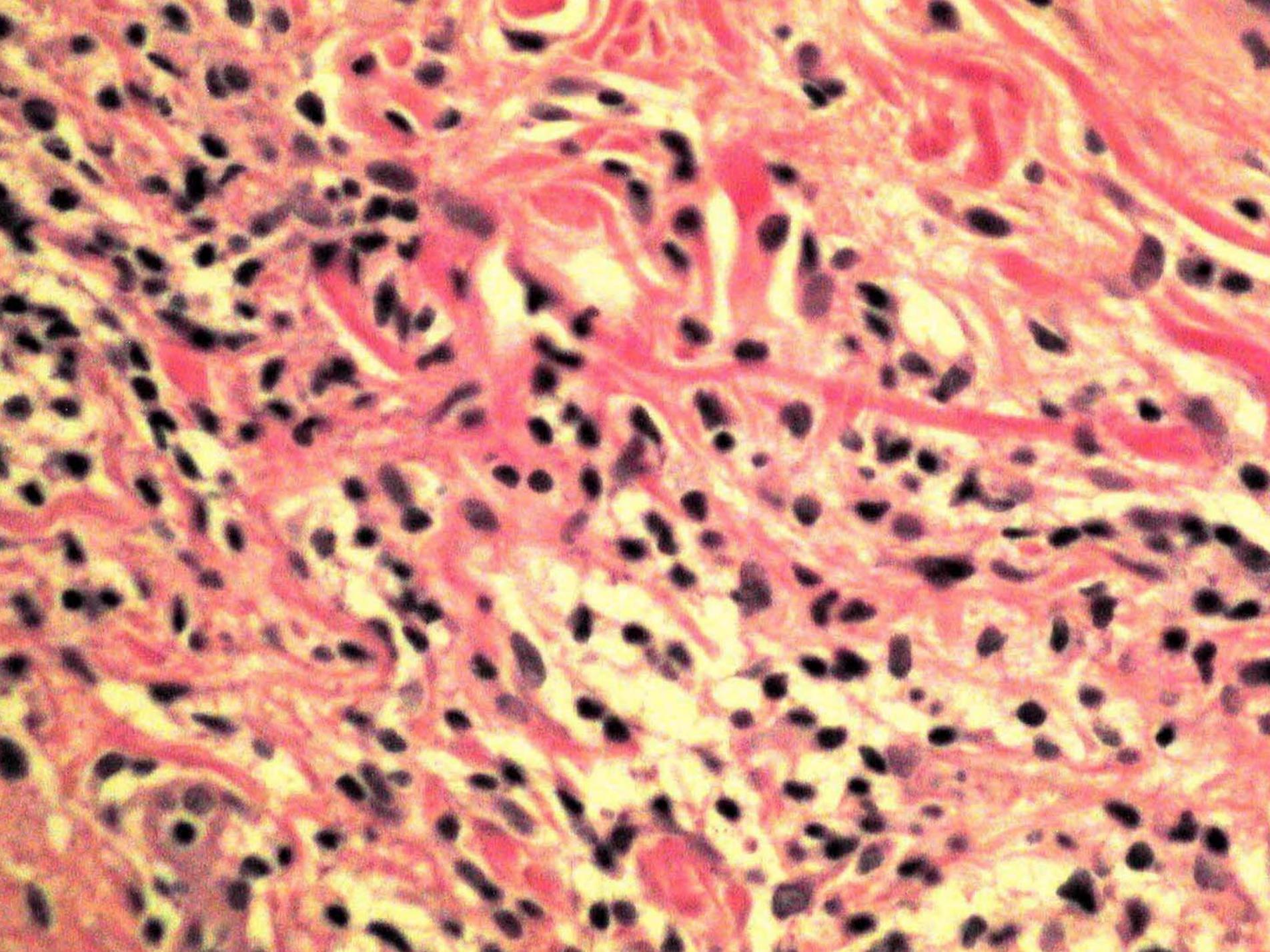
Inflammatory or Neoplastic?

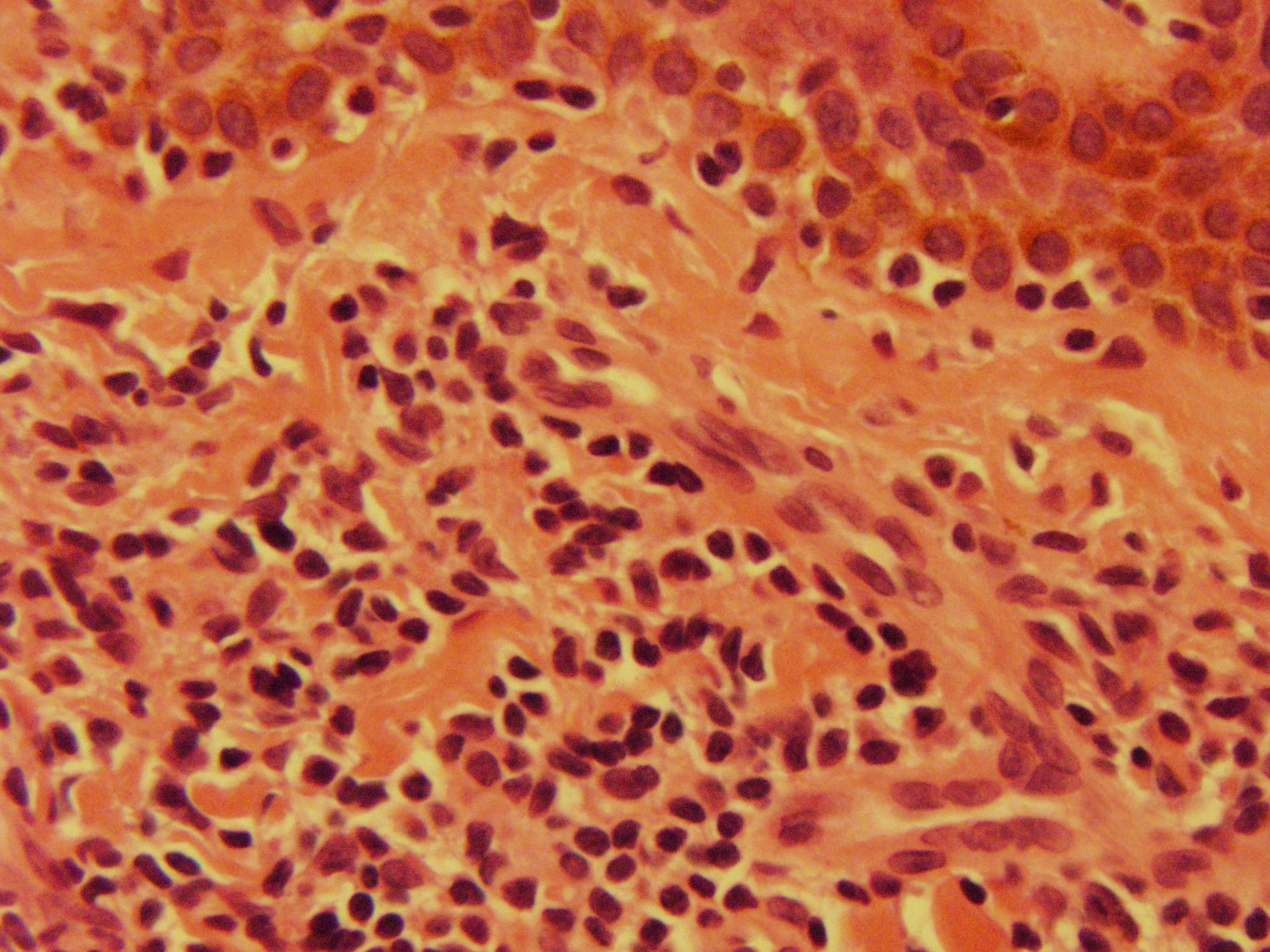
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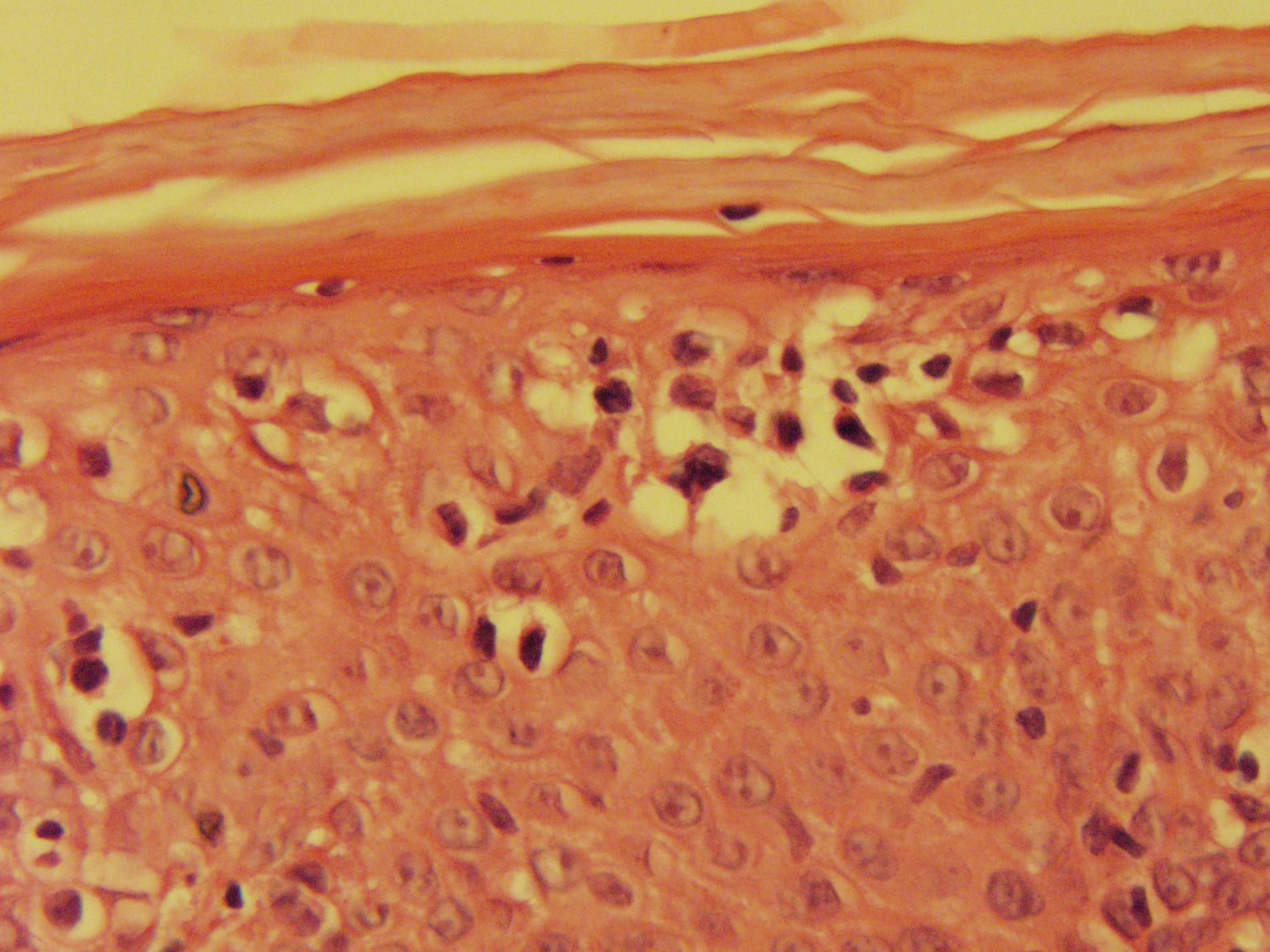
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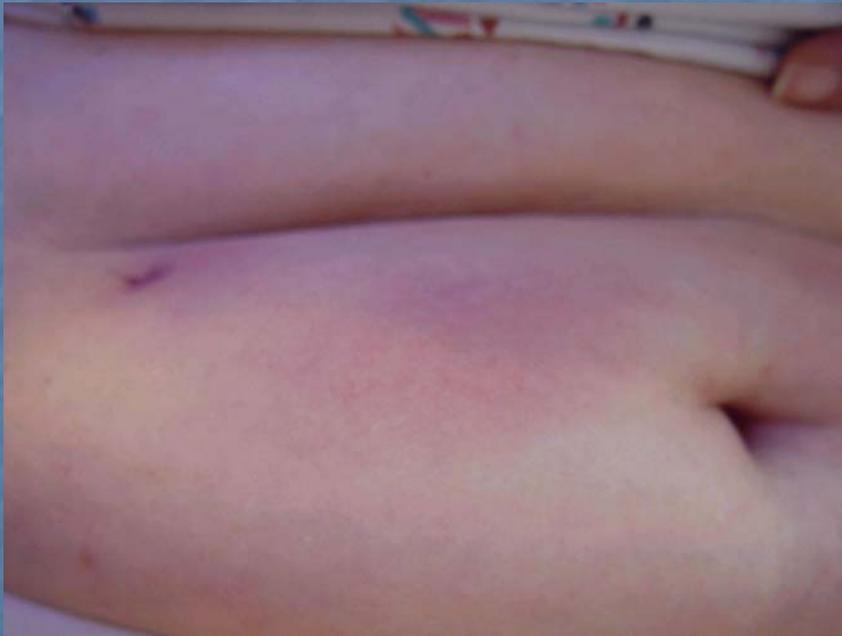






