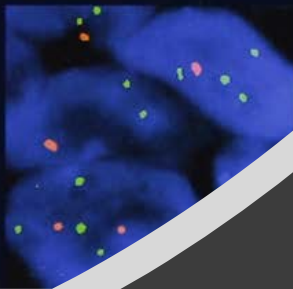
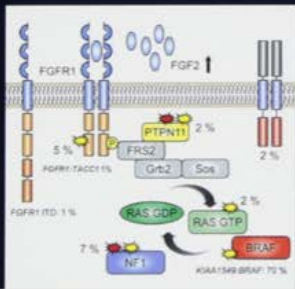
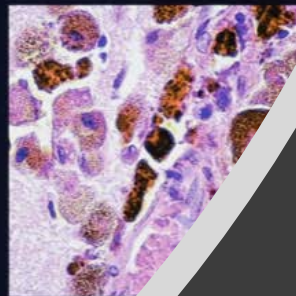
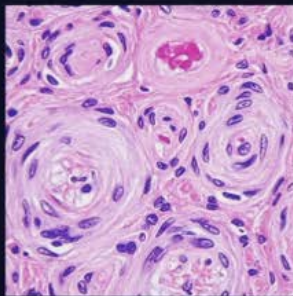
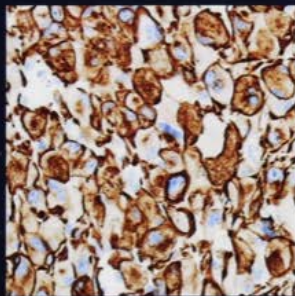
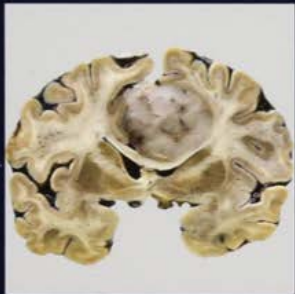


# WHO Classification of Tumours of the Central Nervous System

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## Adult Gliomas and Cerebral Metastases

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## WHO classification of tumours of the central nervous system

### Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumours

Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	9400/3
Gemistocytic astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	9411/3
<i>Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH-wildtype</i>	9400/3
Diffuse astrocytoma, NOS	9400/3
Anaplastic astrocytoma, IDH-mutant	9401/3
<i>Anaplastic astrocytoma, IDH-wildtype</i>	9401/3
Anaplastic astrocytoma, NOS	9401/3
Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype	9440/3
Giant cell glioblastoma	9441/3
Gliosarcoma	9442/3
<i>Ependymoid glioblastoma</i>	9440/3
Glioblastoma, IDH-mutant	9445/3*
Glioblastoma, NOS	9440/3
Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27M-mutant	9385/3*
Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted	9450/3
Oligodendroglioma, NOS	9450/3
Anaplastic oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted	9451/3
<i>Anaplastic oligodendroglioma, NOS</i>	9451/3
<i>Oligoastrocytoma, NOS</i>	9382/3
<i>Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma, NOS</i>	9382/3
<b>Other astrocytic tumours</b>	
Pilocytic astrocytoma	9421/1
Pilomyxoid astrocytoma	9425/3
Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma	9384/1
Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma	9424/3
Anaplastic pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma	9424/3

### Ependymal tumours

Subependymoma	9383/1
Myxopapillary ependymoma	9394/1
Ependymoma	9391/3
Papillary ependymoma	9393/3
Clear cell ependymoma	9391/3
Tanycytic ependymoma	9391/3
Ependymoma, <i>RELA</i> fusion-positive	9396/3*
Anaplastic ependymoma	9392/3

### Other gliomas

Chordoid glioma of the third ventricle	9444/1
Angiocentric glioma	9431/1
Astroblastoma	9430/3

### Choroid plexus tumours

Choroid plexus papilloma	9390/0
Atypical choroid plexus papilloma	9390/1
Choroid plexus carcinoma	9390/3

### Neuronal and mixed neuronal-glia tumours

Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumour	9413/0
Gangliocytoma	9492/0
Ganglioglioma	9505/1
Anaplastic ganglioglioma	9505/3
Dysplastic cerebellar gangliocytoma (Lhermitte–Duclos disease)	9493/0
Desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma and ganglioglioma	9412/1
Papillary glioneuronal tumour	9509/1
Rosette-forming glioneuronal tumour	9509/1
<i>Diffuse leptomeningeal glioneuronal tumour</i>	
Central neurocytoma	9506/1
Extraventricular neurocytoma	9506/1
Cerebellar liponeurocytoma	9506/1
Paraganglioma	8693/1

### Tumours of the pineal region

Pineocytoma	9361/1
Pineal parenchymal tumour of intermediate differentiation	9362/3
Pineoblastoma	9362/3
Papillary tumour of the pineal region	9395/3

### Embryonal tumours

Medulloblastomas, genetically defined	
Medulloblastoma, WNT-activated	9475/3*
Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and <i>TP53</i> -mutant	9476/3*
Medulloblastoma, SHH-activated and <i>TP53</i> -wildtype	9471/3
Medulloblastoma, non-WNT/non-SHH <i>Medulloblastoma, group 3</i> <i>Medulloblastoma, group 4</i>	9477/3*
Medulloblastomas, histologically defined	
Medulloblastoma, classic	9470/3
Medulloblastoma, desmoplastic/nodular	9471/3
Medulloblastoma with extensive nodularity	9471/3
Medulloblastoma, large cell / anaplastic	9474/3
Medulloblastoma, NOS	9470/3

