

Case 16

30 year old woman with a left breast lump. Excision biopsy.

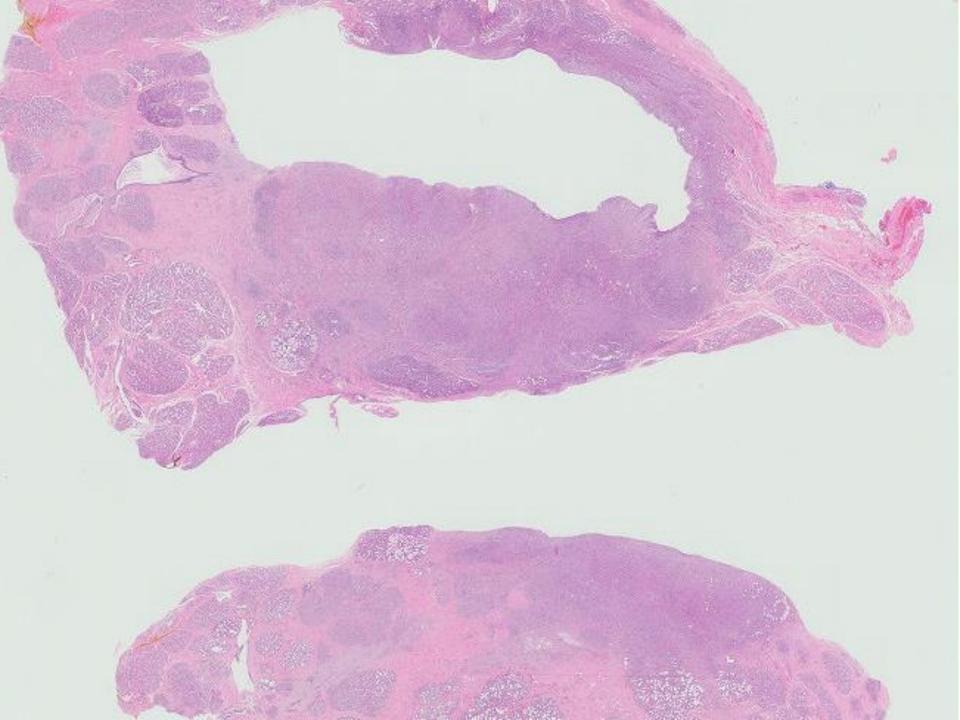


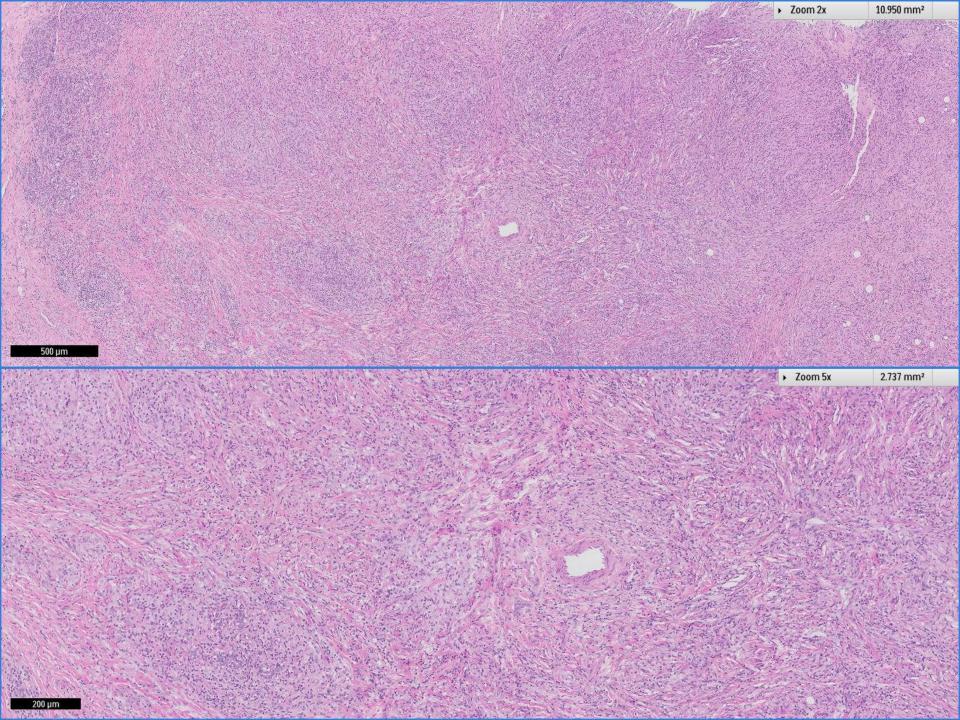


