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38 year old Japanese woman. Excision biopsy of a left breast tumour (current slide).

Past history of a triple negative right breast invasive carcinoma 4 years ago, which responded to neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

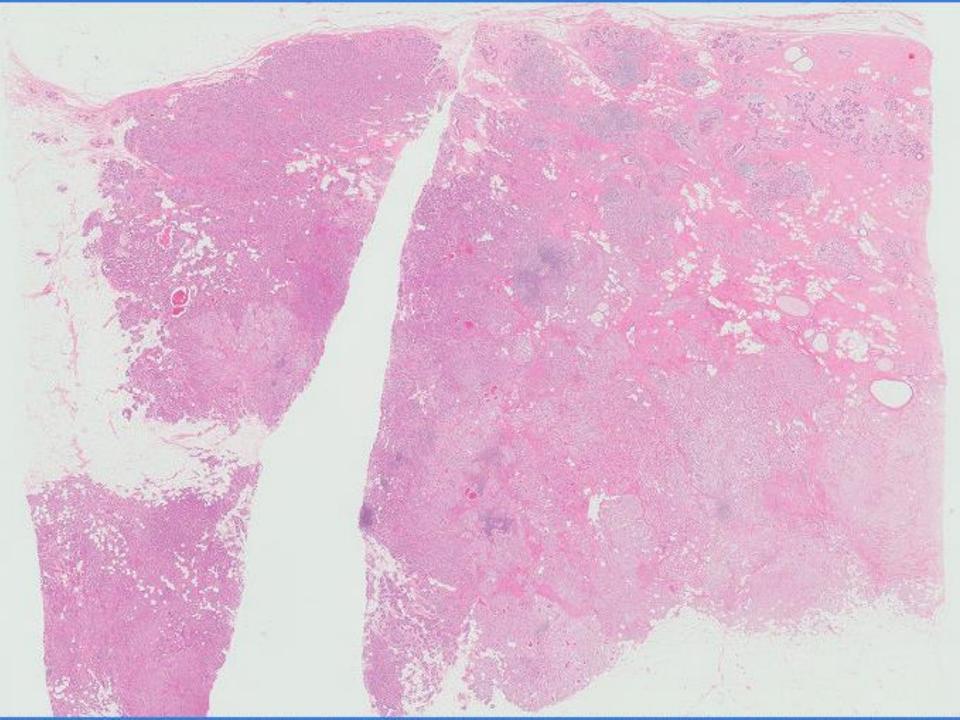
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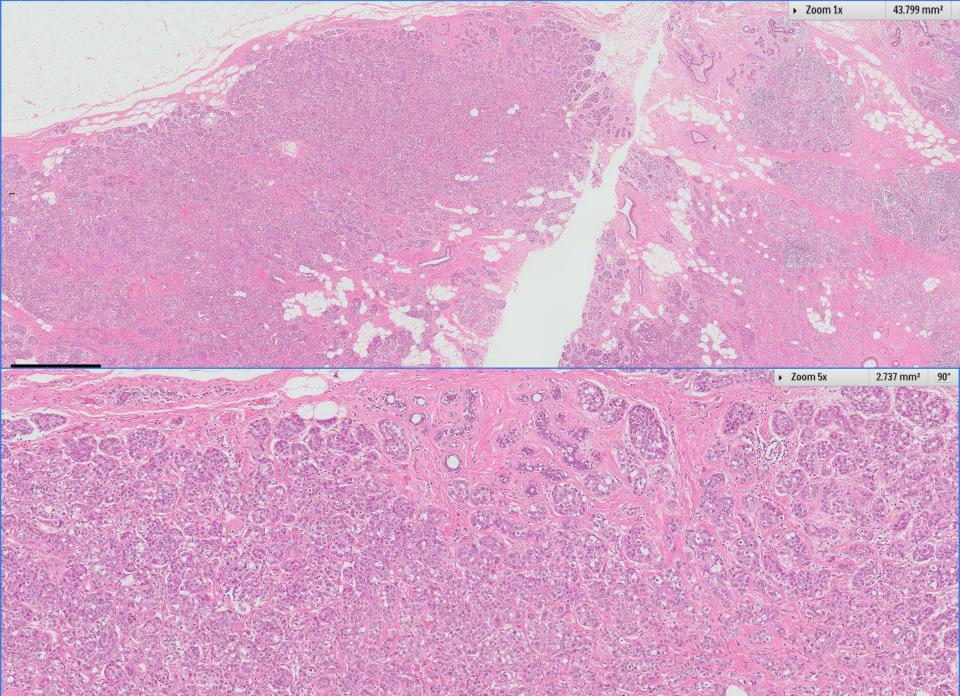


