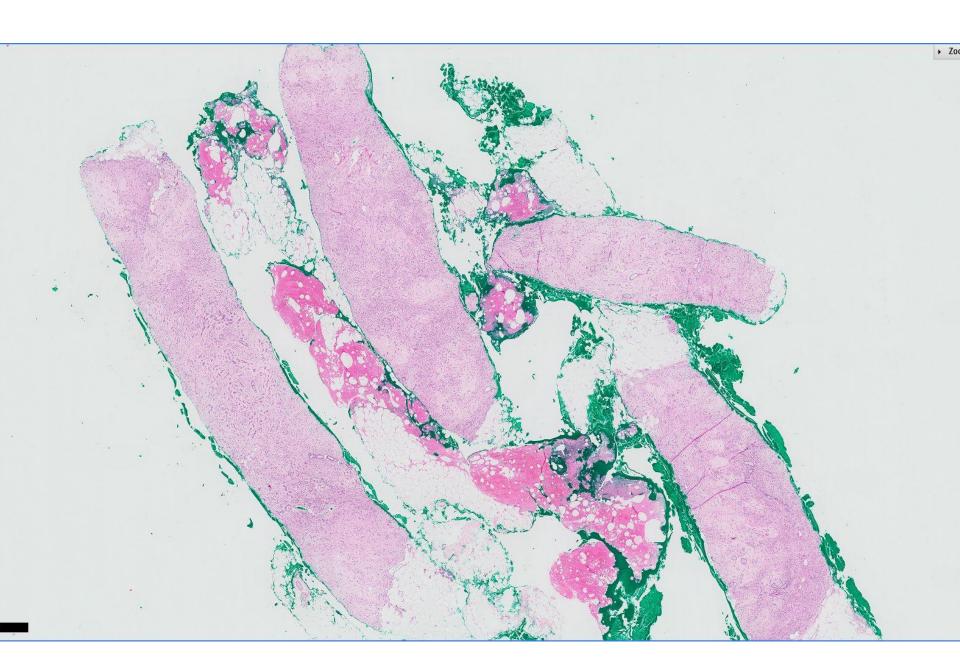
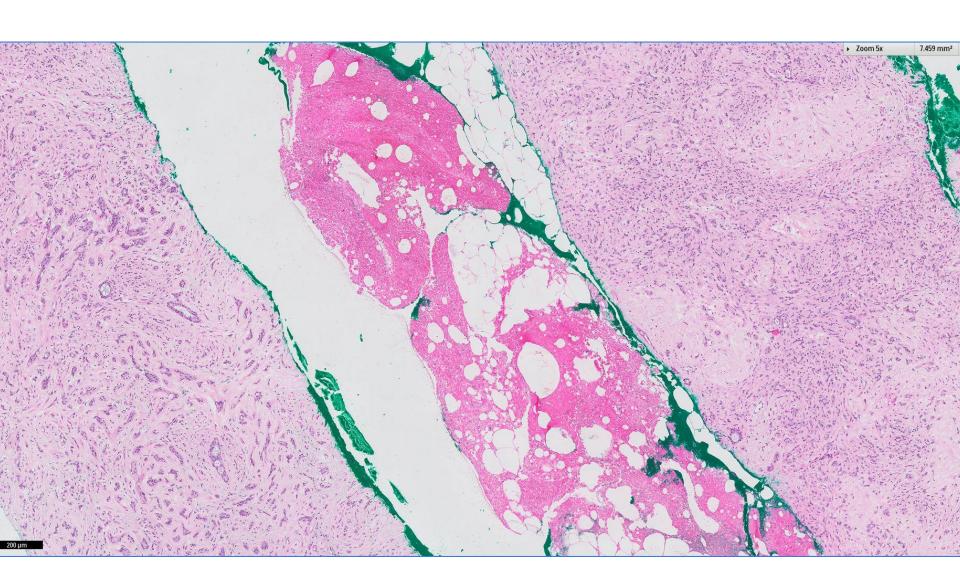
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