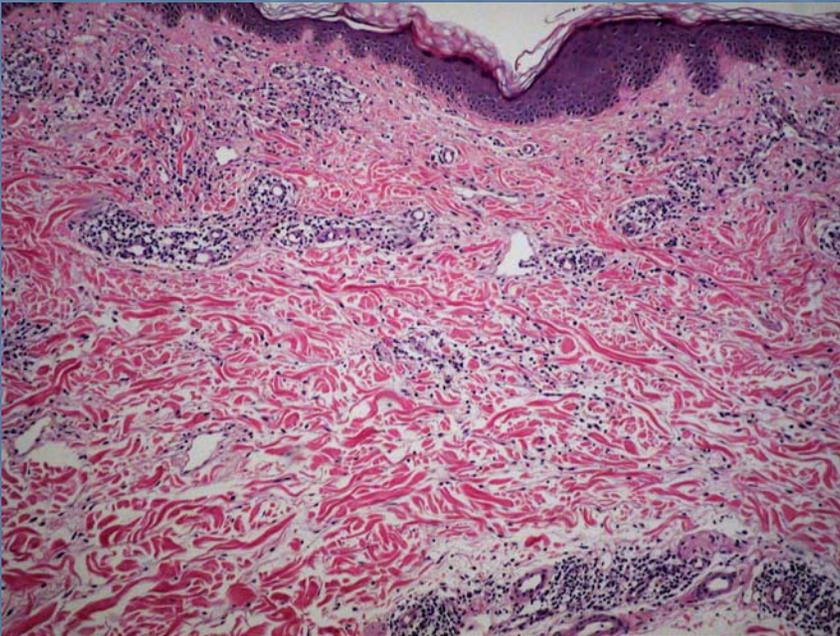
Mycosis Fungoides-Interstitial Variant

Interstitial Variant



- Non-indurated, erythematous macules; ill-defined erythematous plaques with slight scale; and nodules on the trunk and proximal limbs

