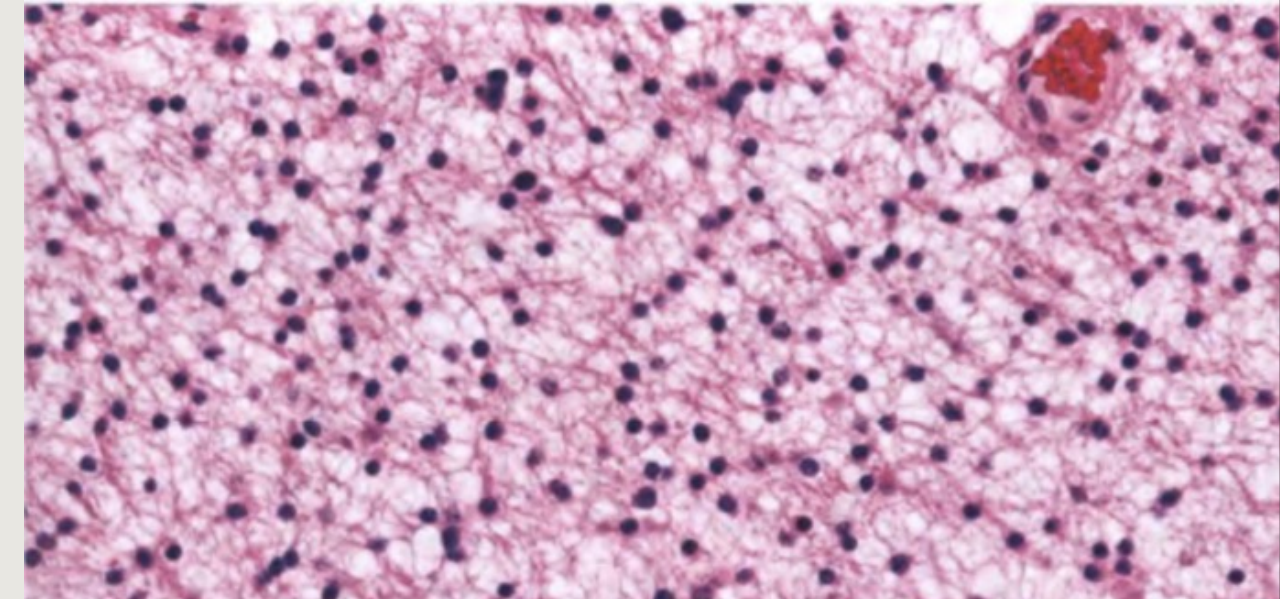


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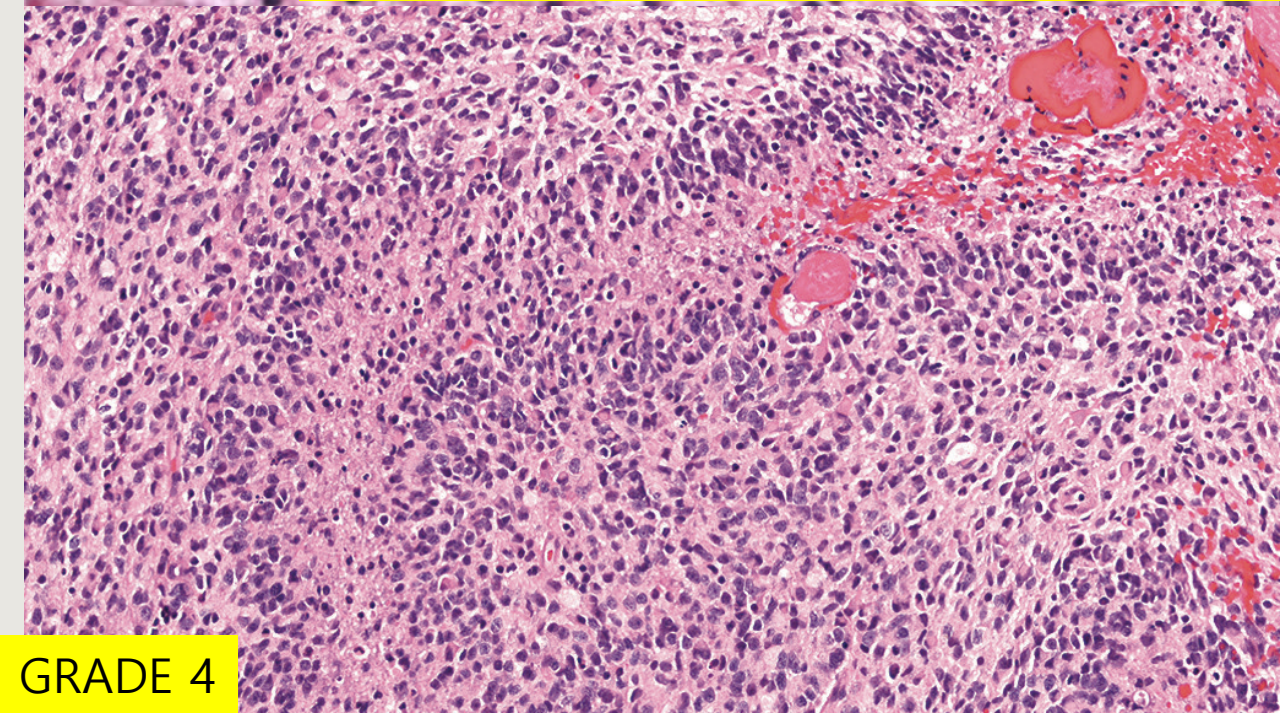
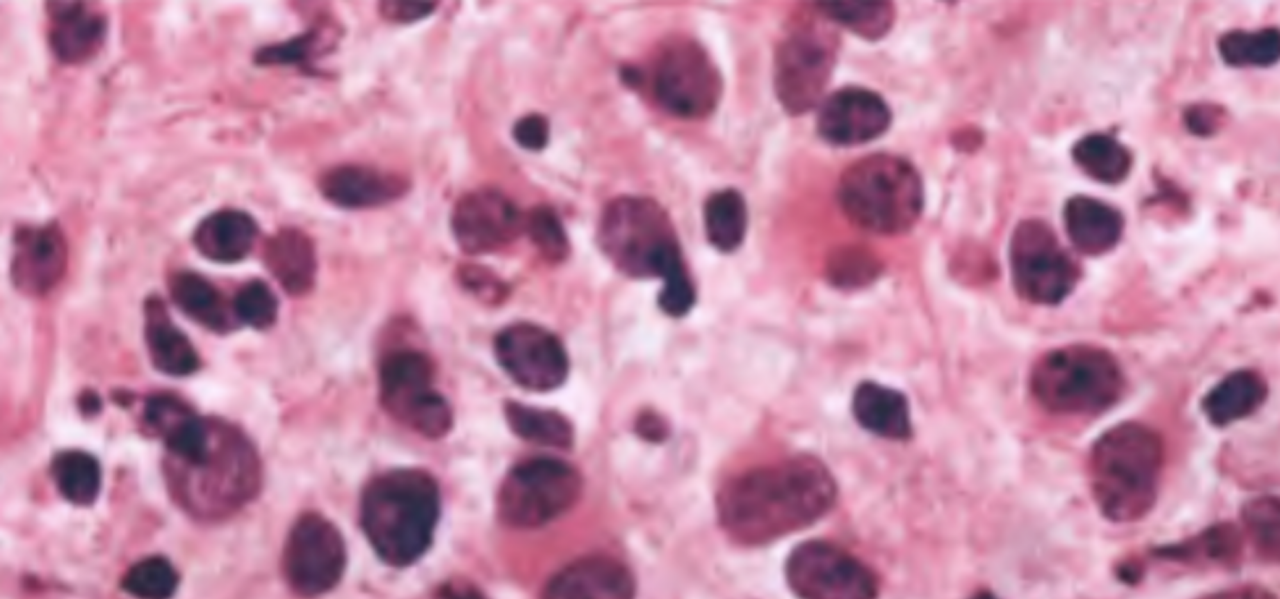


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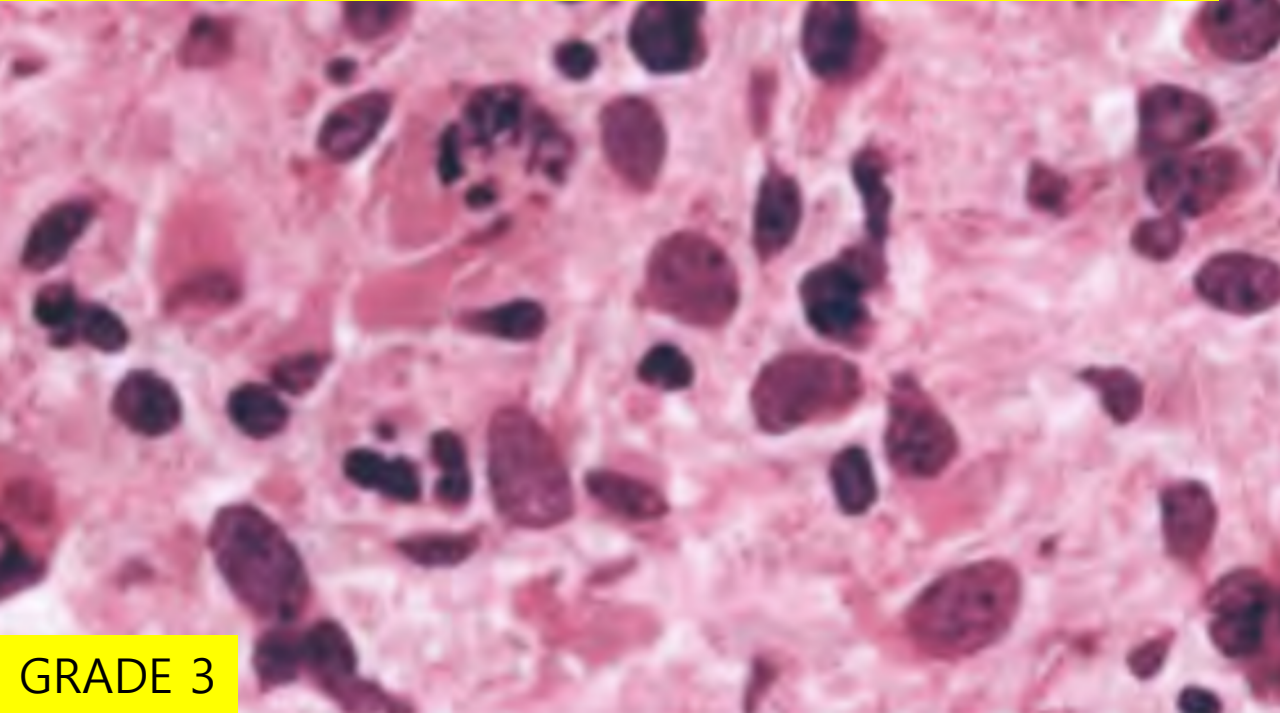


GRADE 2

Diffuse (infiltrating) Astrocytoma, MORPHOLOGY:



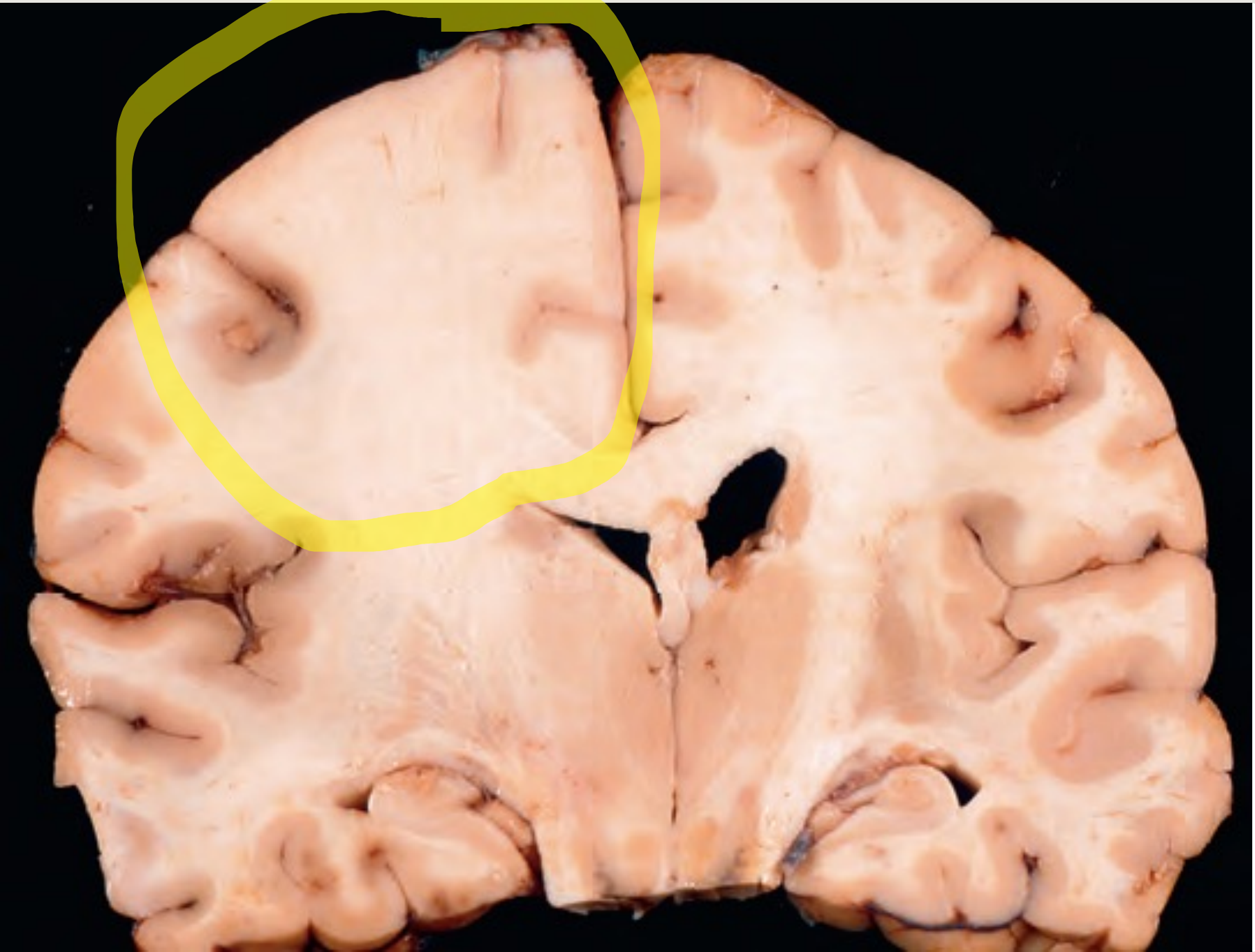
GRADE 4



GRADE 3

Diffuse astrocytoma, WHO grade 2 & 3, macroscopic:

- poorly defined, infiltrative tumors
- expand and distort the invaded brain
- NO discrete mass
- Infiltration beyond the grossly evident margins.
- +/- cystic degeneration



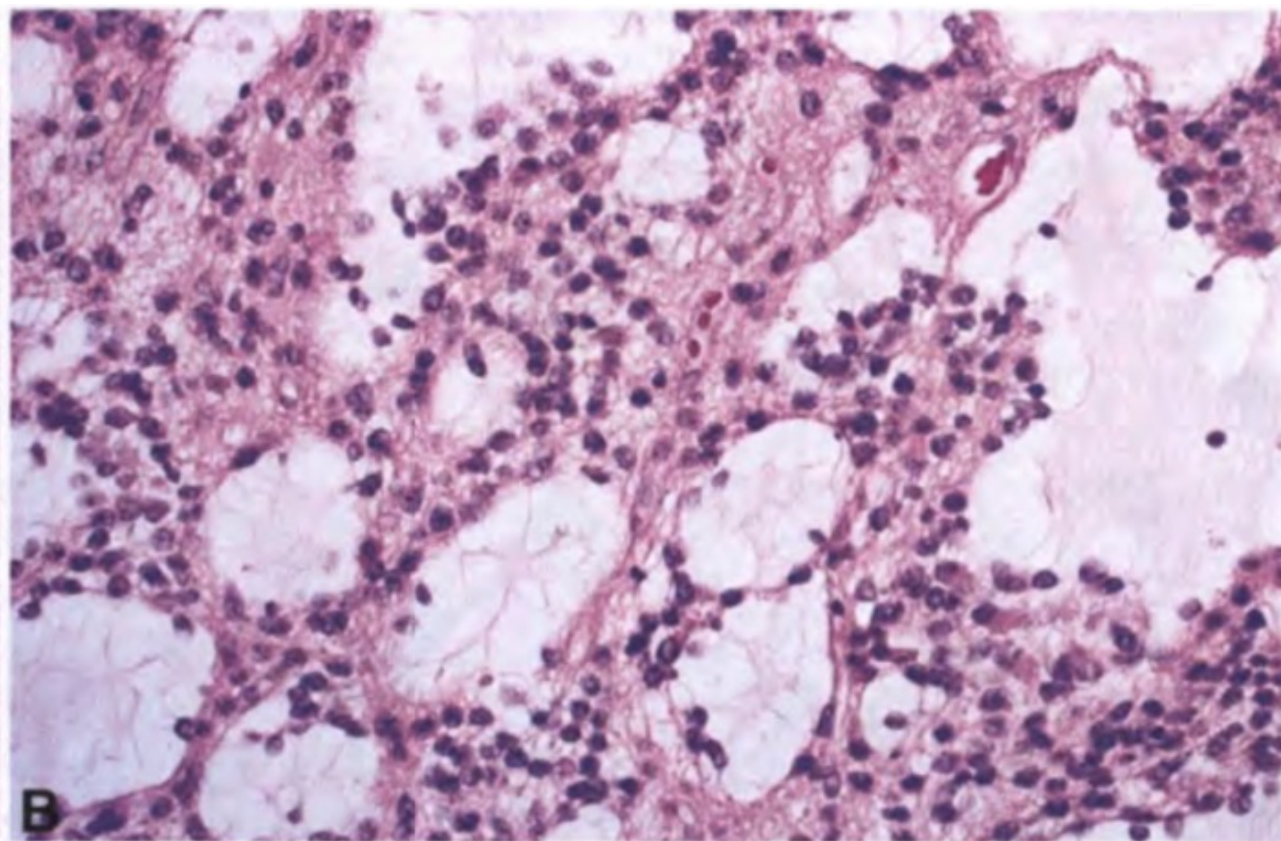
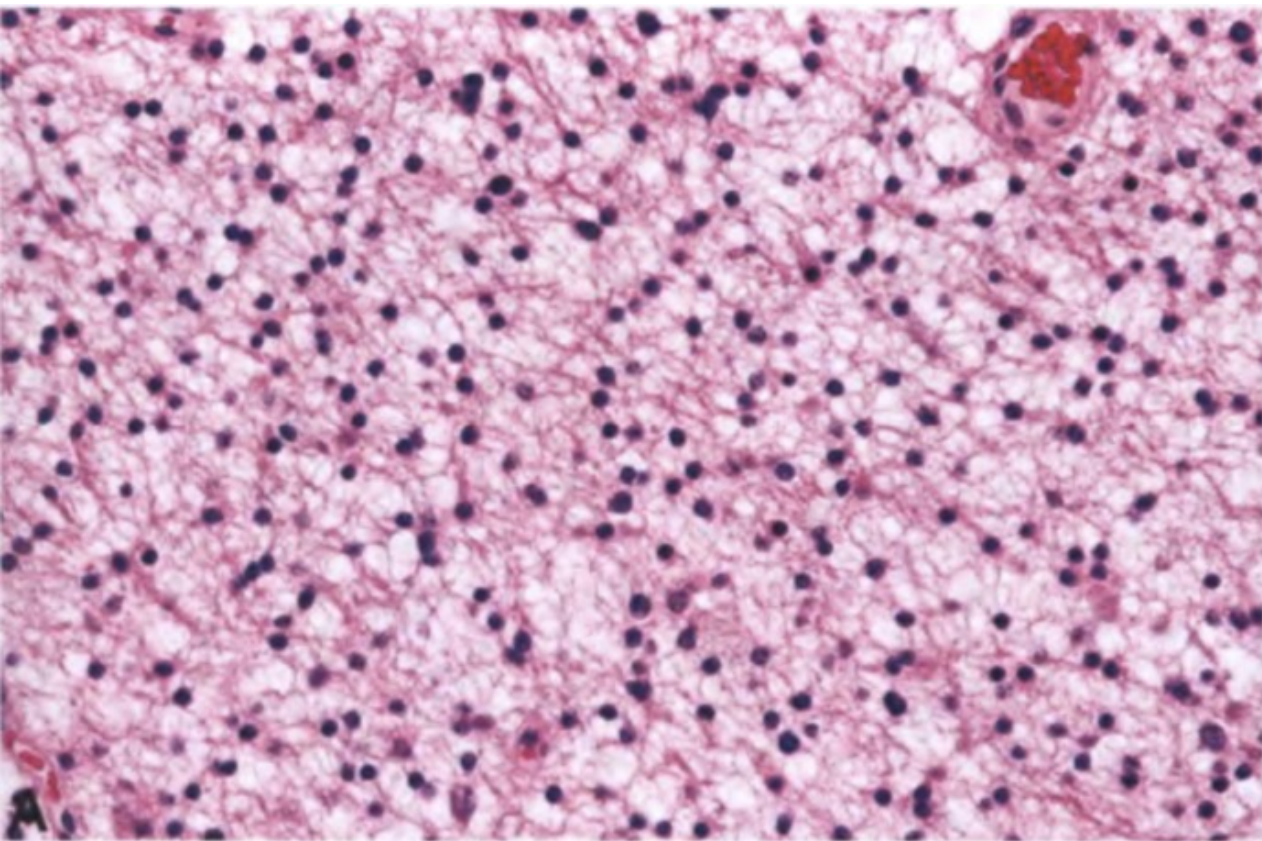
Diffuse astrocytoma, WHO grade 2, Microscopic:

- The transition between neoplastic and normal tissue is indistinct
- tumor cells infiltrate normal tissue many centimeters from the main lesion.

- **Hypercellular** (compared to normal white matter): **mild to moderate** increase in the number of glial cells.
- **Cytologic atypia:**
 - mild
 - enlarged, elongated or irregular hyperchromatic nuclei
 - No prominent atypia

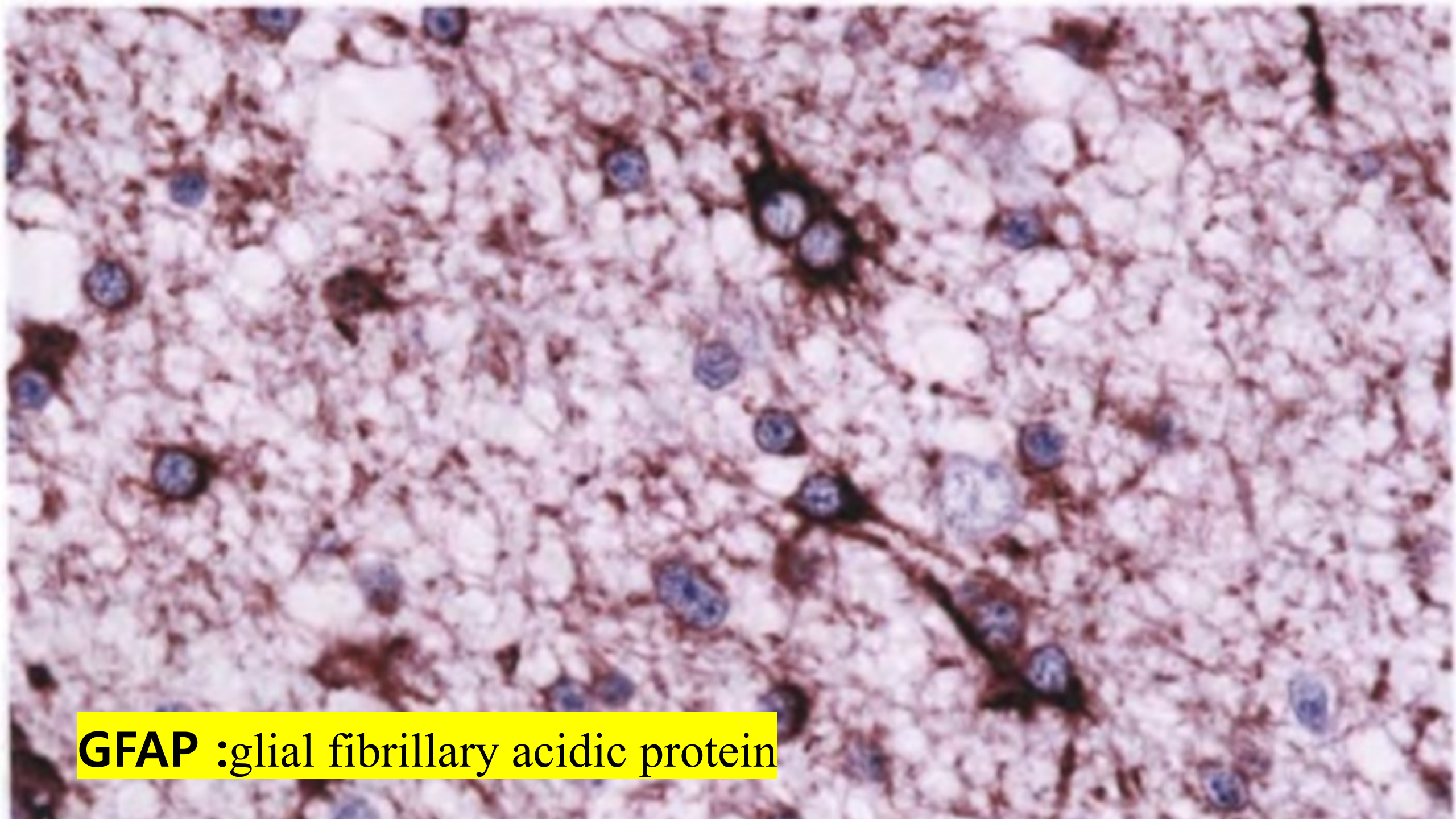
+ **fibrillary background** made of fine astrocytic cell processes

- **NO or rare** Mitotic activity
- **NO** necrosis
- **NO** microvascular proliferation

