

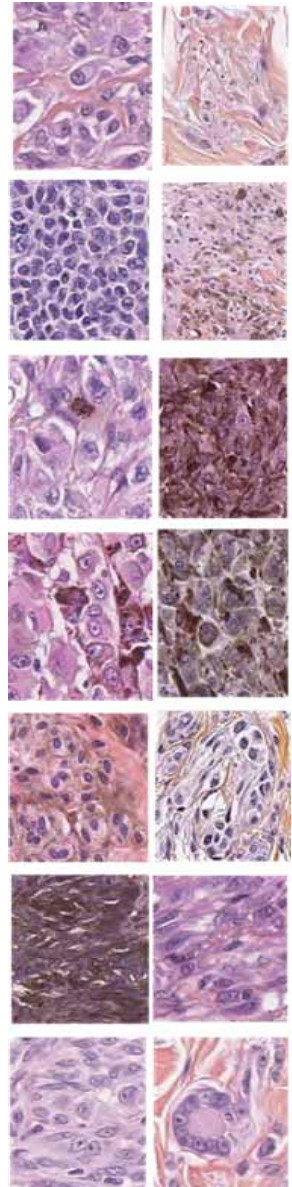
# Immunohistochemistry approach for challenging melanocytic tumours

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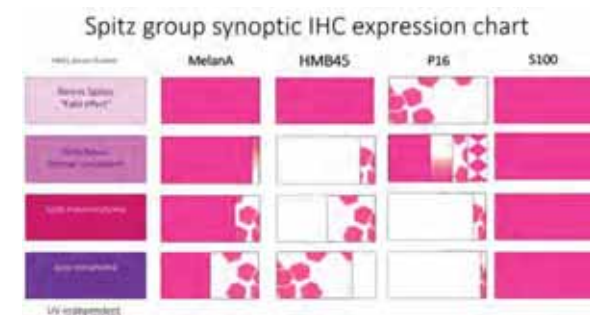
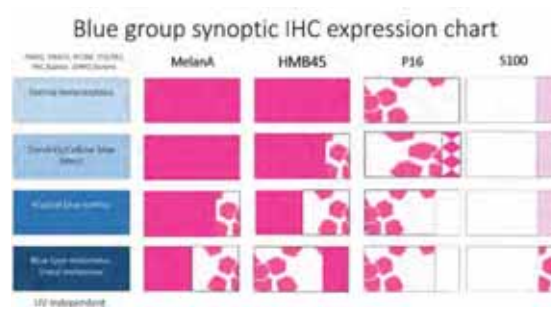
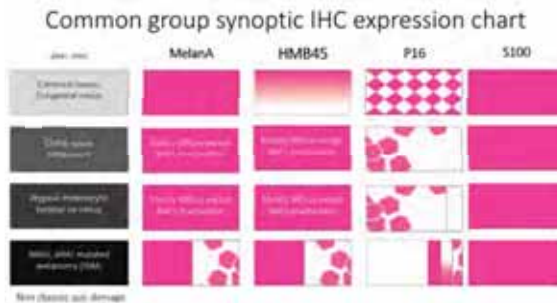
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# Lecture

- **Classical** IHC approach with basic antibodies

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- **Contextual/combined** IHC diagnosis approach



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- Contextual/combined IHC diagnosis approach
- **Case analysis** approach

# Integrative diagnosis approach of melanocytic proliferations



Embryogenesis



Clinical features



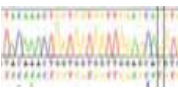
Microscopy/morphology



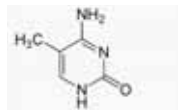
Immunophenotype



Genomic profile



Mutation status



Methylation profiles



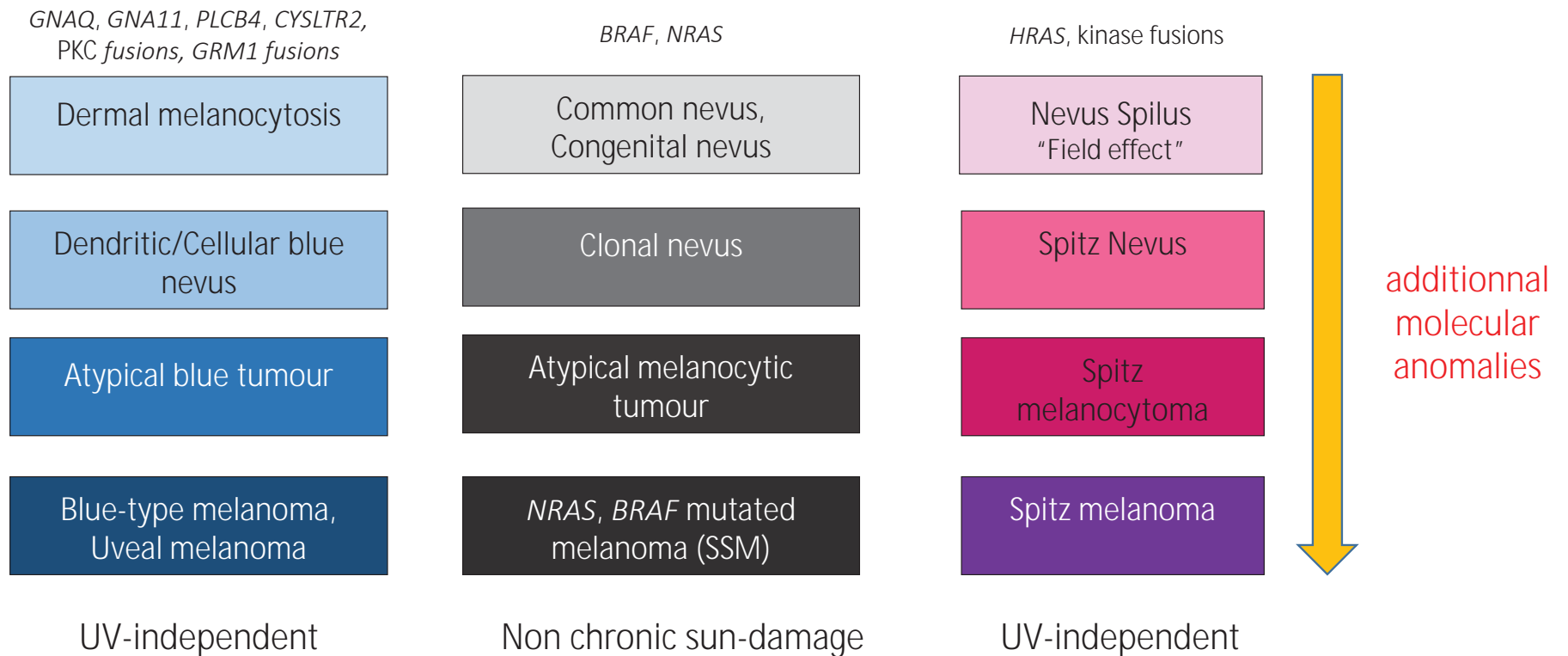
Clinical evolution



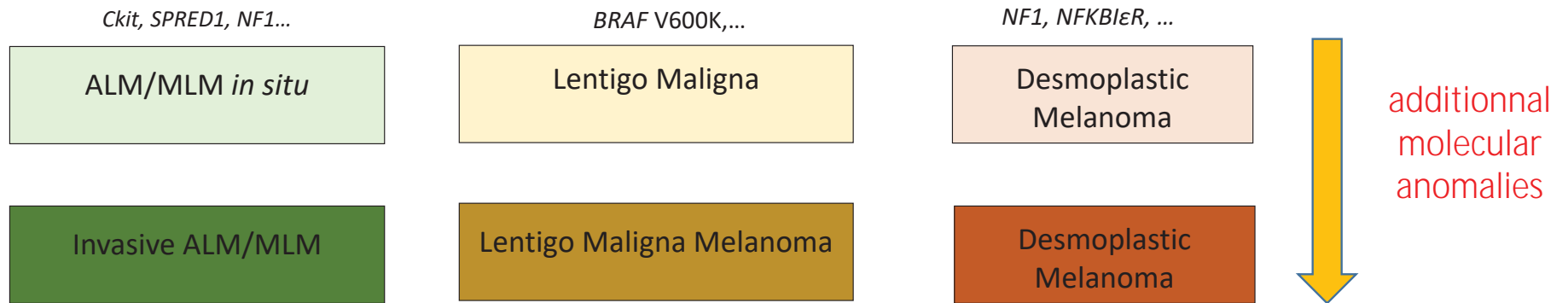


# Integrative classification of melanocytic tumors

## Nevus to melanoma groups



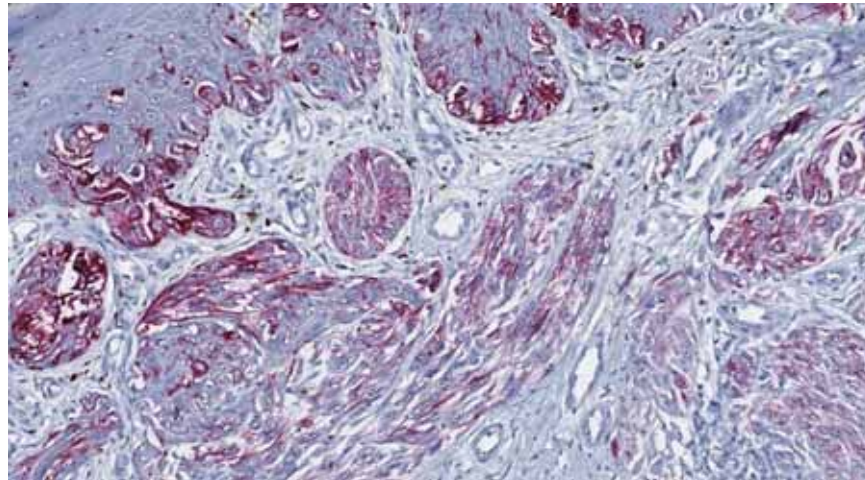
# Melanoma arising from melanocyte (without nevus)



# Immunohistochemistry Melanocytic » antibodies

Specificity vs Sensitivity

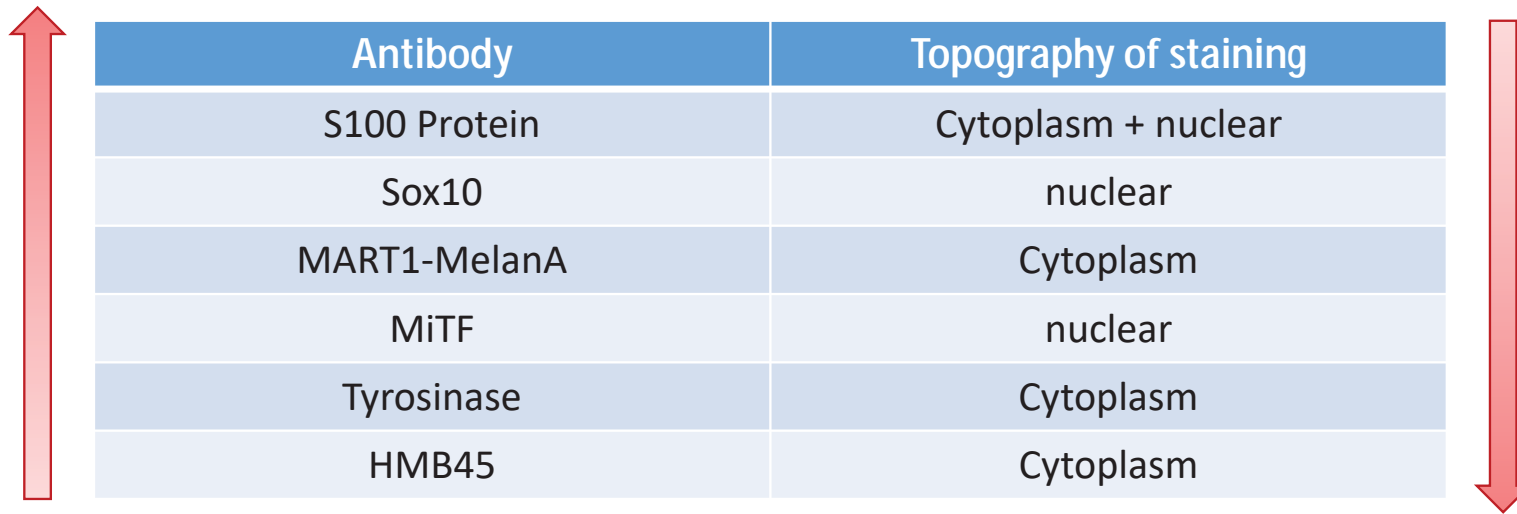
- S100 Protein
- MelanA
- HMB45
- MiTF
- SOX10



HMB45

# Immunohistochemistry Melanocytic » antibodies

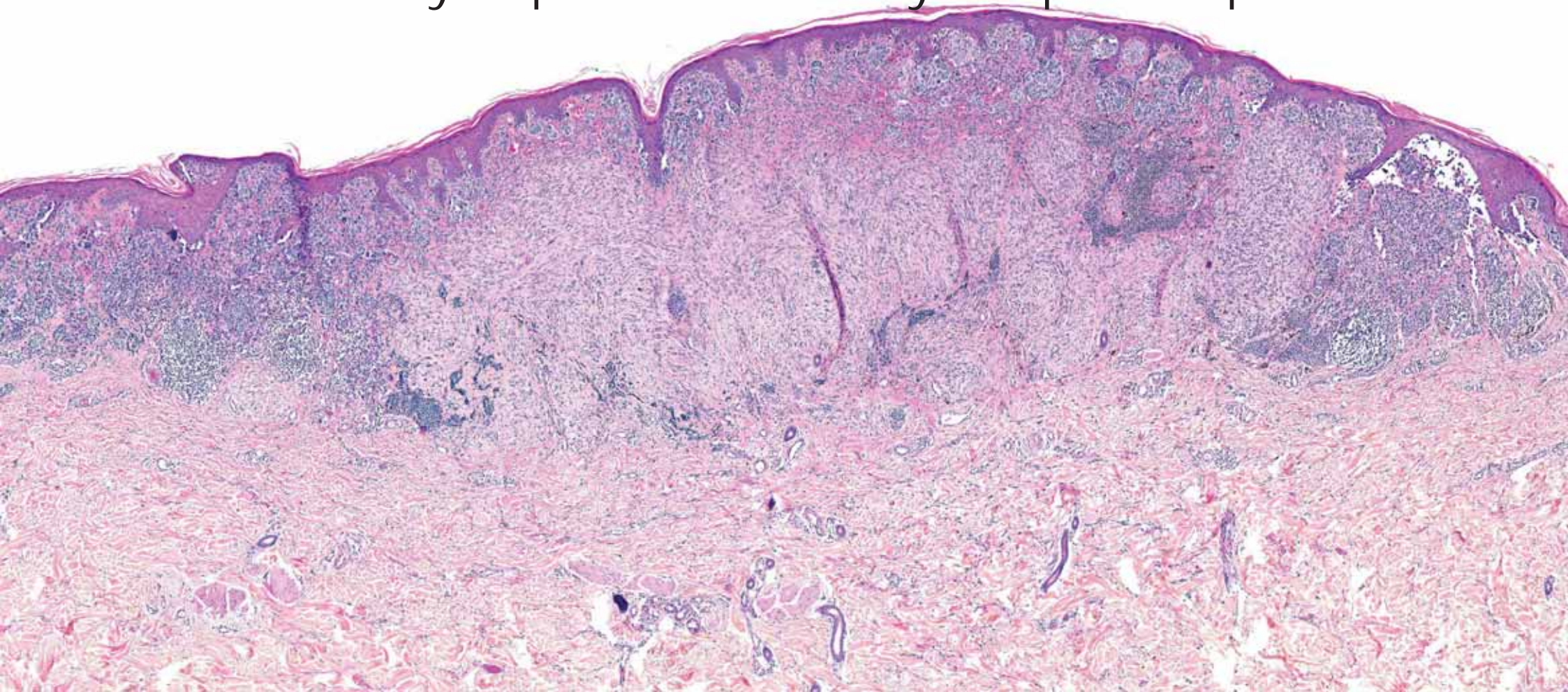
Sensitivity



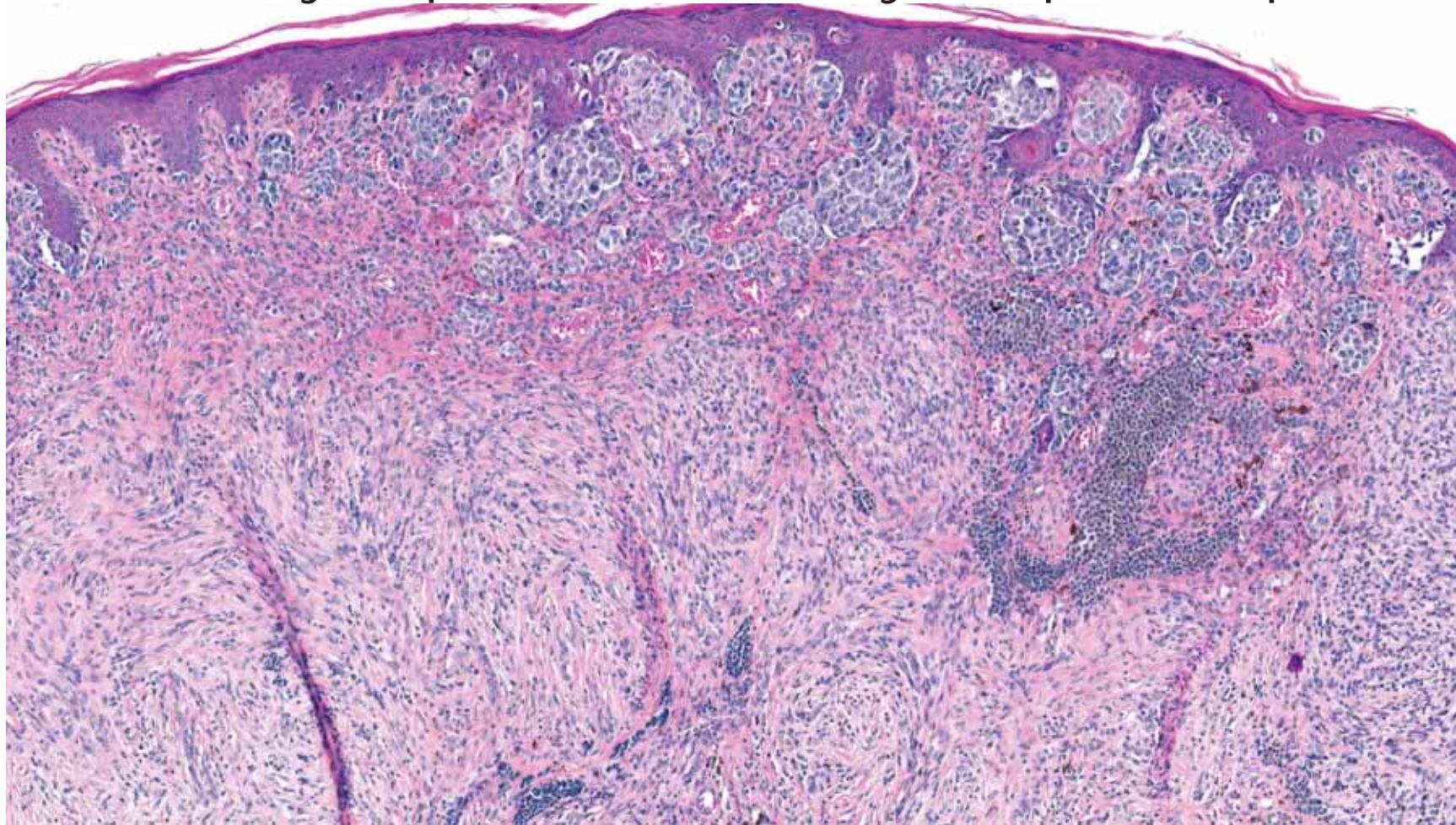
Antibody	Topography of staining
S100 Protein	Cytoplasm + nuclear
Sox10	nuclear
MART1-MelanA	Cytoplasm
MiTF	nuclear
Tyrosinase	Cytoplasm
HMB45	Cytoplasm

Specificity

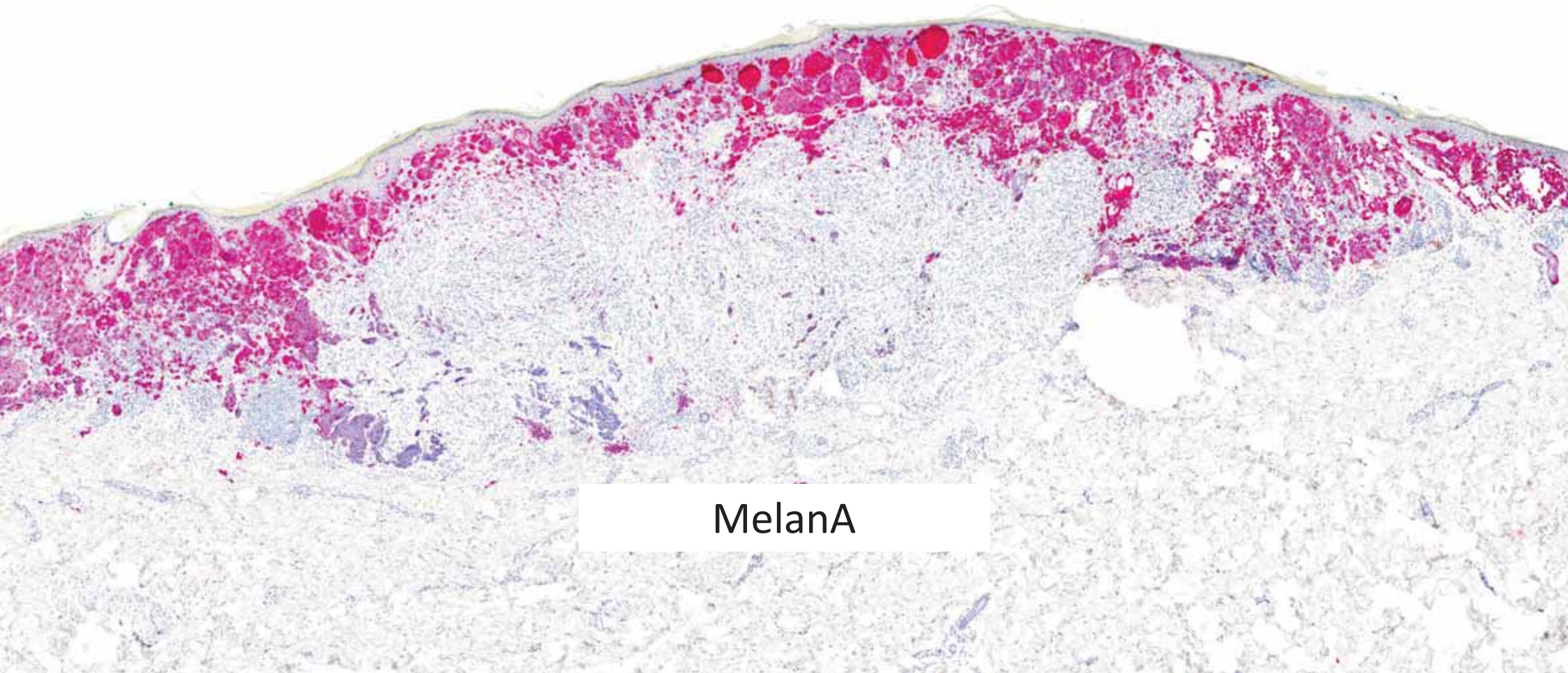
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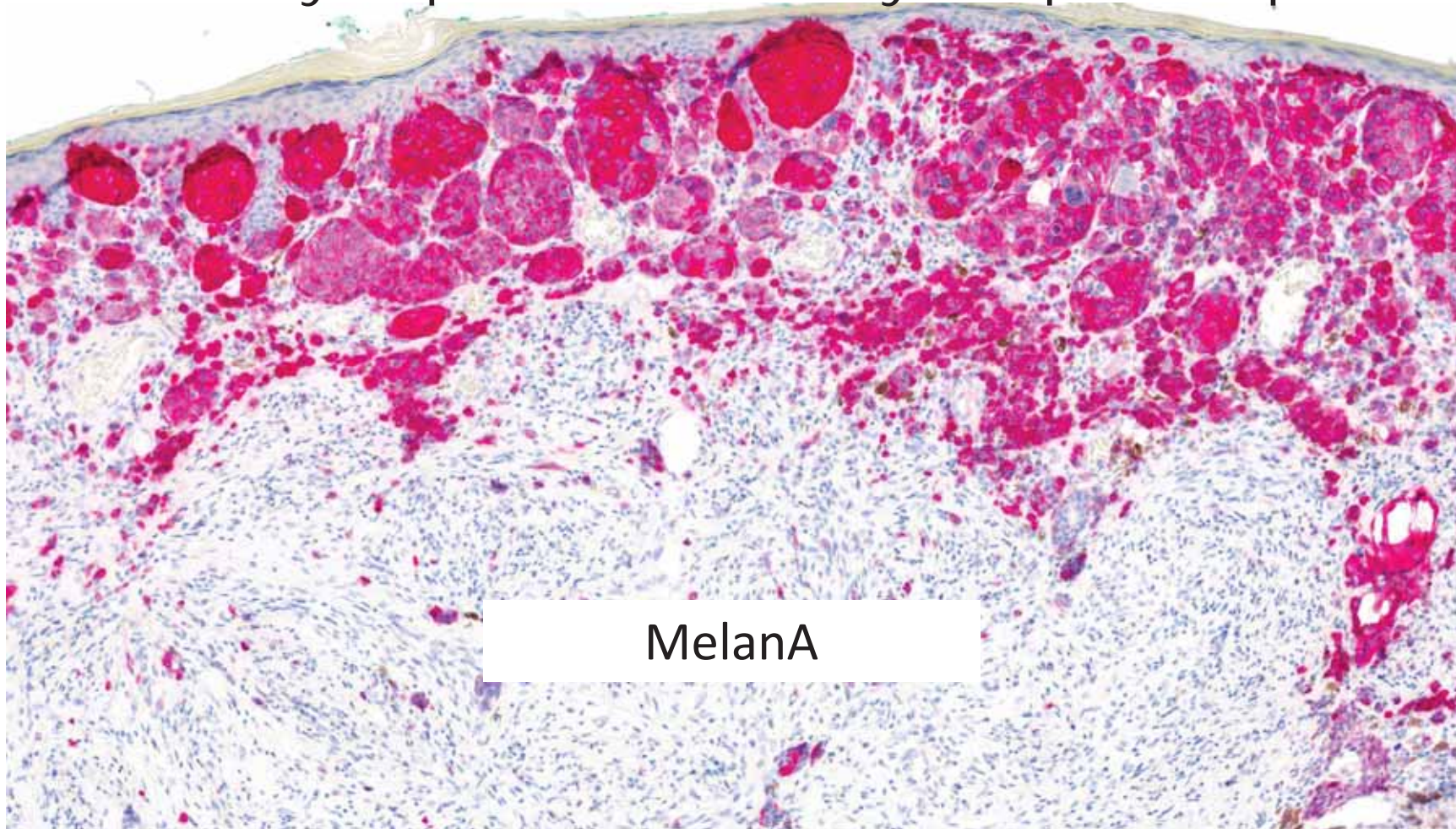


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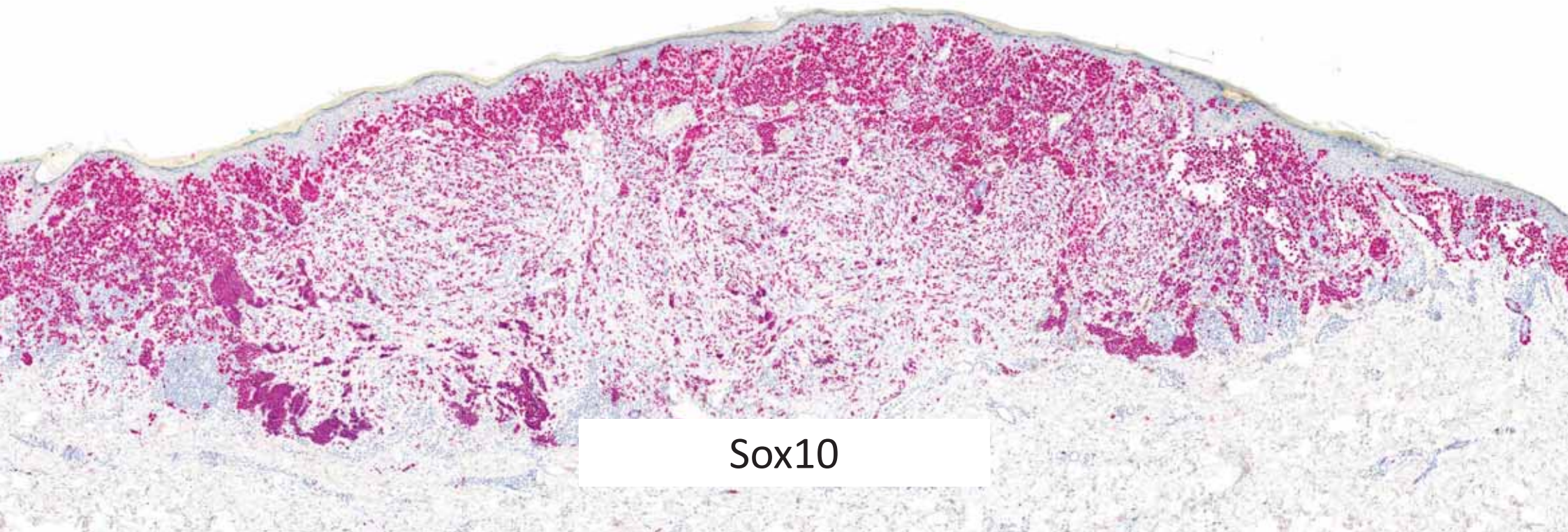


MelanA

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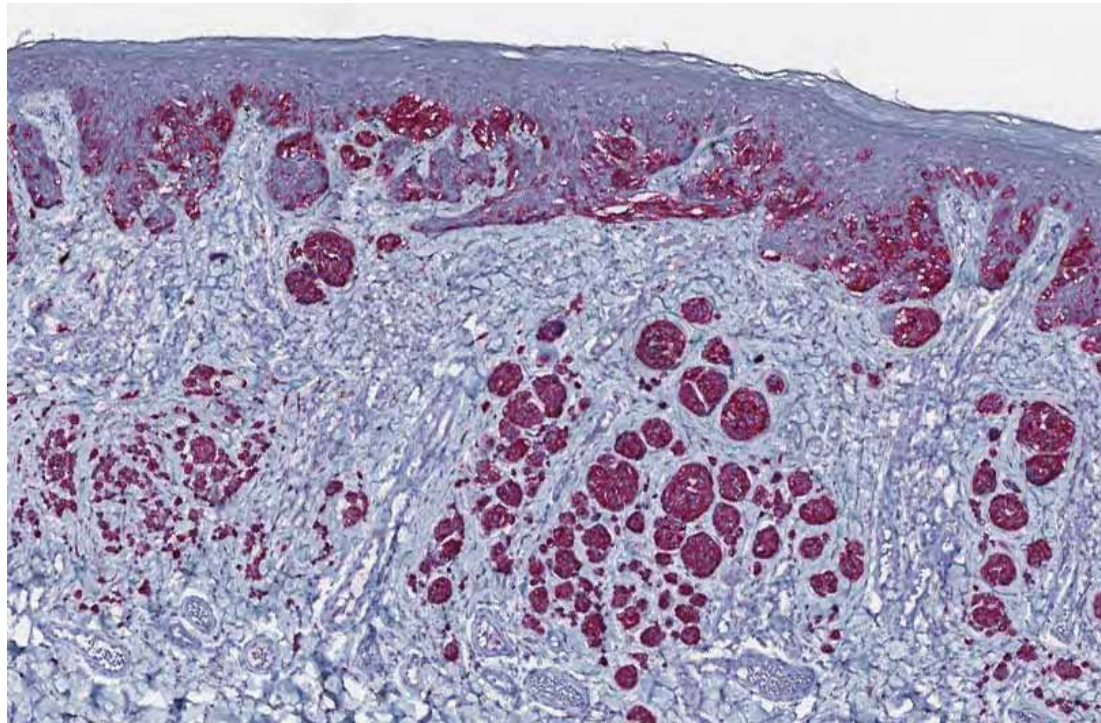
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Sox10

Molecular immunohistochemistry:  
« Driver-specific » antibodies  
**All** tumoral cells are positive

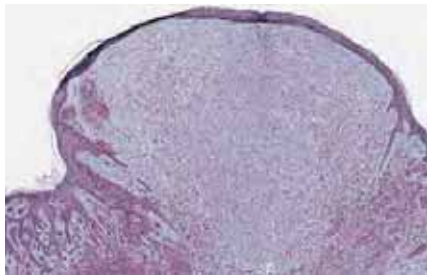
- ...
- BRAF V600E
- NRAS Q61R
- ALK
- ROS1
- Pan-TRK
- MET
- RET



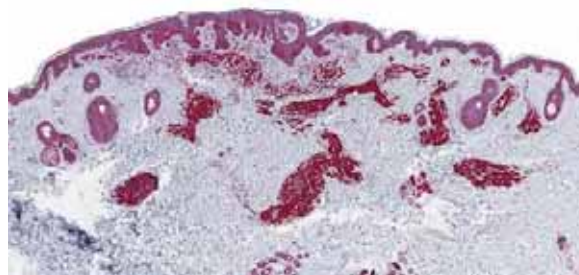
Pan-TRK

Molecular immunohistochemistry:  
« secondary events » antibodies  
Frequent **clonal** loss/positivity

- P16
- BAP1
- PRKAR1A
- Beta catenin
- CyclinD1



BAP1



$\beta$ -catenin

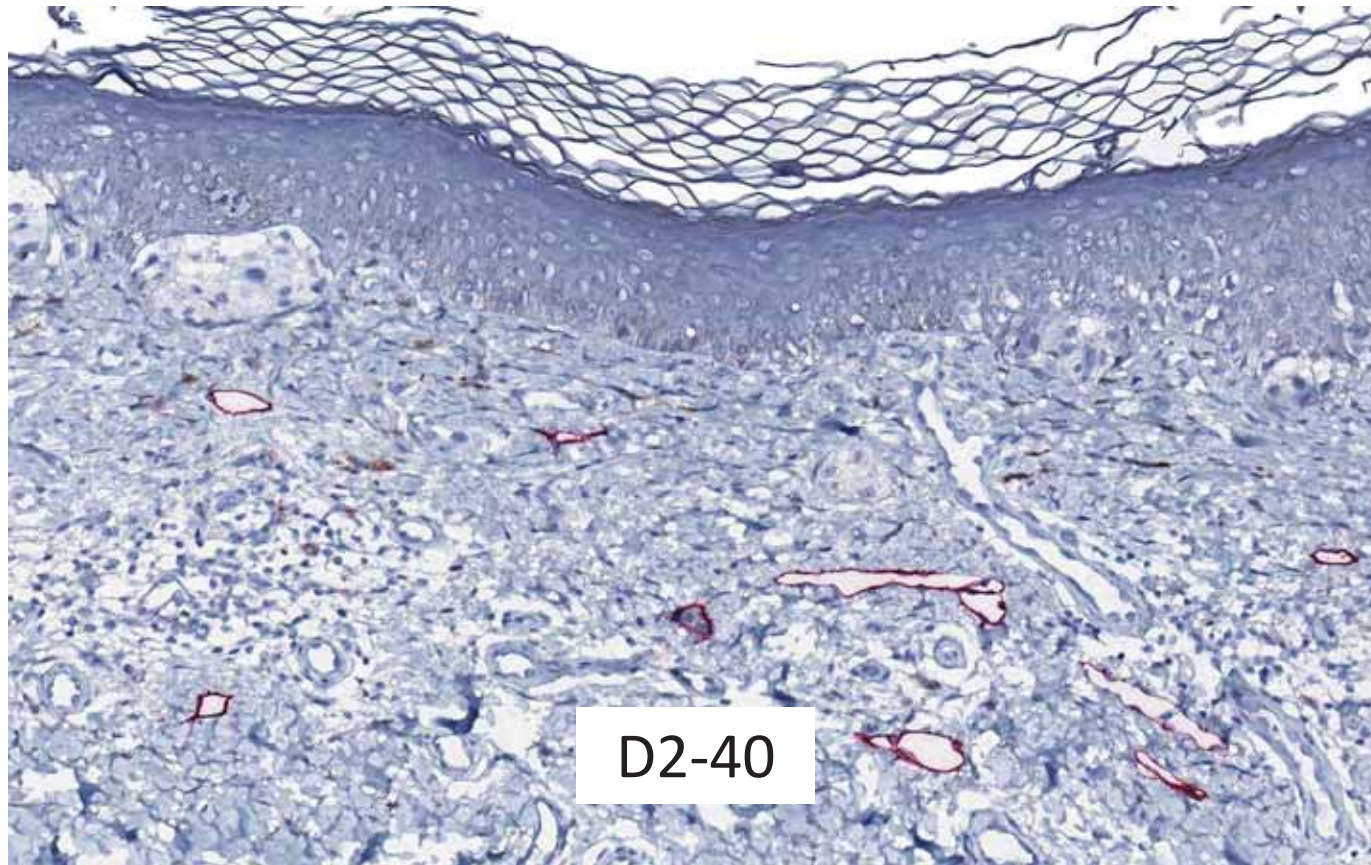


PRKAR1A

# Immunohistochemistry

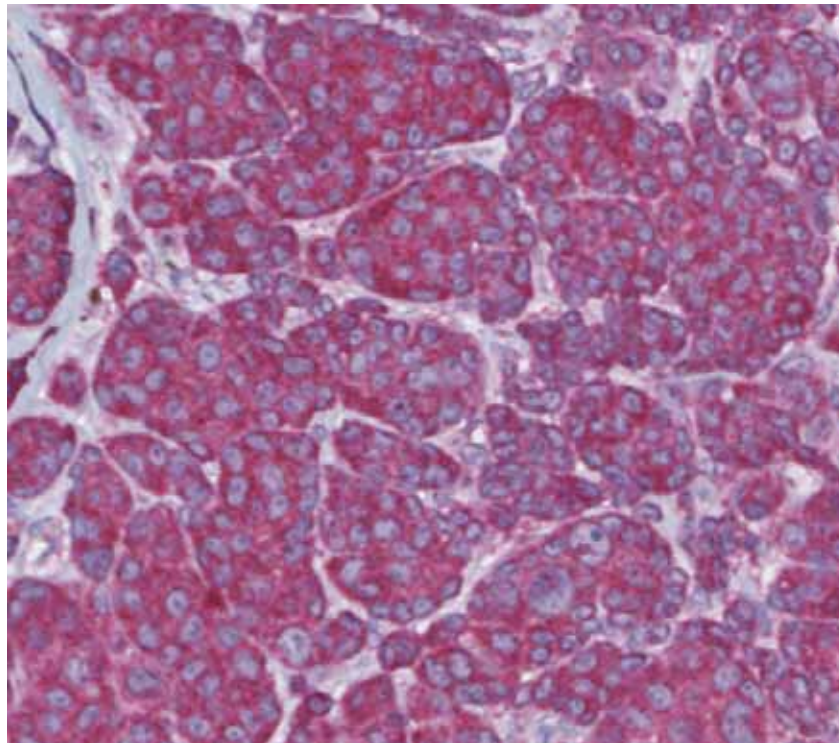
## Other antibodies (DD, etc)

- ...
- PRAME
- D2-40
- CD68
- ...



Know your antibodies!  
Which cellular compartment is supposed to be stained?

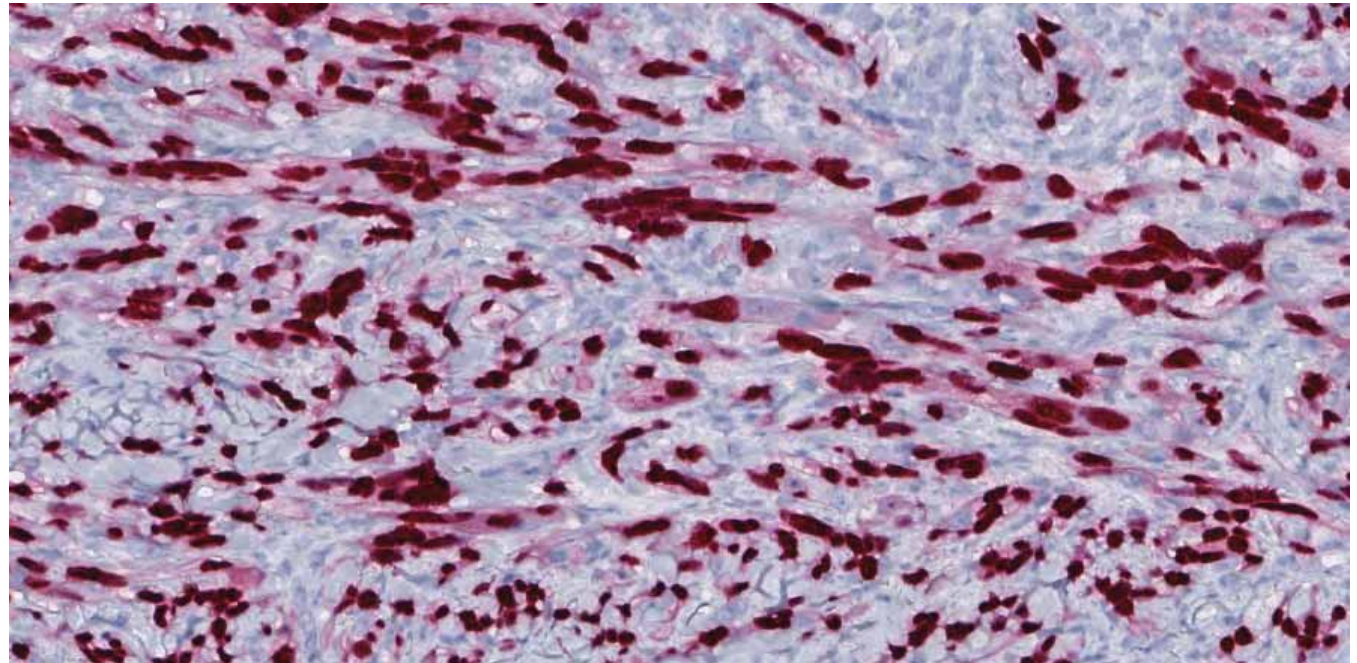
- Cytoplasm



BRAF V600E

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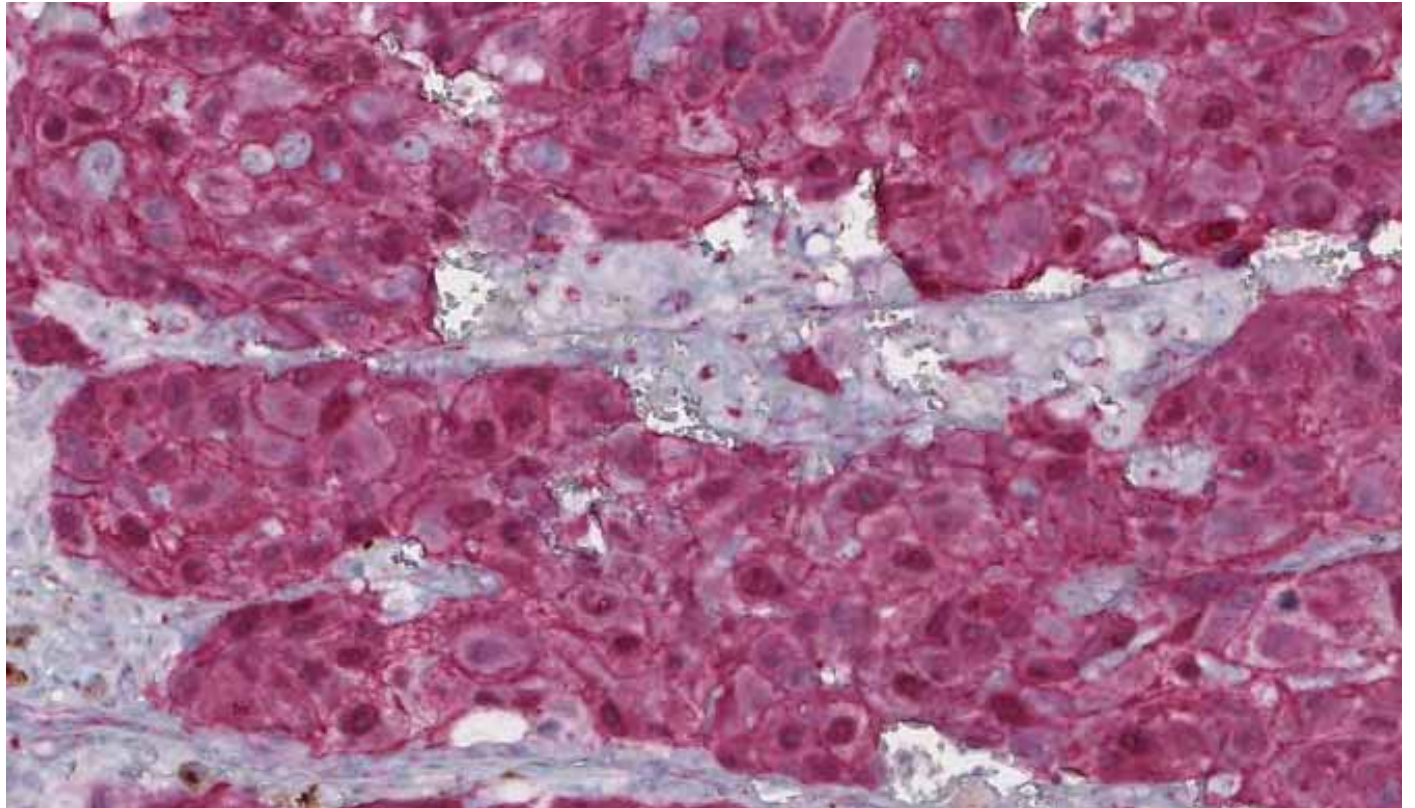
- Cytoplasm
- Nuclei



Sox 10

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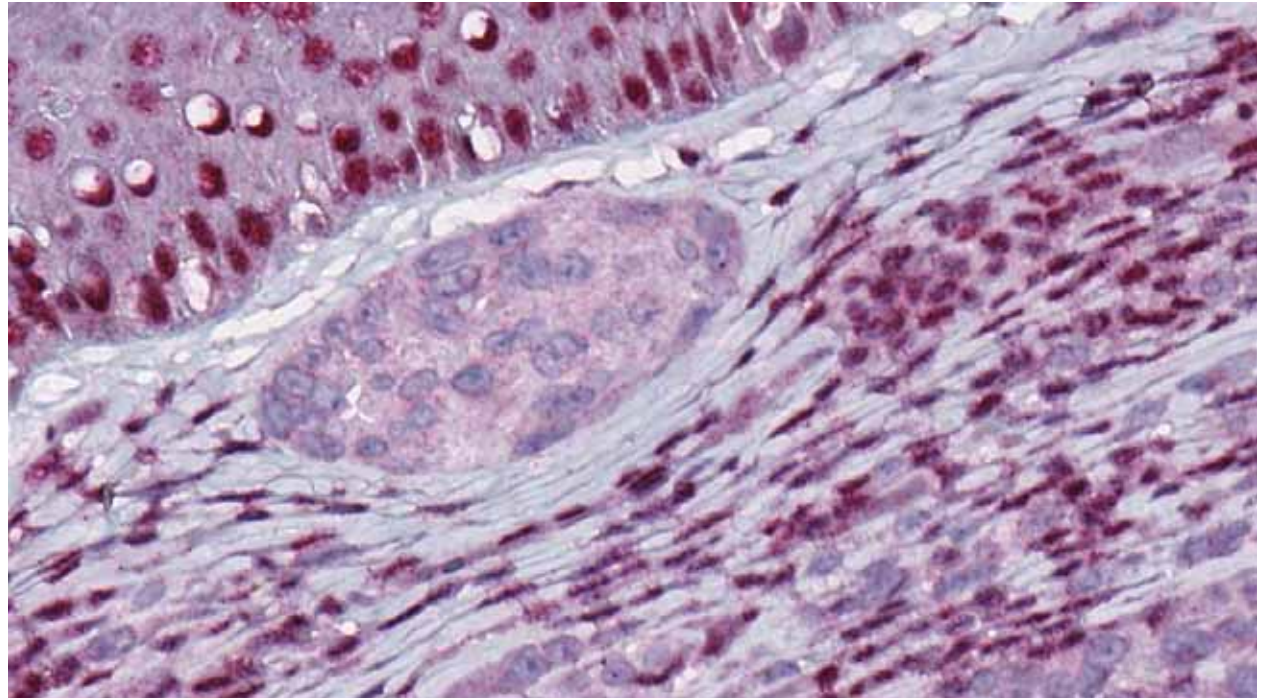
- Cytoplasm
- Nuclei
- Cell membrane



Beta-catenine

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- Nuclear loss

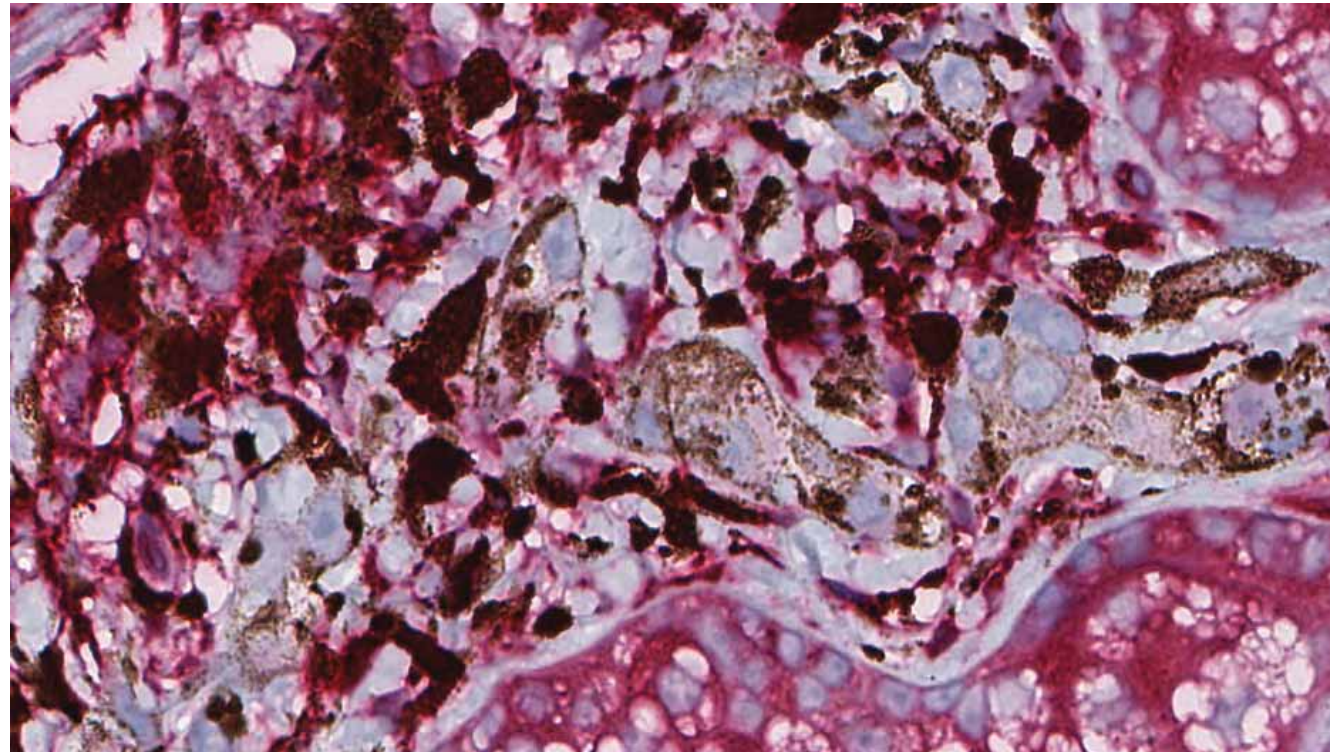


BAP1

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- Cell membrane
- Nuclear loss
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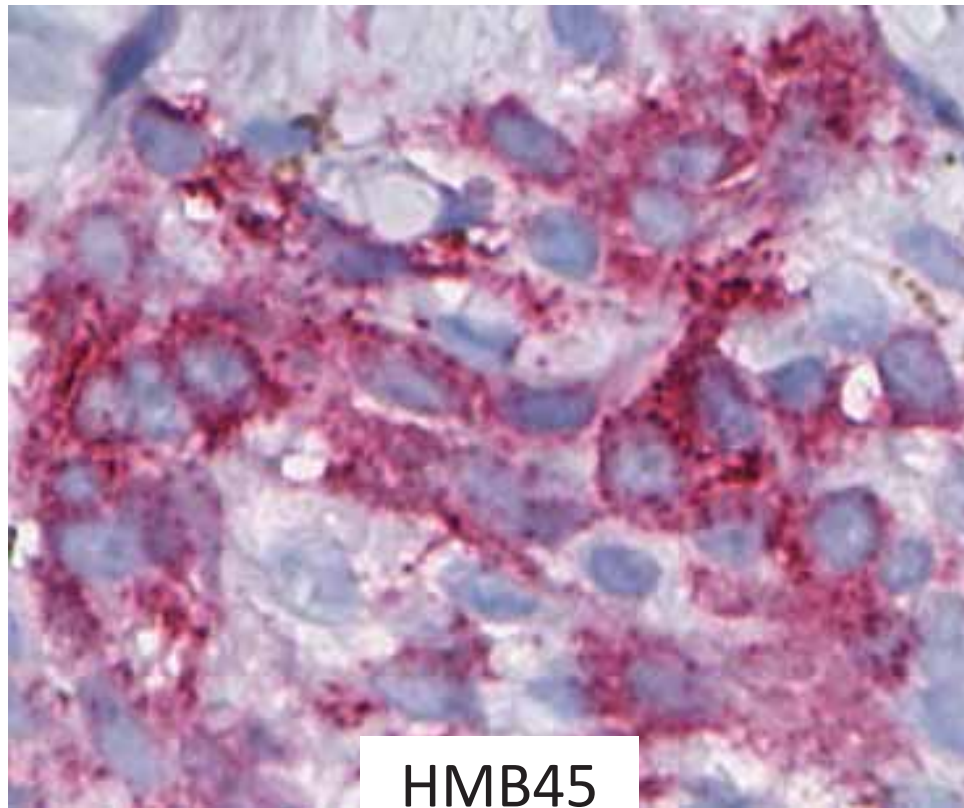


PRKAR1A

# Know your antibodies!

Type of staining

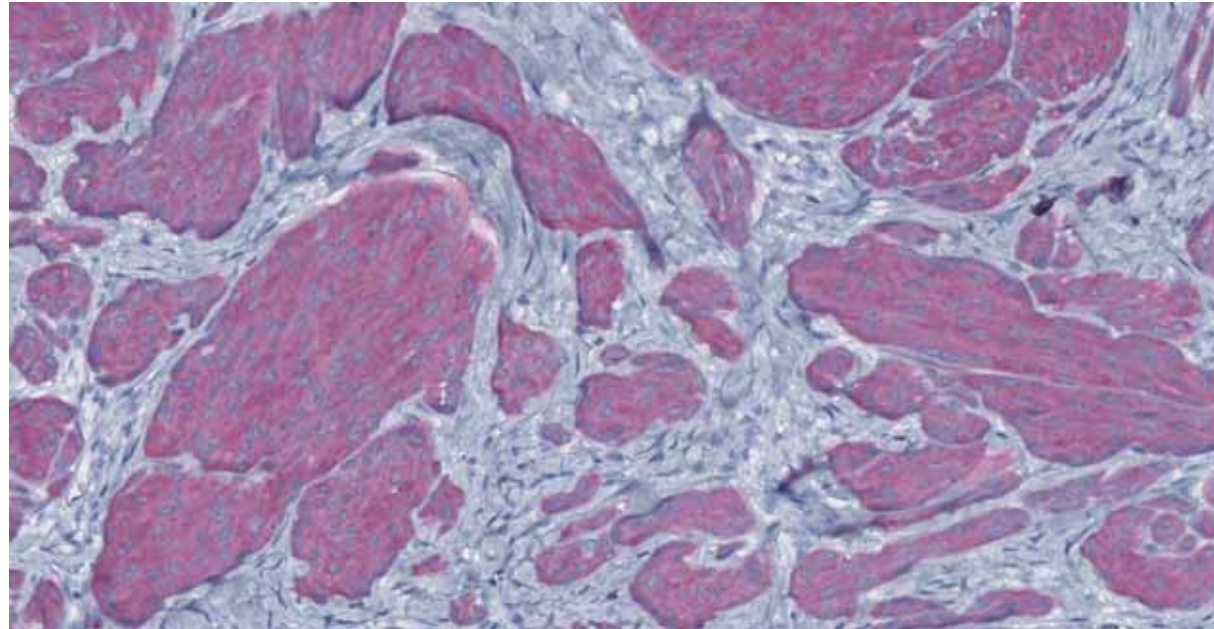
- Granular



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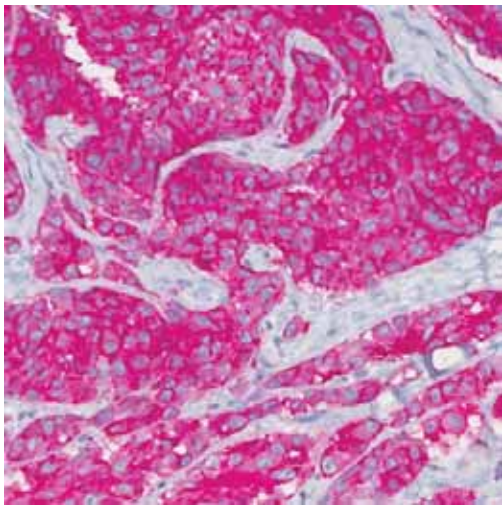
- Granular
- Diffuse +



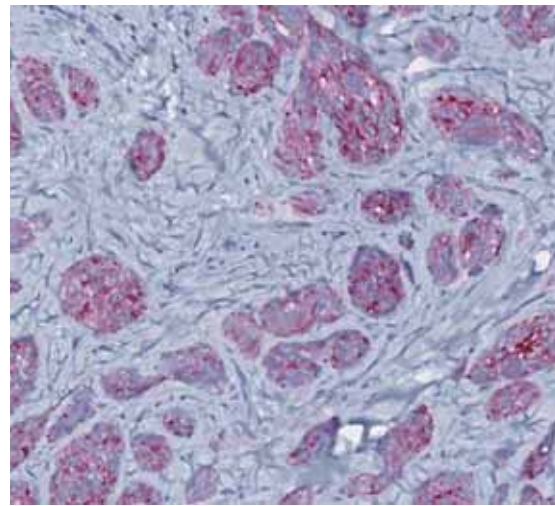
ALK

# Fusion specific IHC (ALK, ROS1, Pan-TRK)

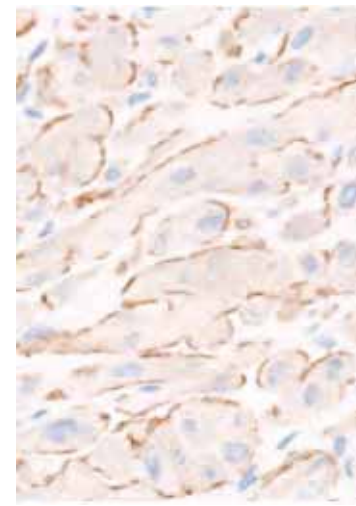
- Confirm the overexpression of the RTK not the fusion *per se*
- Signal location depends on 5' partner



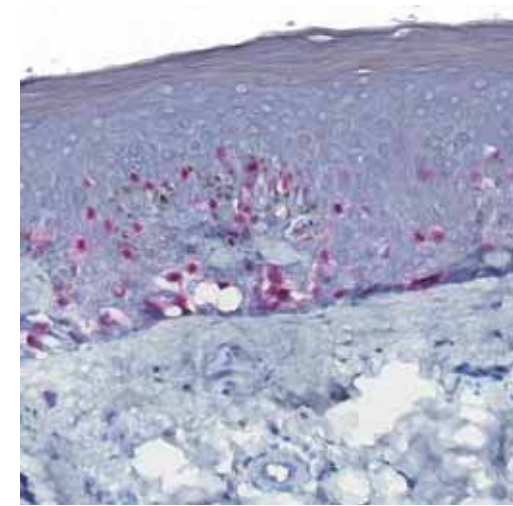
Cytoplasmic diffuse



Cytoplasmic  
heterogeneous



Membranous

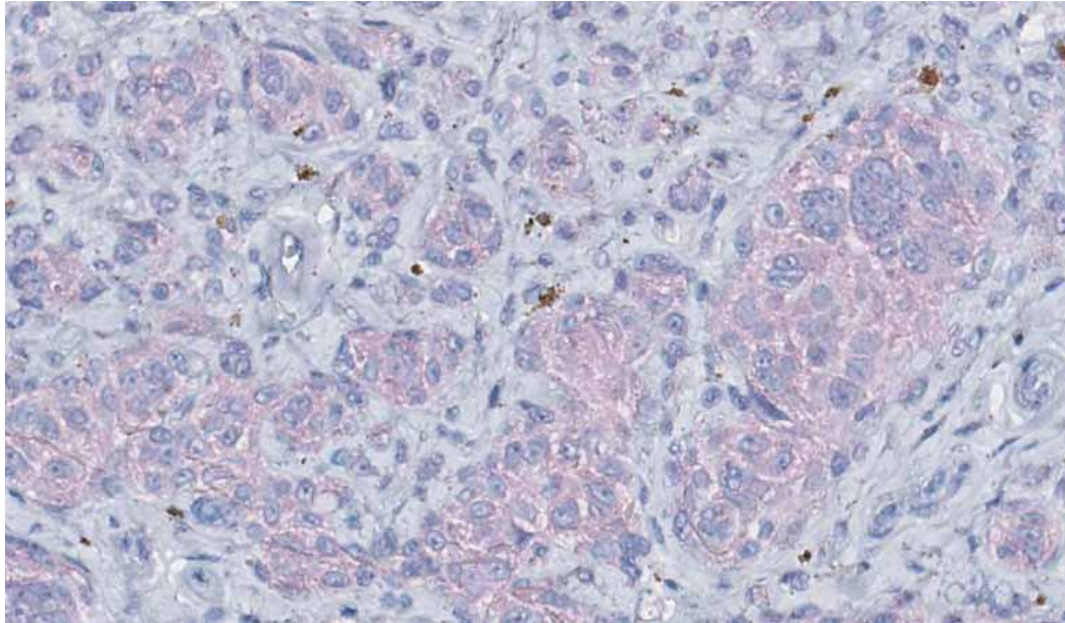


Nuclear

# Know your antibodies!

**Expected intensity** of staining

- Weak stain with negative background

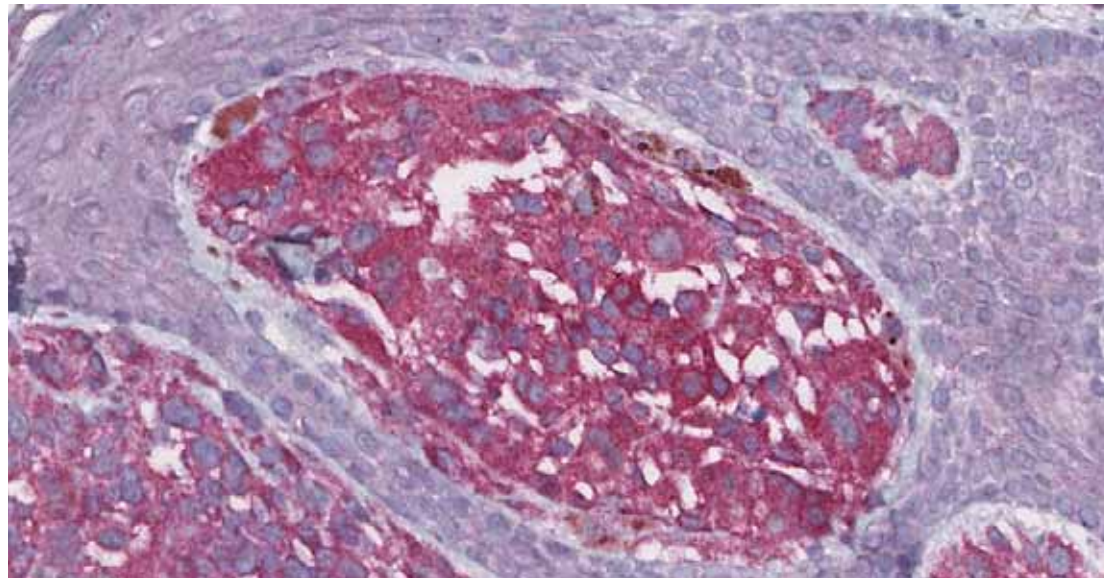


NRAS Q61R

# Know your antibodies!

**Expected intensity** of staining

- Weak stain with negative background
- Strong with background positivity



BRAF V600E

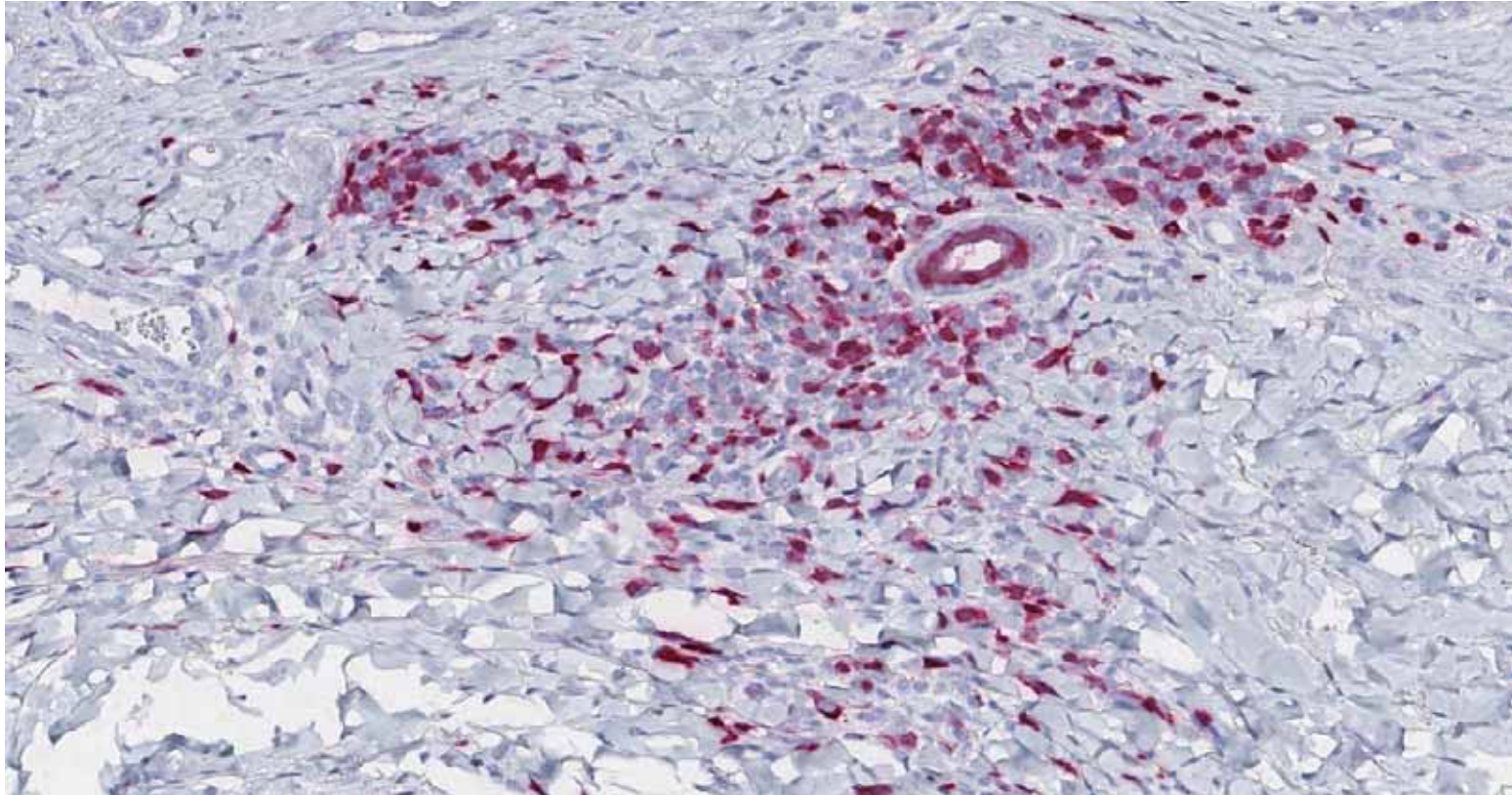
# Know your antibodies!