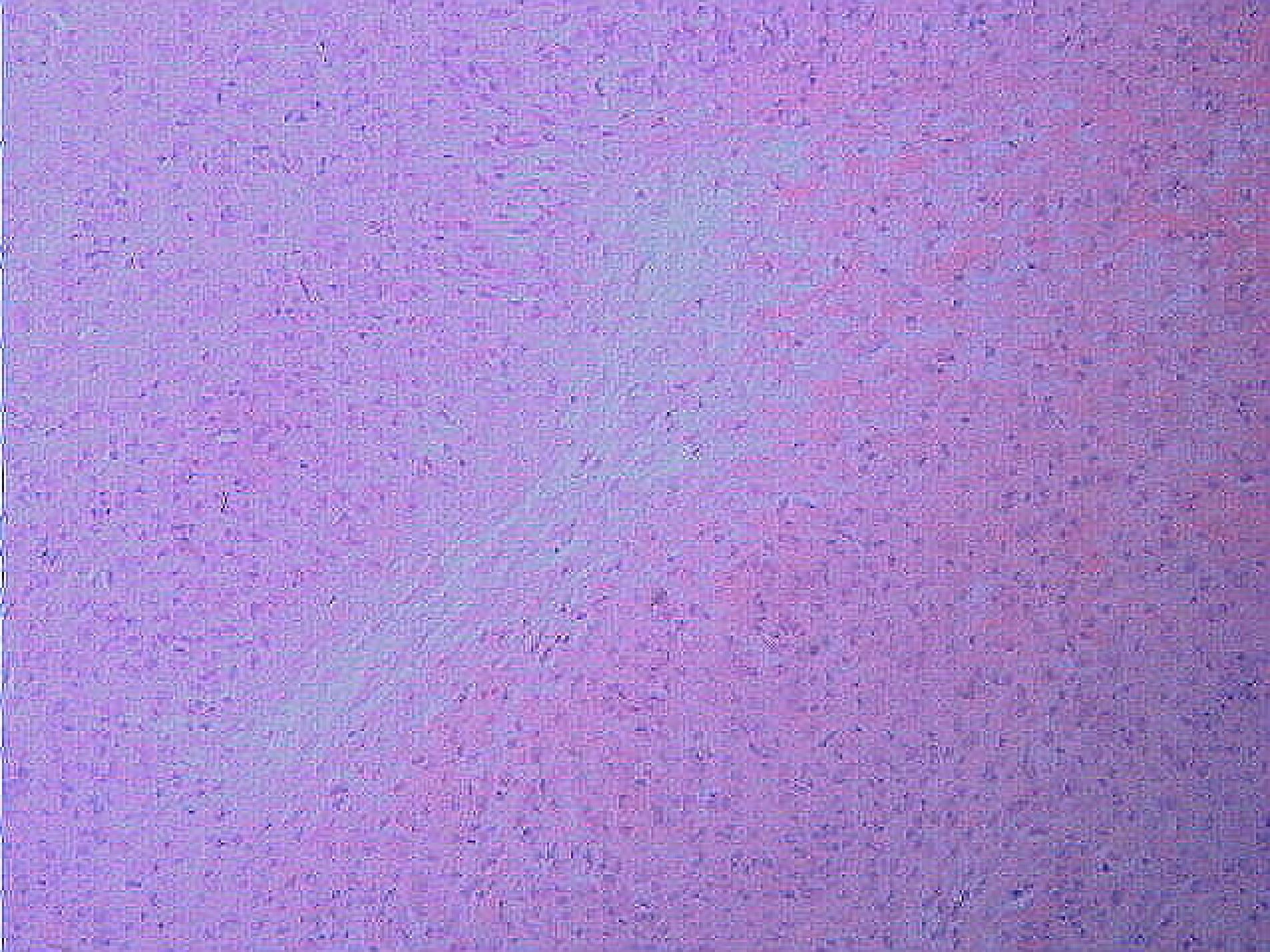
Histopathology

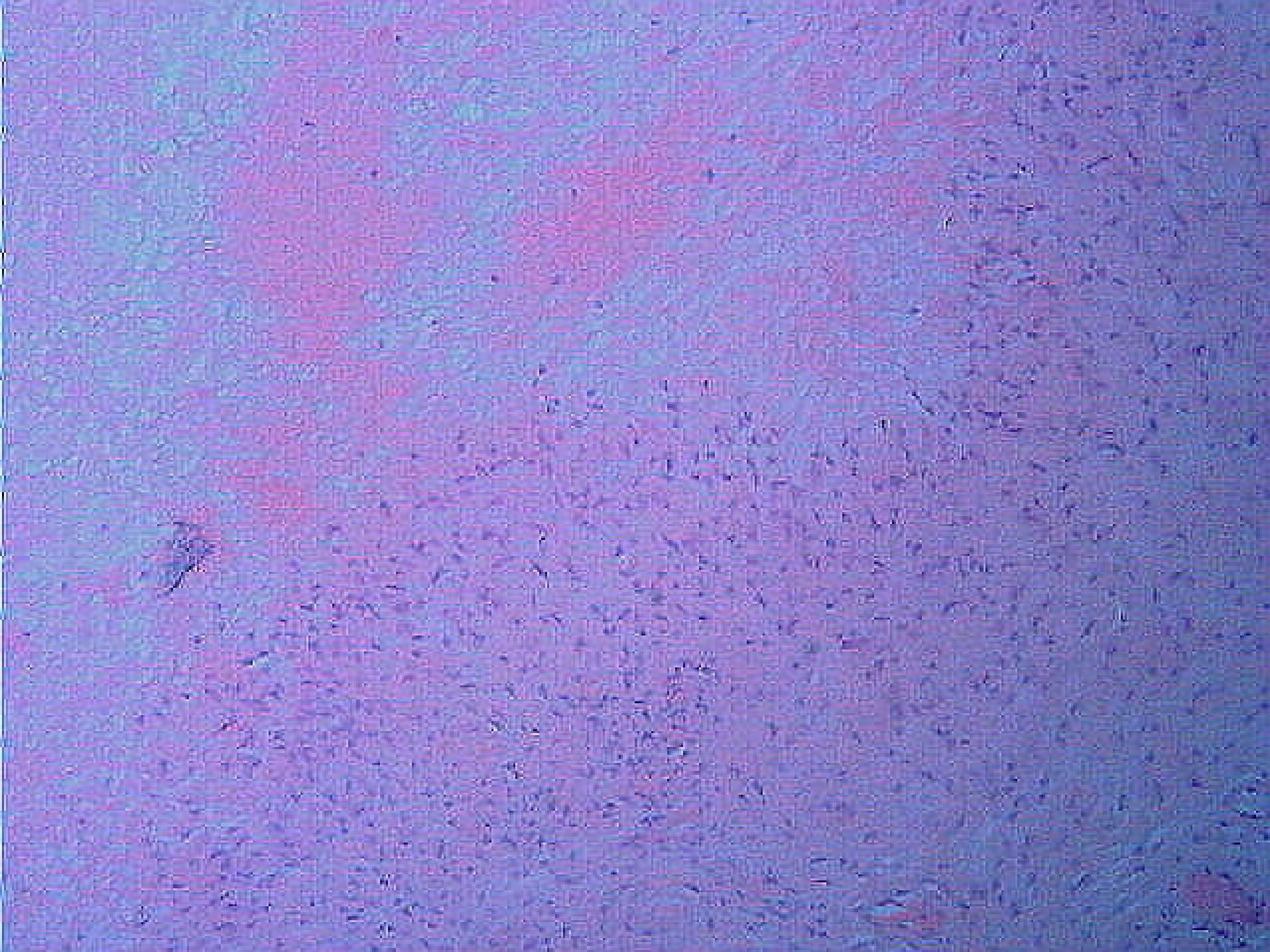


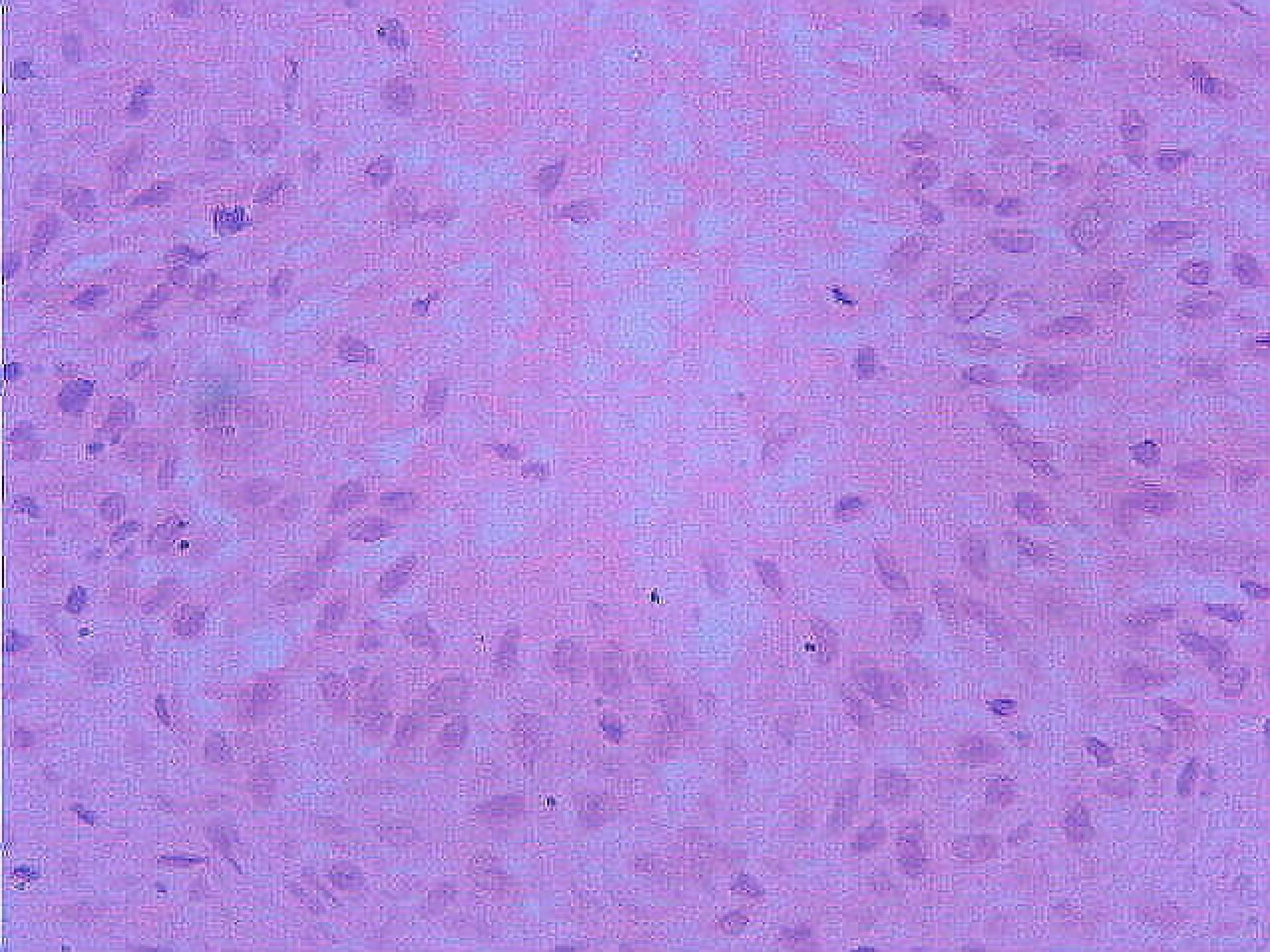
- Striking dermal interstitial infiltrate of lymphocytes with rare histiocytes that resembled the interstitial form of granuloma annulare or inflammatory morphea
 - Epidermotropic lymphocytes were present at least focally in all cases
 - A band-like lymphocytic infiltrate was observed in two of five cases. In contrast, many plasma cells and
 - Increased dermal mucin deposition was observed in 2/5
- Dominant population of T cells (CD3+) in the dermis and epidermis.
 - Clonal T-cell population was detected by PCR T-cell gamma gene rearrangement analysis (2/5)