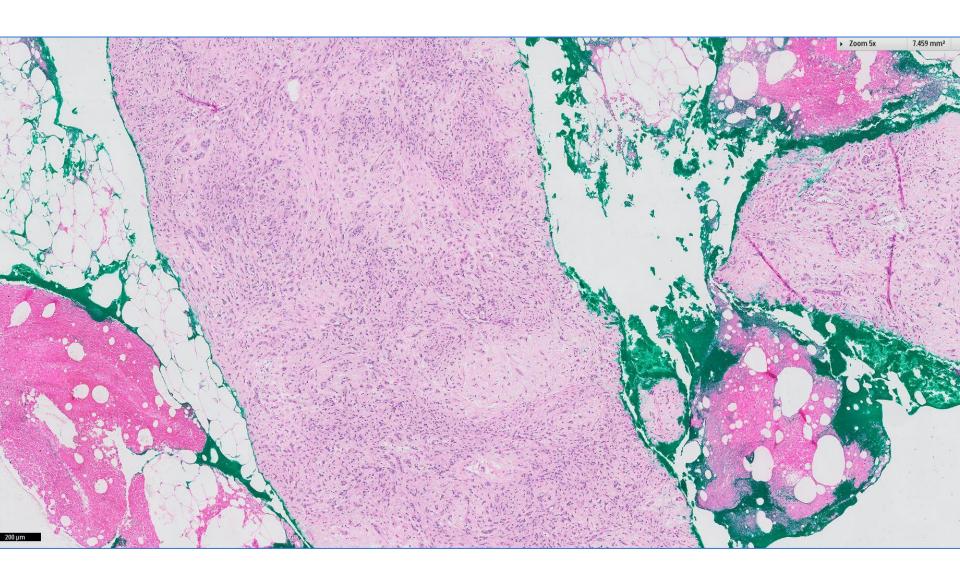
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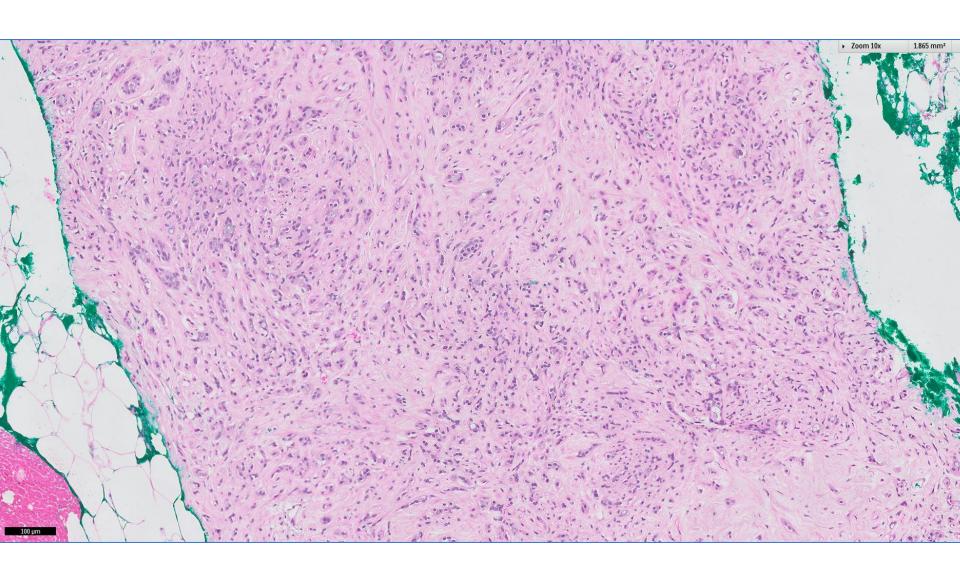