## Staining pattern

- Diffuse
- Top-heavy gradient
- Inverted gradient (bottom-heavy)
- Mosaic of positive and negative cells (Checkerboard)
- Clonal positivity/loss
- Differential expression between components (Strong/mild positivity)
- Heterogeneous

Know your antibodies!  
Internal controls (otherwise external)

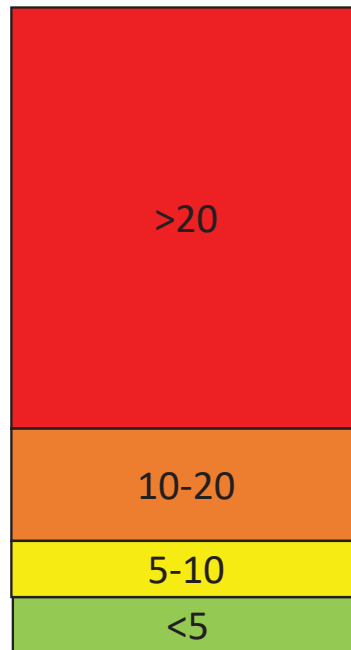
- p16



# Know your antibodies!

## ki-67/MIB1 Thresholds

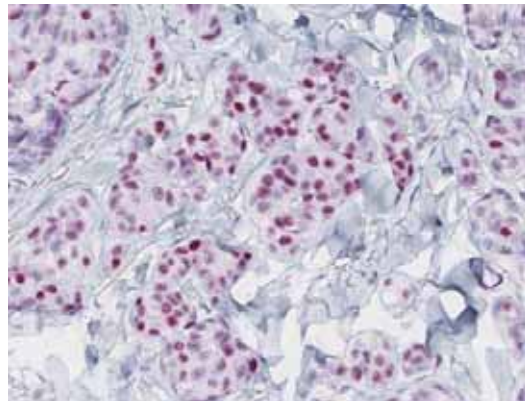
- Dermal melanocytes



# Know your antibodies!

## p53 thresholds

- Dermal melanocytes



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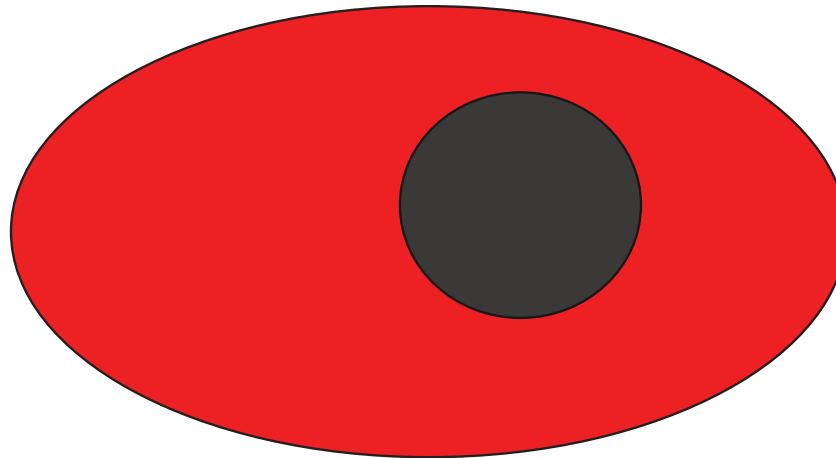
## Technique criticism is mandatory

Do not interpret IHC at all costs :

- Region of interest missing (too many recuts or scratched)
- Technical imperfections

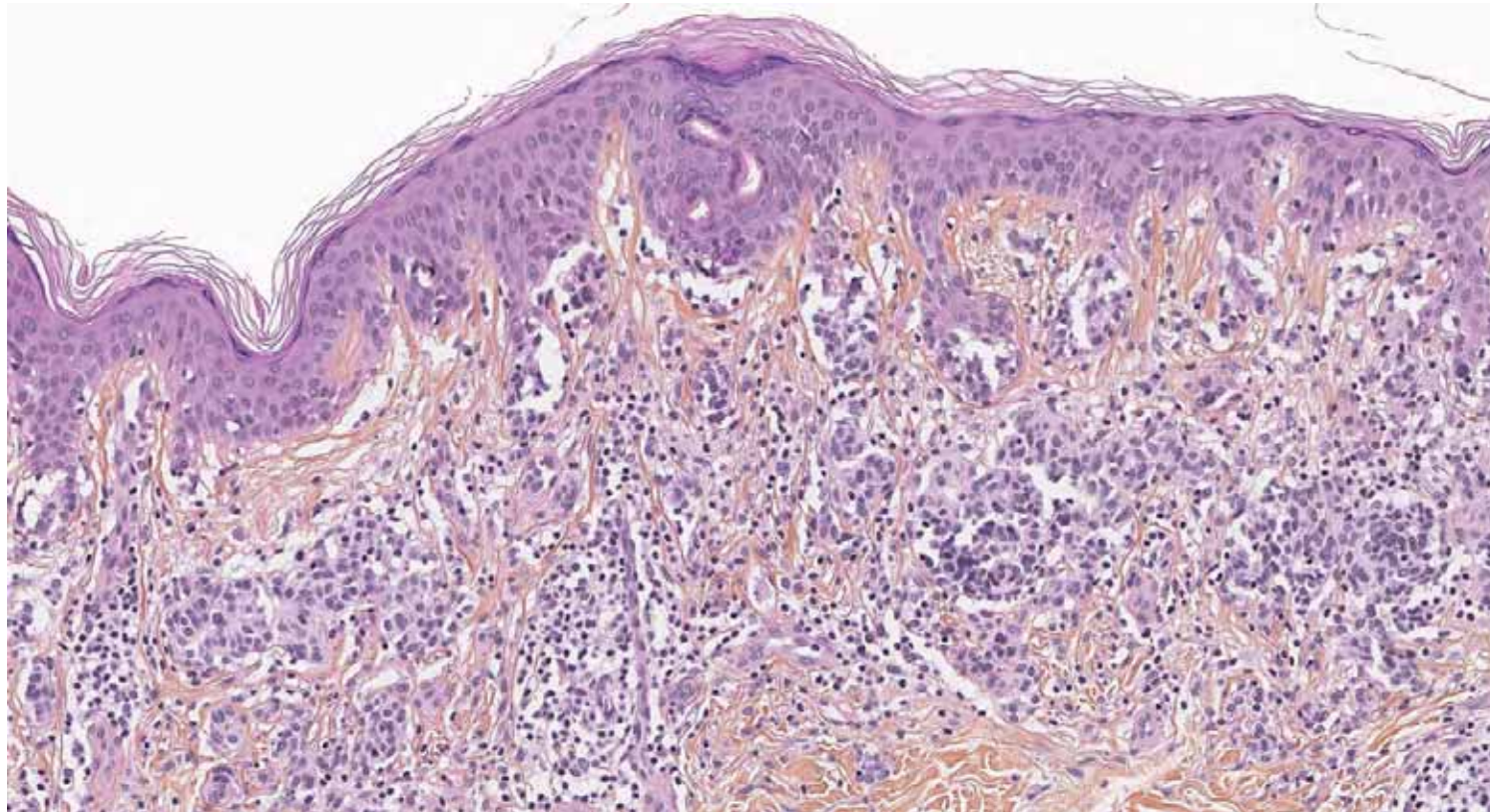
# Double-staining (expl: ki-67/MelanA)

Cytoplasmic stain  
in red

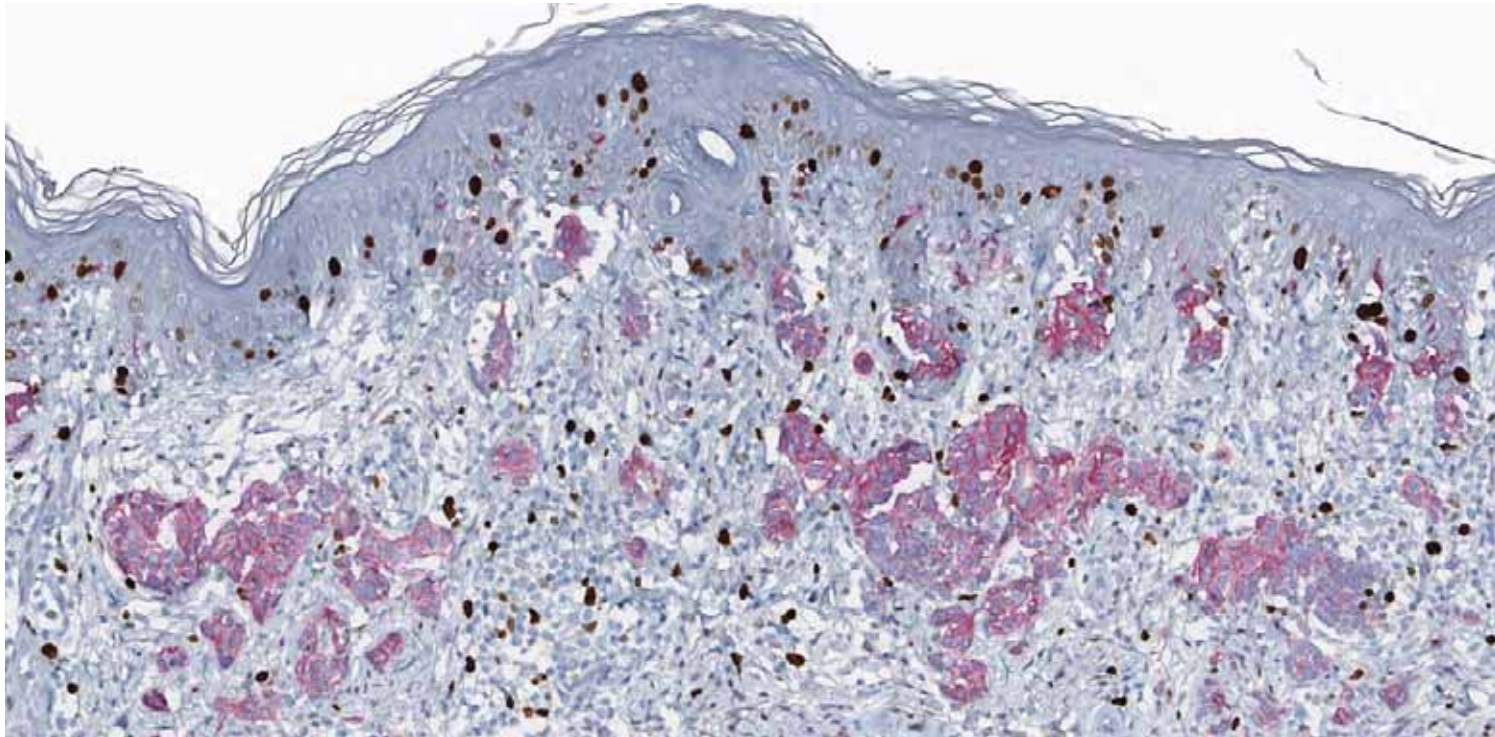


Nuclear stain in  
brown

# ki-67/MelanA double-staining



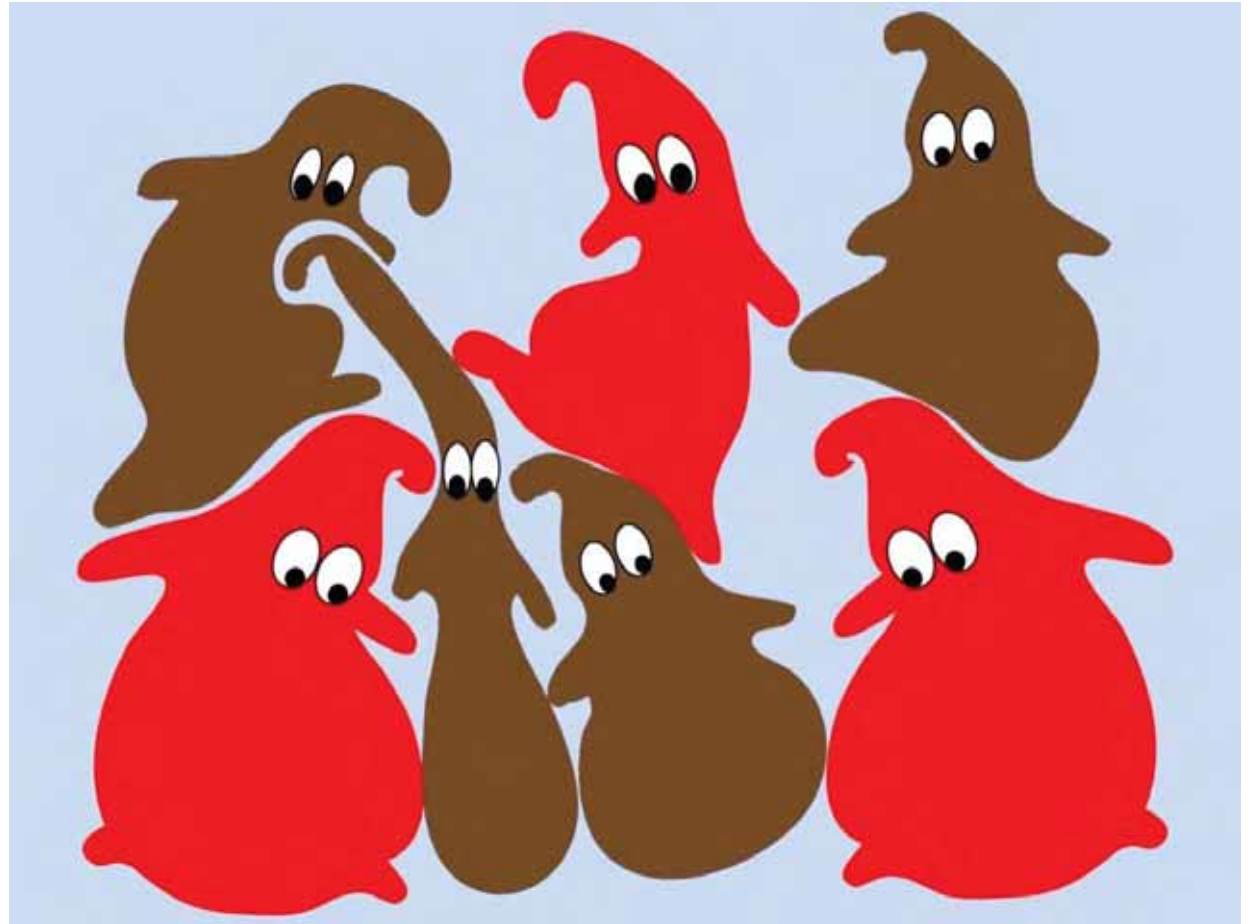
# ki-67/MelanA double-staining



Inflammatory/stimulated nevus

# Immunohistochemistry

- Use a red chromogene



# Let's take a deep dive into a few antibodies

- MelanA
- Sox10
- HMB45
- P16
- S100P

# MelanA

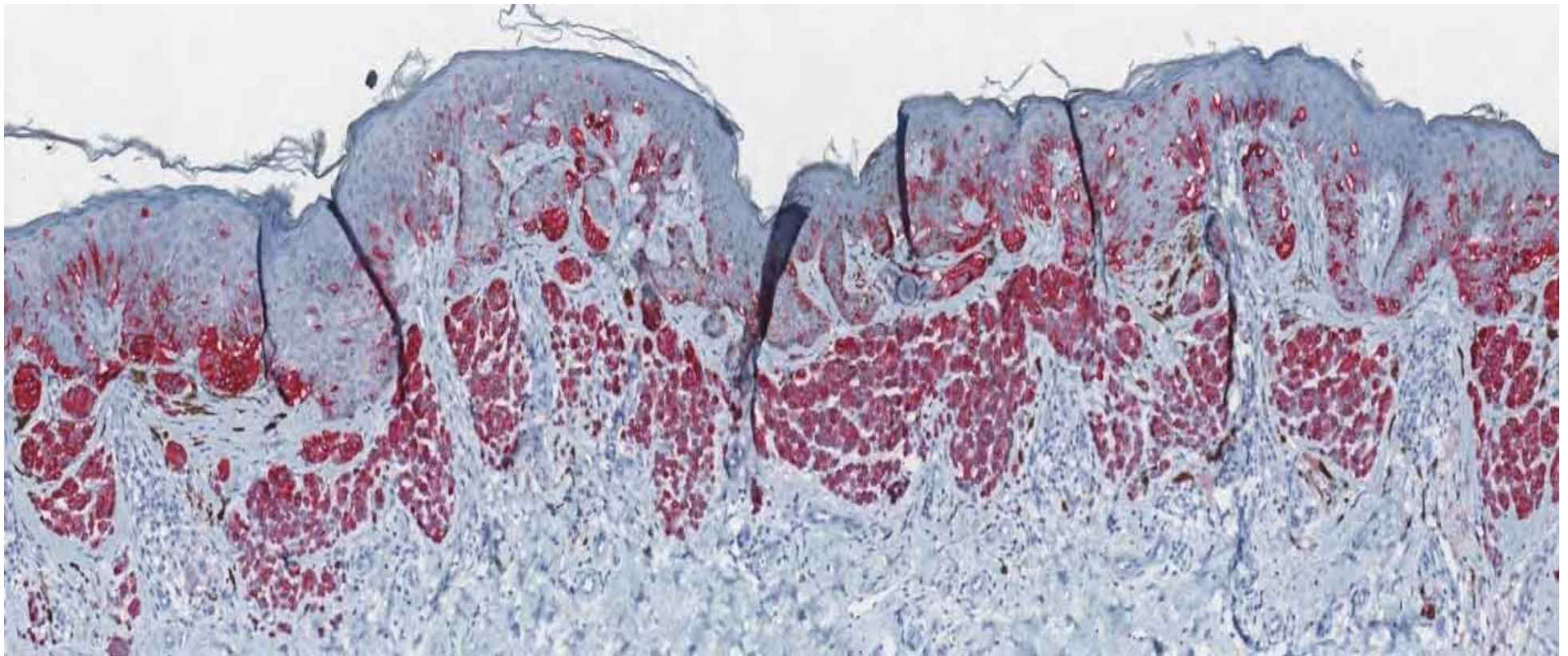
- Coded by *MLANA* gene (Chromosome 9p24)
- Involved in **melanosome biogenesis** by ensuring the stability of GPR143. Plays a vital role in the expression, stability, trafficking, and processing of melanocyte protein PMEL, which is critical to the formation of stage II melanosomes.
- **Cytoplasmic** stain
- Stains **all normal melanocytes** (internal control)



# Common nevus Diffuse MelanA staining

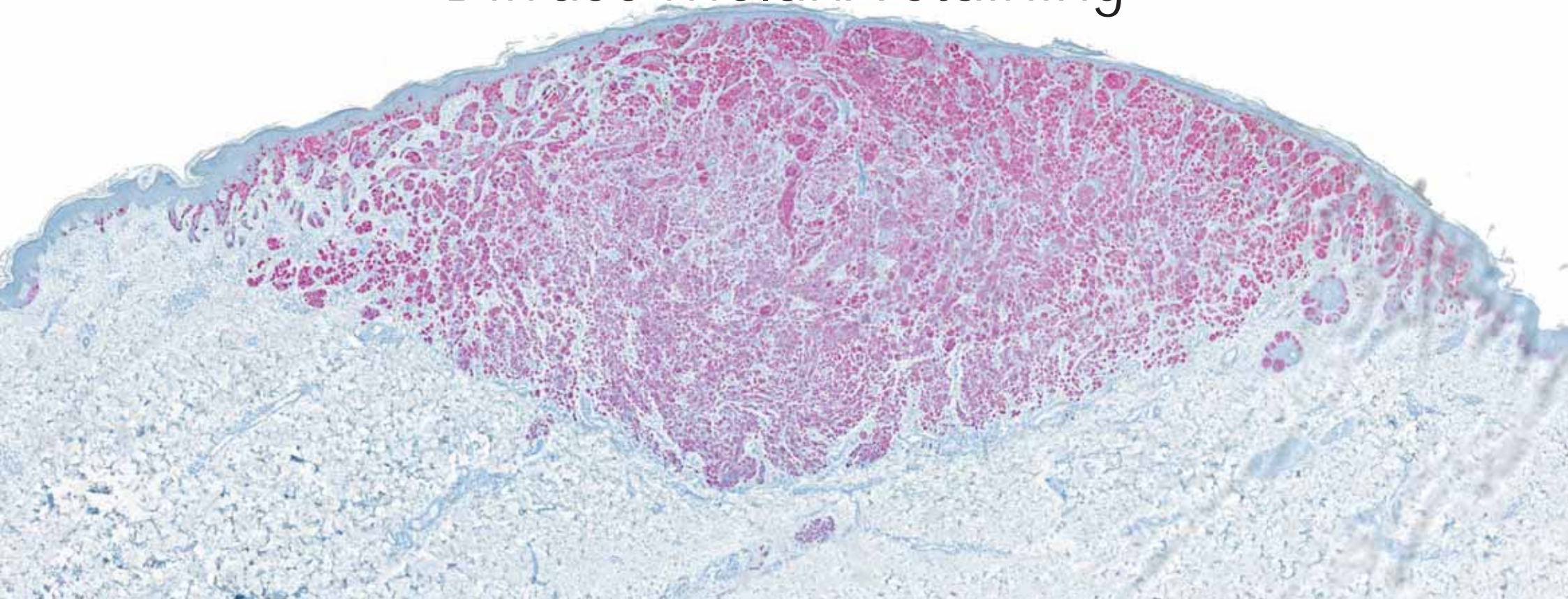
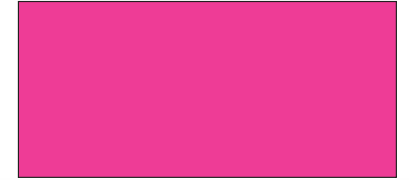


Common Nevus



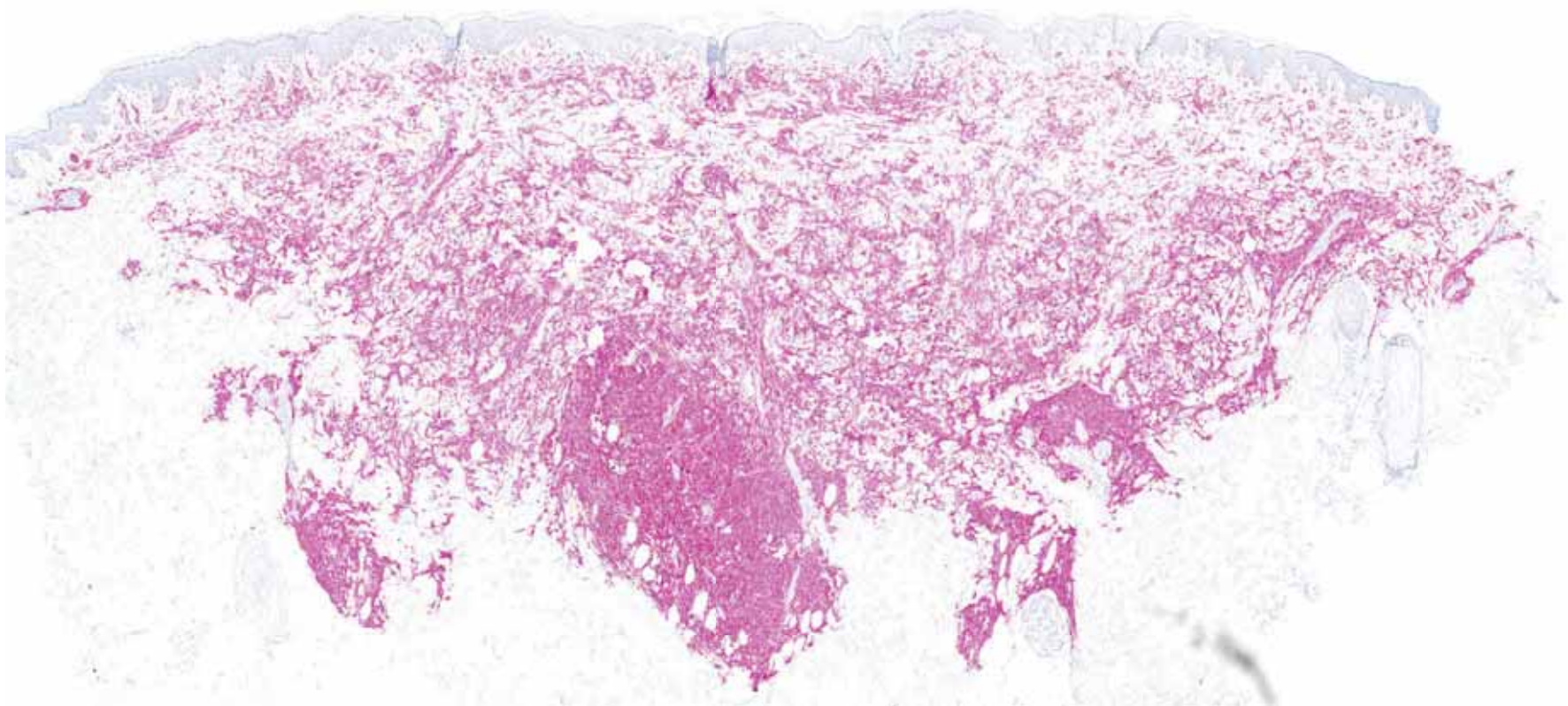
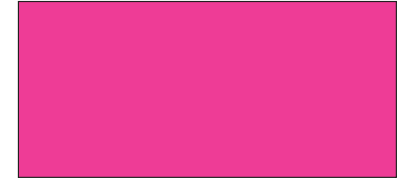
Spitz Nevus

# Spitz nevus Diffuse MelanA staining



Dendritic/Cellular blue  
nevus

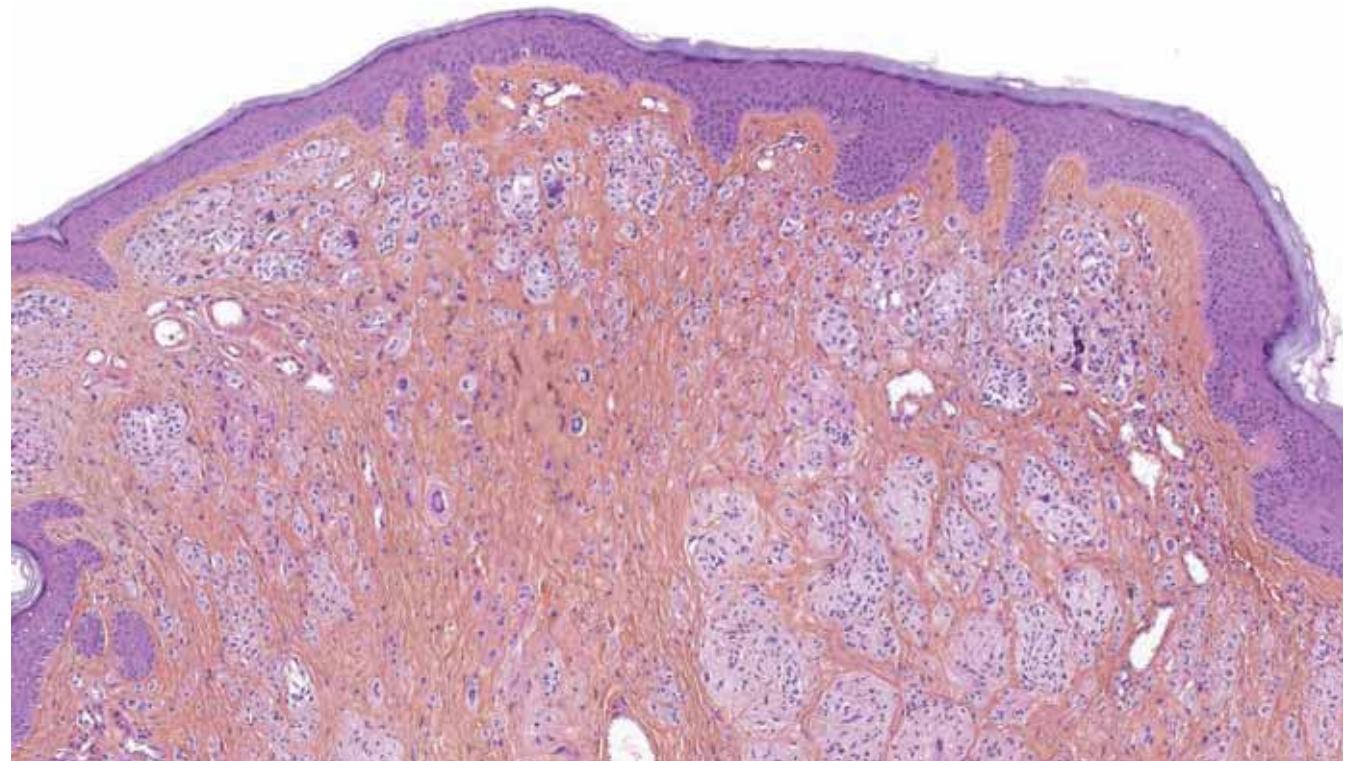
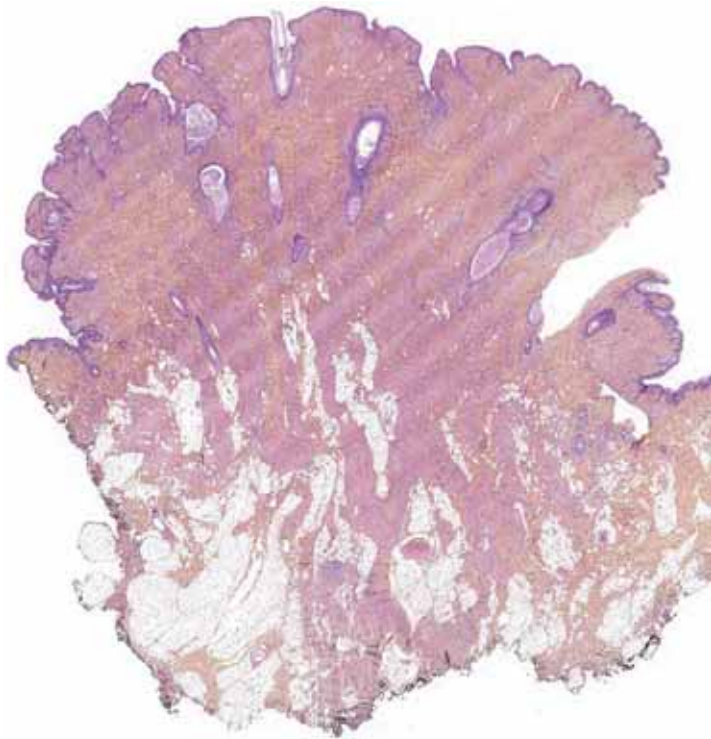
# Blue nevus / CBN Diffuse MelanA staining



# Expected melanA loss in nevi

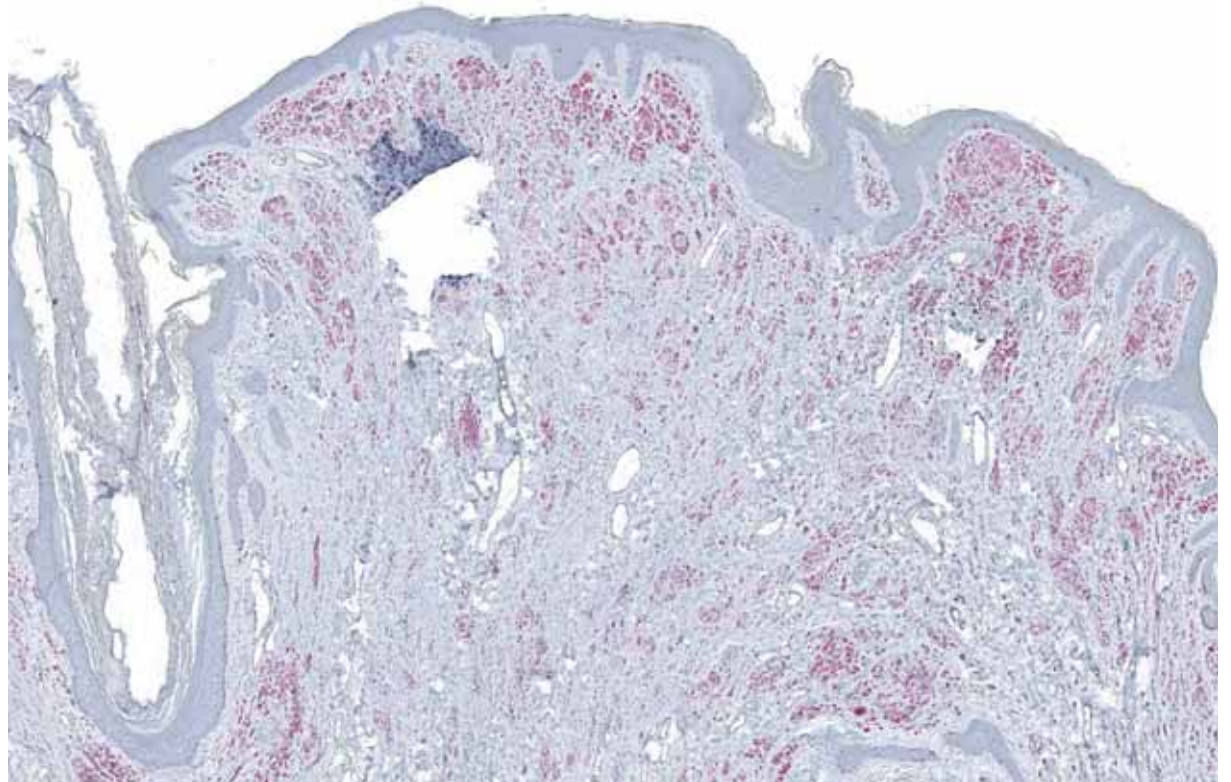
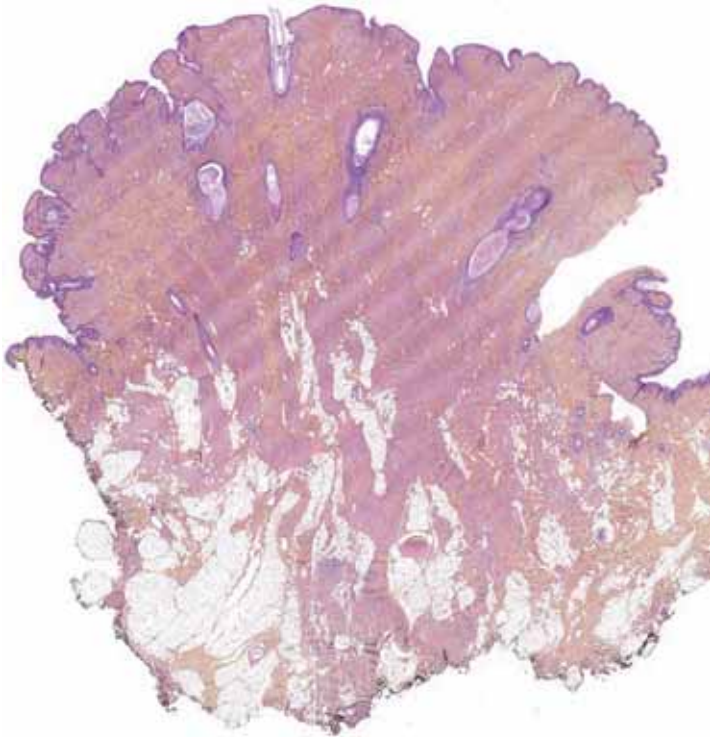
- Type C melanocytes
- Nevi with a dermal myxoid component/MMYSTAR
- Desmoplastic nevus

Expected melanA loss  
Type C melanocytes



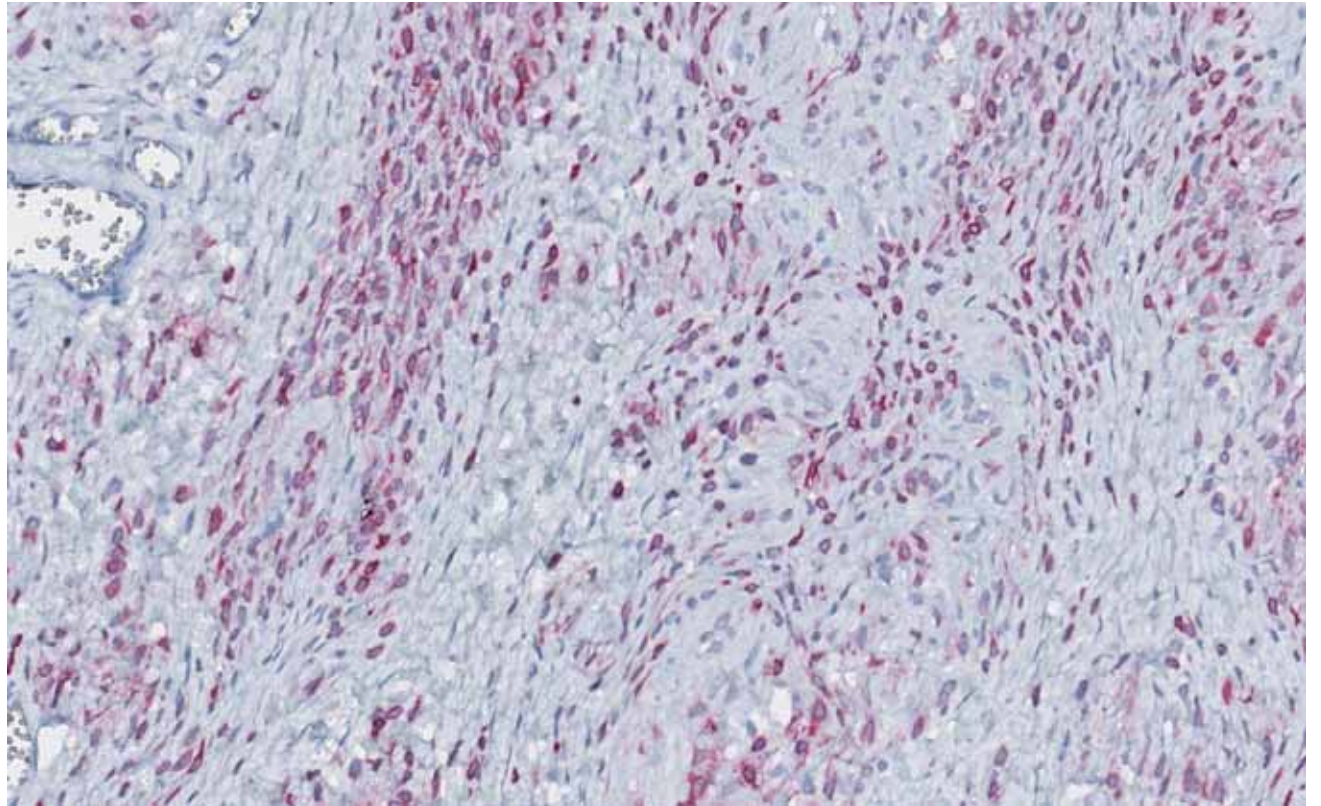
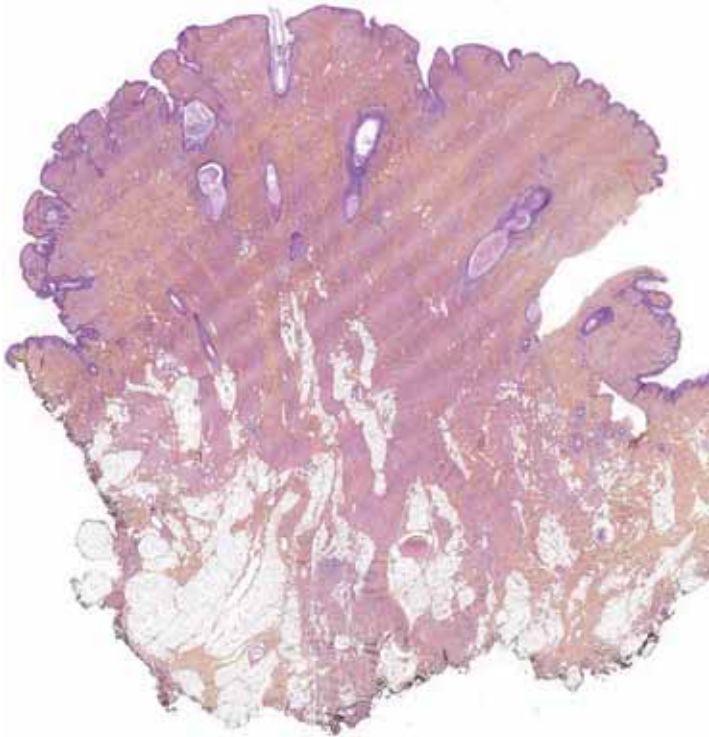
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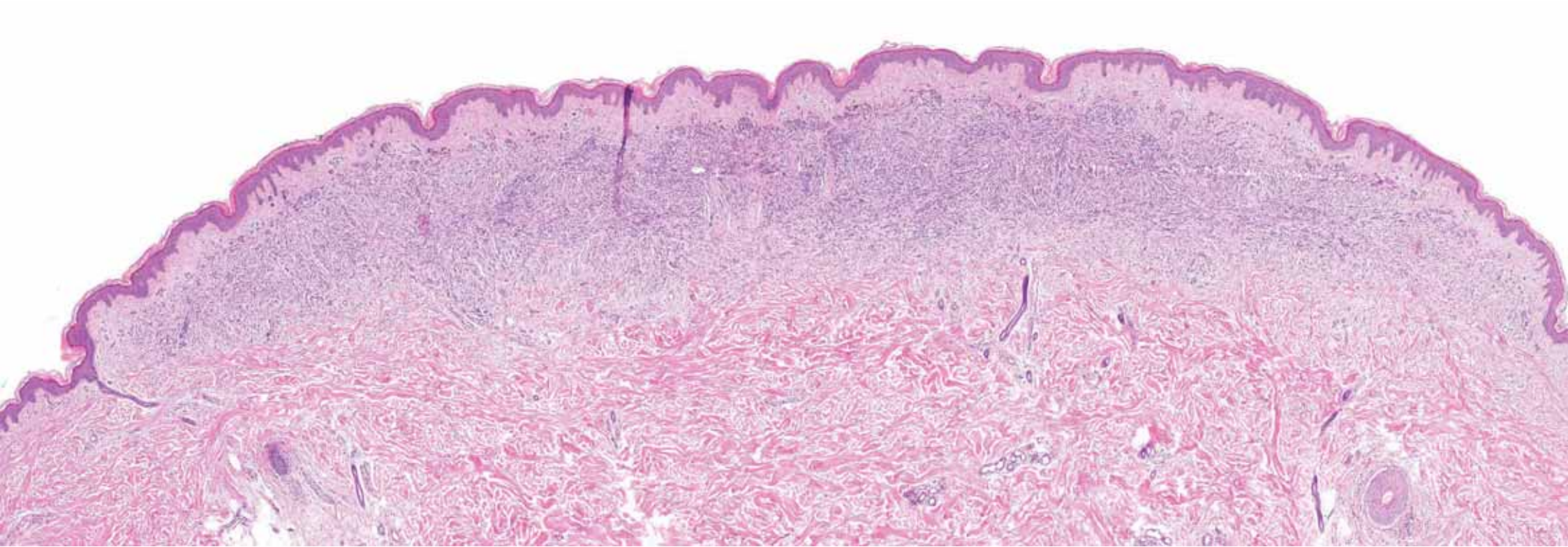


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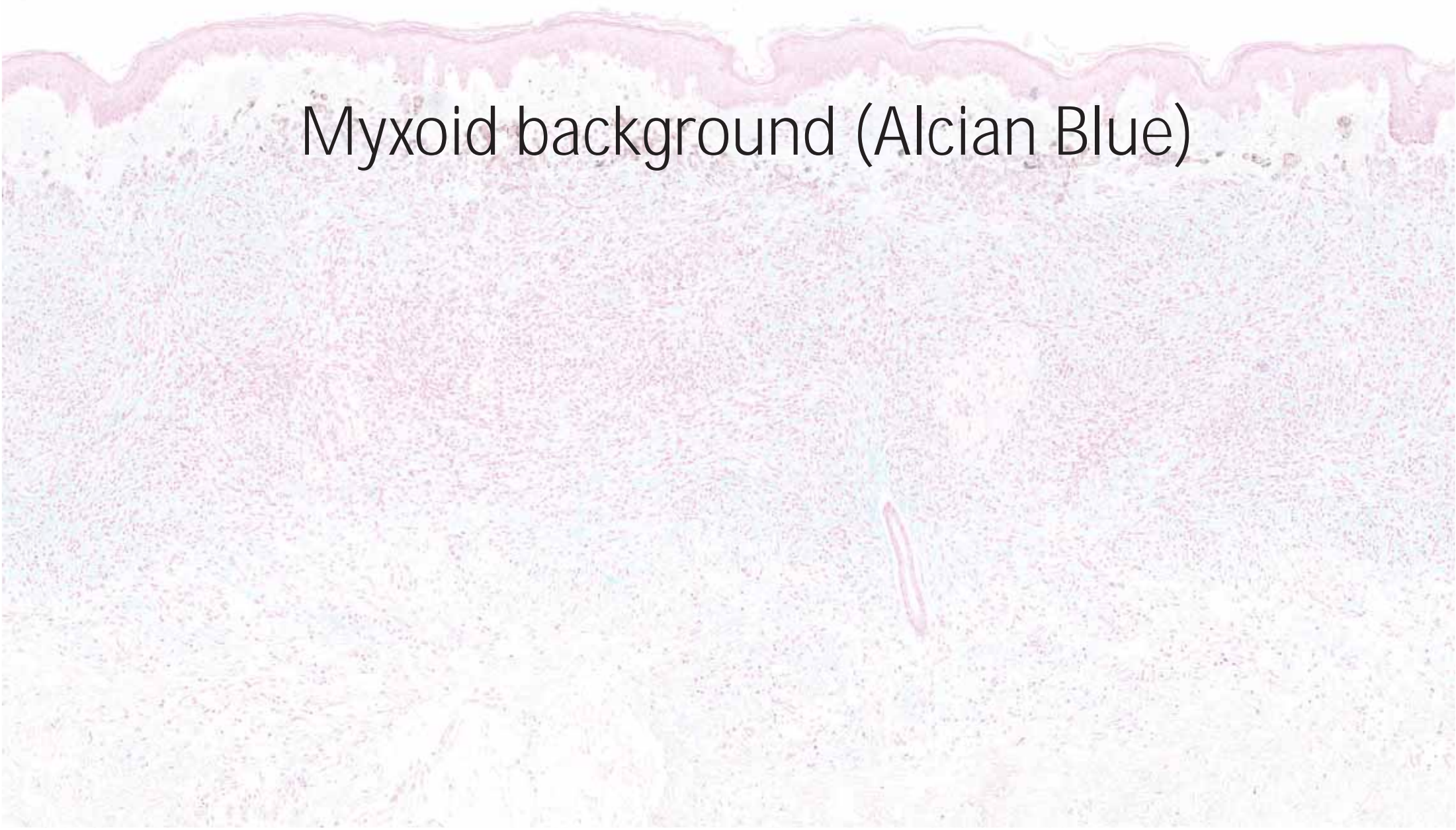
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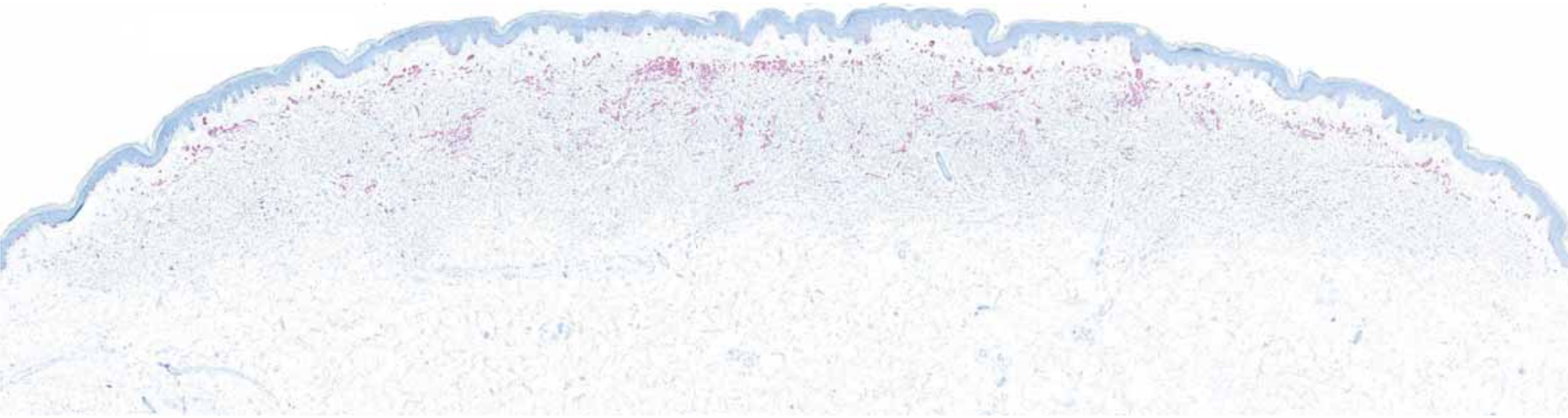
Expected melanA loss  
F42 Thigh; Myxoid nevus NRAS p.Q61K

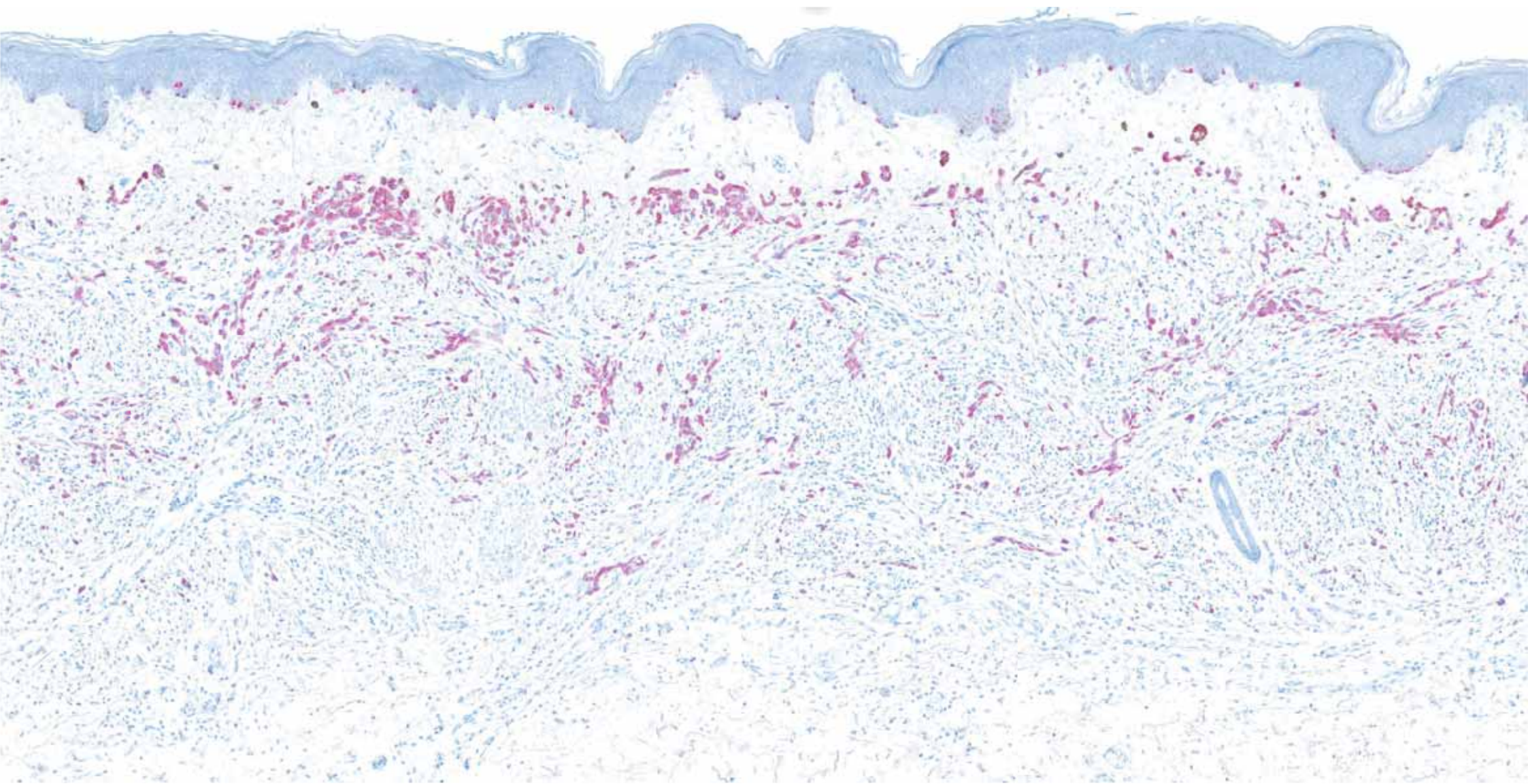


Myxoid background (Alcian Blue)

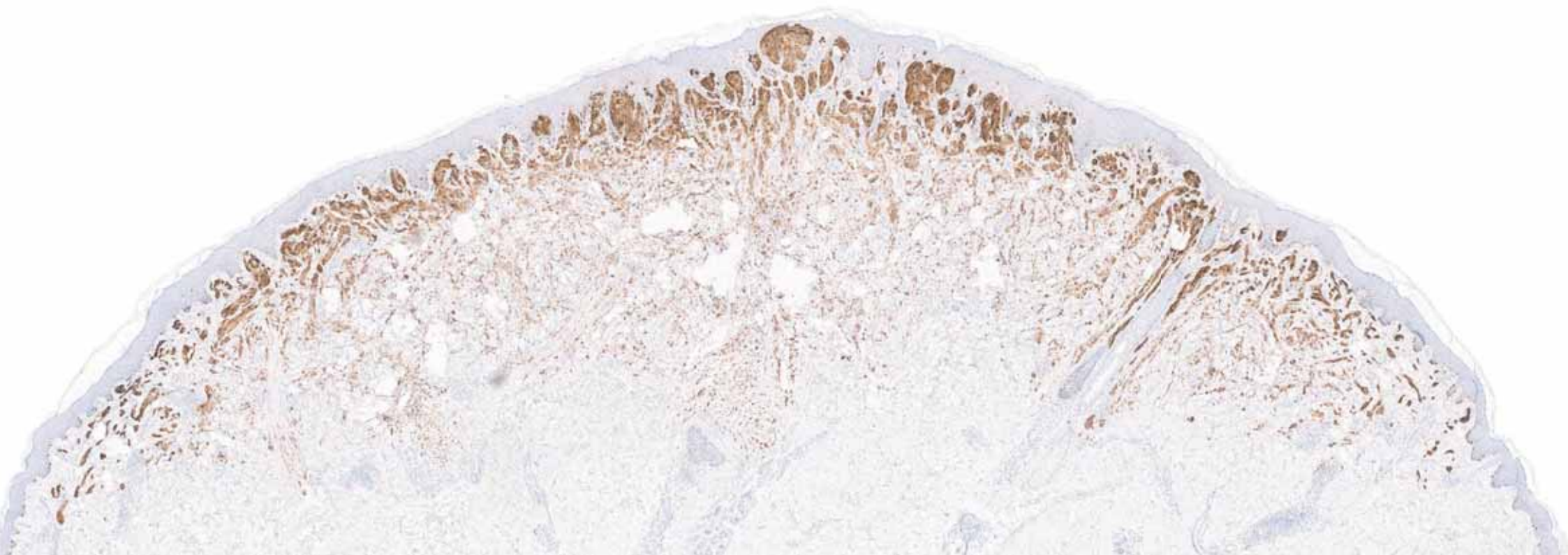


Expected melanA loss  
myxoid background





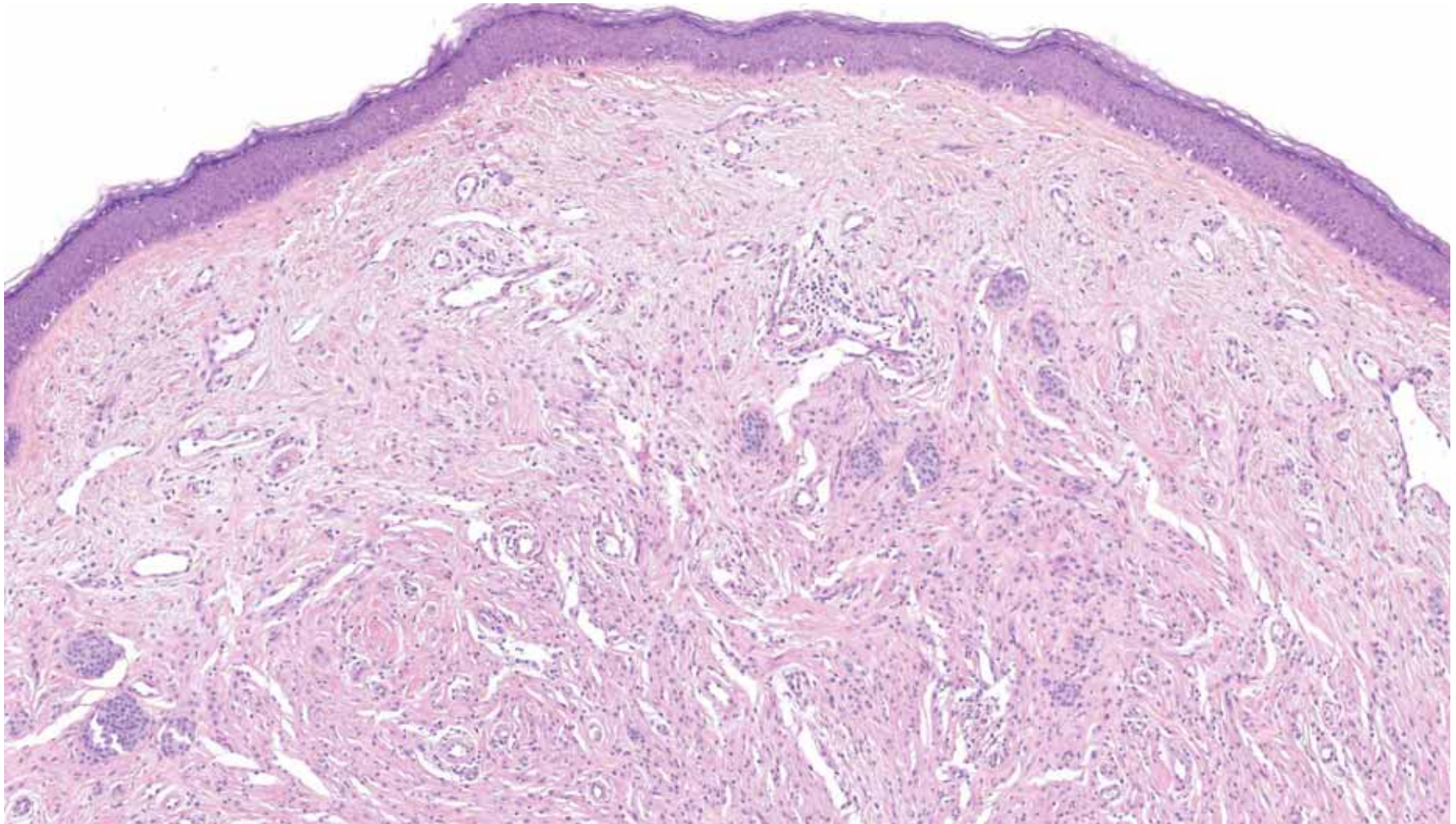
Desmoplastic nevus  
MelanA is often top heavy



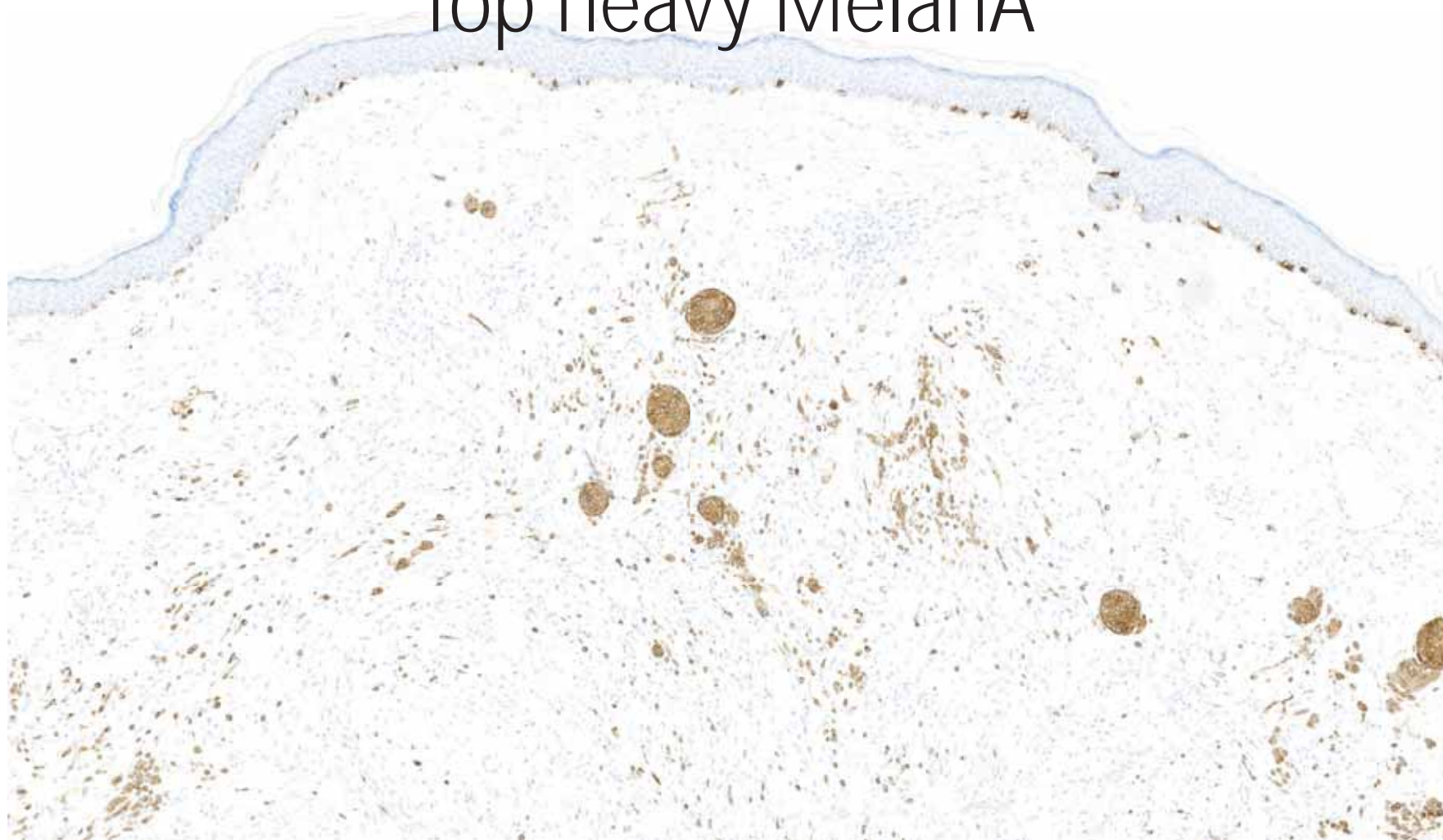
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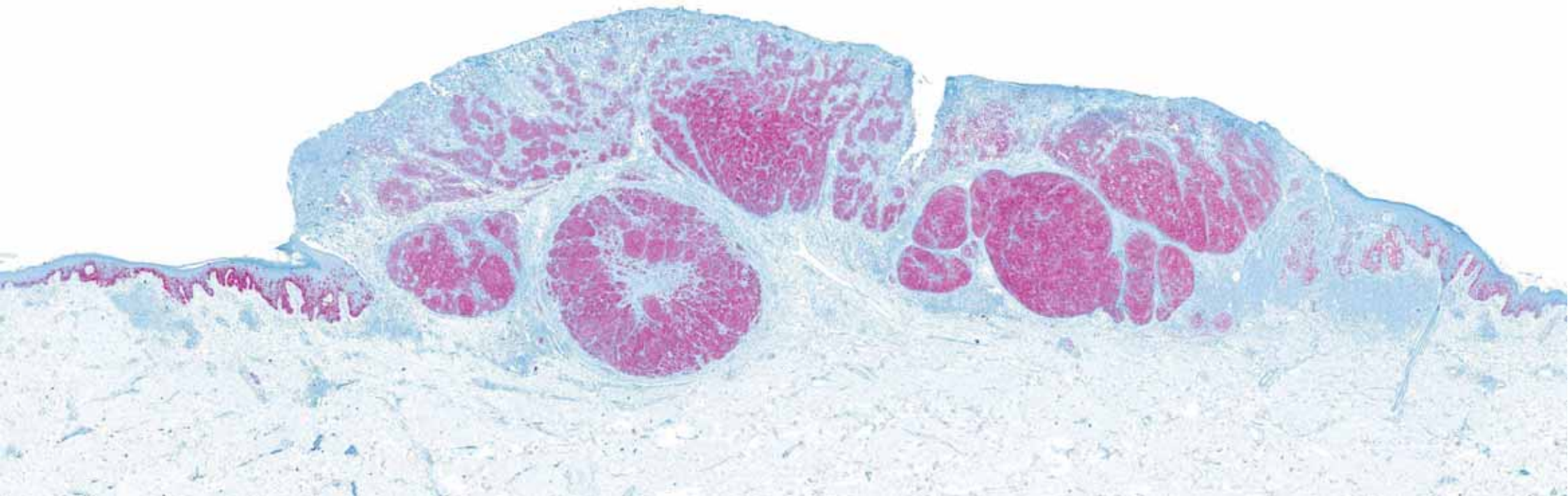
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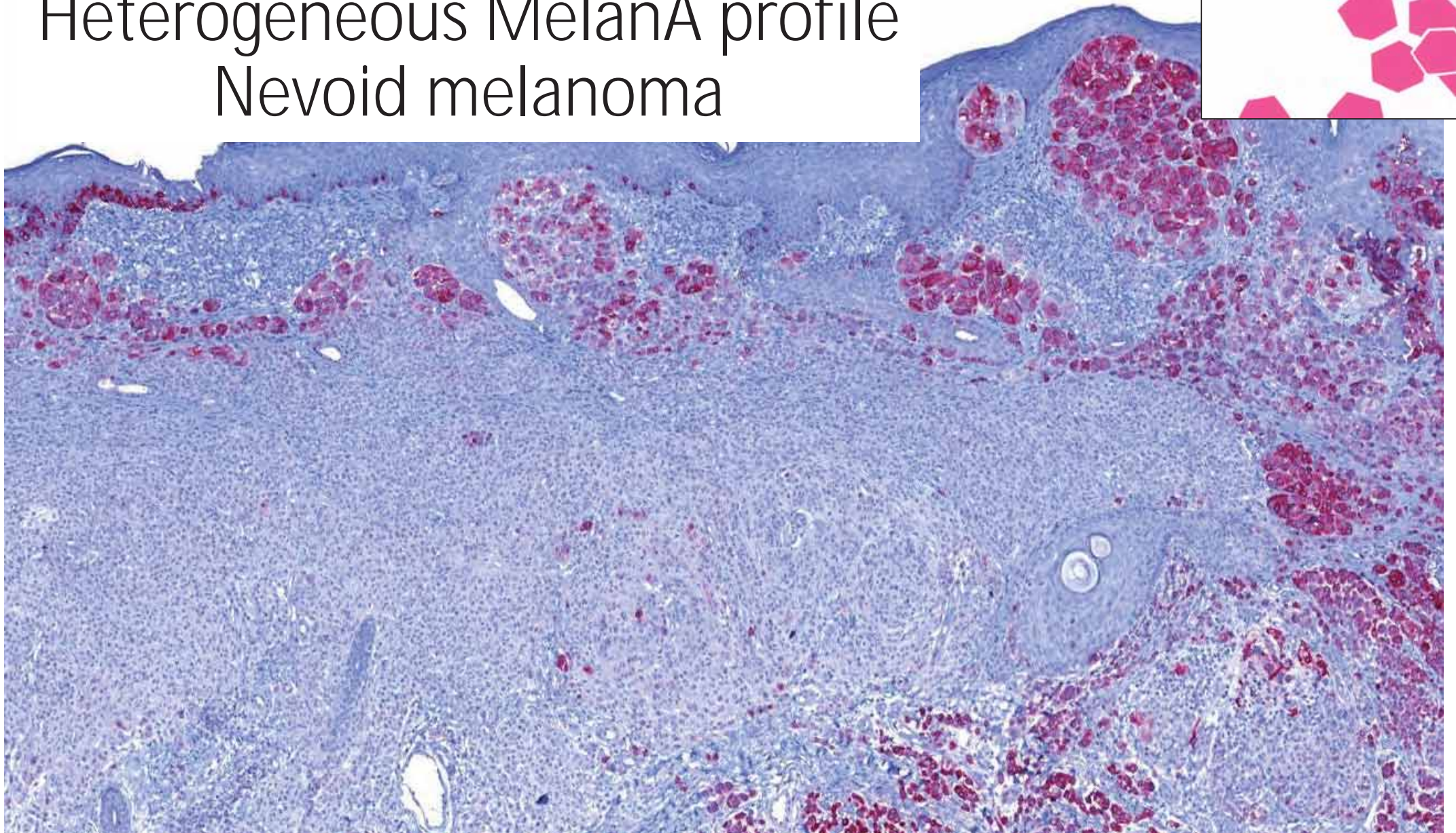
# Expected melanA loss in melanoma

- Inconstant, usually the junctional component stays positive
- Nevoid melanoma (patchy positivity)
- Melanomas with spindled component / Desmoplastic Melanoma
- Melanomas with a dermal myxoid component

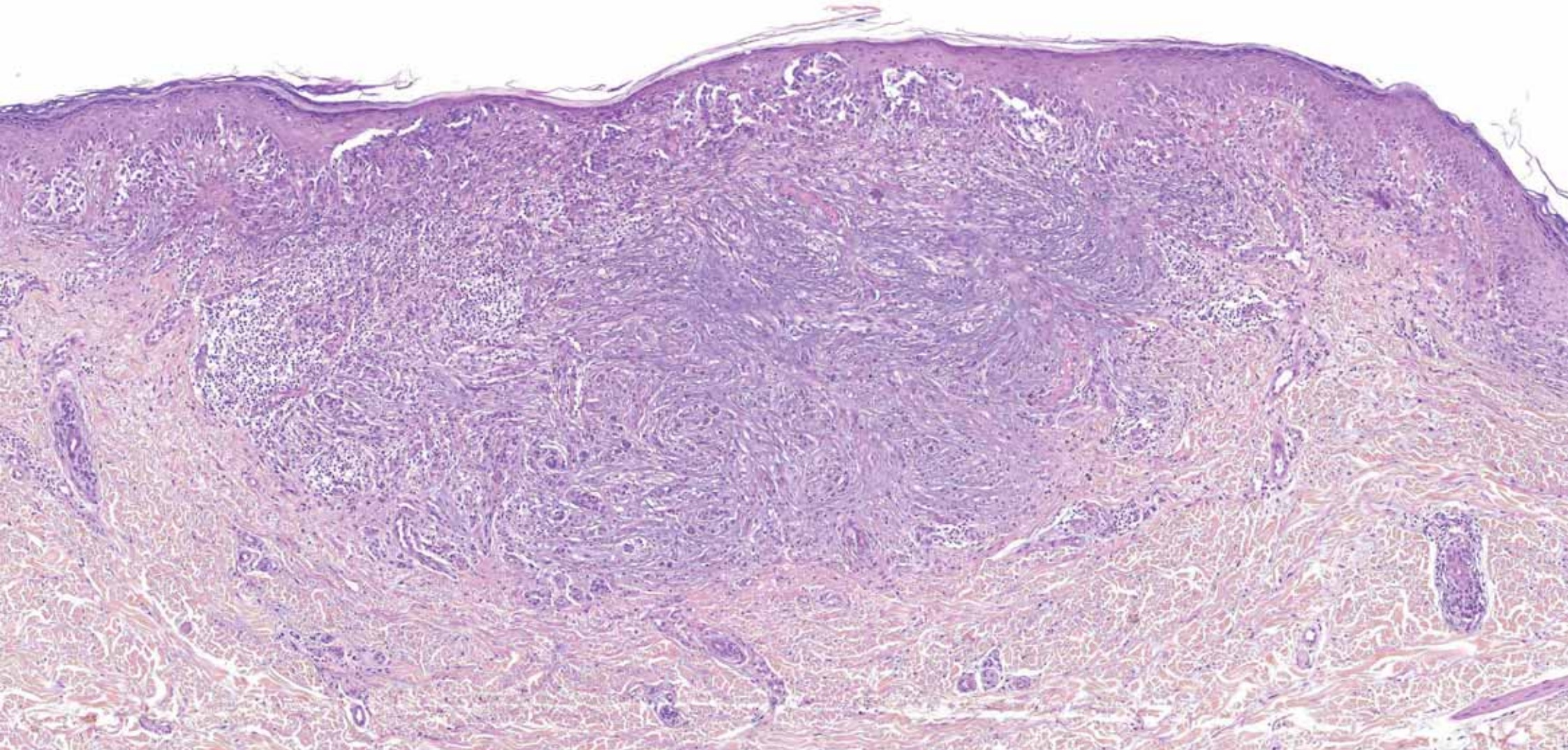
# Diffuse MelanA in common melanoma



# Heterogeneous MelanA profile Nevoid melanoma

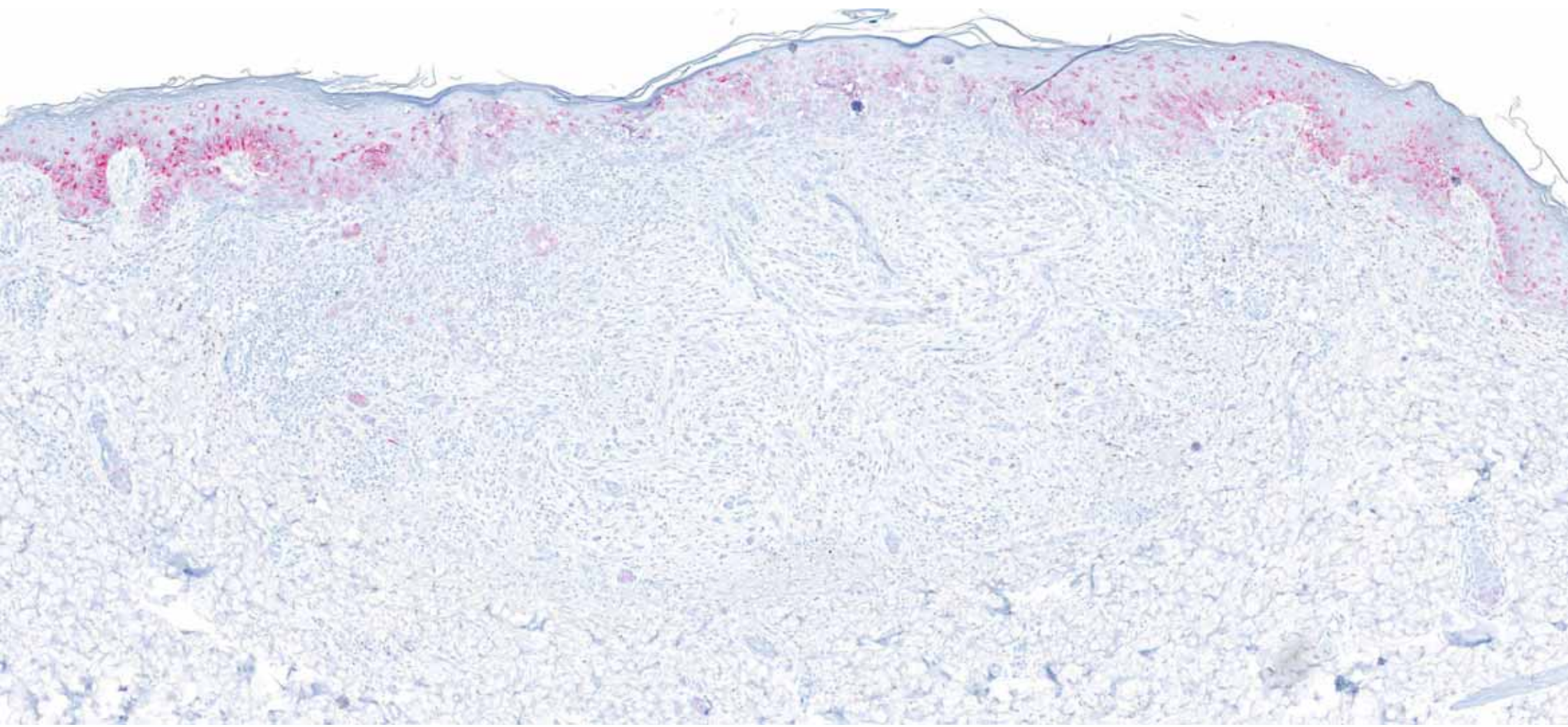


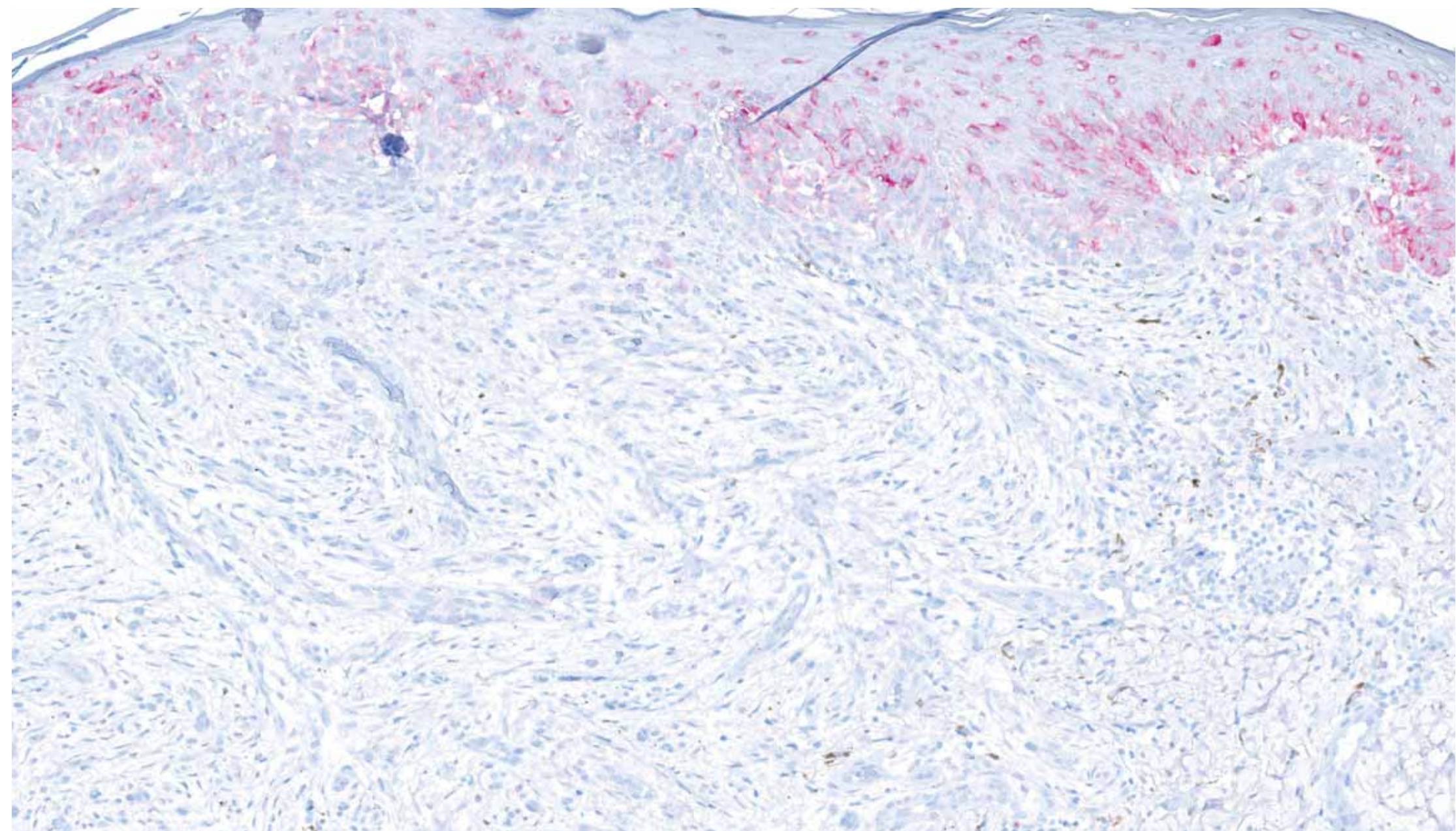
# Melanomas with a dermal myxoid component



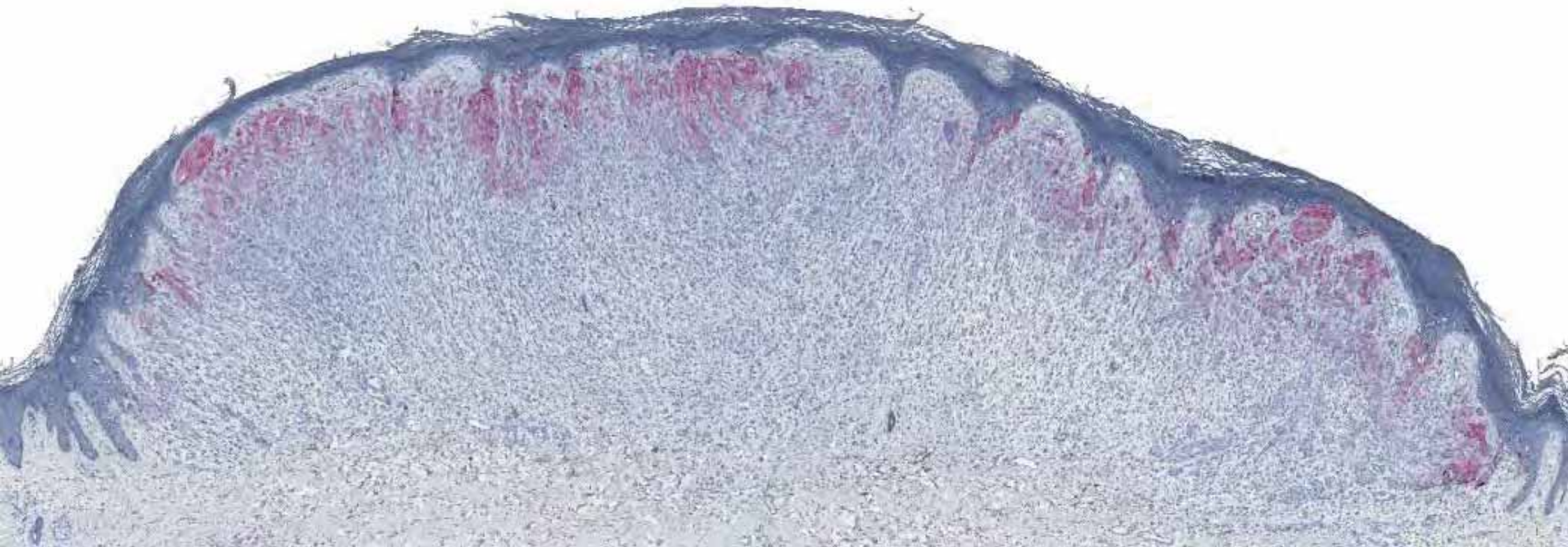
# Melanomas with a dermal myxoid component







# Top-heavy MelanA in nevoid melanoma



# Melan A synoptic IHC expression chart

Common

Spitz

Blue

Congenital nevus/ mosaicism



Low-grade melanocytoma

Mostly diffuse except  
BAP1-inactivation

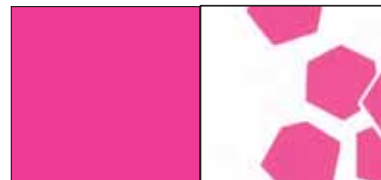


High-grade melanocytoma

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Melanoma

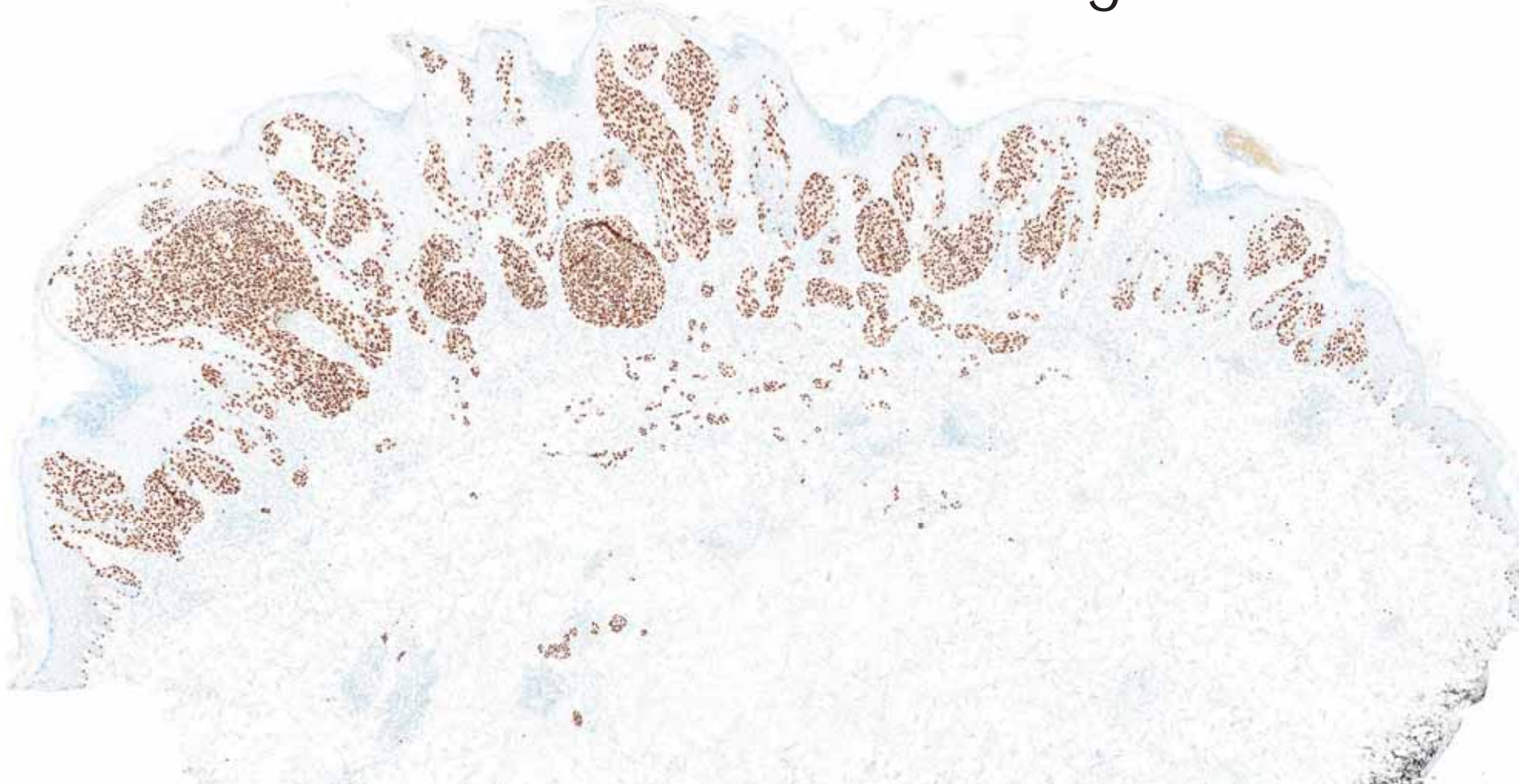


# Transcription factor Sox10

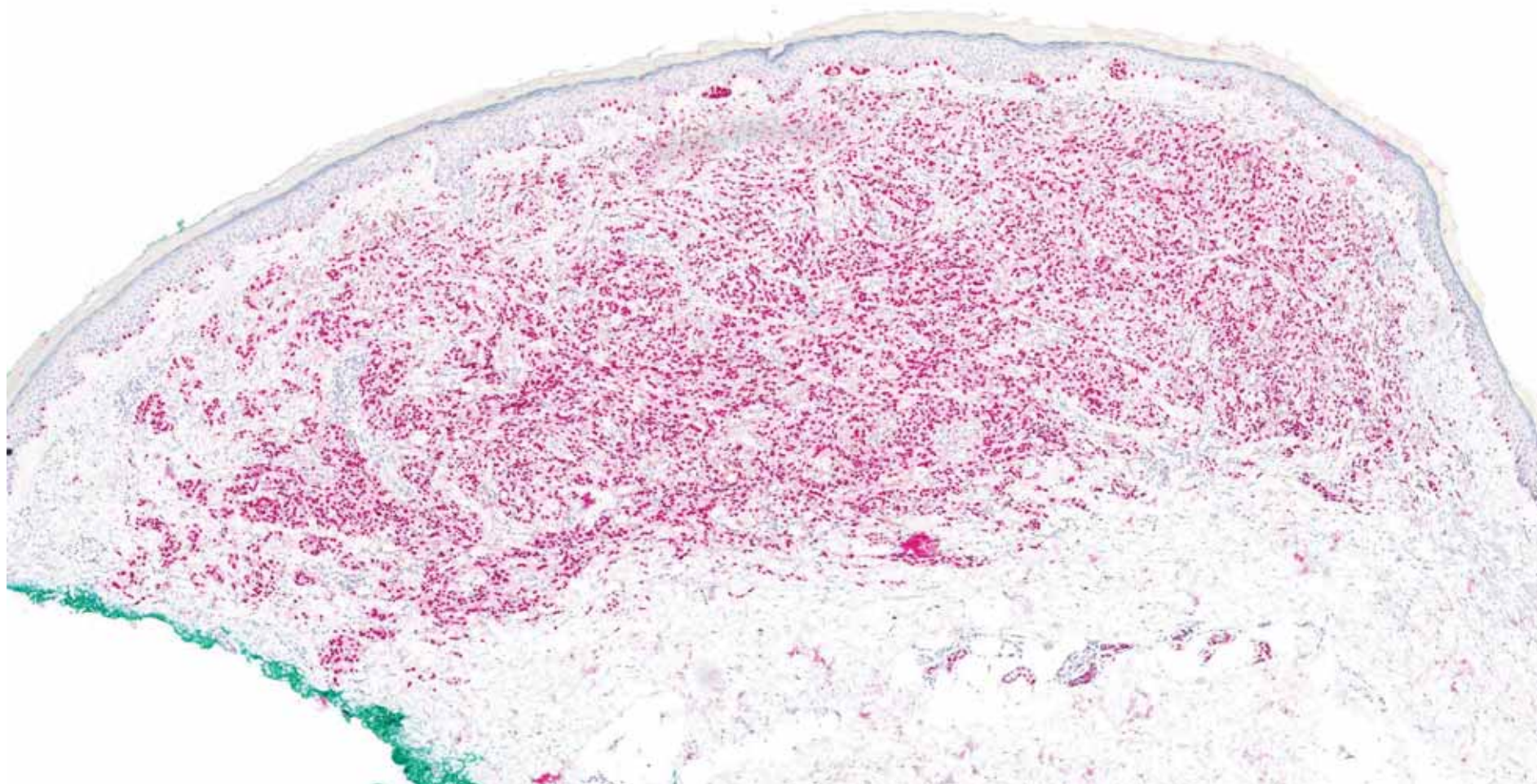
- Coded by *SOX10* gene : SRY (Sex Determining Region Y)-Box 10 (Chr.22)
- Involved in **neural crest differentiation**, oligodendrocyte specification and differentiation
- Transcriptional activator of MiTF
- Stains all normal melanocytes (**nuclear stain**)
- Internal controls : normal melanocytes and nerves