Mycosis Fungoides DDX

- Granuloma annulare
- Lymphomatoid drug eruption
- Inflammatory morphea



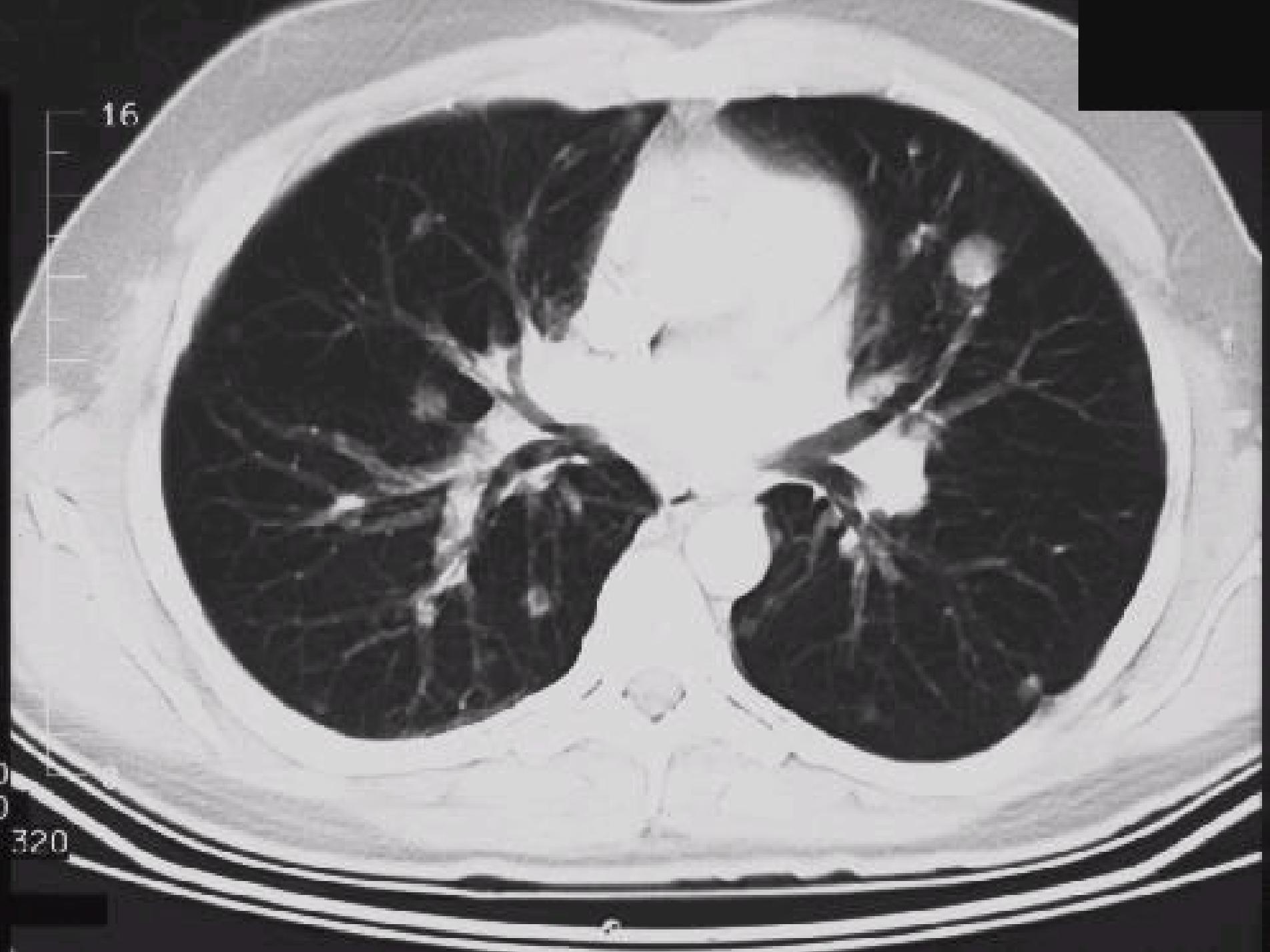




Epithelioid Sarcoma

Clinical

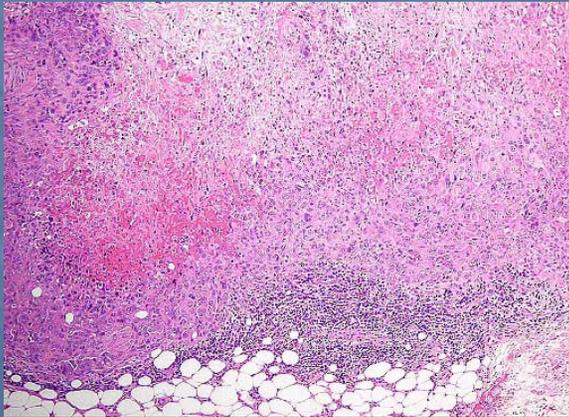
- 20's and 30's
- Dermis or subcutis
- Almost every site but very rare on the face or trunk
- Most of the cases occur on the extremities, particularly the upper extremity



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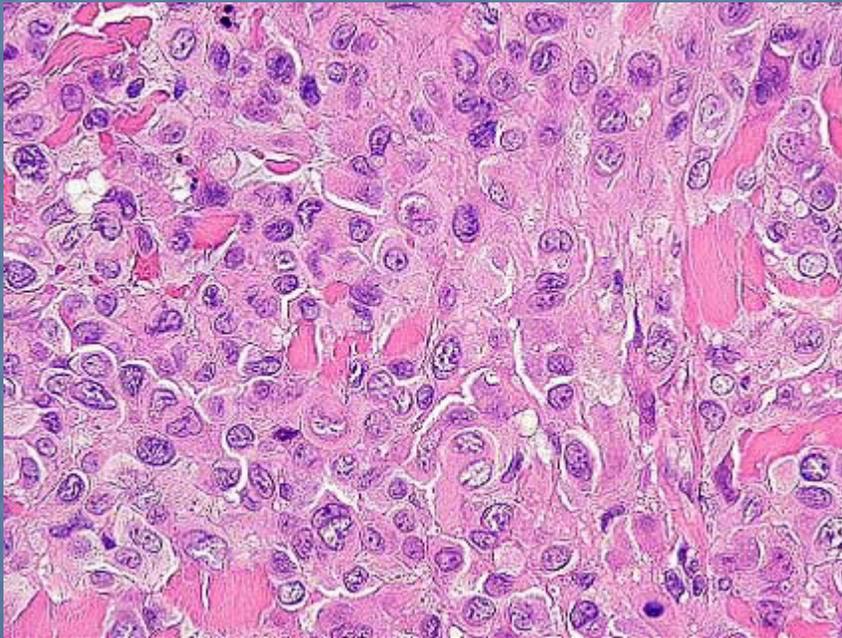
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Histopathology



- Solitary or multiple with scalloped pushing borders or diffuse infiltration of the adjacent connective tissue
- Fascicular patterns with perineural spread-serpiginous
- Granuloma-like changes
- Central necrosis or necrobiosis with acellular eosinophilic collagen

Histopathology



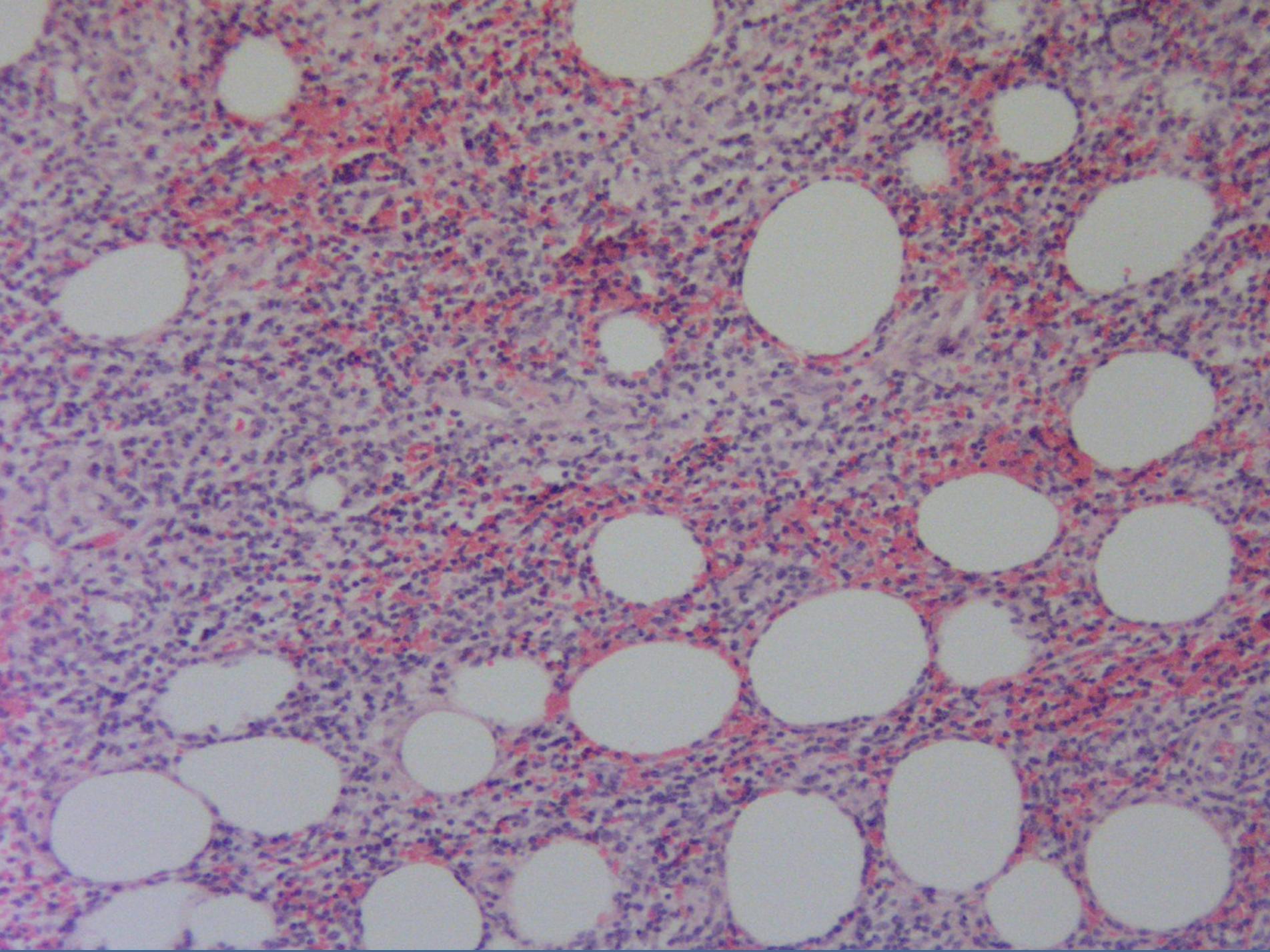
- Spindle cells and epithelioid cells with variable atypia
- Positive:
 - Vimentin
 - Low and high molecular weight keratins