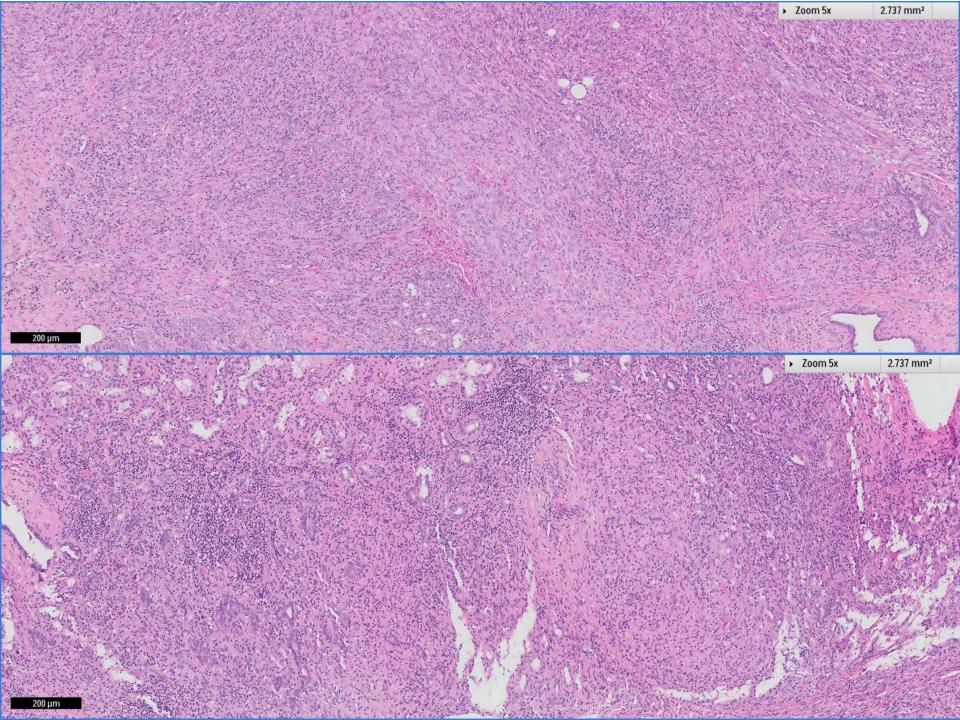
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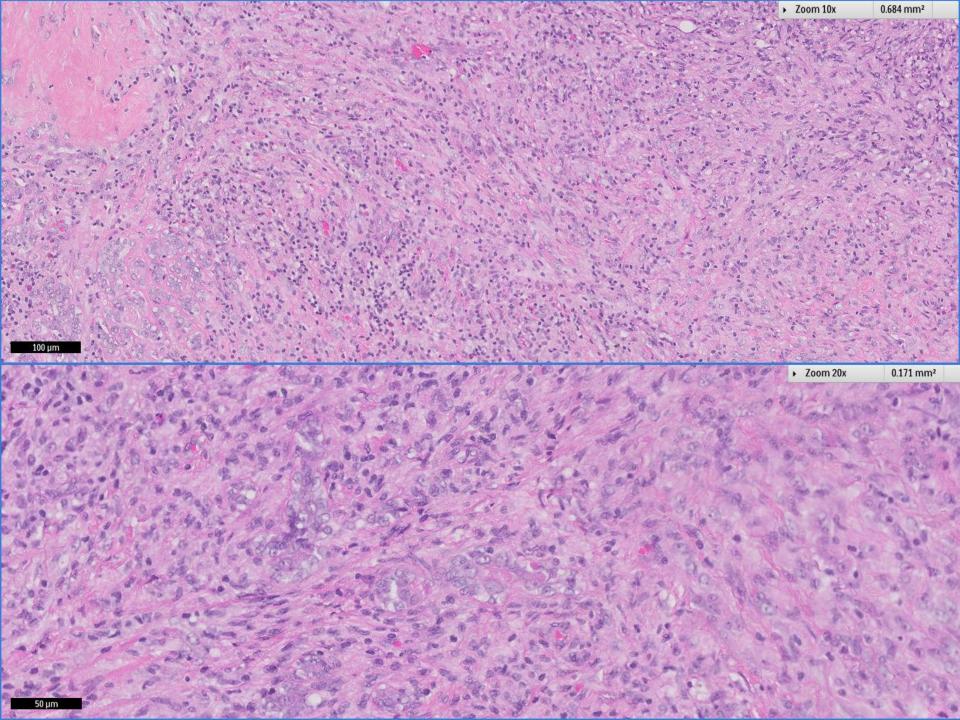