Spitz Nevus

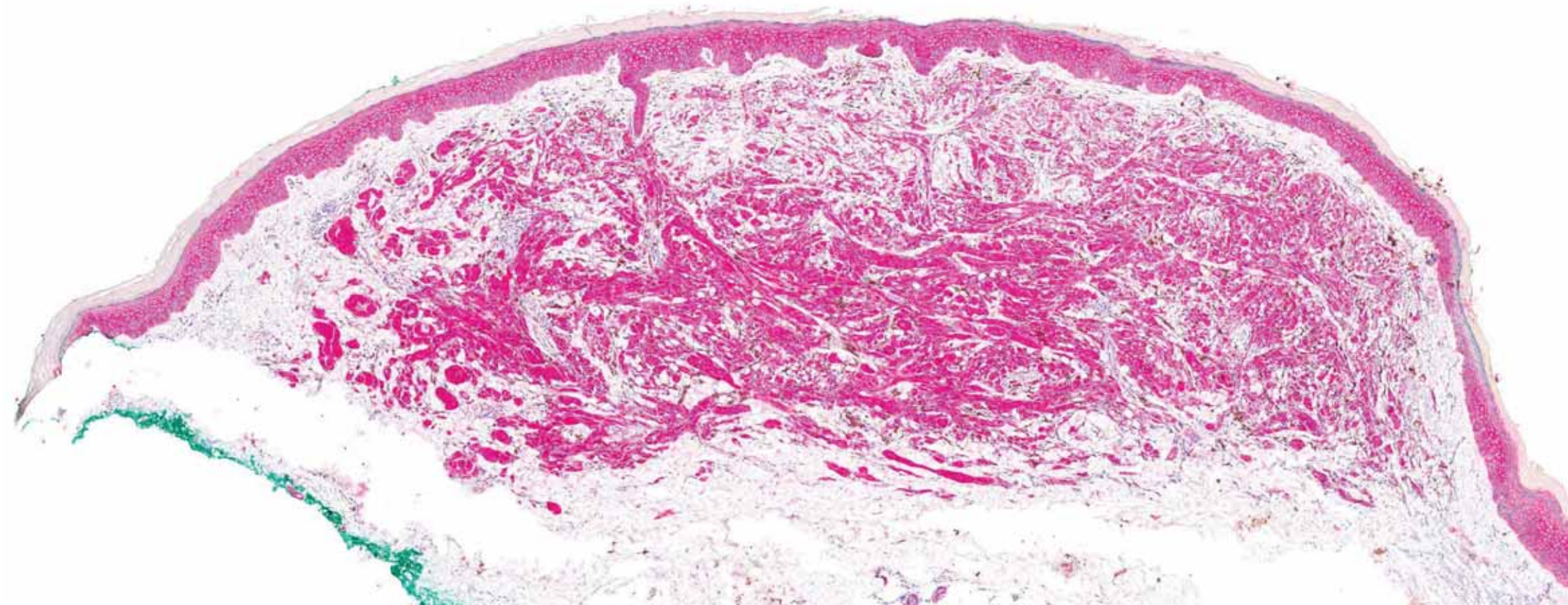
# Spitz nevus Diffuse Sox10 staining



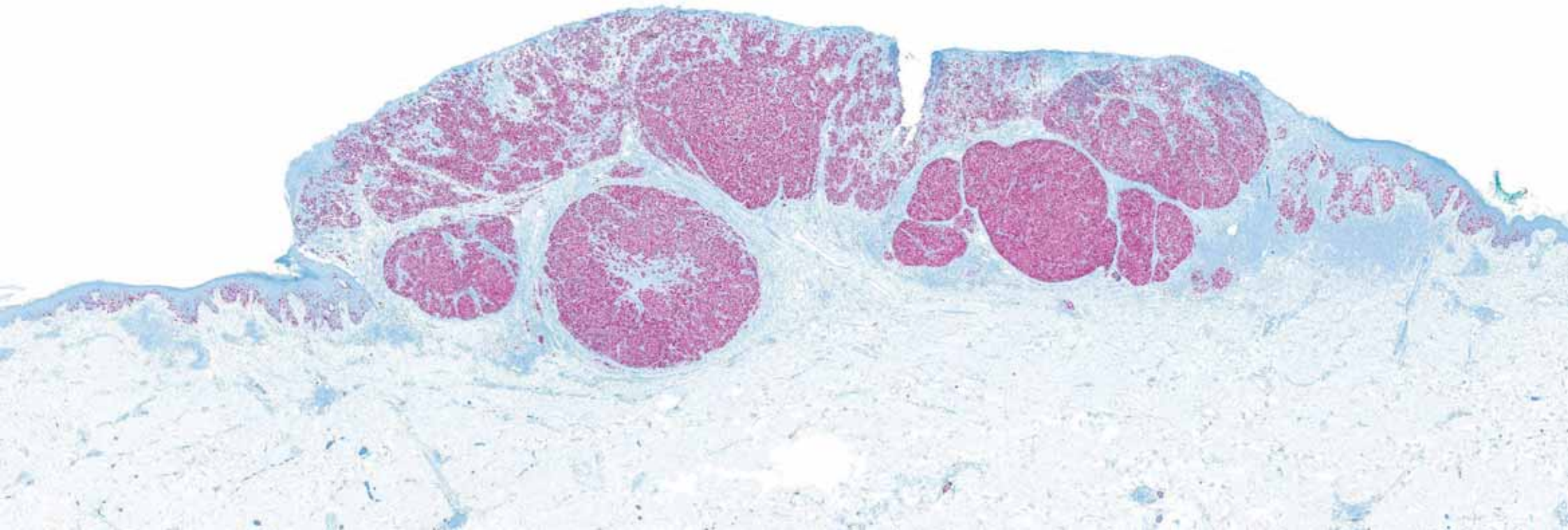
WNT-activated melanocytoma  
Sox10 is positive but doesn't outline architecture



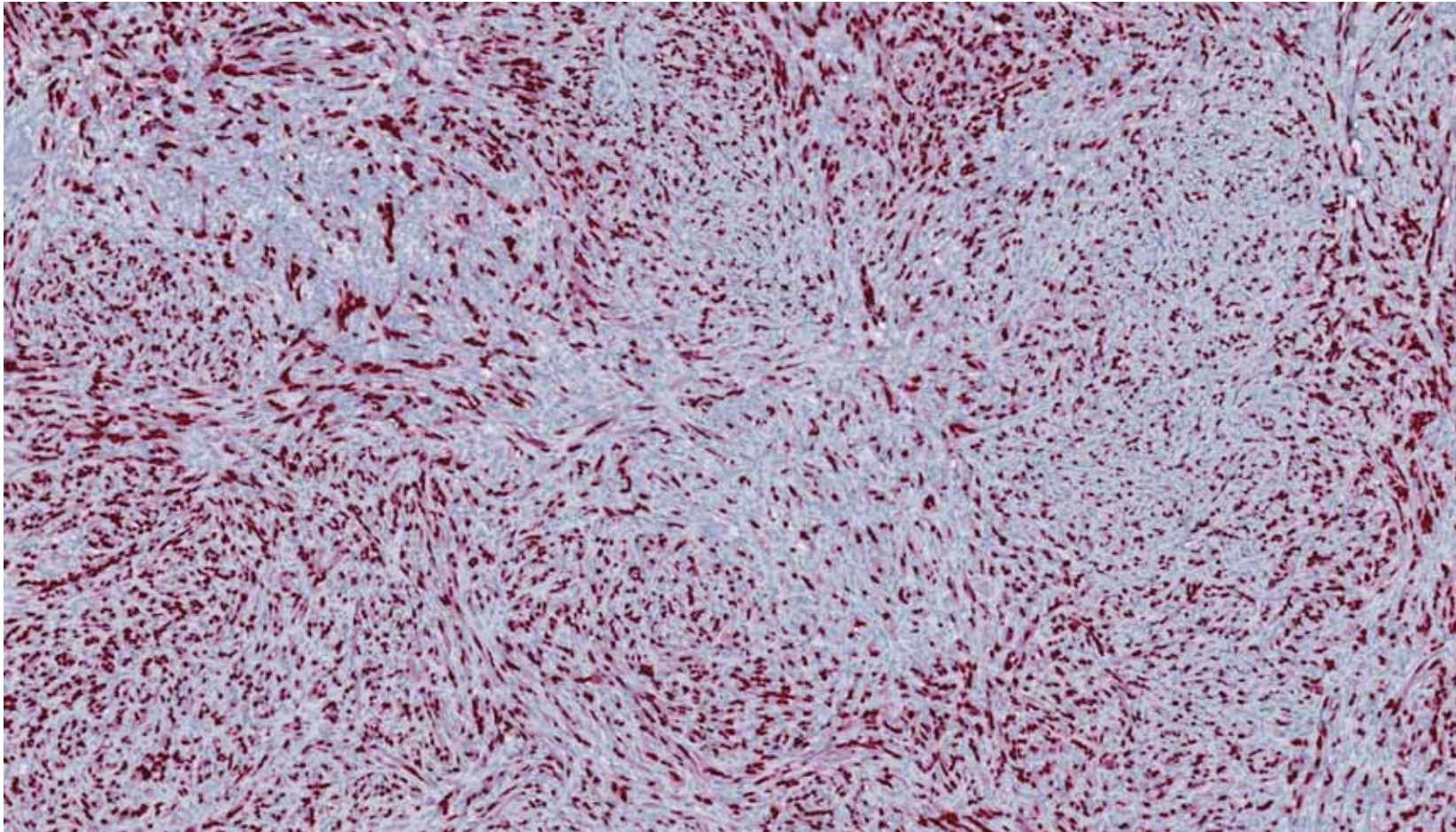
# Beta-catenine outlines architecture in WNT-activated melanocytoma



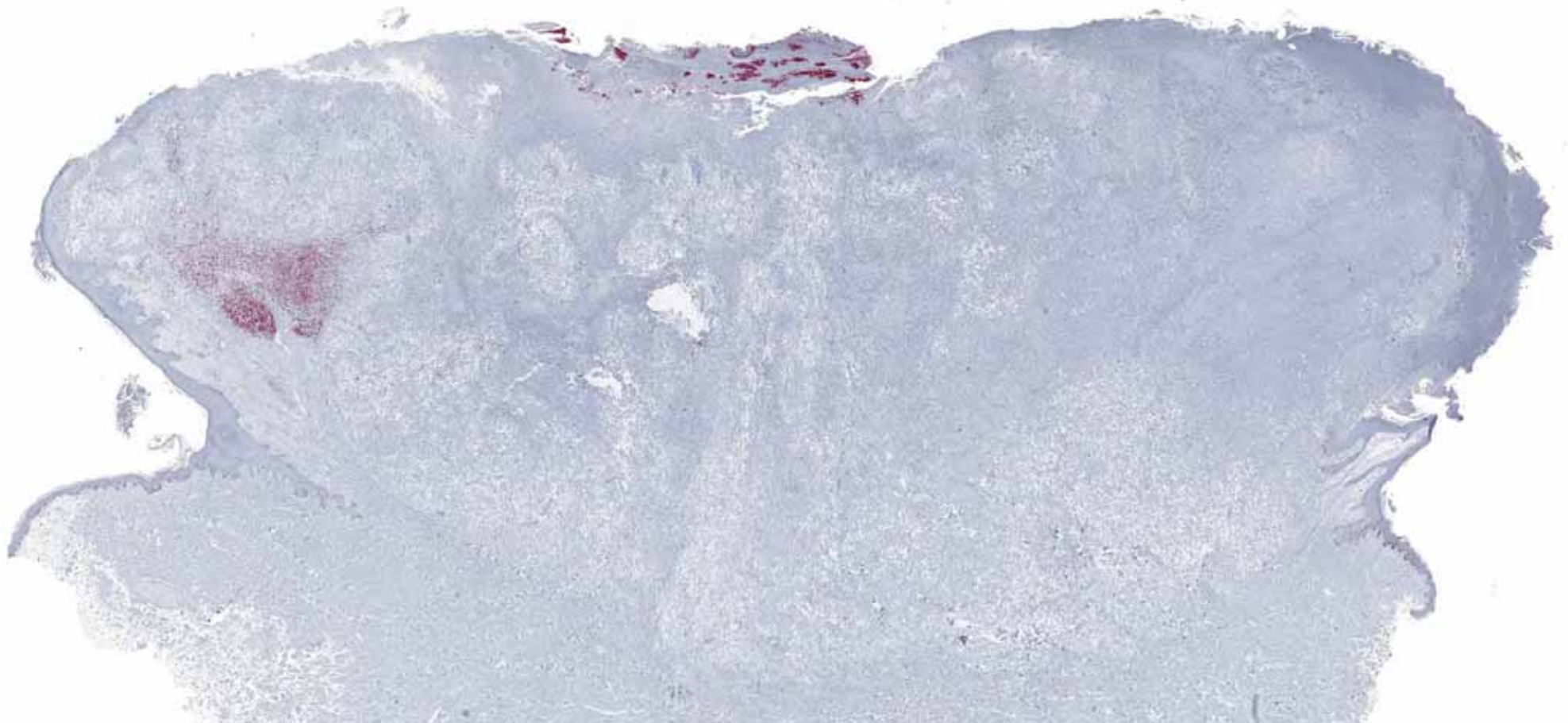
# Sox10 in common melanomas



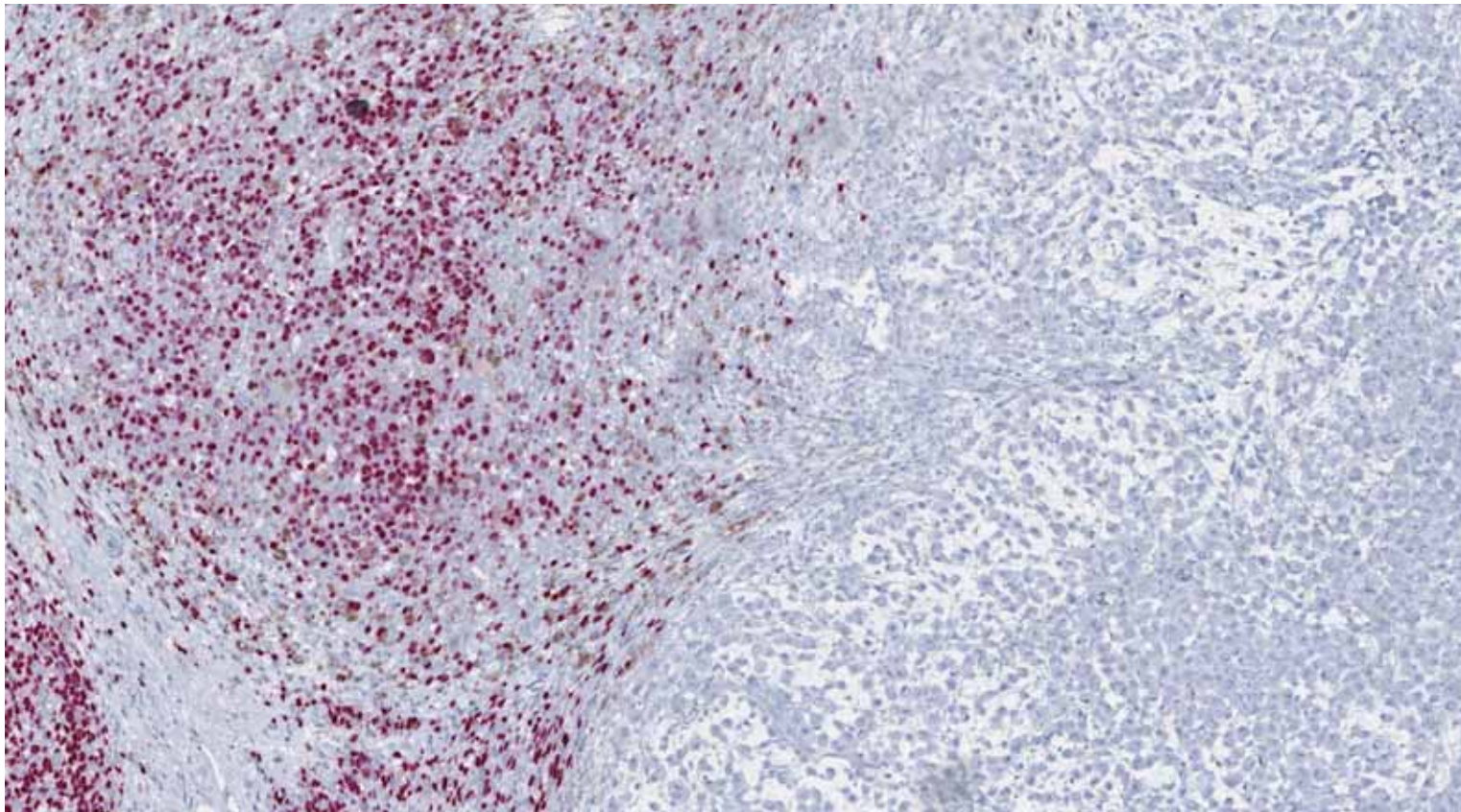
# Sox10 is helpful (mandatory?) in the diagnosis of Desmoplastic Melanoma



Sox10 is diffusely positive in melanocytic tumors  
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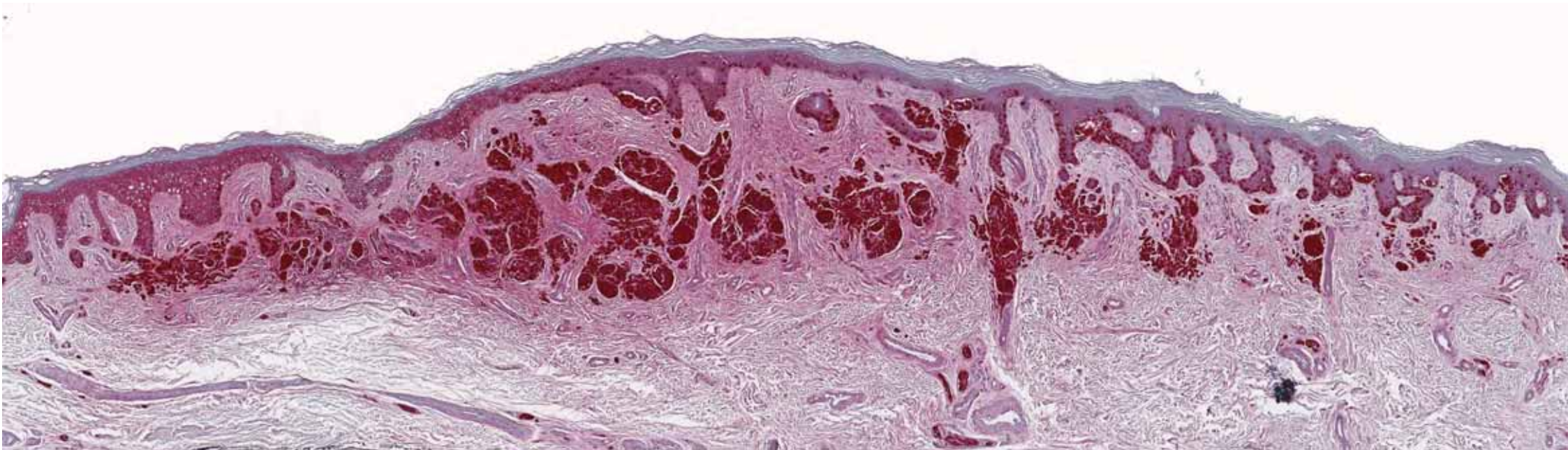
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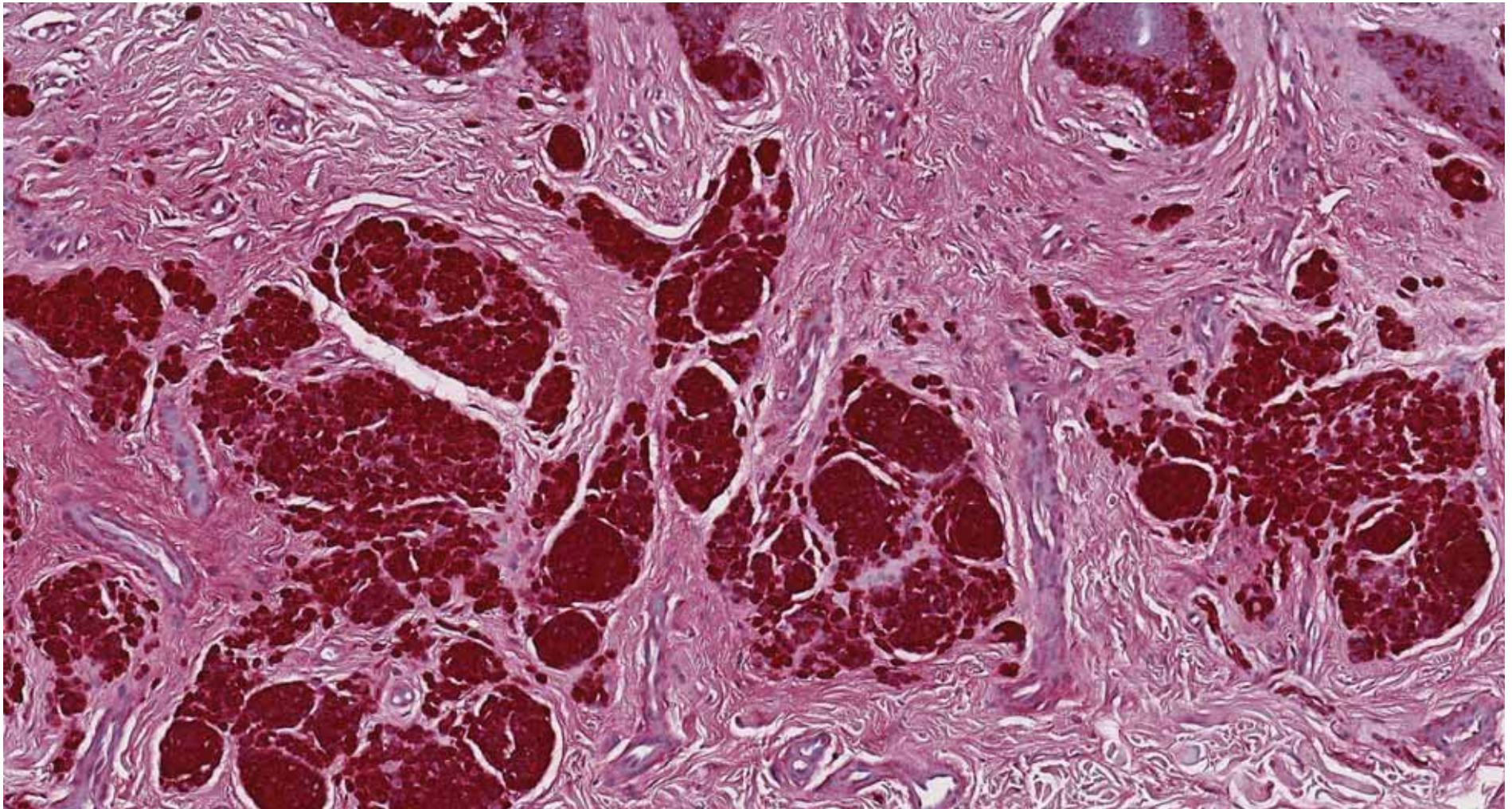
# S100B Protein

- Coded by *S100B* gene (Chr 21) part of a family of S100 proteins
- Small zinc and calcium binding protein
- Multiple functions including melanocyte proliferation
- **Cytoplasmic and nuclear** staining of melanocytes
- Extra-cellular activity
- Internal controls : nerves, adipocytes, Langerhans cells,...

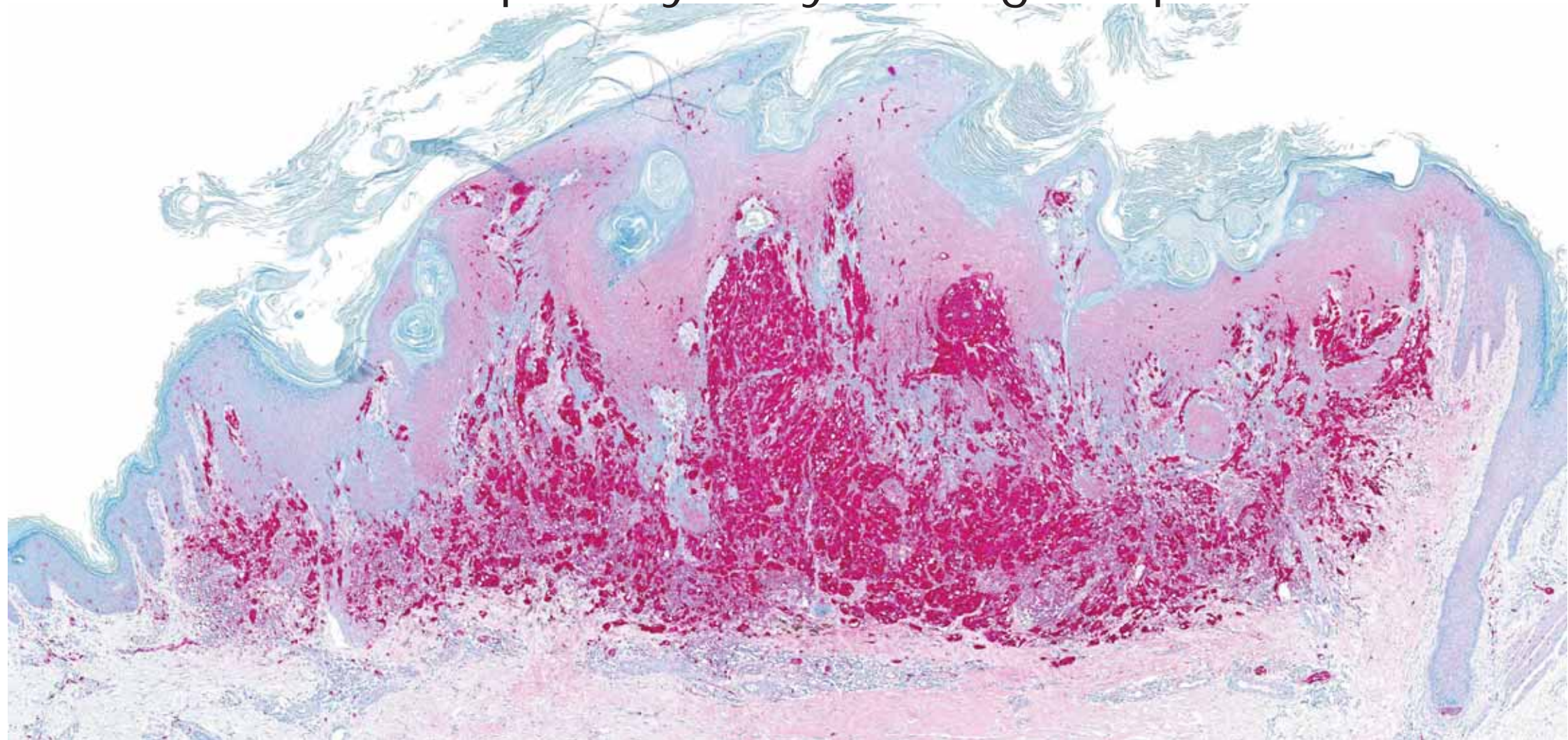
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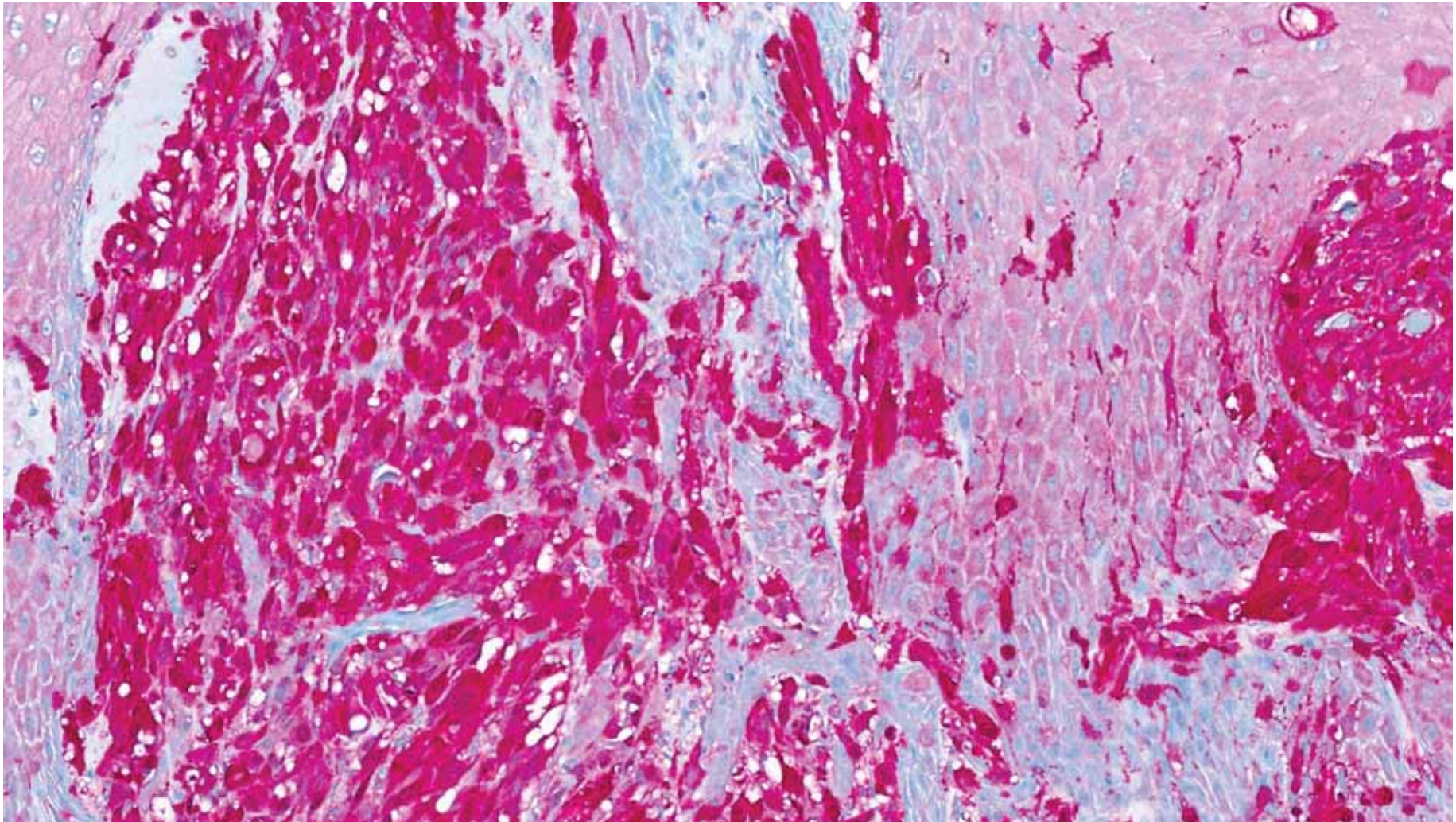
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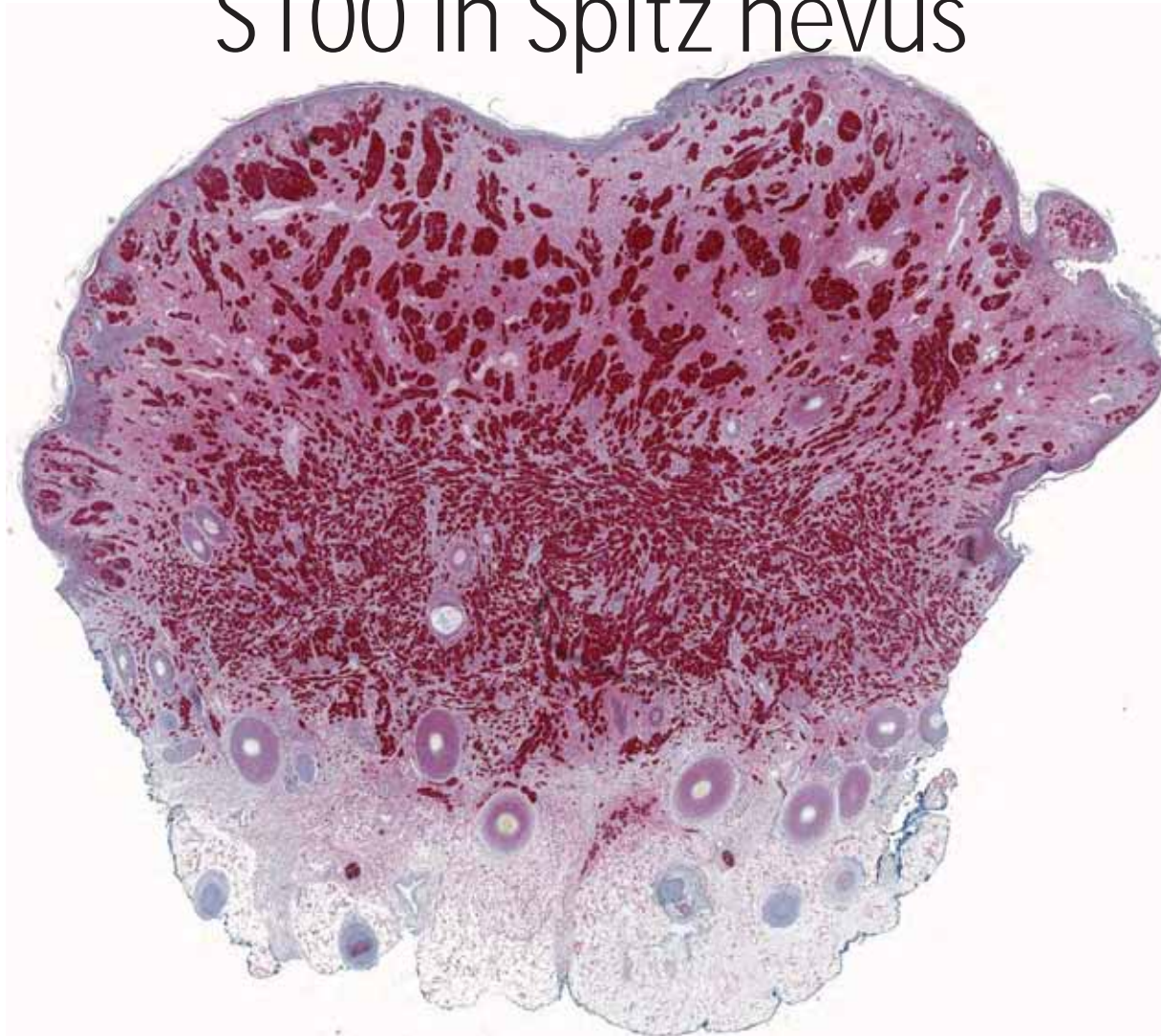
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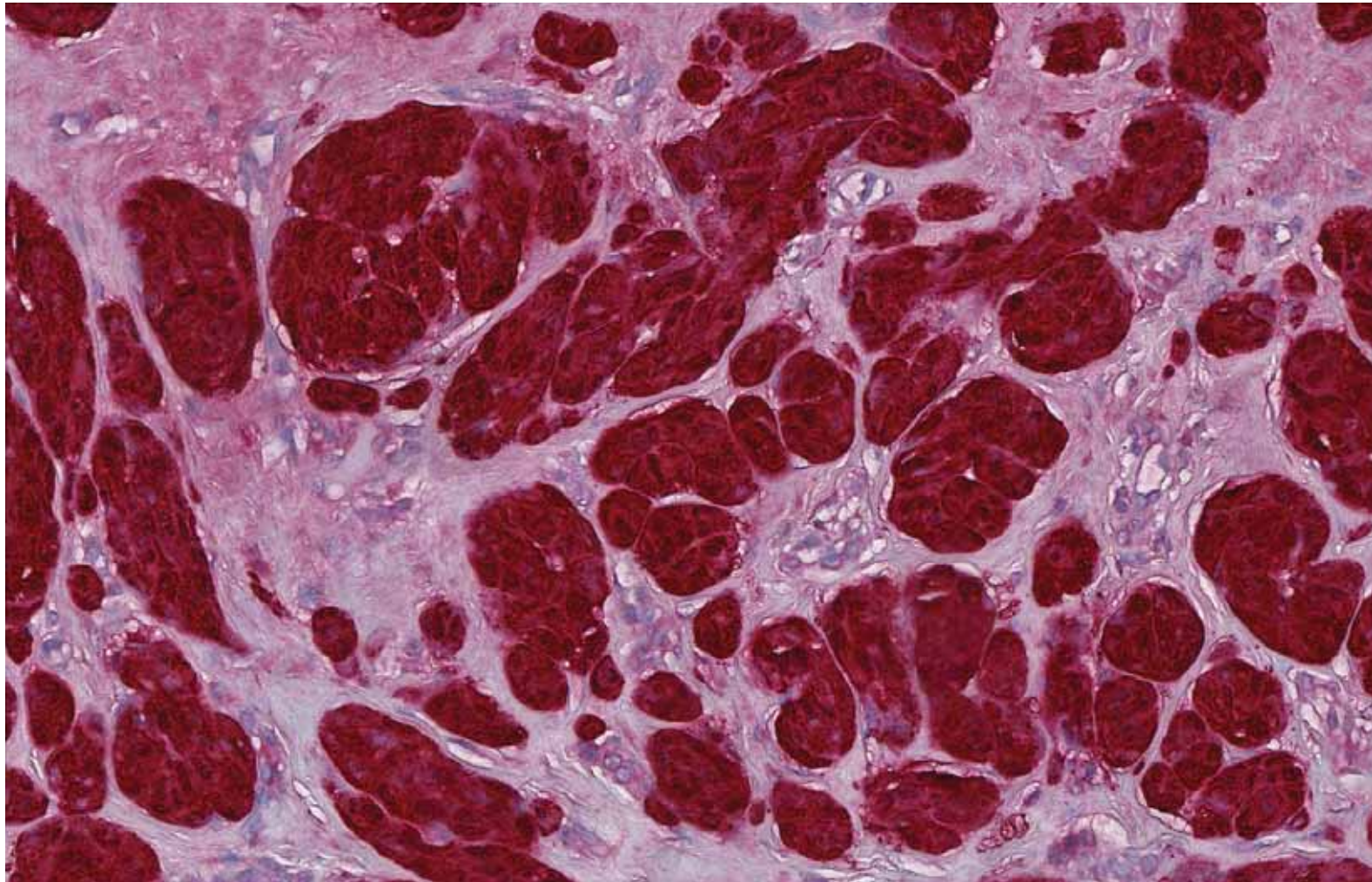
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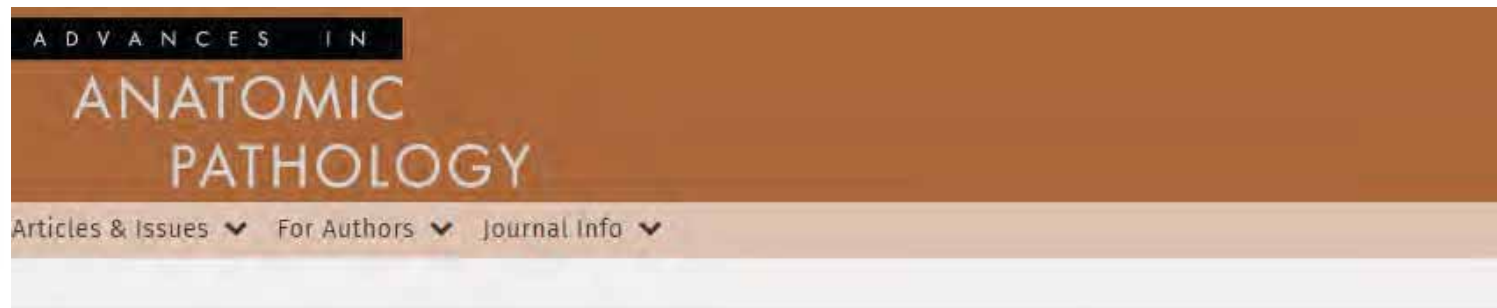
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# S100P is a screening tool for Blue nevi



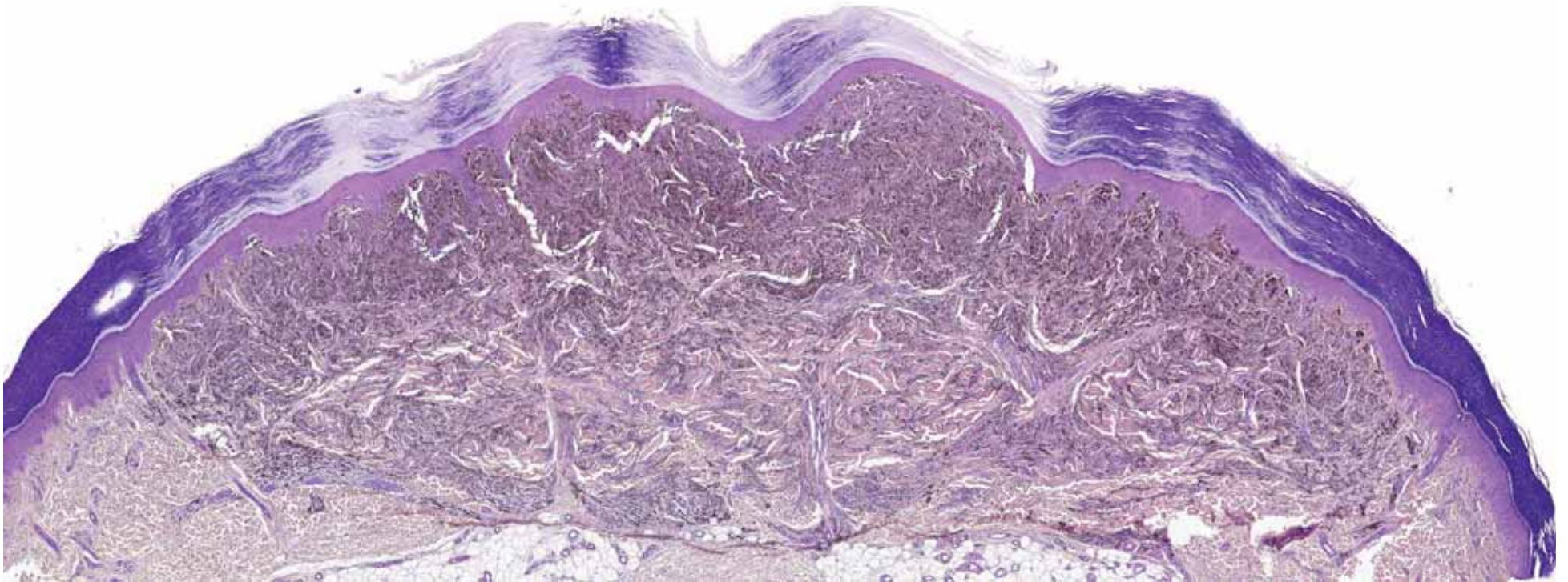
## NEWS IN BRIEF

### **S-100 protein negative blue nevi and cellular blue nevi: potential diagnostic pitfalls**

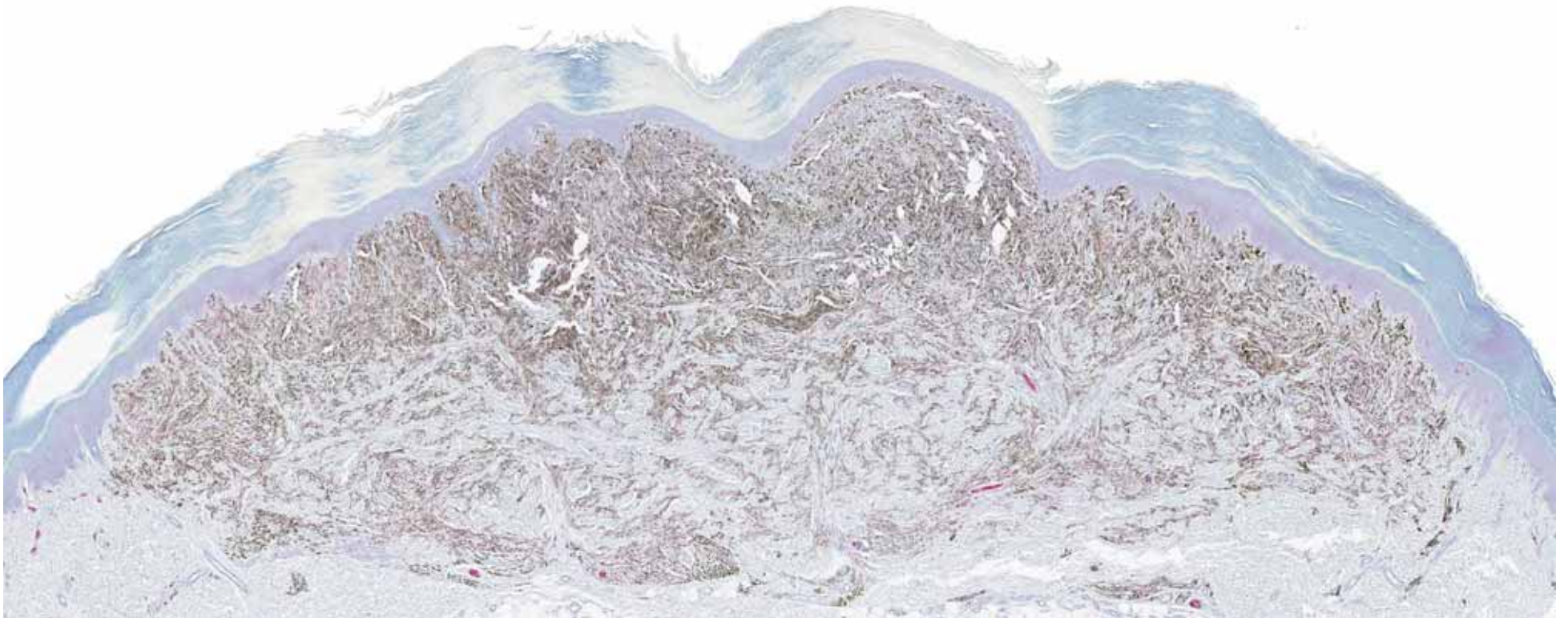
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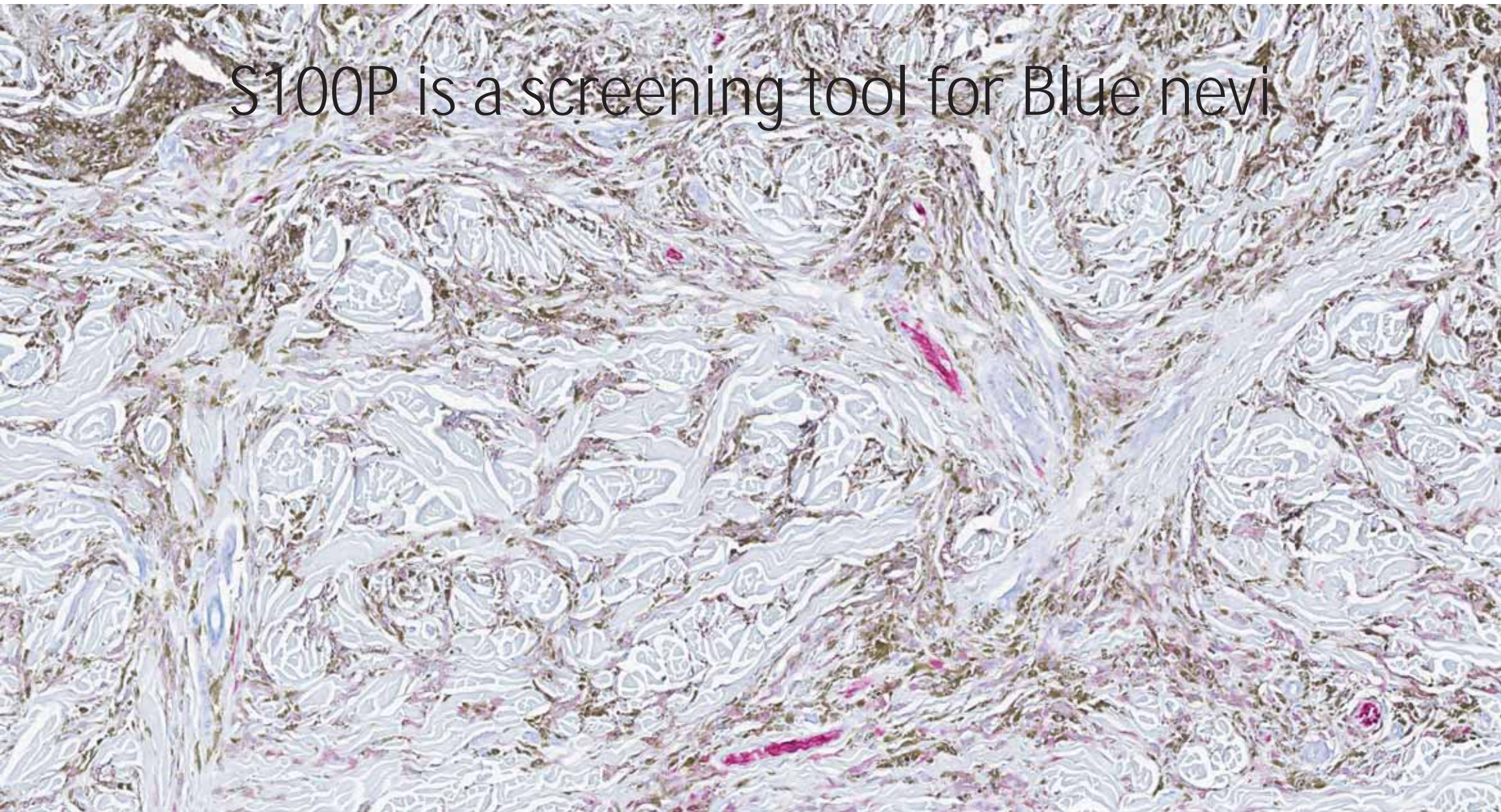
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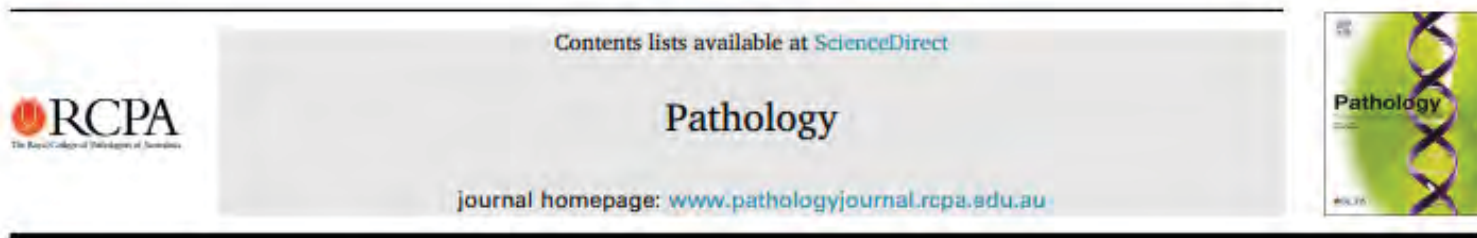
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## ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY

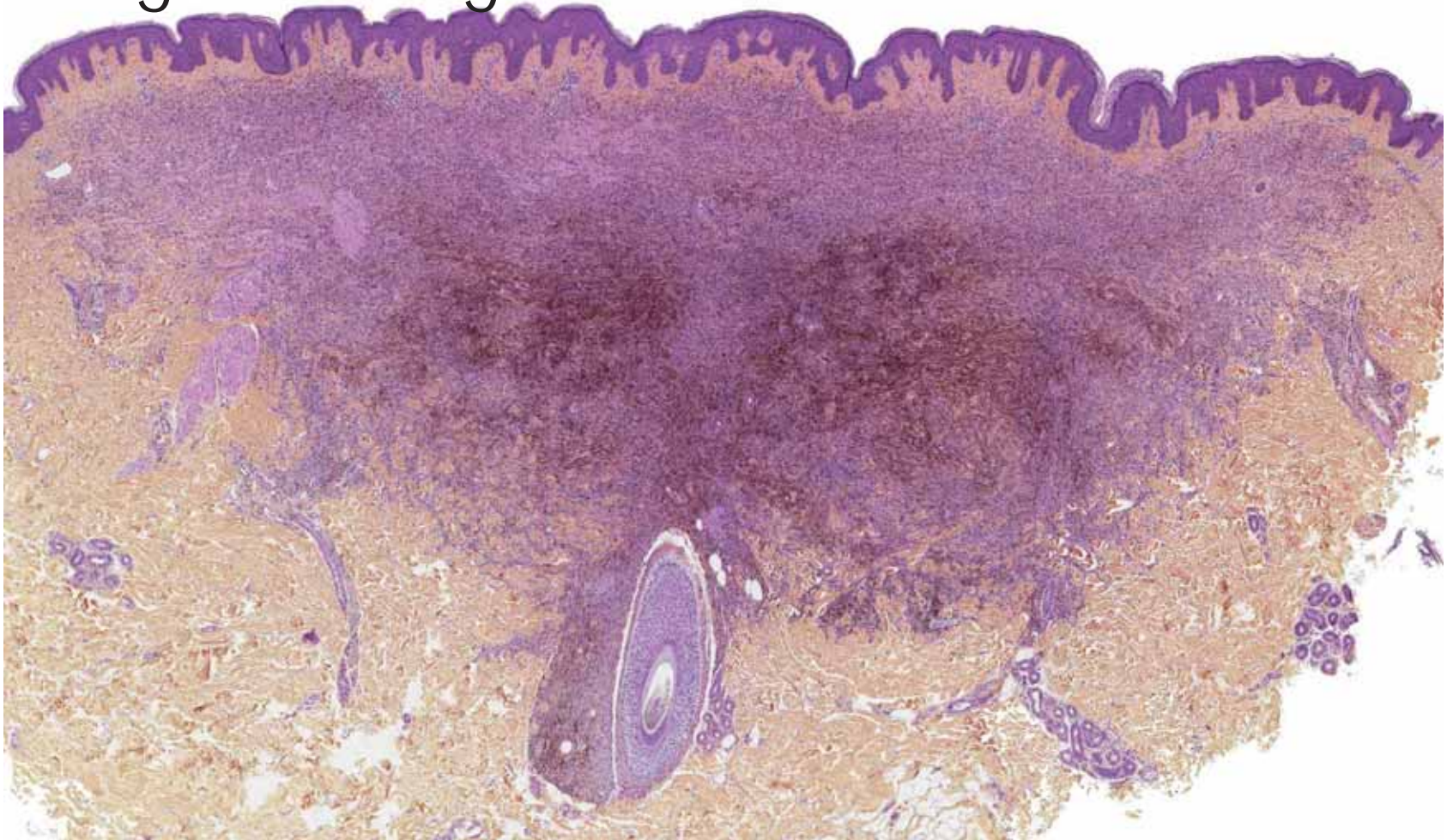
### S100 protein expression in PKC-fused blue naevi, cellular blue naevi and PRKAR1A-inactivated pigmented epithelioid melanocytomas

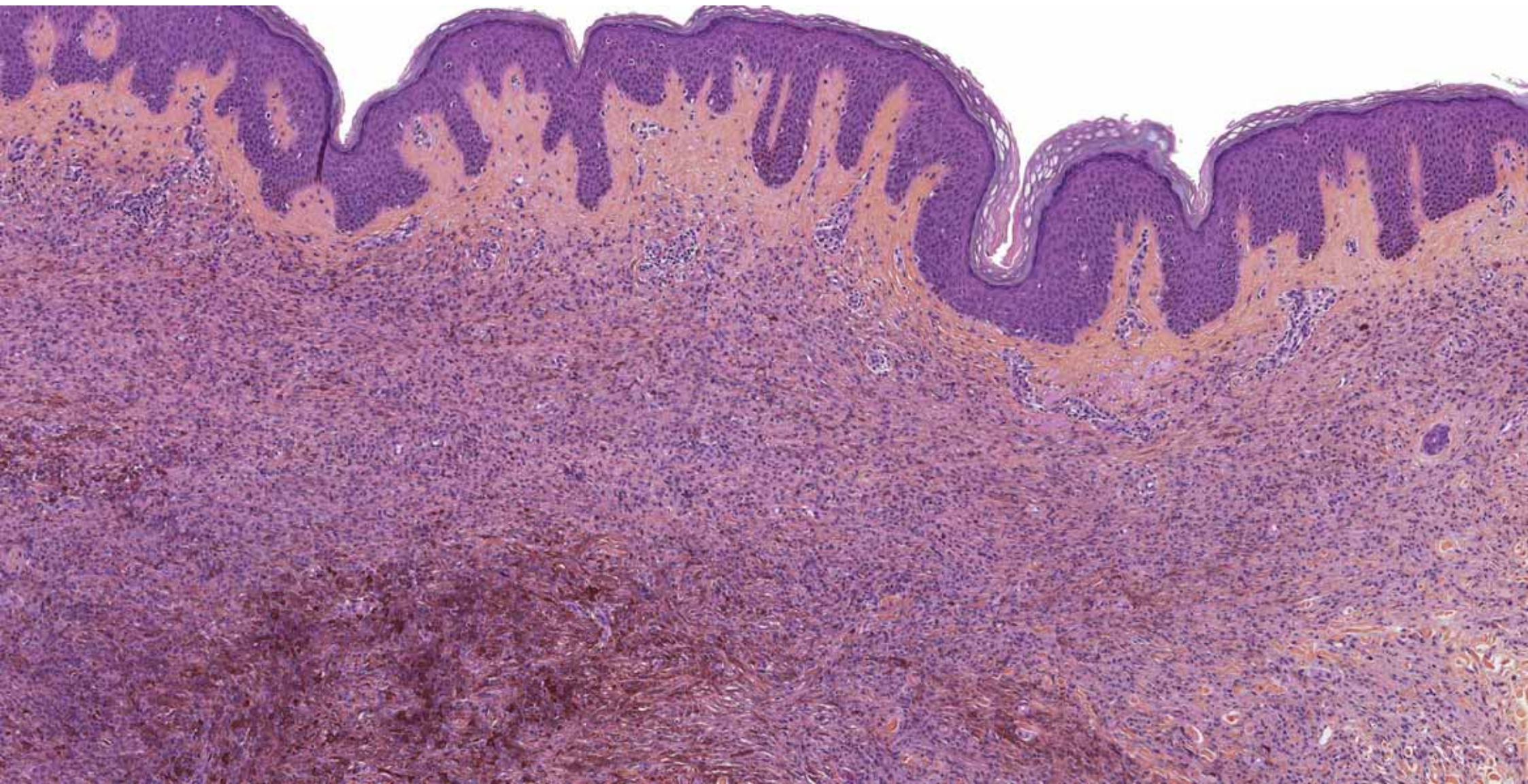
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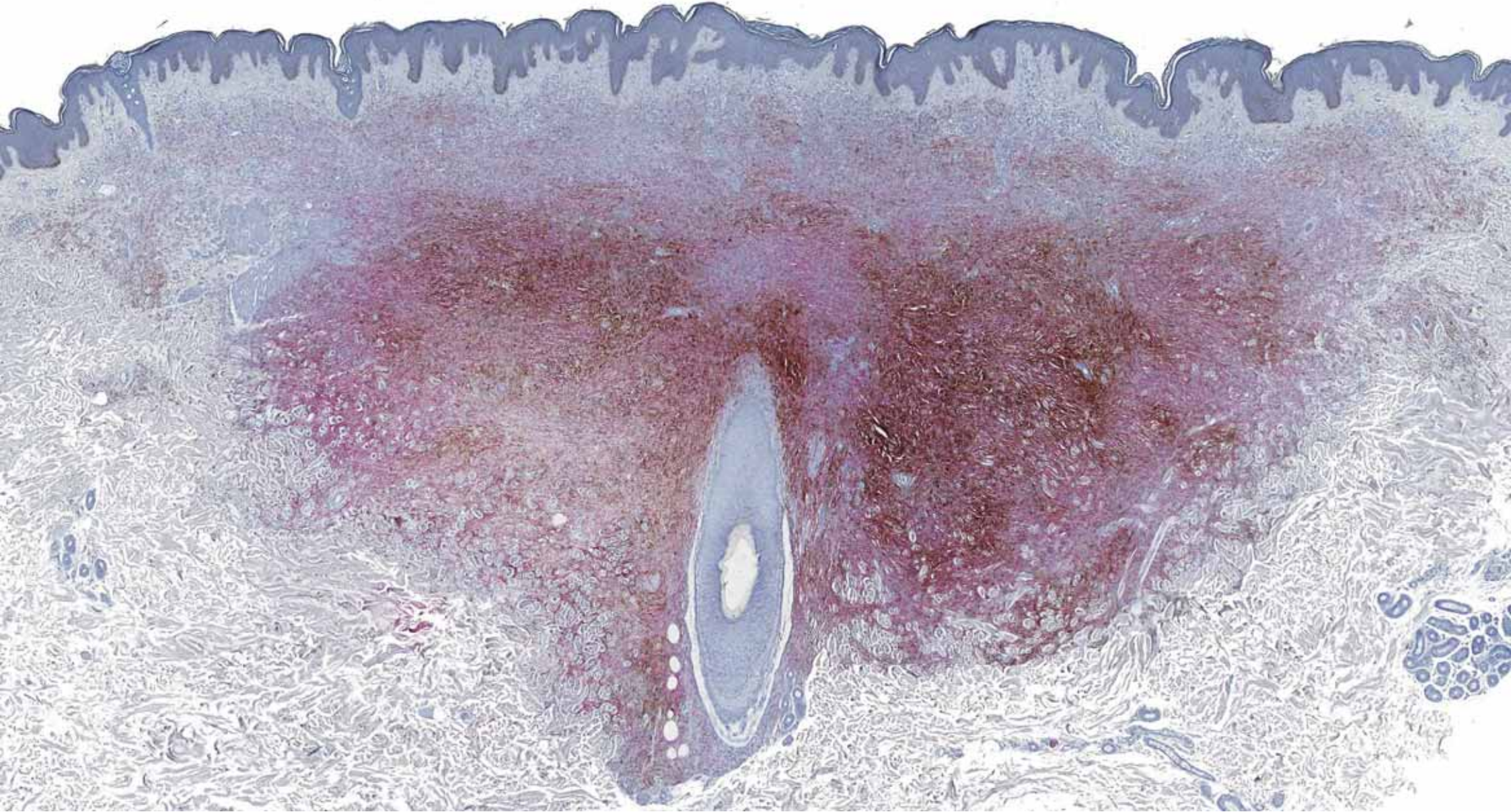
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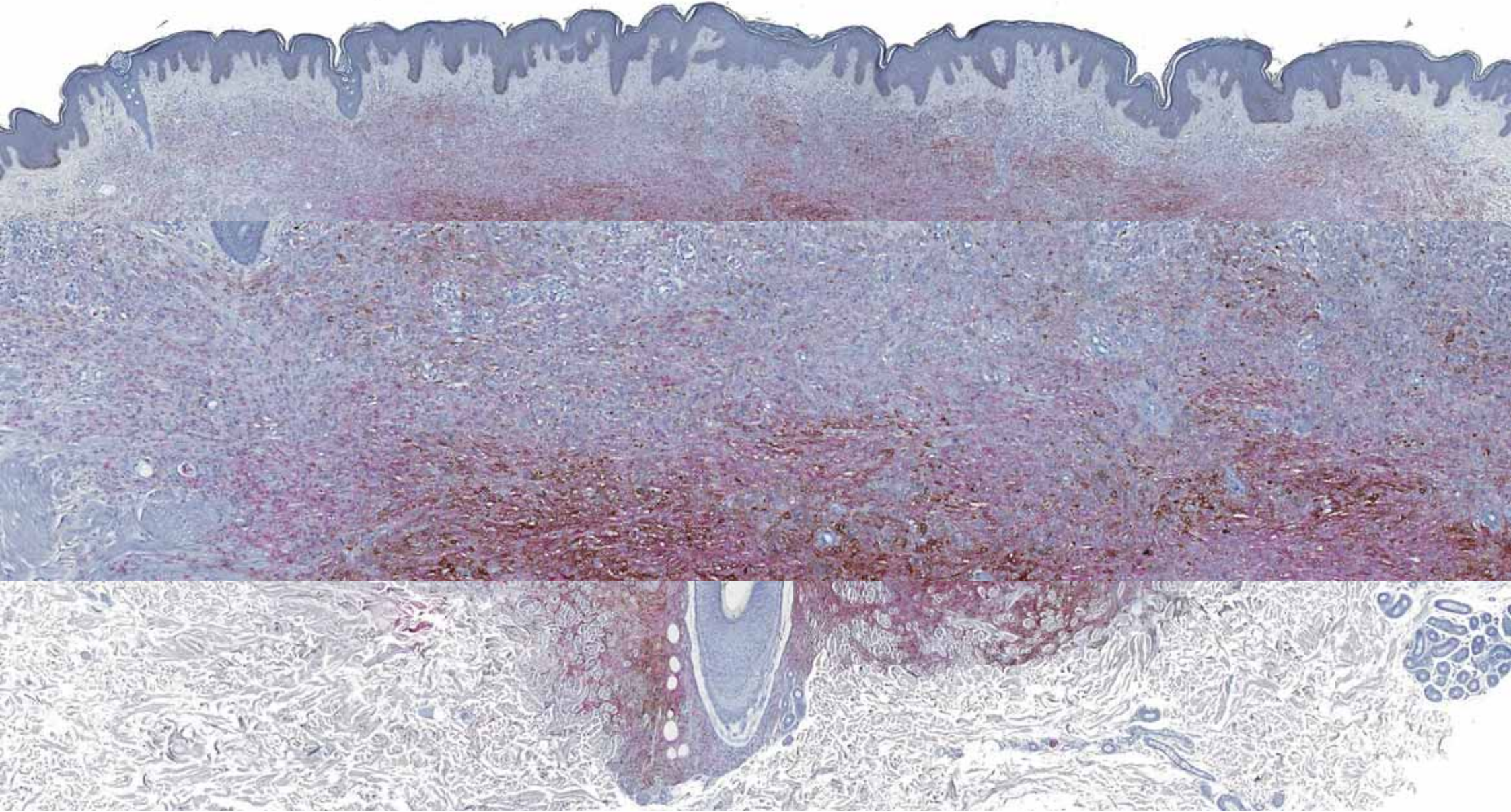
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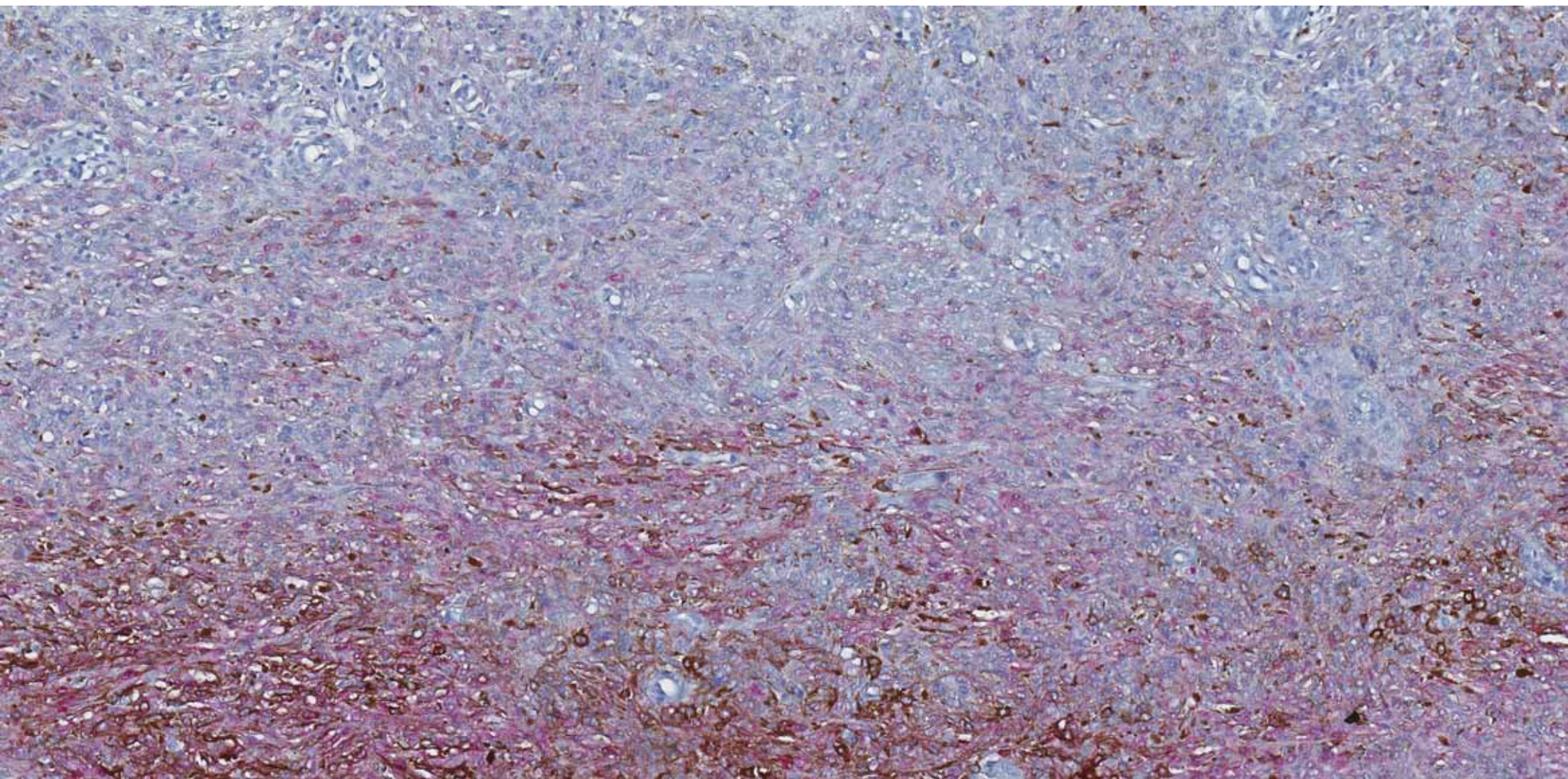
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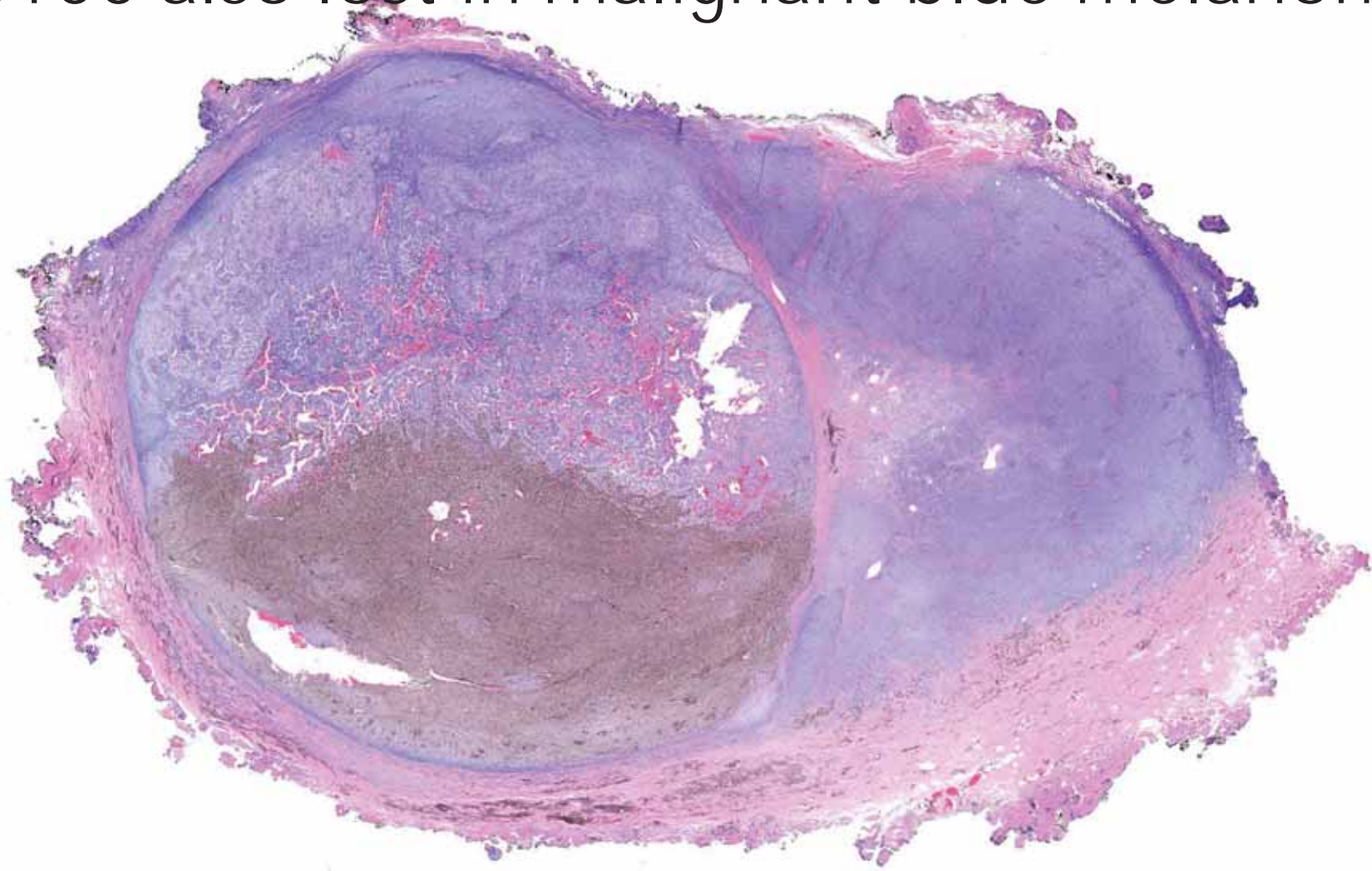