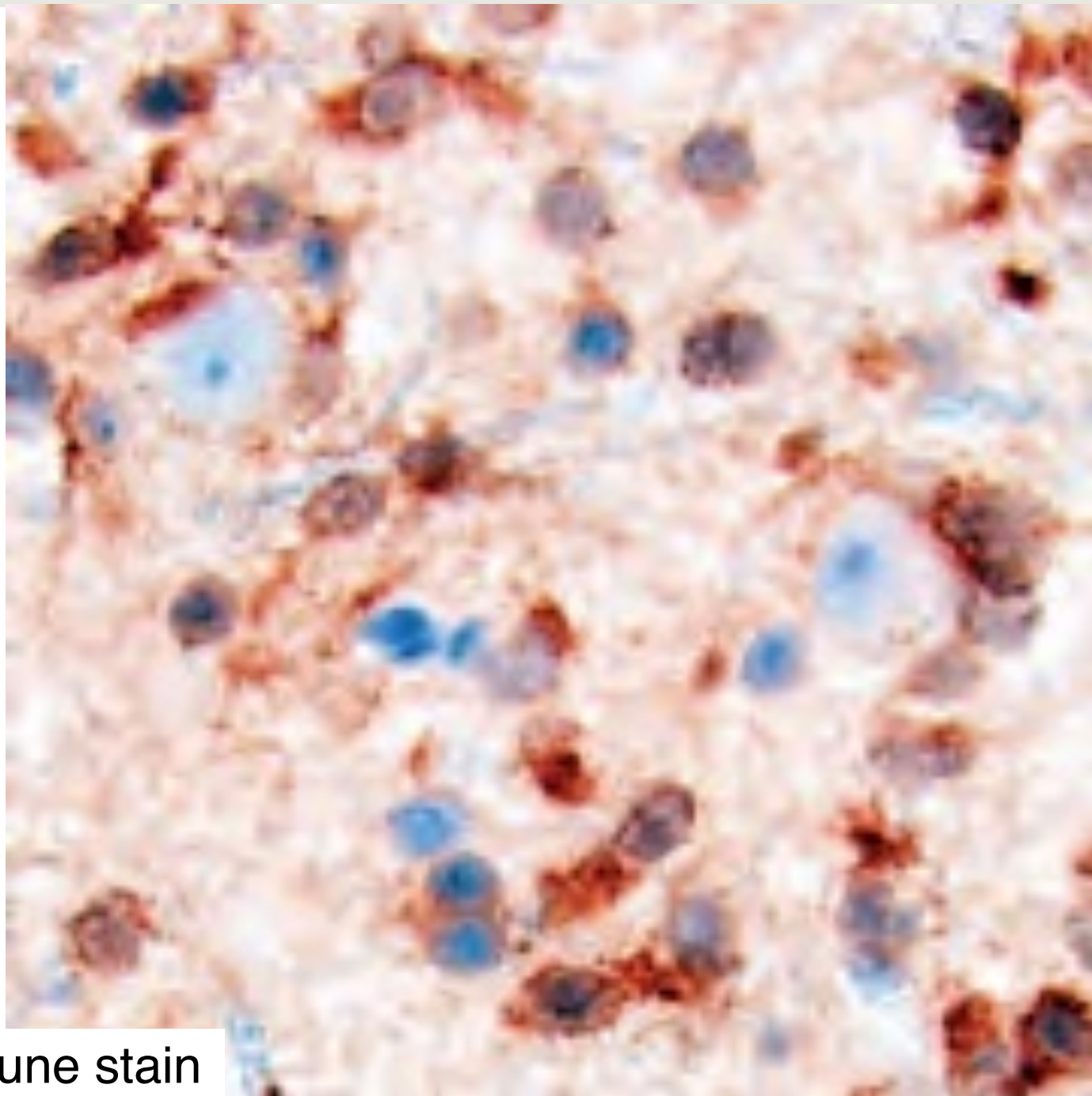


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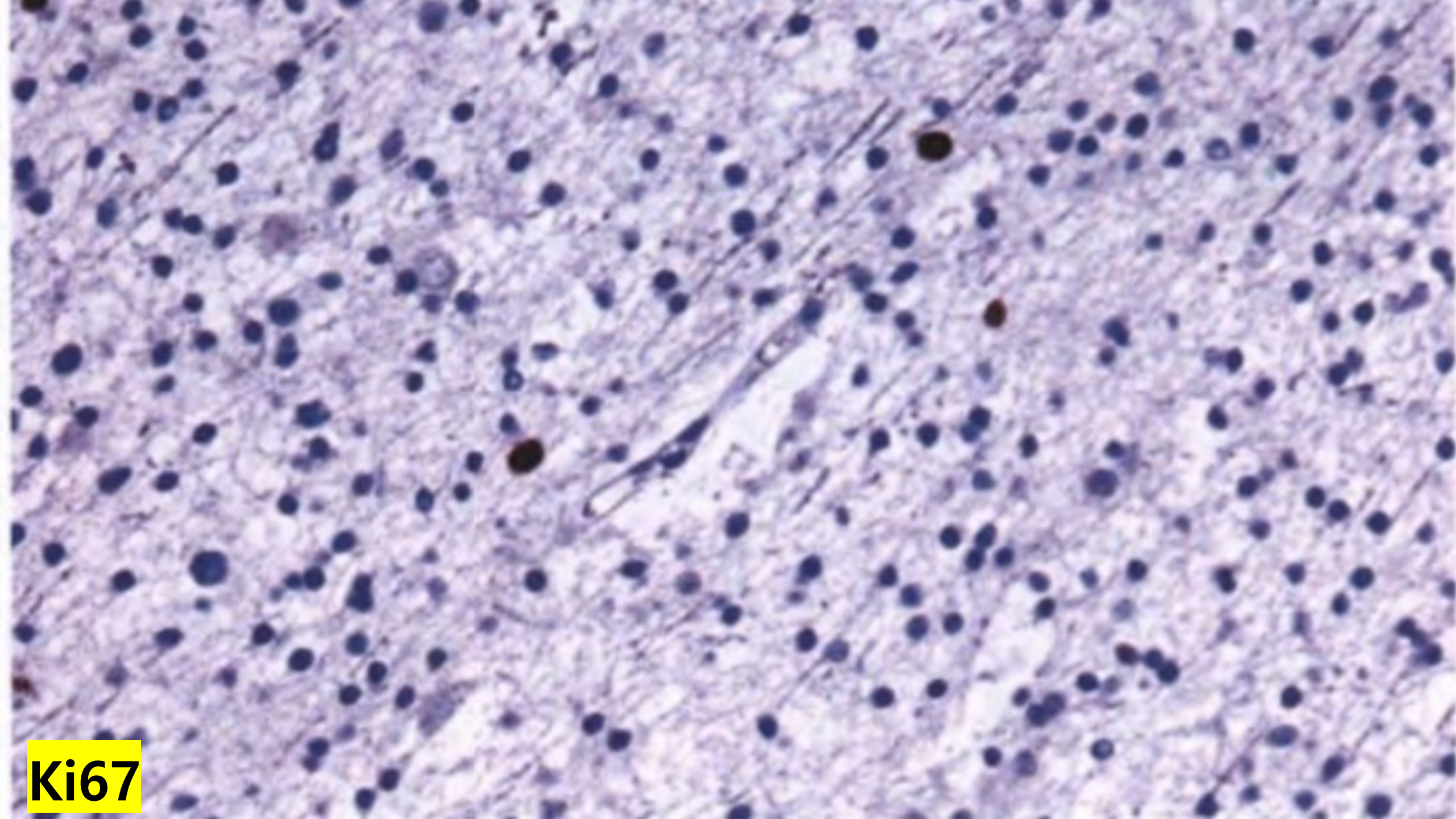
microcyst formation



GFAP :glial fibrillary acidic protein

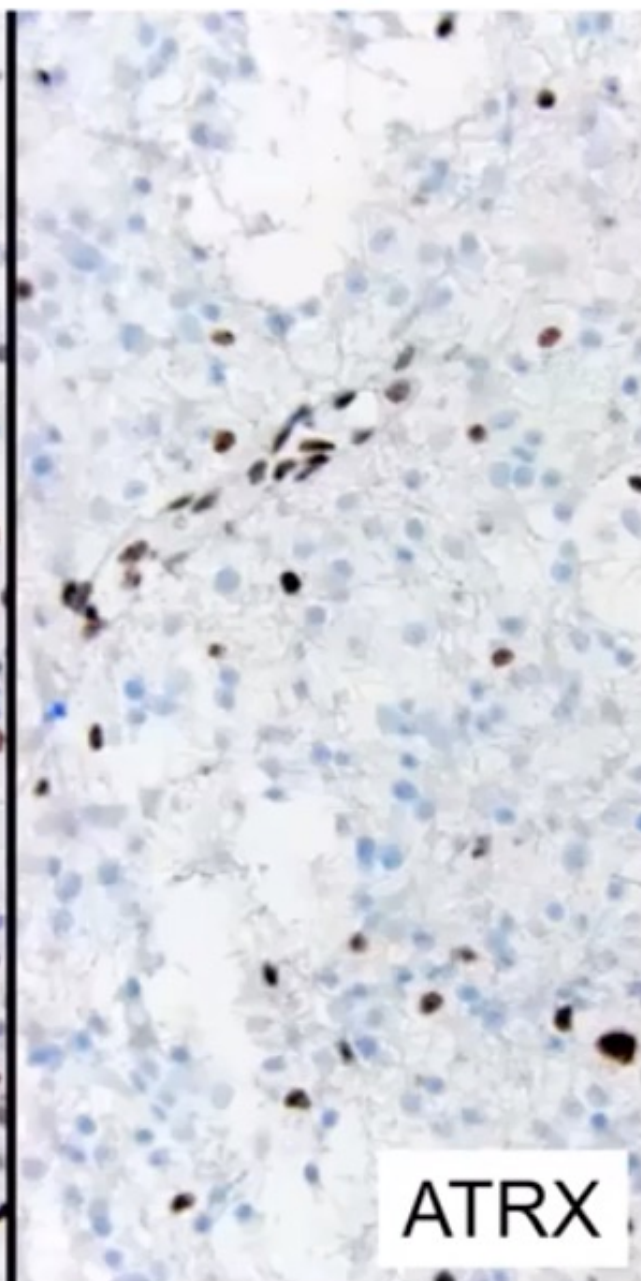
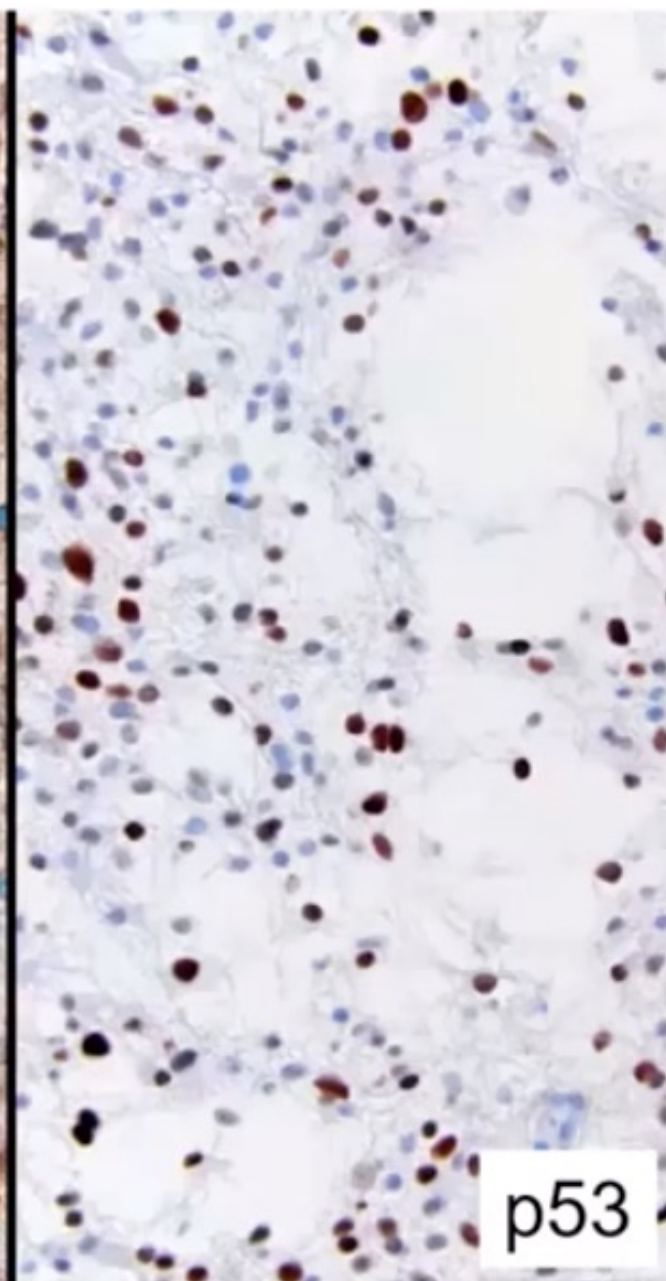
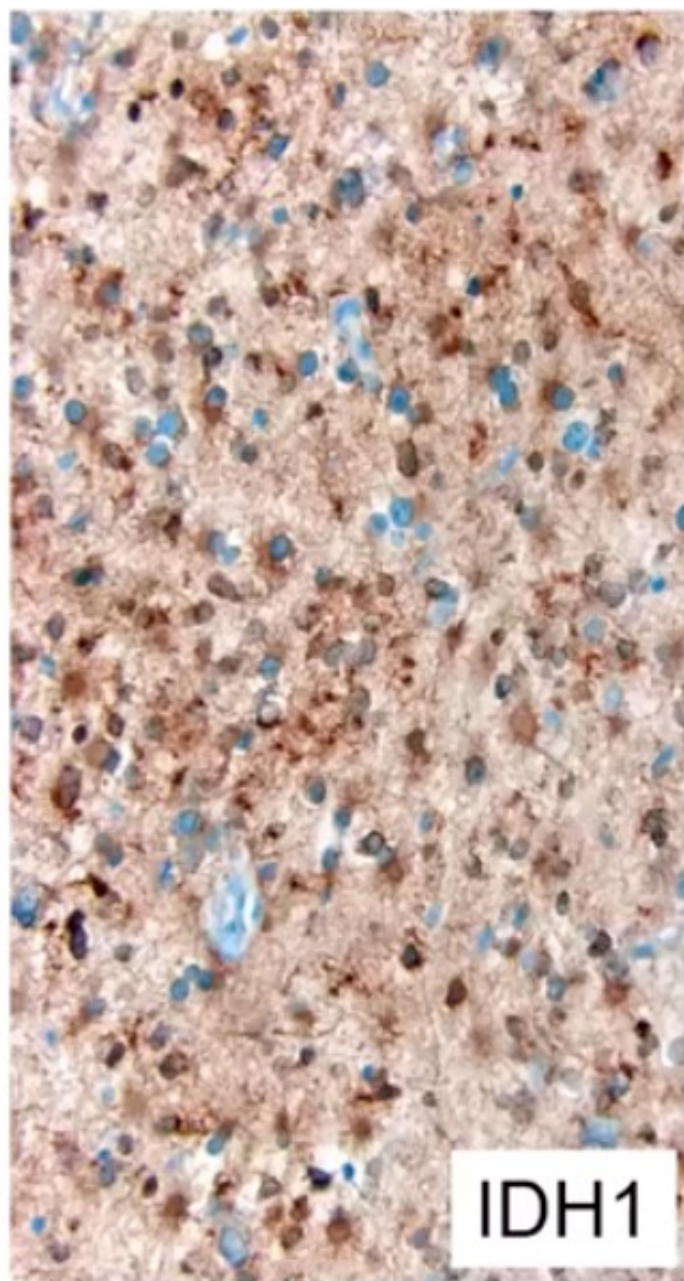