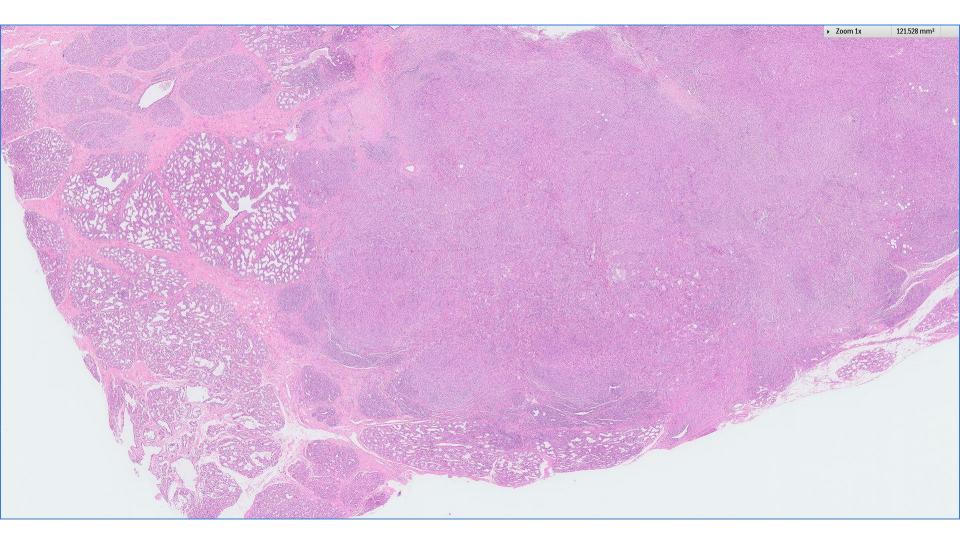


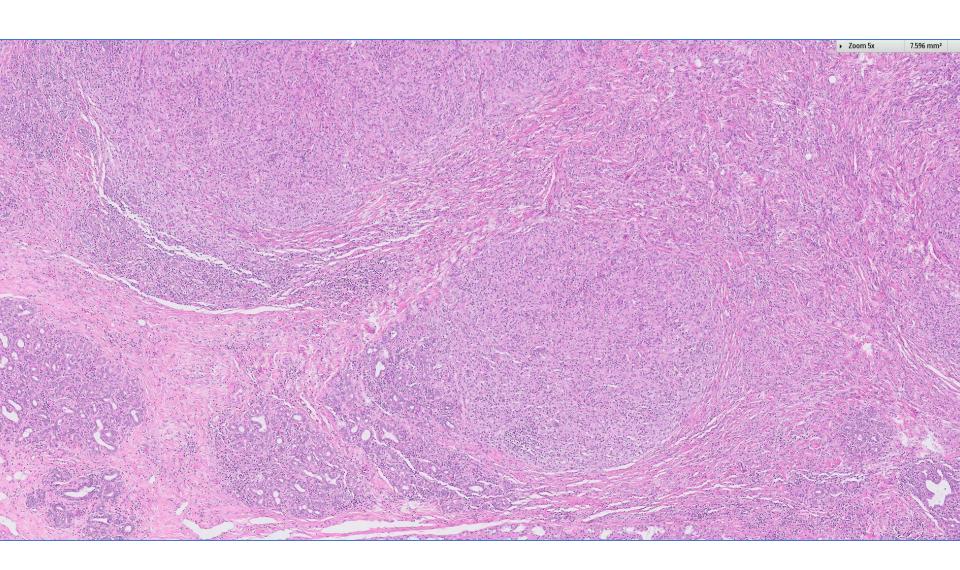


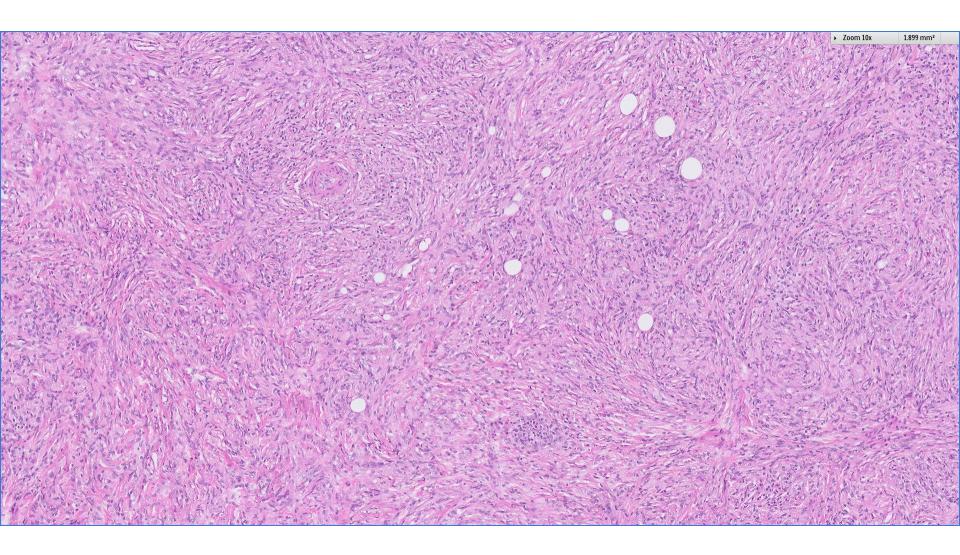
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