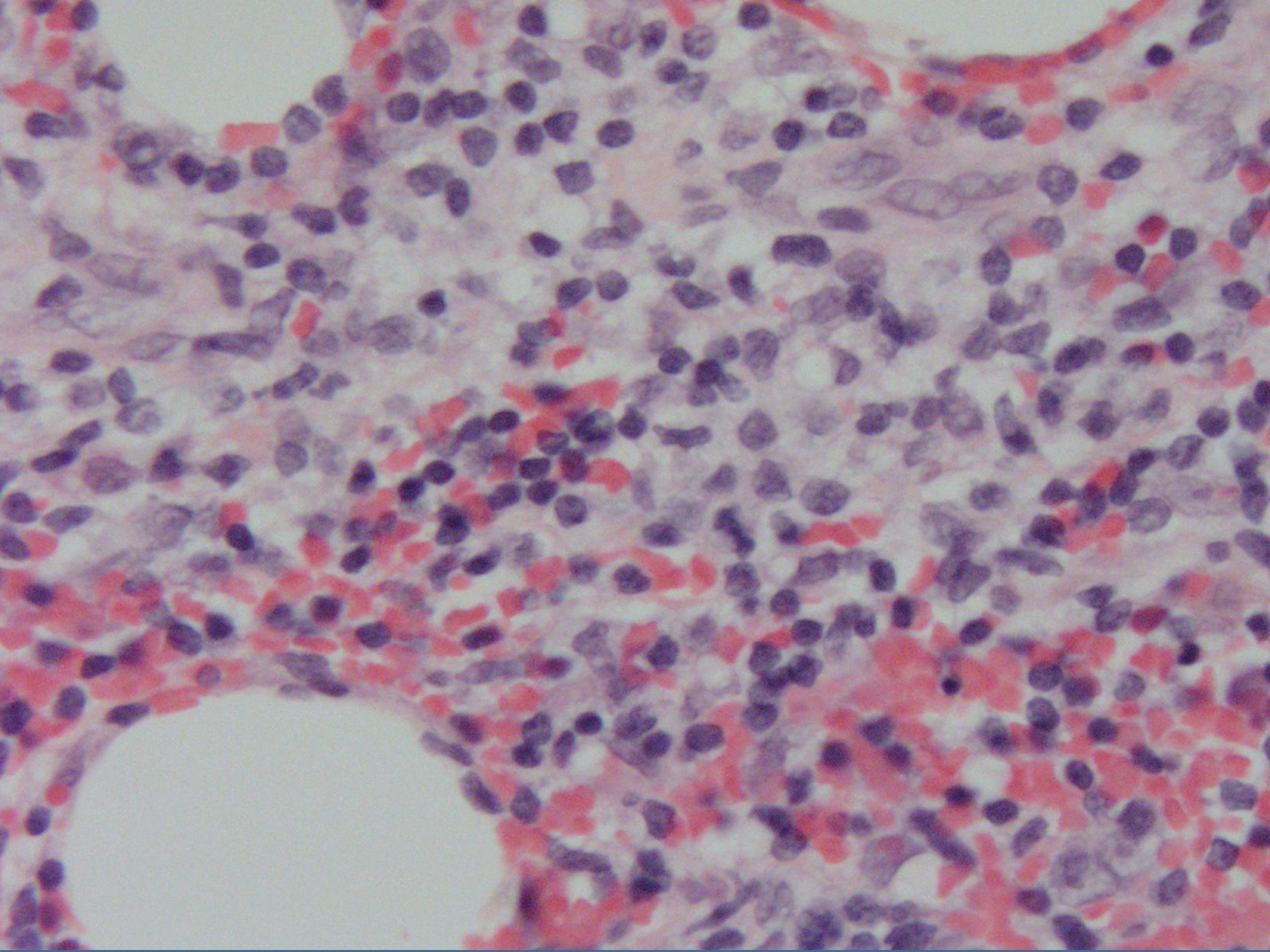
Proximal Variant

- 13 to 80 years (mean, 40 yrs)
- Deep soft-tissue or subcutaneous masses (mean: 7.8 cm):
 - Inguinal region
 - Thigh in four
 - Vulva in three
 - Axilla
- Large cells with prominent nucleoli resembling poorly differentiated carcinoma, and a frequent rhabdoid phenotype (60%)
 - Conventional (30%) were classified as the conventional subtype, and two (10%)
 - Angiomatoid (10%)
- IPOX
 - Vimentin, CK, EMA, CD34
- Local recurrence (65%) and metastases (75%), usually to the lymph nodes
- DOD (65%)

Differential Diagnosis

- Carcinoma
- Melanoma
- Sarcoma
 - Extra-renal rhabdoid tumor



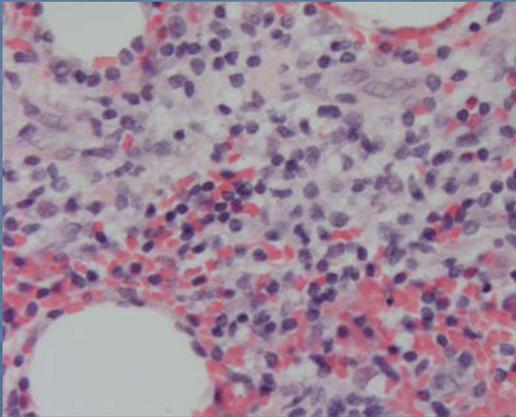
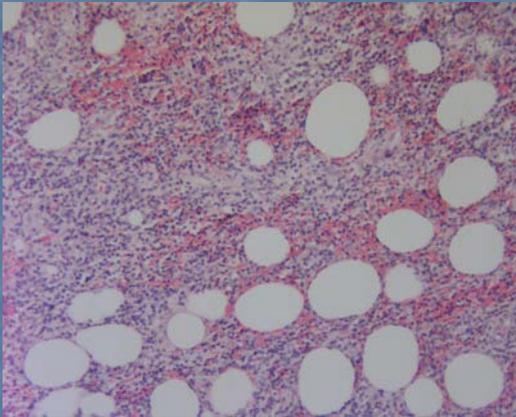


Subcutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

Clinical

- Multiple subcutaneous nodules with fever, hepatosplenomegaly, mucosal ulcers, and serosal effusions
- Disease ranges from an indolent form which has sometimes been referred to as cytophagic histiocytic panniculitis (CHP) to a frankly malignant T-cell lymphoma

Histopathology



- Histiocytes and histiocyte-like cells are T cells which exhibit phagocytosis of red blood cells
- Mildly to moderately pleomorphic cells
- Scattered tingible body macrophages
- Loss of certain pan T-cell markers, a reduced CD4/8 ratio and TCR rearrangement