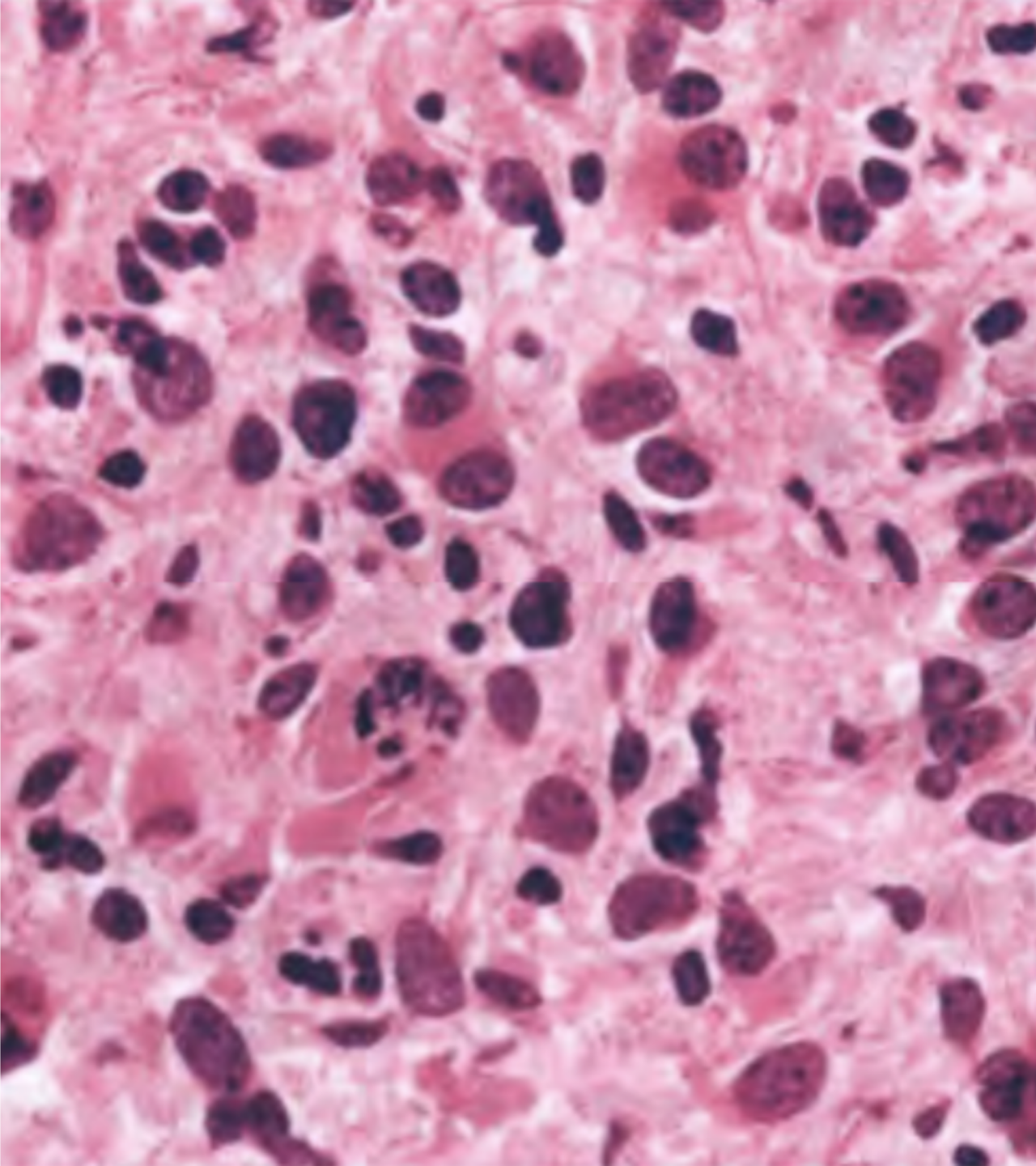
IDH1 R132H immune stain



Ki67

Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant, CNS WHO grades 2-4

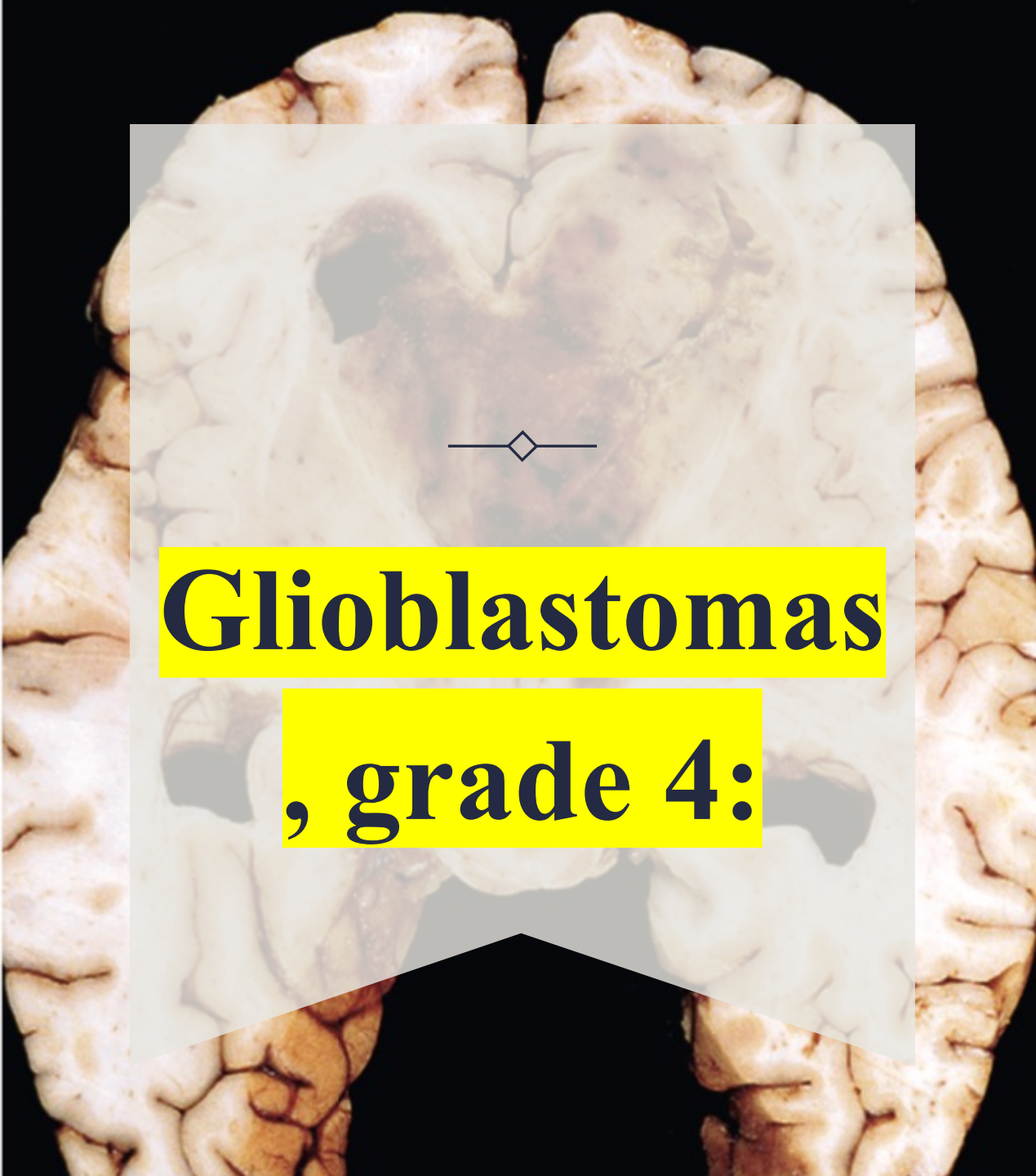




Anaplastic astrocytoma, grade 3:

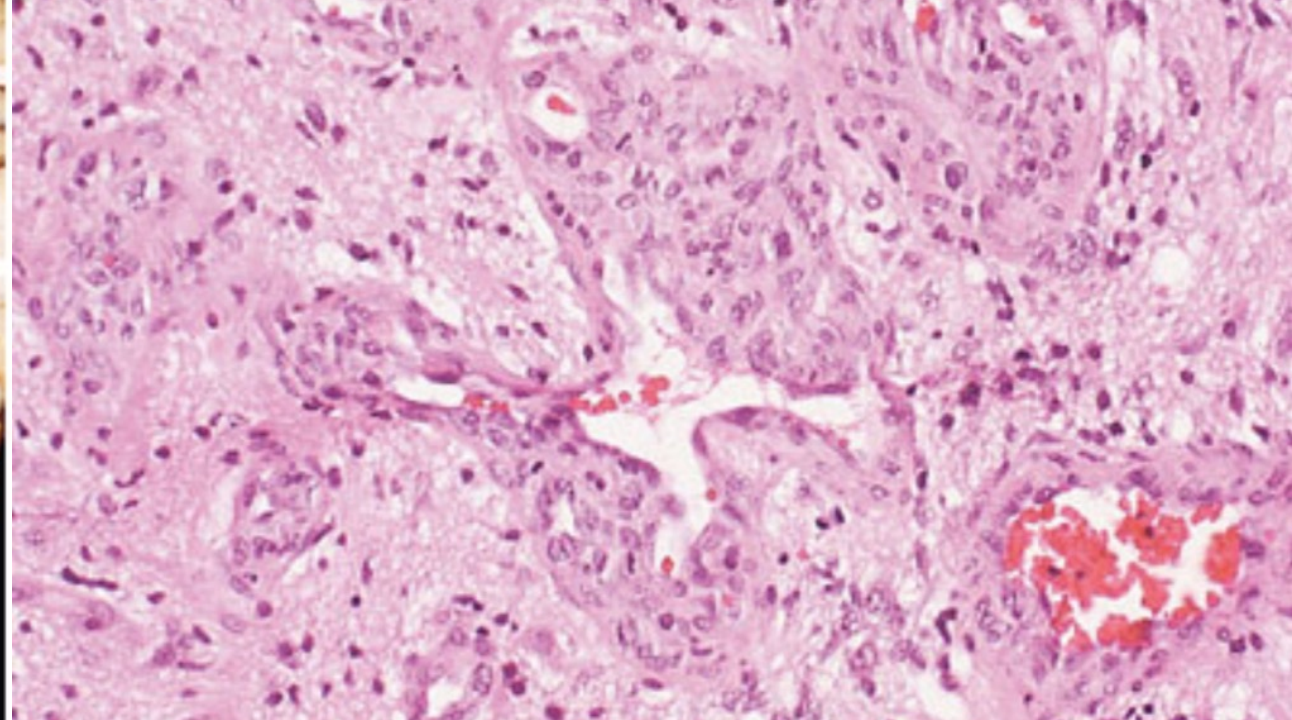
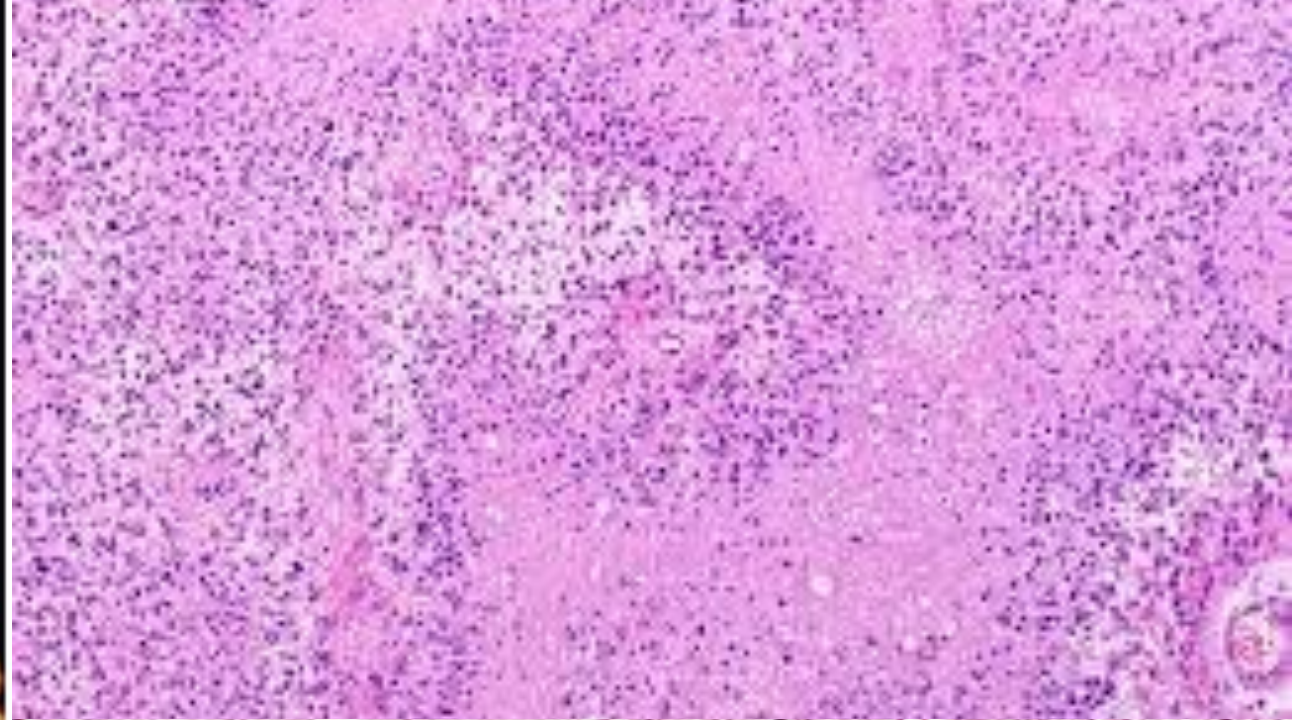
- ❖ cellular
- ❖ nuclear pleomorphism
- ❖ mitotic figures are present
- ❖ NO necrosis
- ❖ NO microvascular proliferation