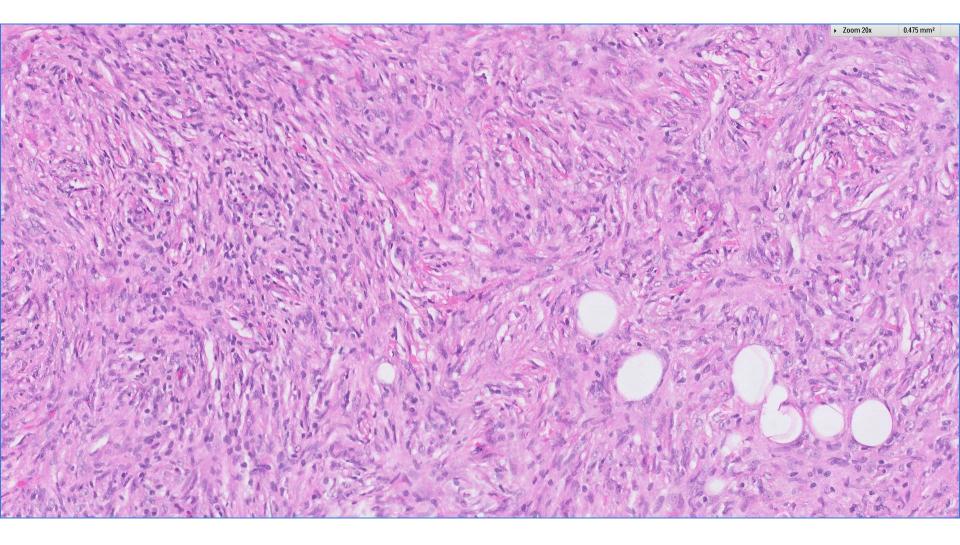
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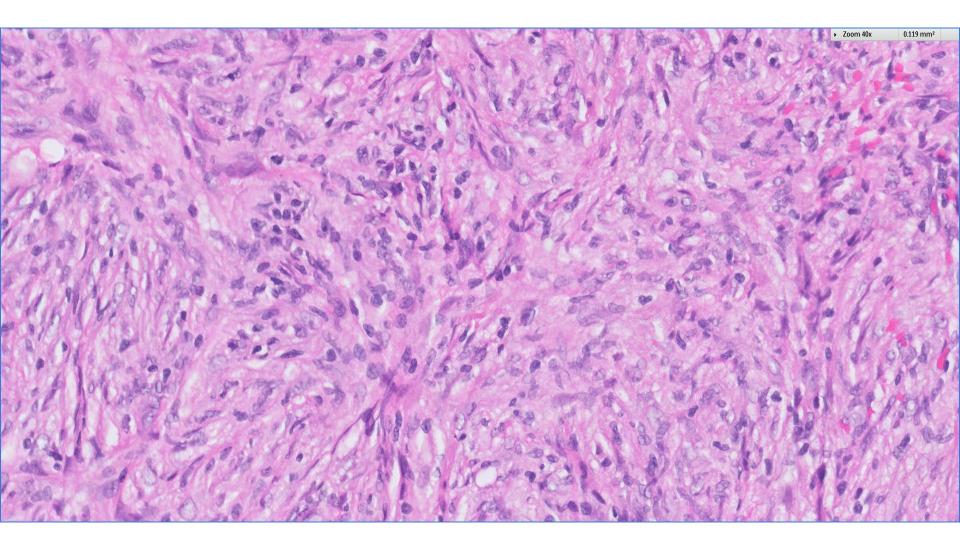