S100 is usually positive in invasive melanoma



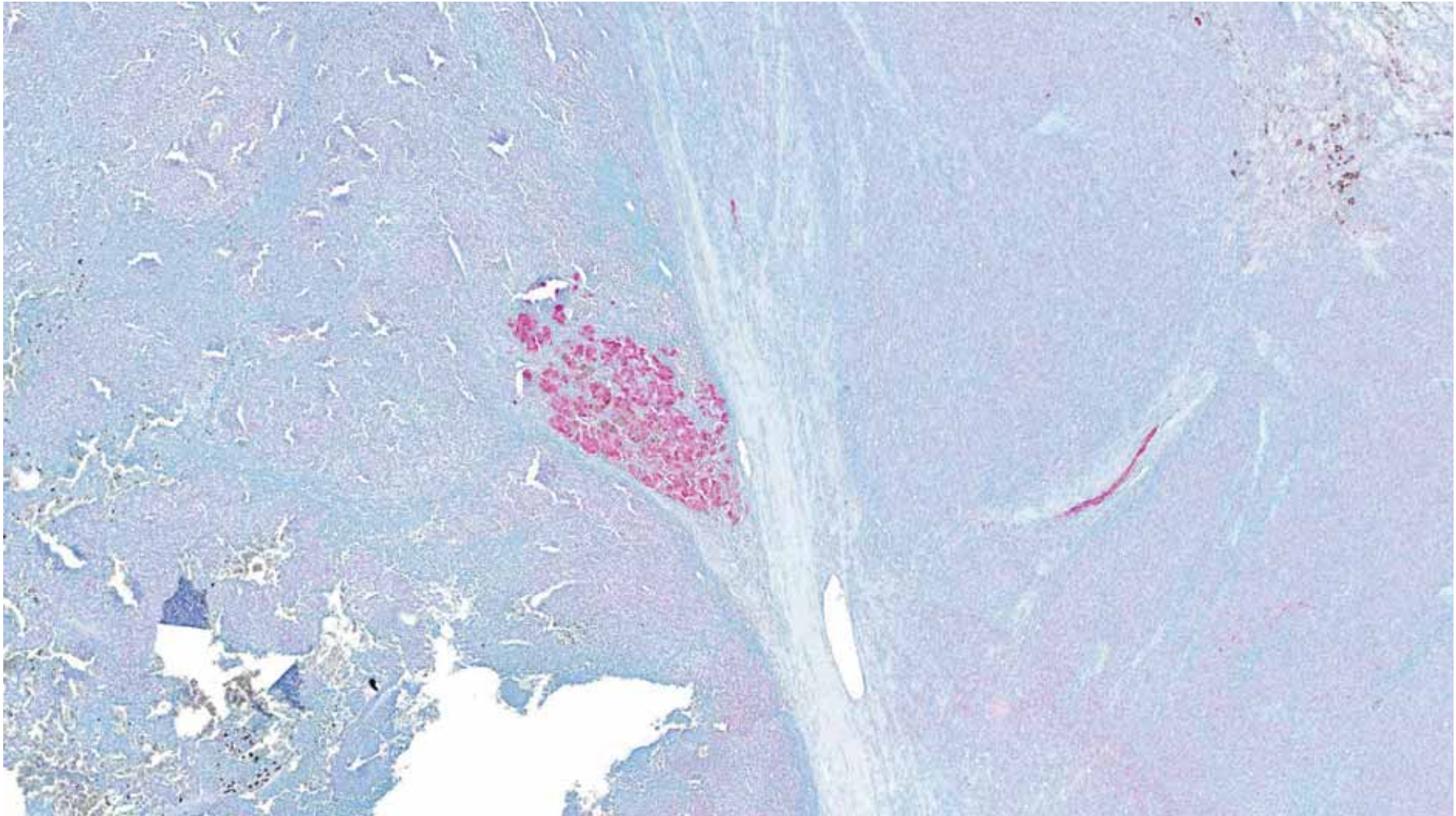
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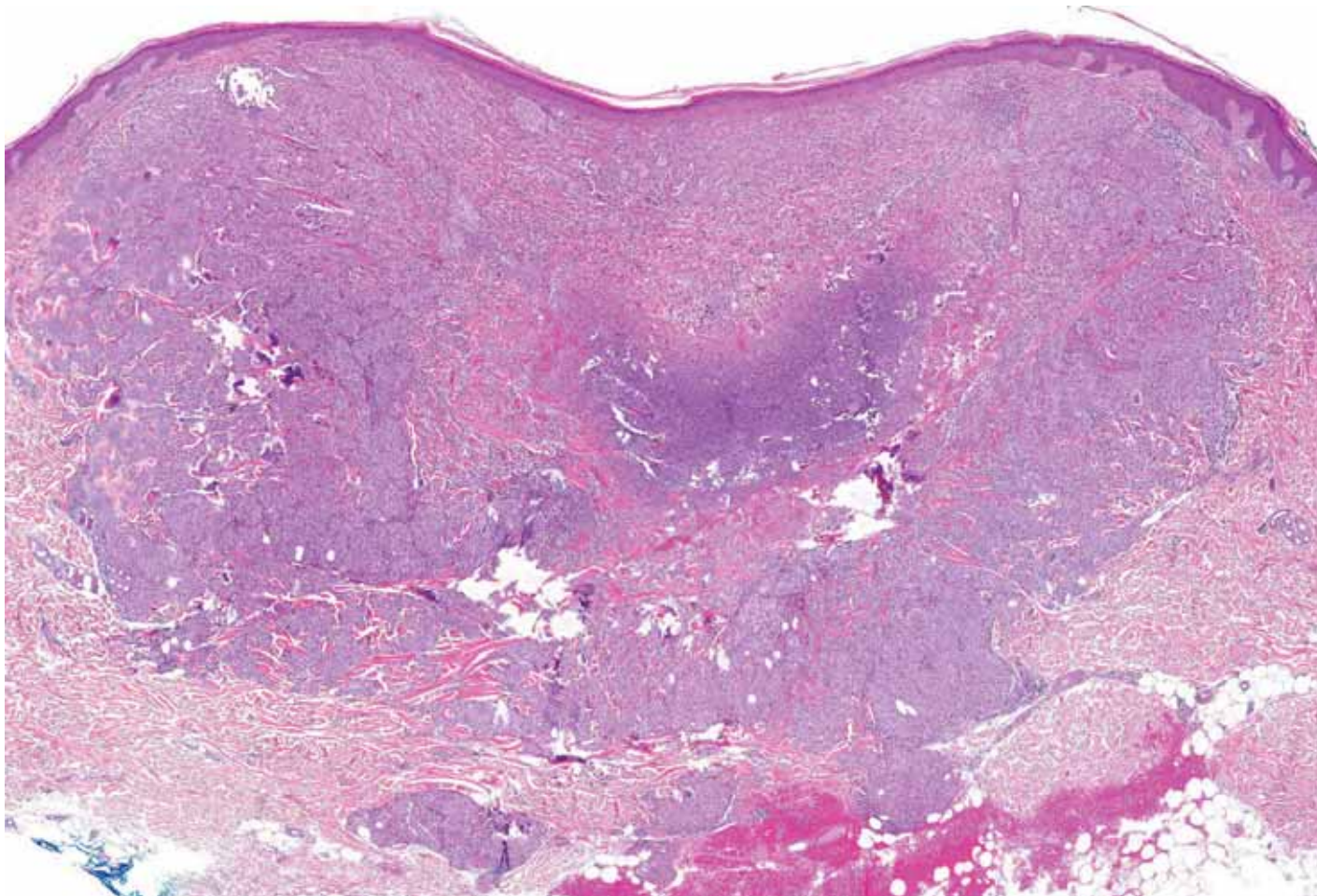
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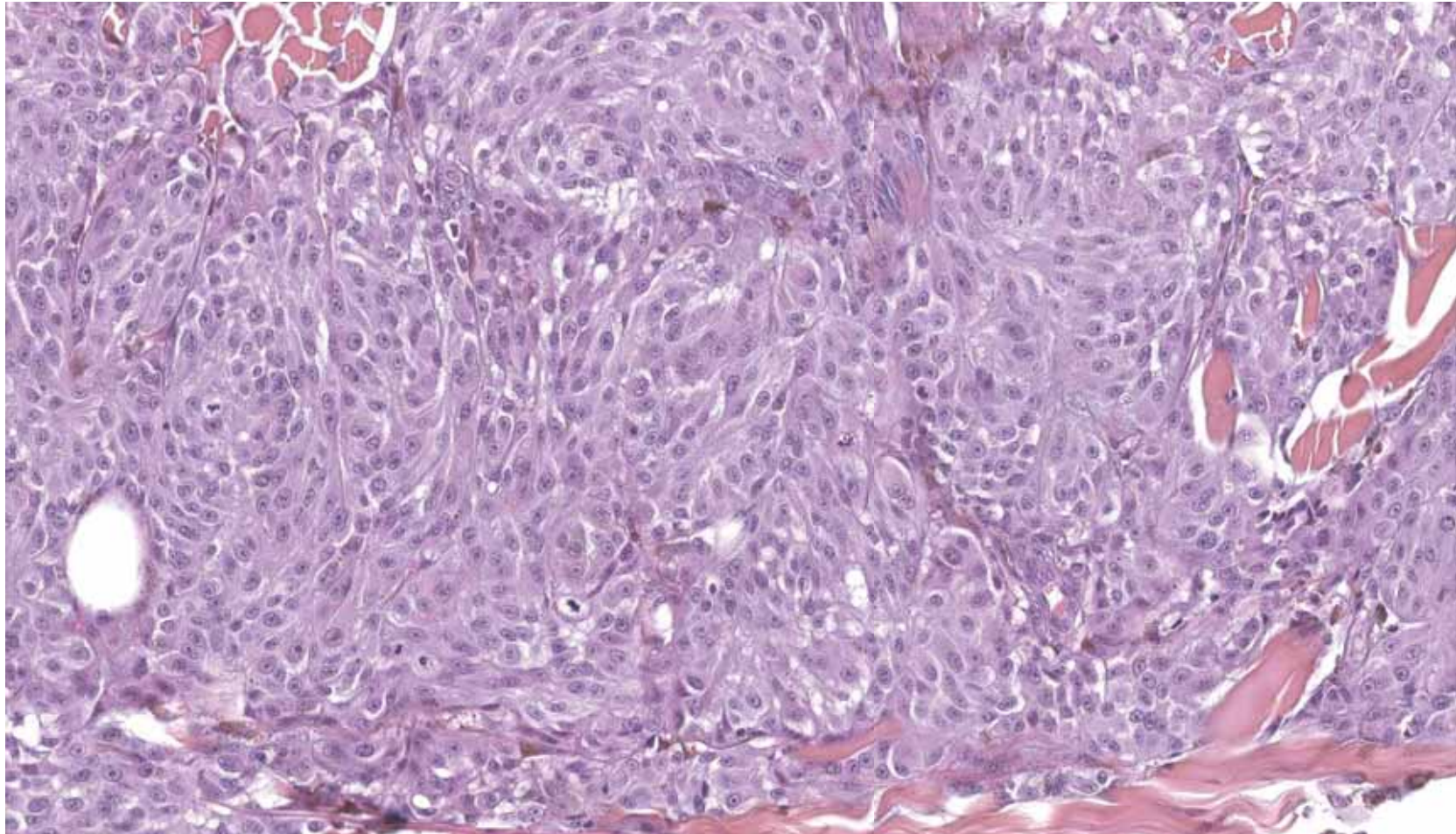
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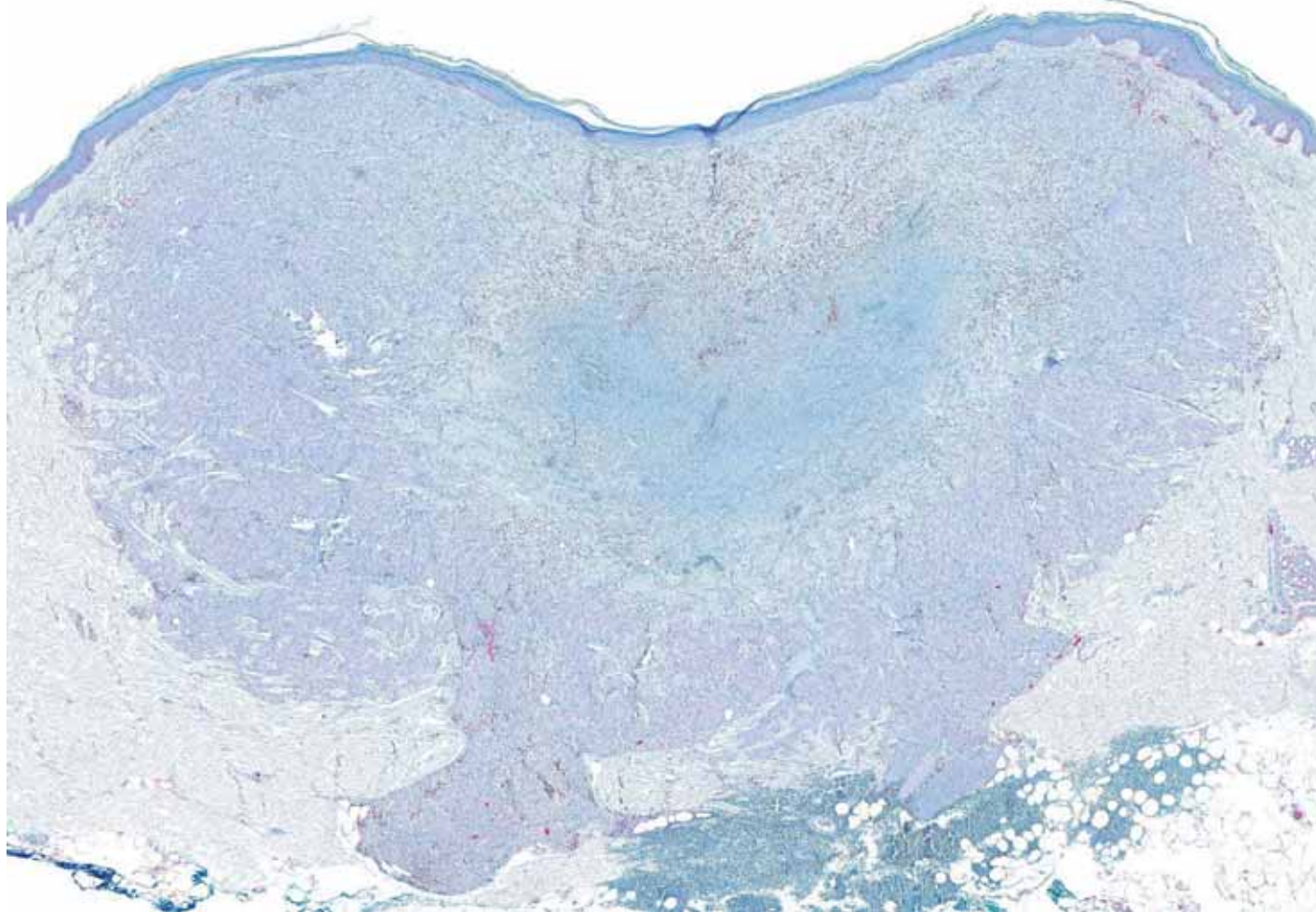
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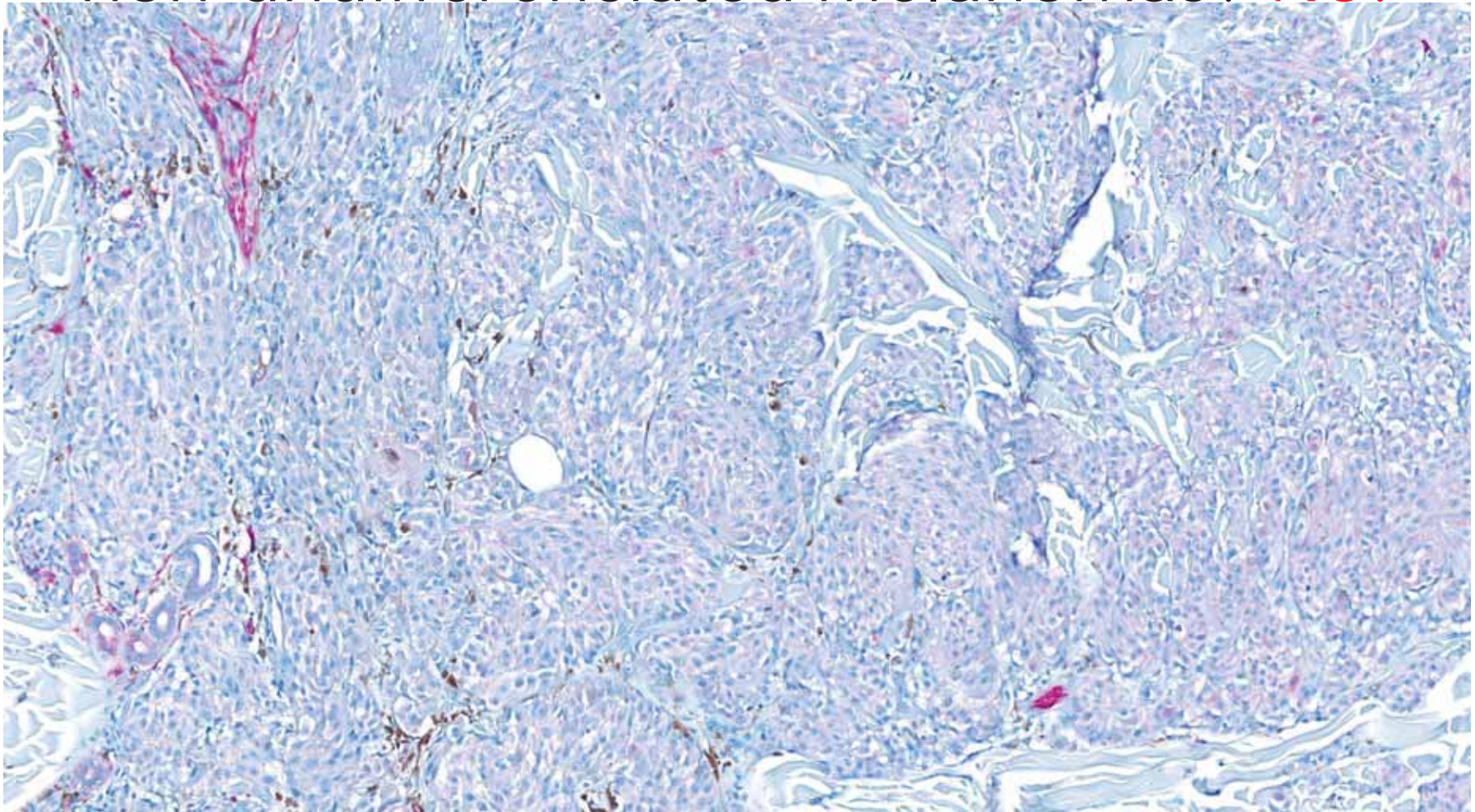
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Is S100 loss restricted to Blue melanomas in non-undifferentiated melanomas? **No!**



# S100P synoptic IHC expression chart

Common

Spitz

Blue

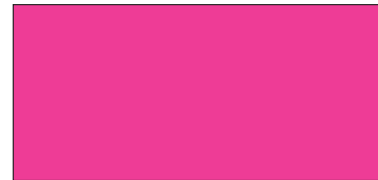
Congenital nevus/ mosaicism



Low-grade melanocytoma



High-grade melanocytoma



Melanoma

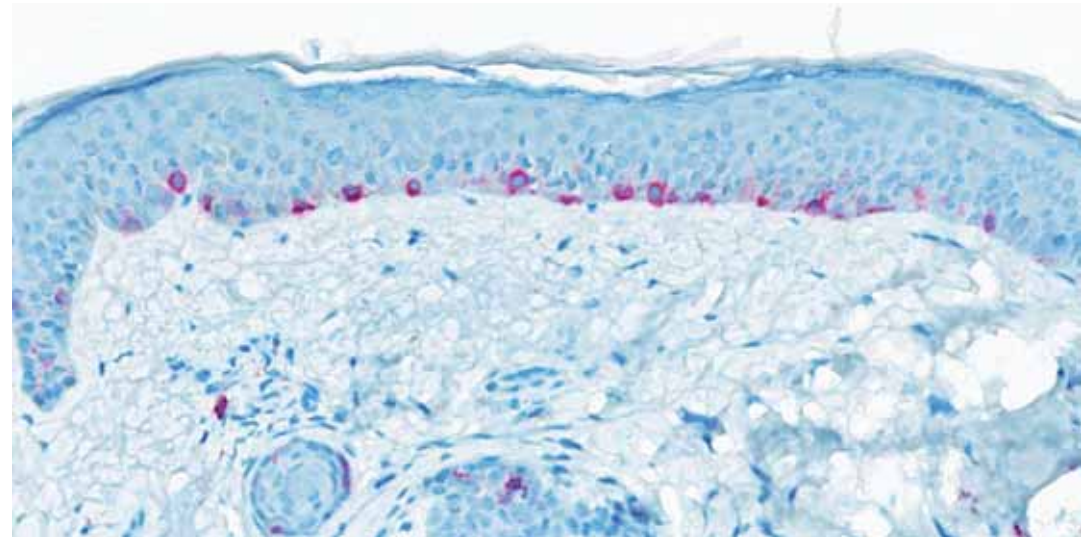


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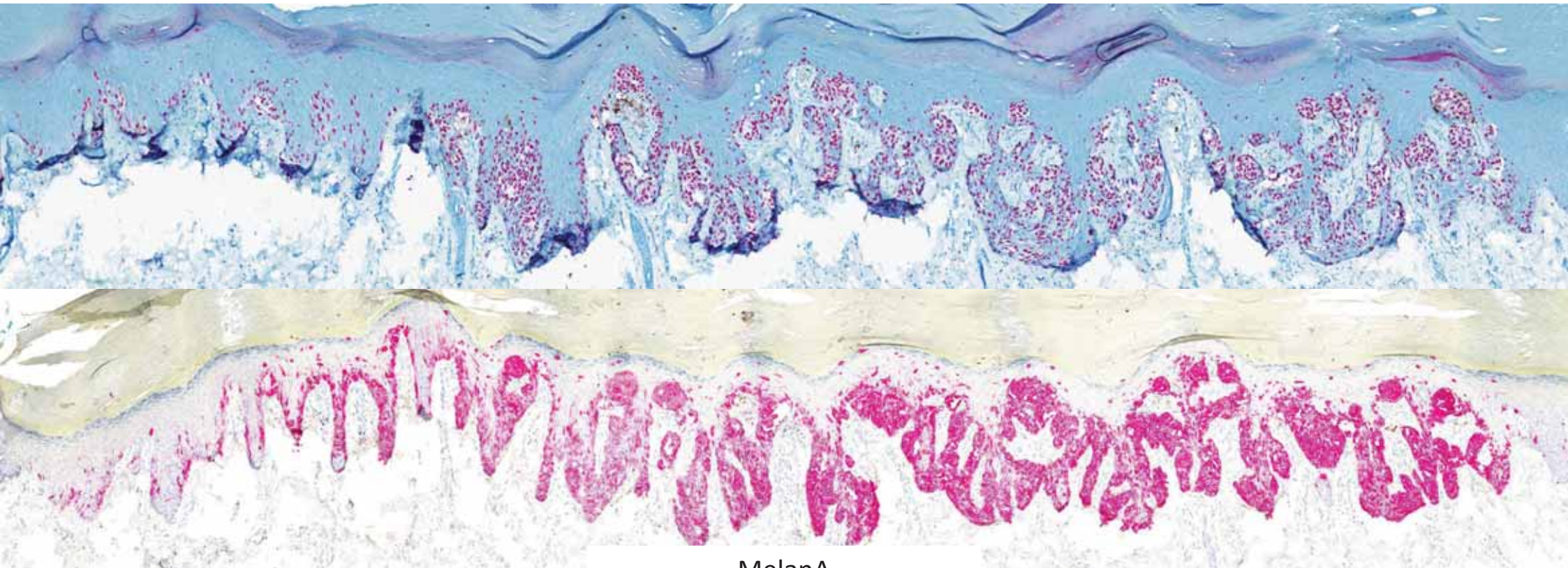
## Help visualize melanocyte distribution



- Normal unit of melanisation
- Assessing melanocytic distribution



# Sox10 is diffusely positive in melanocytic tumors Acral Lentiginous Melanoma

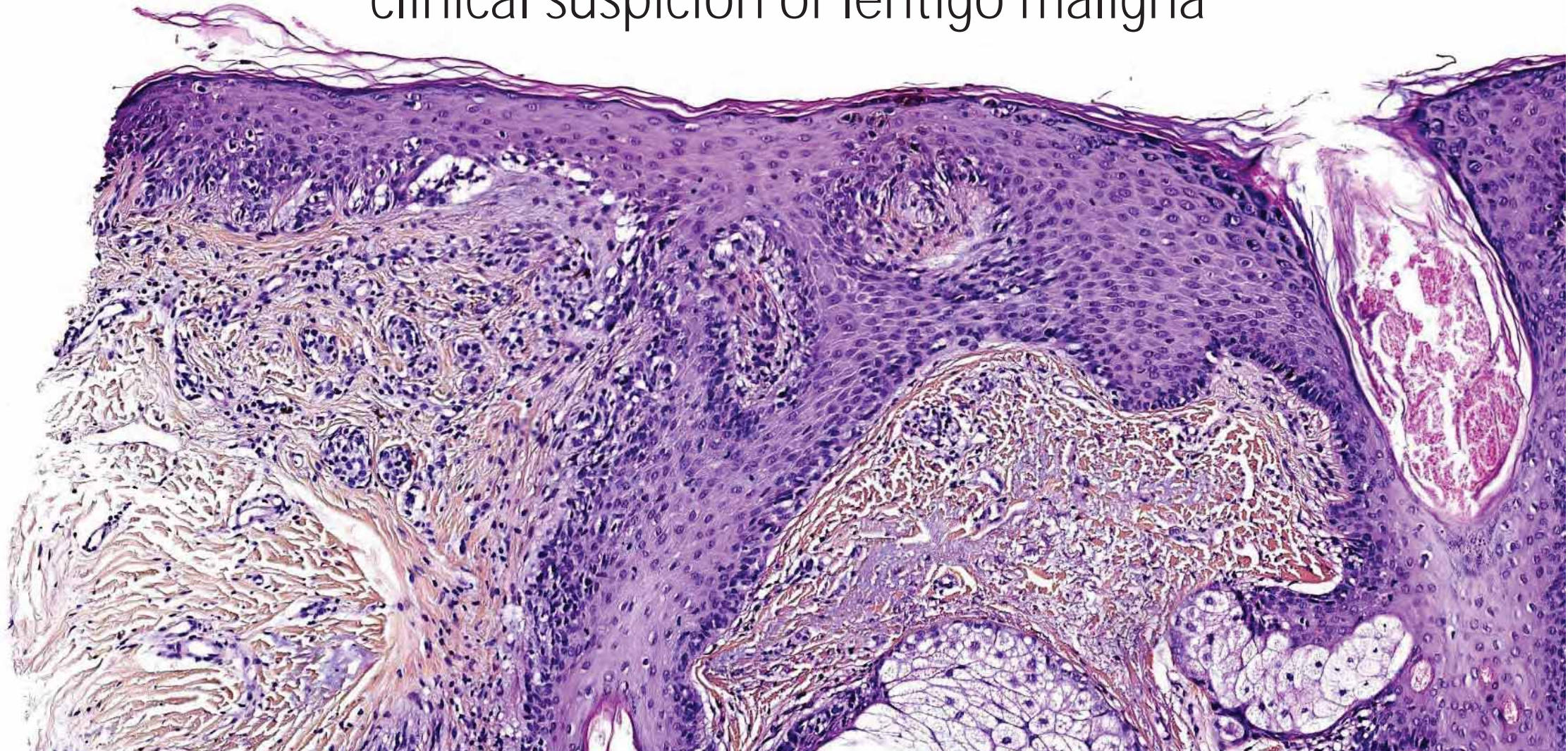


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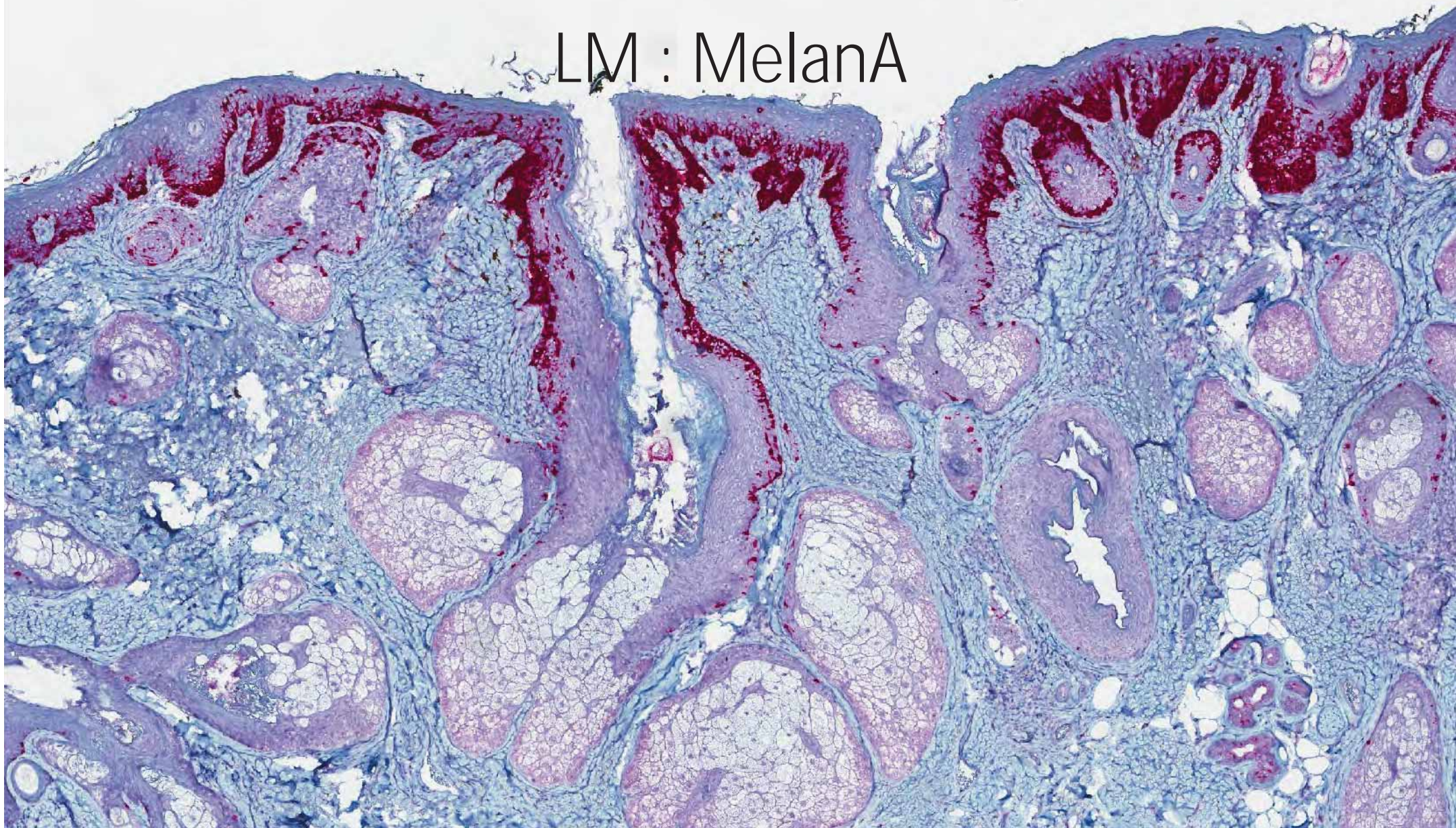
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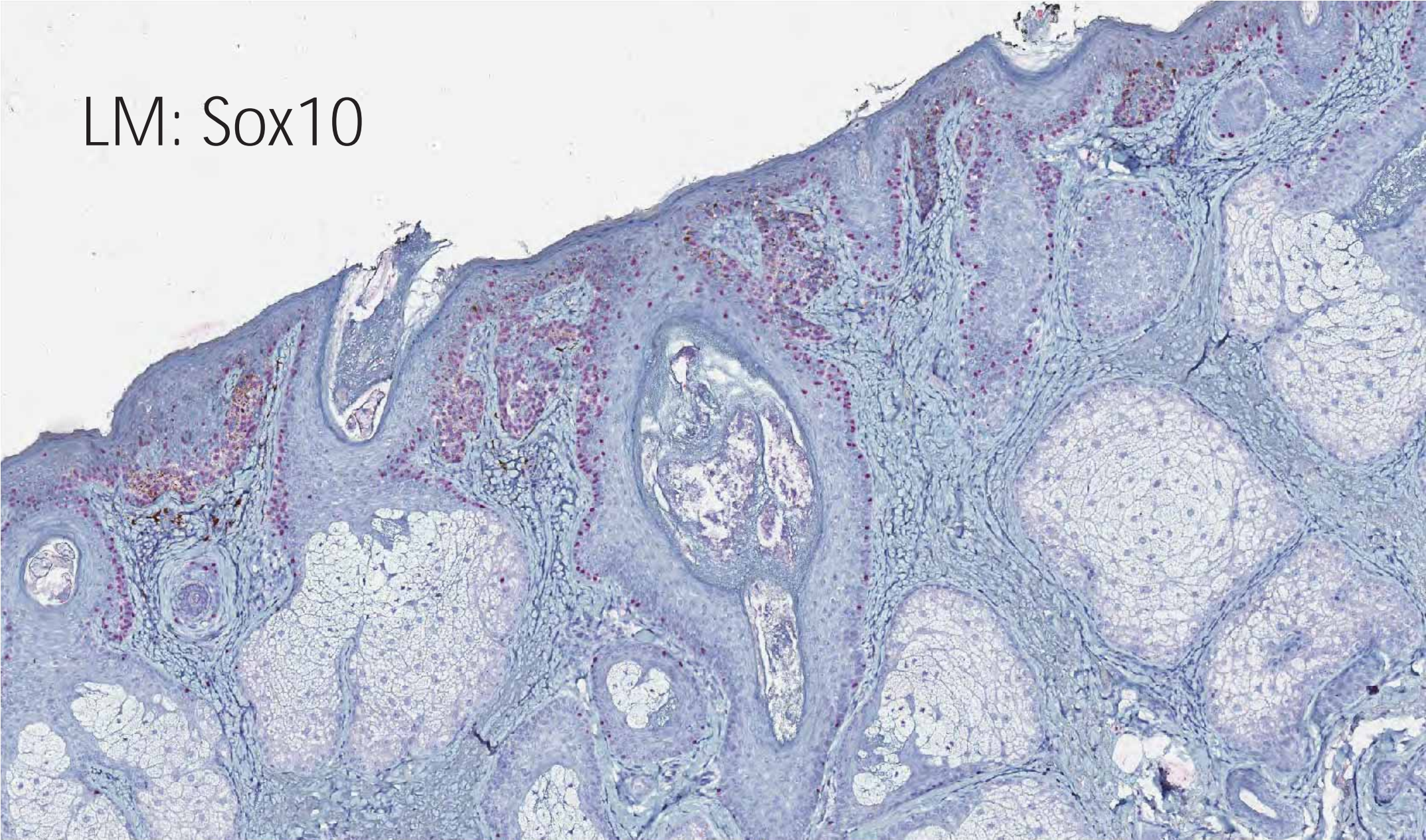
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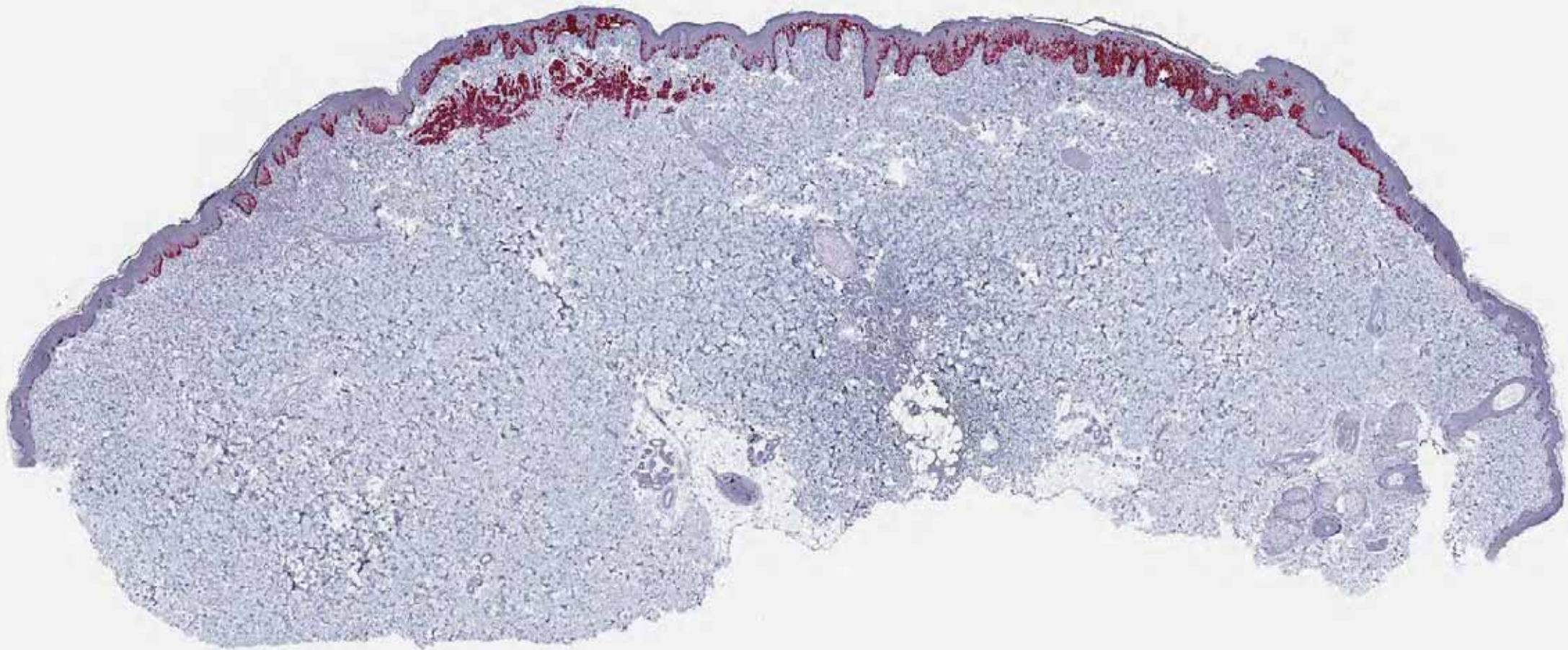
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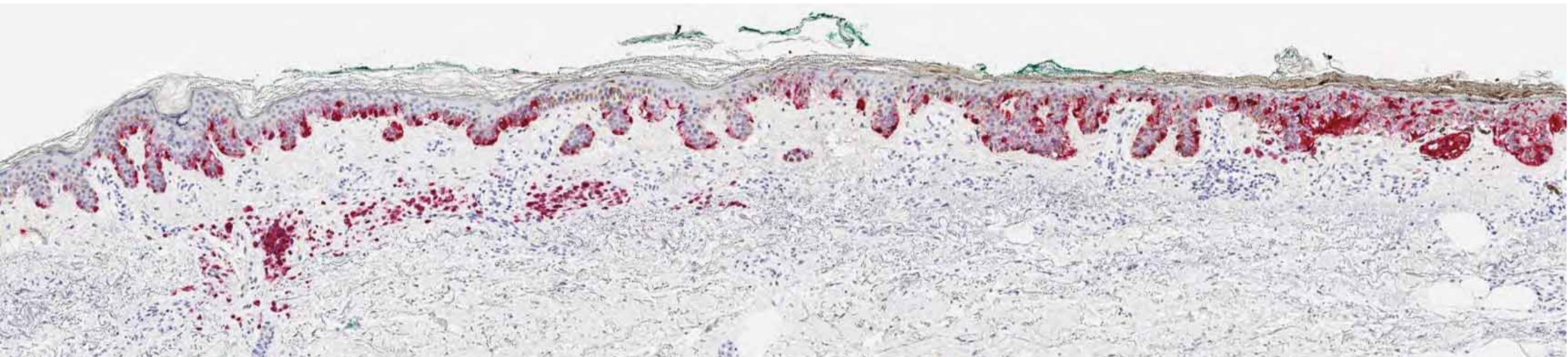
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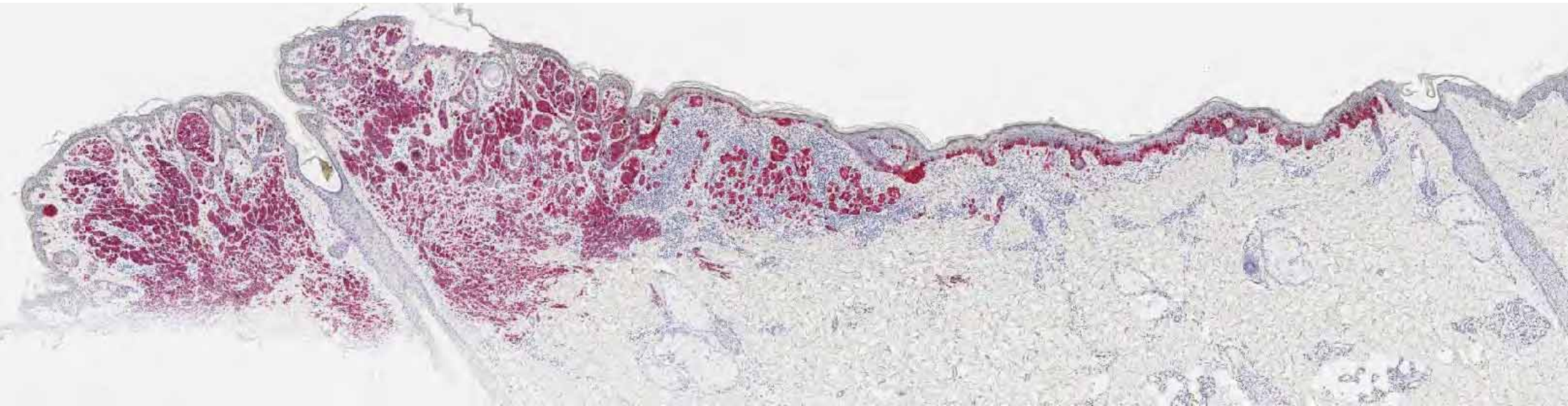
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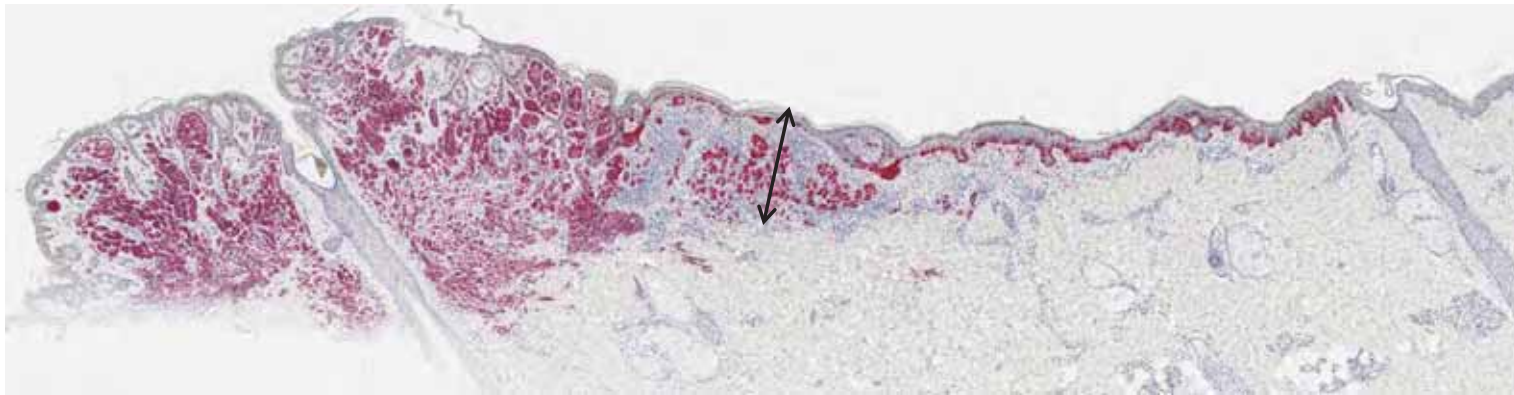


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# Asymmetric melanocytic distribution

Breslow assessment

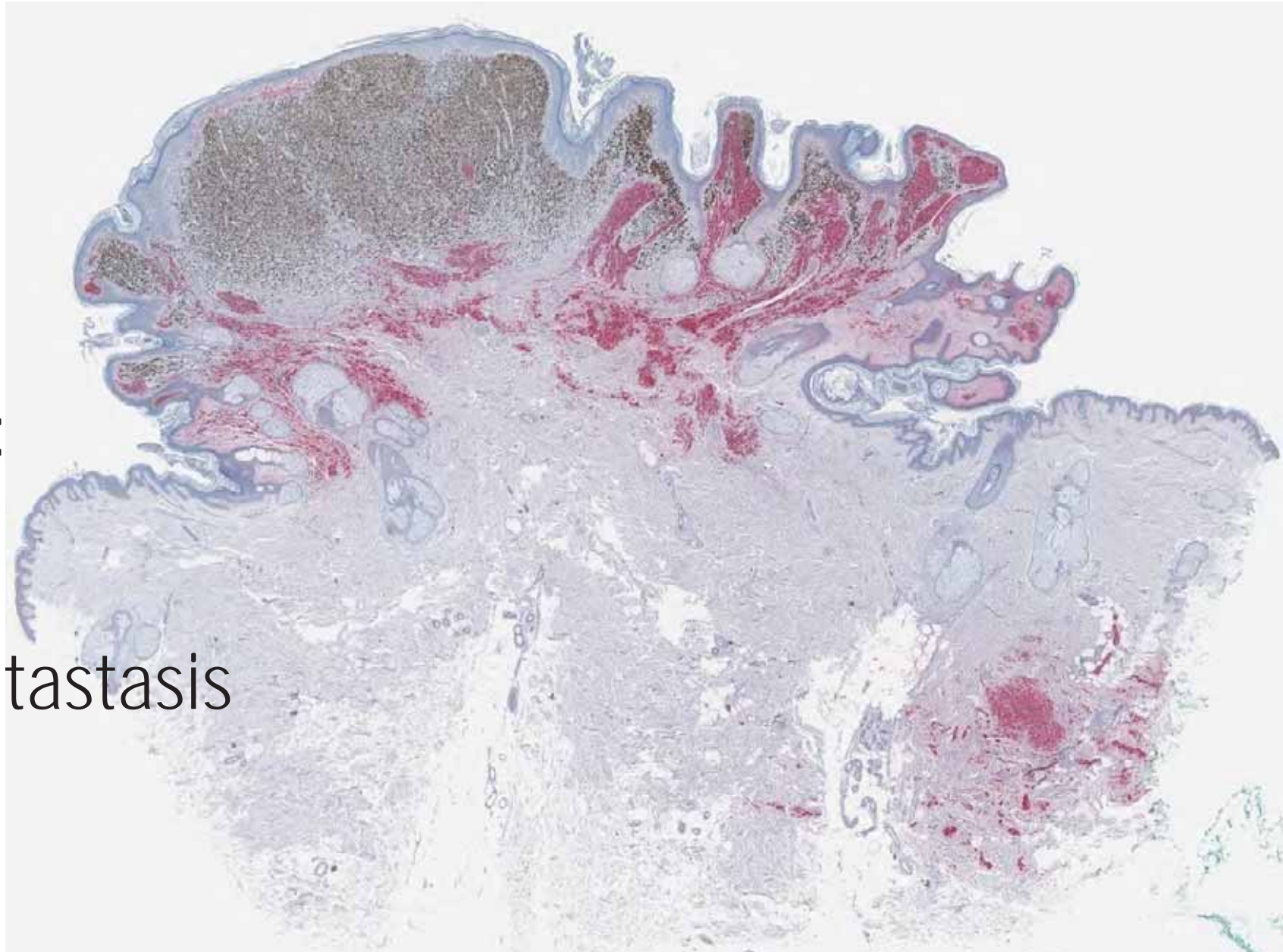


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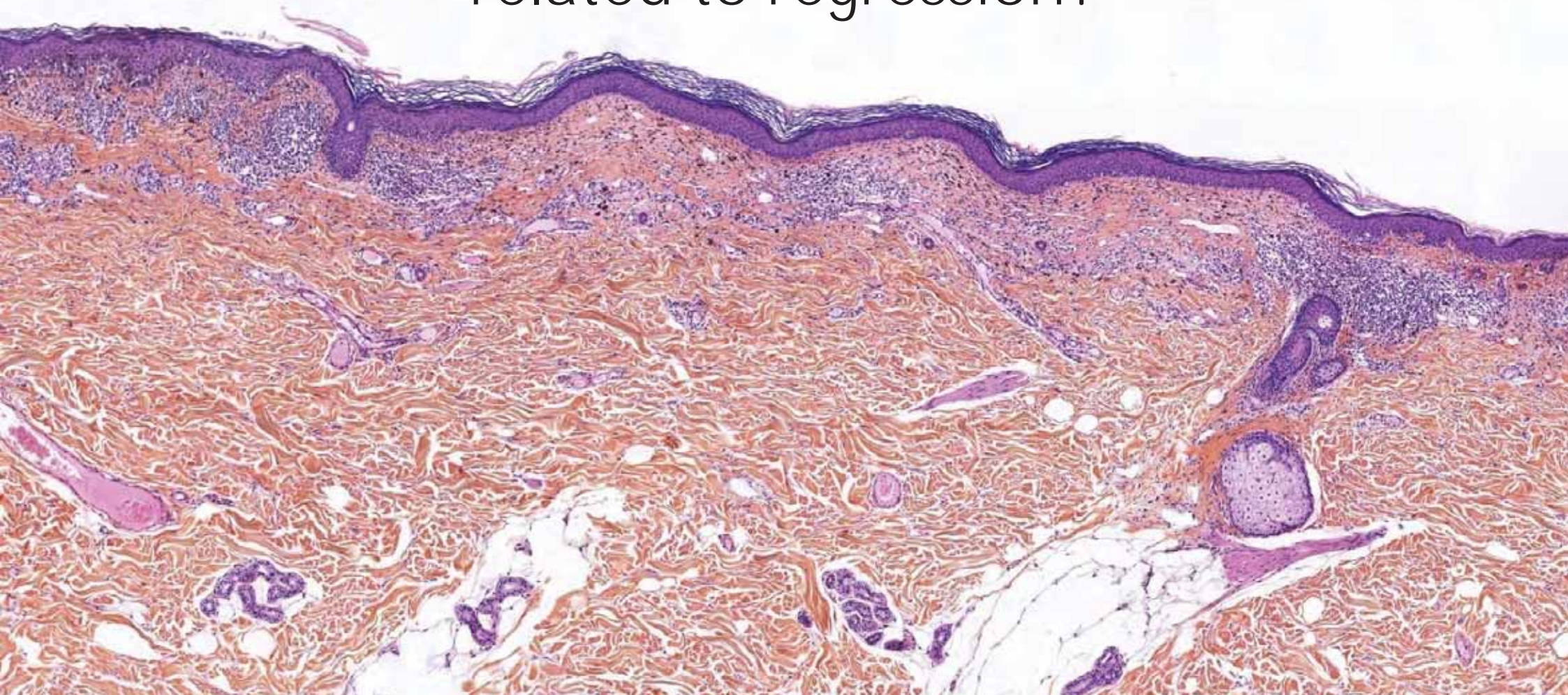
Melanoma  
ex-nevus

Melan-A  
highlighting:

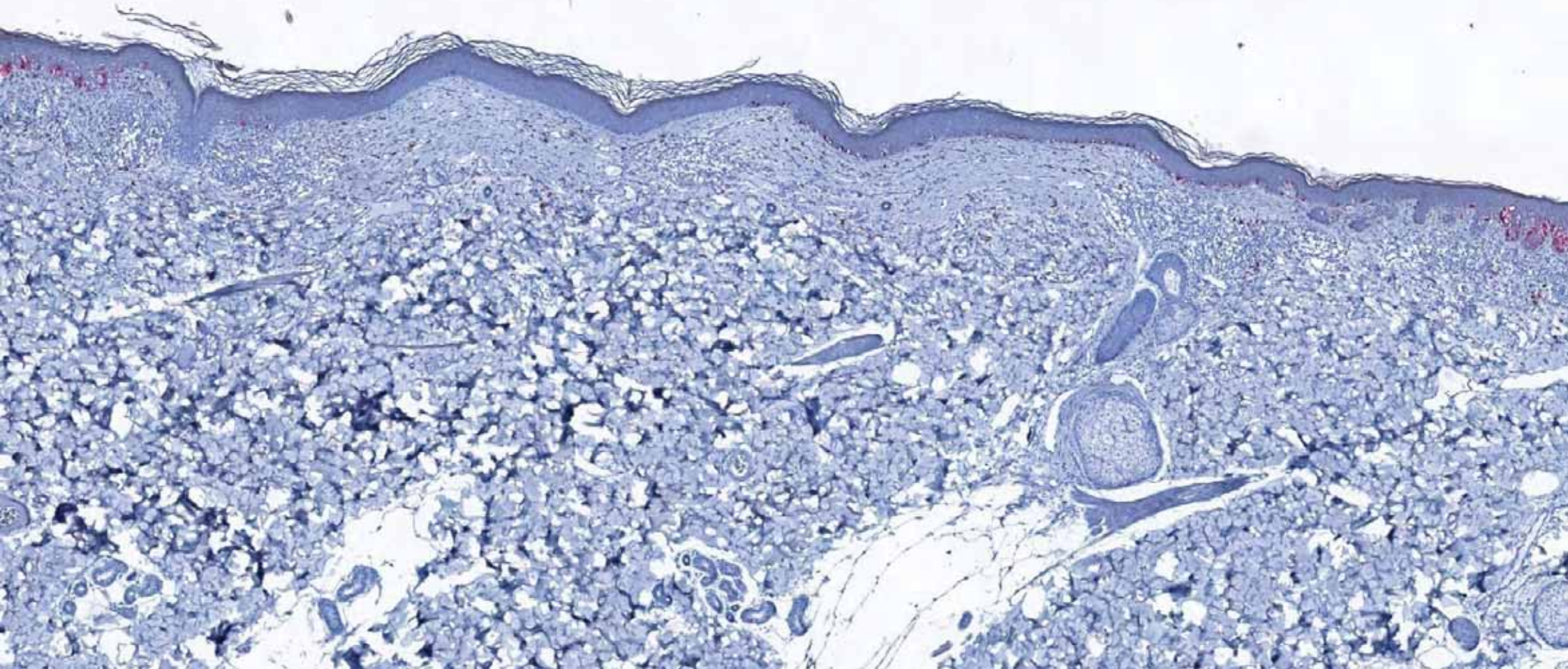
- Regression
- Distant metastasis



Junctional interruption  
related to regression?



Junctional interruption  
related to regression? MelanA



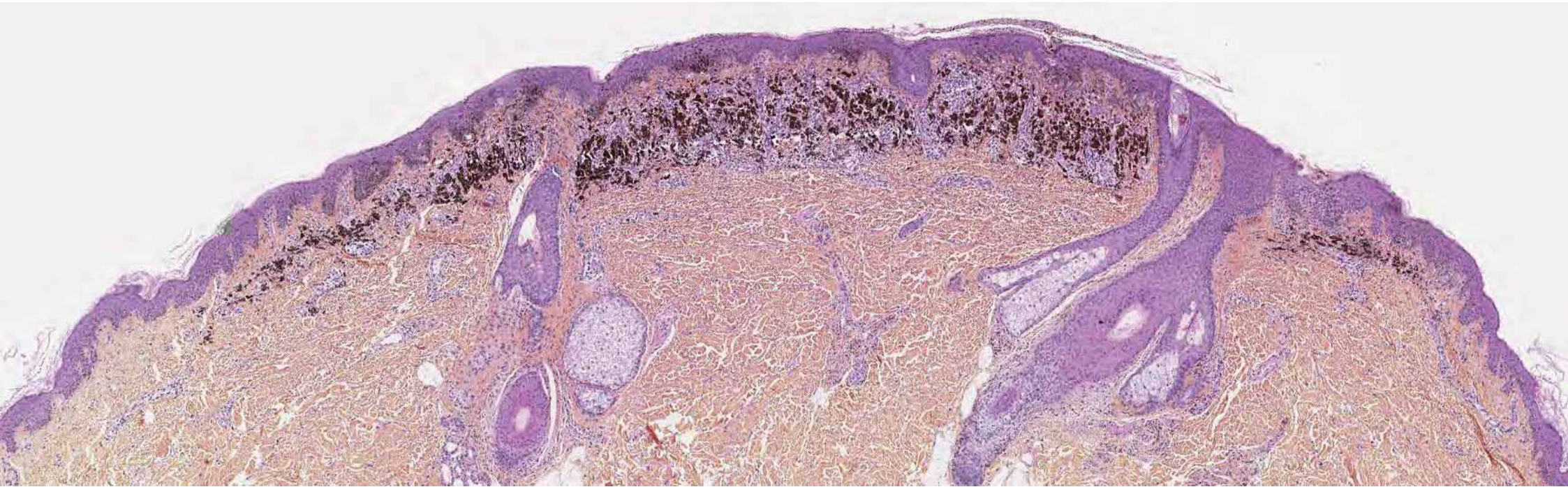
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## Help visualize melanocyte distribution

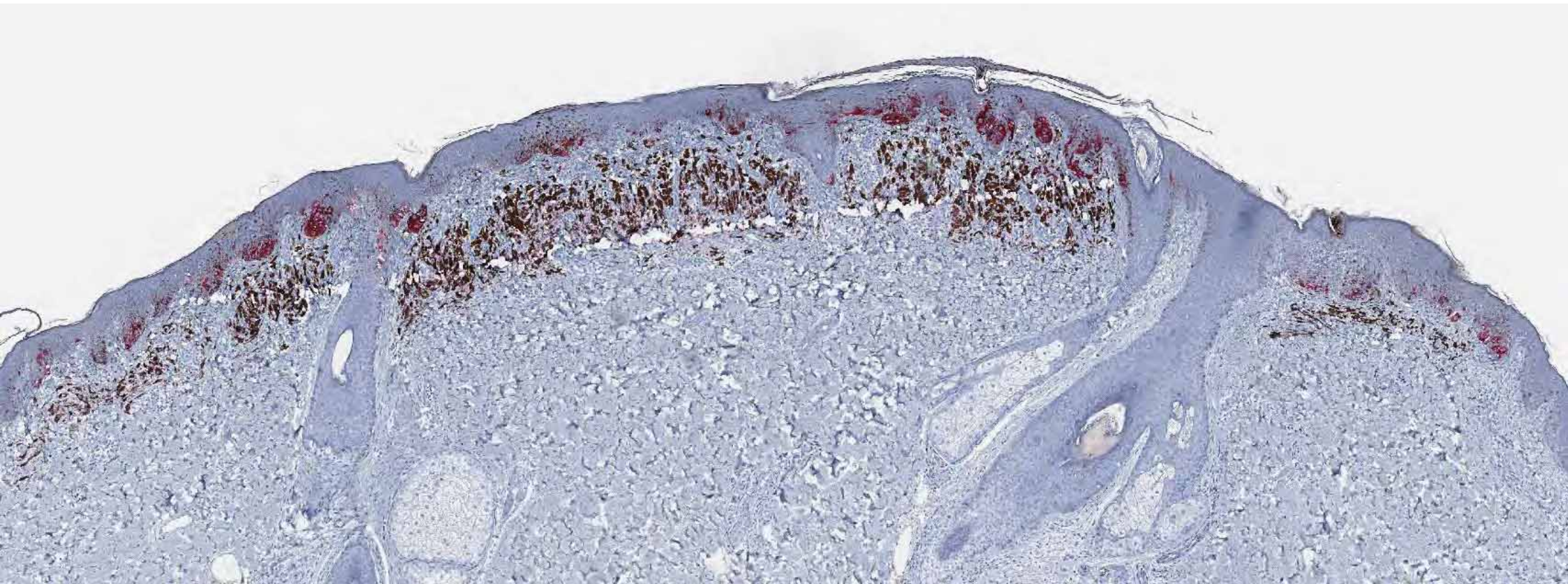


- Normal unit of melanisation
- Assessing melanocytic distribution
- **Heavily pigmented tumours**

# Hyperpigmented lesion : density assessment

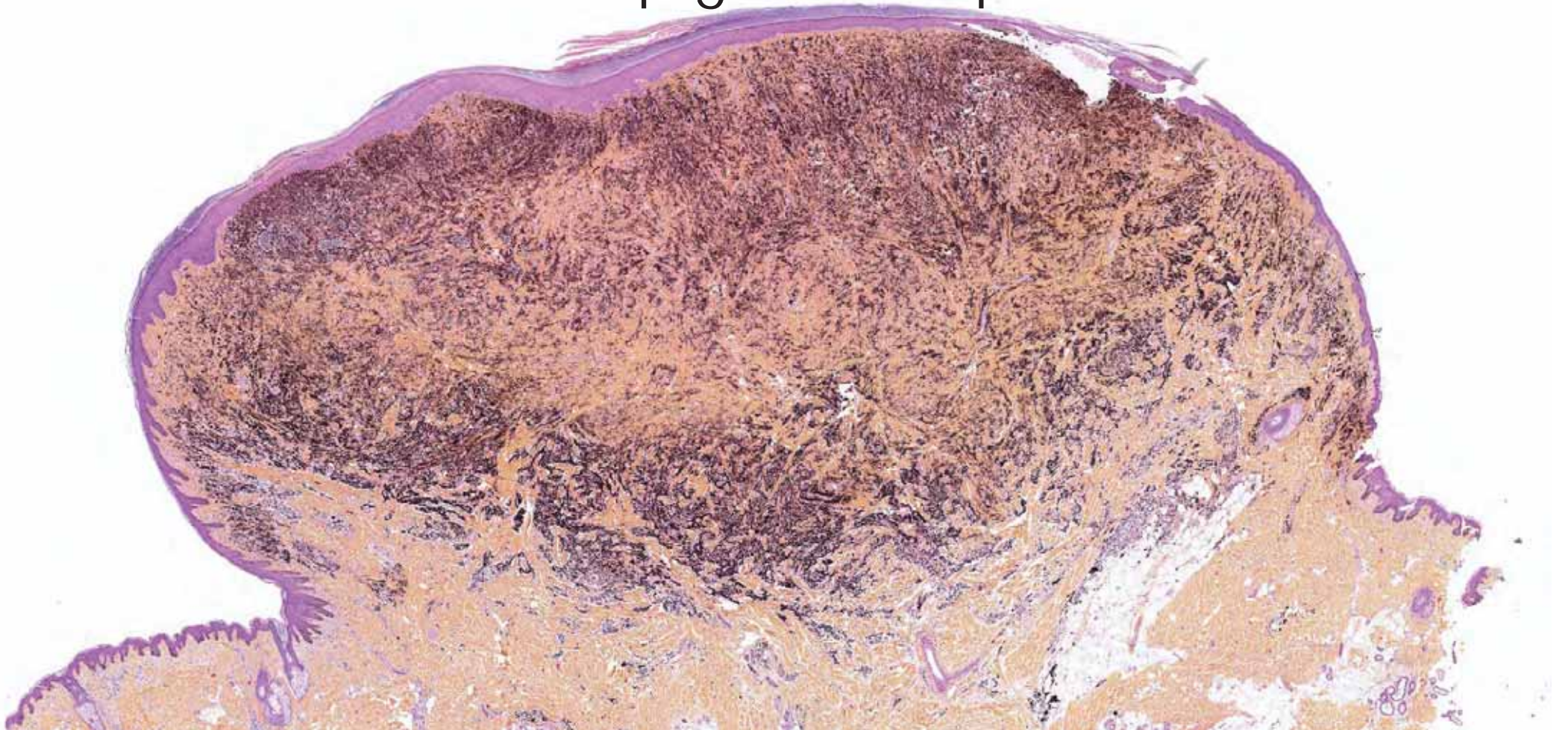


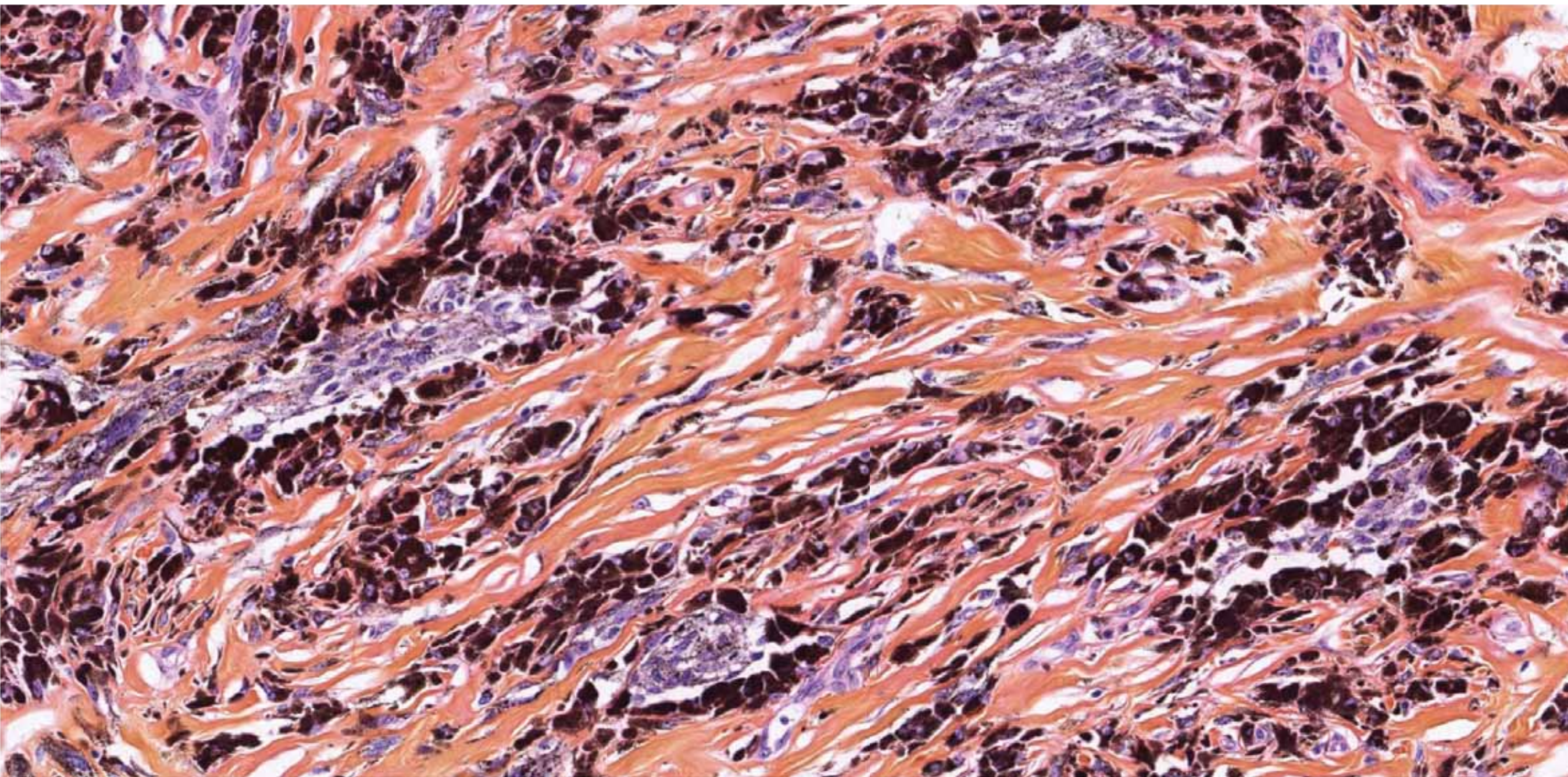
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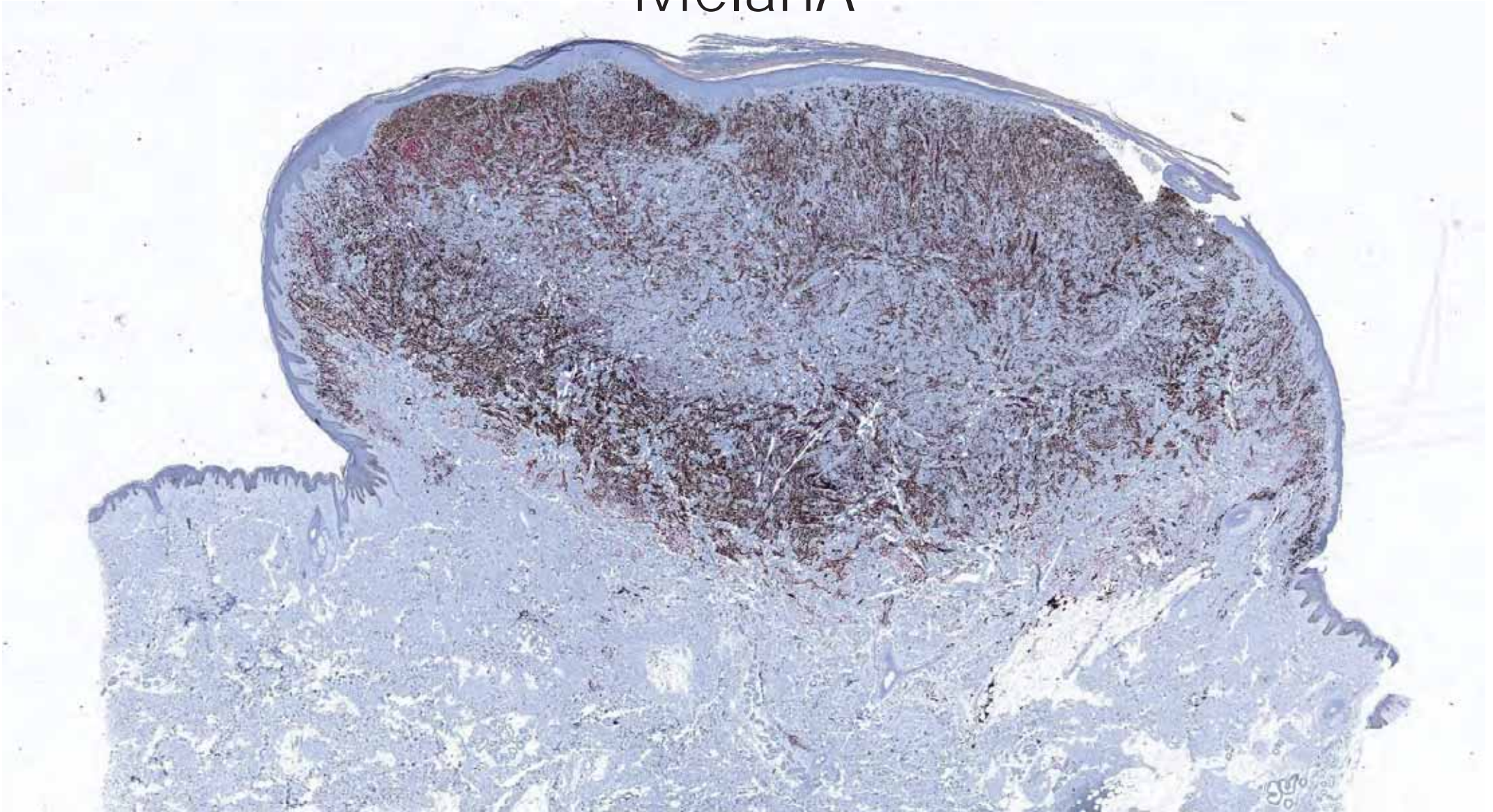
Low density, regularly distributed junctional nests of melanocytes: benign lesion

Melanocytes can be hard to see when too much pigment is present

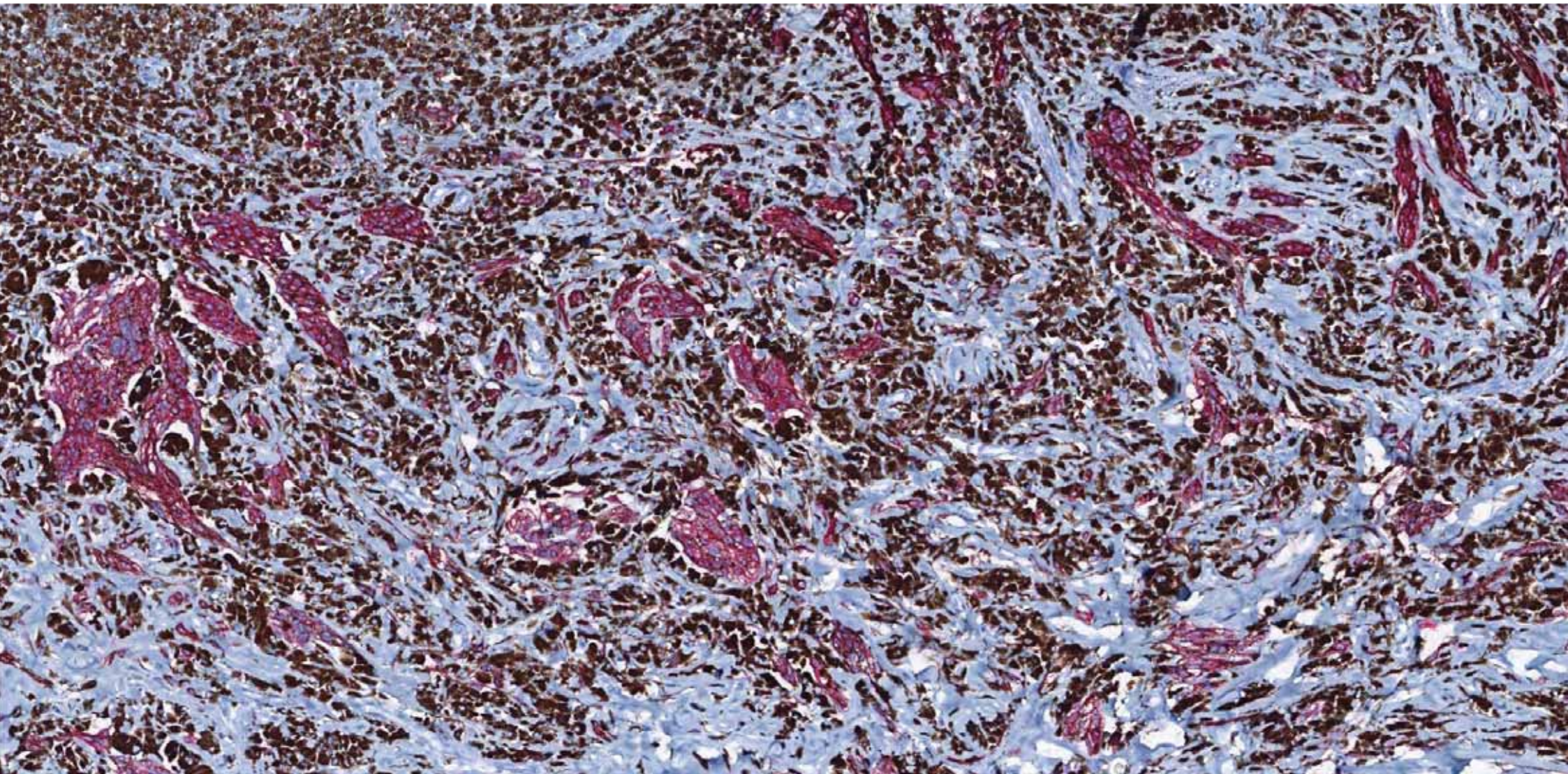




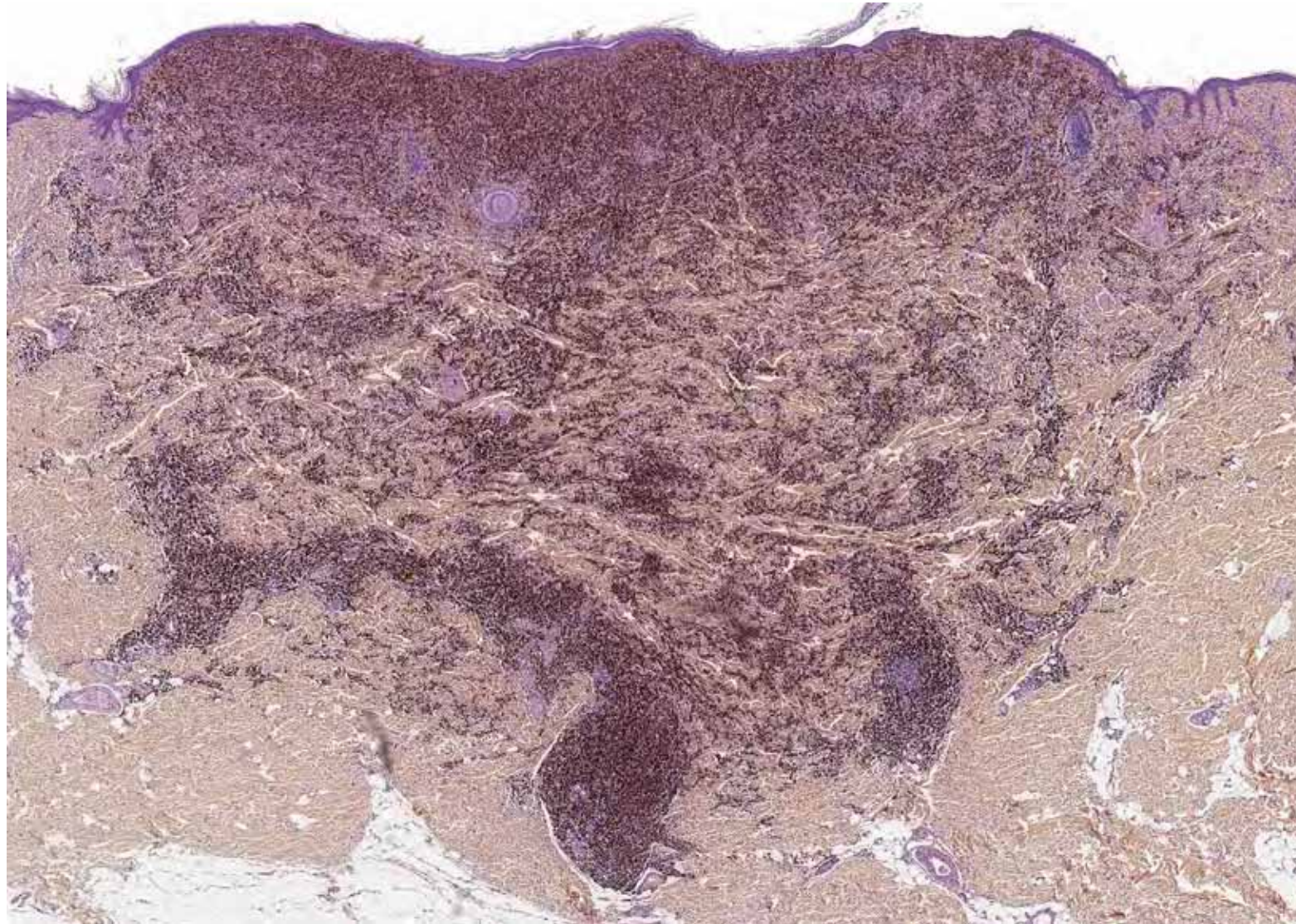
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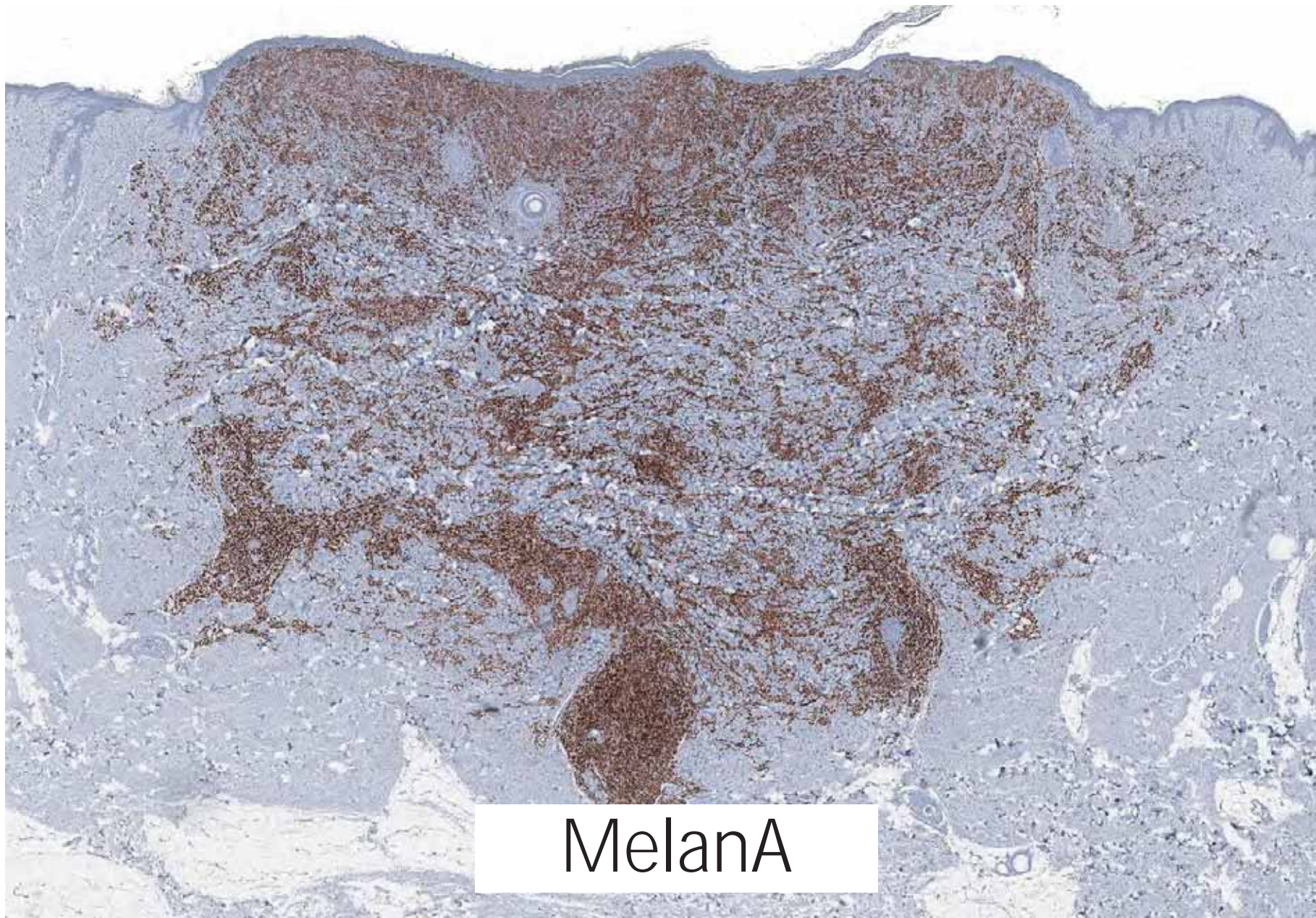


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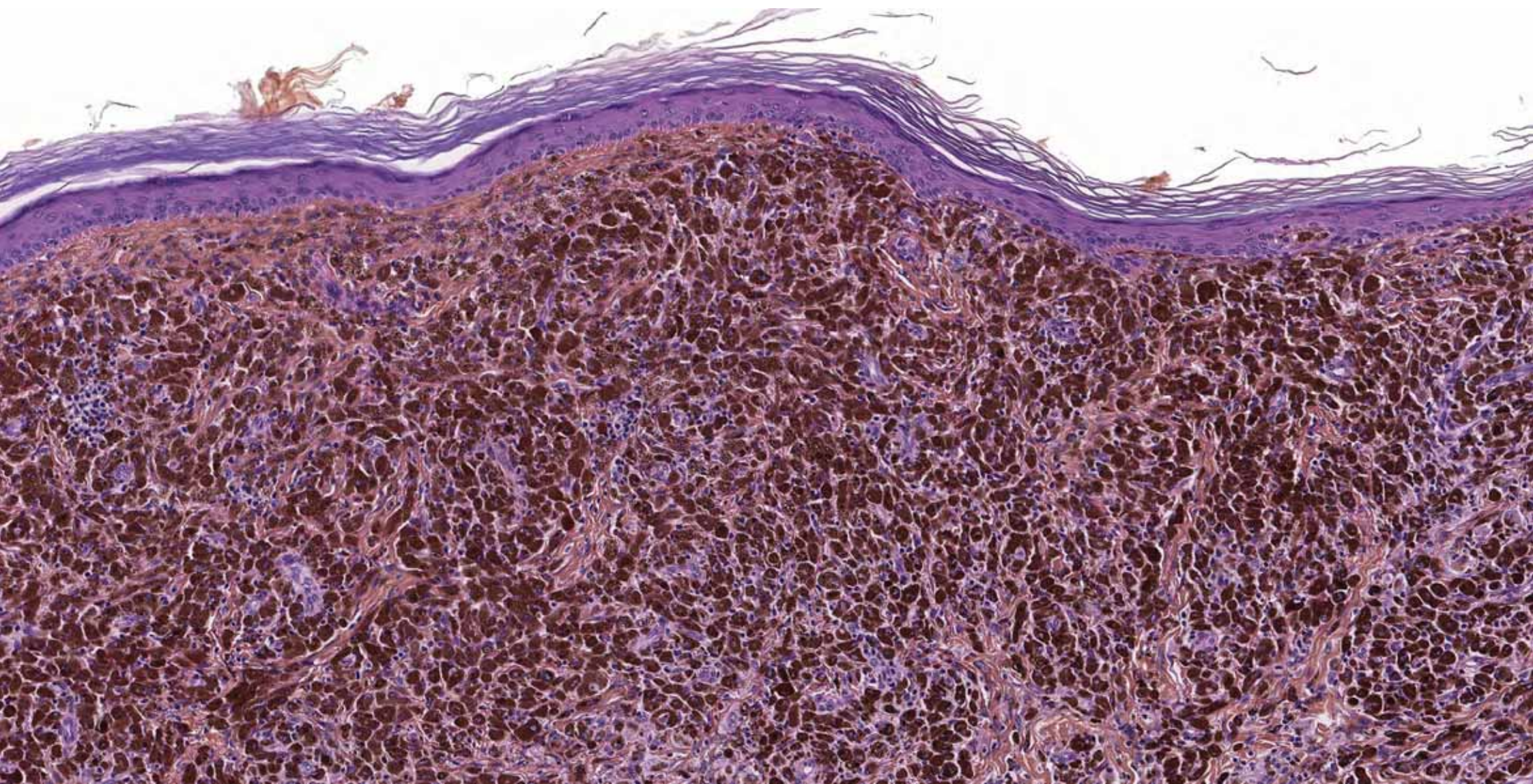


Fully regressive  
melanoma  
«Melanophage  
tumor»