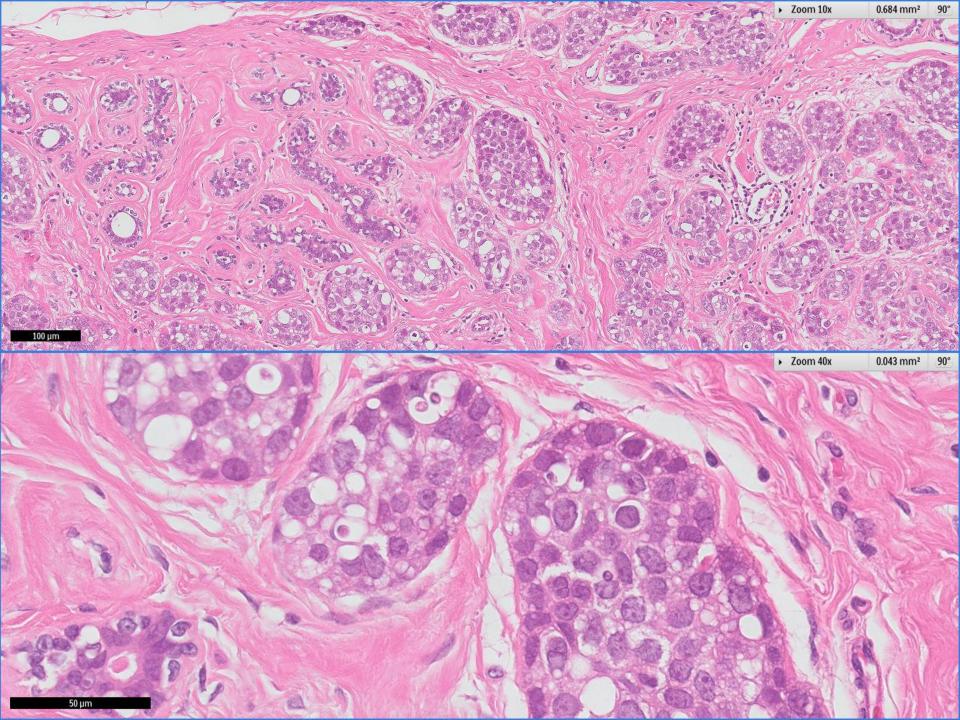


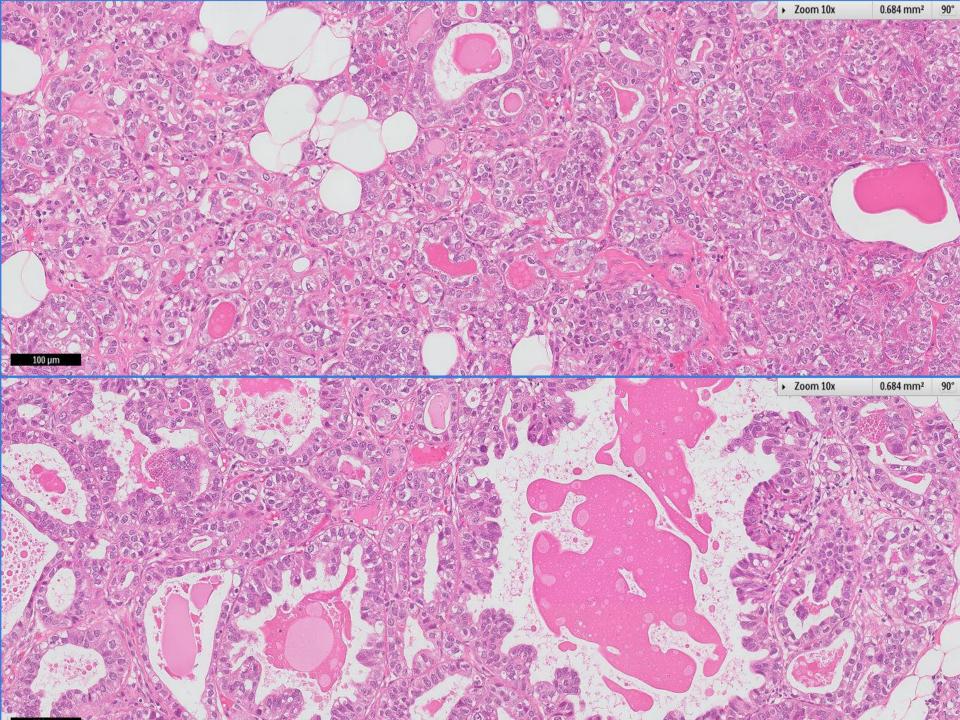




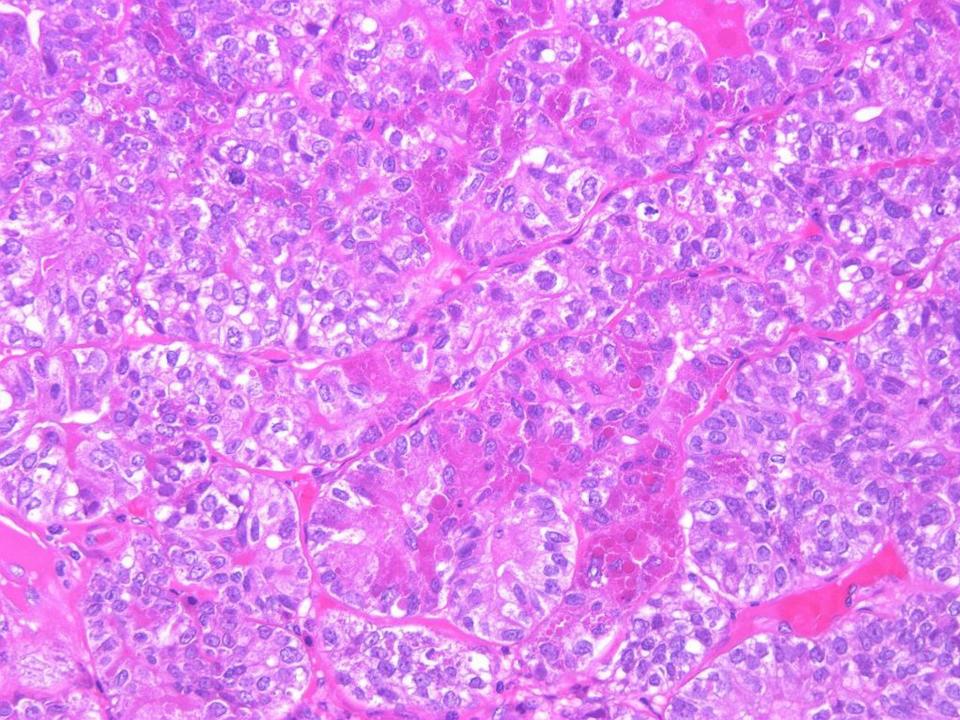


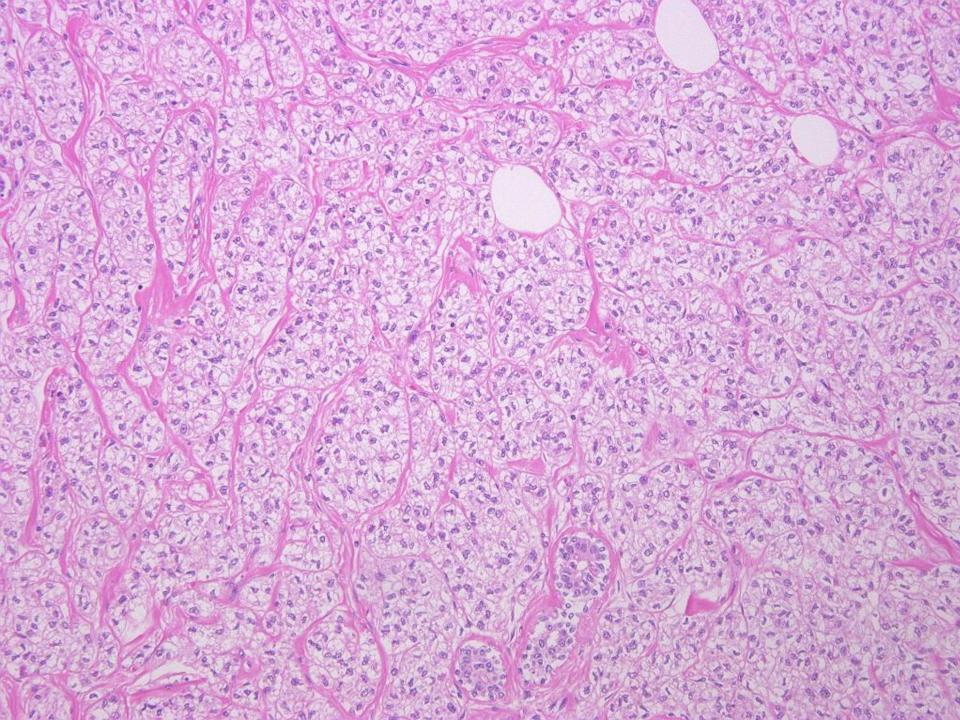


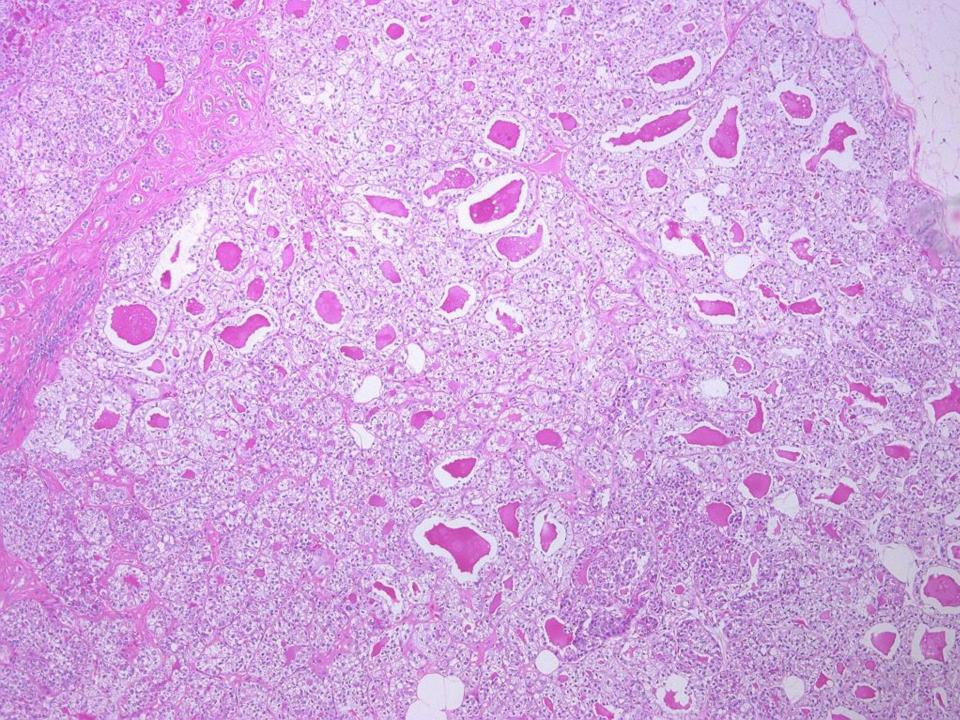


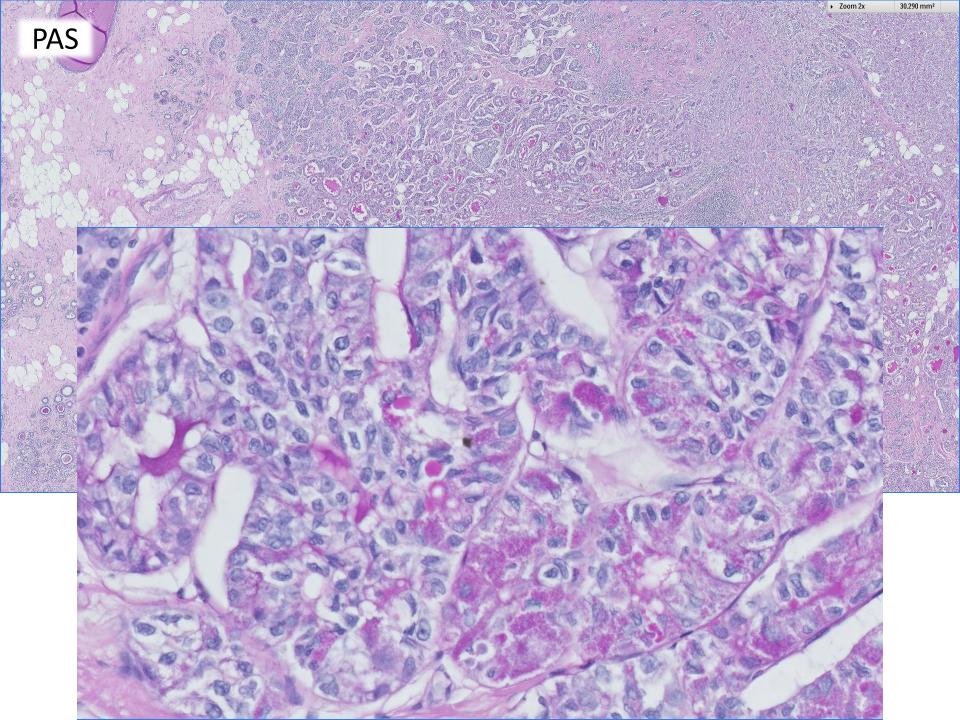


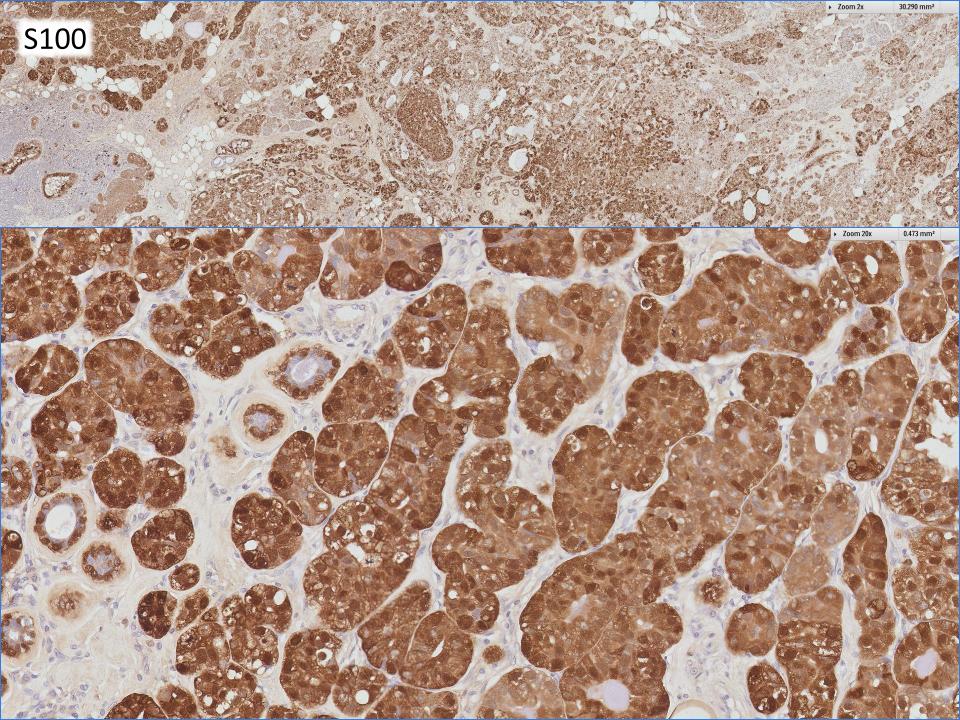


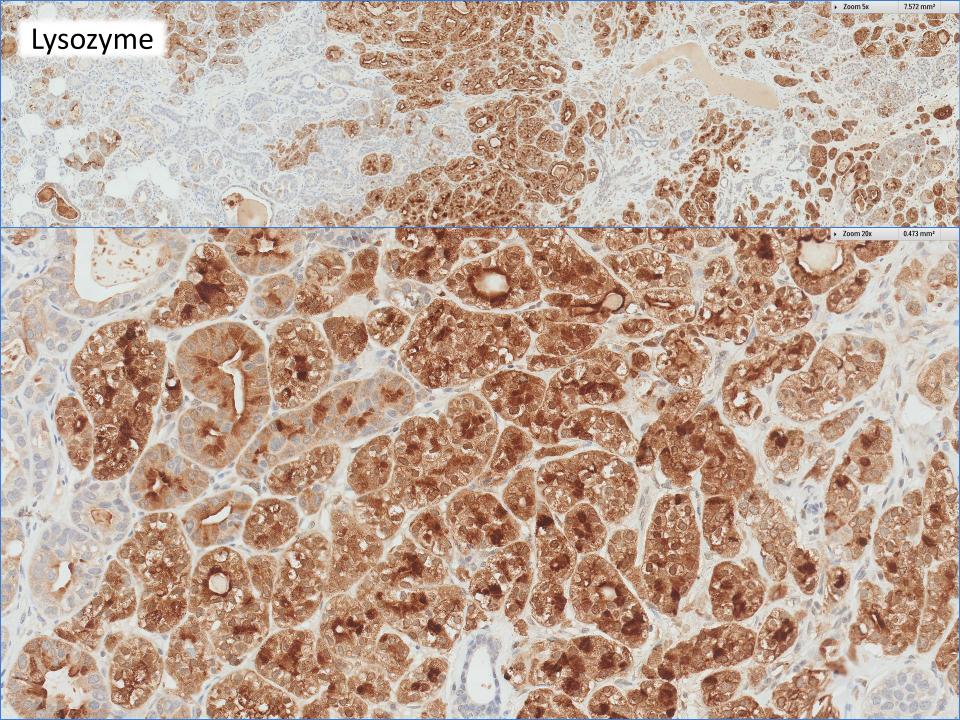


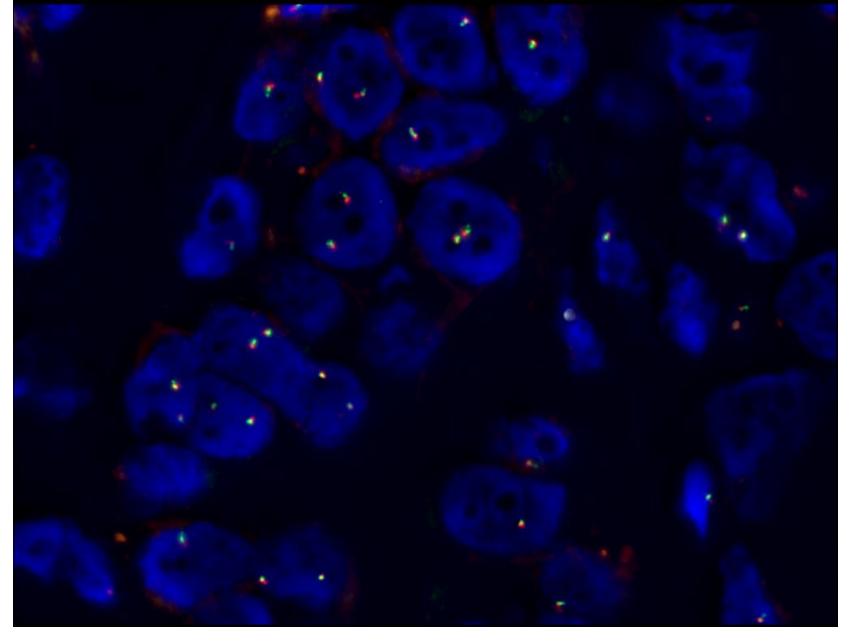