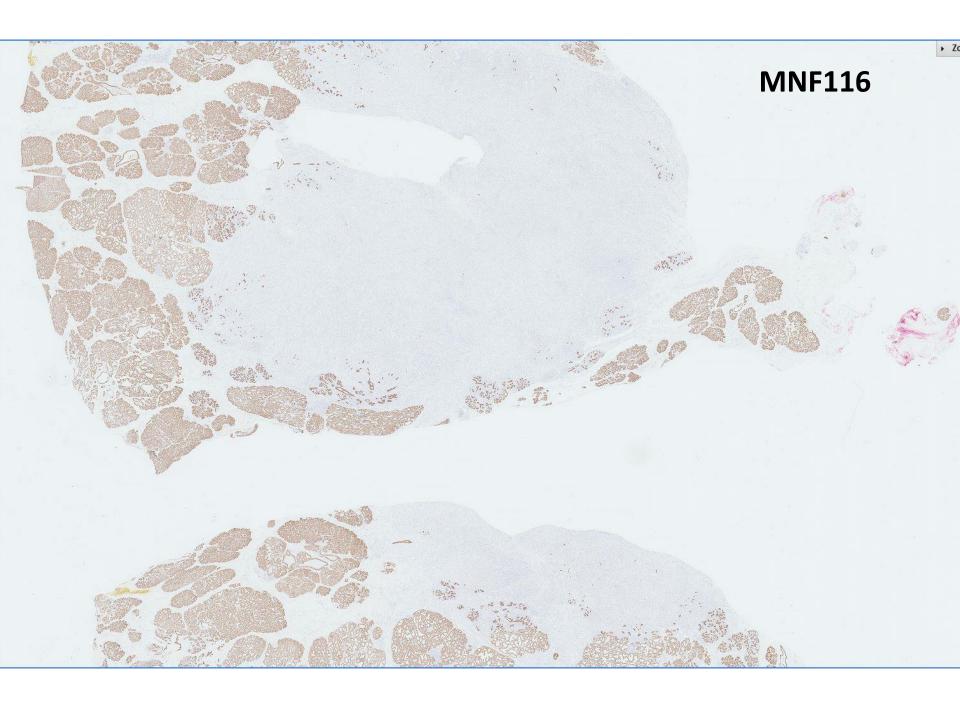




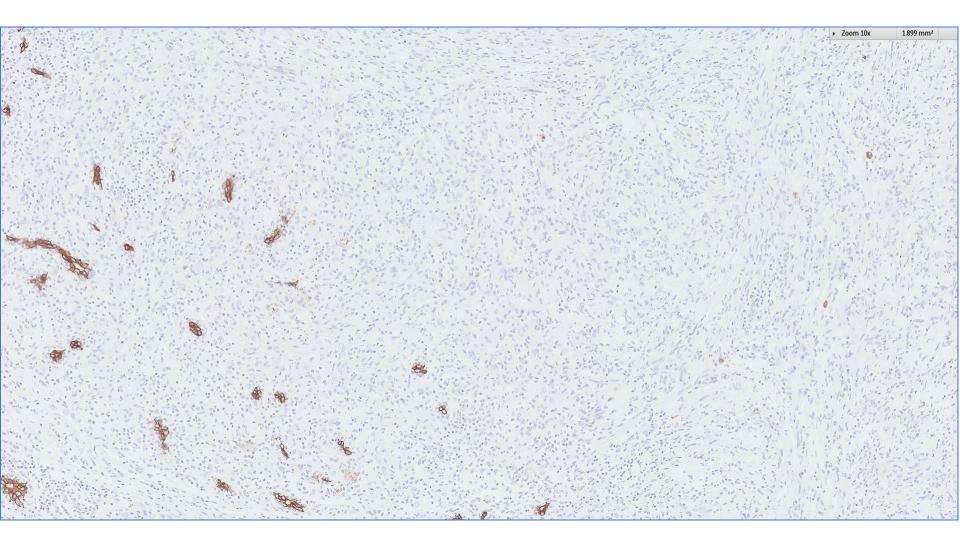