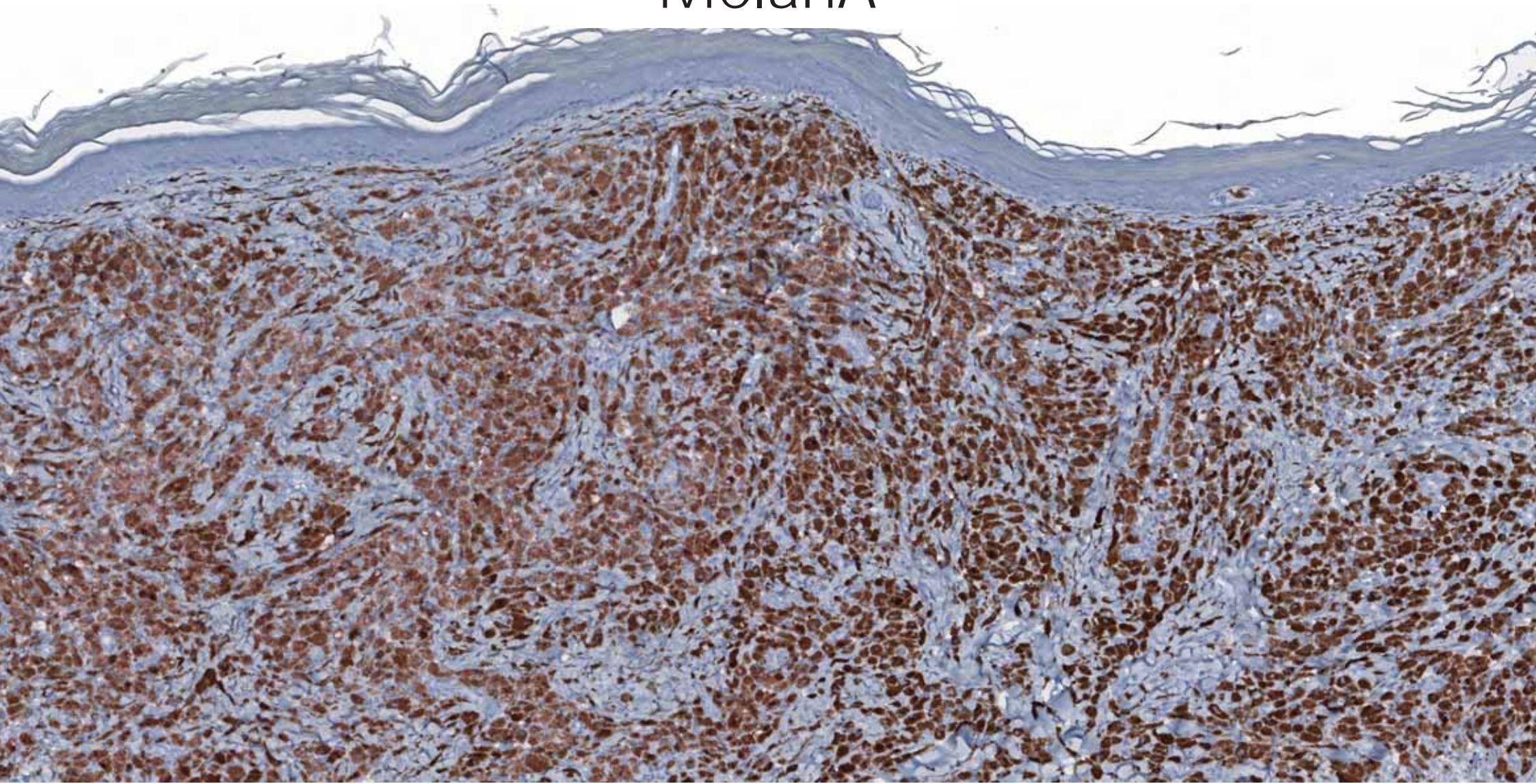




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# S100P/SOX10/MelanA

## Help visualize melanocyte distributic



- Normal unit of melanisation
- Intra-epidermal ascension of cells
- Asymetric melanocytic distribution
- Heavily pigmented tumours

- Margin assessment

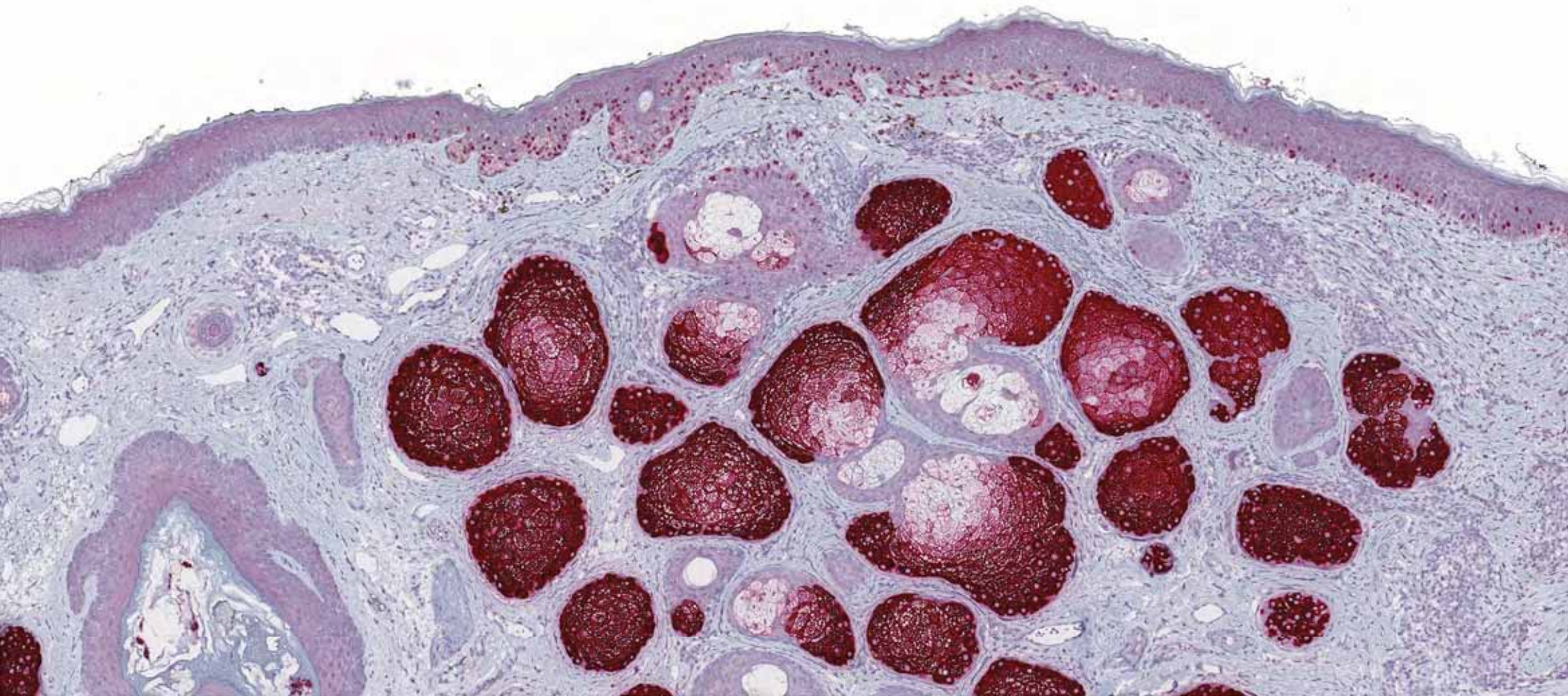
- Lympho-vascular invasion

- SLN



Outside scope of topic  
interest of time

# PRAME expression in LM



# HMB45

## (Human Melanoma Black 45)

- Coded by *PMEL* gene (*GP100*) Chromosome 12q13.2
- Melanocyte-specific type I transmembrane glycoprotein enriched in melanosomes (transition from Stage I to Stage II melanosomes)
- Positive in “**activated**” non-tumoral melanocytes
- Cytoplasmic **granular** stain
- **No internal controls**

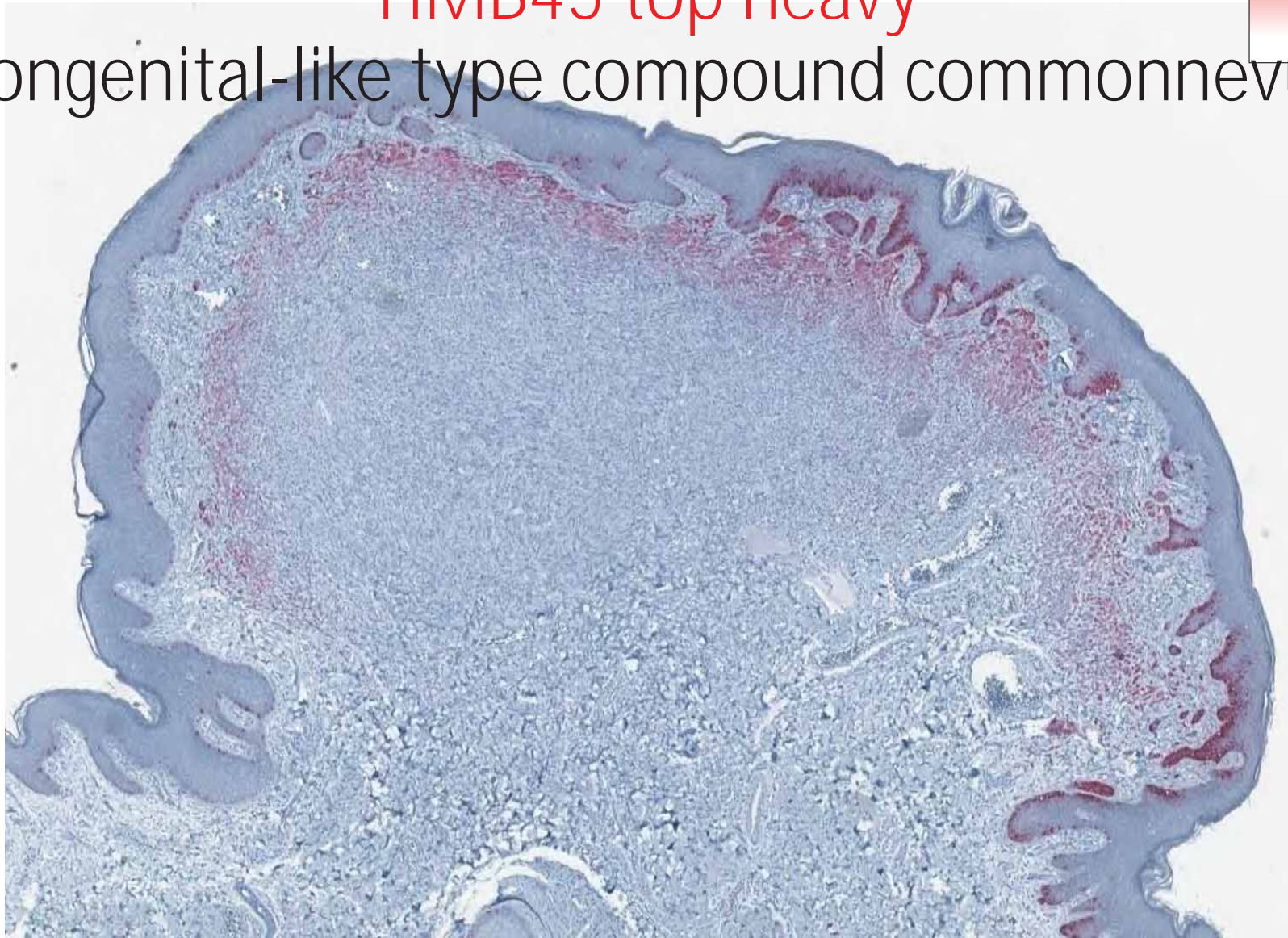


Using HMB45 in thin lesions (Breslow > 1mm) is not cost-effective

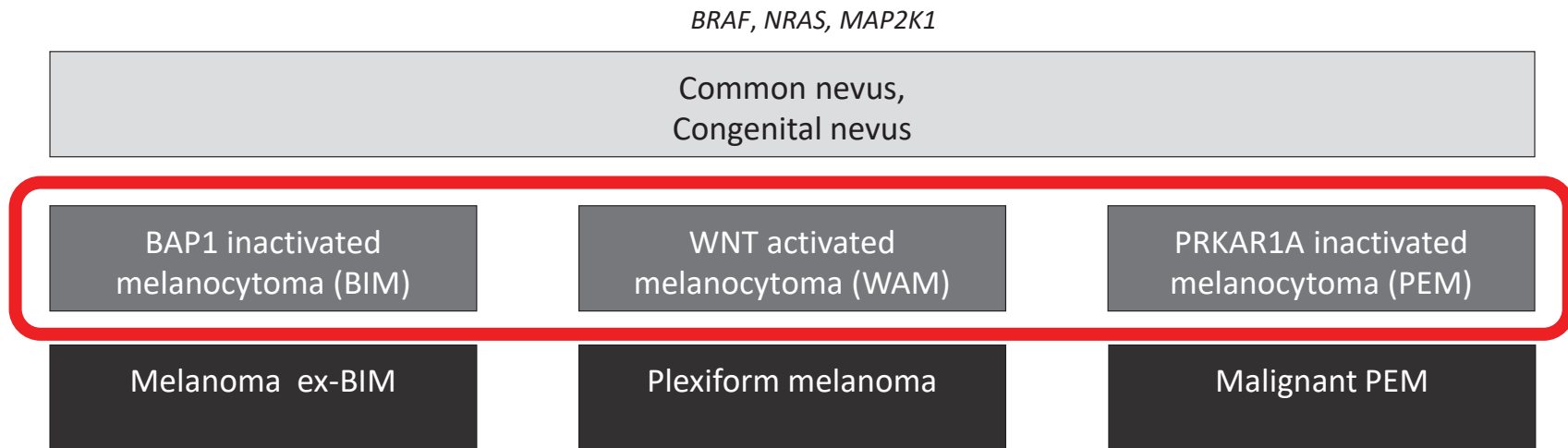
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HMB45 top heavy

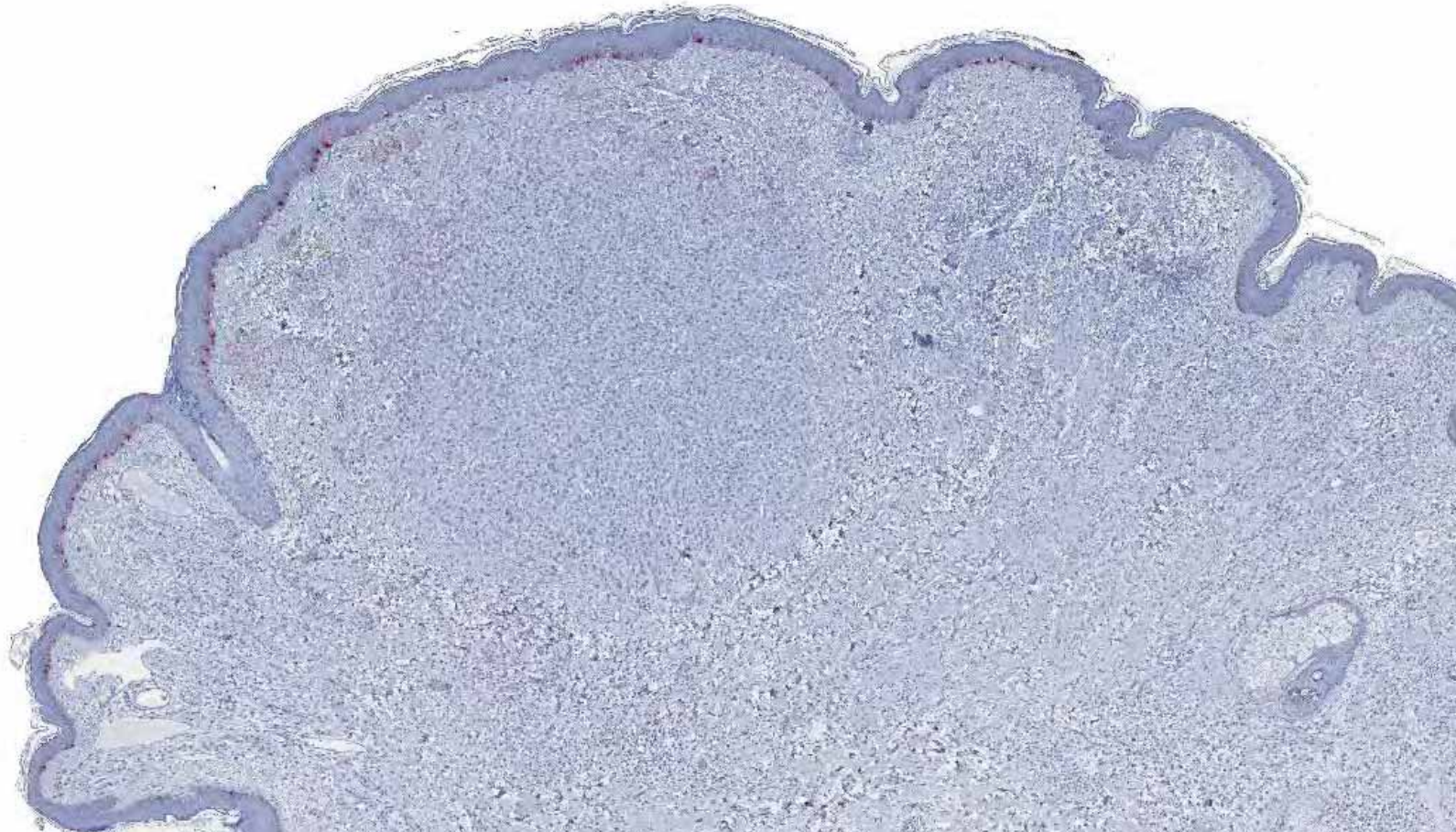
Congenital-like type compound commonnevus



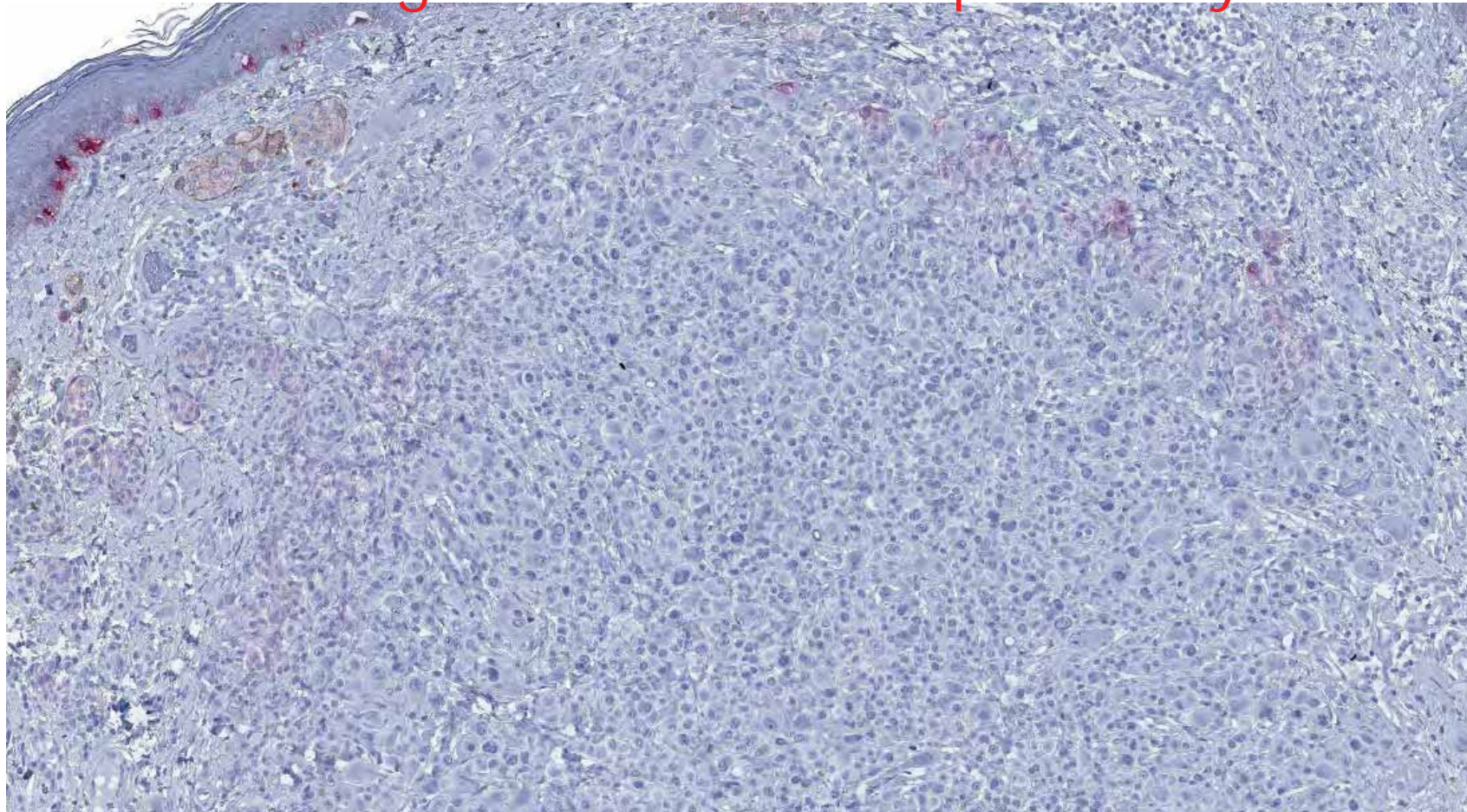
# Secondary genetic alteration biphenotypic/clonal morphology



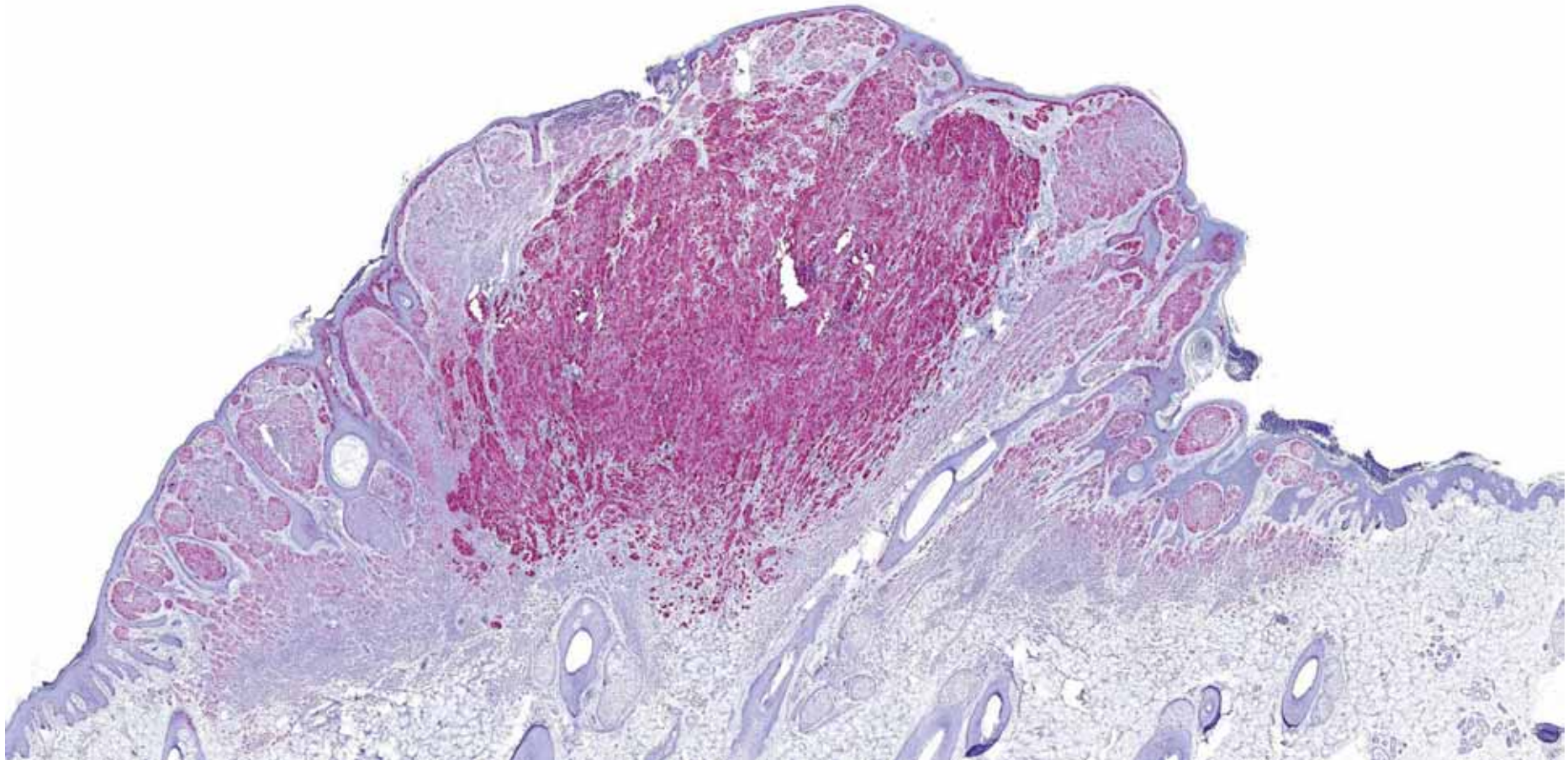
Combined common nevus  
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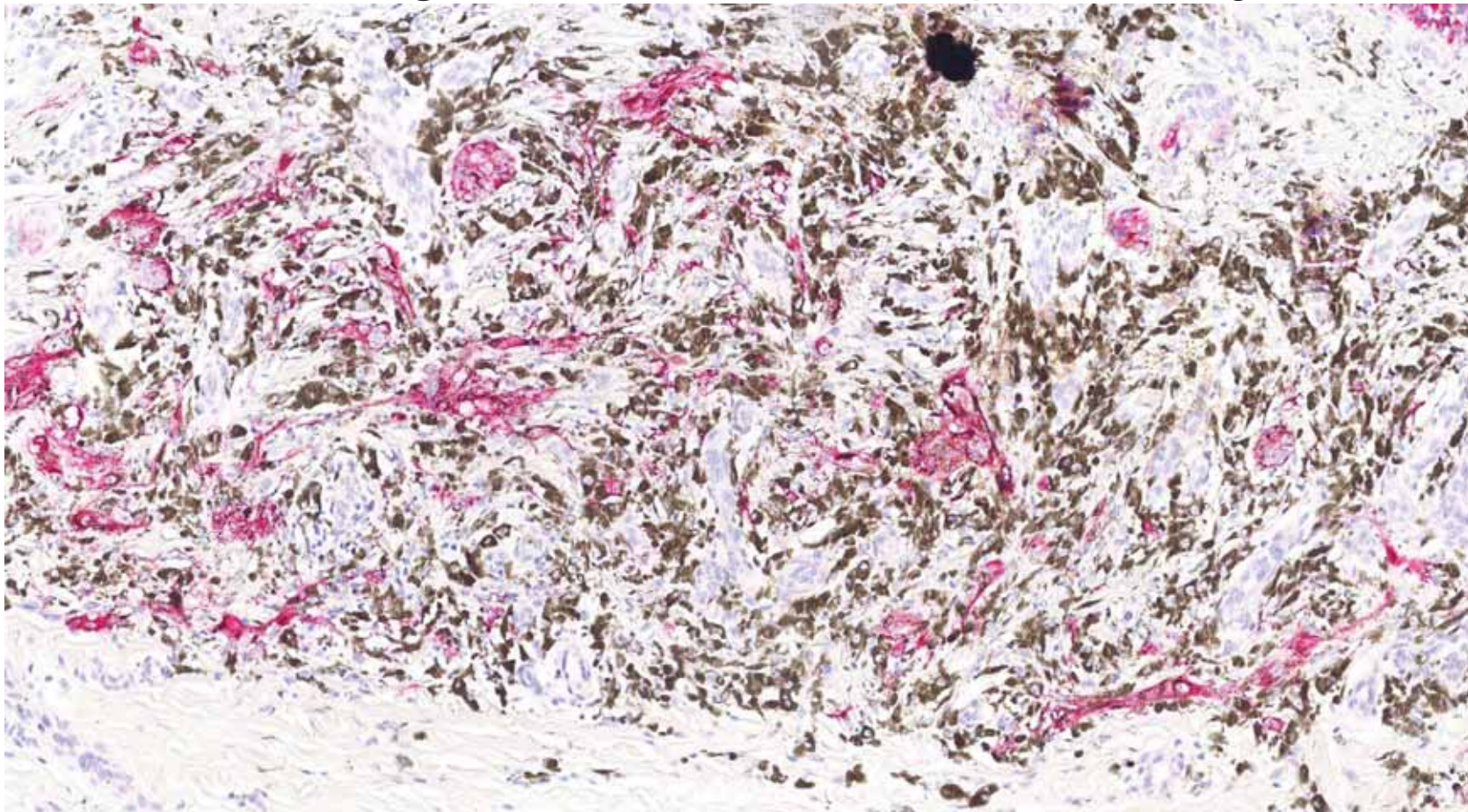
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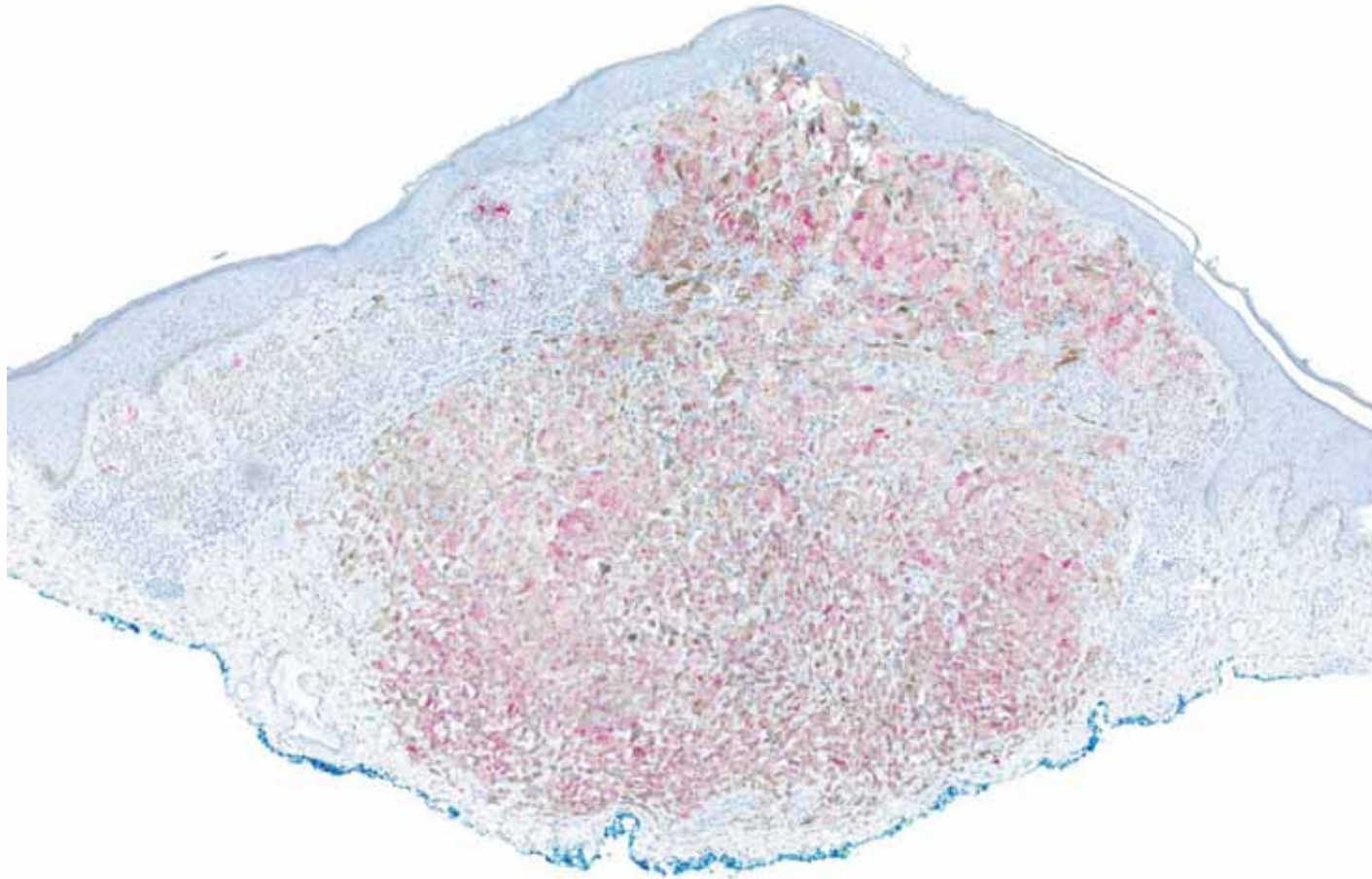
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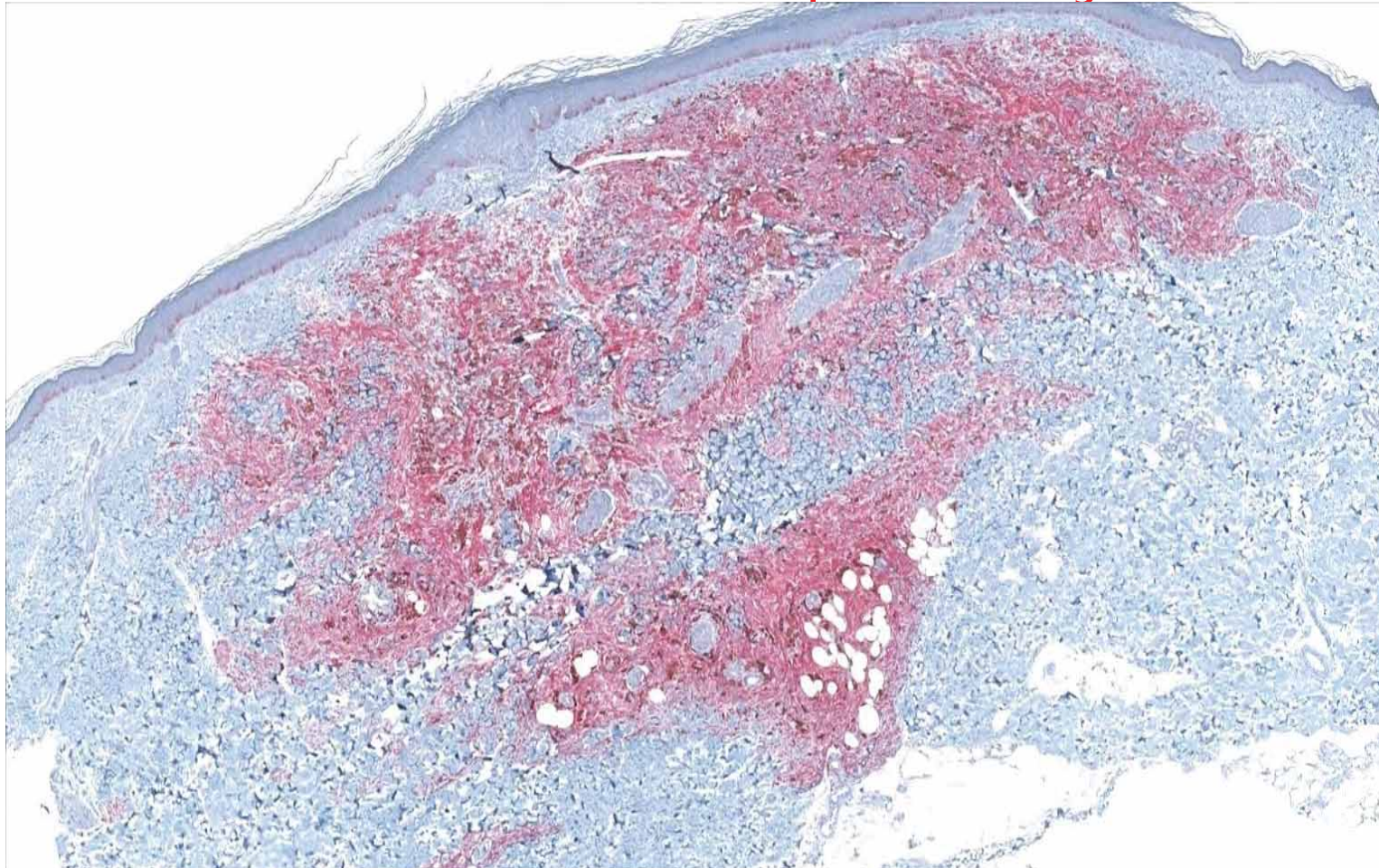
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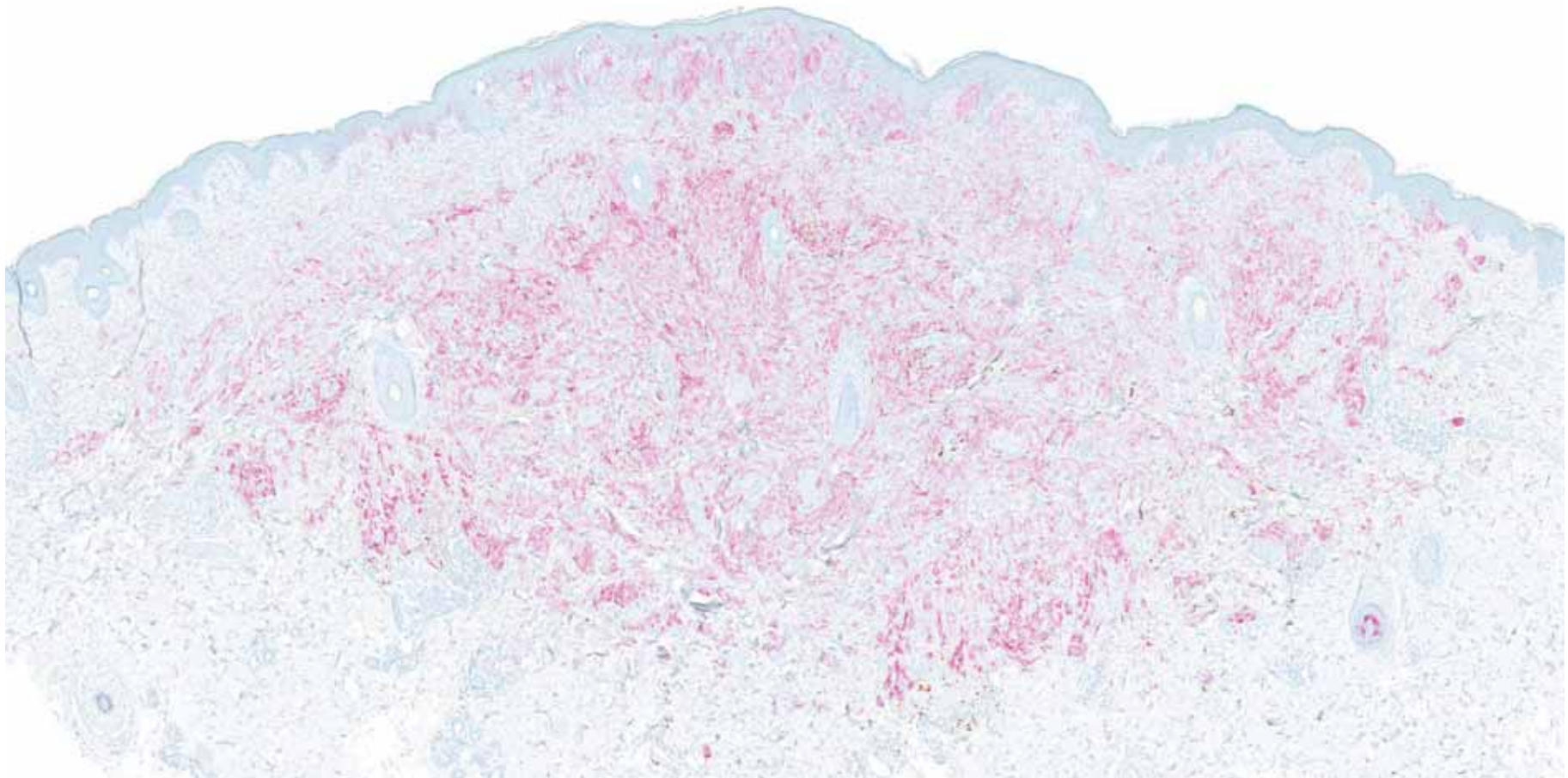
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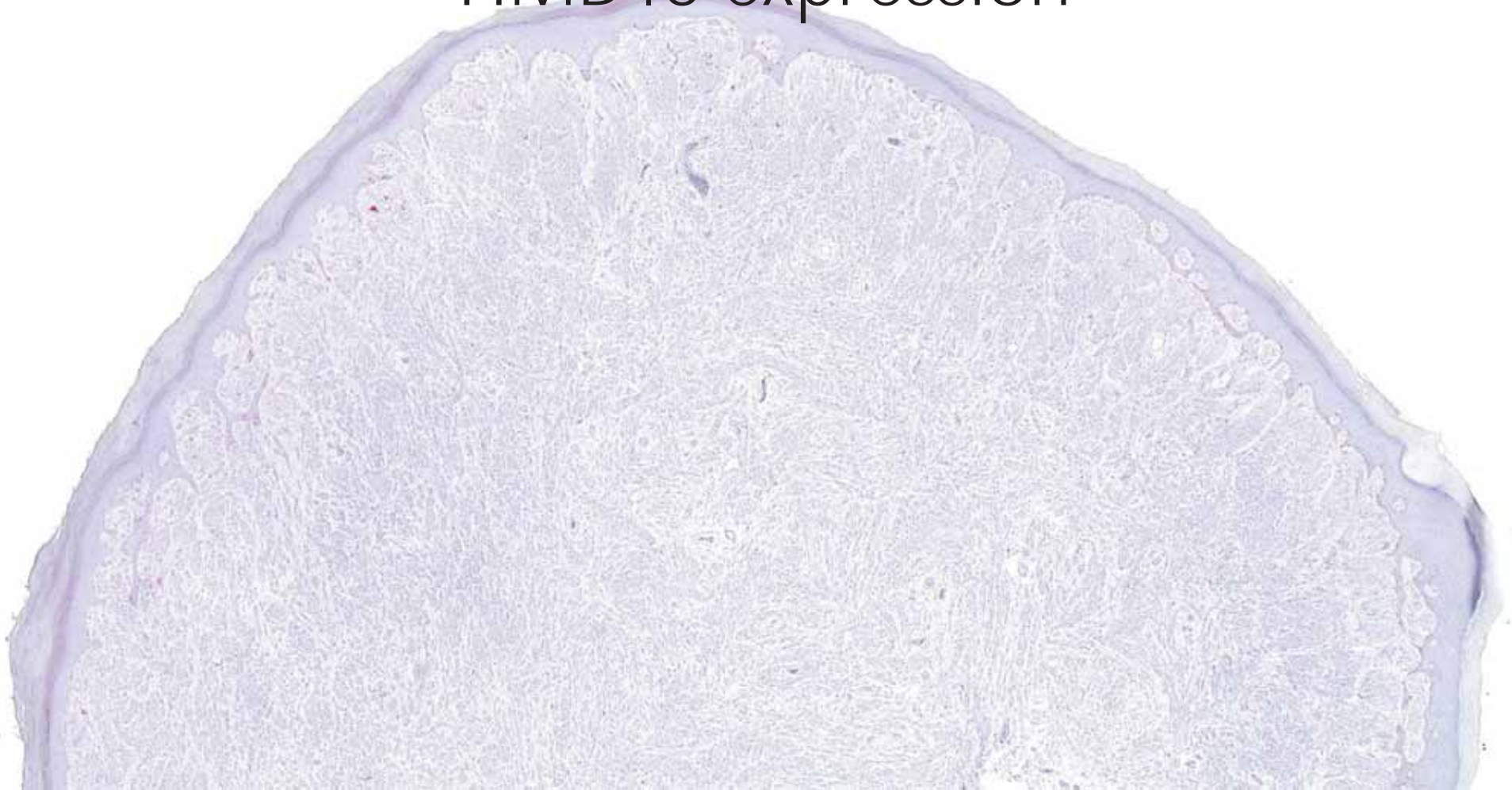
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WNT activated melanocytoma (DPN/plexiform nevus)  
HMB45 diffuse positivity



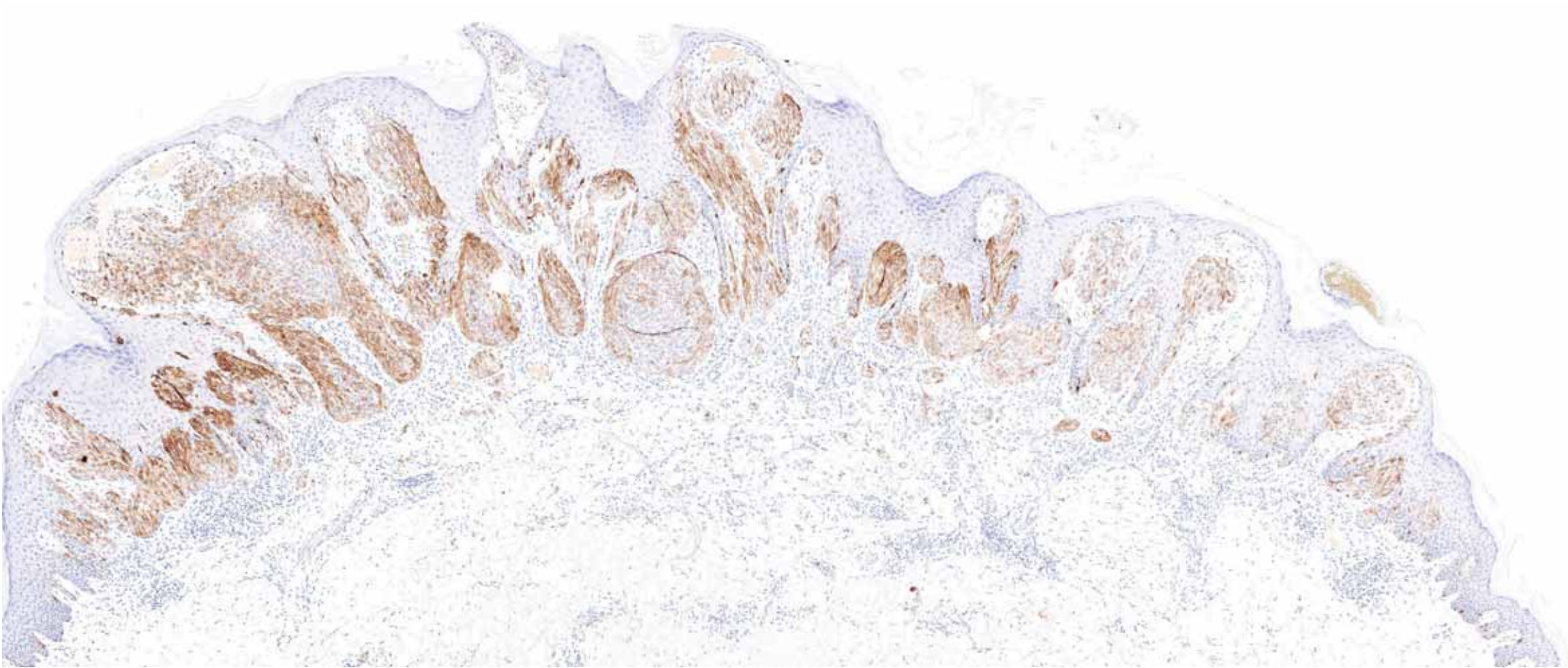
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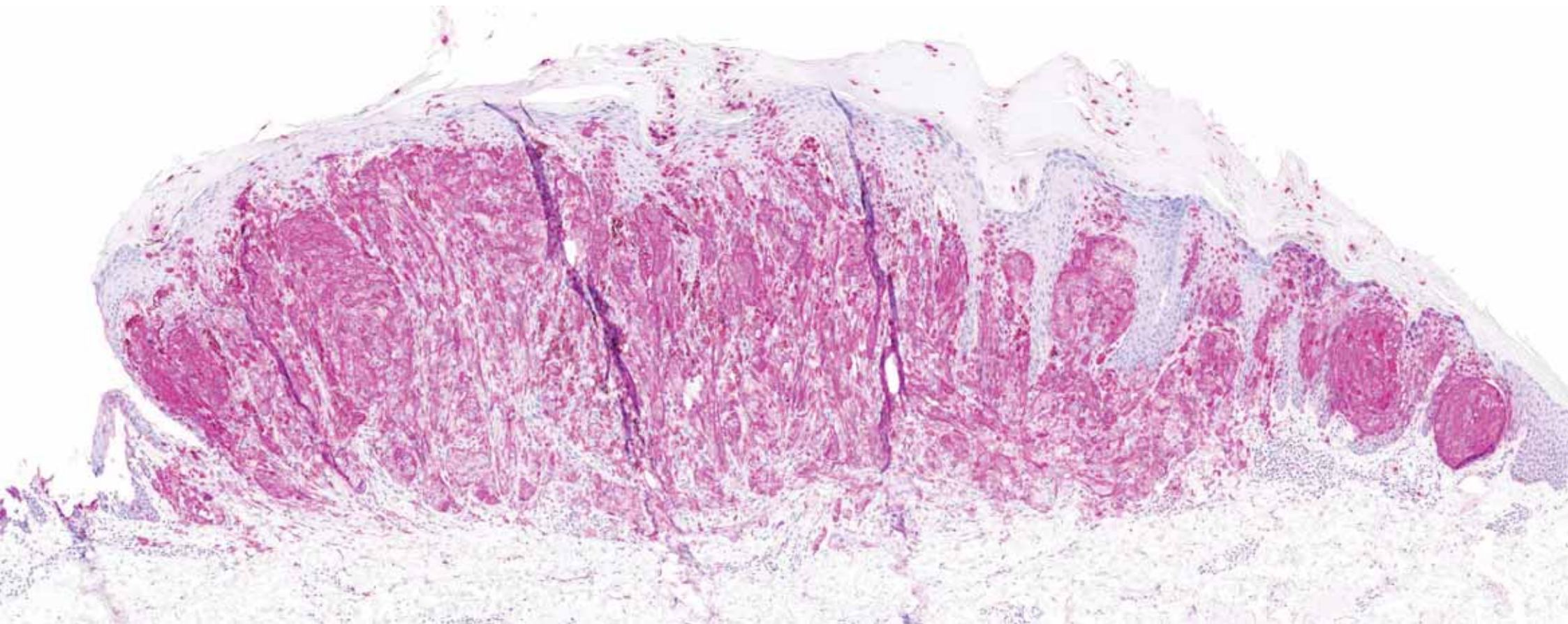
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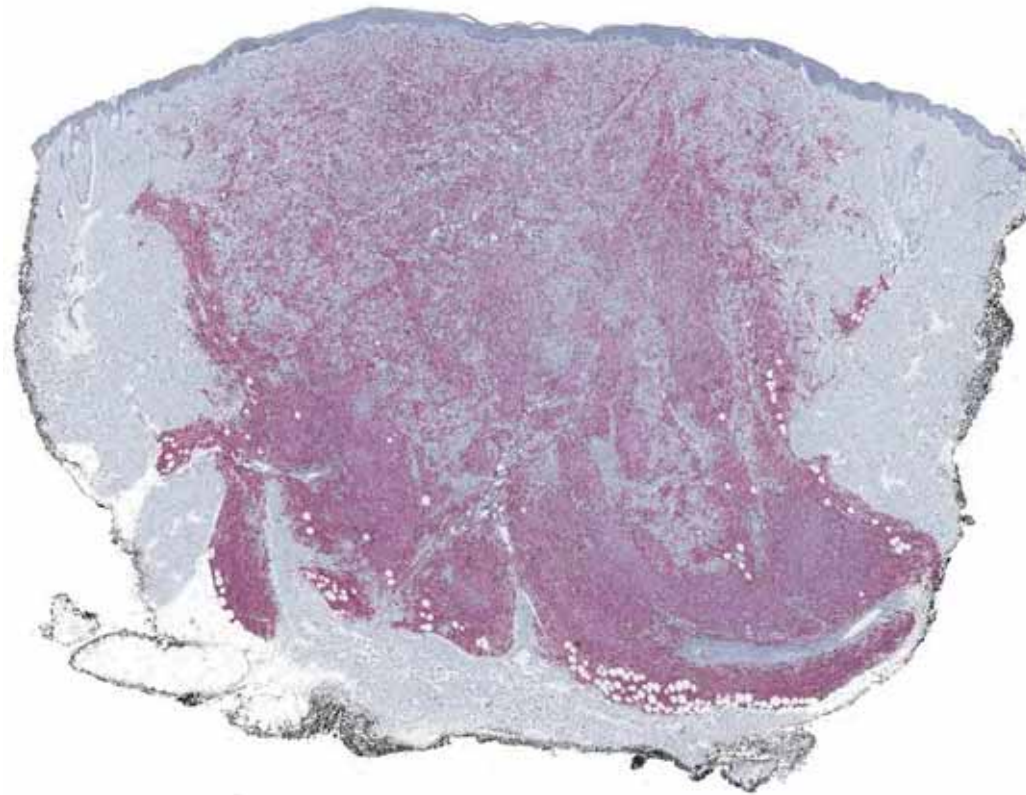


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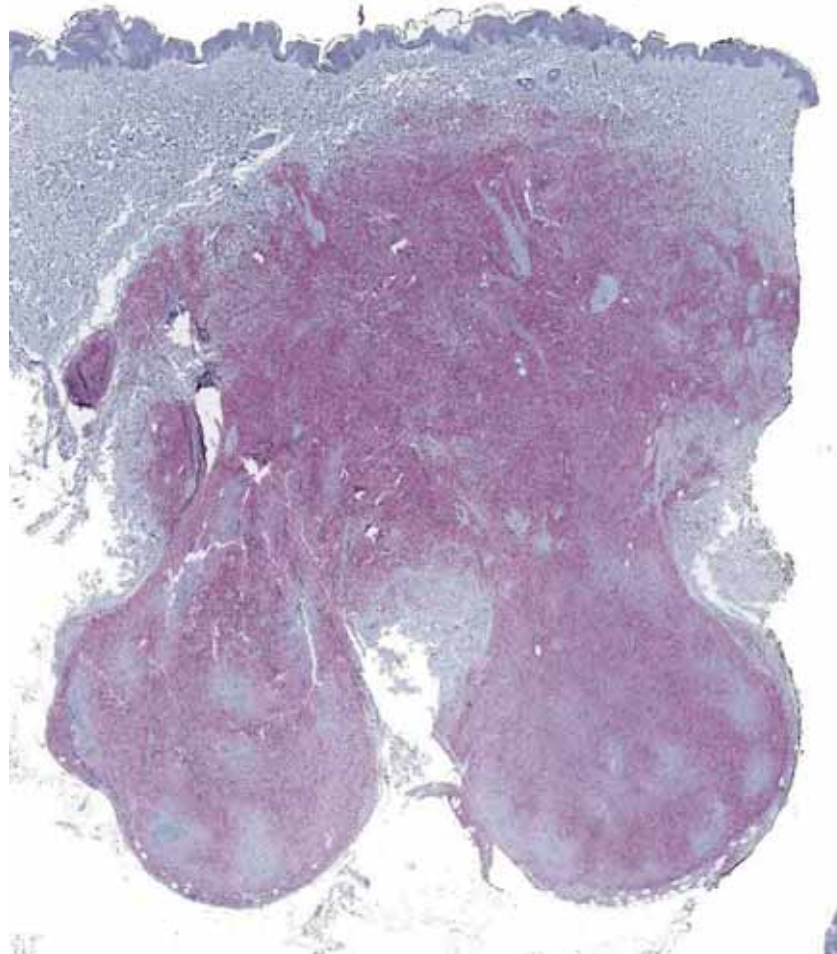


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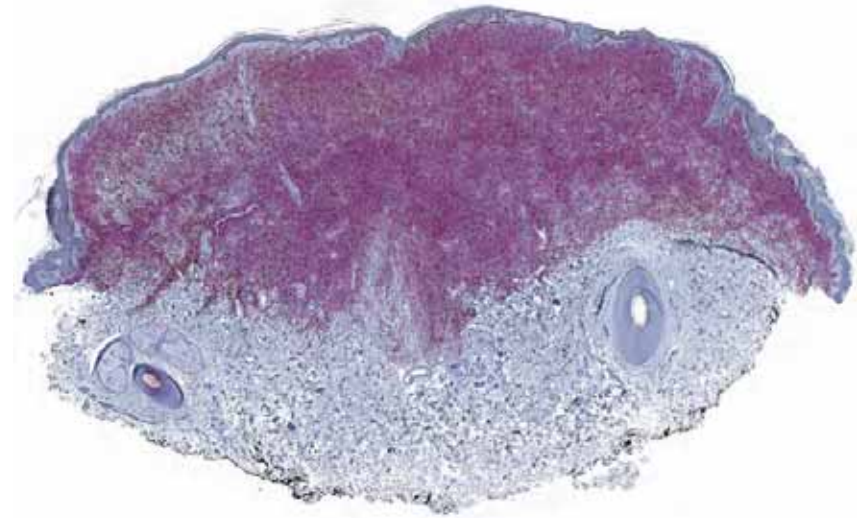
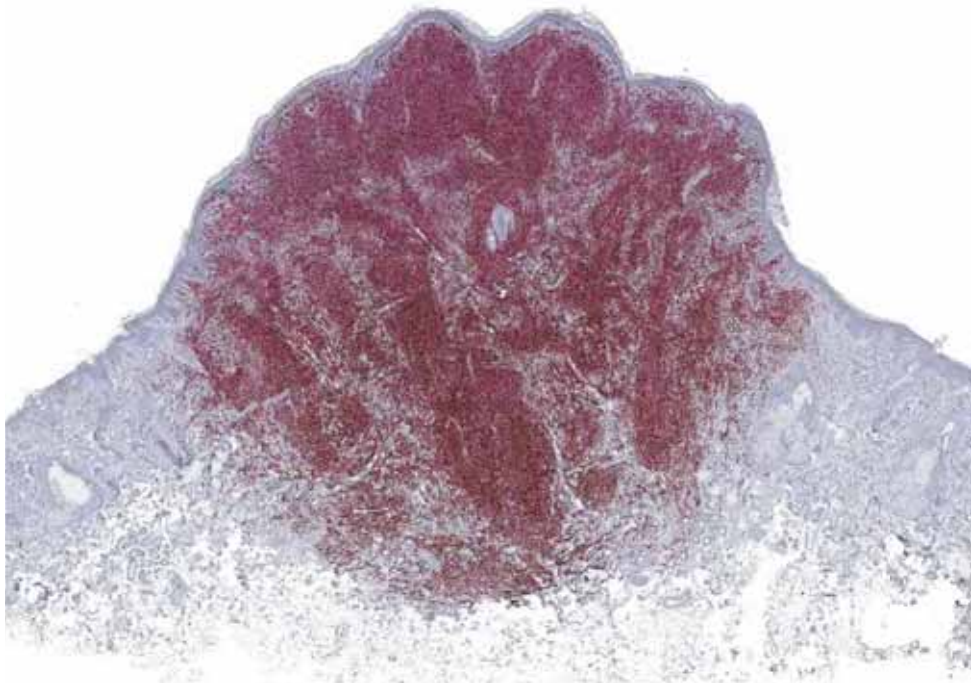
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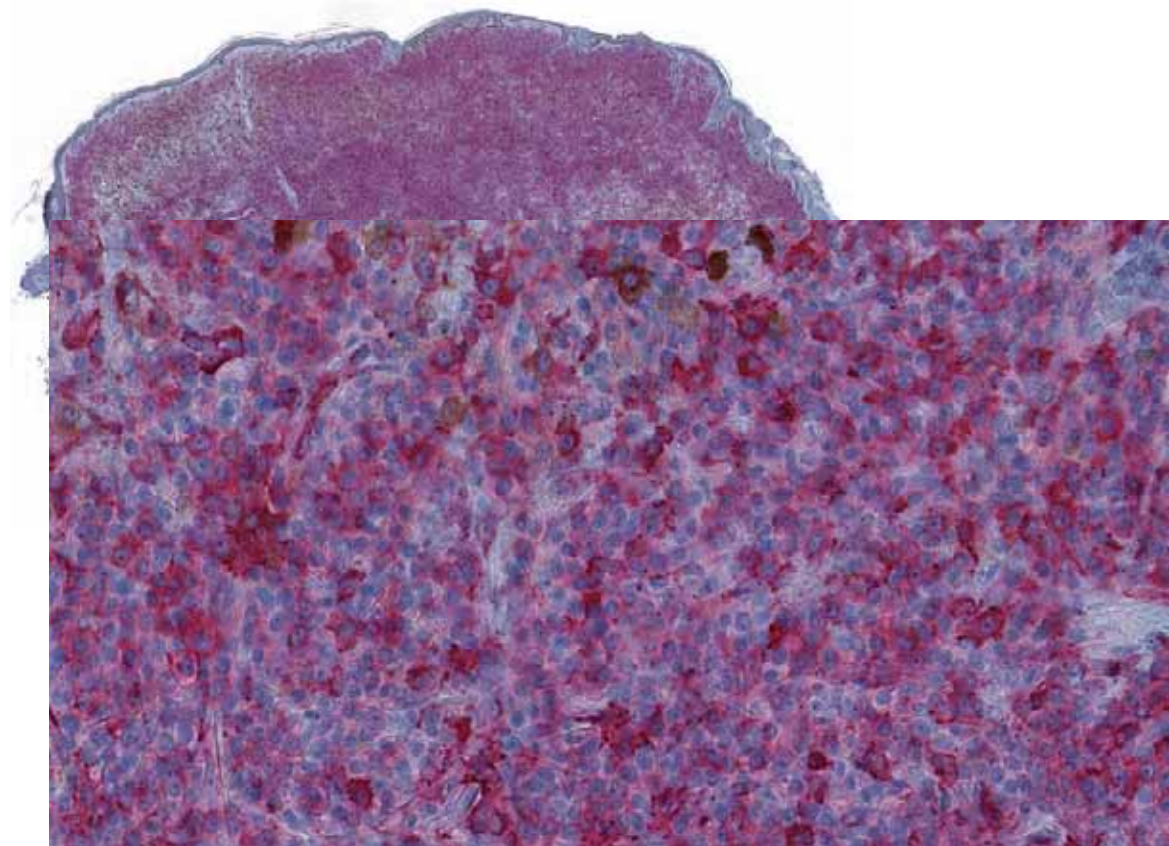
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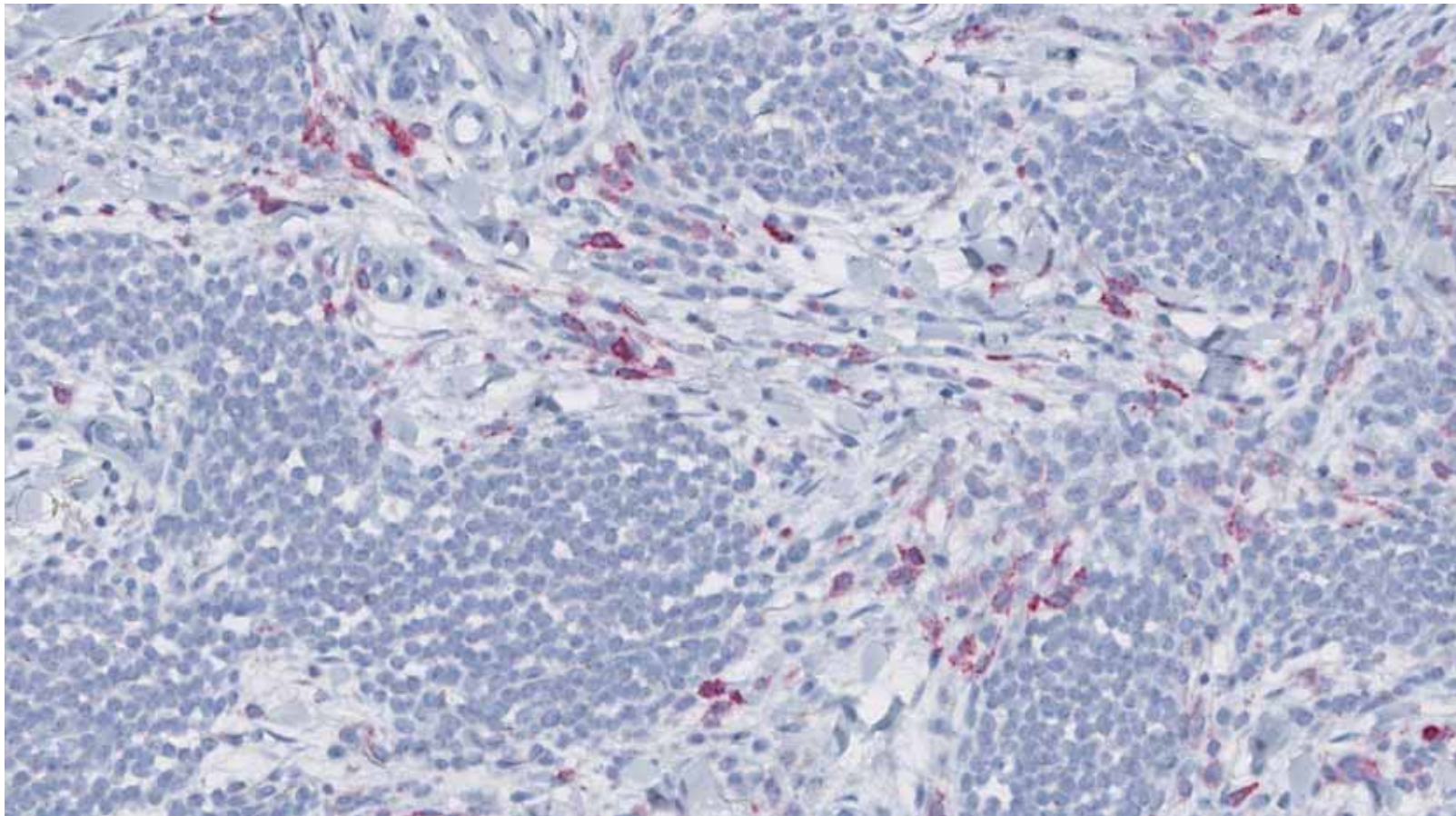
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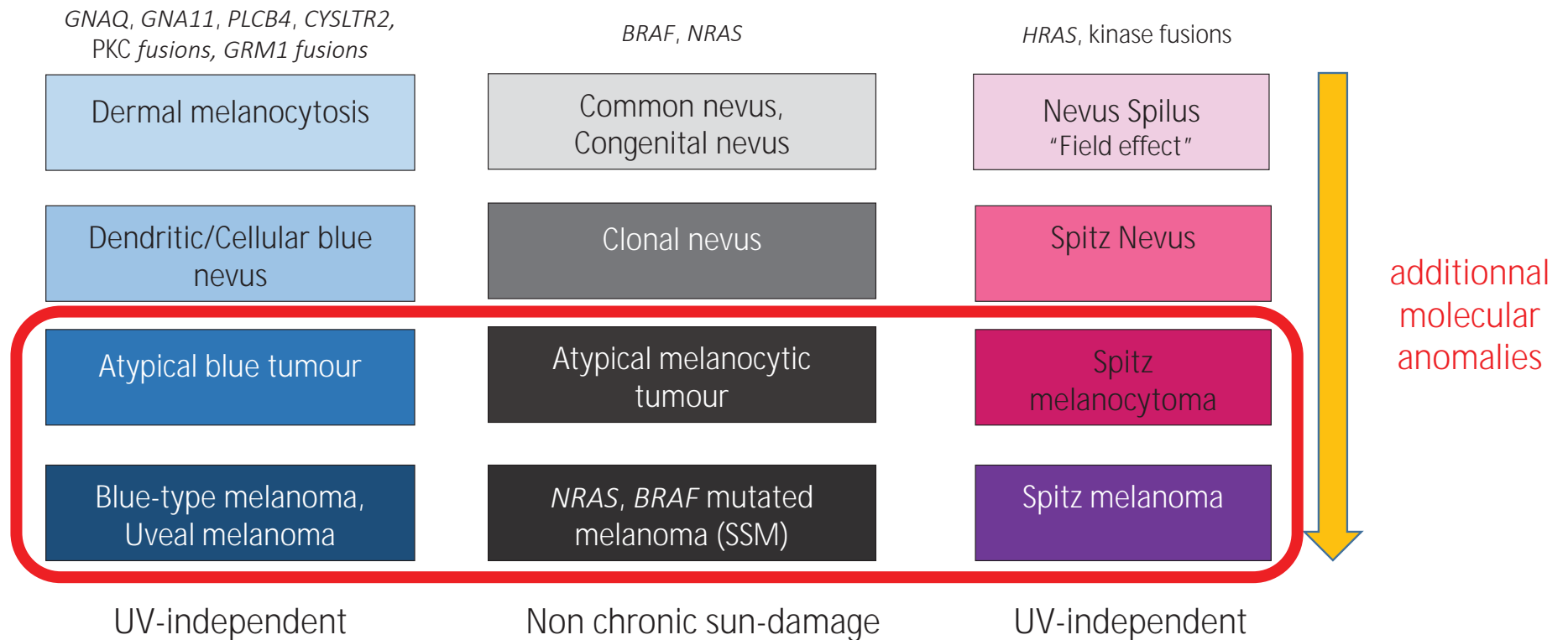


*NRAS-IDH1* co-mutation melanocytoma  
HMB45 positivity limited to spindled cells

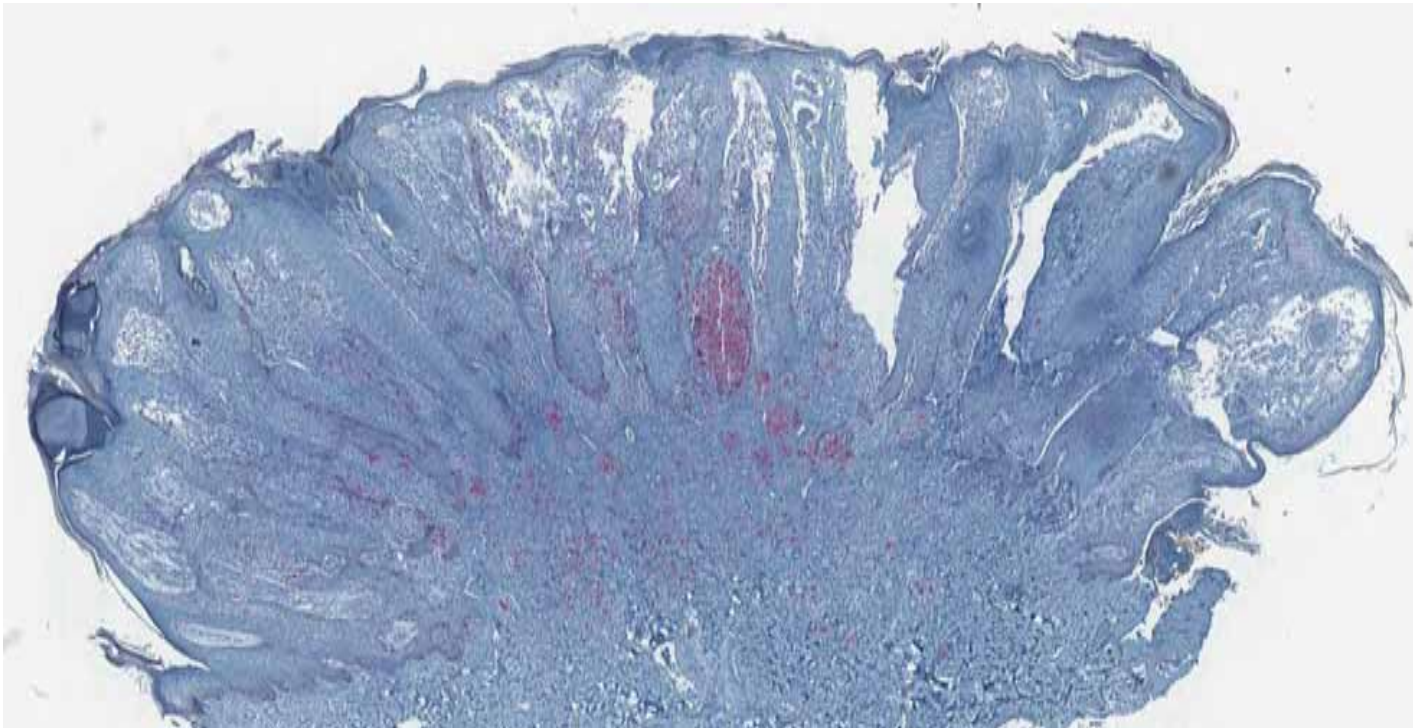


# Integrative classification of melanocytic tumors

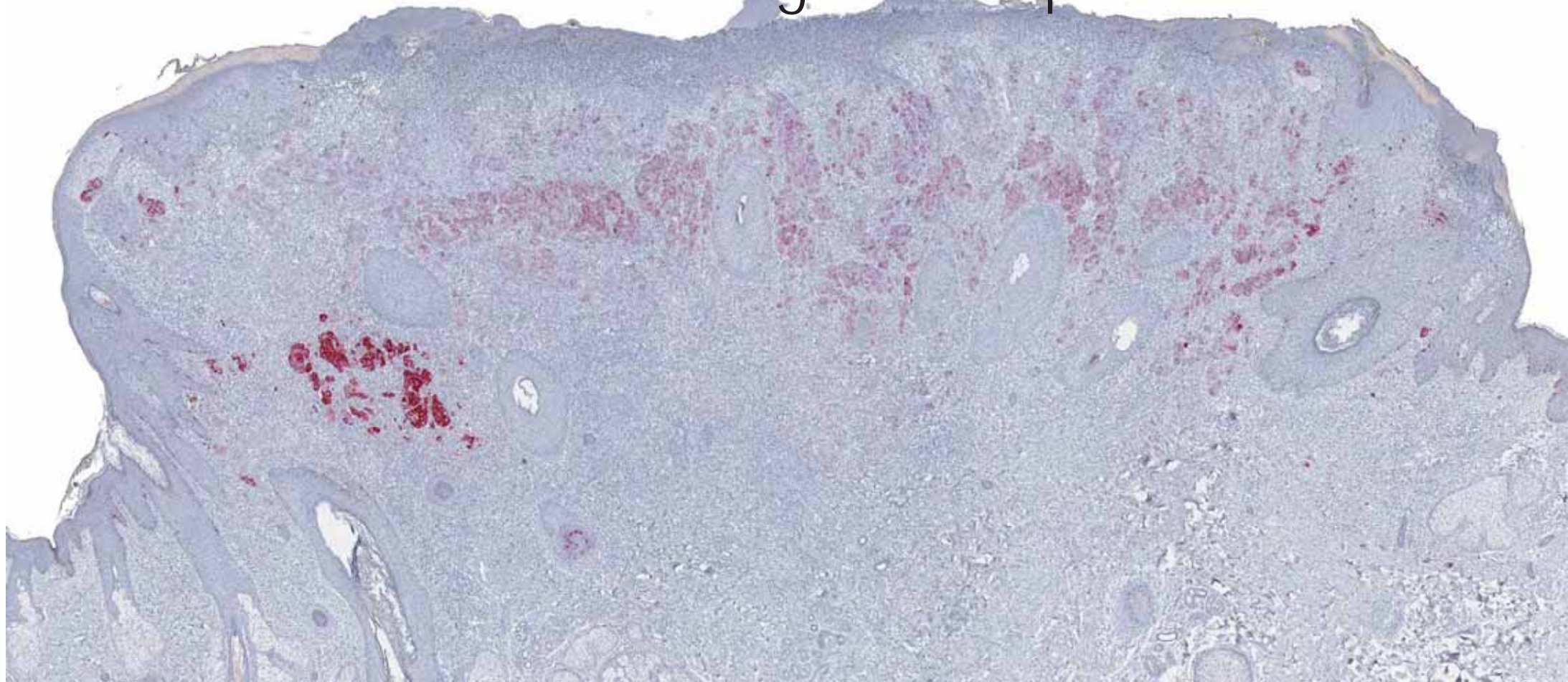
## Nevus to melanoma groups



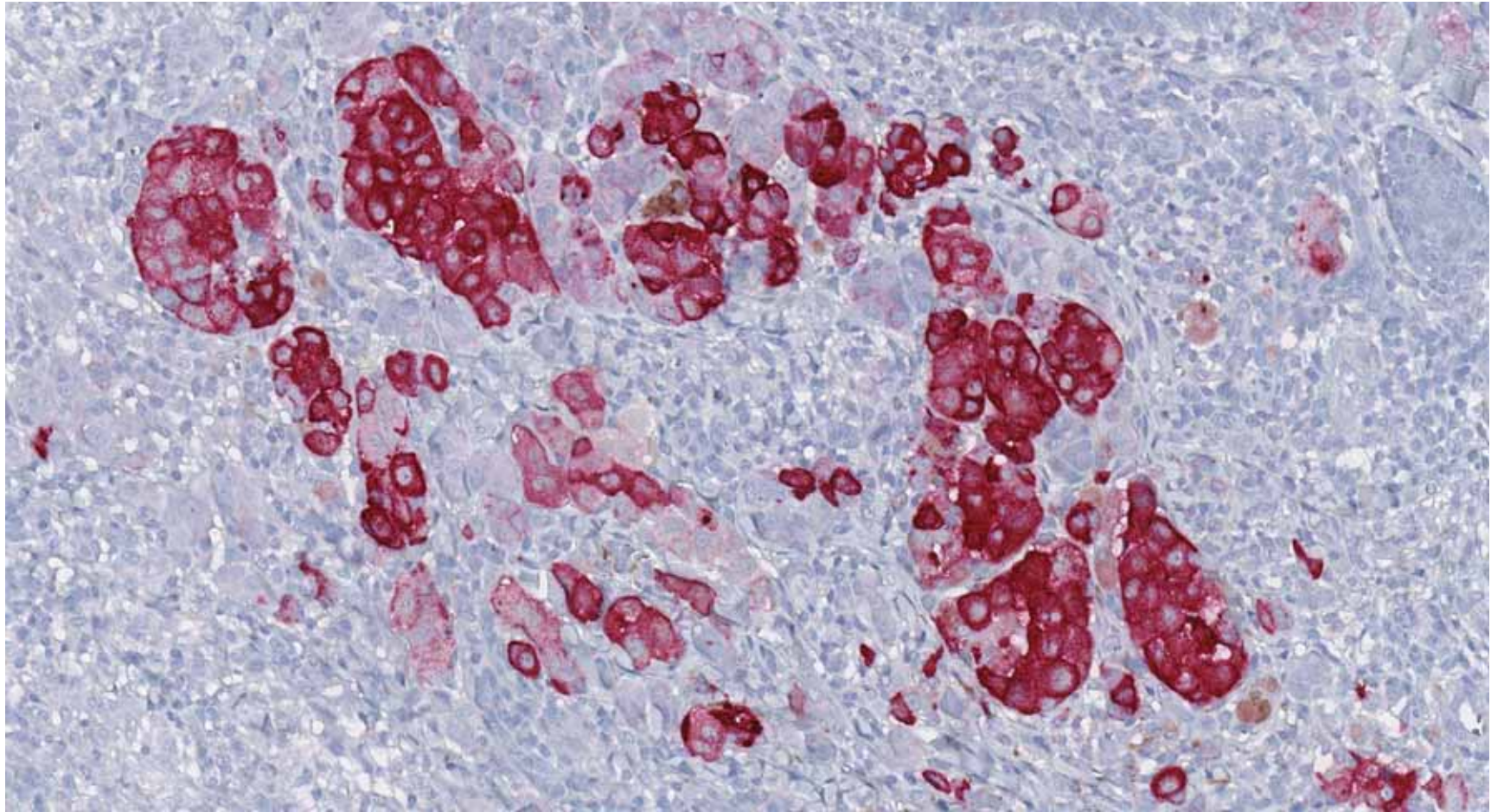
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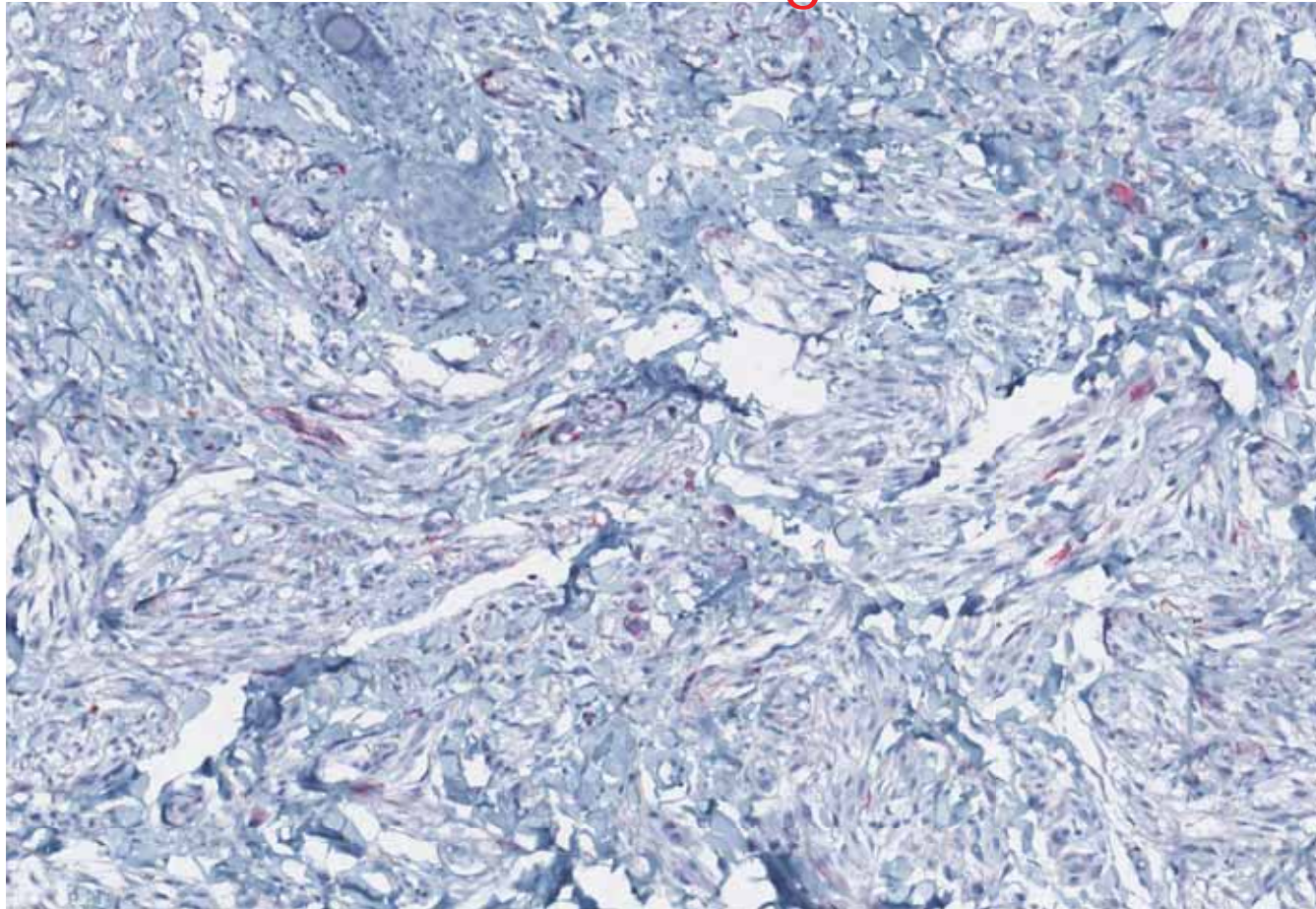
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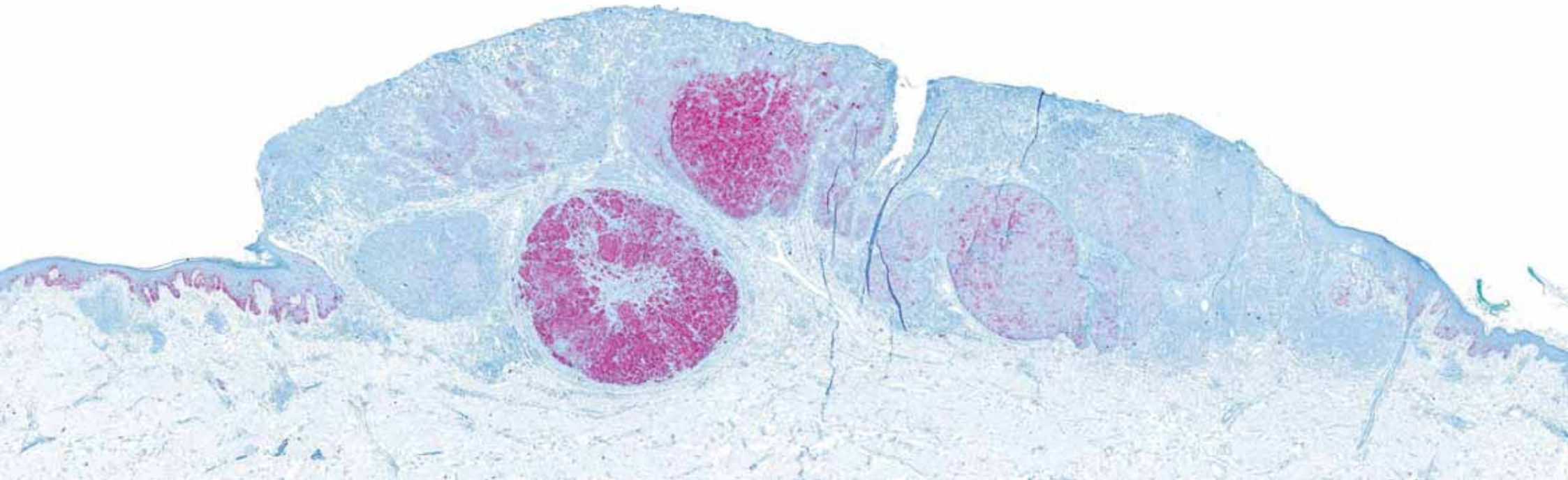
# HMB45