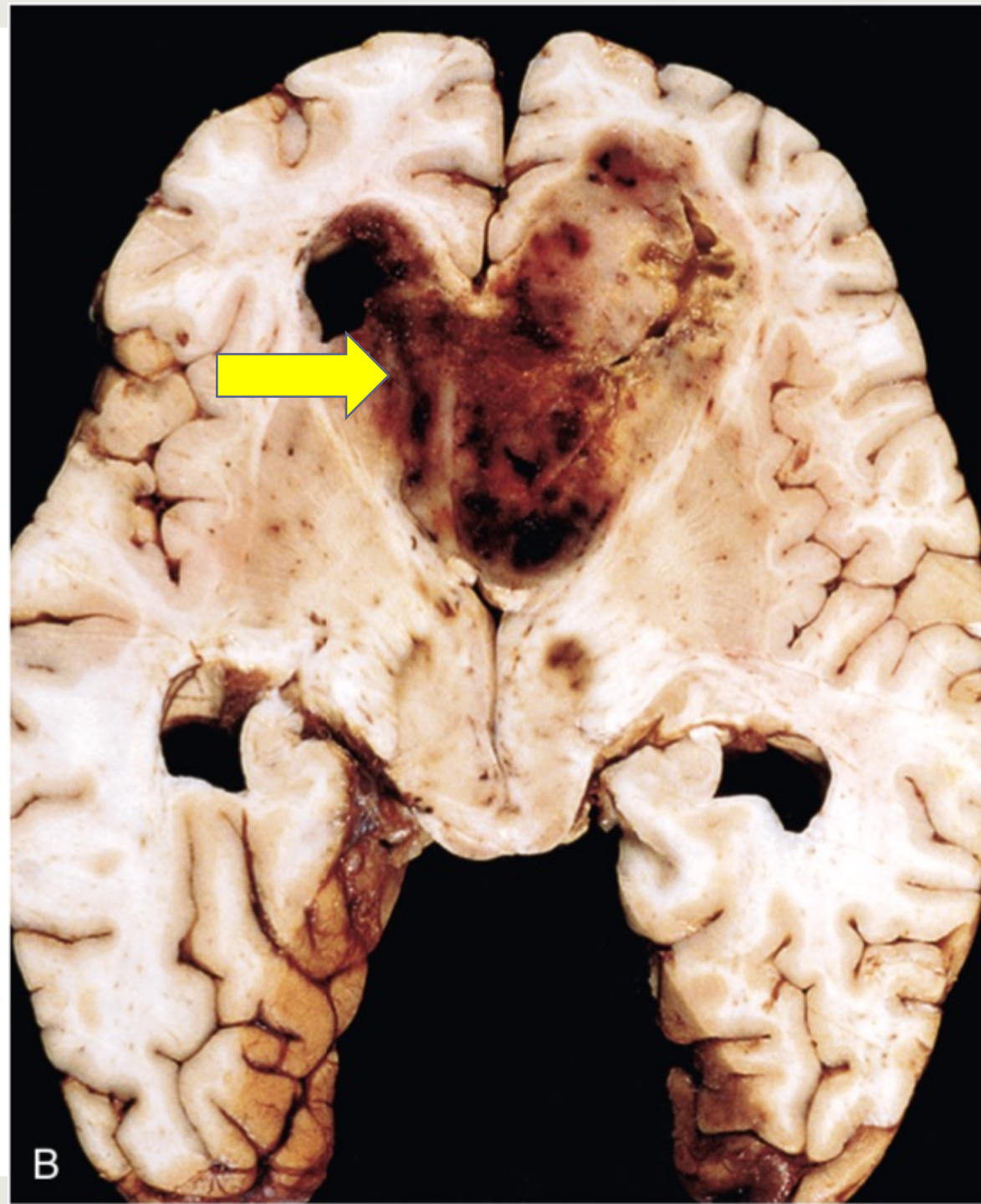
Glioblastomas

, grade 4:



Macroscopic:

- variation in the gross appearance of the tumor from region to region is characteristic (was called **glioblastoma multiforme**).
- Some areas are firm and white, others are soft and yellow (due to tissue necrosis), others show regions of cystic degeneration and hemorrhage.



- **Microscopic:**

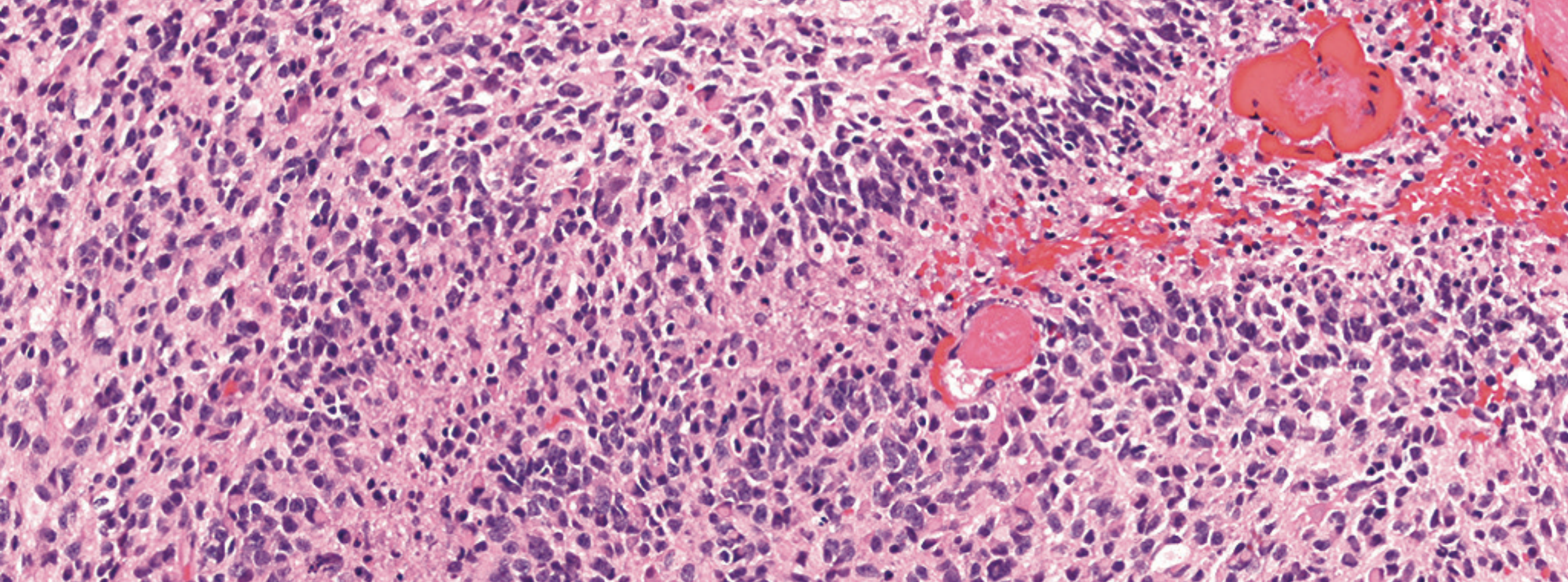
- anaplastic astrocytoma features + either:

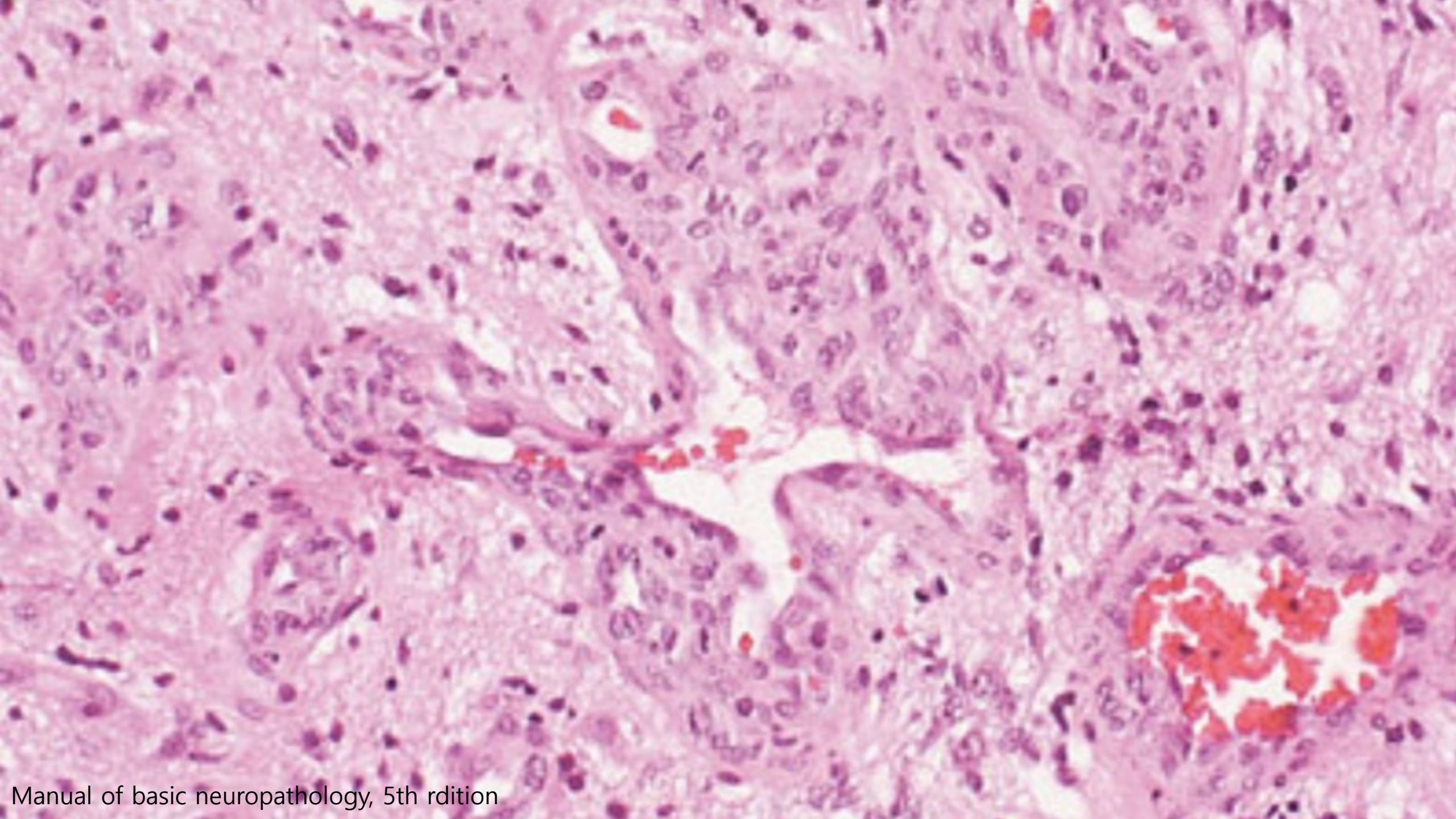
Necrosis: irregular zones of necrosis surrounded by dense accumulations of tumor cells (**palisading necrosis**)

or

microvascular proliferation:

the presence of abnormal vessels with walls composed **2 \geq** layers of vascular wall cells.