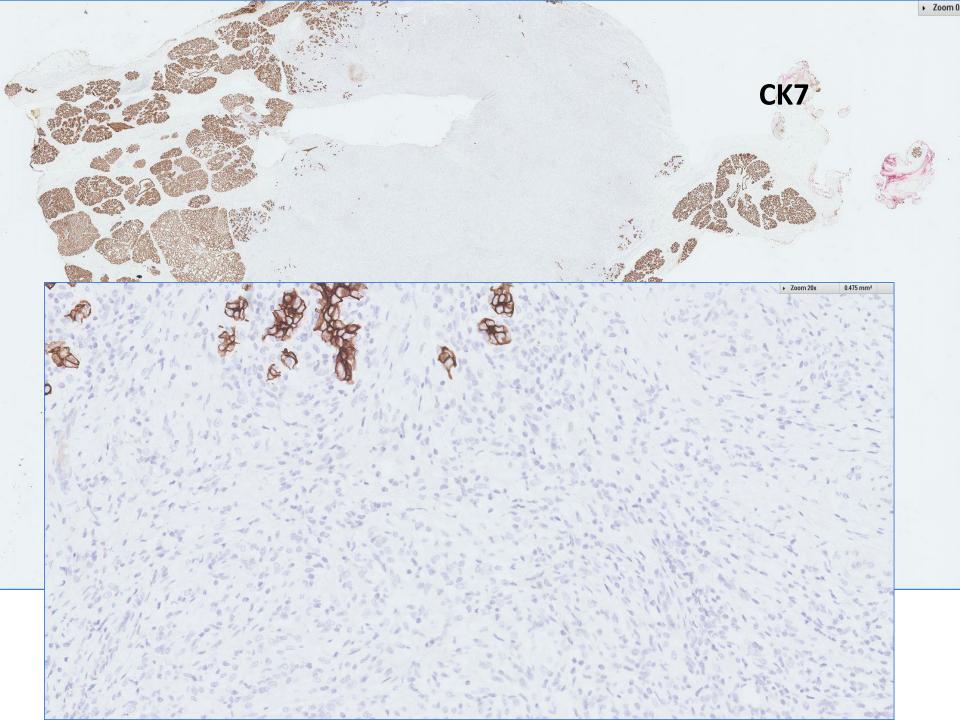




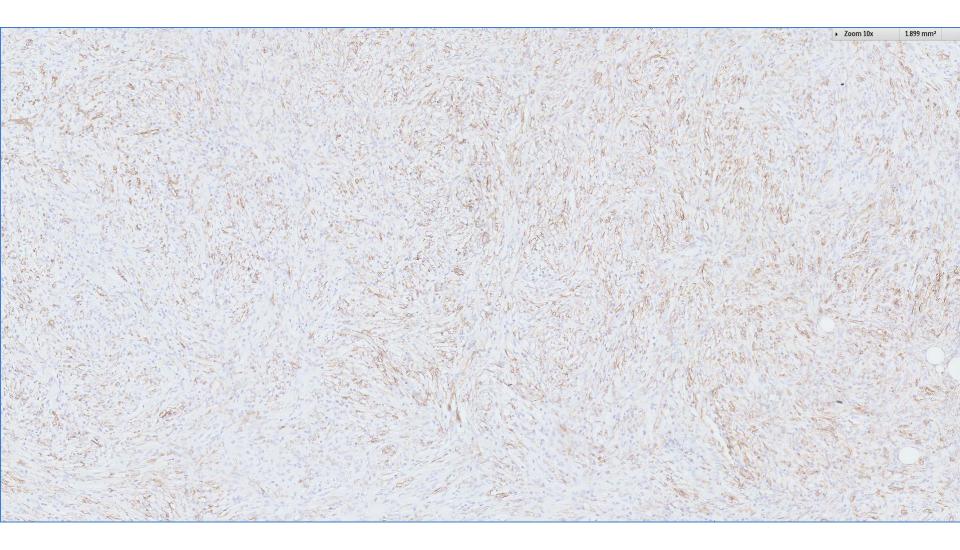