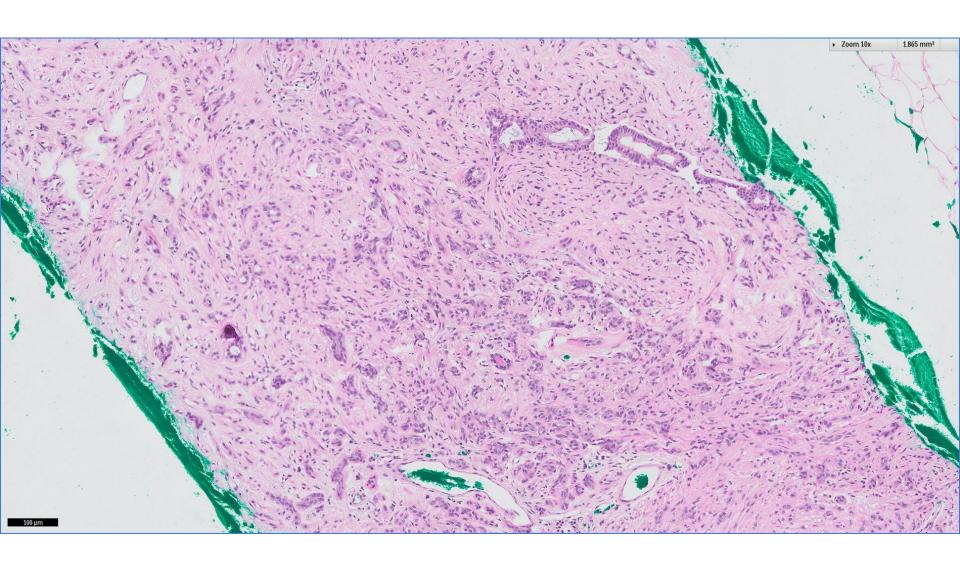




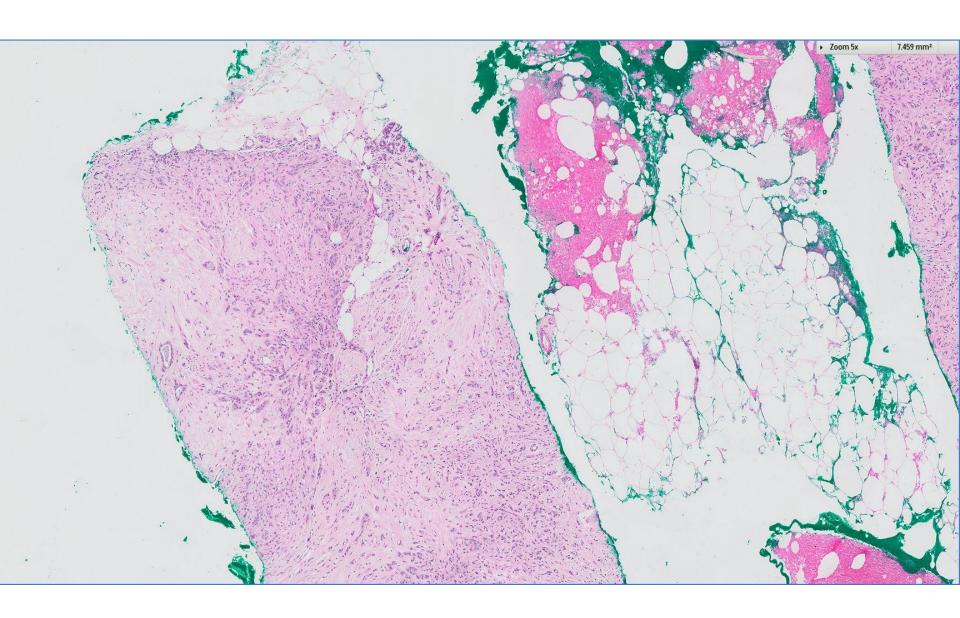


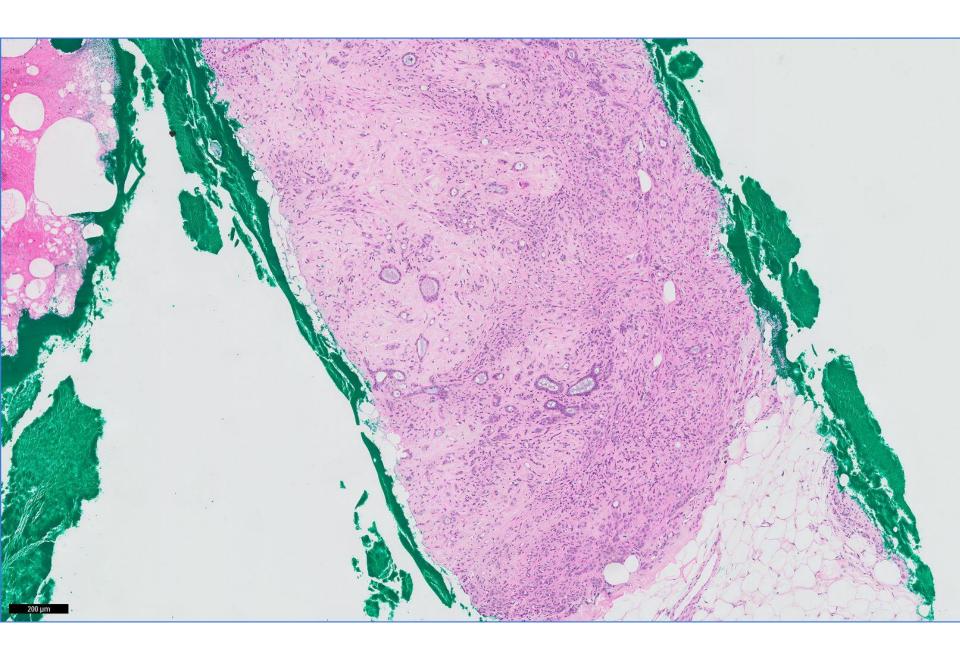


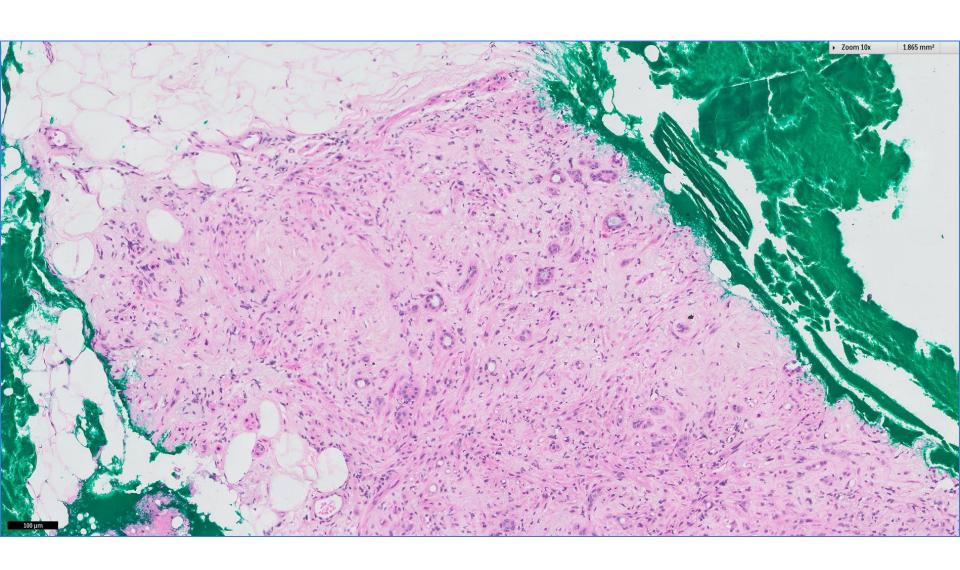


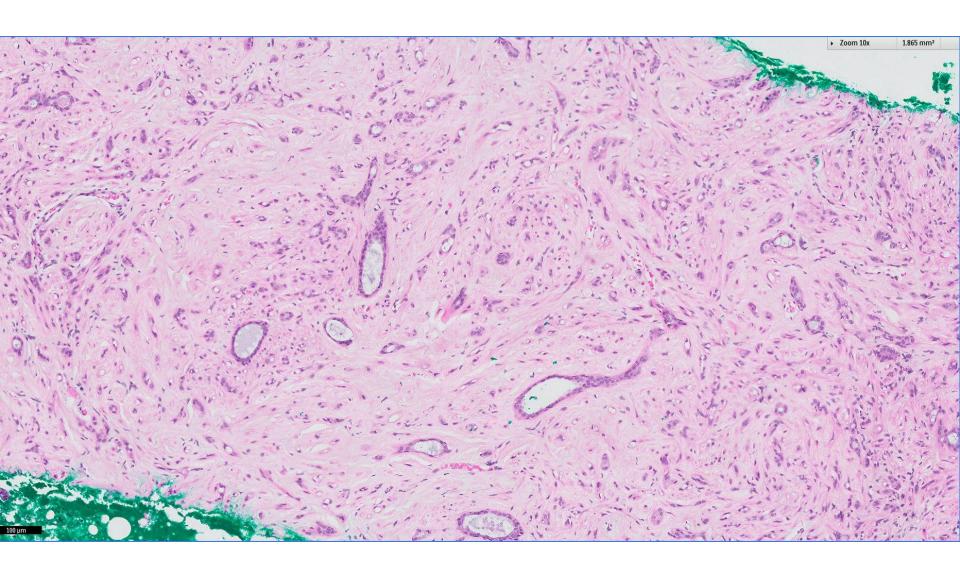


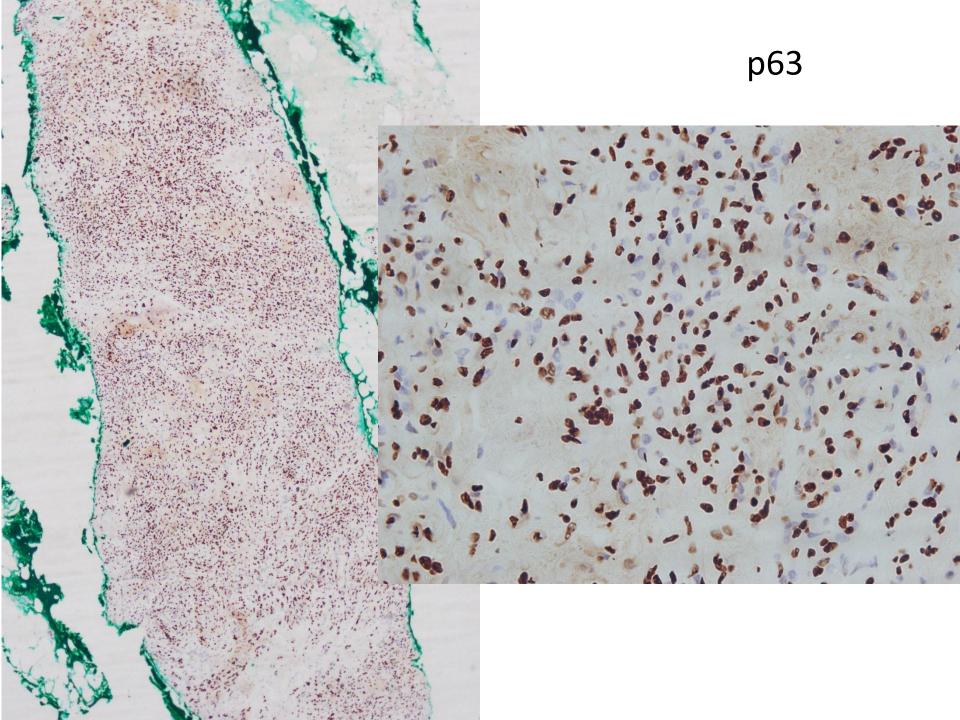


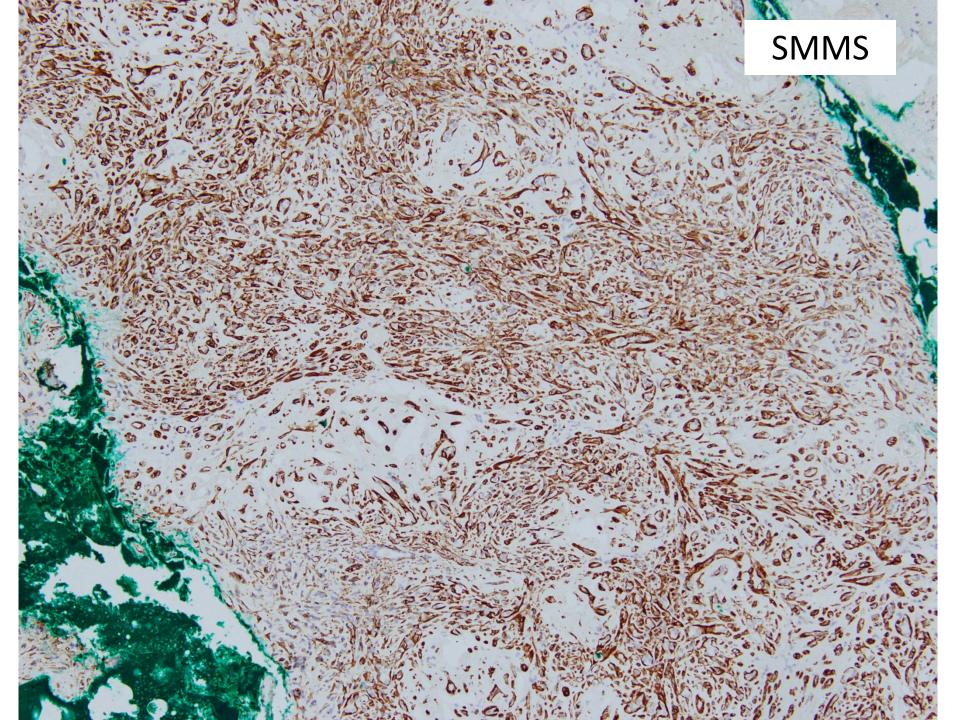


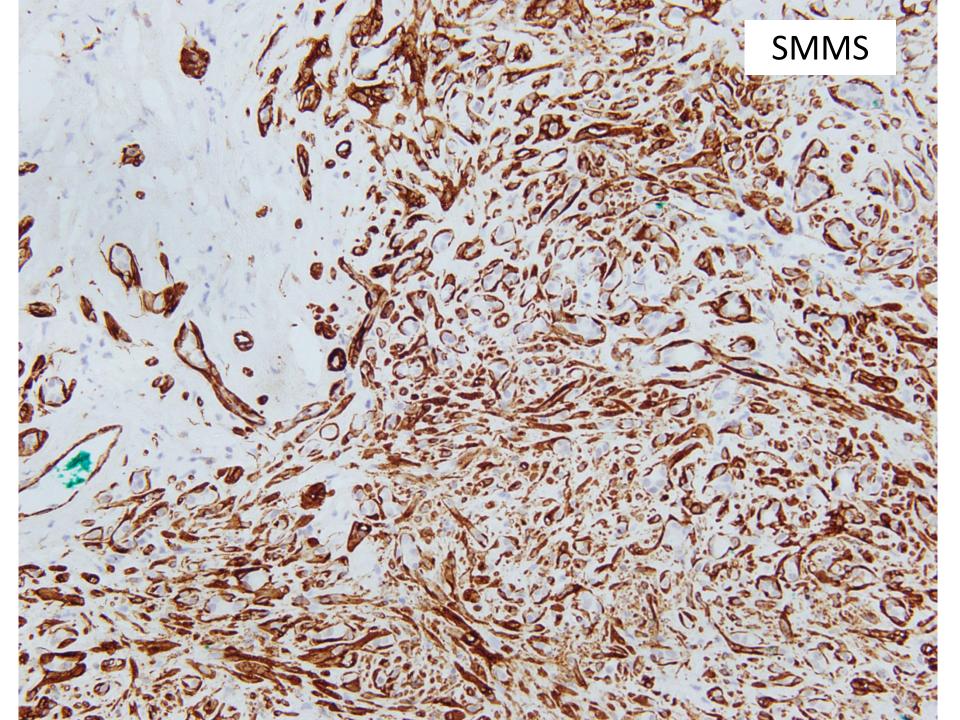


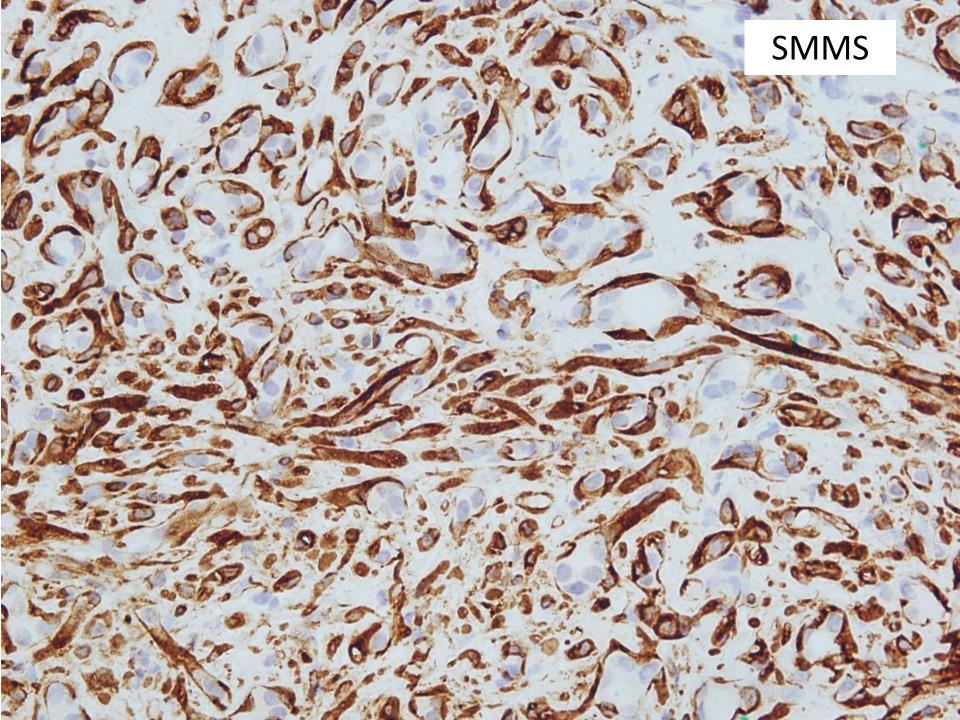