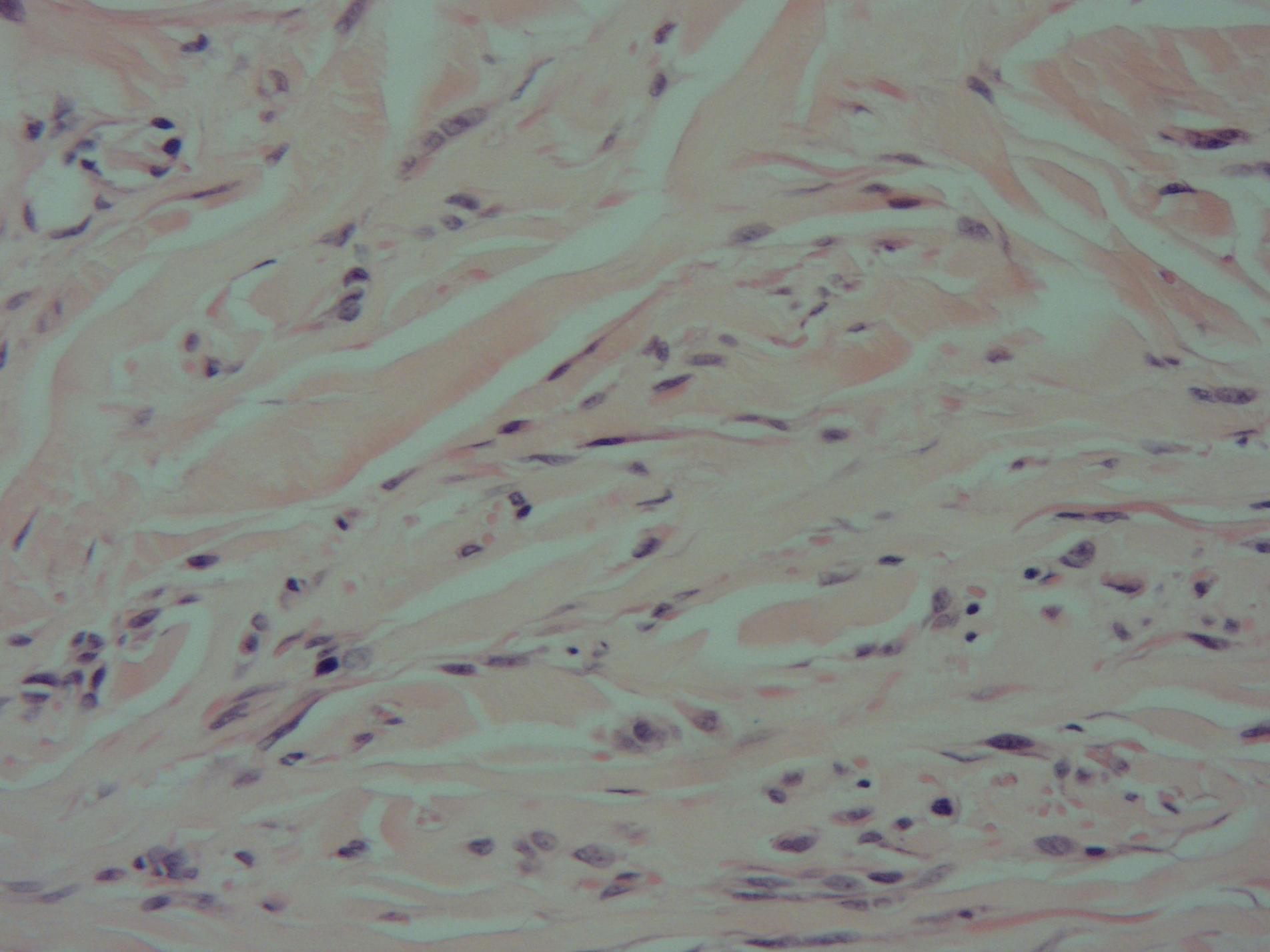
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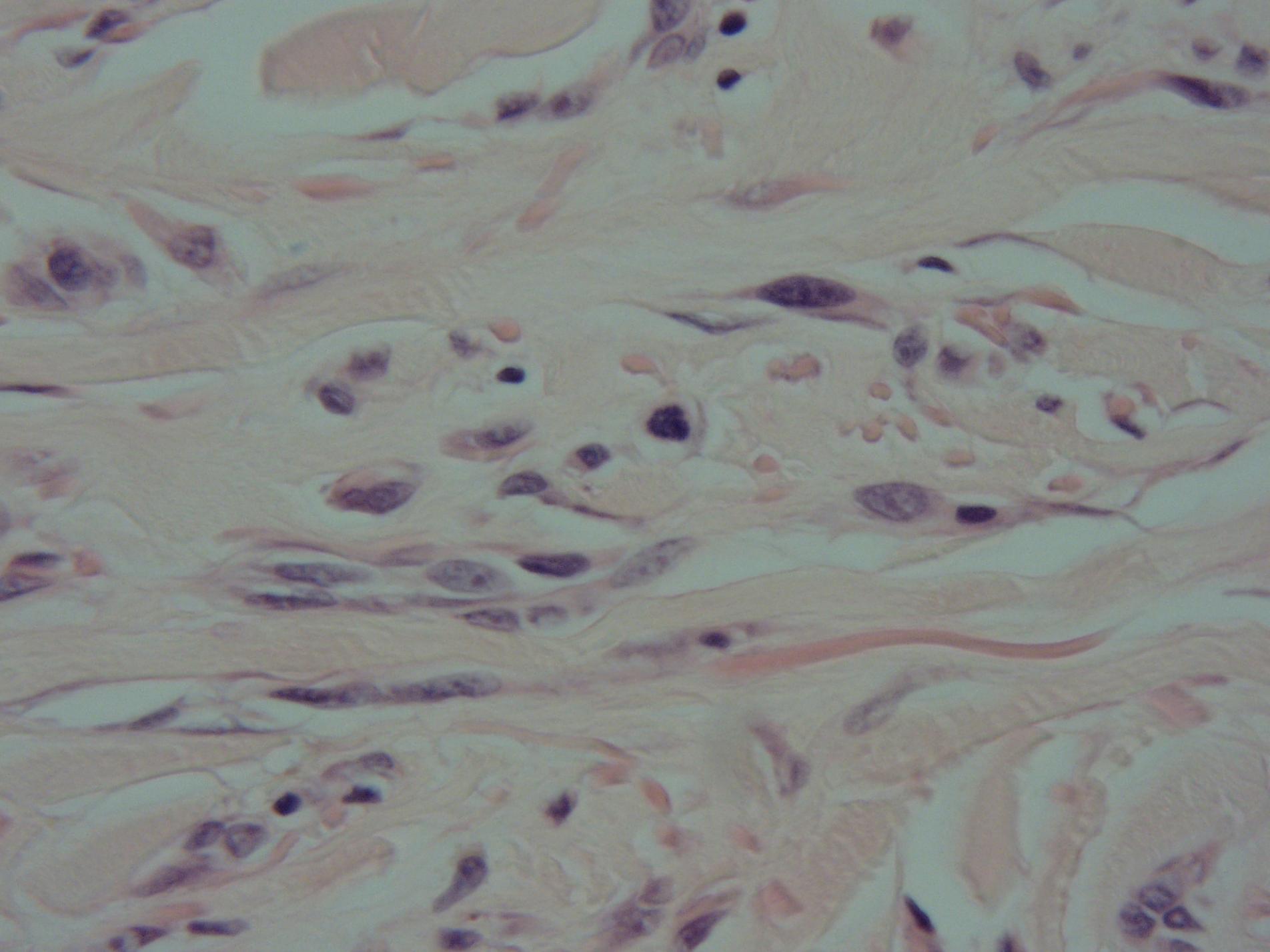
- Two subsets of SPTCL
 - Gamma delta T cells which carry a poor prognosis, and are usually CD56 positive
 - Alpha beta T cells with indolent course
- Median survival was 16 months
 - TCR-beta-negative (2/3) patients died
 - TCR-beta-positive patients-no deaths

Subcutaneous T-cell Lymphoma

DDX

- Panniculitis-Lobular
 - LE
- Infection
 - Infection-associated hemophagocytic syndrome (IAHS)



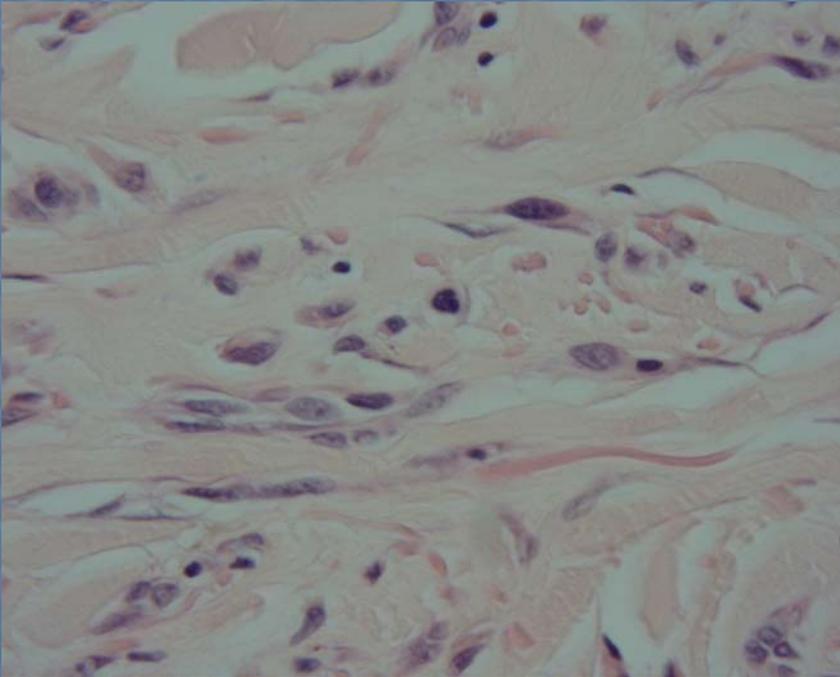


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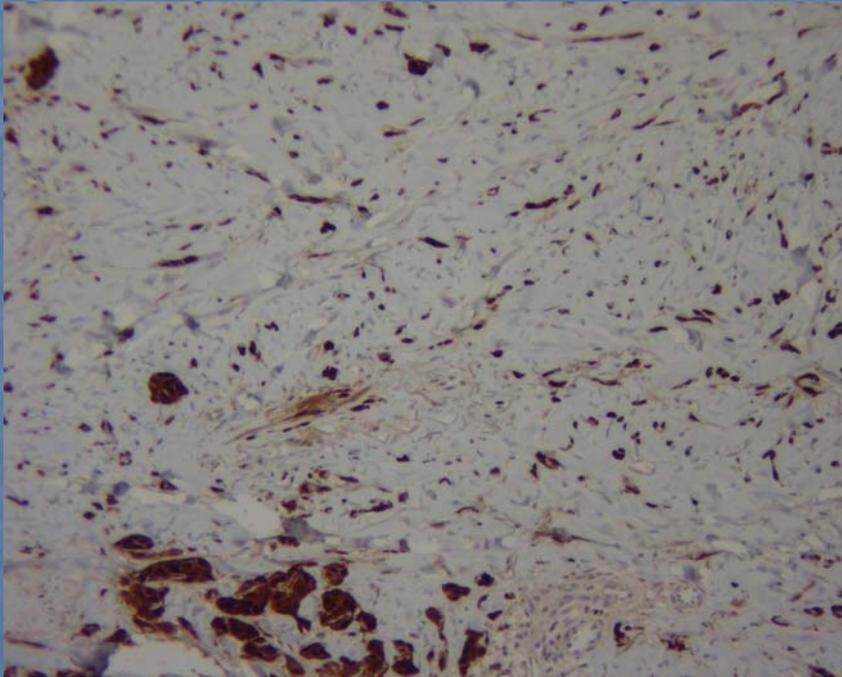
- Usually found on the head and neck
 - Bulky firm fibrous masses of tumour or indurated plaques
 - Usually amelanotic lesions
 - May be associated with areas of lentigo maligna