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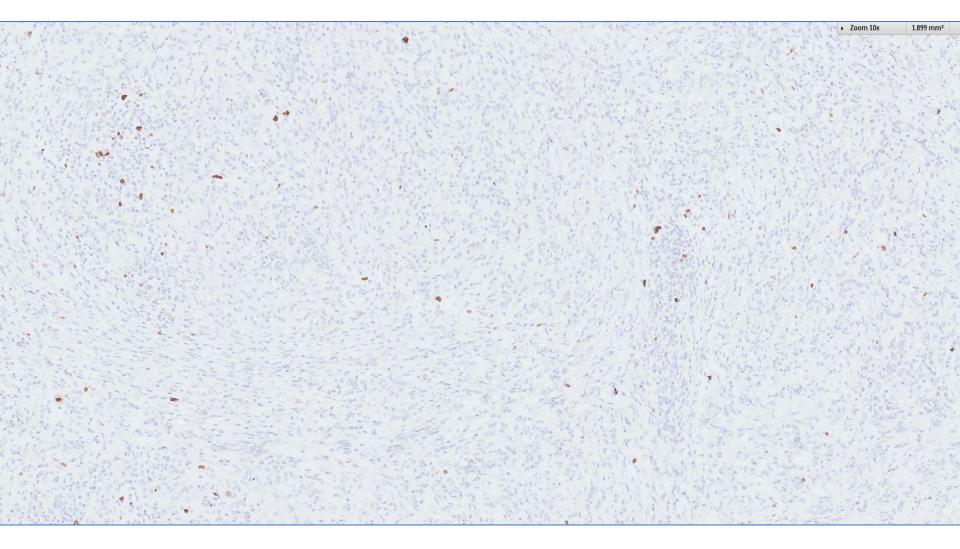