Circumscribed astrocytic gliomas

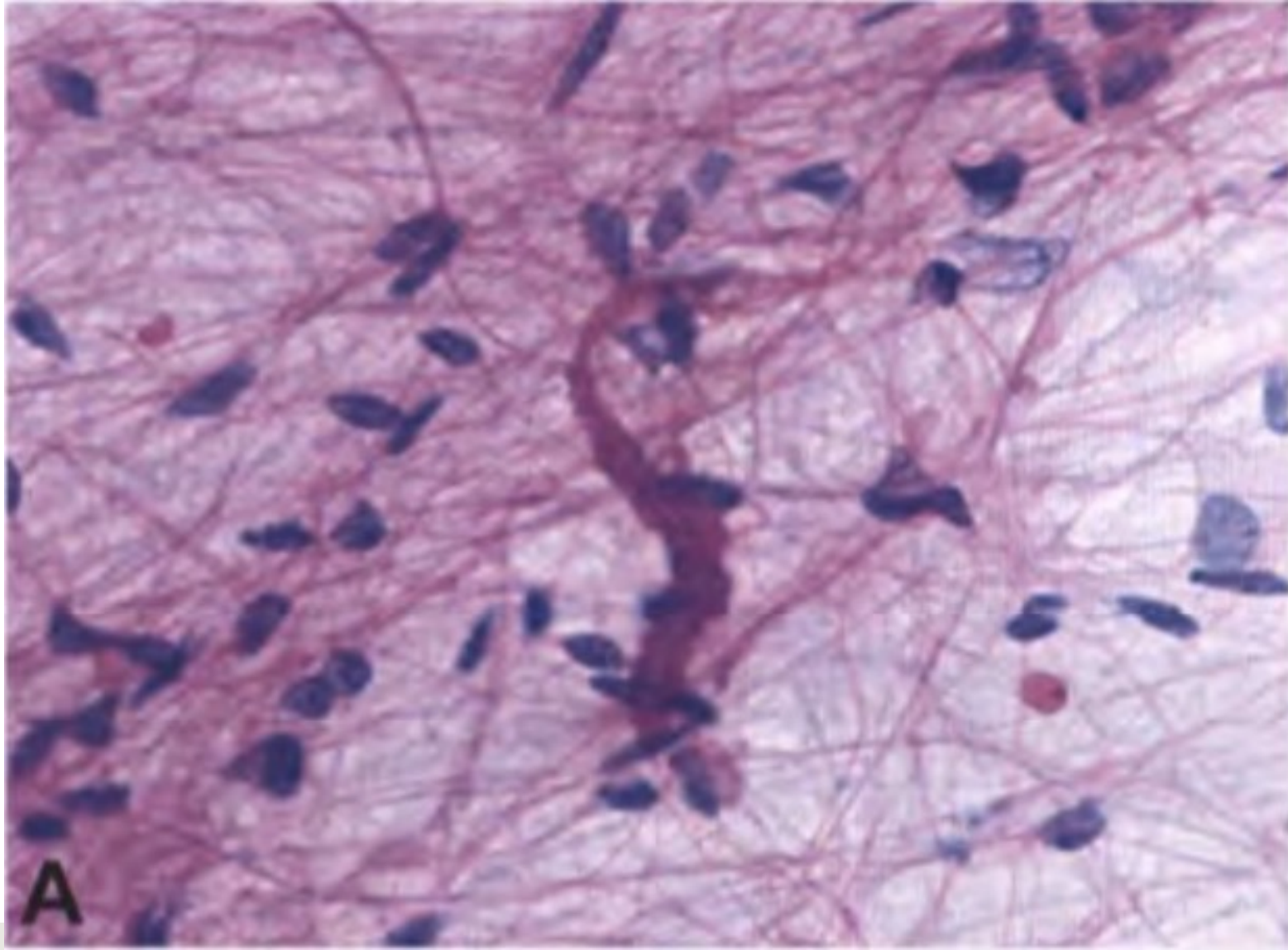
Pilocytic Astrocytoma, WHO grade 1

- **Age at presentation:** children and young adults.
- **Location:**
 - cerebellum (especially in children)
 - Optic nerve
 - Midline locations: Brainstem, optic chiasm/ hypothalamus, basal ganglia
 - Spinal cord
 - Cerebral hemispheres: Rare in children but happens in adults

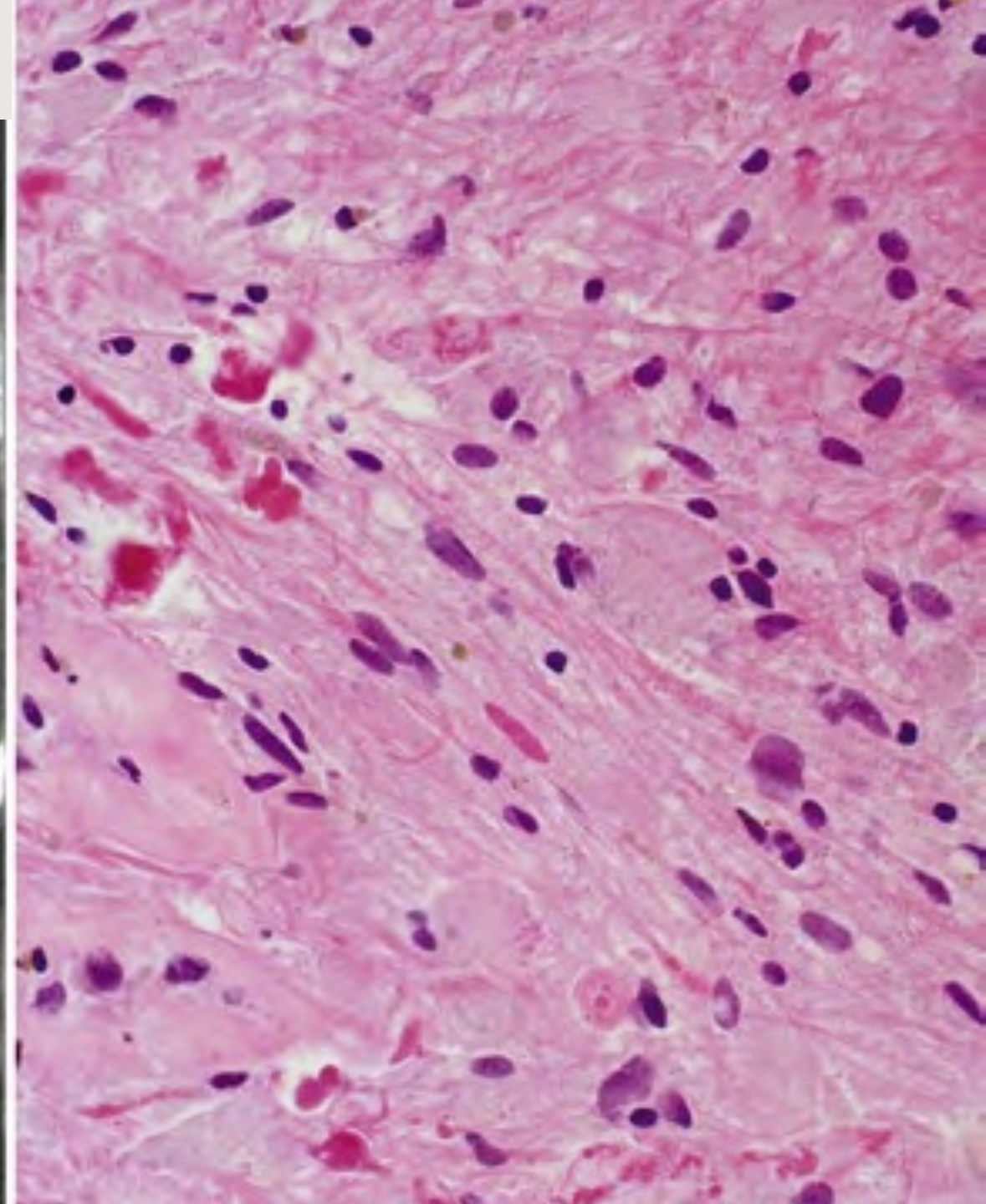
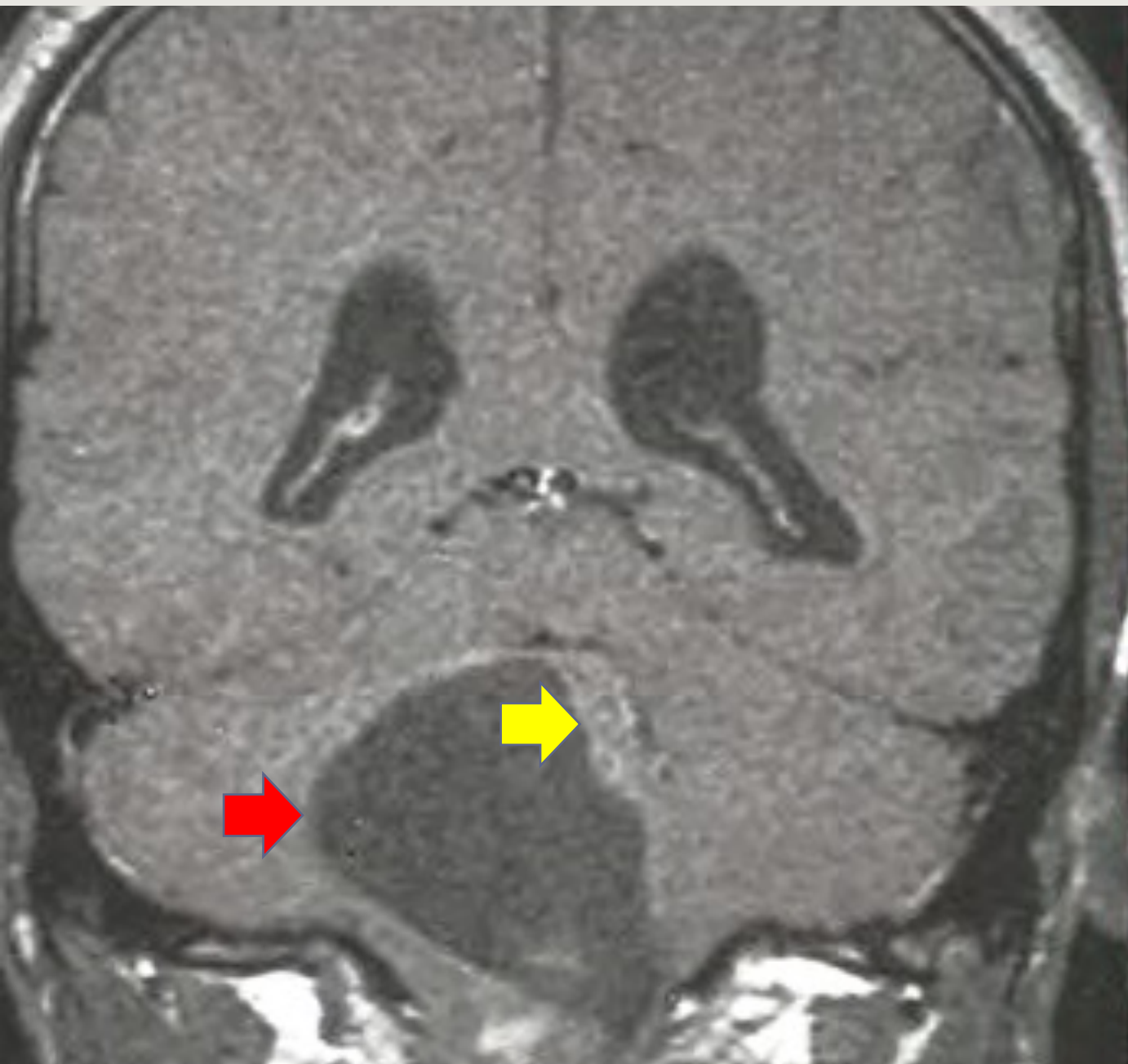
- **Molecular profile:**
 - activating mutations or translocations involving the gene encoding the BRAF → resulting in activation of the MAPK signaling pathway.
- **do not have mutations in IDH1 and IDH2,** supporting their distinction from the low-grade diffuse gliomas.
- **Macroscopic:**
 - well circumscribed (discrete) Cystic tumor +/- calcifications

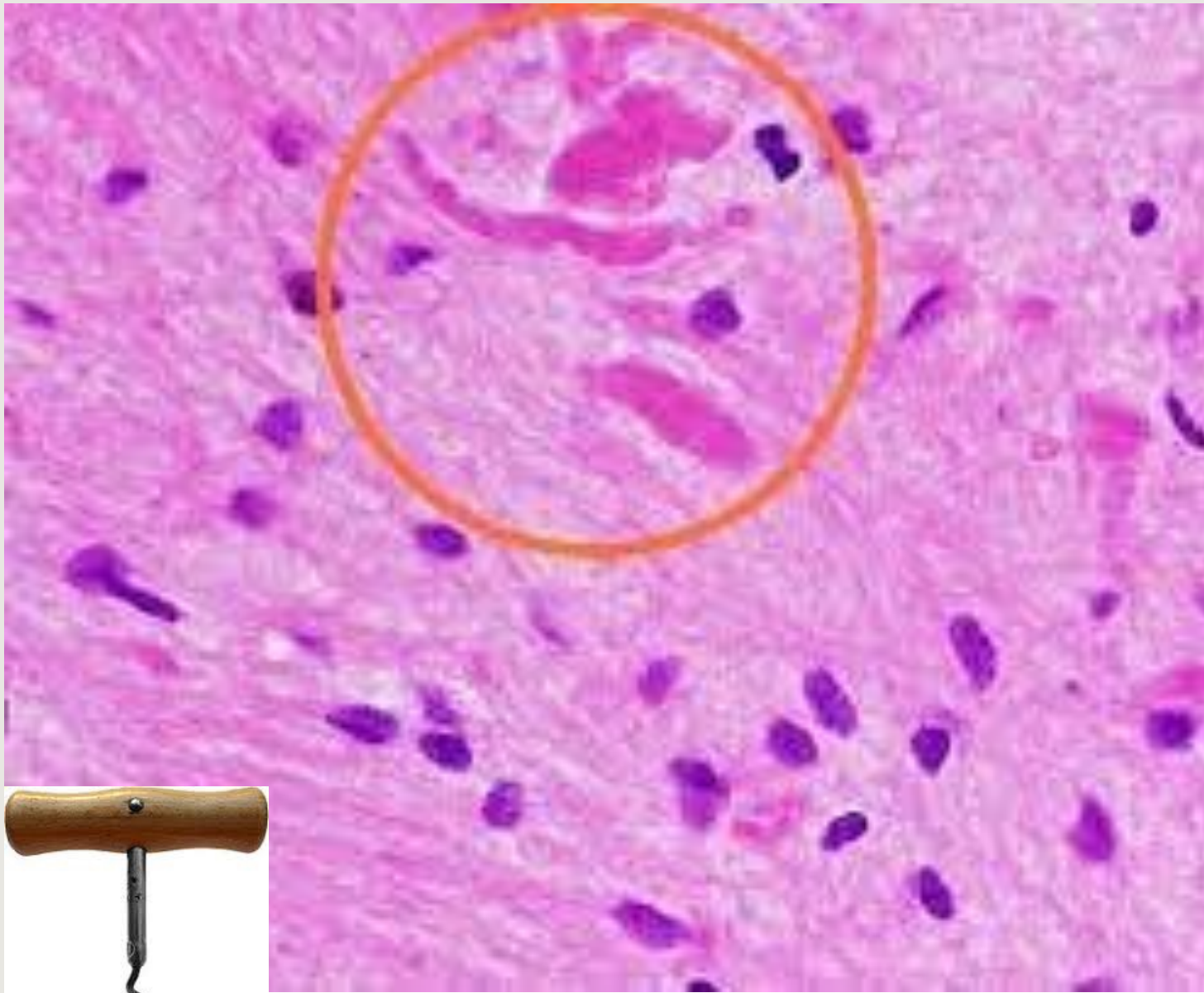
Morphology, microscopic:

- bipolar cells with long, thin GFAP positive “hairlike” processes
- Rosenthal fibers
- eosinophilic granular bodies
- microcysts are often present
- necrosis and mitoses are rare.