Desmoplastic Melanoma



- Poorly demarcated, infiltrating intradermal tumours often with sparse cellularity
- Usually amelanotic
- May have hyperchromatic, atypical nuclei
- Mitotic figures are usually present
- Haphazard, fascicular or storiform growth pattern
- Some make distinction between spindle cell and desmoplastic melanoma based on dermal response
- May have deep collections of lymphocytes and plasma cells
- Neurotropism correlates with a tendency to local recurrence

Immunoperoxidase

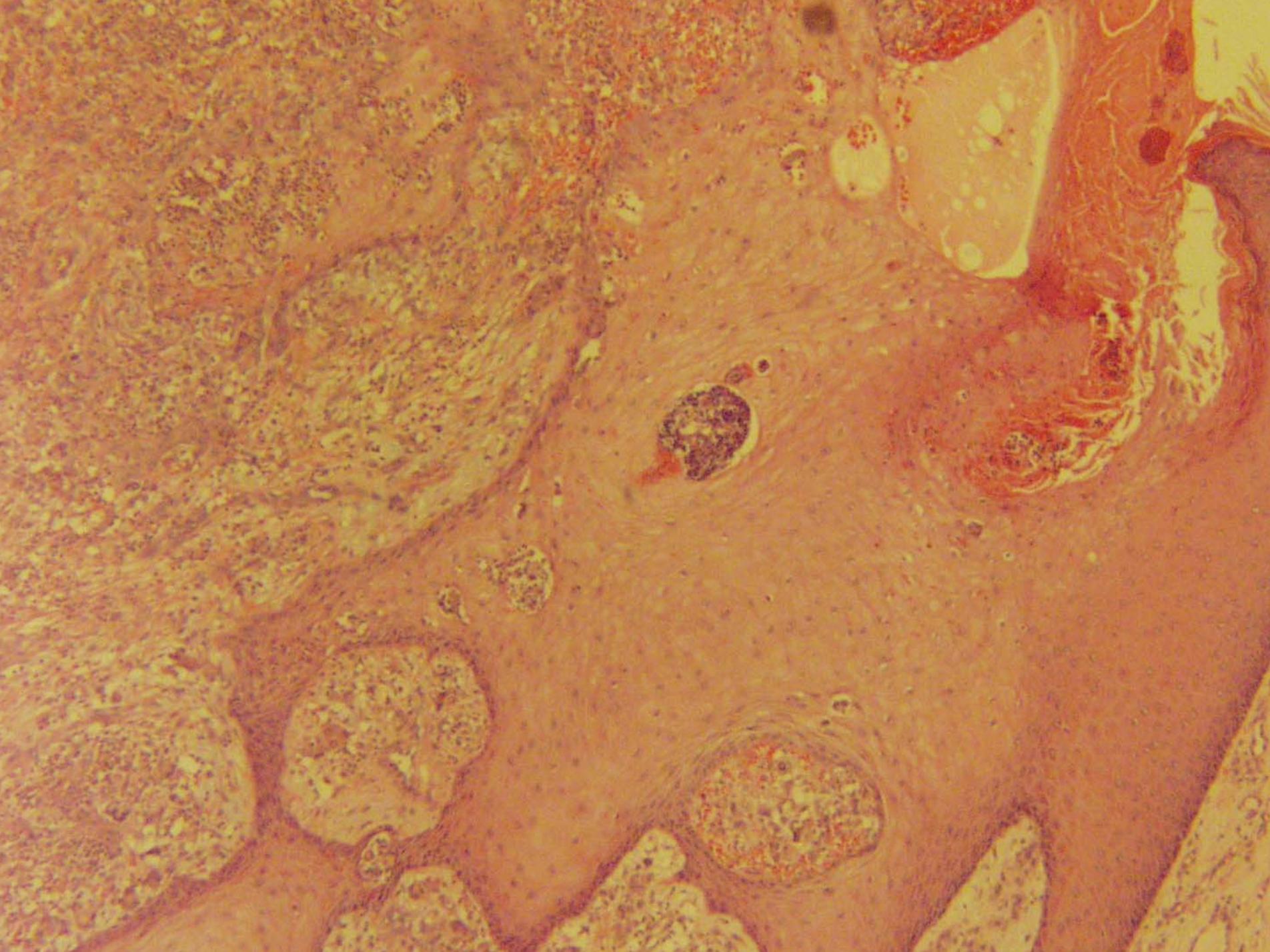


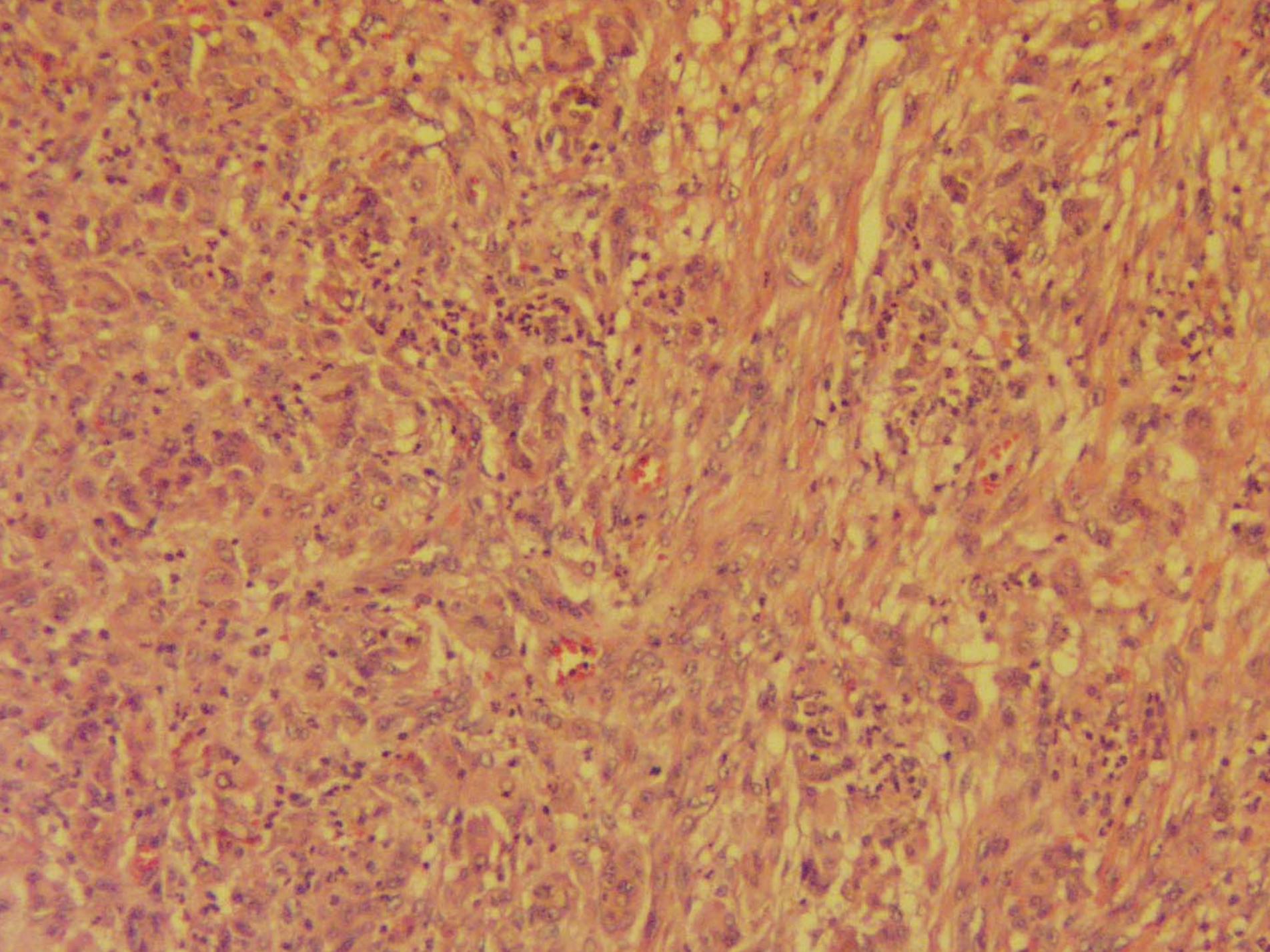
- S100 positive
- Usually negative:
 - HMB45
 - Mart-1
 - Anti-tyrosinase
 - Anti-microphthalmia gene (Mitf)