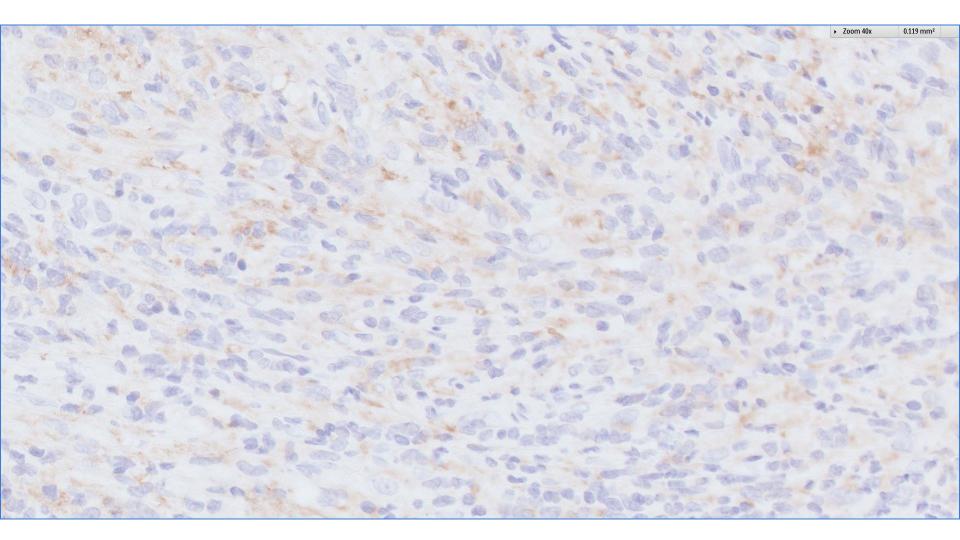
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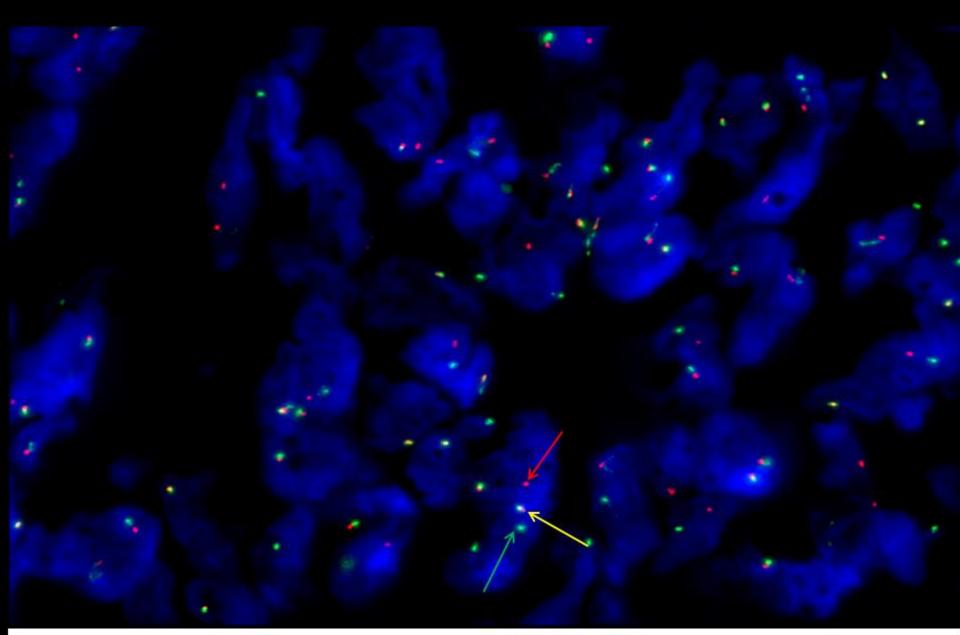


Ki67



ALK1





Interphase nuclei showing rearrangement of the ALK break apart probe using fluorescence in-situ hybridization. The signal pattern consists of one fusion (yellow arrow), one red (3' ALK gene) and one green (5' ALK gene) signals, indicating disruption of the ALK gene at 2p23.

Diagnosis

Inflammatory spindle cell lesion

Differentials:

Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour (favoured diagnosis in view of the ALK translocation)

Cellular spindled histiocytic tumour





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Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour

- A usually low-grade neoplasm composed of myofibroblastic spindle cells with prominent admixed inflammatory cells, usually plasma cells.
- Synonyms ~ inflammatory pseudotumour, plasma cell granuloma.
- Rare occurrence in the breast, presents as a painless circumscribed mass.
- Immunohistochemical expression for SMA, sometimes desmin and keratin.
- 50% positive for ALK rearrangements, especially in younger patients.
- Prognosis is usually indolent and cannot be predicted on morphological grounds, though metastasis is seen more frequently in ALK negative cases (described for tumours arising in visceral and soft tissue locations).



Pathology Building 1958-2013, by Ong Kim Seng