High grade WNT activated melanocytoma  
(ex-atypical DPN)  
HMB45 heterogeneous



SSM melanoma  
HMB45 heterogeneous profile

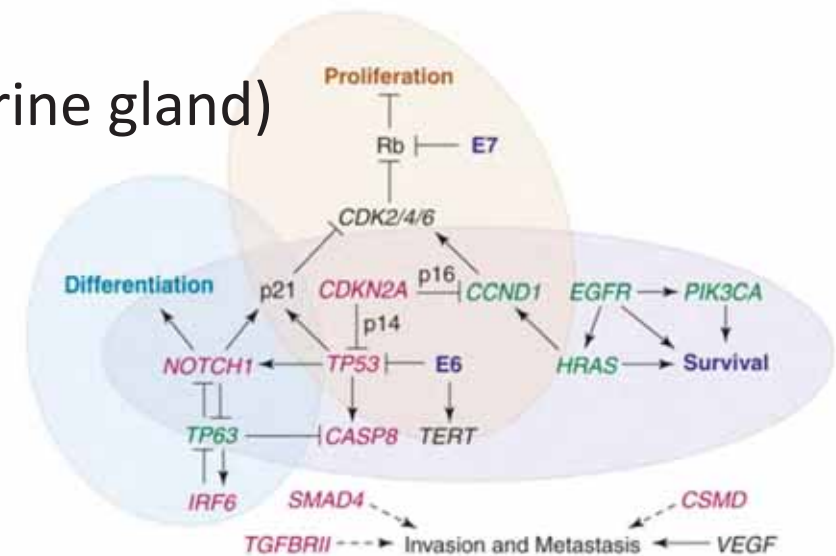


# HMB45 synoptic IHC expression chart

	Common	Spitz	Blue
Congenital nevus/ mosaicism			
Low-grade melanocytoma	Mostly diffuse except BAP1-inactivation 		
High-grade melanocytoma	Mostly diffuse except BAP1-inactivation 		
Melanoma			

# P16

- Coded by **CDKN2A** (Cyclin Dependent Kinase inhibitor 2A) Chr 9p21
- Tumor suppressor gene
- **Heterogeneous** stain in normal melanocytes
- **Cytoplasmic** and/or nuclear stain
- Sweat duct positive control (pars recta eccrine gland)

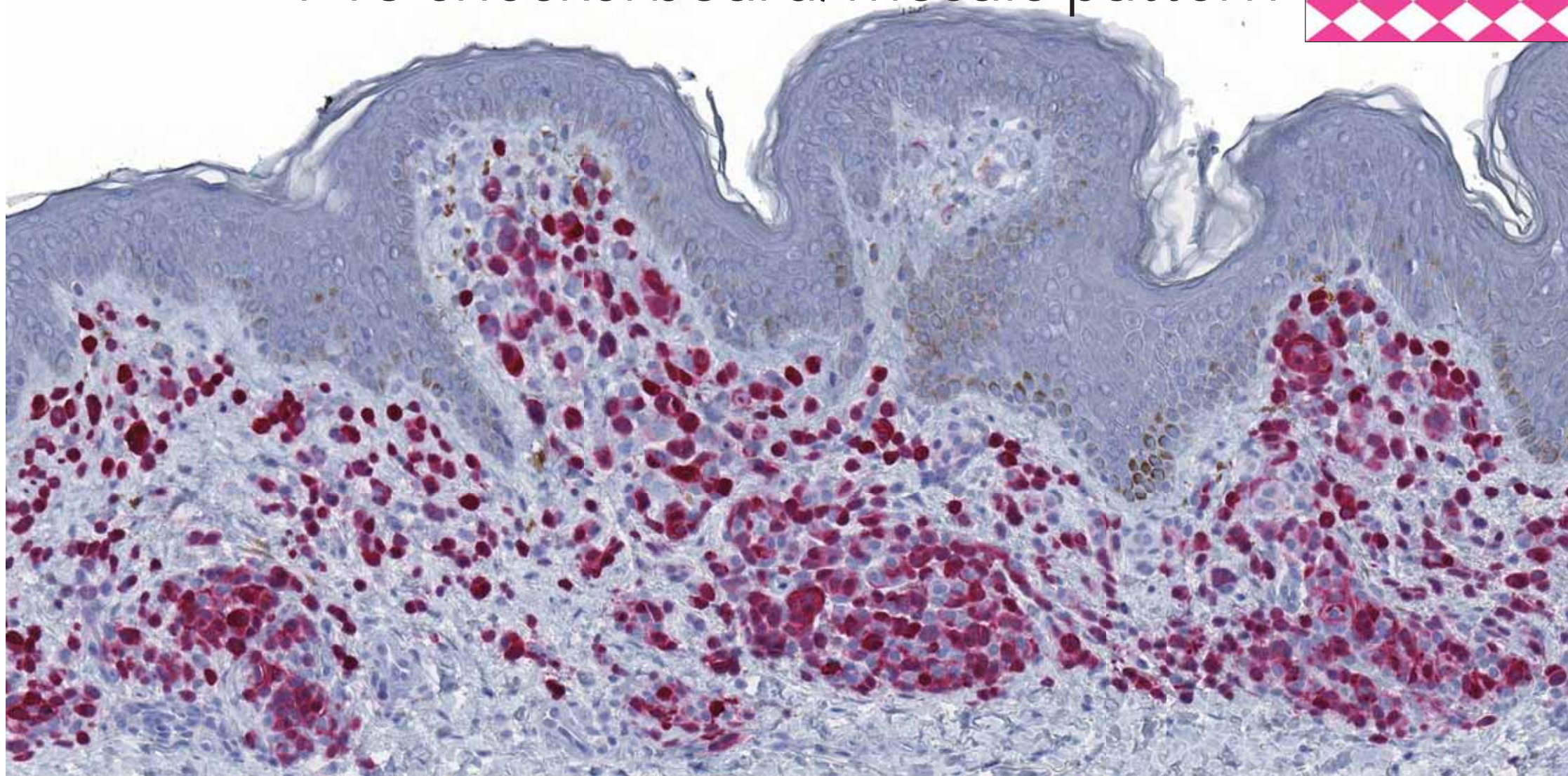


# p16 staining patterns (useful even in thin lesions)

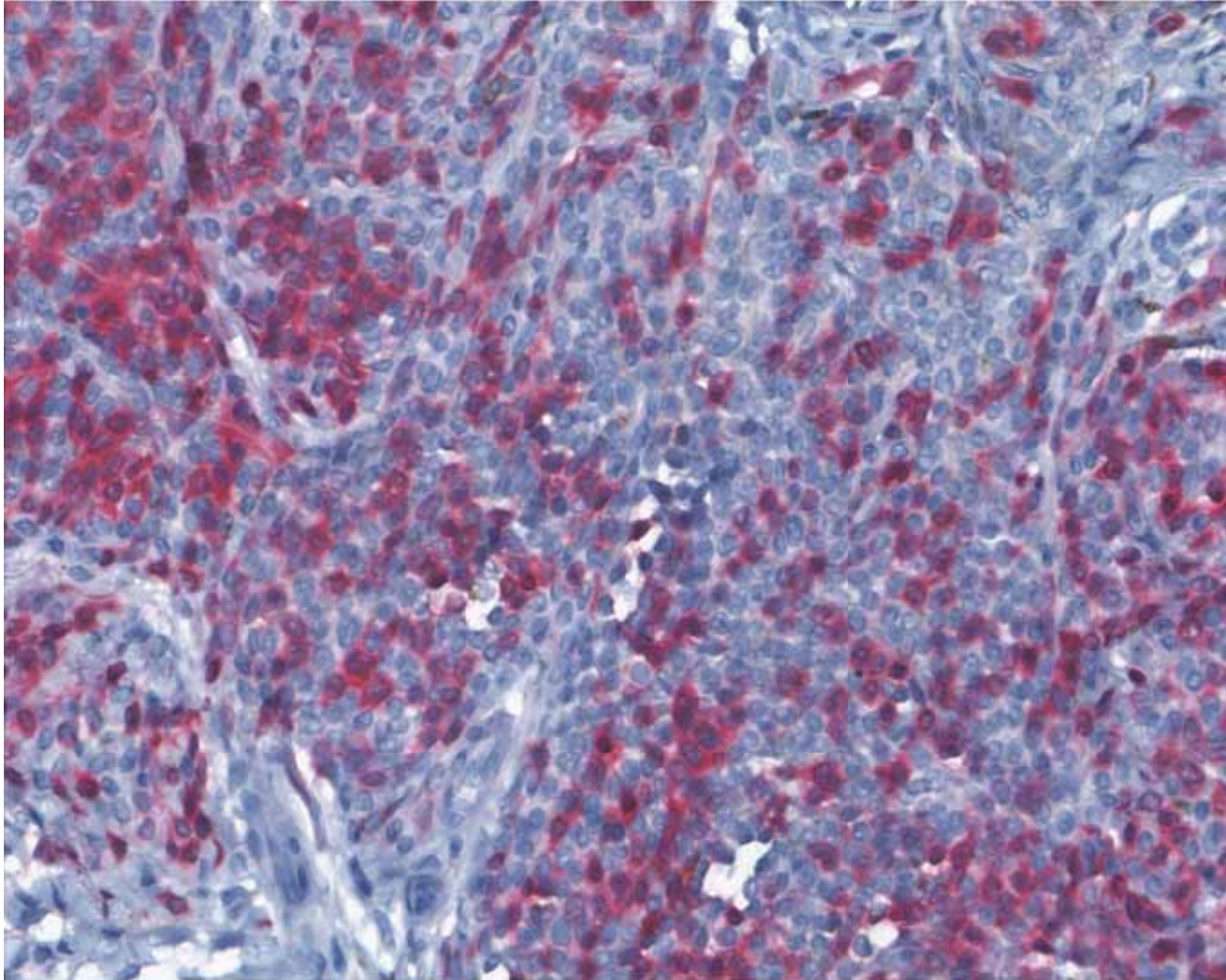
- Checkerboard stain



P16 checkerboard/mosaic pattern



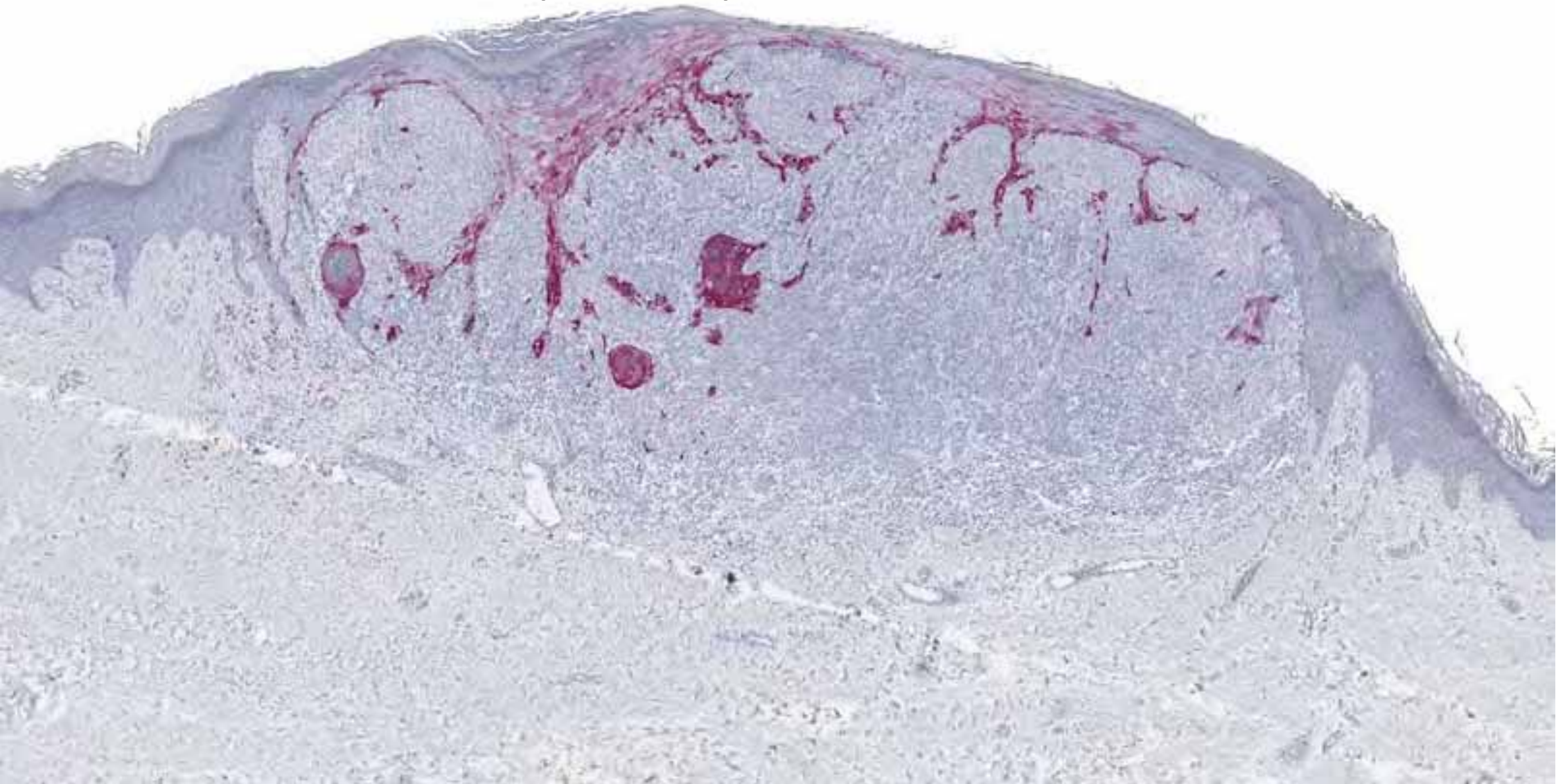
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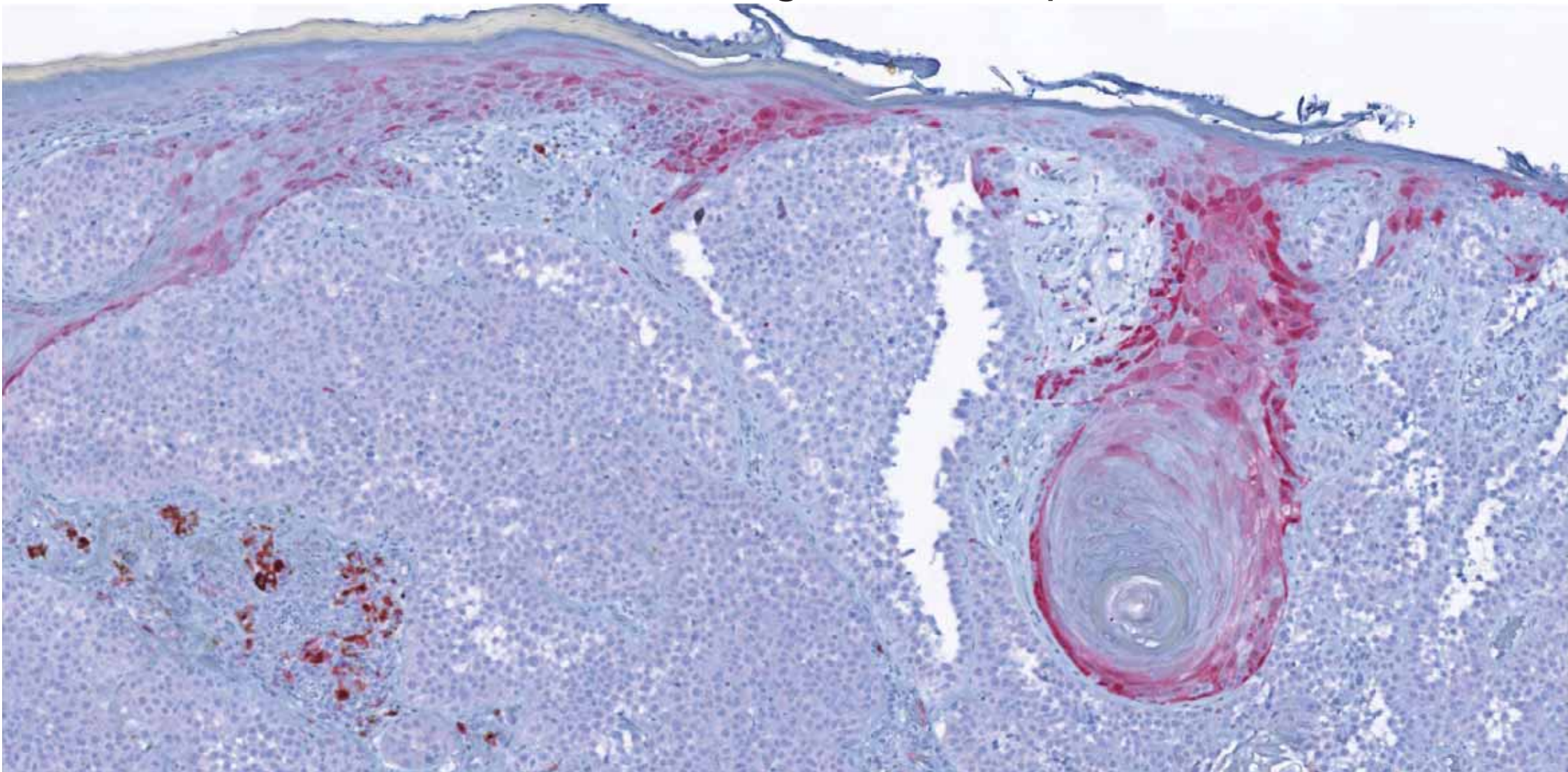
# p16 staining patterns (useful even in thin lesions)

- Checkerboard stain
- **Complete loss**: check internal controls

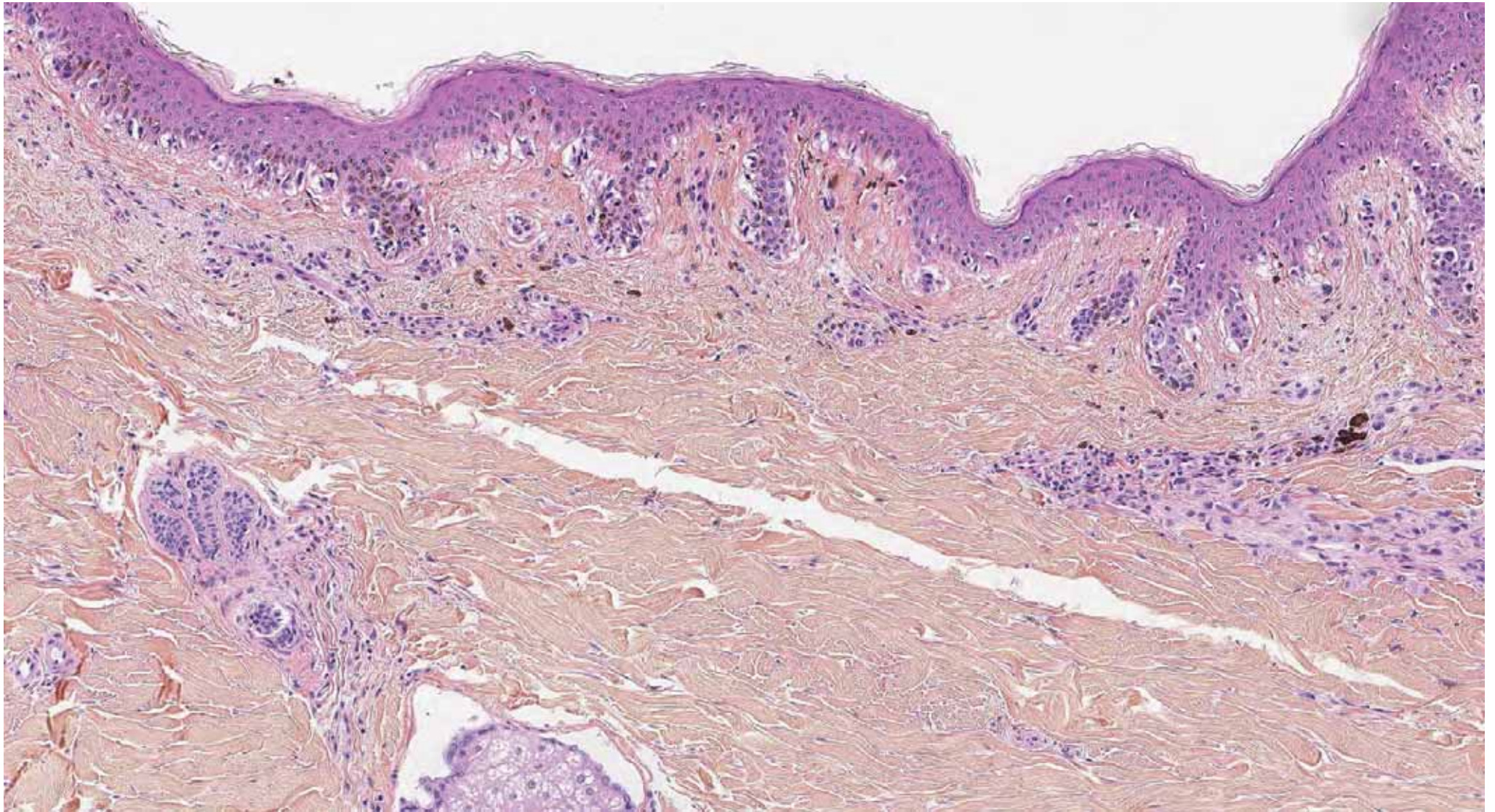
p16 complete loss



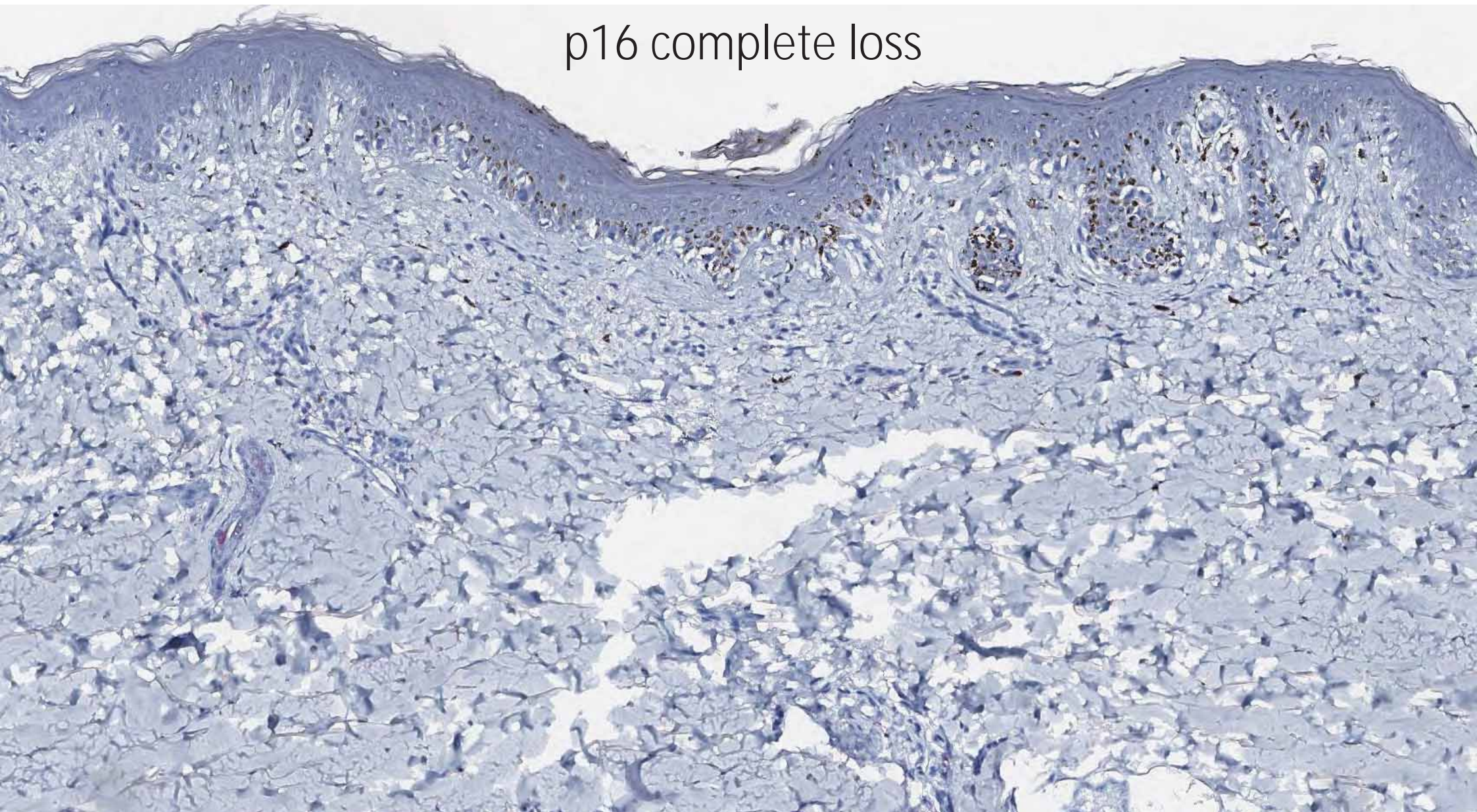
# P16: Remodeling of the epidermis



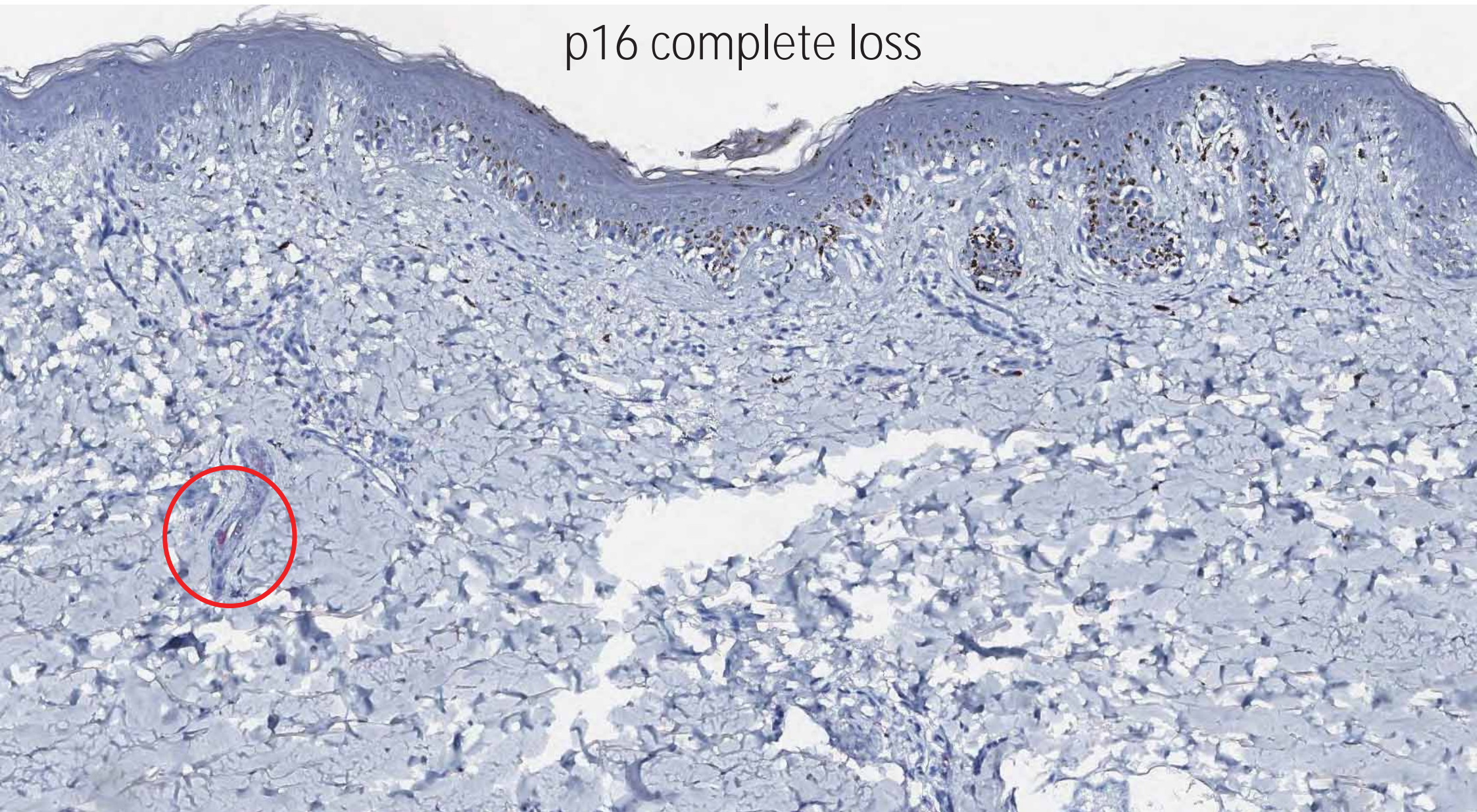
# Thin lesions



p16 complete loss



p16 complete loss

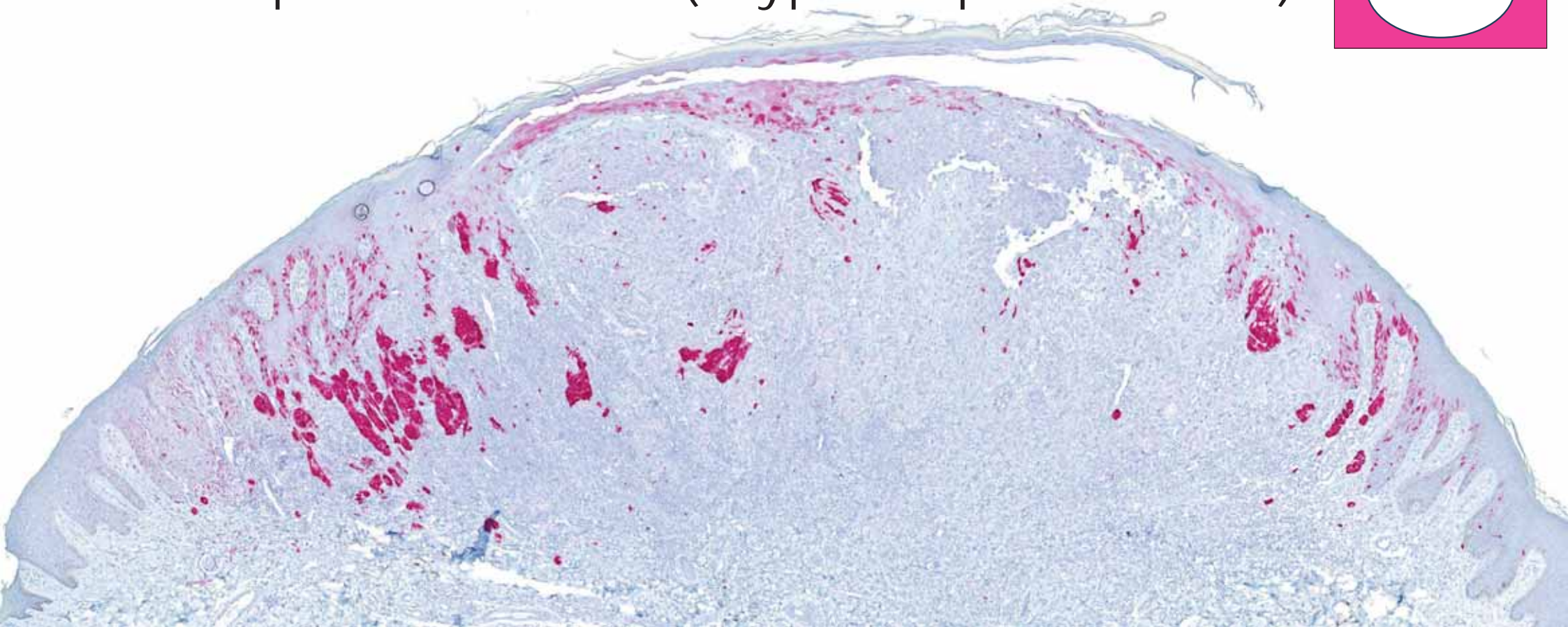
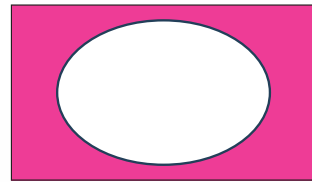


# p16 staining patterns (useful even in thin lesions)

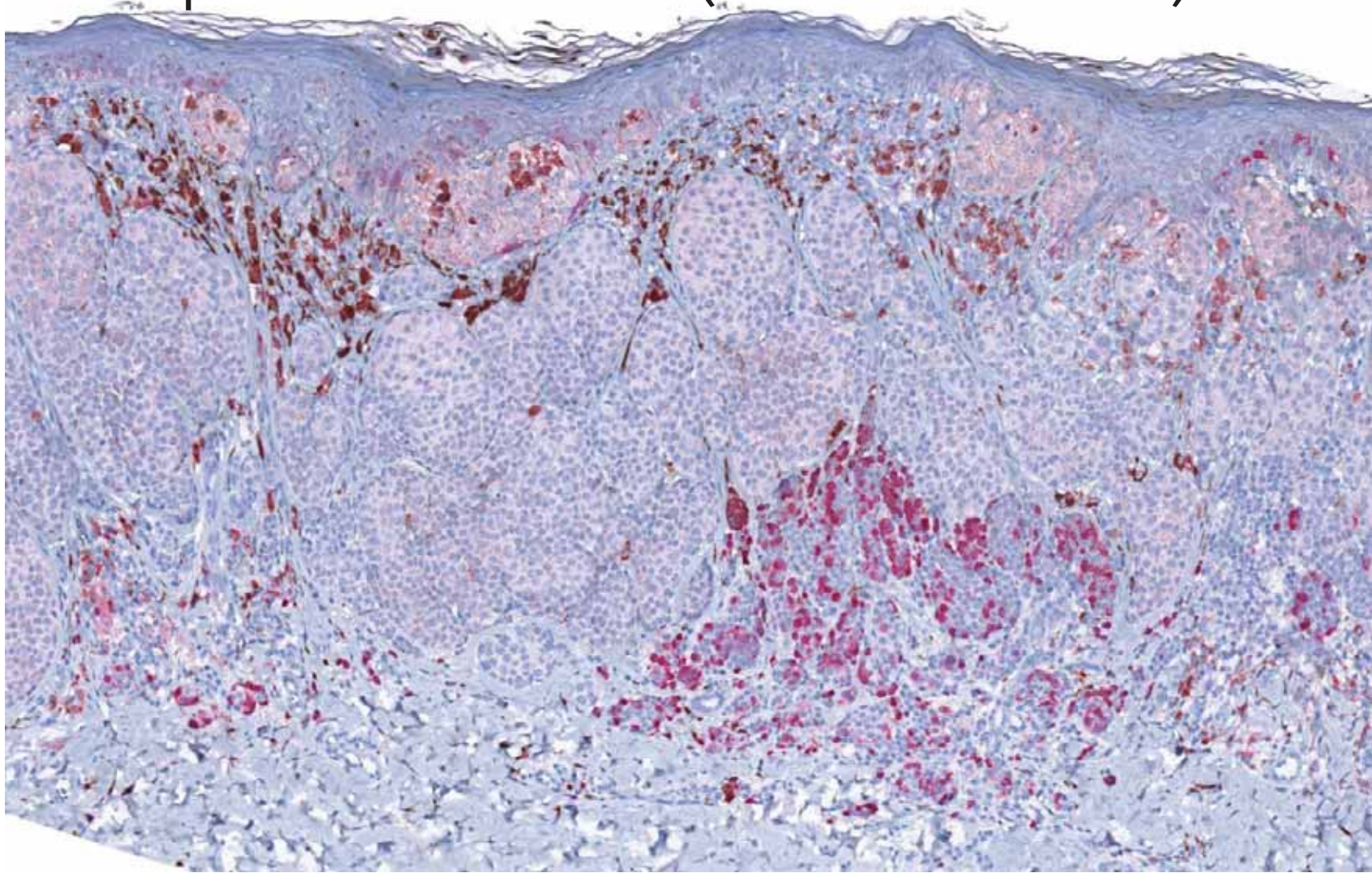
- Checkerboard stain
- Complete loss
- **Clonal loss**

Only an area of the tumor has lost p16 staining

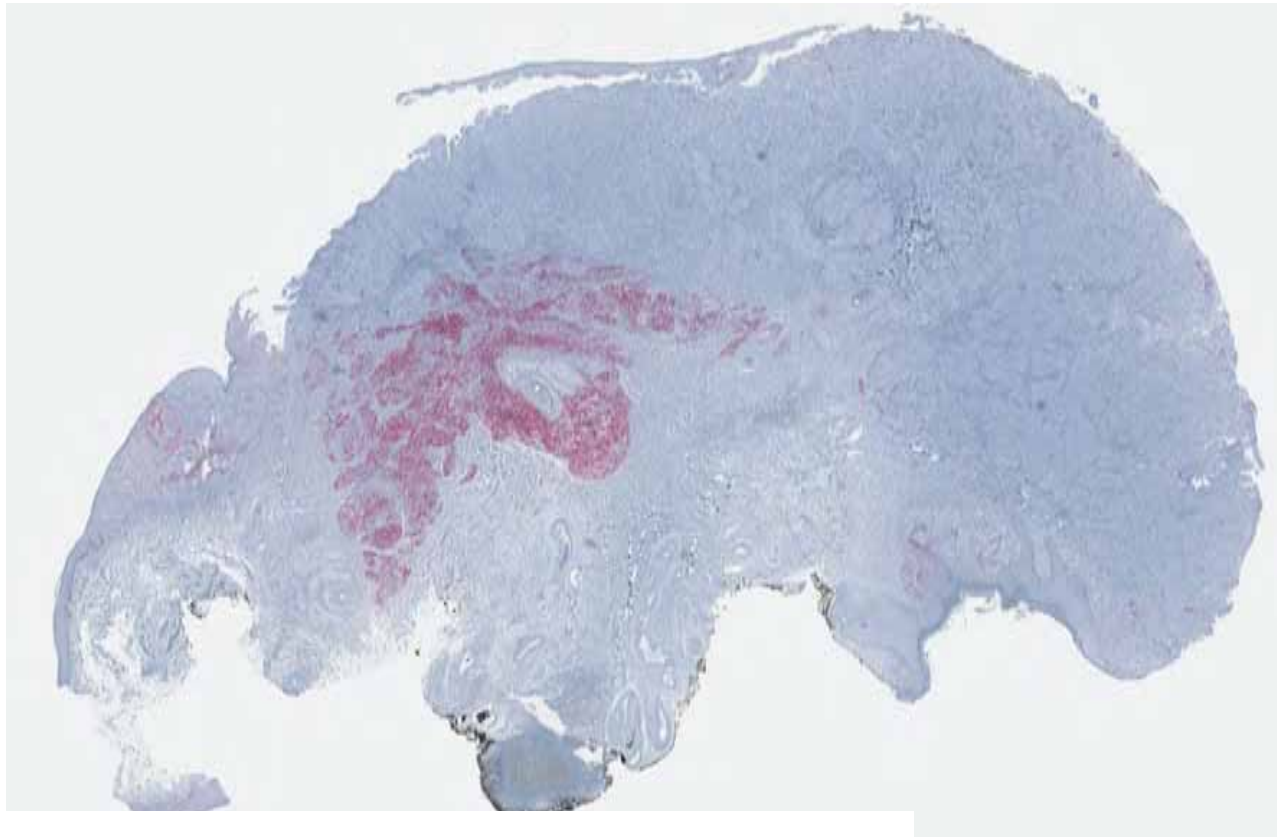
p16 clonal loss (Atypical Spitz Tumour)



p16 clonal loss (SSM ex nevus)



p16 clonal loss (SSM ex-nevus)  
Can help Breslow assessment



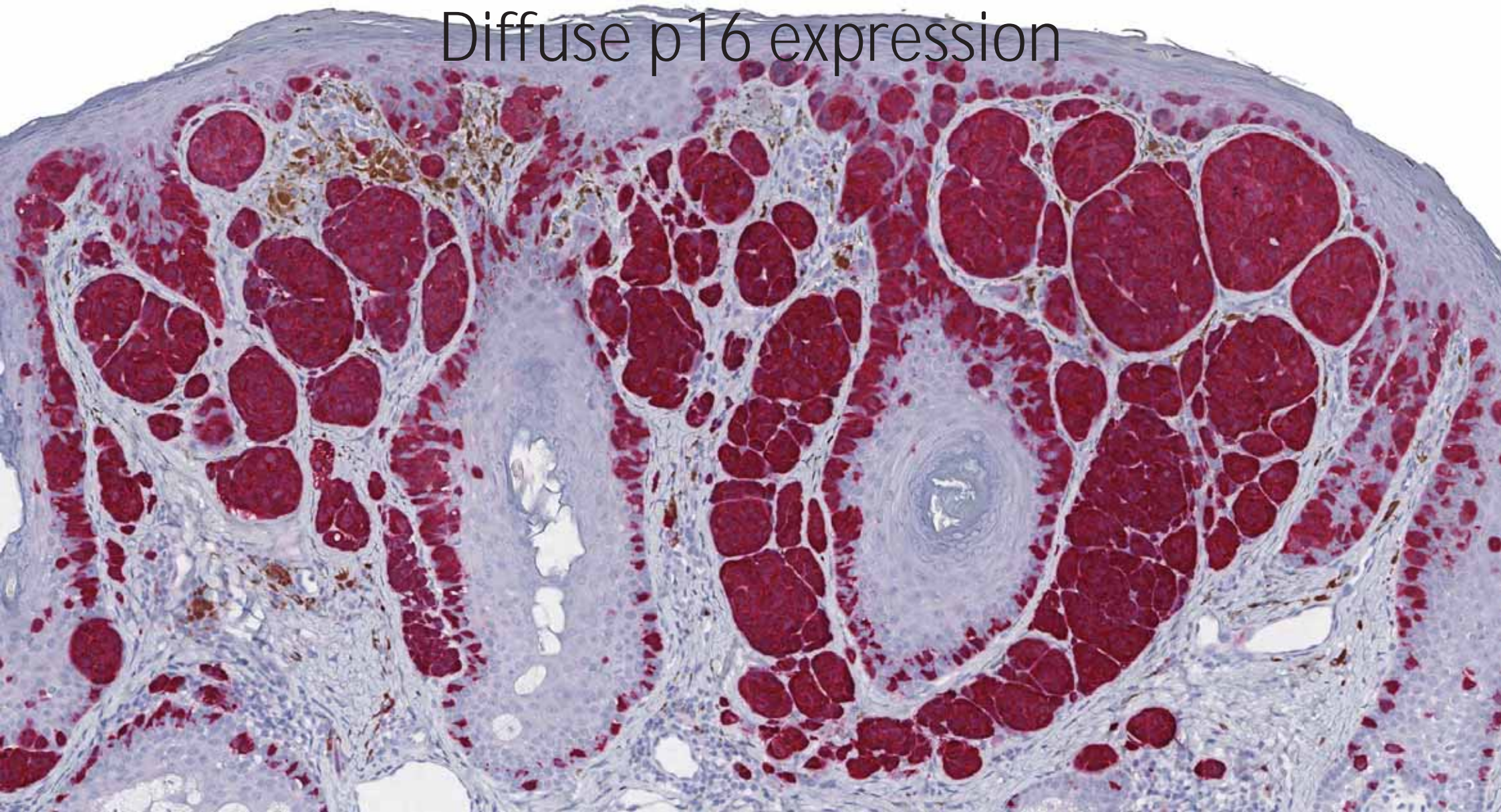
p16 clonal loss (Blue melanoma)



# p16 patterns suggesting malignancy (useful even in thin lesions)

- Checkerboard stain
- Absence of staining (check internal controls)
- Clonal loss
- **Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern**

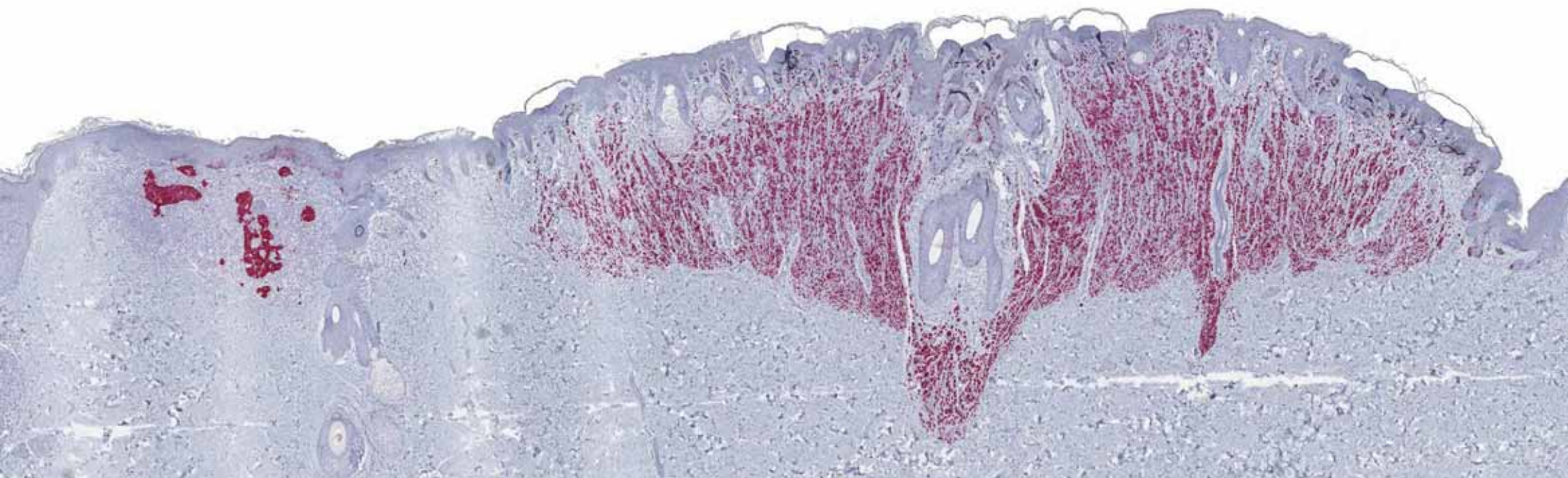
Diffuse p16 expression



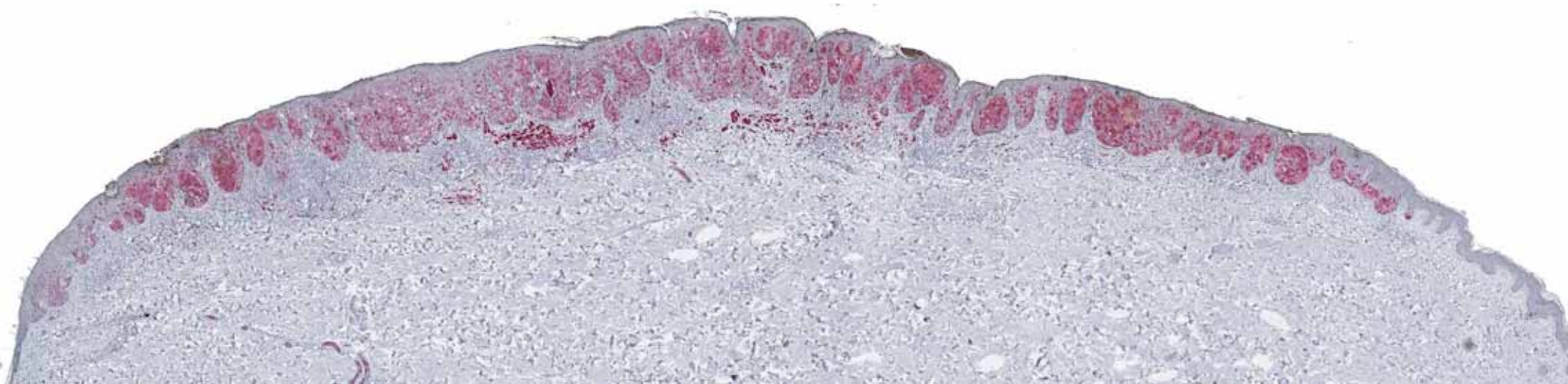
# p16 staining patterns unknown benign/malignant signification

- Checkerboard stain
- Absence of staining
- Clonal loss
- Diffuse positivity
- **Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern**
- Different pattern in melanoma and nevus areas

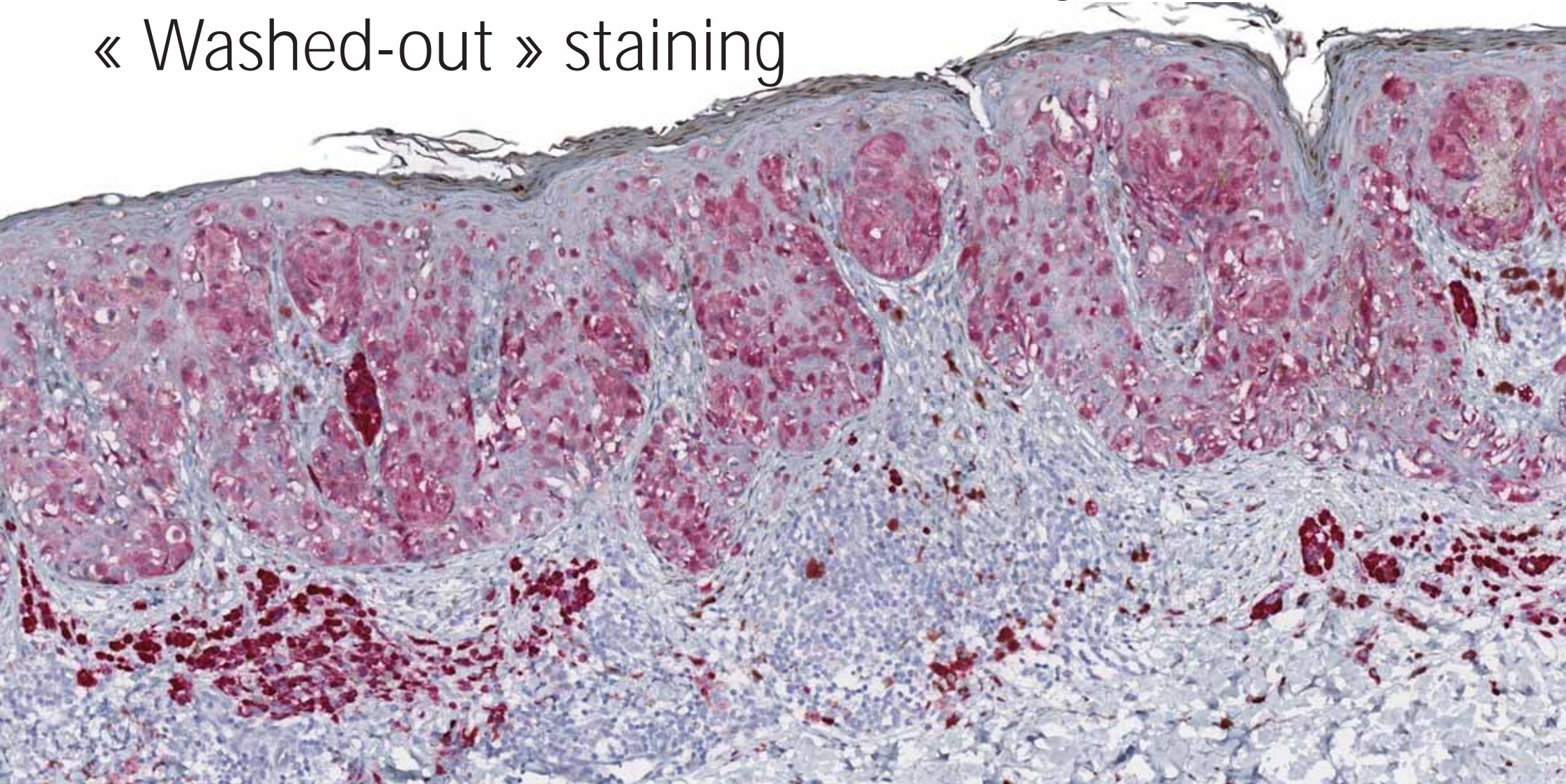
# Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern



# Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern



Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern  
« Washed-out » staining



# p16 staining patterns (useful even in thin lesions)

- Diffuse positivity
- Checkerboard stain
- Absence of staining
- Clonal loss
- Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern

Different pattern in melanoma and nevus

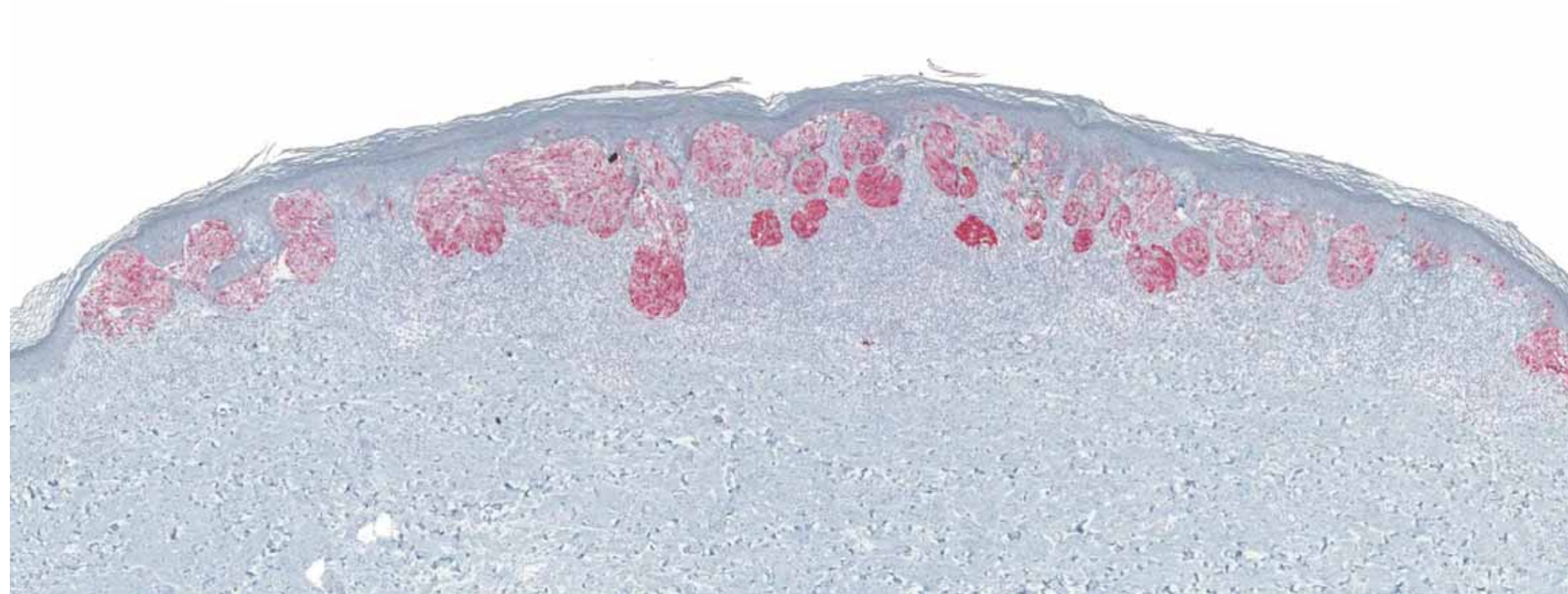
# p16 staining patterns (useful even in thin lesions)

- Checkerboard stain
- Absence of staining
- Clonal loss
- Diffuse positivity
- Melanoma ex-nevus staining pattern
- **Inverted gradient**

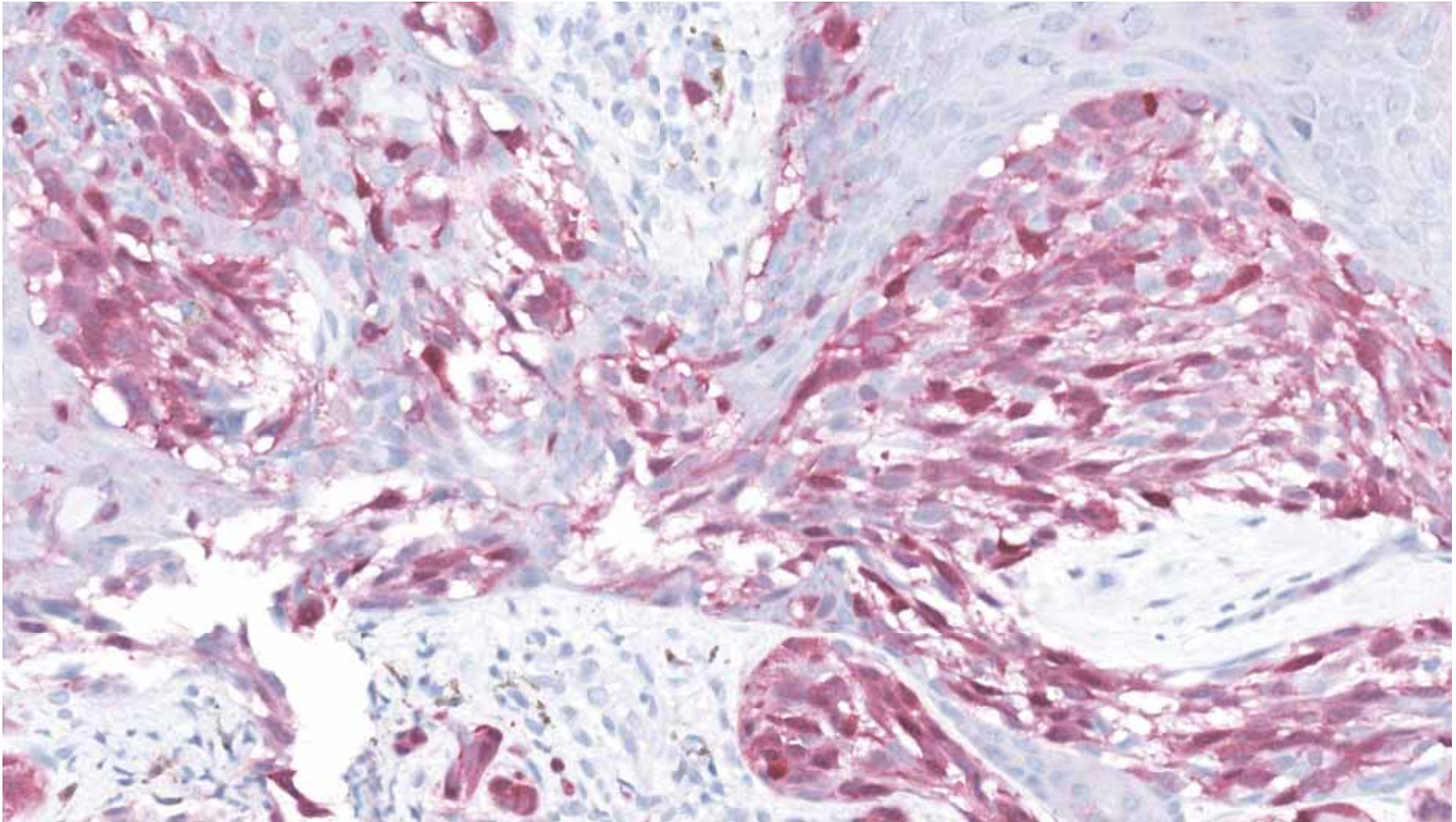
Bottom heavy staining



Inverted /bottom heavy P16 expression



# P16 Nuclear positivity



# Negative trend

- Swapping out P16 for PRAME is a very bad idea



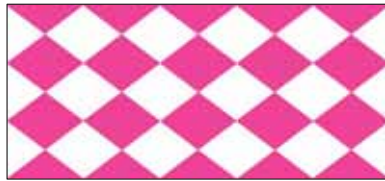
# P16 synoptic IHC expression chart

Common

Spitz

Blue

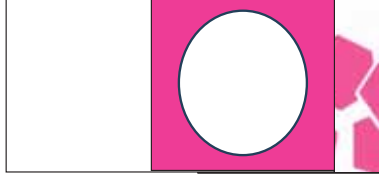
Congenital nevus/ mosaicism



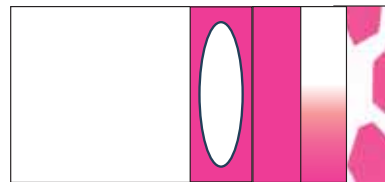
Low-grade melanocytoma



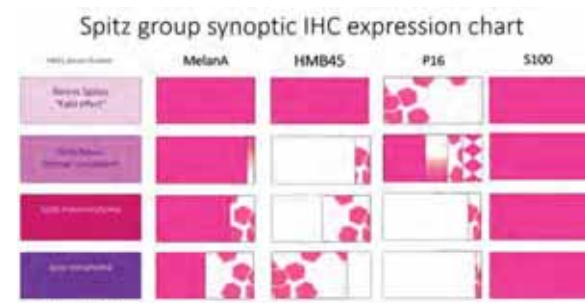
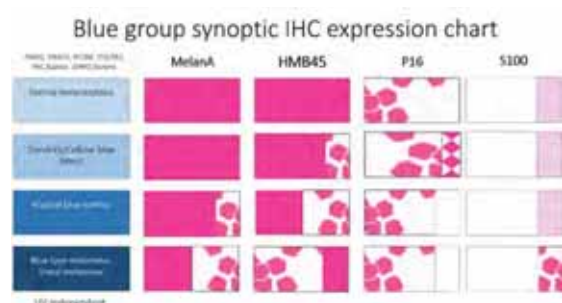
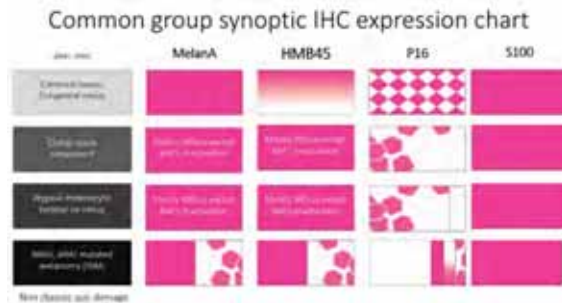
High-grade melanocytoma



Melanoma



# Contextual/combined IHC diagnosis approach



# Common group synoptic IHC expression chart

*BRAF, NRAS*

MelanA

HMB45

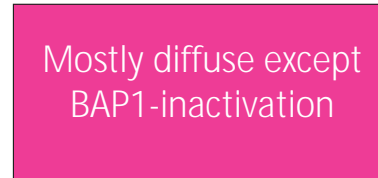
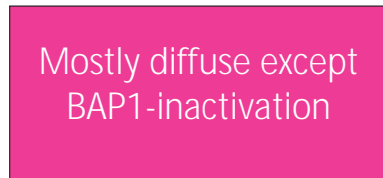
P16

S100

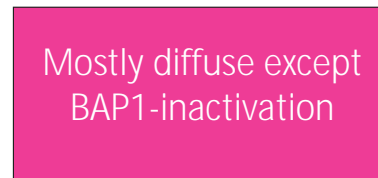
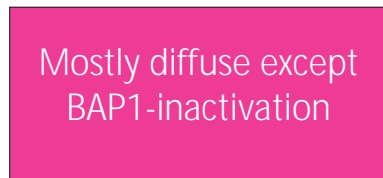
Common nevus,  
Congenital nevus



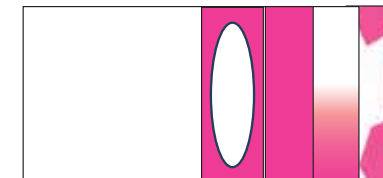
Clonal nevus  
component



Atypical melanocytic  
tumour ex-nevus



*NRAS, BRAF* mutated  
melanoma (SSM)



Non chronic sun-damage

# Blue group synoptic IHC expression chart

*GNAQ, GNA11, PLCB4, CYSLTR2, PKC fusions, GRM1 fusions*

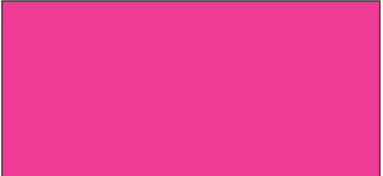
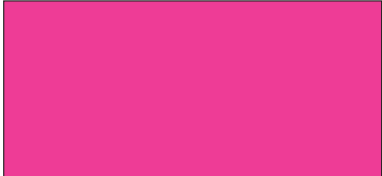
MelanA

HMB45

P16

S100

Dermal melanocytosis



Dendritic/Cellular blue nevus



Atypical blue tumour



Blue-type melanoma, Uveal melanoma



UV-independent

# Spitz group synoptic IHC expression chart

*HRAS*, kinase fusions

MelanA

HMB45

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S100

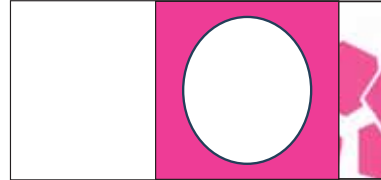
Nevus Spilus  
"Field effect"



Spitz Nevus  
Dermal component



Spitz melanocytoma



Spitz melanoma



UV-independent

# LMM/DM synoptic IHC expression chart

	MelanA	HMB45	SOX10	S100
High TMB <i>NF1</i> , <i>NFKBR<sup>ε</sup></i> Lentigo Maligna LM	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
Lentigo Maligna Melanoma LMM	Positive	Positive (with inset image showing melanocytes)	Positive	Positive
Desmoplastic Melanoma ex-LMM Pure subtype	Negative	Negative	Positive	Positive

Chronic sun-damage

# LMM/DM synoptic IHC expression chart

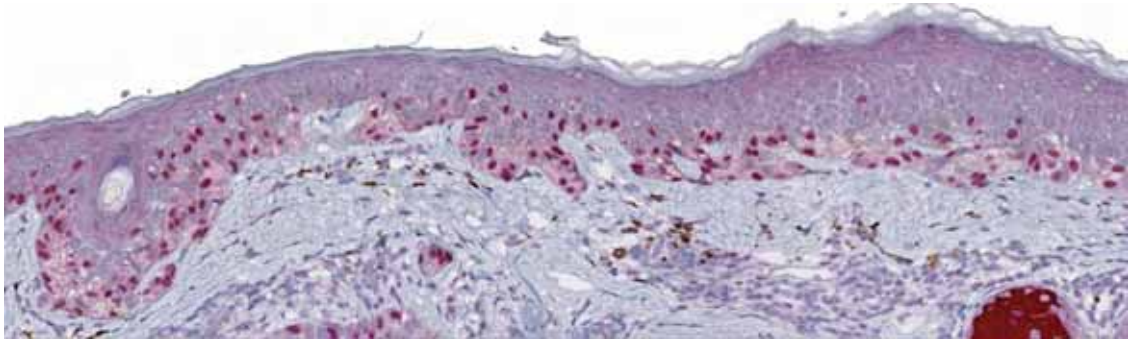
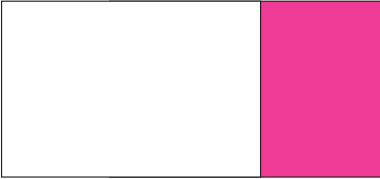
## PRAME

High TMB *NF1*,  
*NFKBR*<sup>e</sup>

Lentigo Maligna  
LM

Lentigo Maligna Melanoma  
LMM

Desmoplastic Melanoma  
ex-LMM  
Pure subtype



Chronic sun-damage

# ALM synoptic IHC expression chart

Genomic Hailstorm  
Low TMB

MelanA

HMB45

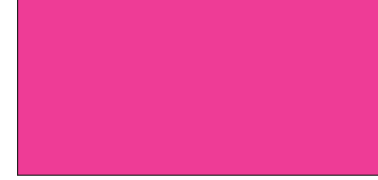
Sox10

S100

Acral Lentiginous Melanoma  
in situ



Acral Lentiginous Melanoma  
Invasive



UV-independent

# ALM synoptic IHC expression chart

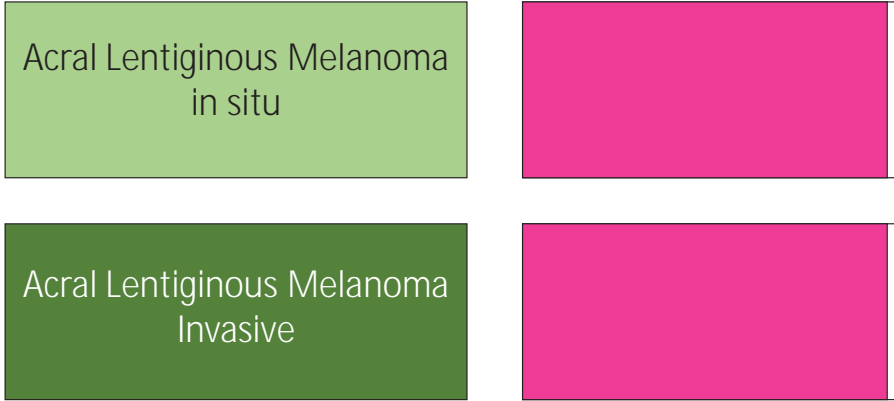
Genomic Hailstorm  
Low TMB

PRAME

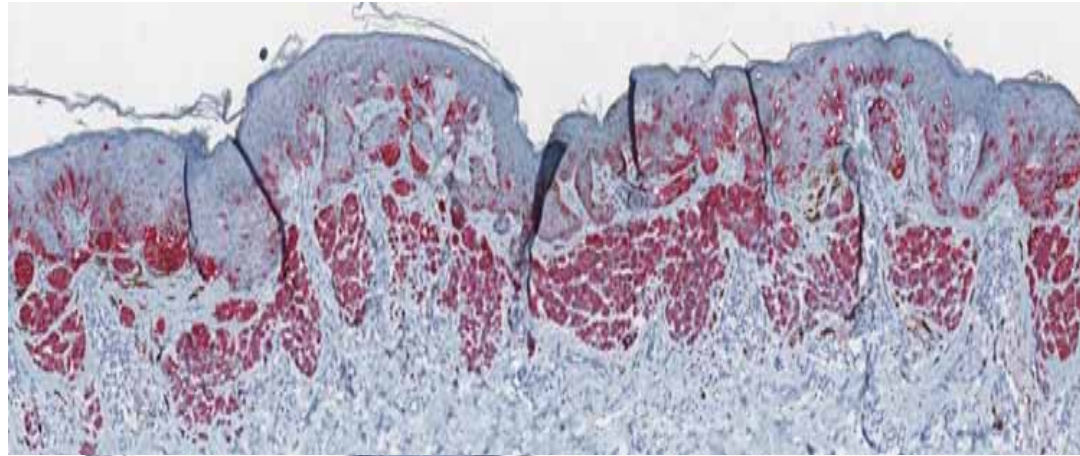
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in situ

Acral Lentiginous Melanoma  
Invasive

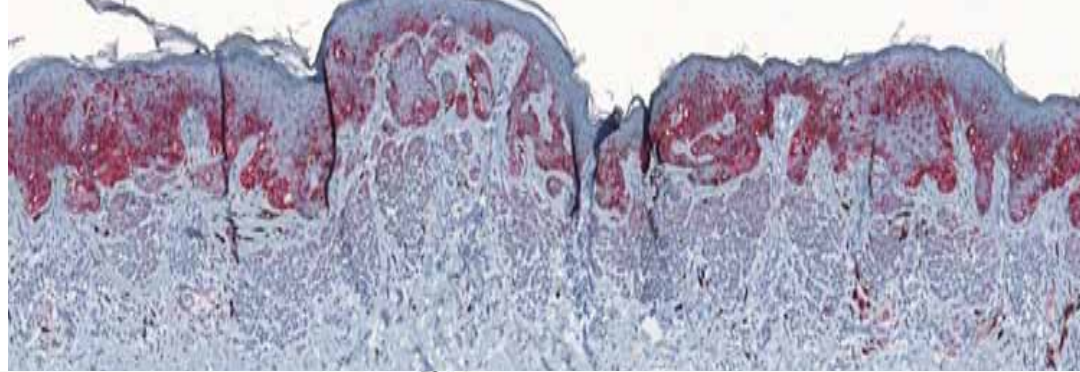
UV-independent



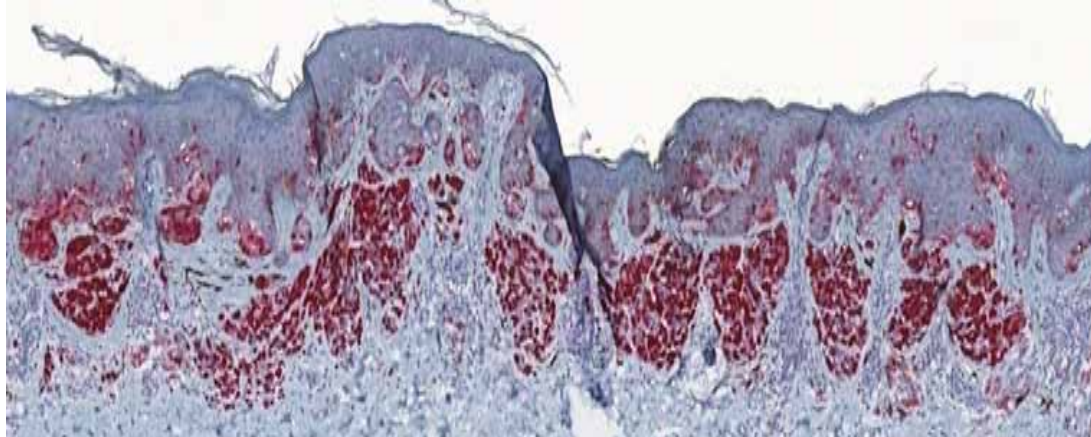
Having a standard immunophenotype in a common compound nevus is almost a failsafe system



MelanA



HMB45

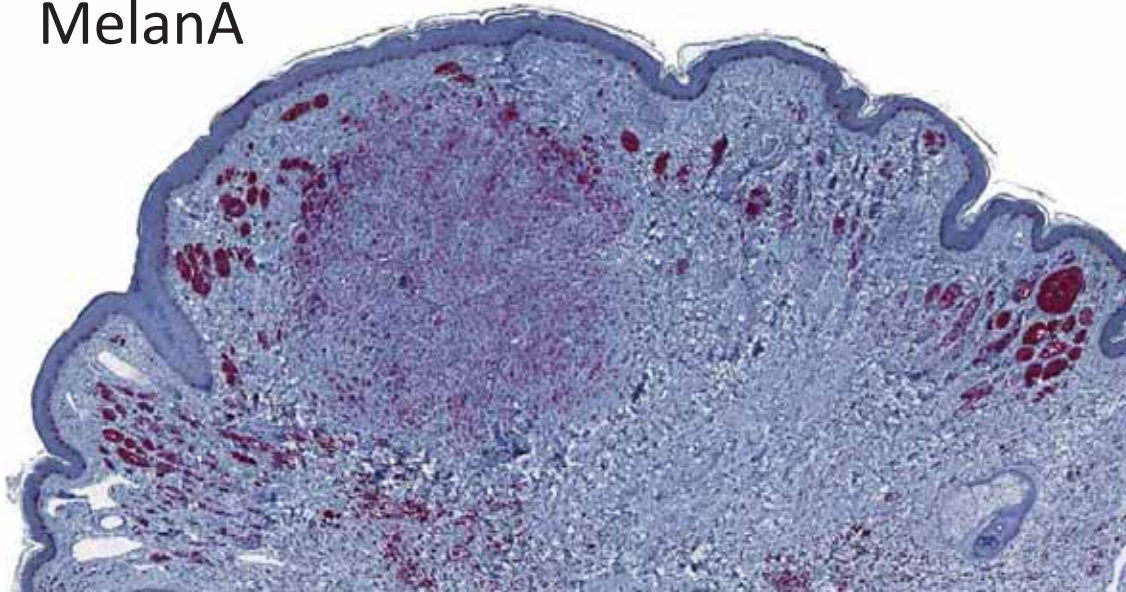


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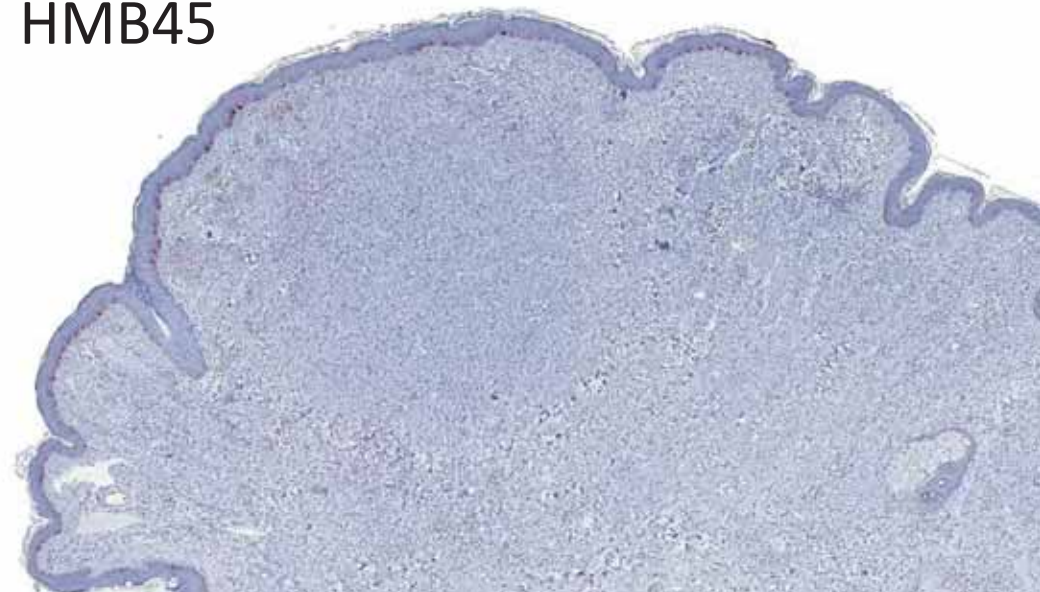
# BAP1 inactivated melanocytoma profile