### Stereotactic trucut biopsy, right breast 0900 nodule:

# Parts of a fibroadenoma with sclerosing adenosis





#### Sclerosing adenosis

- Lobulocentric lesion characterised by enlargement of the terminal duct-lobular unit, with proliferation and elongation of ductules.
- Lobulocentricity is best appreciated at low magnification.
- Proliferating ductules are distorted and compressed by fibrosis, resulting in irregular clusters and strands of epithelial nests within fibrous stroma.
- Myoepithelial cells may become spindled, clear or hyperplastic.





#### Sclerosing adenosis

- Mimics an invasive process, especially tubular carcinoma.
- Diagnostic clues:
  - Retention of lobularity.
  - Rounded nodular circumscribed periphery of the lesion.
  - Bilayered appearance of proliferating ductules with preserved myoepithelial cells.
  - Intact basement membrane sheath.
- Use of immunohistochemistry for myoepithelial markers.





## Sclerosing adenosis with marked ductular attenuation

- May resemble invasive lobular carcinoma.
- Nodular lobulocentric appearance at low magnification is key to diagnosis.
- Cells in sclerosing adenosis are spindled (myoepithelial cells) as compared to invasive lobular carcinoma cells which are round to ovoid.
- Invasive lobular carcinoma:
  - Infiltrating pattern without lobulocentricity.
  - Multiple microscopic invasive foci.
  - Permeation of invasive elements into surrounding tissue and in between intact lobules.





#### Take home messages

- Marked sclerosing adenosis can occur in a fibroadenoma, & may mimic an invasive process on cursory review.
- Lobulocentricity can be difficult to appreciate when sclerosing adenosis supervenes in a fibroadenoma.
- Look for:
  - Rounded edges of the fibroadenoma and its interphase with surrounding tissue.
  - Presence of intact myoepithelial cells.
- Immunohistochemistry if needed.