Interphase FISH using the ETV6 breakapart probe set showed no disruption of the ETV6 gene. The test is negative for ETV6 gene rearrangement.

Diagnosis

Excision biopsy, left breast tumour ~

Invasive carcinoma with acinic and clear cell features









Histopathology

ACCA varies from well-differentiated and easily recognizable to structurally solid (dedifferentiated) {1416}. Some show microcystic and microglandular areas, or solid nests with comedo-like necrosis and a rim of microglandular structures at the periphery {1198}. The cells have irregular round to ovoid nuclei, evident single nucleoli and abundant cytoplasm, which is usually granular, amphophilic to eosinophilic. Granules can be large and coarse, bright red in colour, reminiscent of those seen in Paneth cells and ultrastructurally similar to zymogen-like granules (314, 1198,1276). Cells with clear "hypernephroid" cytoplasm are a feature and may predominate. Mitoses can number up to 15 per 10 high-power fields {314}. In almost all tumours, cells express a high level of alpha-1-antichymotrypsin, salivarygland amylase, lysozyme, EMA and S100 protein (314). The mucoapocrine marker GCDFP-15 can be focally positive. ACCAs are consistently negative for ER, PR, androgen receptors (1083) and HER2 {459}.

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Differential diagnosis

ACCA has to be differentiated from secretory carcinoma {580}, which lacks hypernephroid features and all the proteins of the salivary-gland counterpart of ACCA.

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