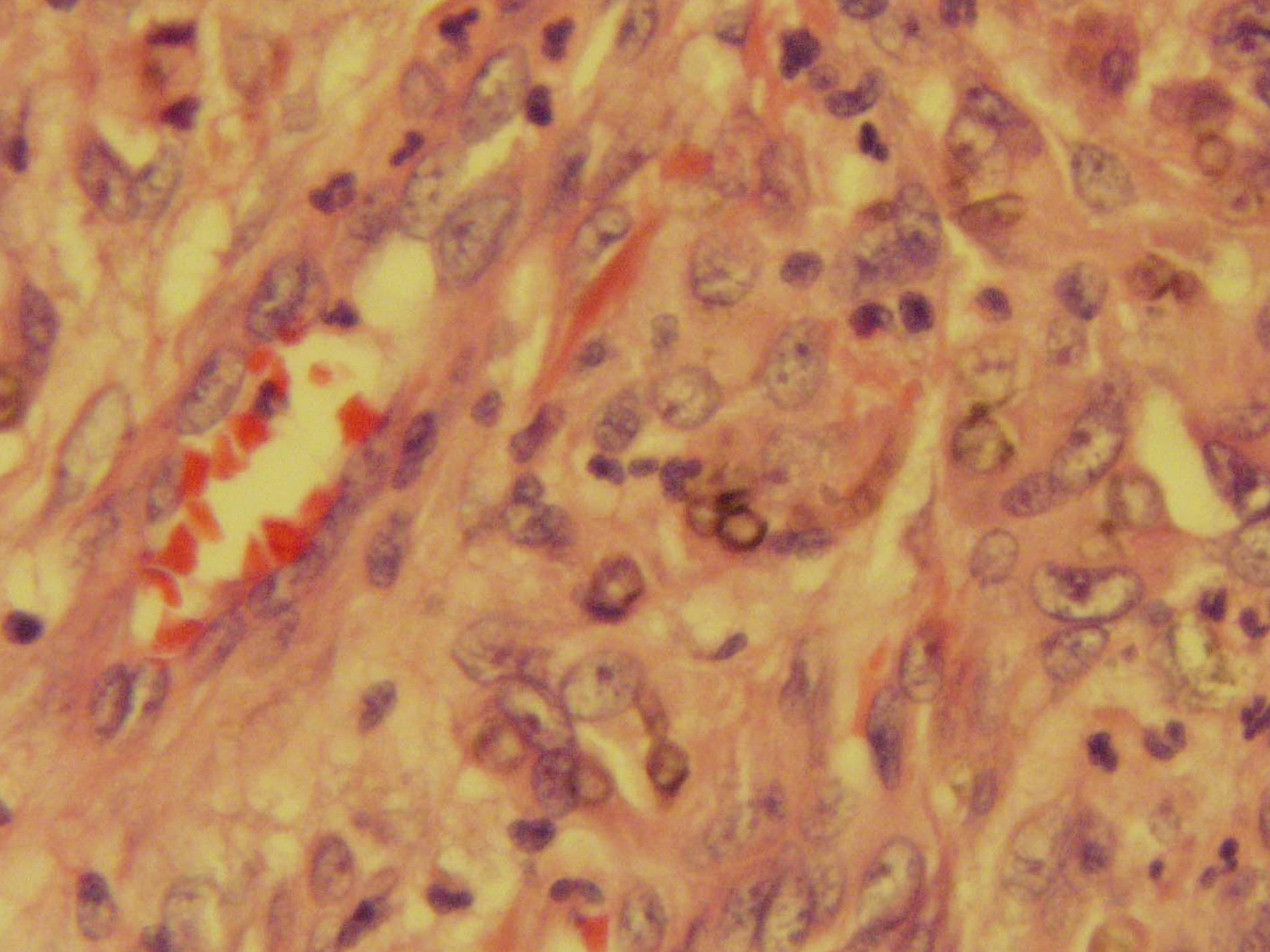
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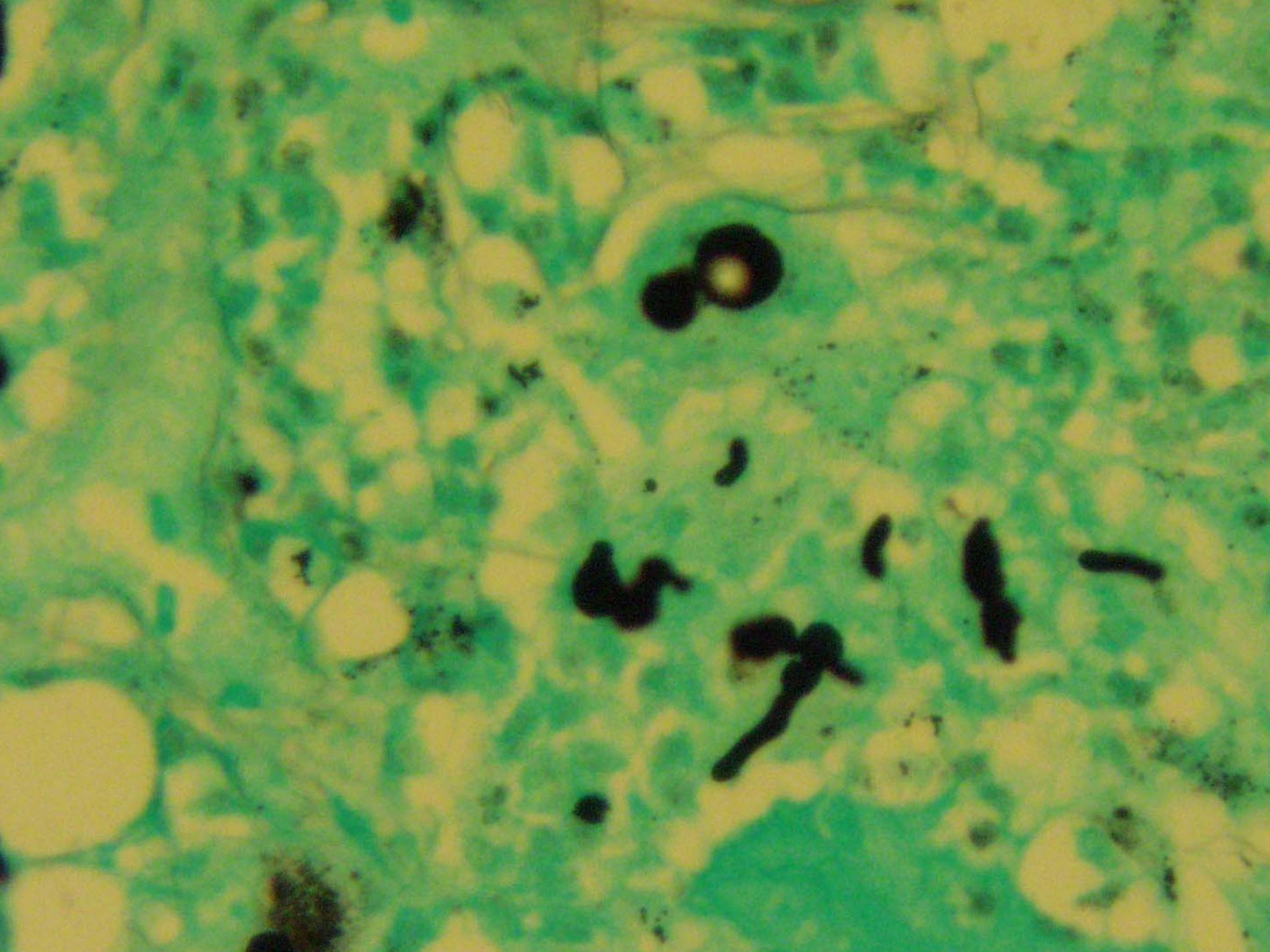
- Scar
- Neurofibroma







Chromoblastomycosis



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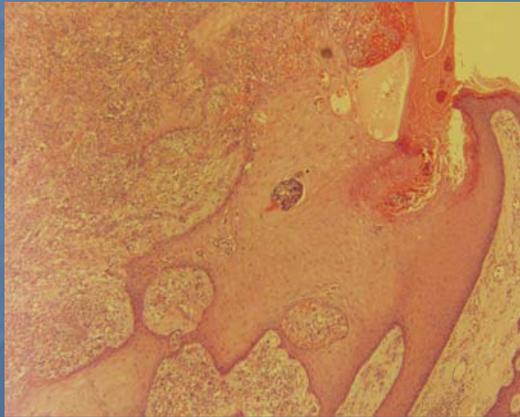
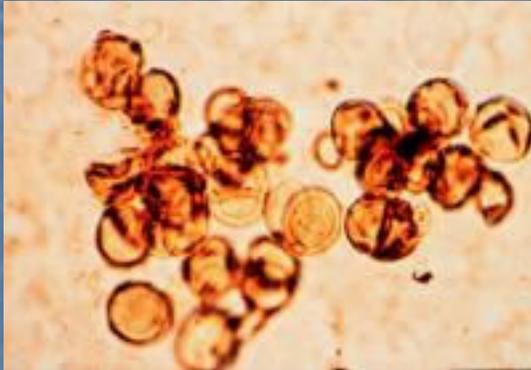
- Chronic localized infection of the skin and subcutaneous tissue that follows the traumatic implantation of fungus
- Verrucoid, ulcerated, and crusted, and may be flat or raised 1-3 cm
- Satellite lesions may develop following autoinoculation and by lymphatic spread
- Elephantiasis and lymphatic stasis can occur as a result of secondary infections



Causes

- *Phialophora verrucosa*
- *Fonsecaea pedrosoi*
- *Fonsecaea compacta*
- *Cladophialophora carrionii*

Histopathology



- Pseudoepitheliomatous hyperplasia and keratolytic microabscesses in the epidermis
- Dematiaceous hyphae and sclerotic bodies are found in the stratum corneum
- Sclerotic bodies (Medlar bodies, copper pennies) in the dermal inflammation
 - Round, thick-walled, muriform, chestnut brown, and 5-12 μm in diameter

Chromoblastomycosis

DDX

- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Verruca vulgaris
- Perforating disorder
- Halogenoderma

Treatment

- Early stages
 - Surgical excision, electrodesiccation, cryosurgery or topical antifungals (Thiabendazole, 5-fluorocytosine, and amphotericin B)
- Advanced
 - Systemic Itraconazole and terbinafine are the drugs of choice

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Questions



- The art of life is to show your hand. There is no diplomacy like candor. You may lose by it now and then, but it will be a loss well gained if you do. Nothing is so boring as having to keep up a deception.

---E. V. Lucas