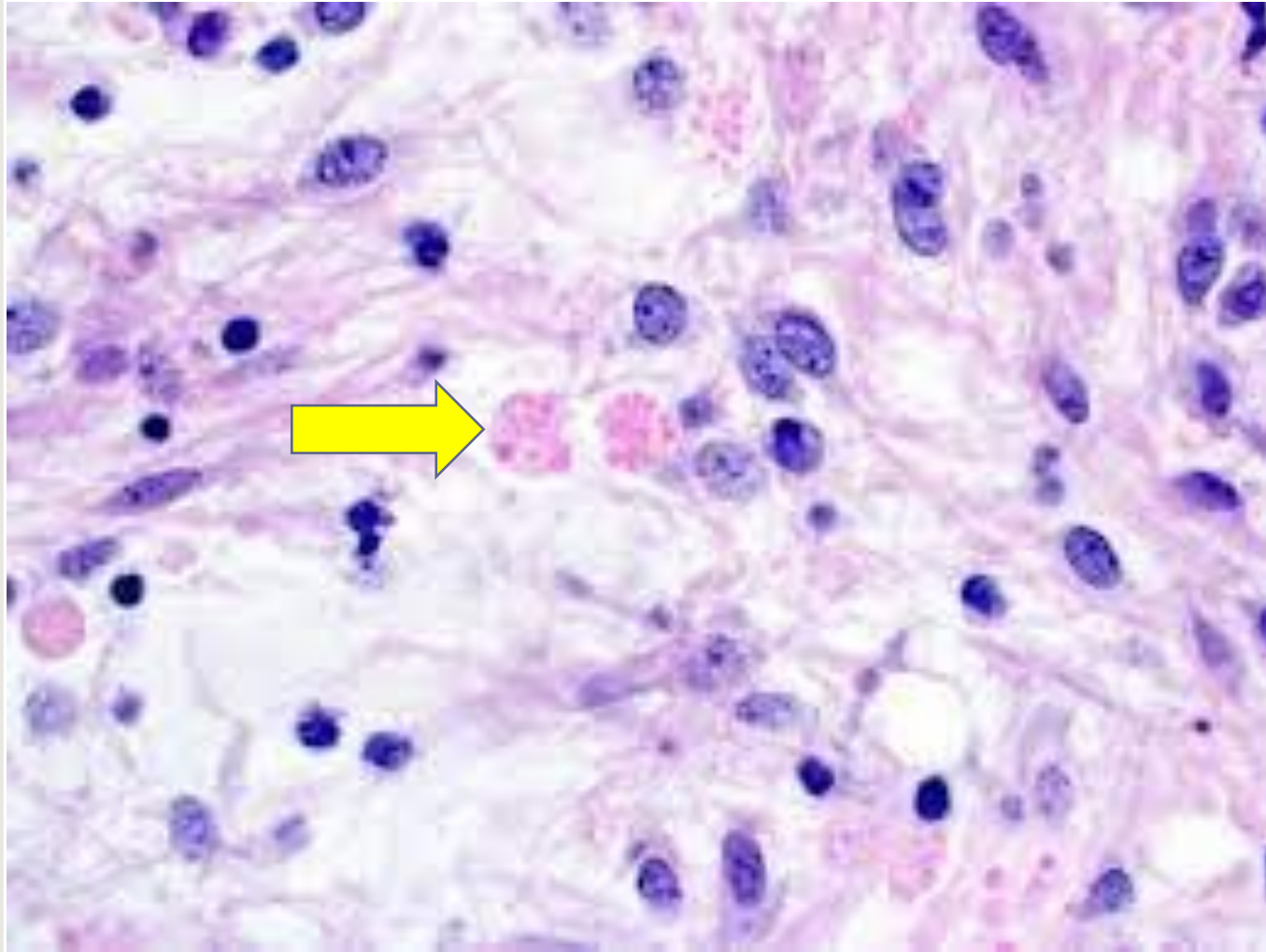
well circumscribed, cystic with a mural nodule in the wall of the cyst or solid





Rosenthal fibers

- brightly eosinophilic corkscrew shaped structures within the astrocytic processes
- made of Can be physiologic (gliosis) or pathologic (PA) and Alexander disease



Eosinophilic granular bodies:

rounded hyaline droplets in
cytoplasm of astrocytes seen in
PA and ganglion-cell tumors.

A high-magnification photomicrograph of a brain tissue section stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). The image displays a dense population of oligodendrocytes, which are characterized by their round, uniform nuclei and a surrounding clear or pale cytoplasm, giving them a 'fried egg' appearance. The nuclei are dark purple, and the surrounding tissue is a light pinkish-purple. A yellow rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text 'OLIGODENDROGLIOMA' in blue capital letters.

OLIGODENDROGLIOMA

- Defined as:

A diffusely infiltrating, slow-growing glioma with IDH1 or IDH2 mutation and codeletion of chromosomal arms 1p and 19q.

- Accounts for 5-15% of gliomas
- **Age at diagnosis:** 40-50.
- **Location:** mostly in the cerebral hemispheres, mainly in the frontal or temporal lobes, white matter.

- The combination of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy yields an average survival of:
 - 10-20 years for WHO grade 2.
 - 5-10 years for WHO grade 3.
- **Grade 3 is more aggressive than grade 2 oligodendroglioma**
- **Better prognosis than astrocytoma of the same grade!**
- **NO grade 1 OR 4 oligodendroglioma**

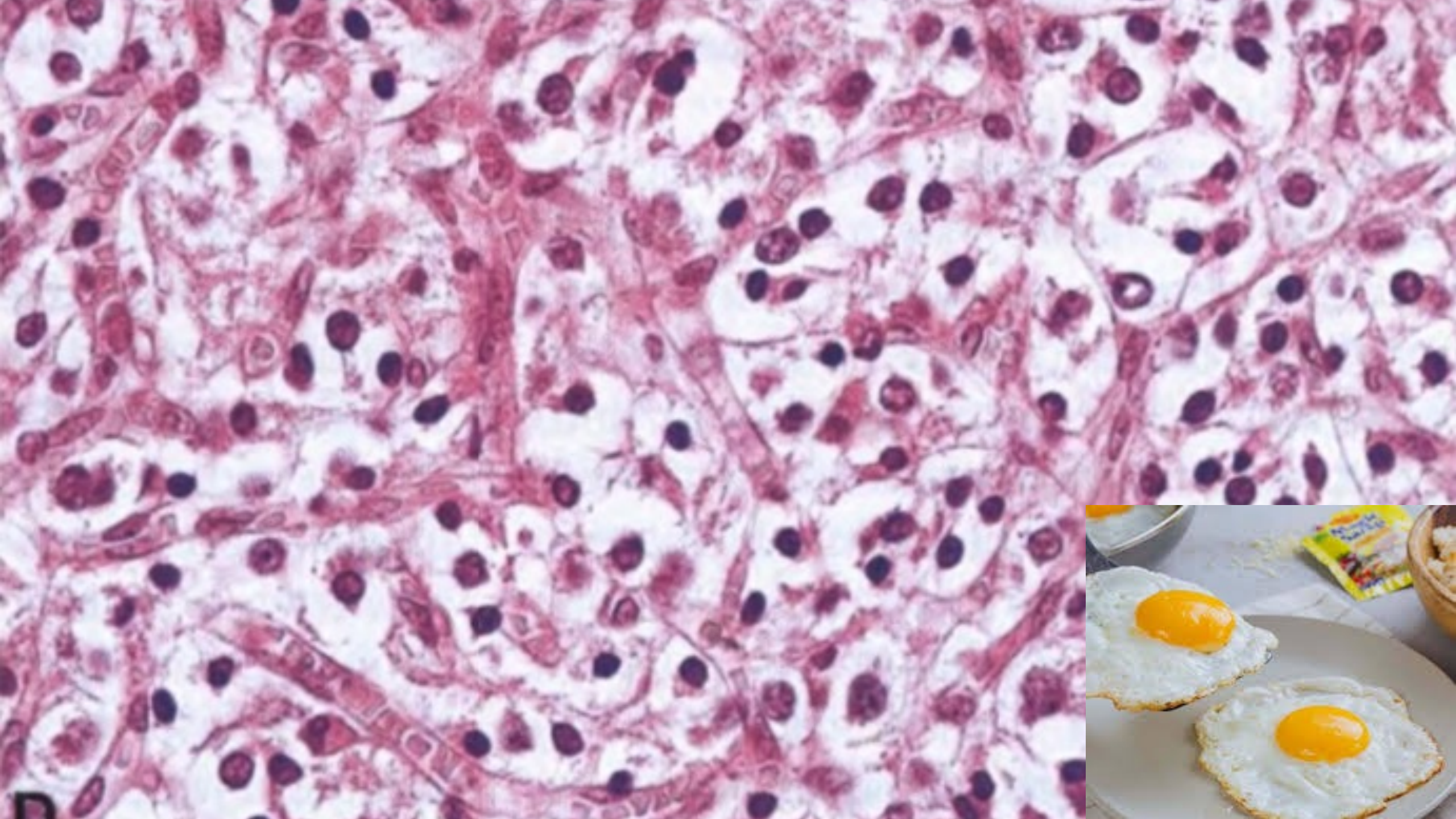
Oligodendroglioma ,WHO grade 2:

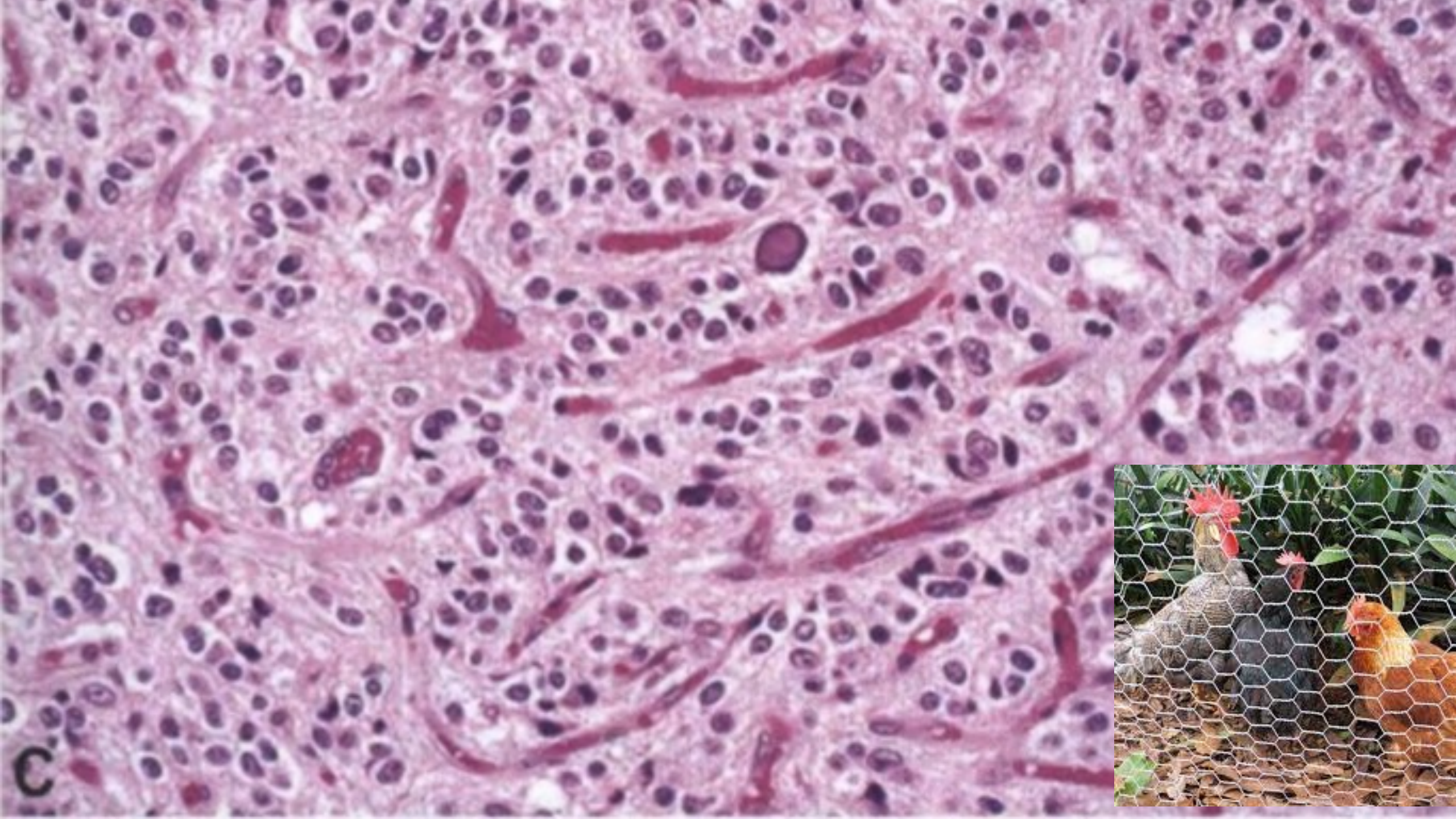
Macroscopic:

- infiltrative tumors with blurring of grey matter-white matter boundary.
- +/- cystic degeneration, focal hemorrhage, and calcification.