- Helps decide if BAP1 immunohistochemistry is useful
- Unpublished data from >250 cases

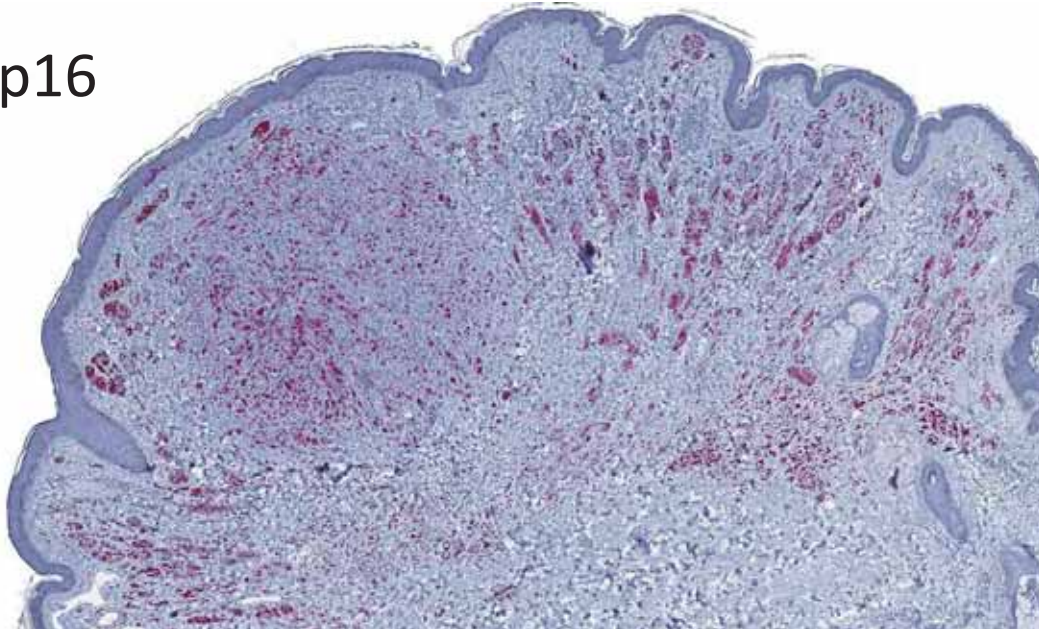
MelanA



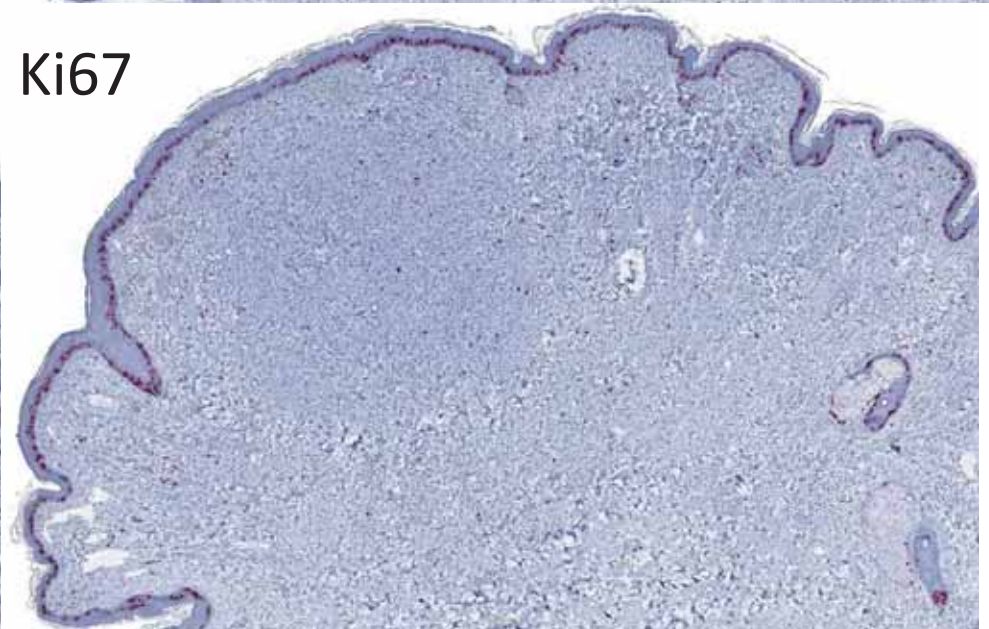
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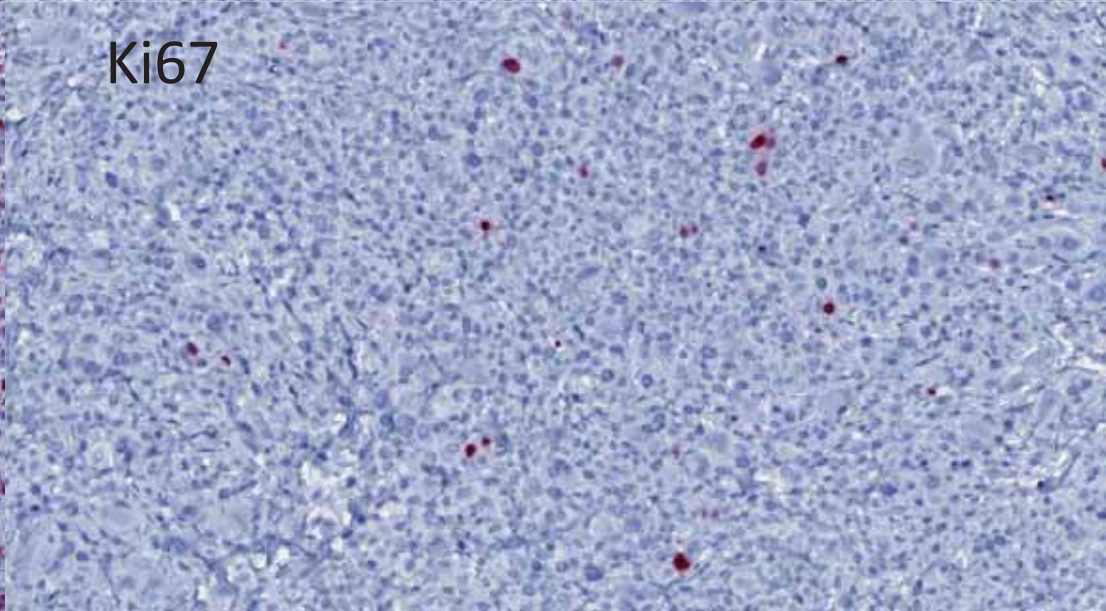
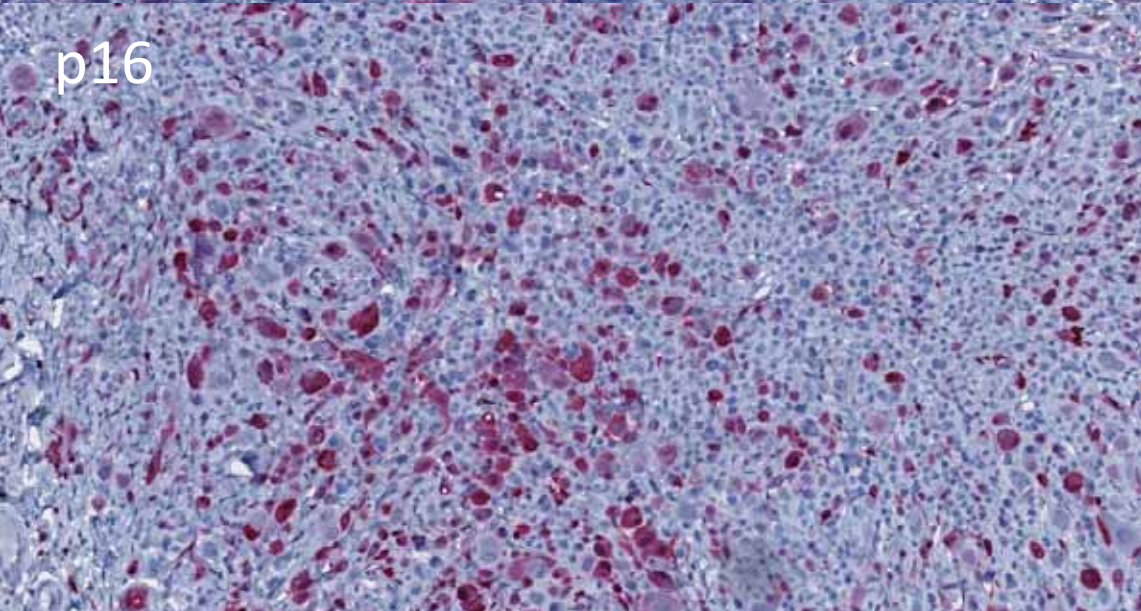
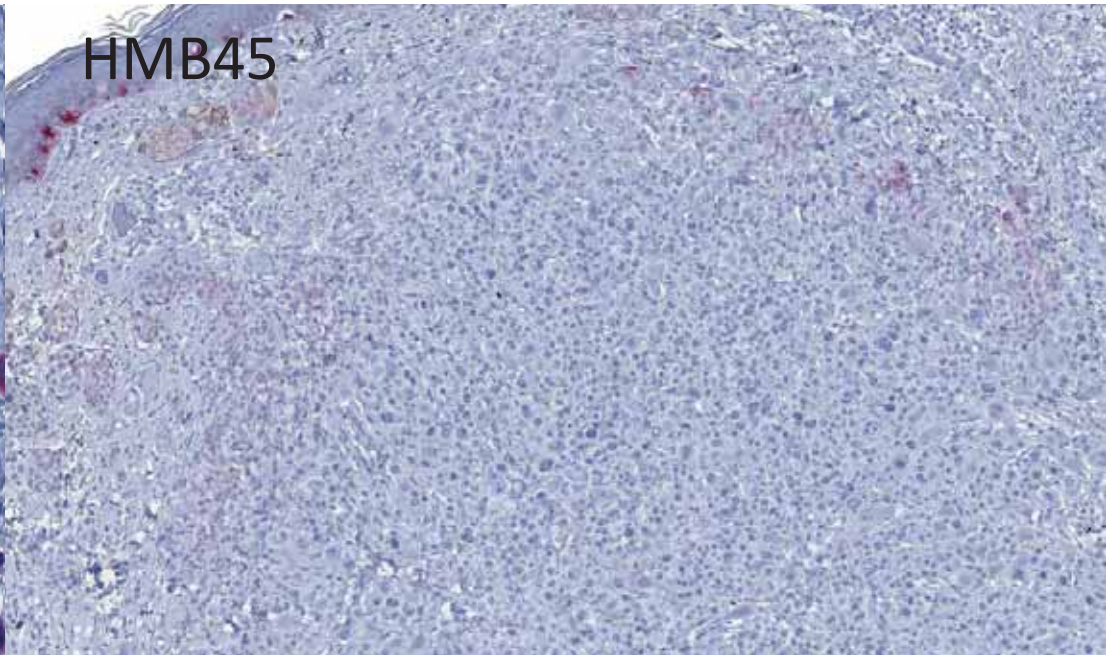
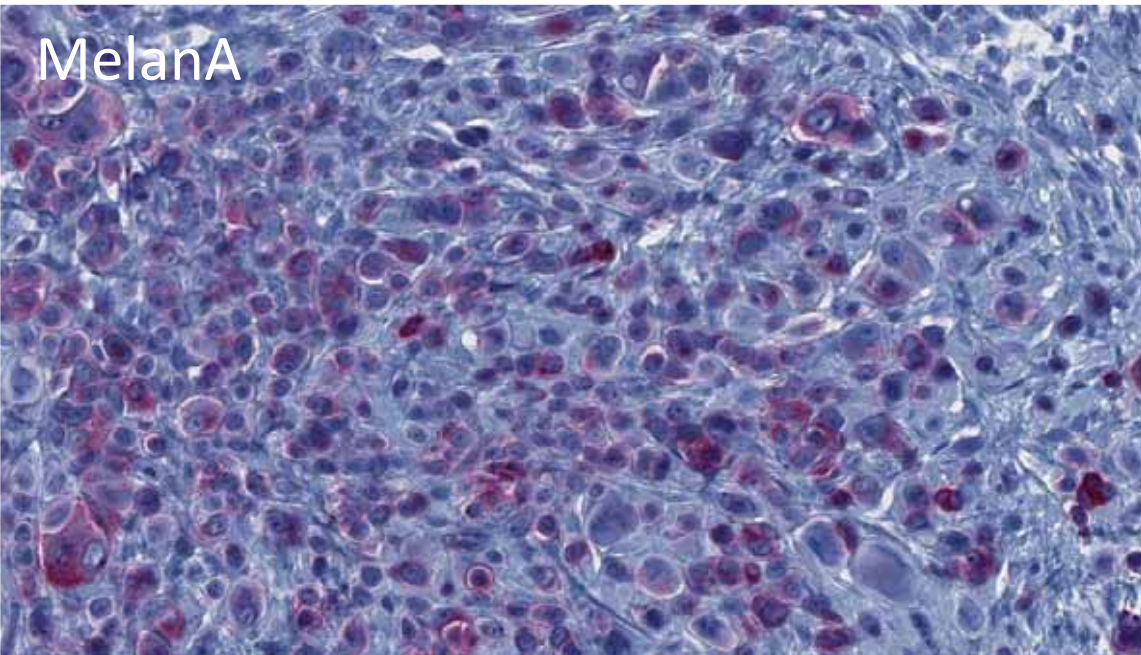


p16



Ki67





# Case analysis approach

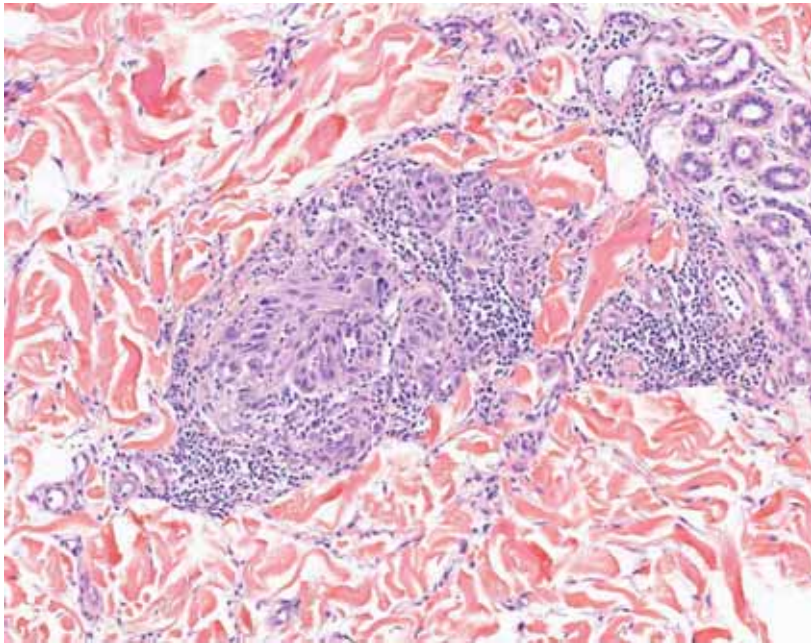
- Time-check with Lorenzo

## Sox10 vs MelanA

- Sometimes one is a better choice than the other, not always same...
- Sometimes both are needed and show different patterns

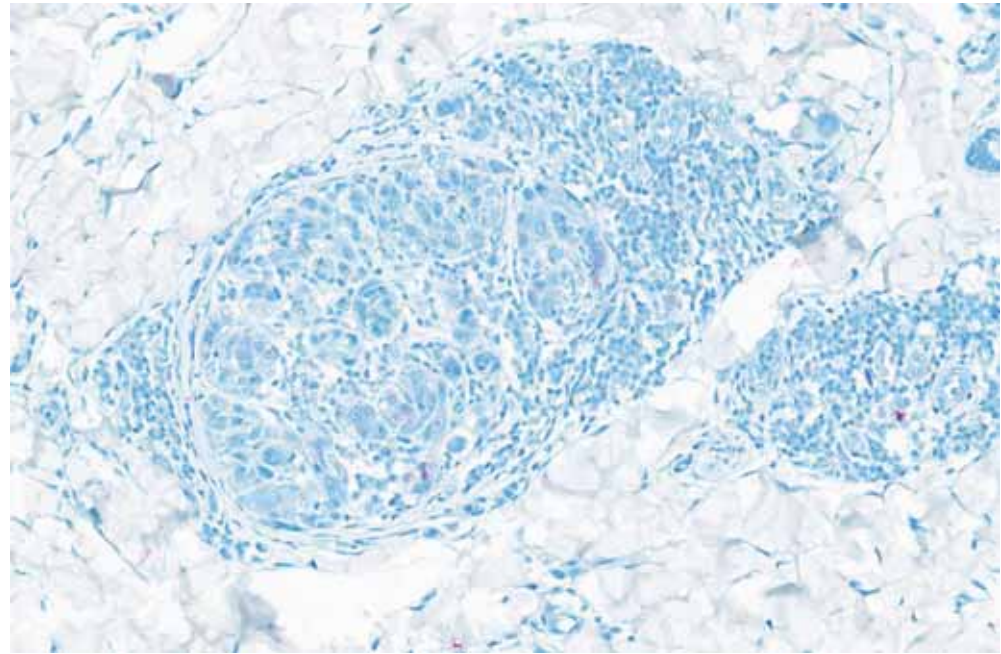
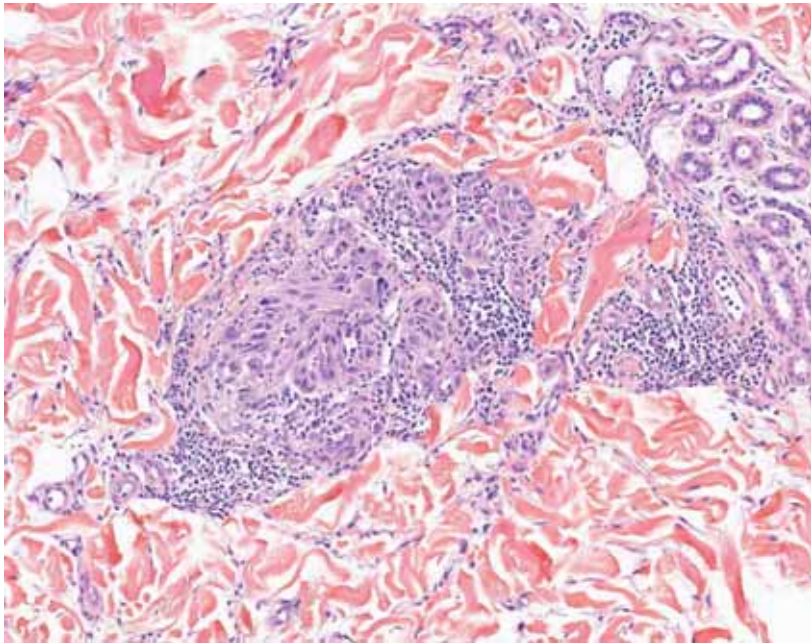
Sox10 vs MelanA or HMB45

Melanoma re-excision: in-transit metastasis?



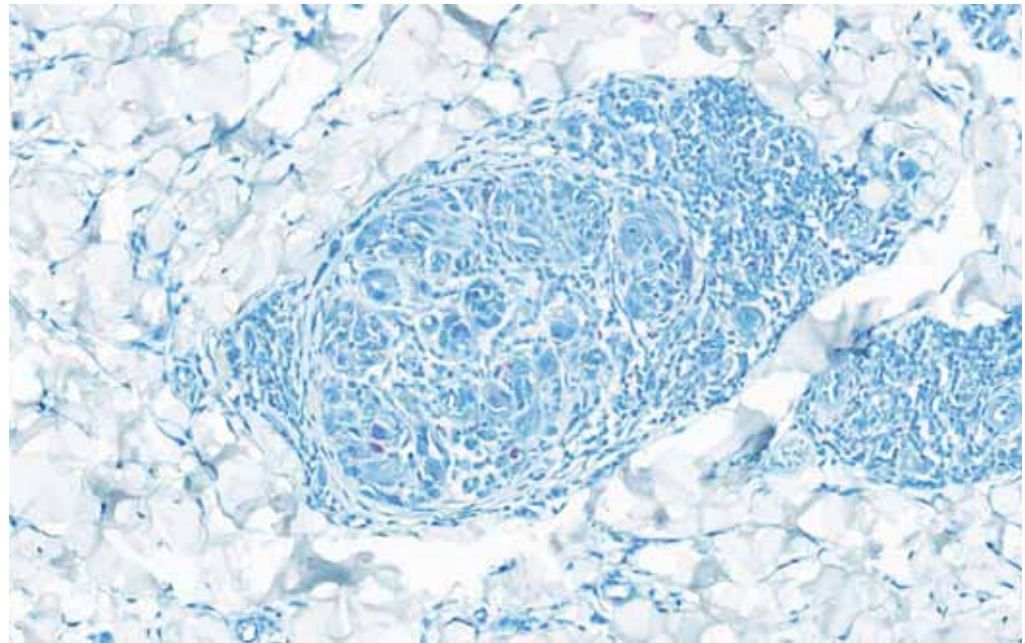
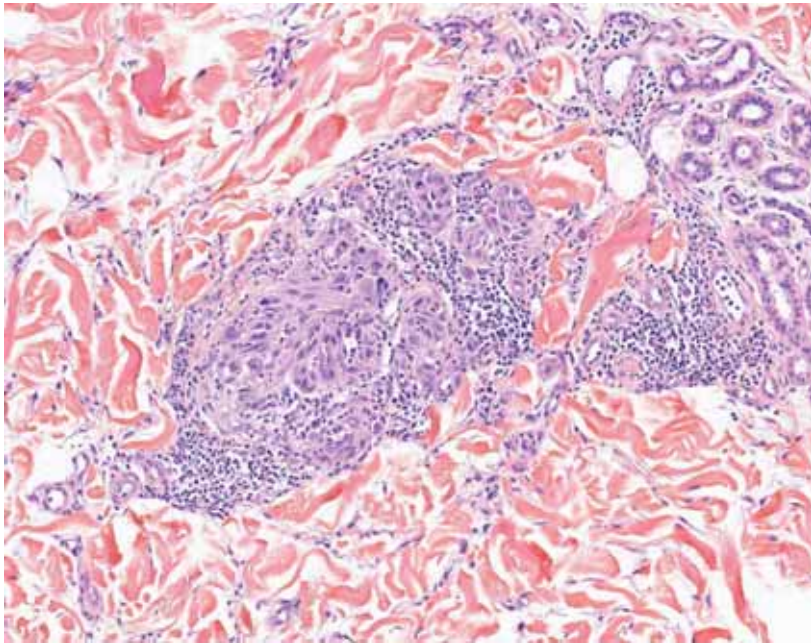
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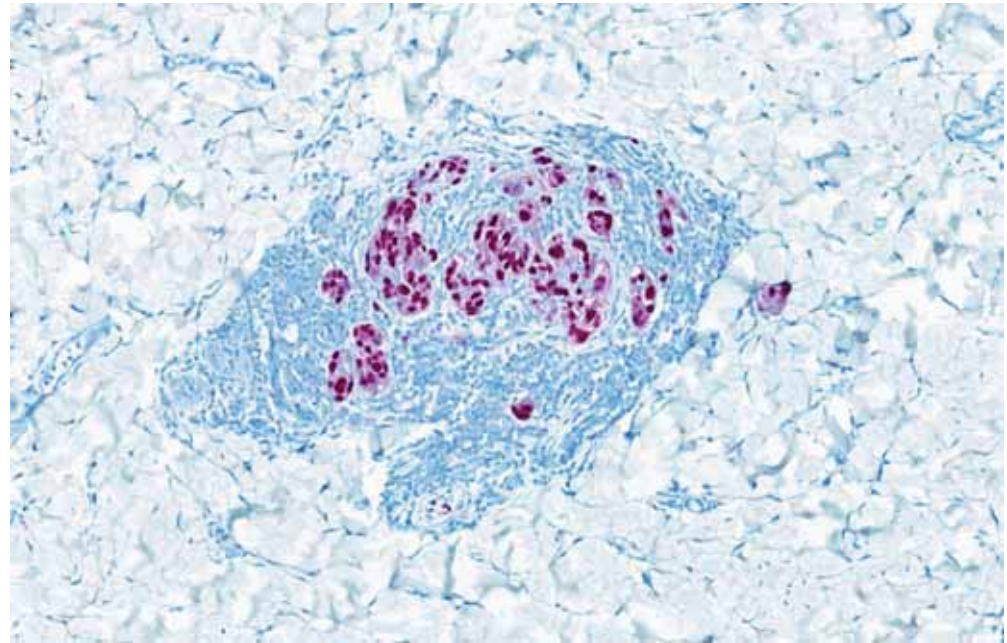
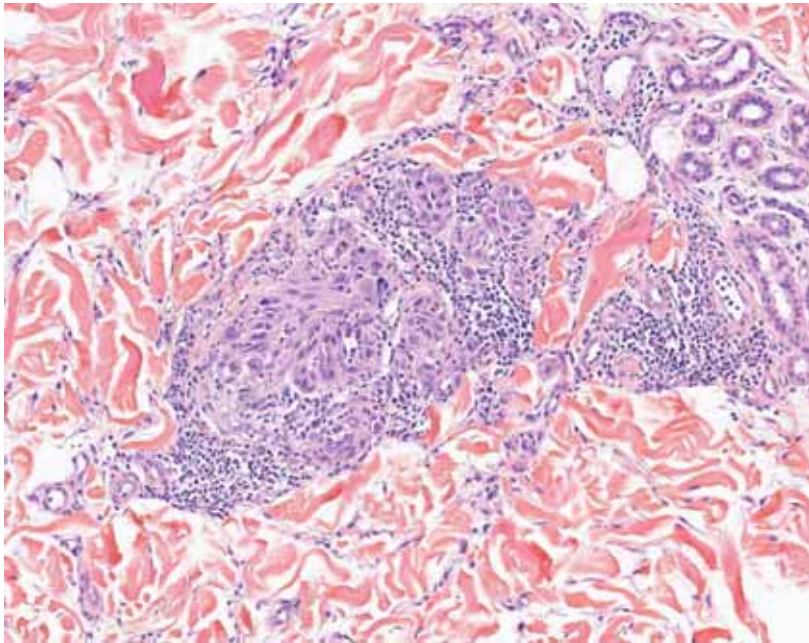
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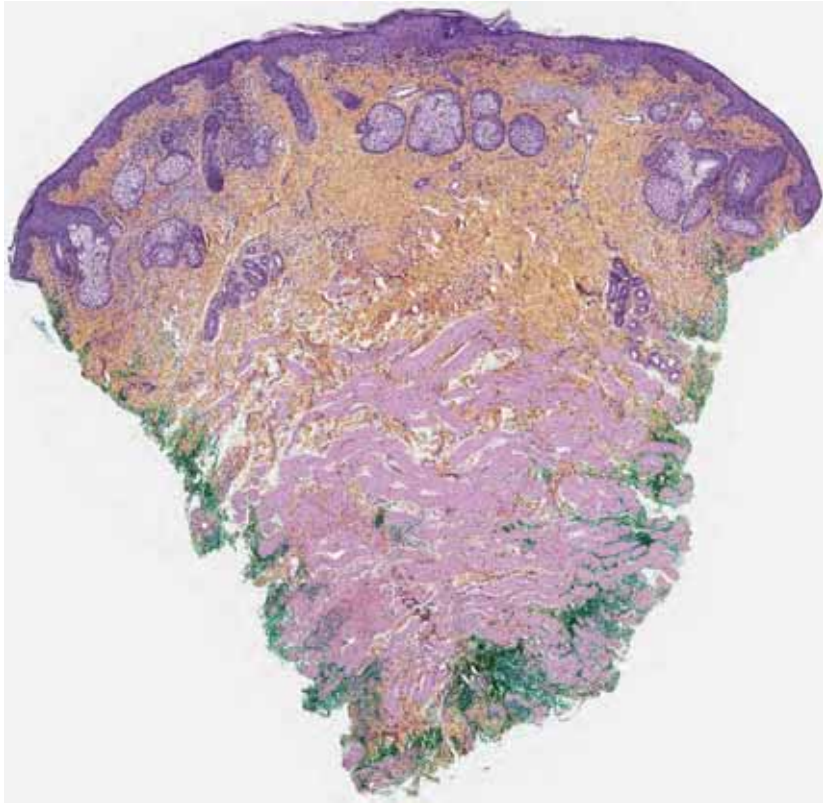
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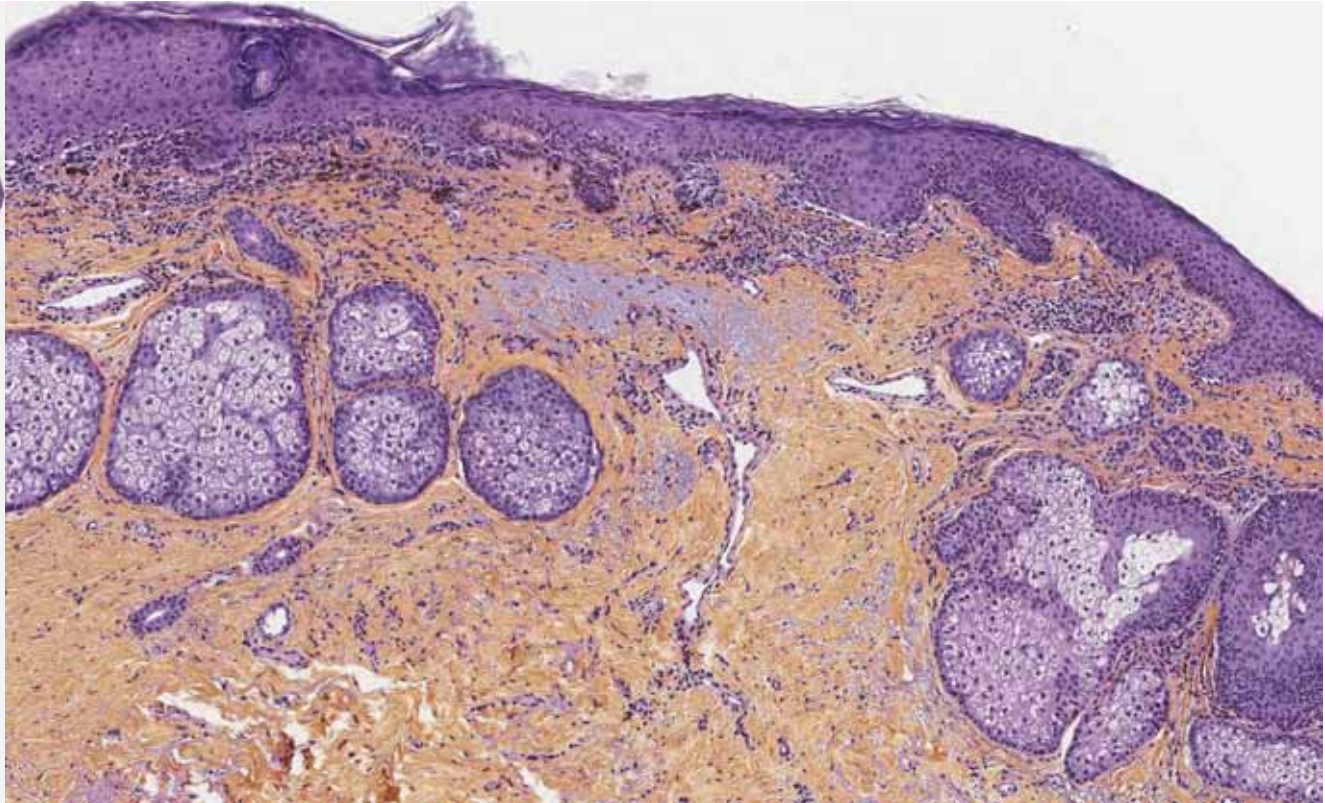
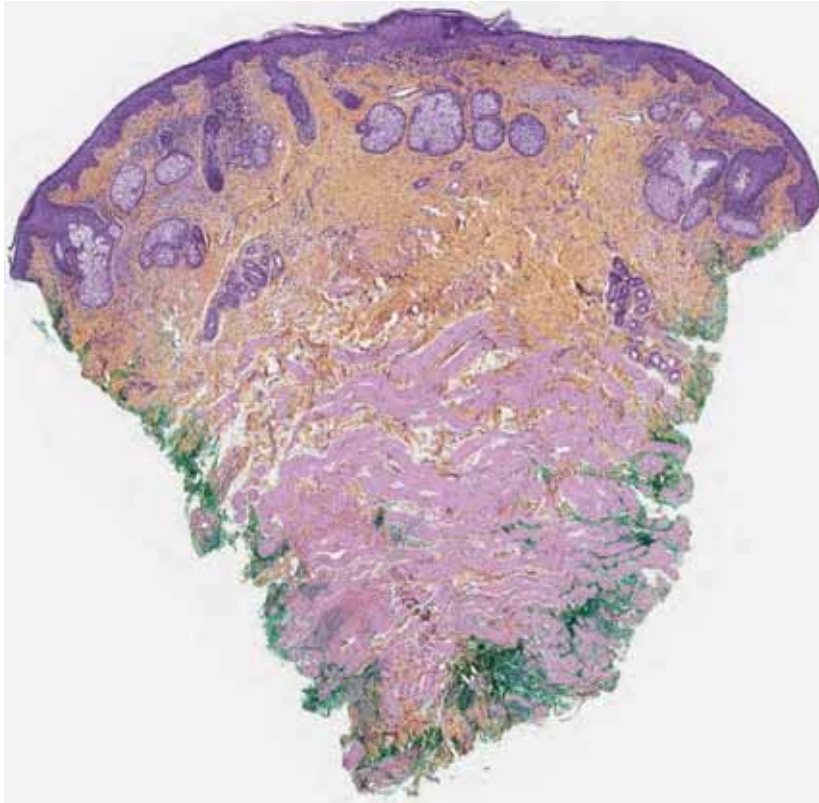
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## Small incidental nevi in LM resections

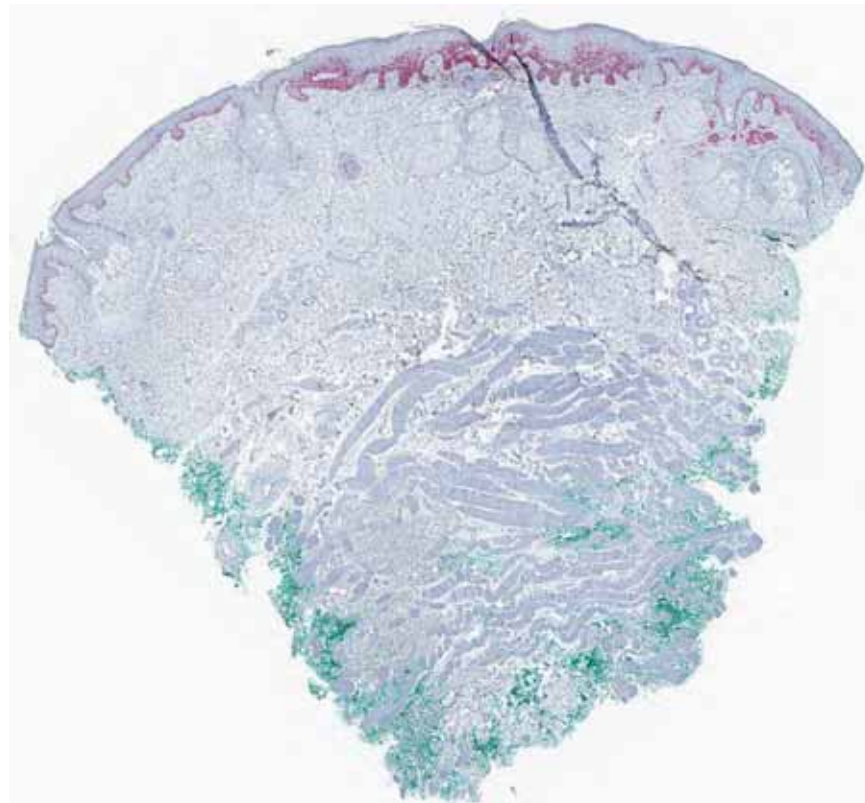


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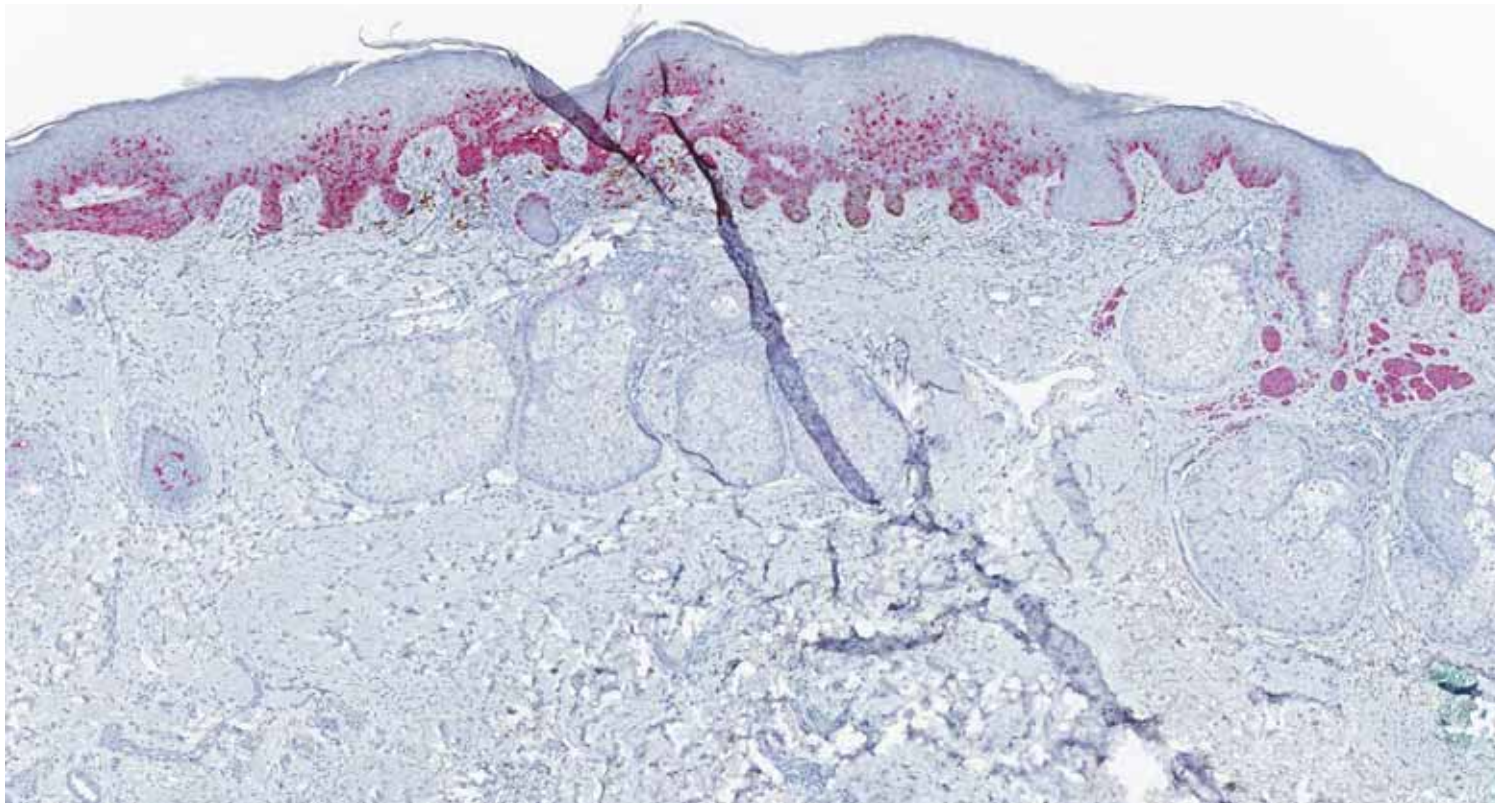
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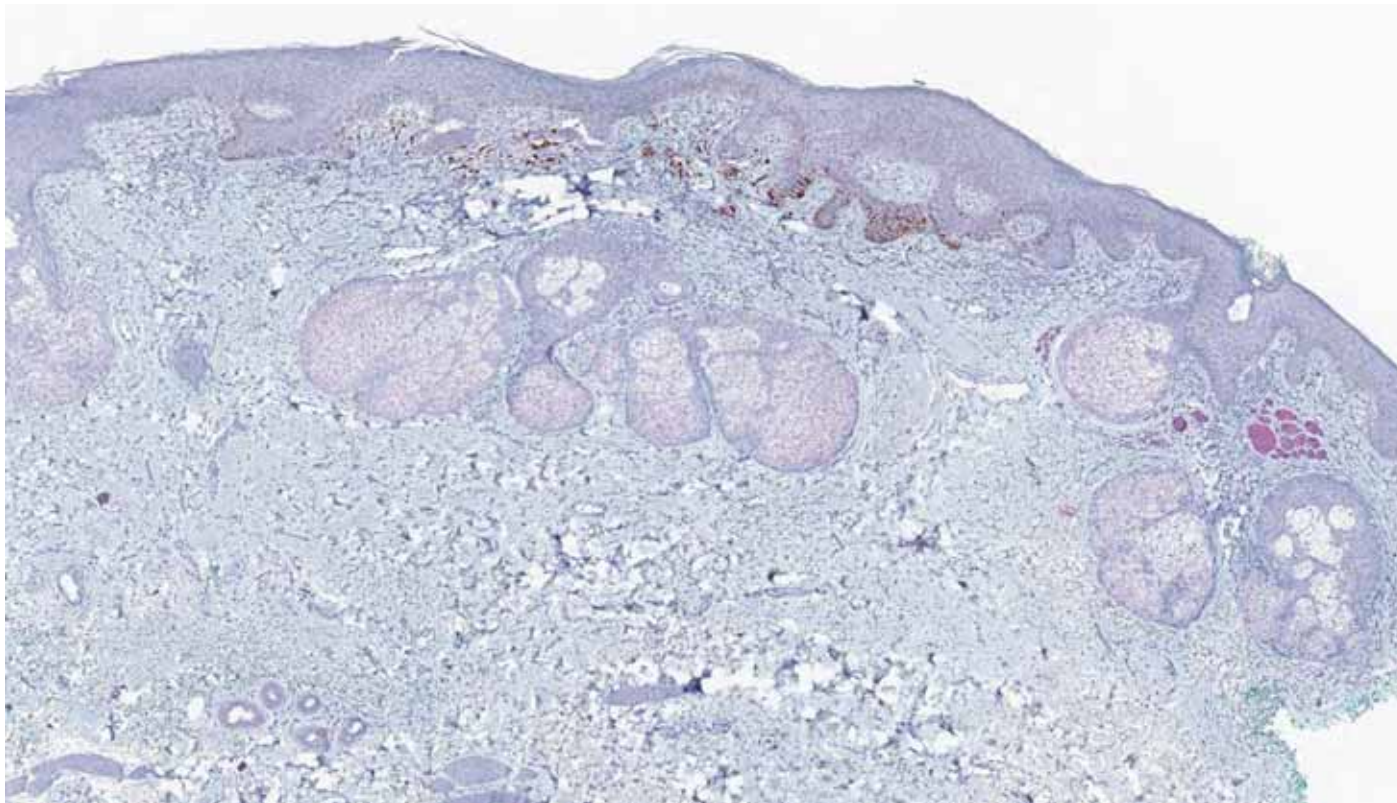
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Unexpected findings  
Small incidental **BRAF V600E** nevi in LM resections



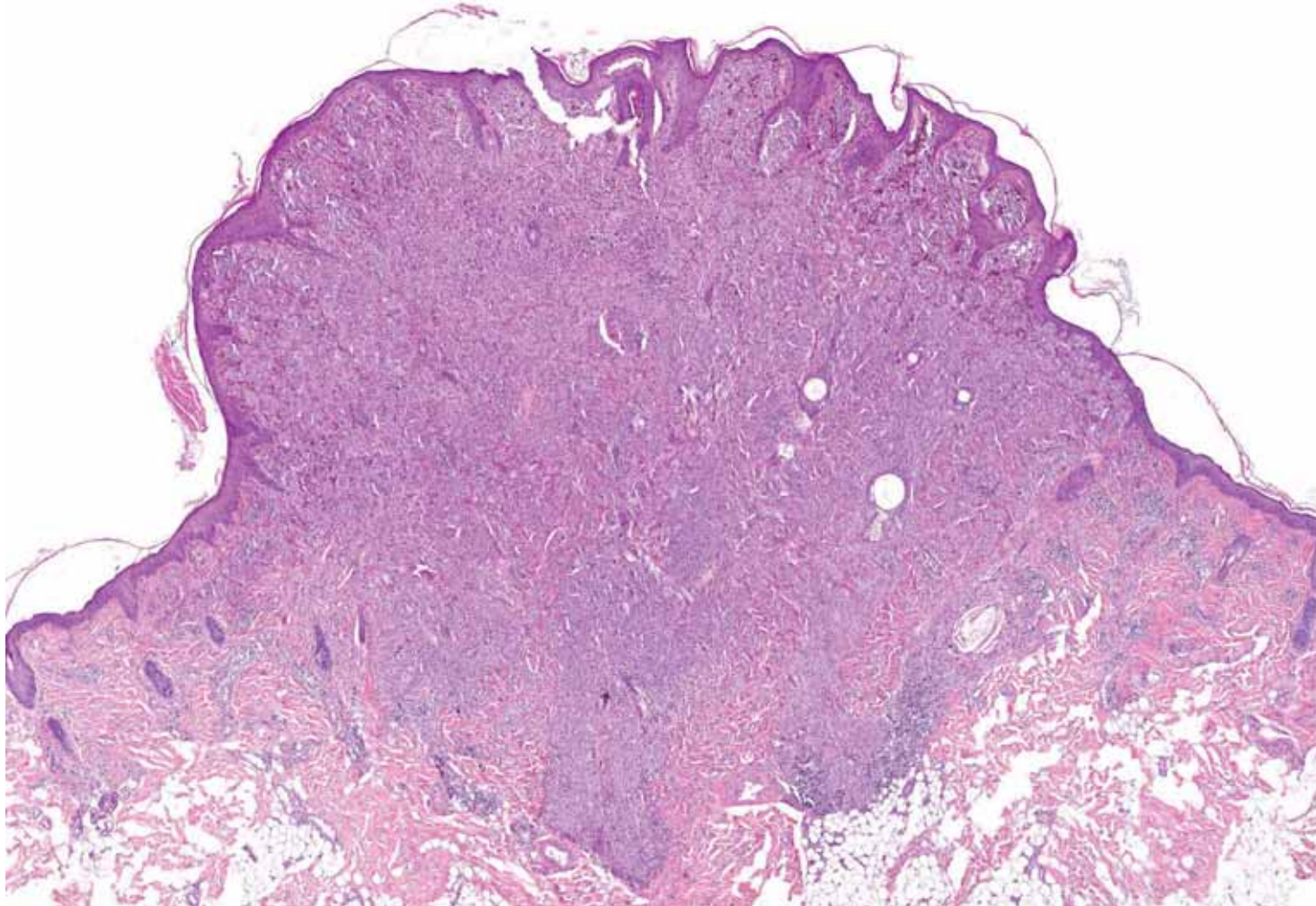
Unexpected findings  
Small incidental nevi in **PRAME** + LM



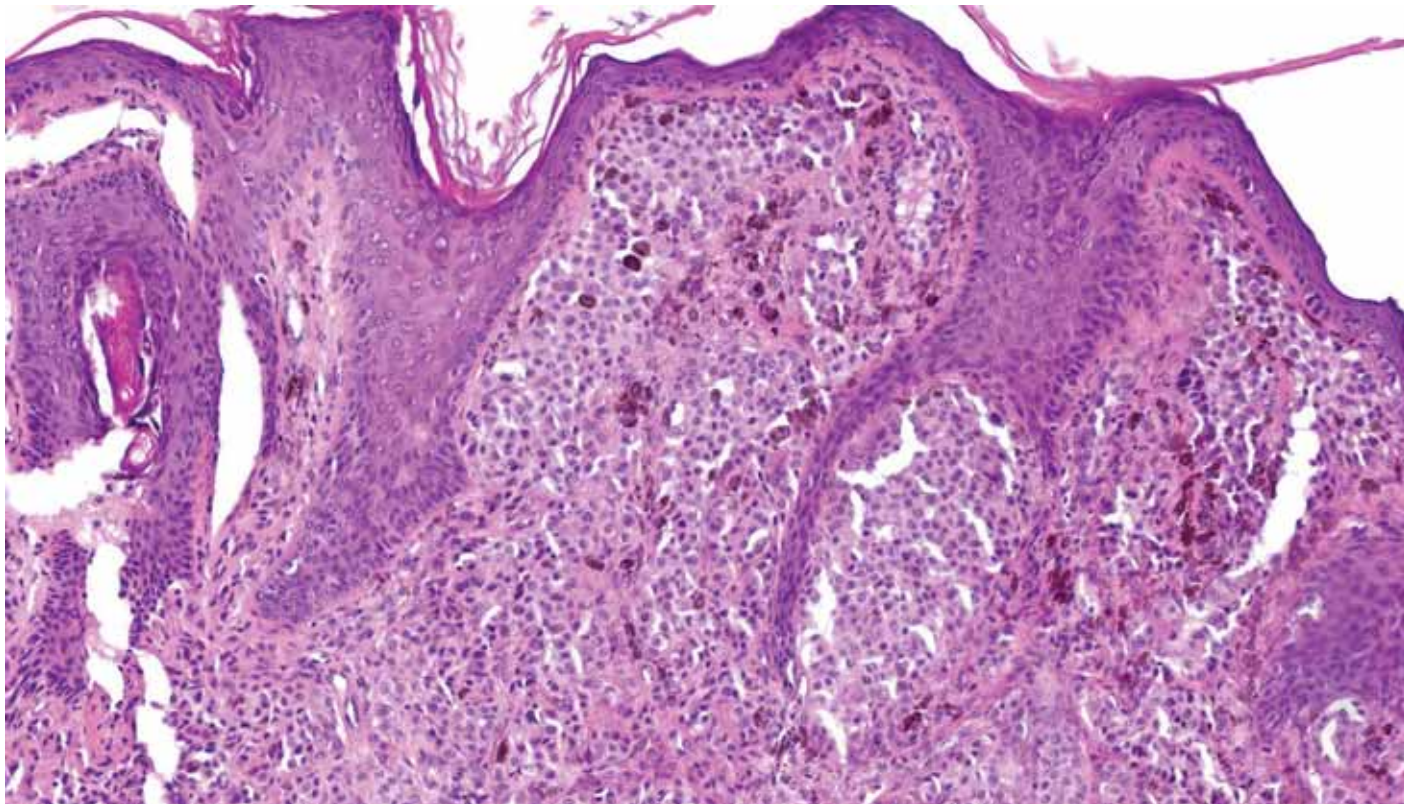
M6, modified lesion of the cheek



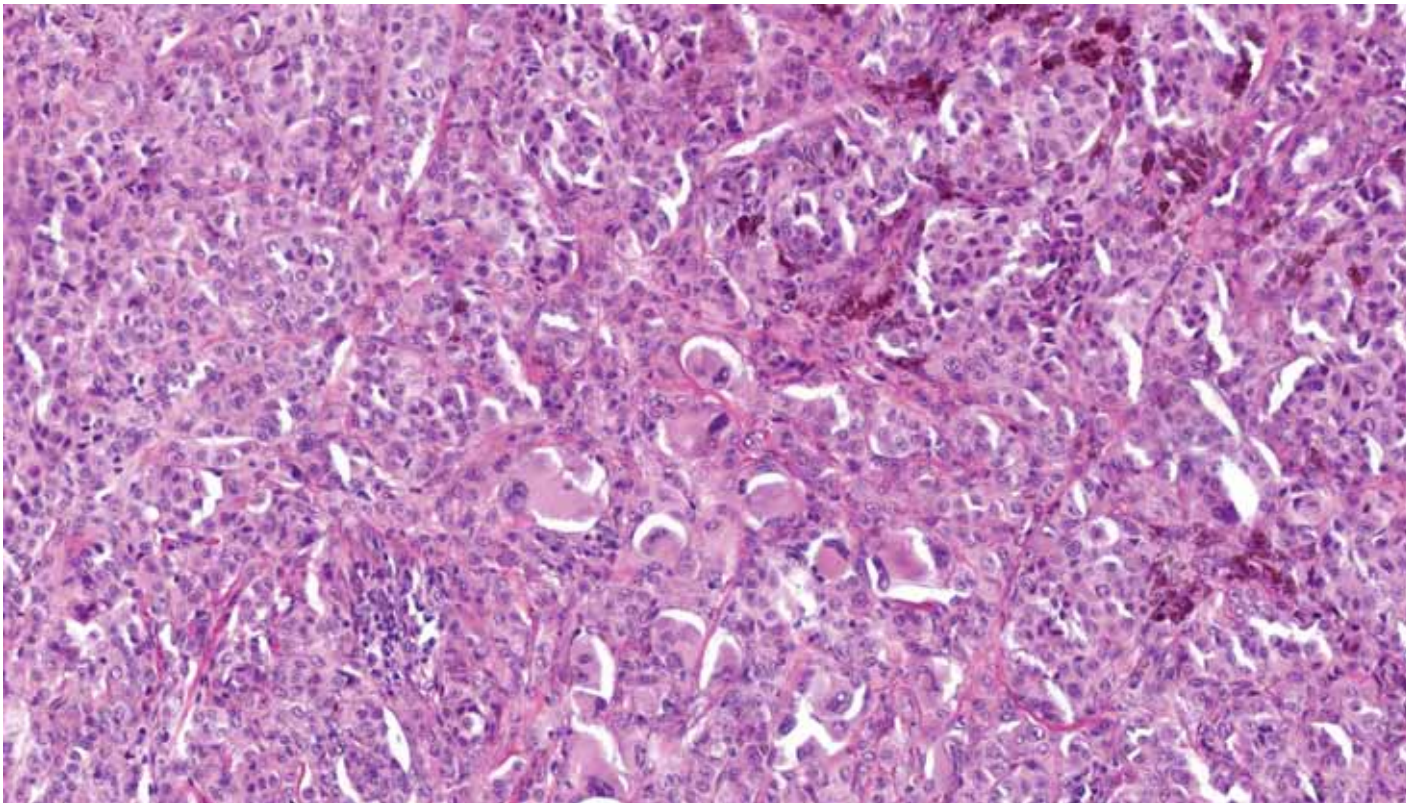
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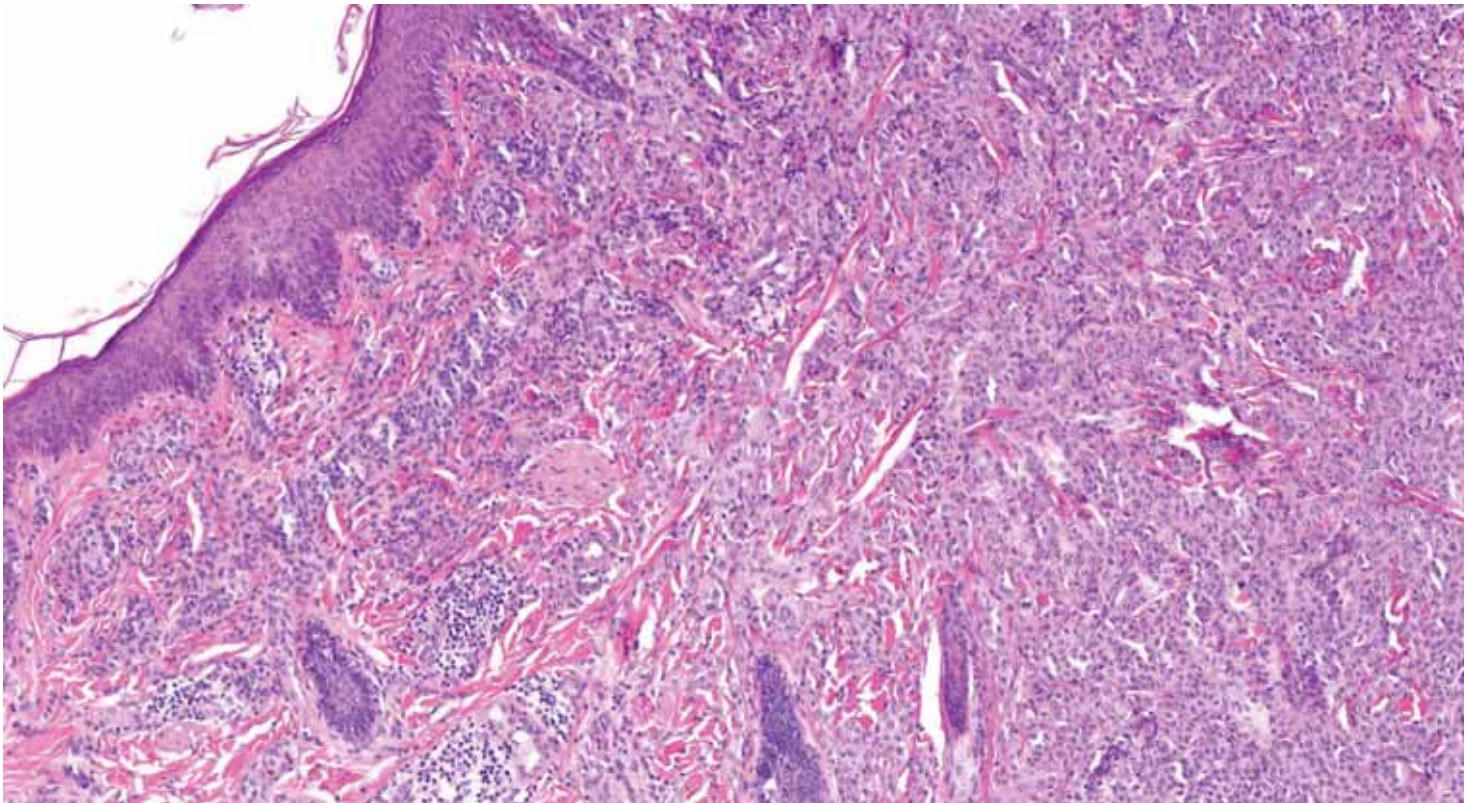
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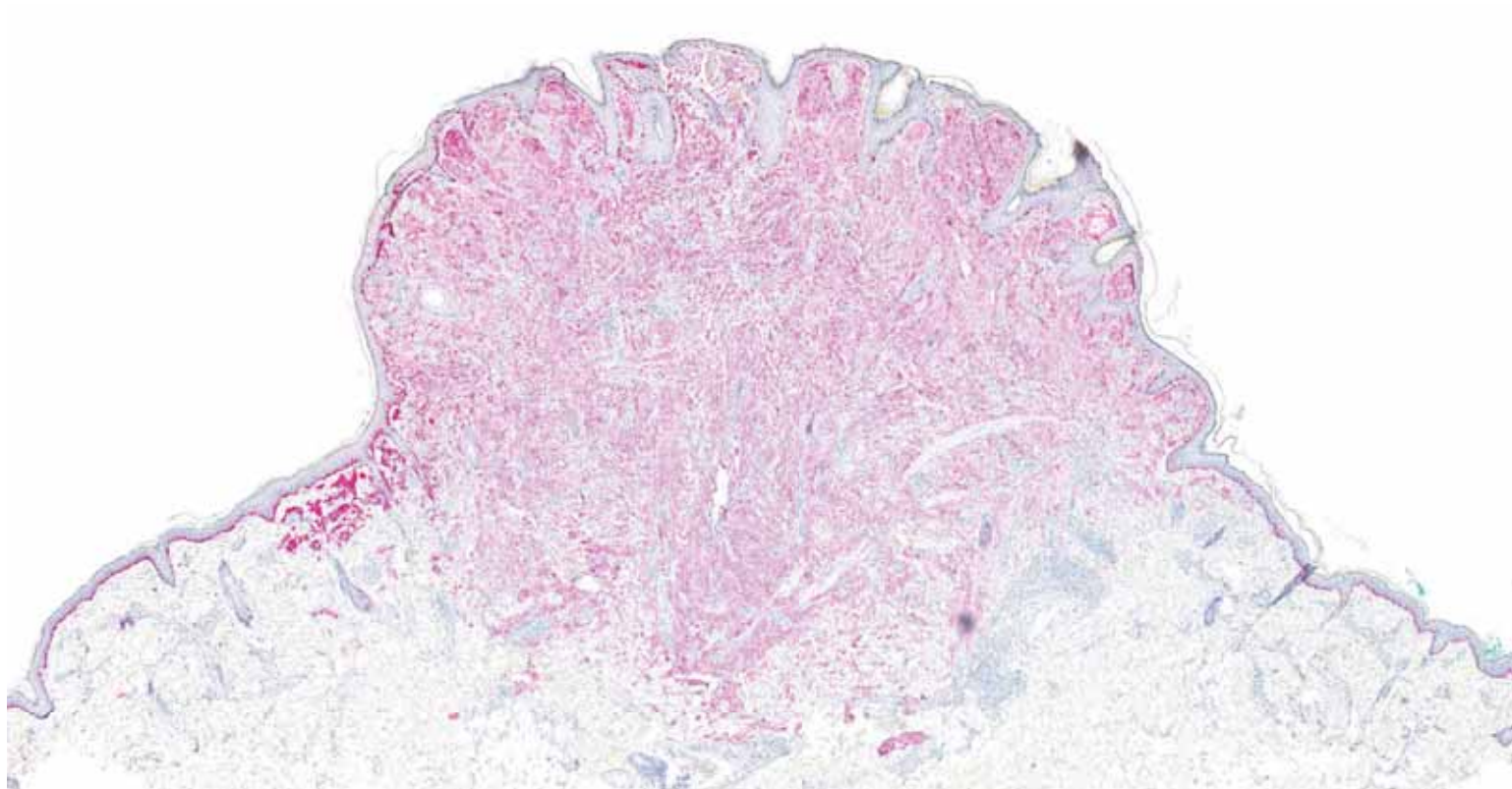
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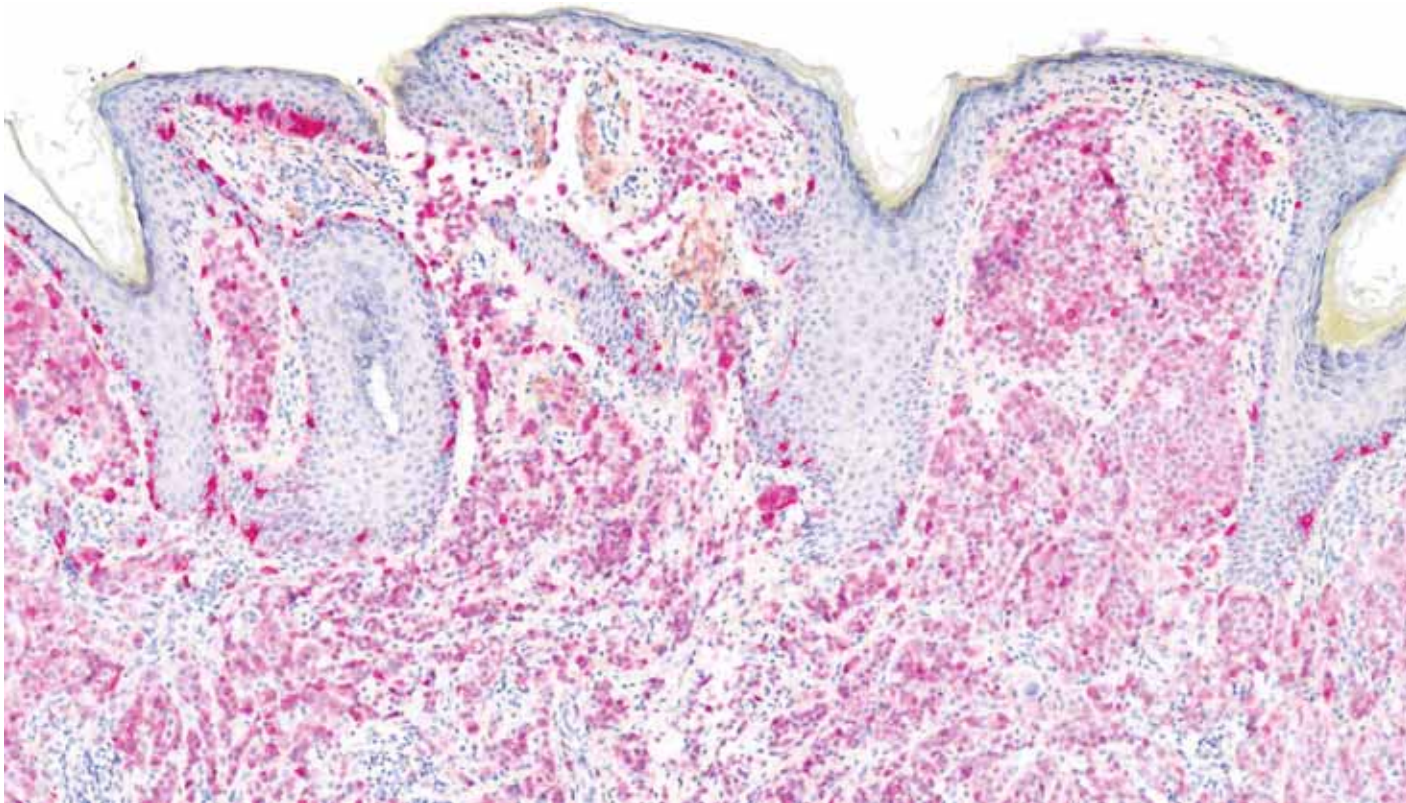
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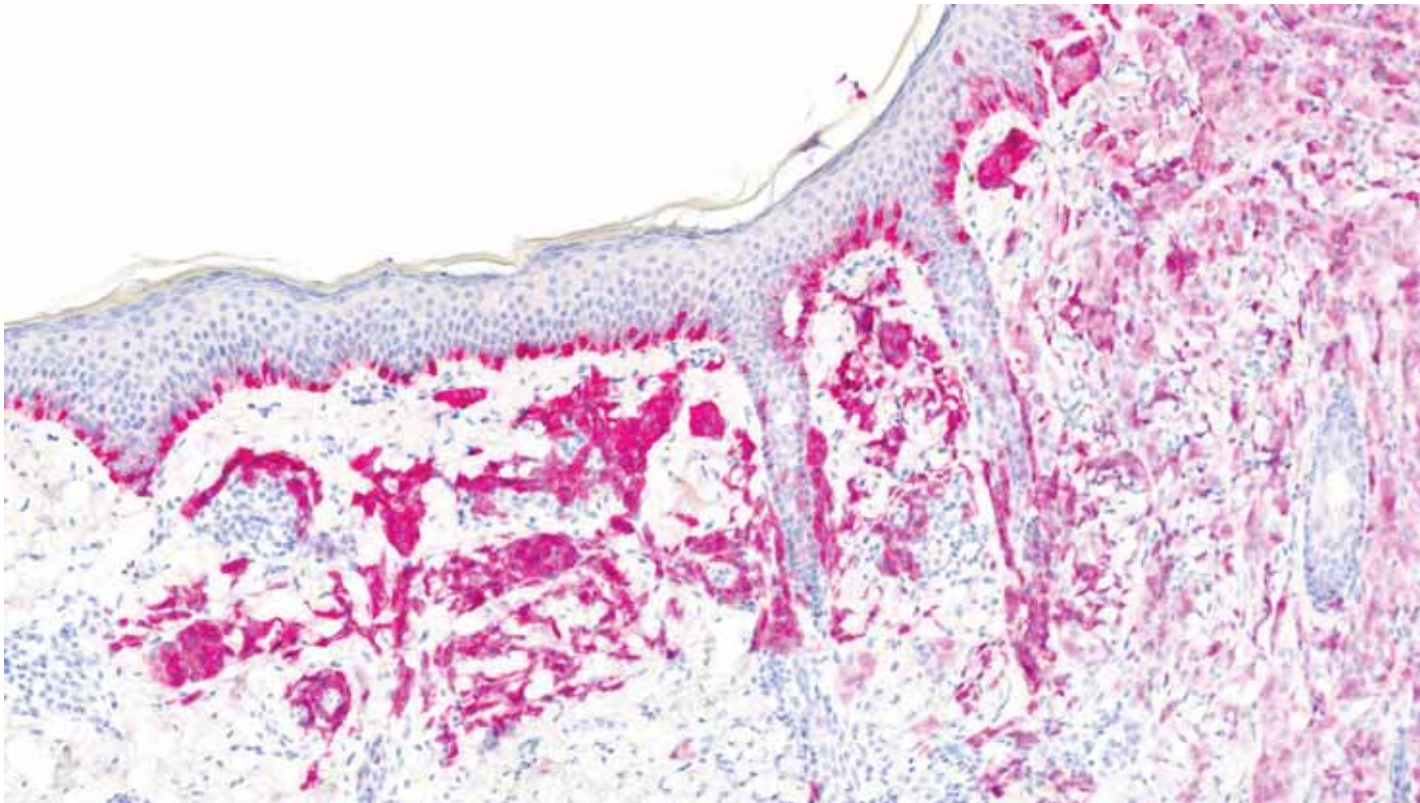
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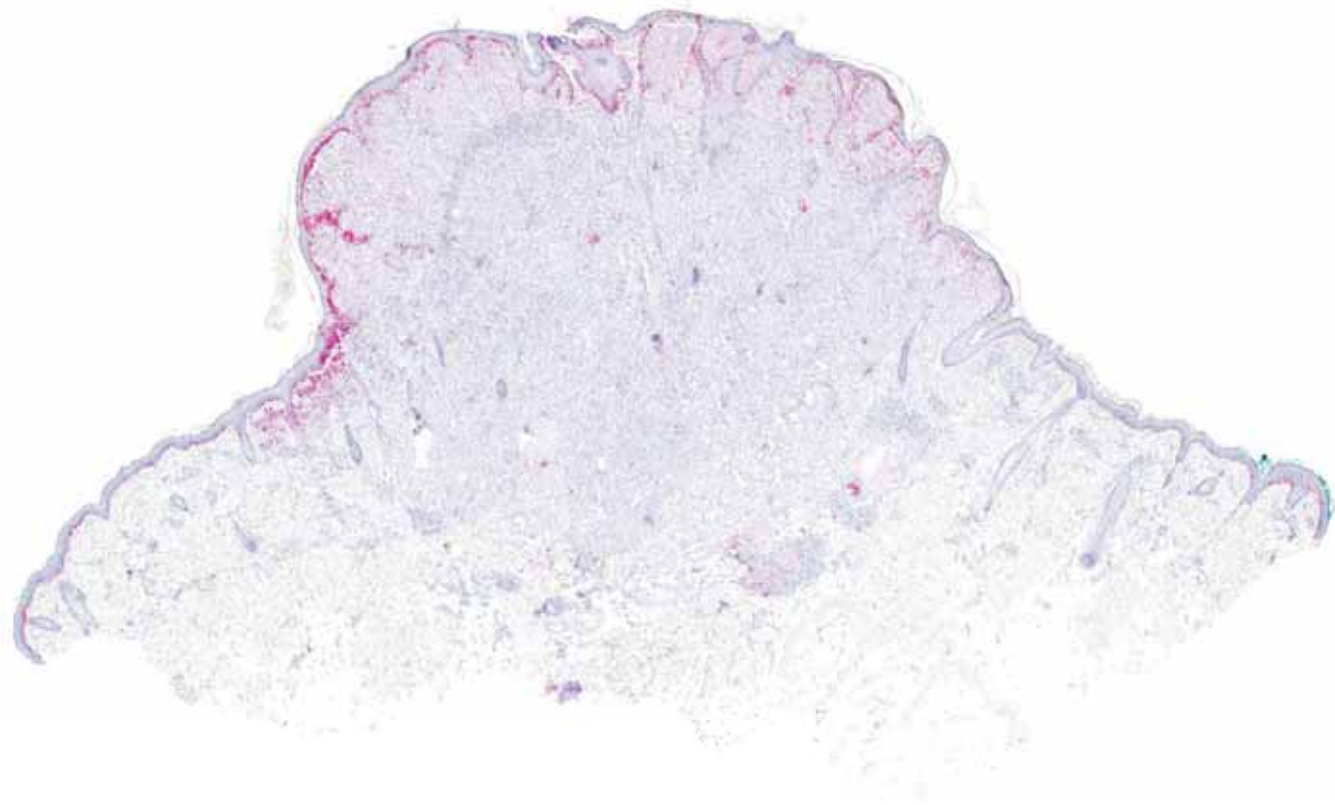
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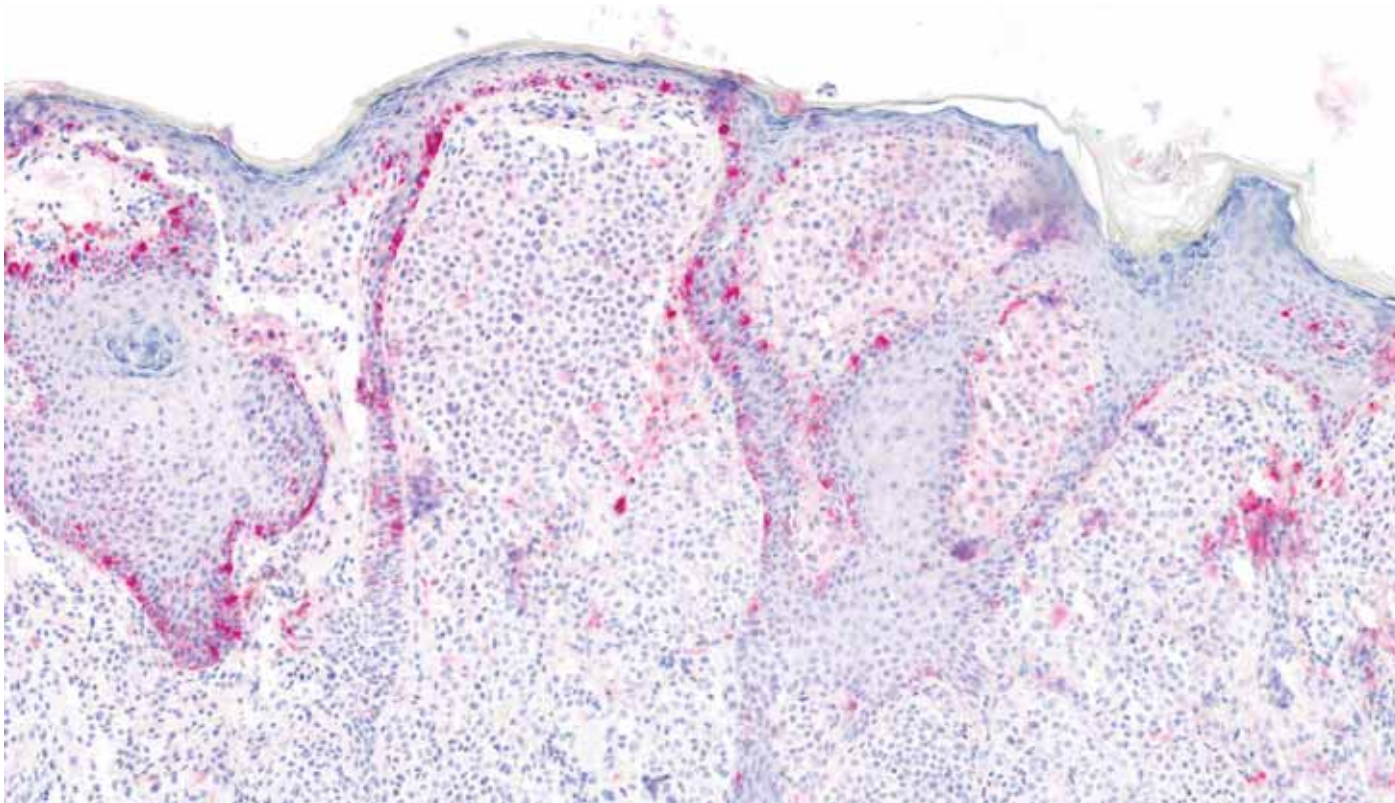
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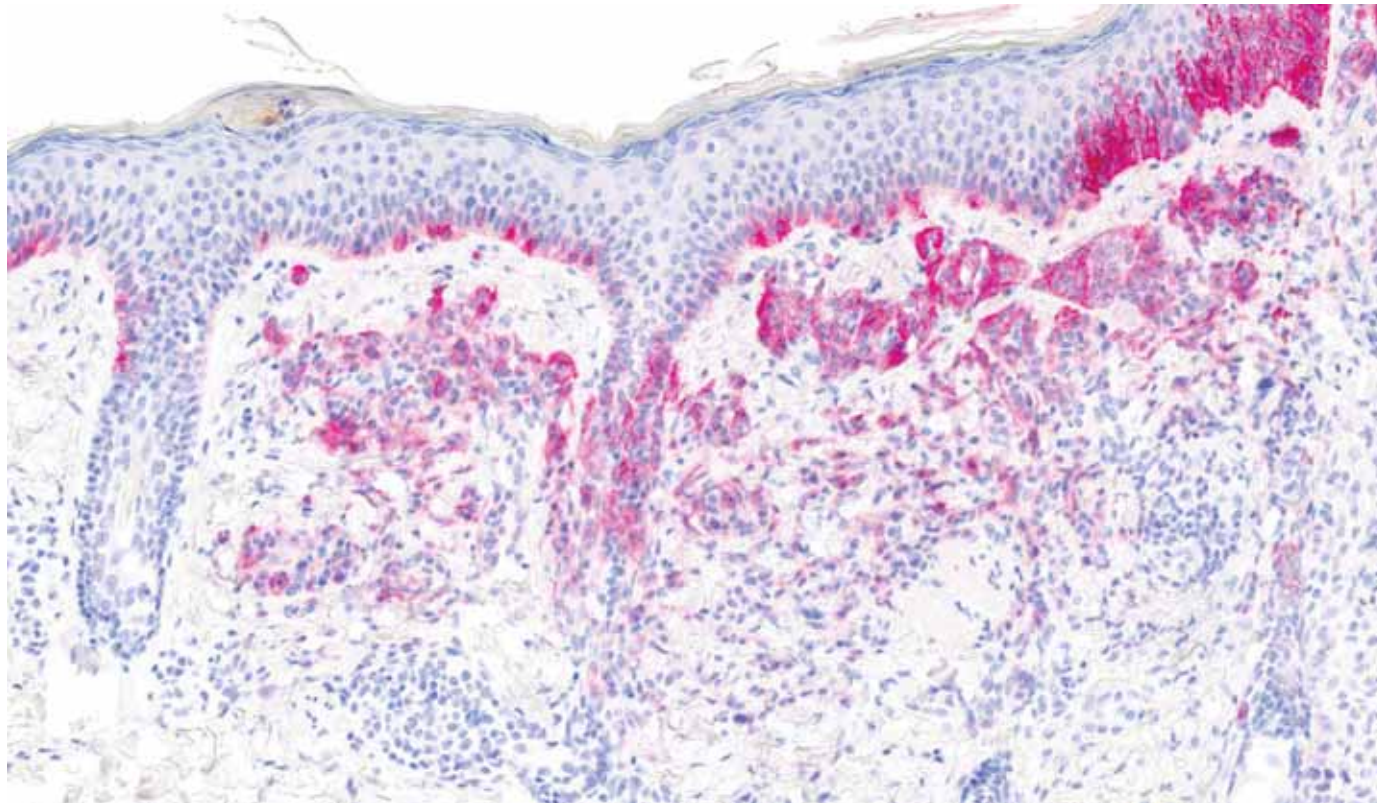
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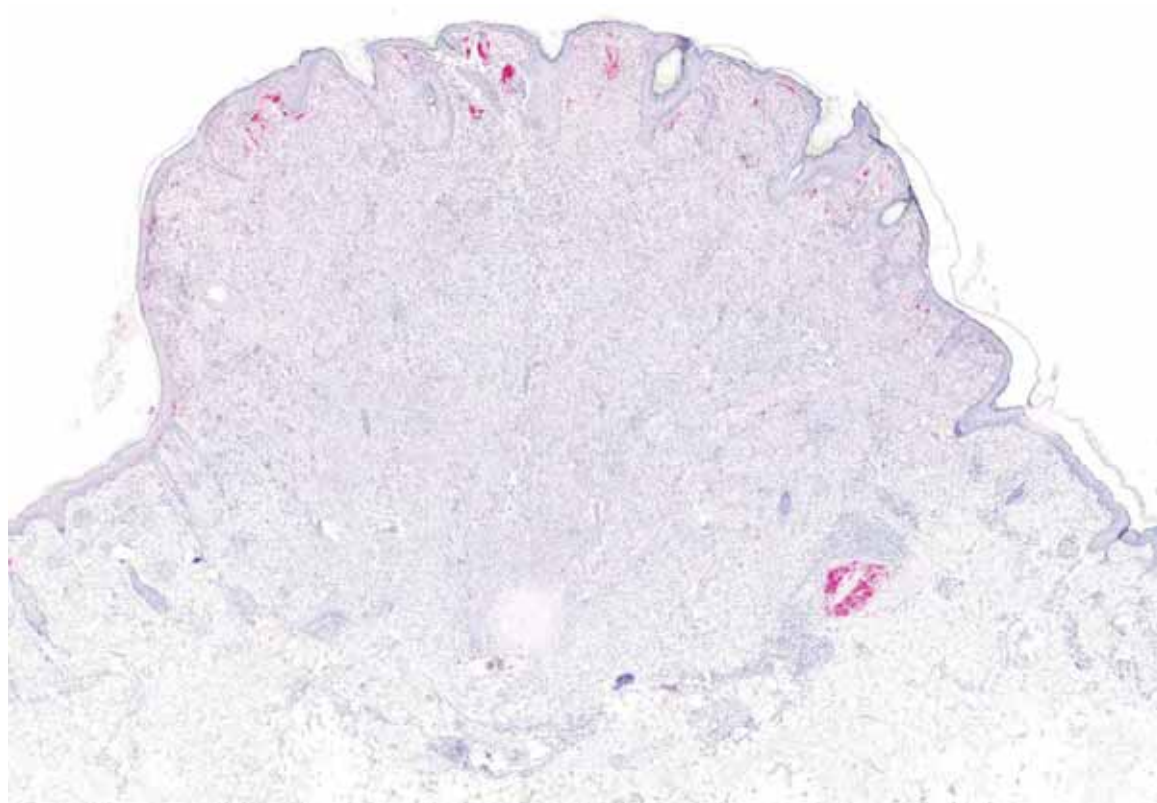
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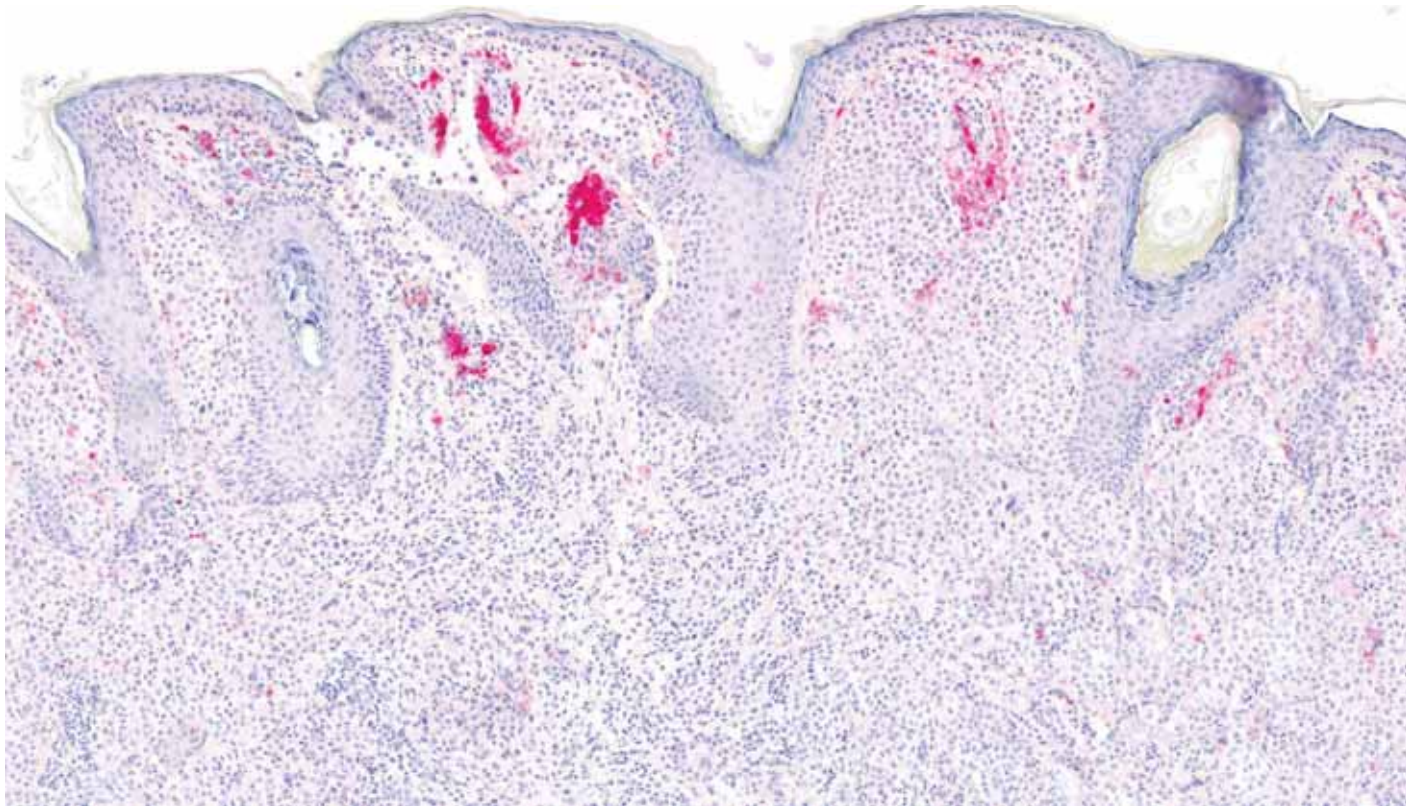
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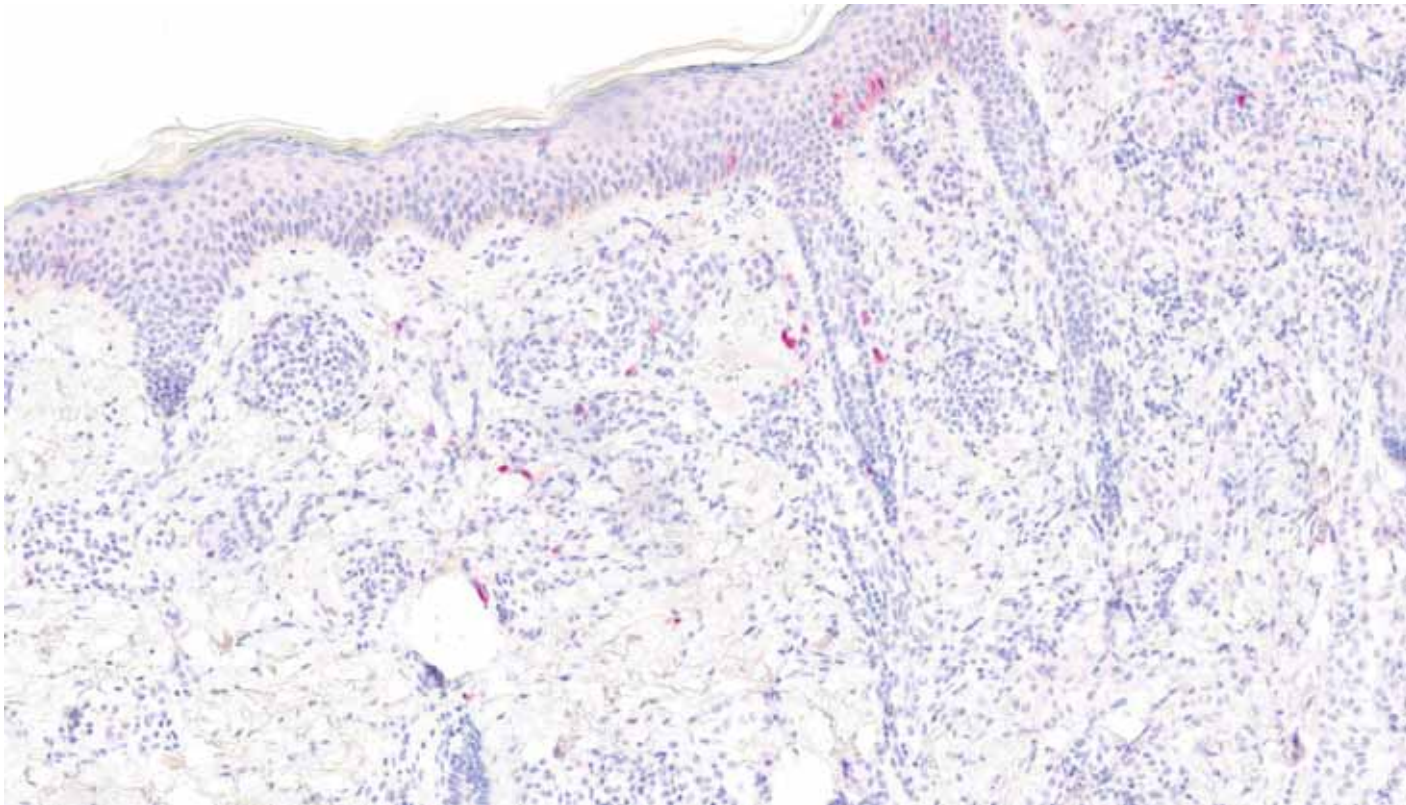
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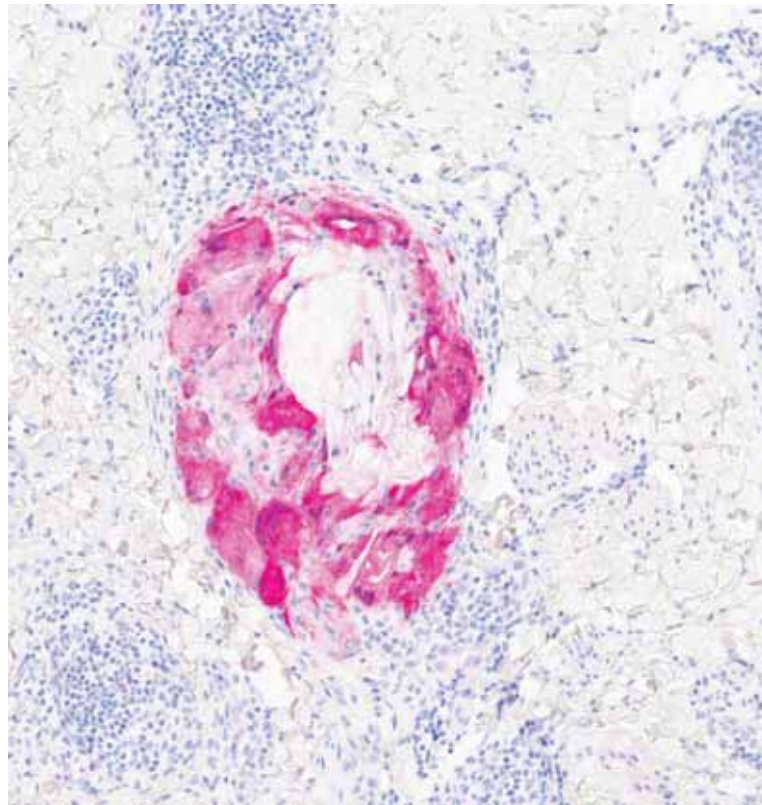
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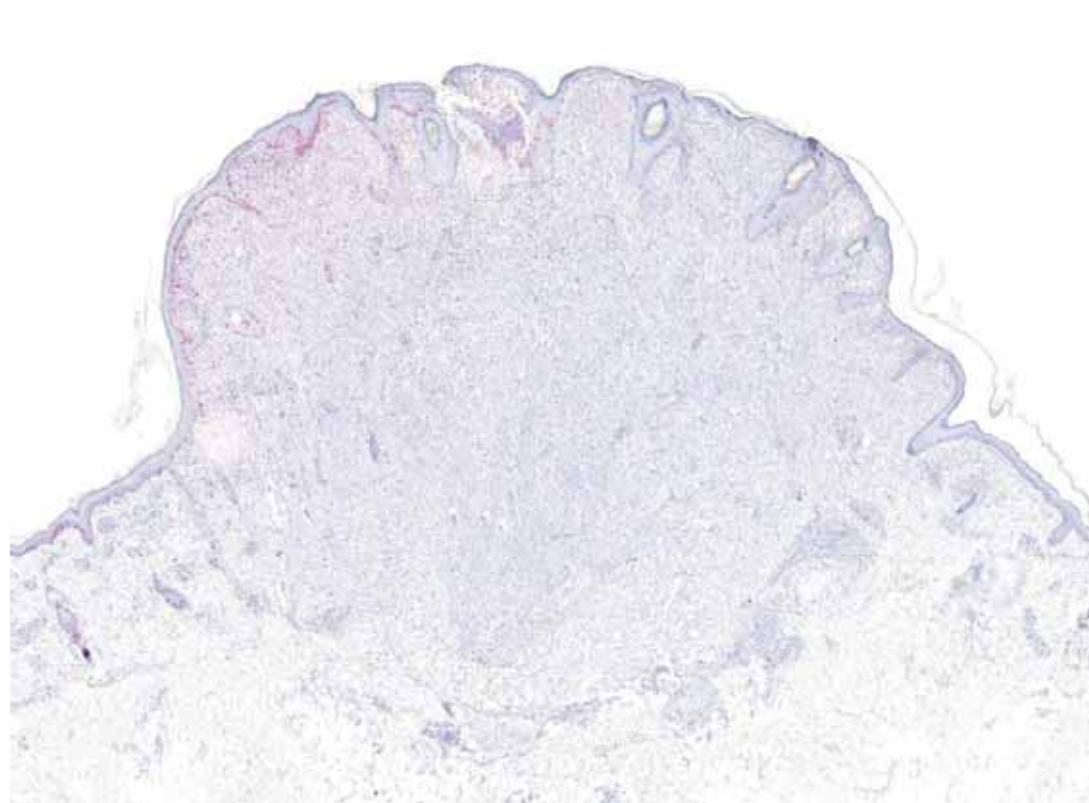
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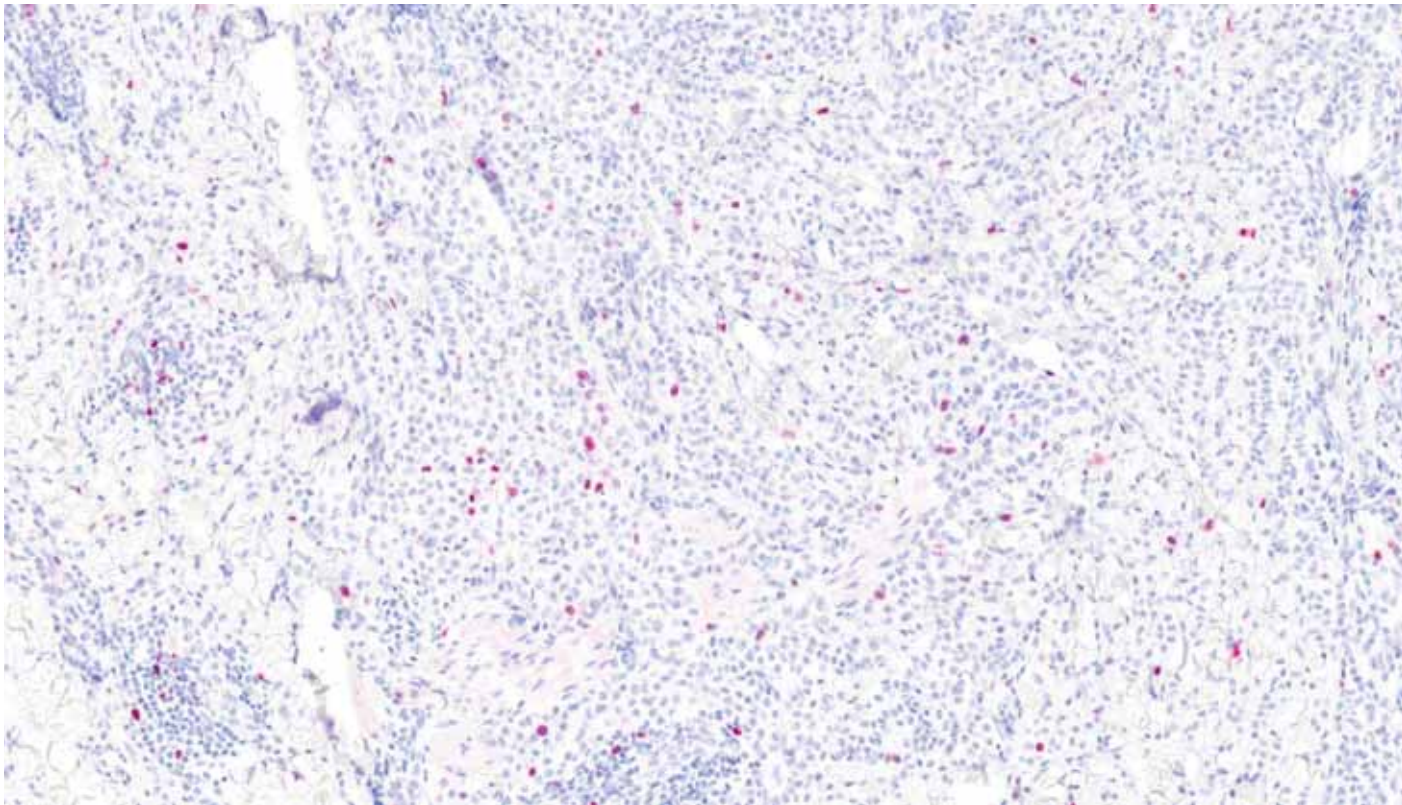
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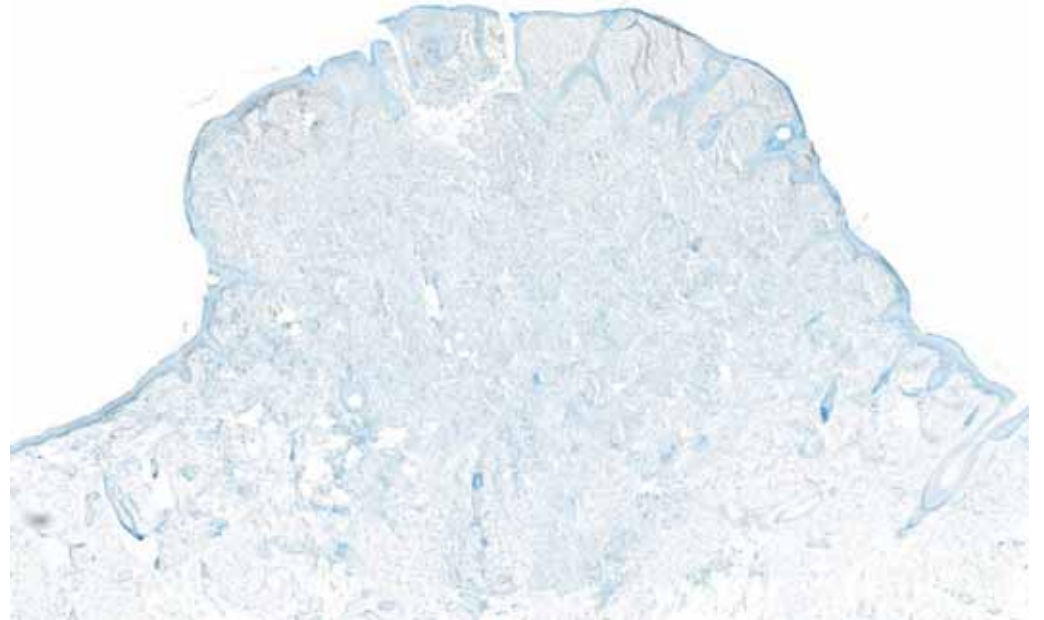
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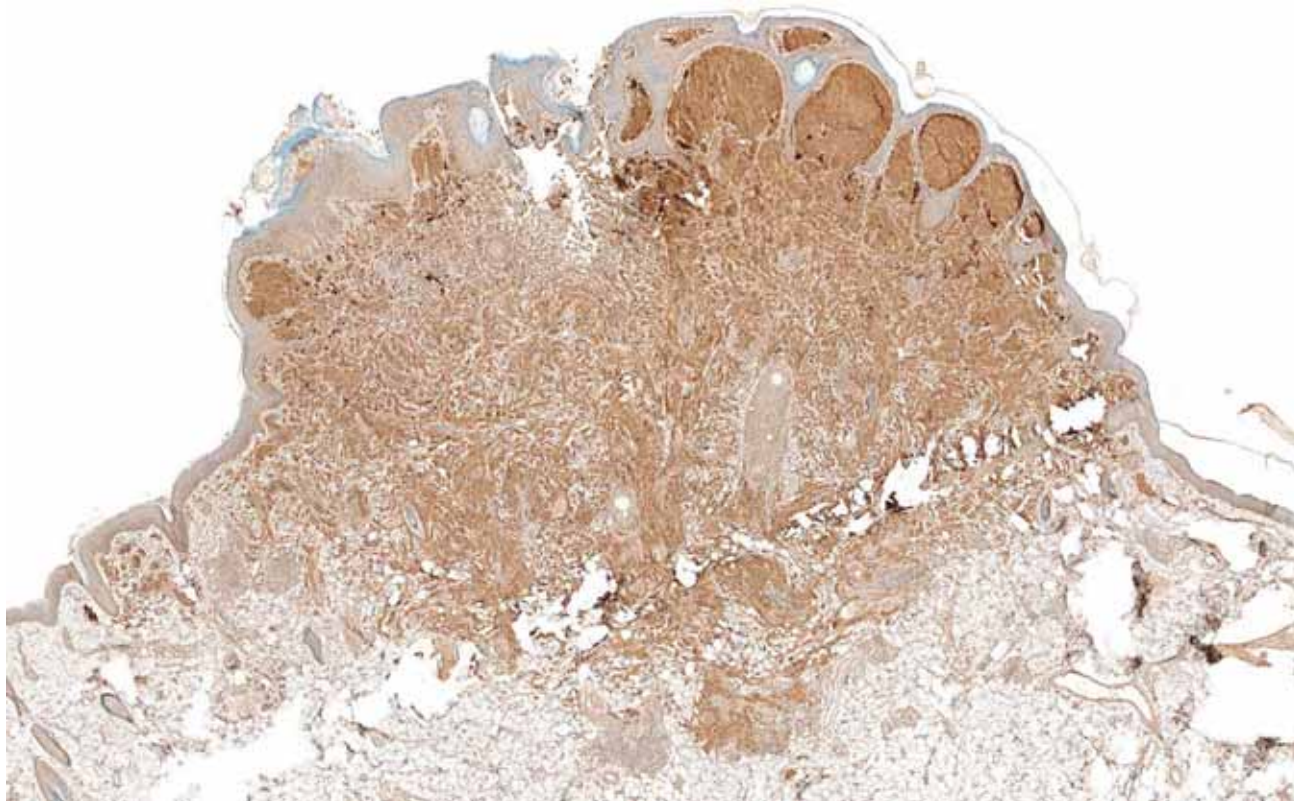
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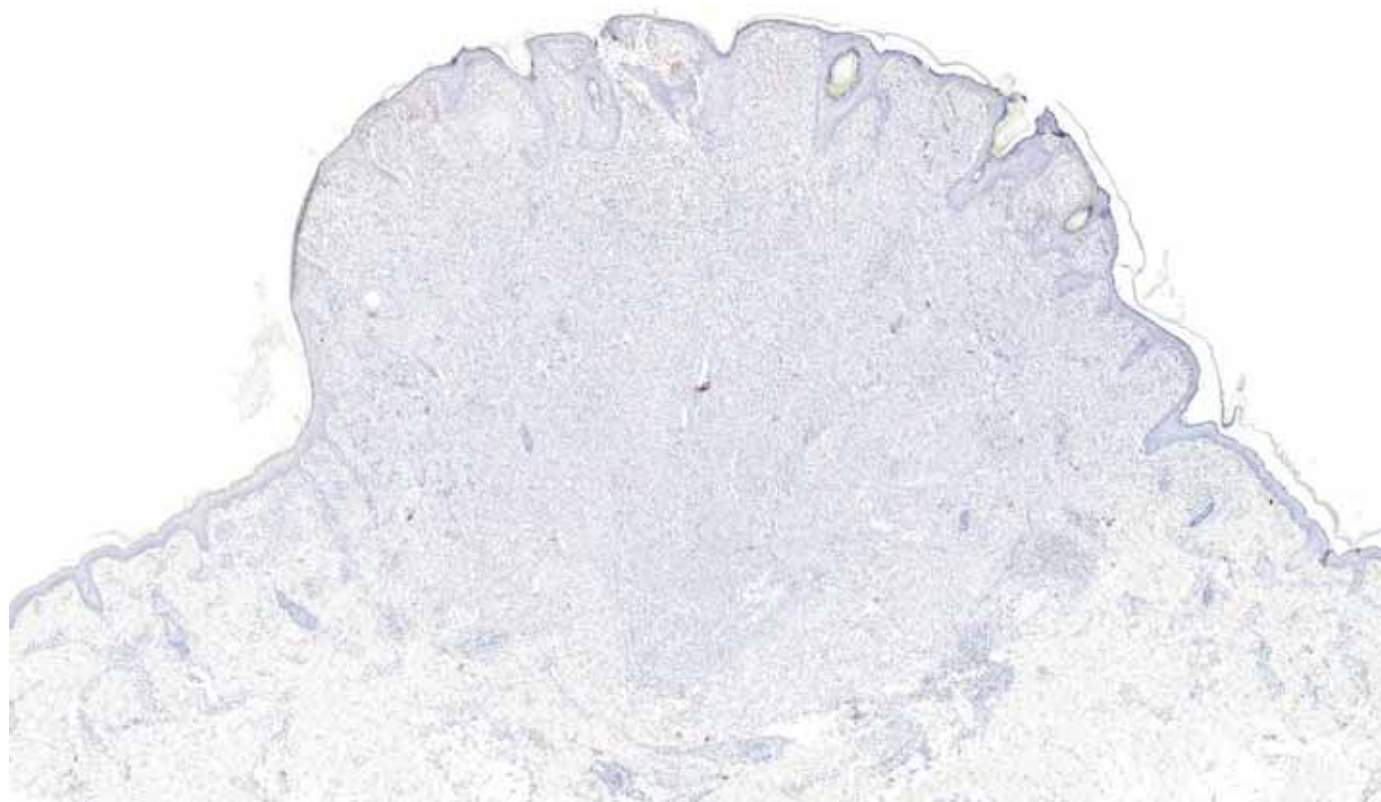
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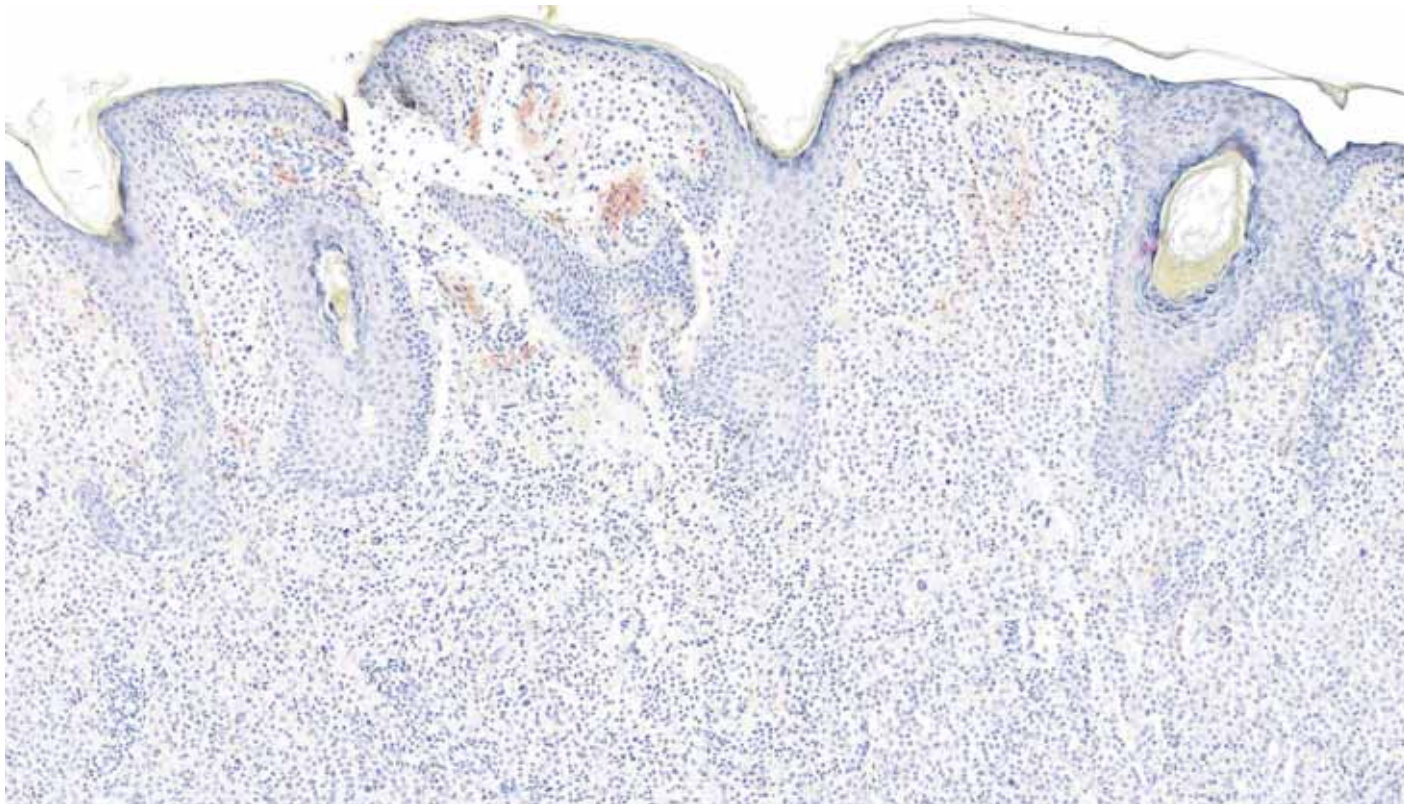
BRAF V600E



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# Final diagnosis

- Nevoid Melanoma ex-nevus
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≥2 positive

Melanocytic

0-1 positive

Expand IHC panel  
according to  
clinical/pathological  
setting

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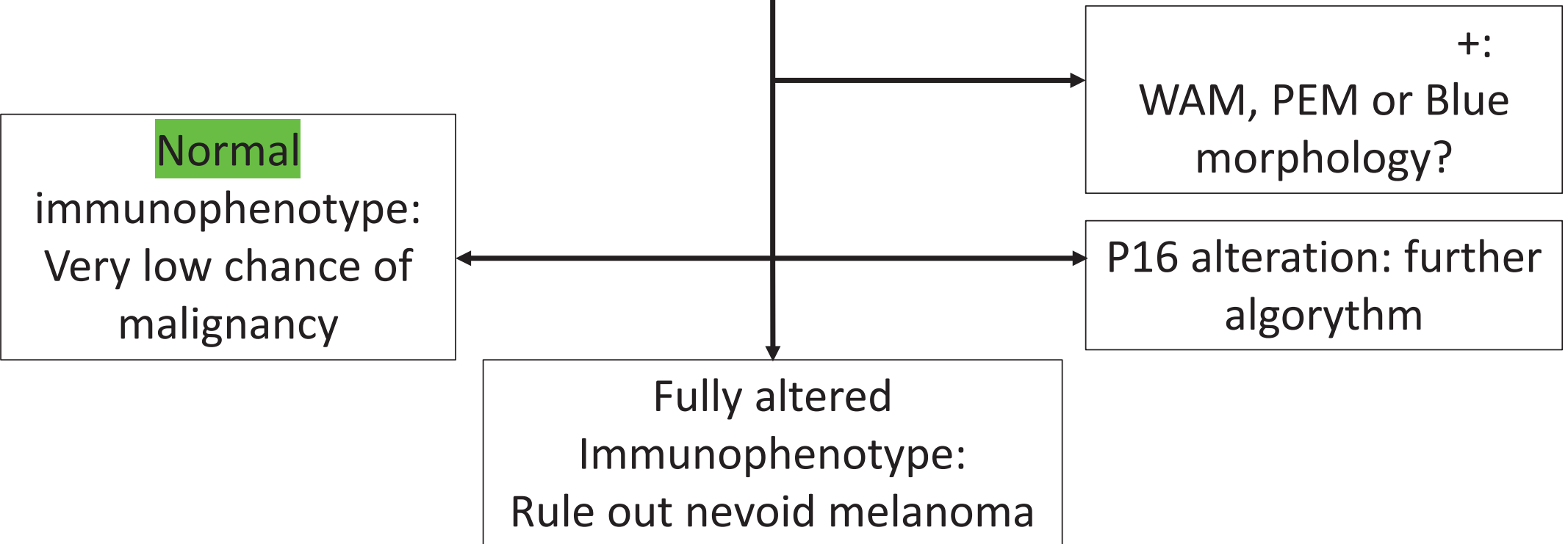
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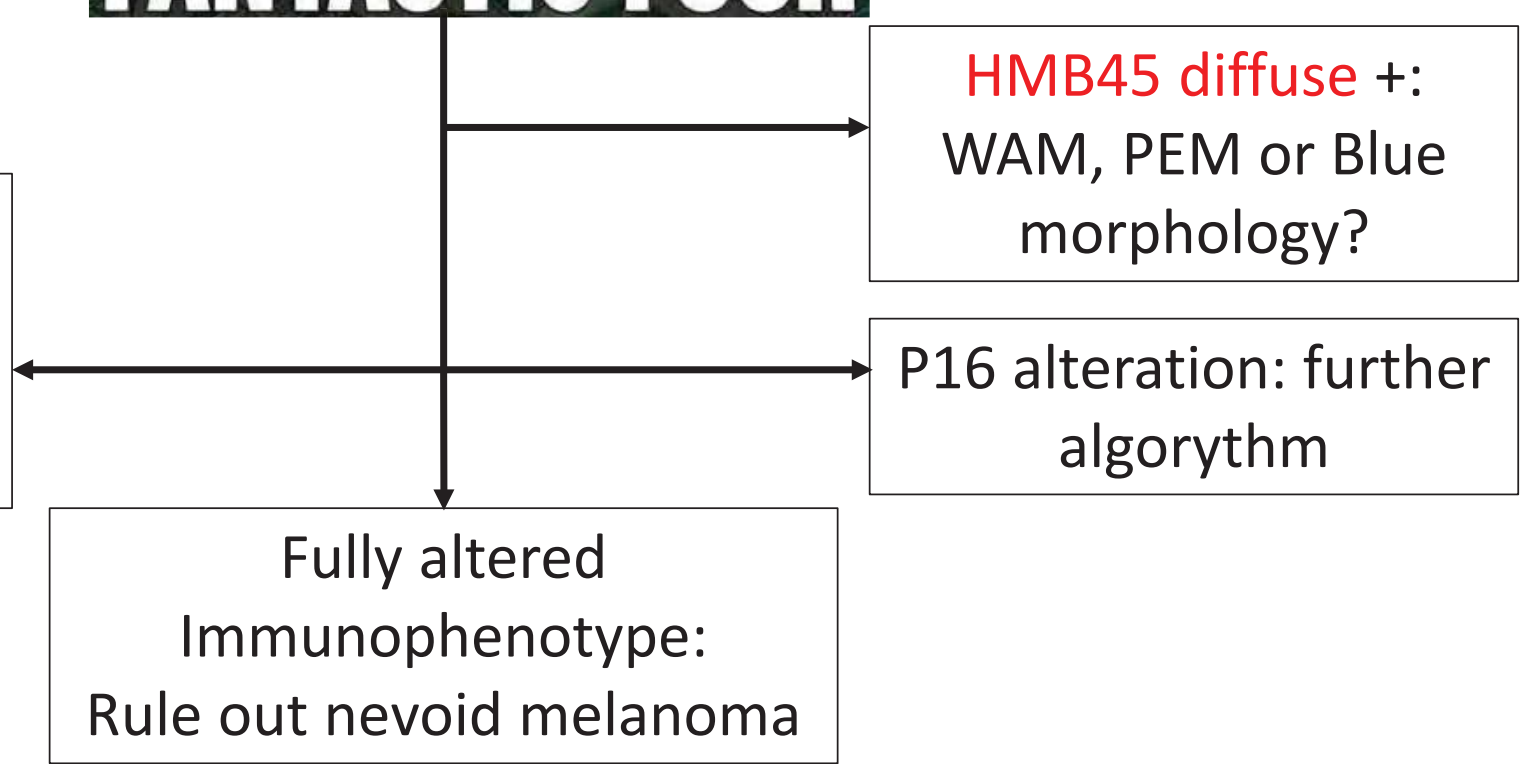
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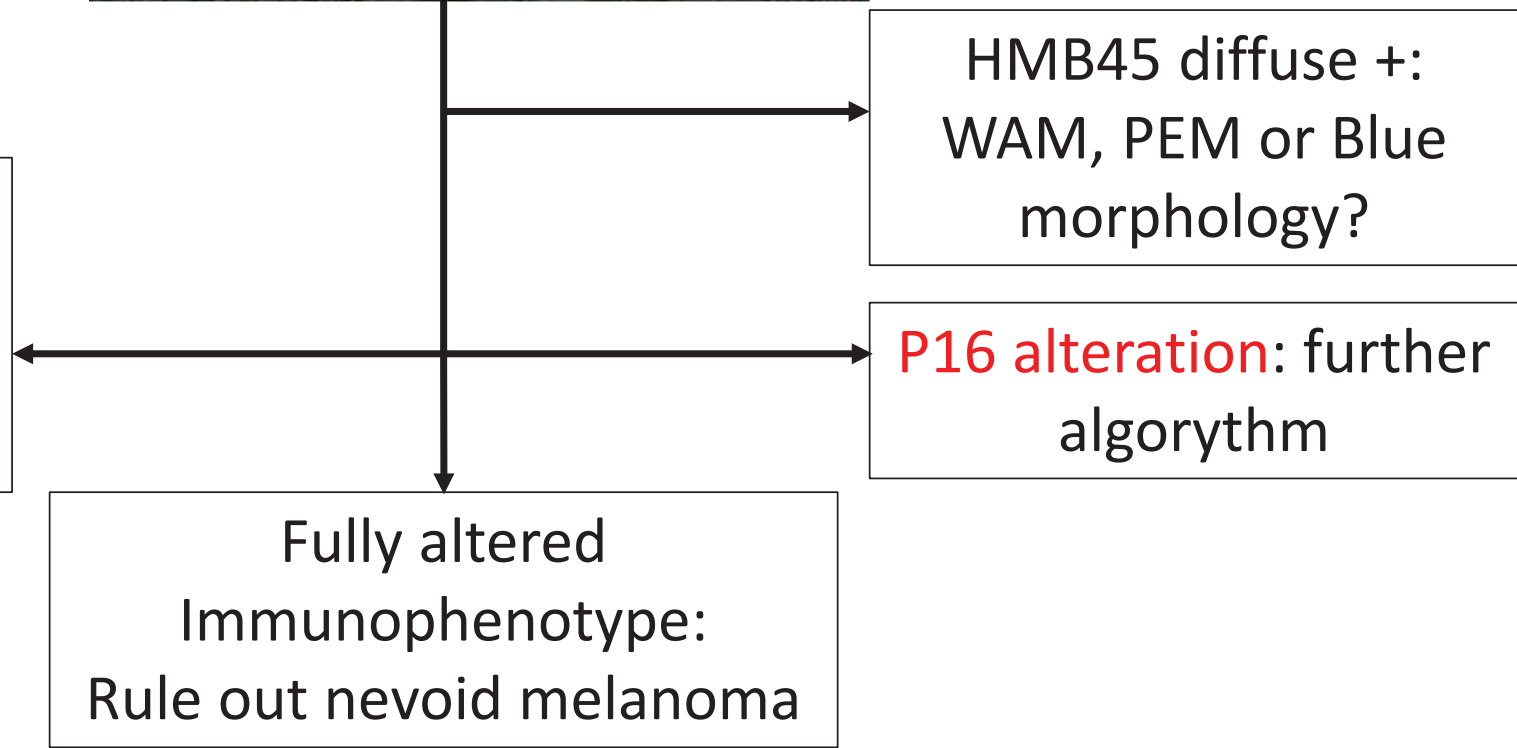
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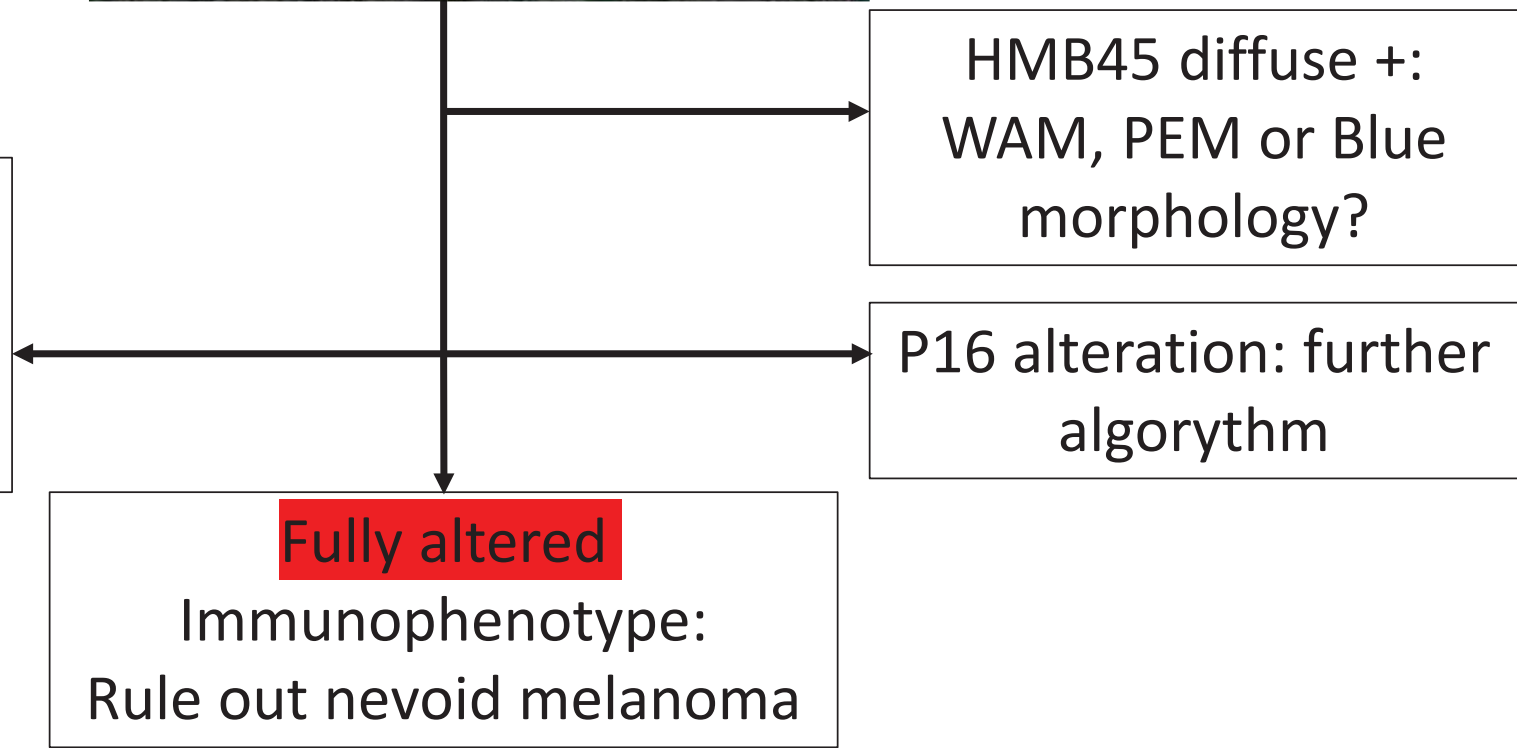
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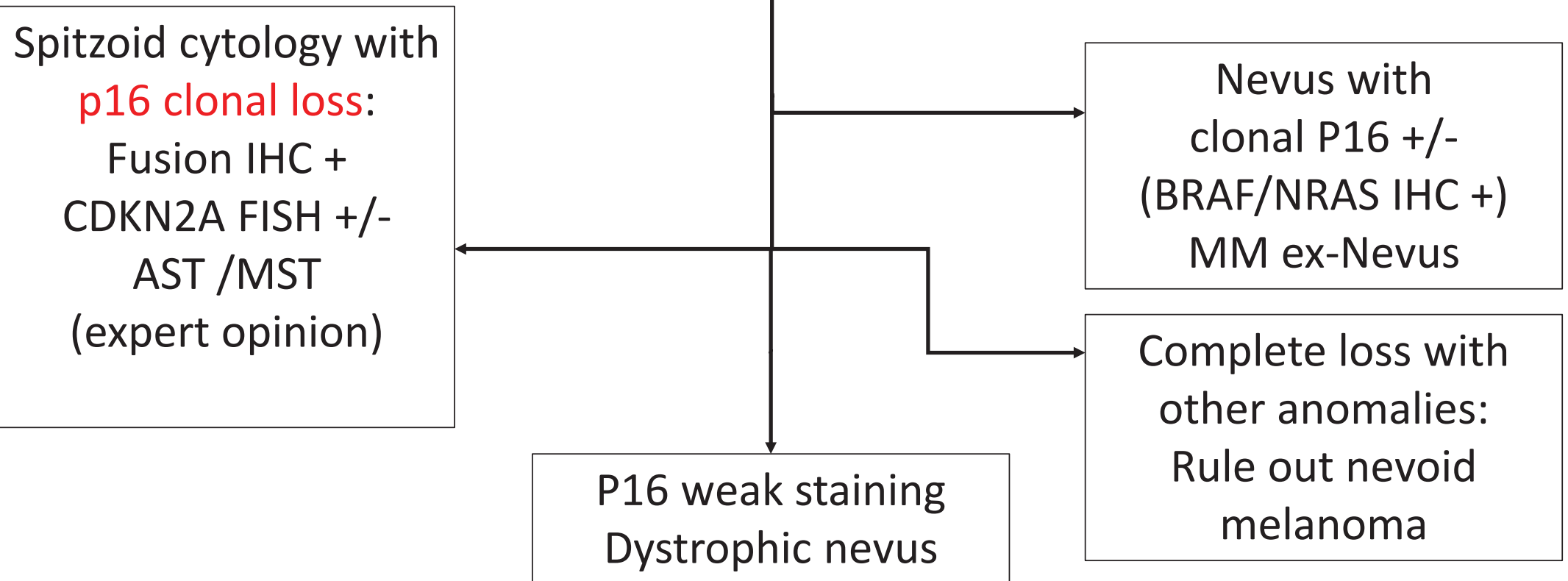
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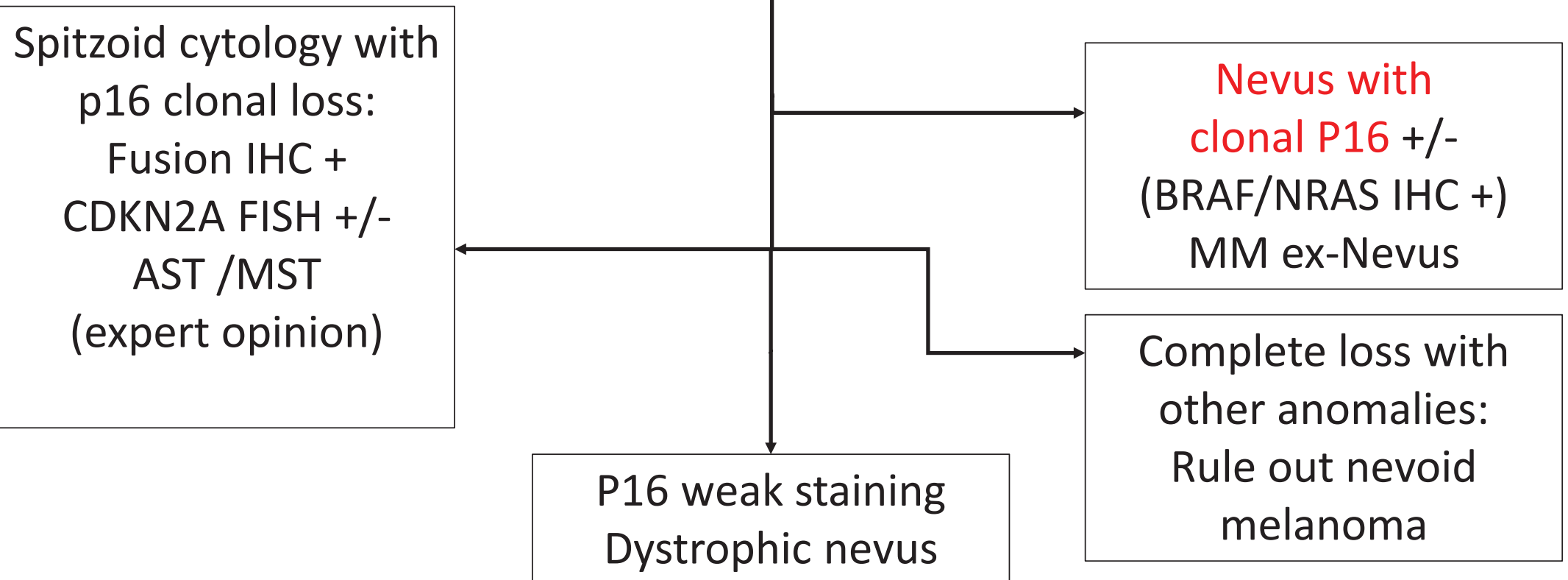
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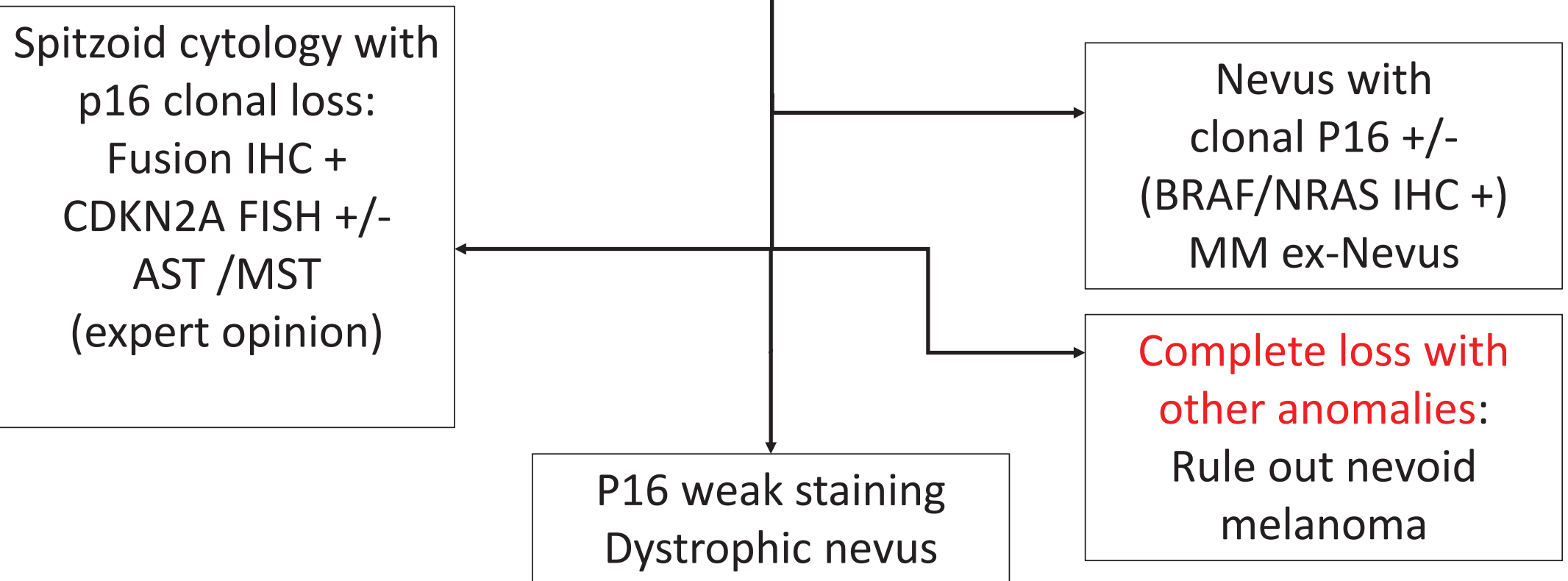
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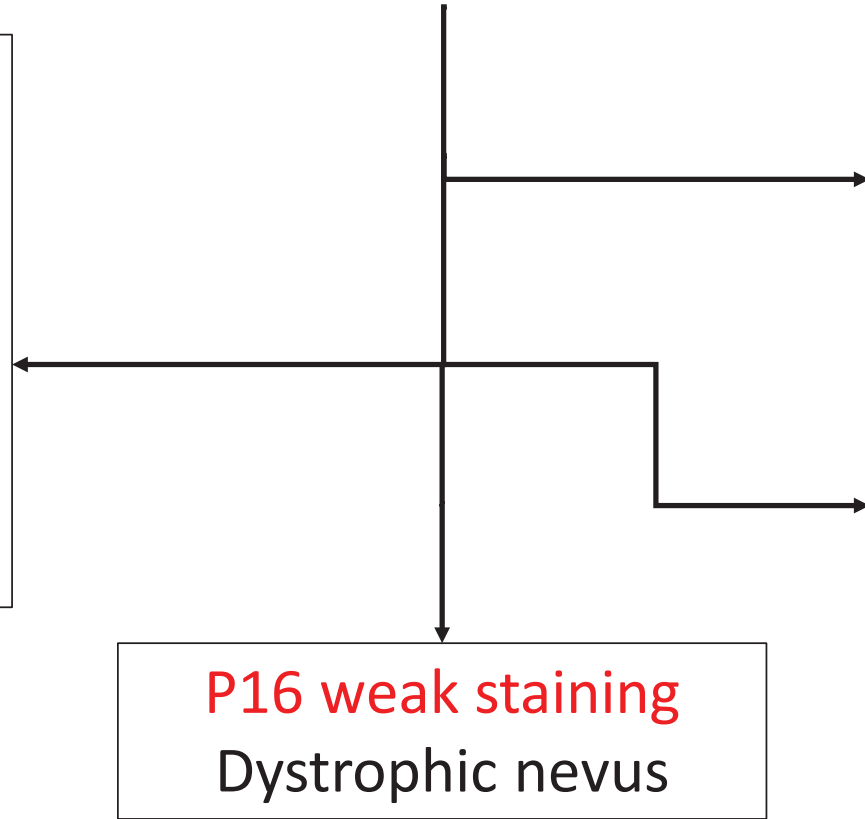
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Spitzoid cytology with  
p16 clonal loss:  
Fusion IHC +  
CDKN2A FISH +/-  
AST /MST  
(expert opinion)

Nevus with  
clonal P16 +/-  
(BRAF/NRAS IHC +)  
MM ex-Nevus

Complete loss with  
other anomalies:  
Rule out nevoid  
melanoma

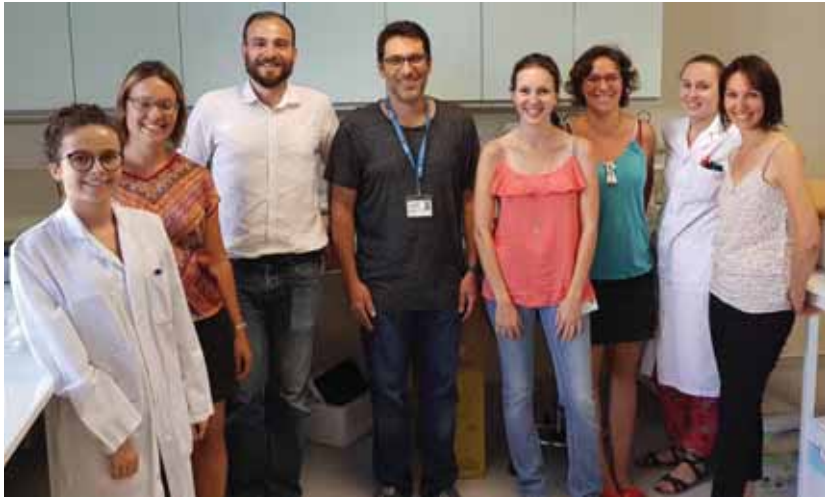
**P16 weak staining**  
Dystrophic nevus



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# Thanks to all my staff



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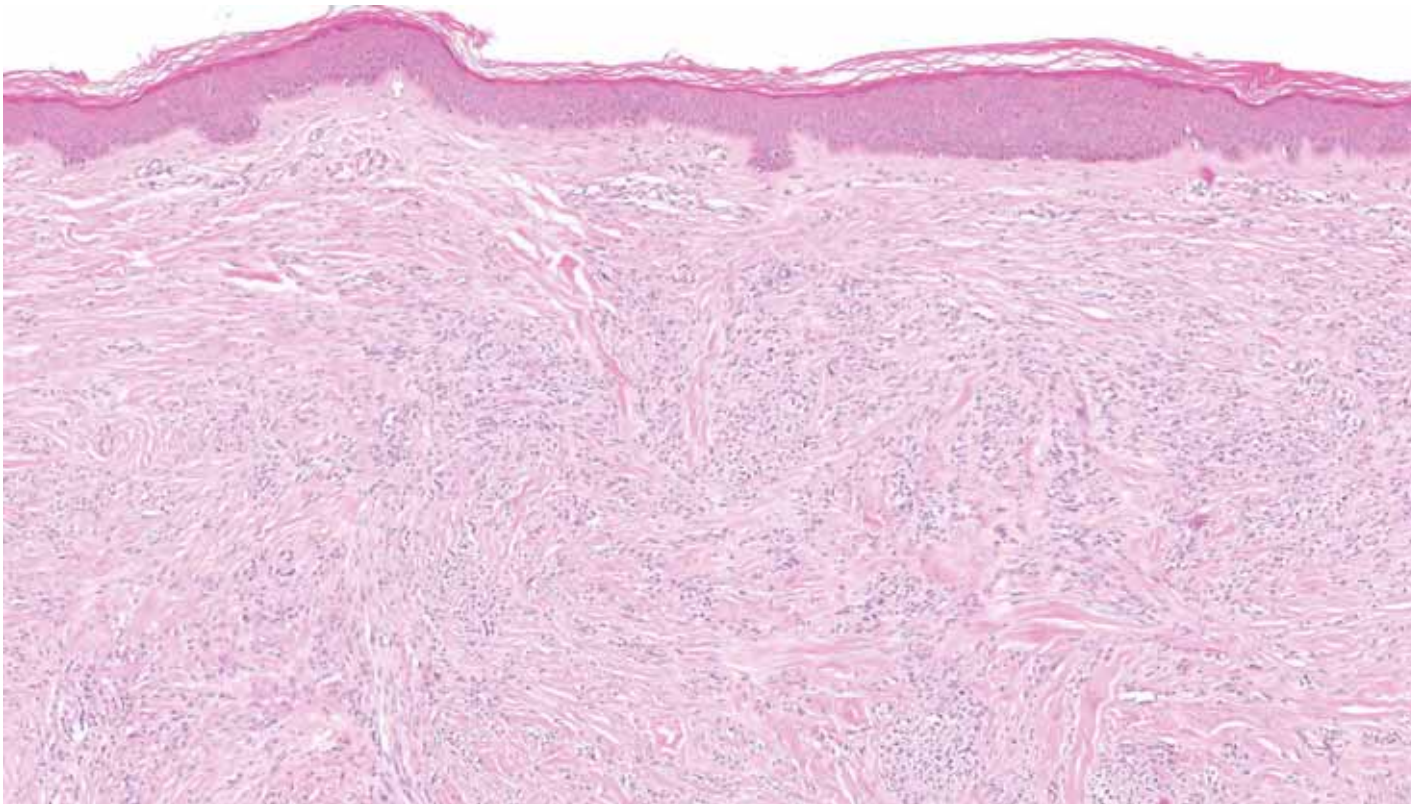
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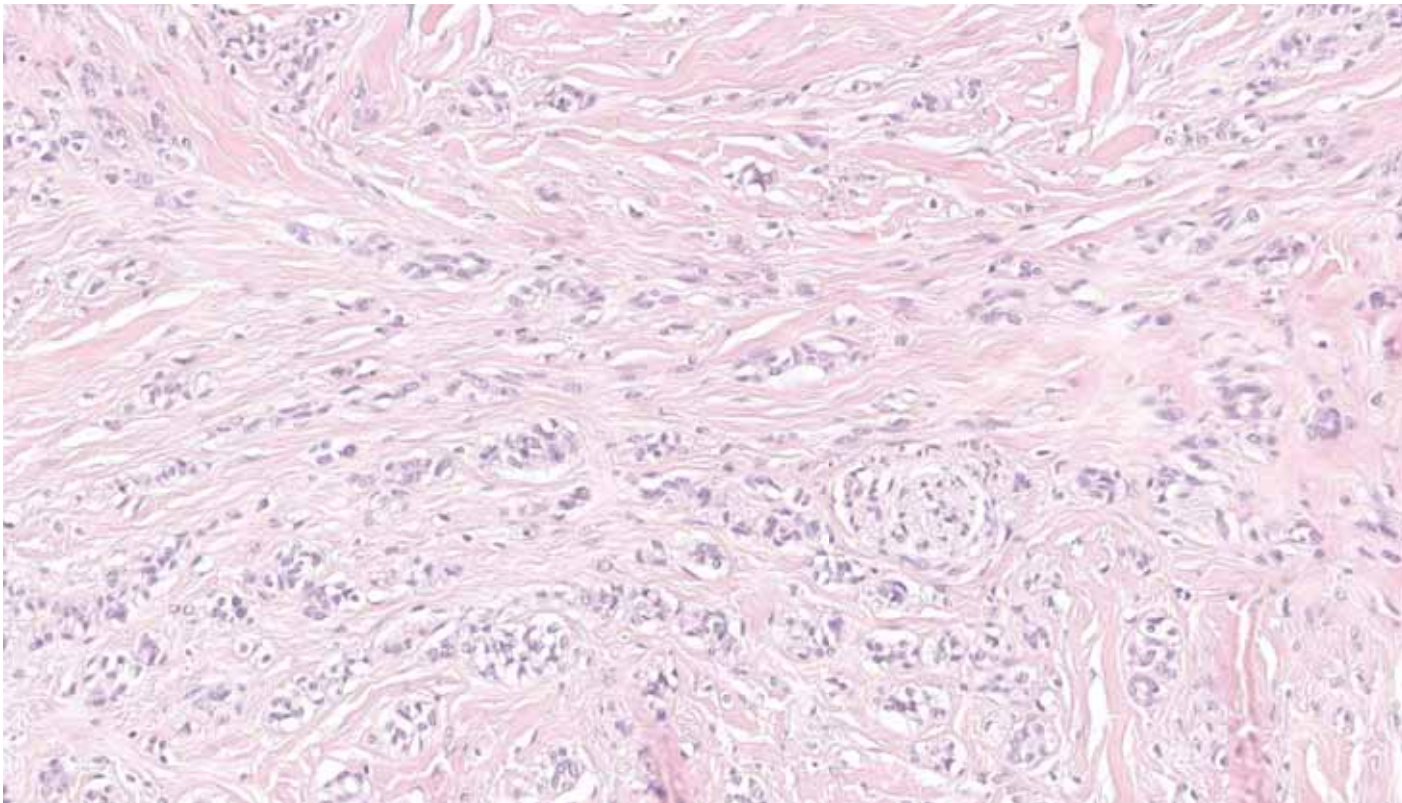
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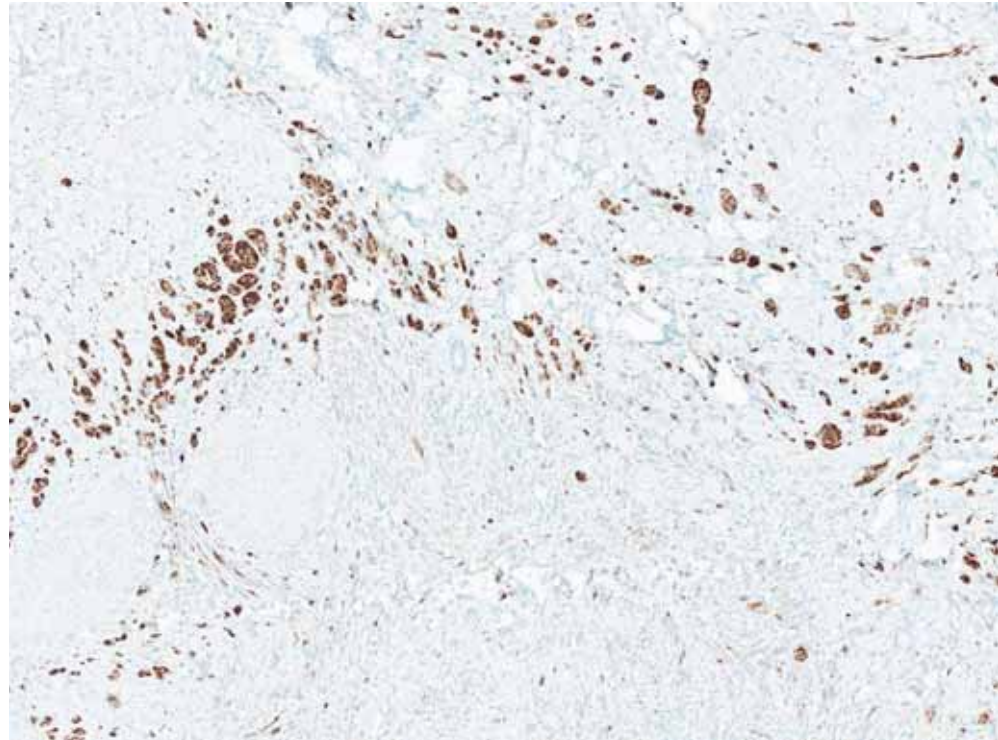
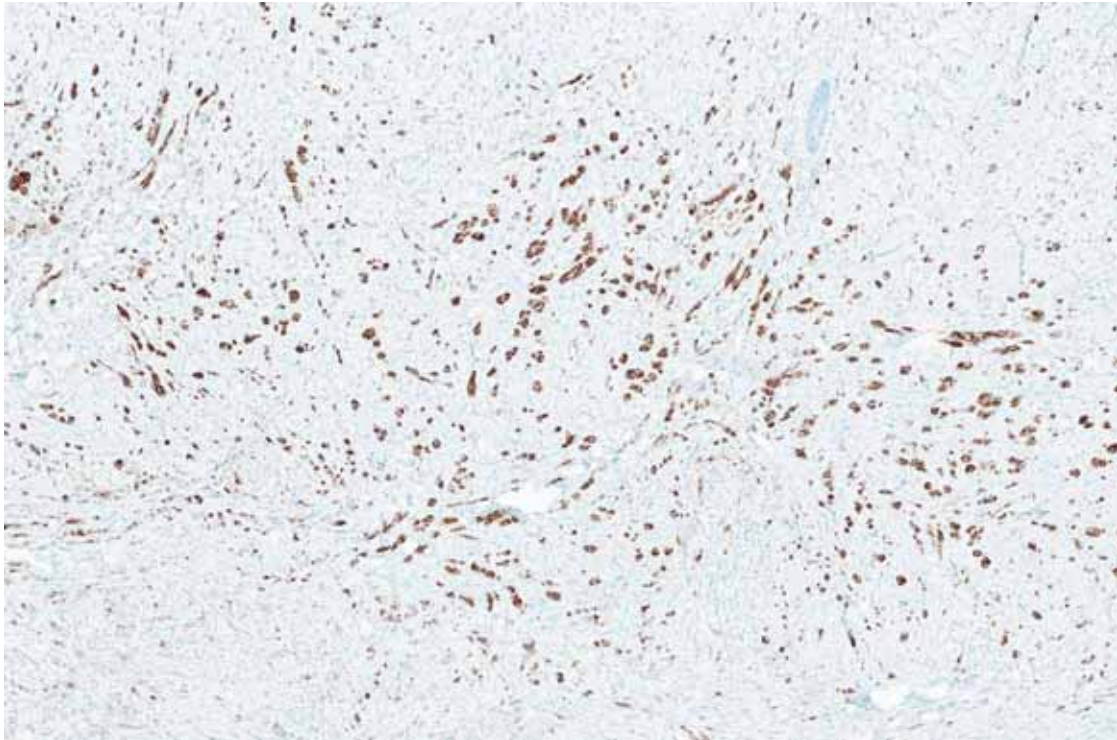
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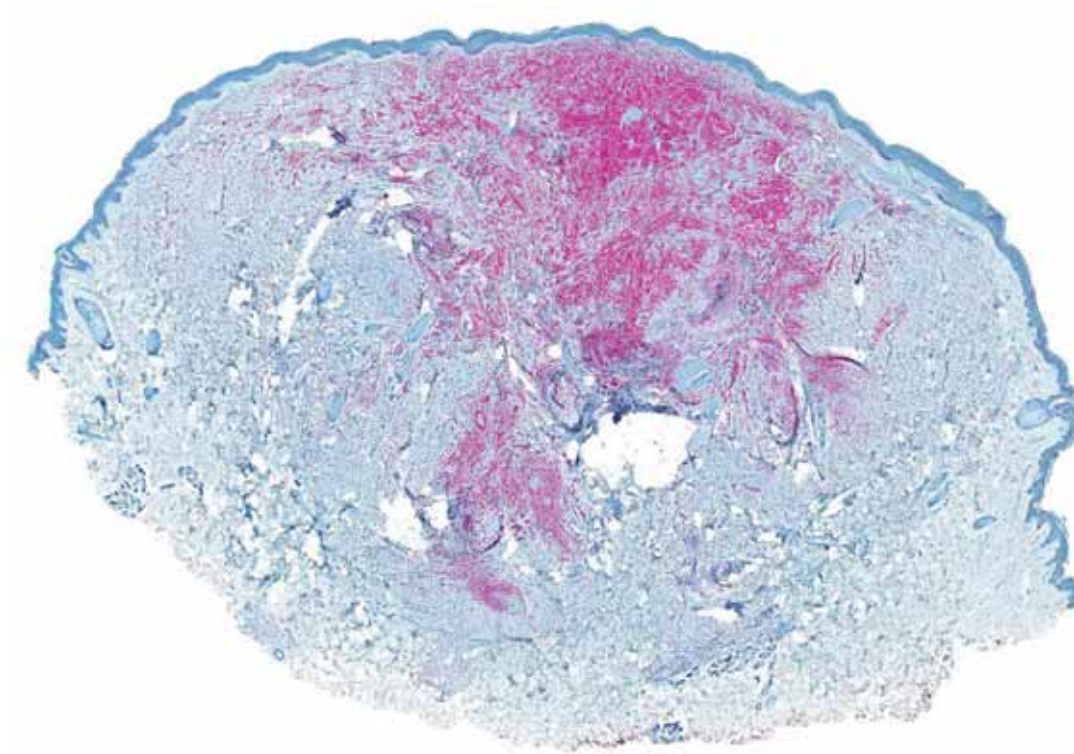
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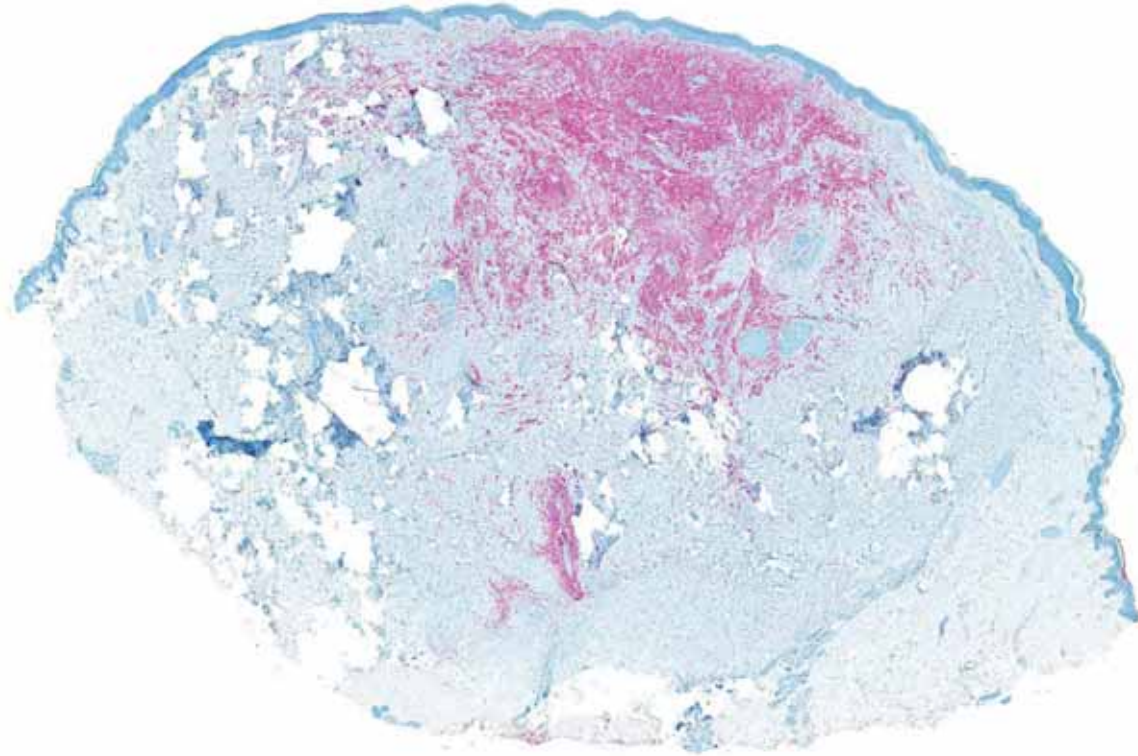
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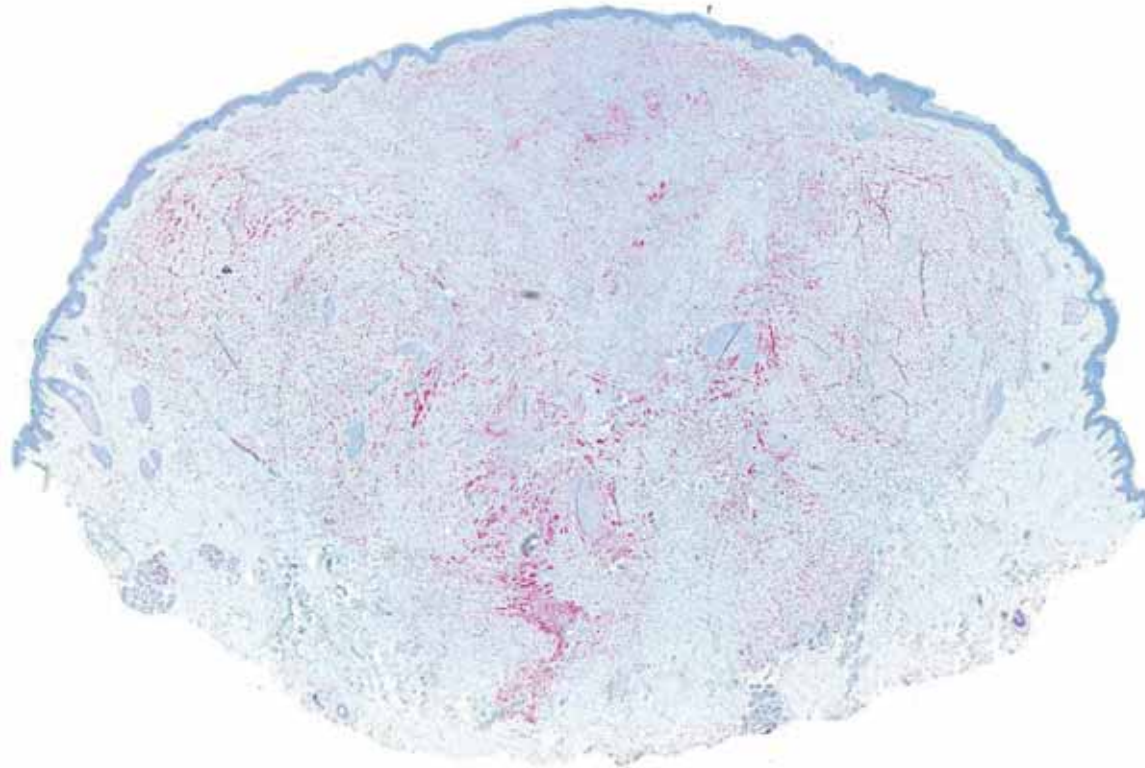
# MelanA IHC



# HMB45 IHC



# P16 IHC

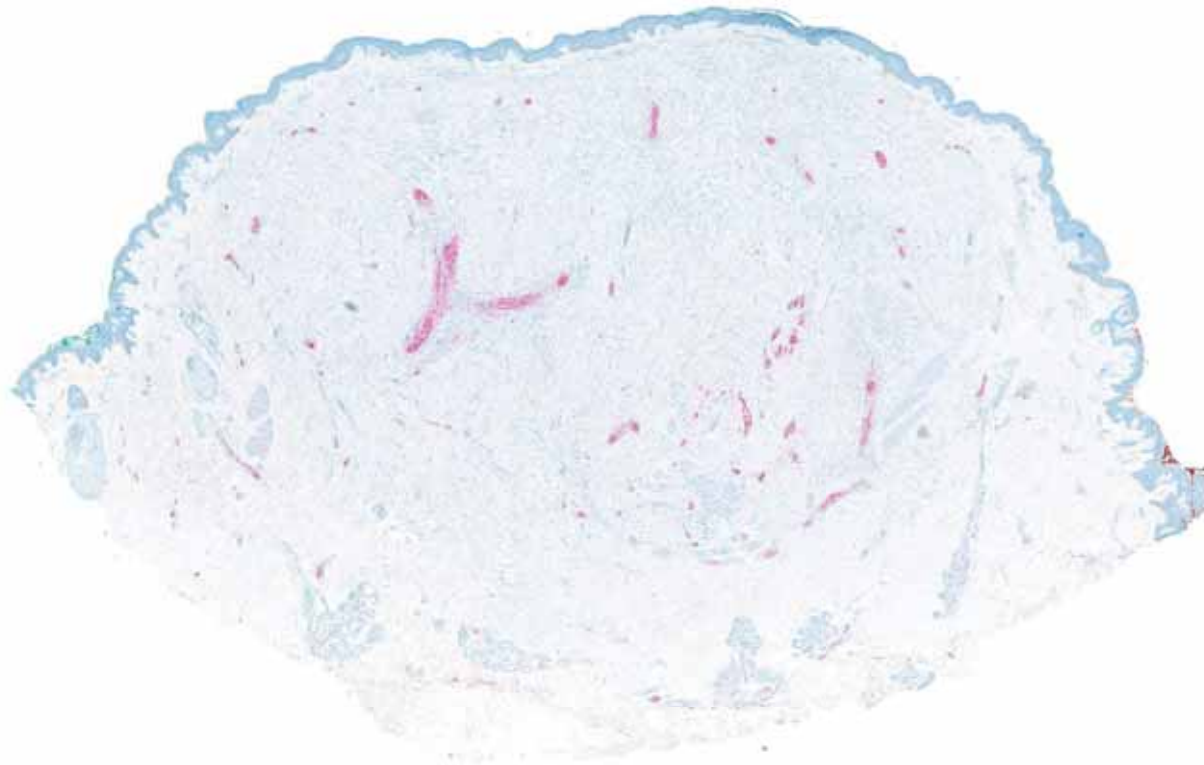


# Ki67 IHC



Which Ab to perform?

# S100P IHC



# Final diagnosis

- Unpigmented fibrosing blue naevus
- Age
- Location S100P loss
- Irregular ALK false positive expression

ALK IHC re-done