Oligodendroglioma , WHO grade 2, microscopic:

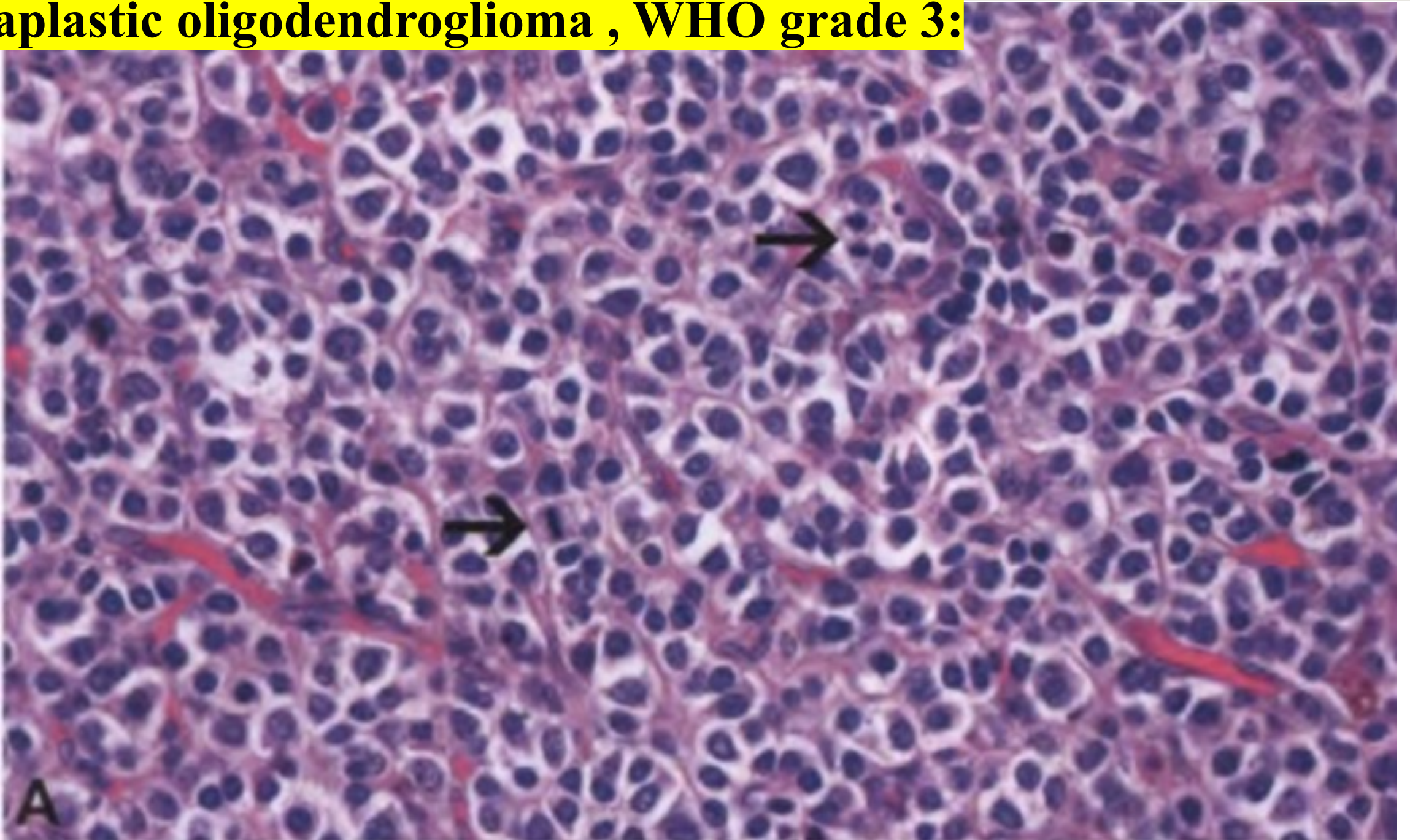
- sheets of regular uniform cells resembling oligodendrocytes
- round nuclei containing finely granular chromatin (**salt and pepper**)
- The nuclei are surrounded by a clear halo of cytoplasm → **fried-egg appearance**.
- delicate network of anastomosing capillaries “**chicken-wire**”





- Calcification in 90% of tumors.
- Mitotic activity usually is absent or low (Ki67<5%)
- No spontaneous necrosis
- No microvascular proliferation

Anaplastic oligodendroglioma , WHO grade 3:



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- Defined as: An IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted oligodendroglioma with focal or diffuse histological features of anaplasia (in particular, **pathological microvascular proliferation and/or brisk mitotic activity with or without necrosis**).

IDHm 1p/19q-codelet Oligodendrogliomas, grades 2-3

Essential diagnostic criteria for oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, WHO grade 2

A diffuse glioma

WITH

an IDH1 codon 132 or IDH2 codon 172 missense mutation*

AND

combined whole arm deletions of 1p and 19q

AND

absence of histological features of anaplasia.

Essential diagnostic criteria for oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, WHO grade 3

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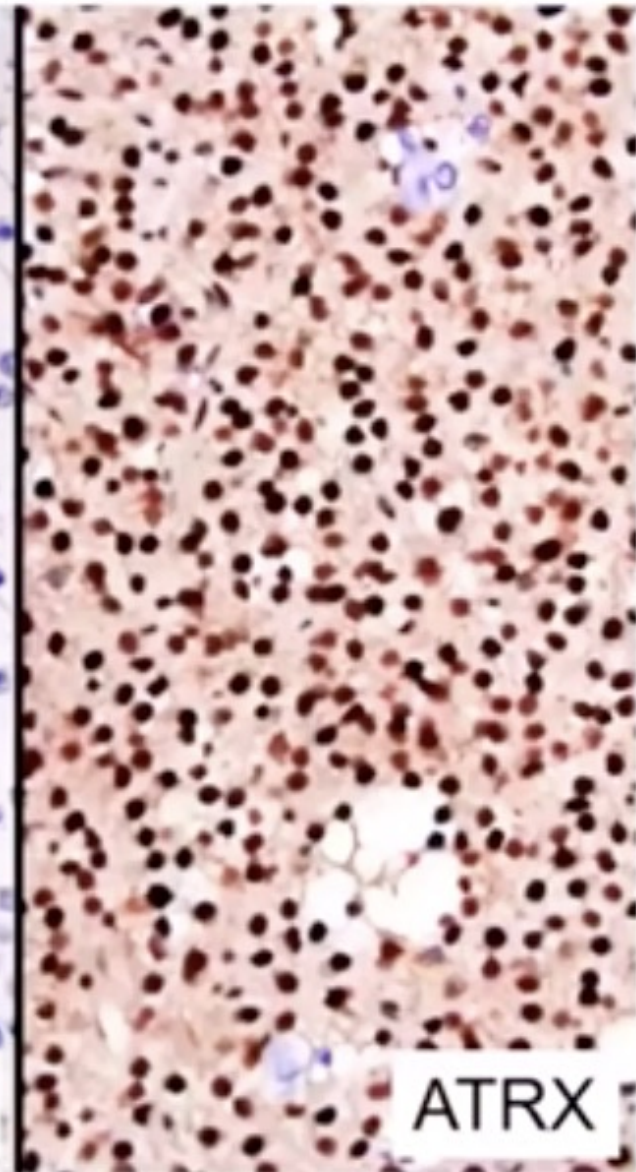
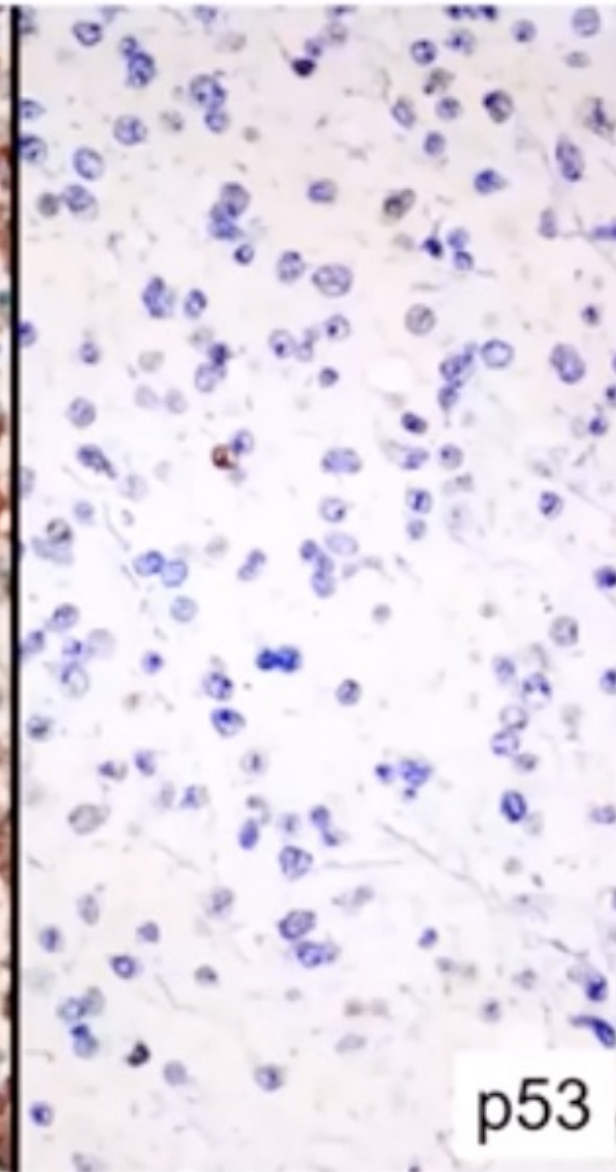
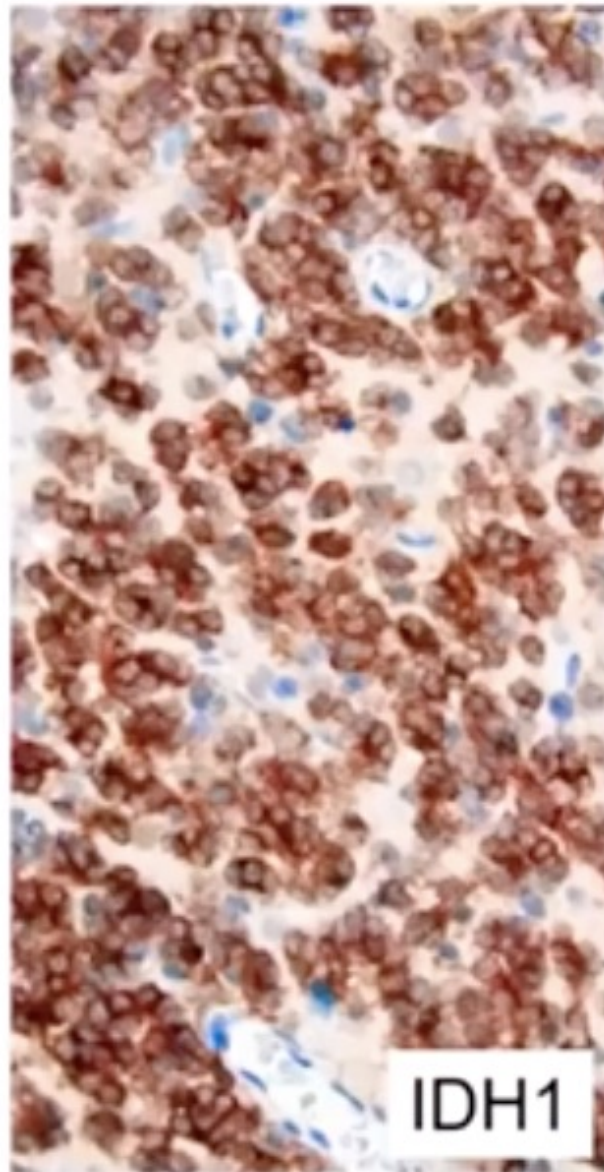
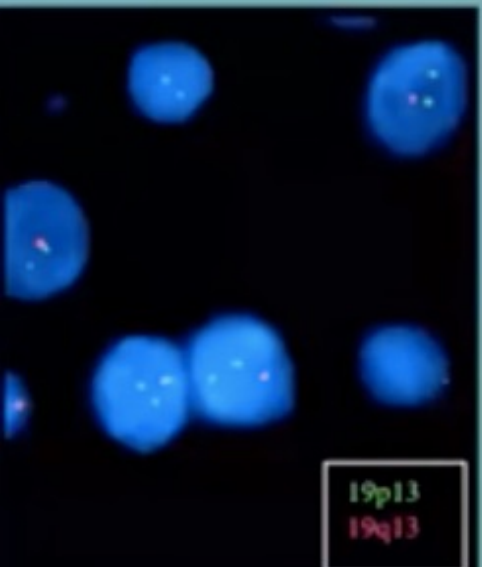
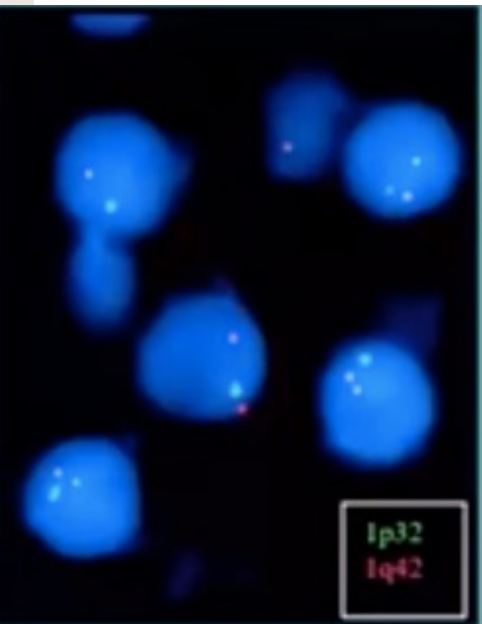
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AND

histological features of anaplasia, including brisk mitotic activity and/or pathological microvascular proliferation with or without necrosis

AND/OR

homozygous *CDKN2A* deletion**



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