Embryonal tumour with multilayered rosettes, C19MC-altered	9478/3*
<i>Embryonal tumour with multilayered     rosettes, NOS</i>	9478/3
Medulloepithelioma	9501/3
CNS neuroblastoma	9500/3
CNS ganglioneuroblastoma	9490/3
CNS embryonal tumour, NOS	9473/3
Atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumour	9508/3
<i>CNS embryonal tumour with rhabdoid features</i>	9508/3

### Tumours of the cranial and paraspinal nerves

Schwannoma	9560/0
Cellular schwannoma	9560/0
Plexiform schwannoma	9560/0



Melanotic schwannoma	9560/1	Osteochondroma	9210/0
Neurofibroma	9540/0	Osteosarcoma	9180/3
Atypical neurofibroma	9540/0		
Plexiform neurofibroma	9550/0	<b>Melanocytic tumours</b>	
Perineurioma	9571/0	Meningeal melanocytosis	8728/0
Hybrid nerve sheath tumours		Meningeal melanocytoma	8728/1
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour	9540/3	Meningeal melanoma	8720/3
Epithelioid MPNST	9540/3	Meningeal melanomatosis	8728/3
MPNST with perineurial differentiation	9540/3		
		<b>Lymphomas</b>	
<b>Meningiomas</b>		Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the CNS	9680/3
Meningioma	9530/0	Immunodeficiency-associated CNS lymphomas	
Meningothelial meningioma	9531/0	AIDS-related diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	
Fibrous meningioma	9532/0	EBV-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS	
Transitional meningioma	9537/0	Lymphomatoid granulomatosis	9766/1
Psammomatous meningioma	9533/0	Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma	9712/3
Angiomatous meningioma	9534/0	Low-grade B-cell lymphomas of the CNS	
Microcystic meningioma	9530/0	T-cell and NK/T-cell lymphomas of the CNS	
Secretory meningioma	9530/0	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive	9714/3
Lymphoplasmacyte-rich meningioma	9530/0	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative	9702/3
Metaplastic meningioma	9530/0	MALT lymphoma of the dura	9699/3
Chordoid meningioma	9538/1		
Clear cell meningioma	9538/1	<b>Histiocytic tumours</b>	
Atypical meningioma	9539/1	Langerhans cell histiocytosis	9751/3
Papillary meningioma	9538/3	Erdheim–Chester disease	9750/1
Rhabdoid meningioma	9538/3	Rosai–Dorfman disease	
Anaplastic (malignant) meningioma	9530/3	Juvenile xanthogranuloma	
		Histiocytic sarcoma	9755/3
<b>Mesenchymal, non-meningothelial tumours</b>			
Solitary fibrous tumour / haemangiopericytoma**		<b>Germ cell tumours</b>	
Grade 1	8815/0	Germinoma	9064/3
Grade 2	8815/1	Embryonal carcinoma	9070/3
Grade 3	8815/3	Yolk sac tumour	9071/3
Haemangioblastoma	9161/1	Choriocarcinoma	9100/3
Haemangioma	9120/0	Teratoma	9080/1
Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma	9133/3	Mature teratoma	9080/0
Angiosarcoma	9120/3	Immature teratoma	9080/3
Kaposi sarcoma	9140/3	Teratoma with malignant transformation	9084/3
Ewing sarcoma / PNET	9364/3	Mixed germ cell tumour	9085/3
Lipoma	8850/0		
Angiolipoma	8861/0	<b>Tumours of the sellar region</b>	
Hibernoma	8880/0	Craniopharyngioma	9350/1
Liposarcoma	8850/3	Adamantinomatous craniopharyngioma	9351/1
Desmoid-type fibromatosis	8821/1	Papillary craniopharyngioma	9352/1
Myofibroblastoma	8825/0	Granular cell tumour of the sellar region	9582/0
Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour	8825/1	Pituicytoma	9432/1
Benign fibrous histiocytoma	8830/0	Spindle cell oncocytoma	8290/0
Fibrosarcoma	8810/3		
Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma / malignant fibrous histiocytoma	8802/3	<b>Metastatic tumours</b>	
Leiomyoma	8890/0		
Leiomyosarcoma	8890/3		
Rhabdomyoma	8900/0		
Rhabdomyosarcoma	8900/3		
Chondroma	9220/0		
Chondrosarcoma	9220/3		
Osteoma	9180/0		

The morphology codes are from the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) [742A]. Behaviour is coded /0 for benign tumours; /1 for unspecified, borderline, or uncertain behaviour; /2 for carcinoma in situ and grade III intraepithelial neoplasia; and /3 for malignant tumours. The classification is modified from the previous WHO classification, taking into account changes in our understanding of these lesions. \*These new codes were approved by the IARC/WHO Committee for ICD-O. *Italics*: Provisional tumour entities. \*\*Grading according to the 2013 WHO Classification of Tumours of Soft Tissue and Bone.

2016 versus 2007 World Health Organization central nervous system tumors classifications and highlighting major changes in 2016 classification

	2016	2007	Major changes in 2016 classification
Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumors	Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH mutant Gemistocytic astrocytoma, IDH mutant Diffuse astrocytoma, IDH wild type Diffuse astrocytoma, NOS Anaplastic astrocytoma IDH mutant IDH wild type NOS Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27M-mutant	Pilocytic astrocytoma Pilomyxoid astrocytoma Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma Diffuse astrocytoma Fibrillary astrocytoma Gemistocytic astrocytoma Protoplasmic astrocytoma Anaplastic astrocytoma	Astrocytic, oligodendroglioma and glioblastoma tumors combined under one heading of diffuse glioma Genetic classification of diffuse astrocytoma and anaplastic astrocytoma Pilocytic astrocytoma, subependymal giant cell astrocytoma and pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma included under different heading Deletion Protoplasmic and fibrillary astrocytoma Addition Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27M-mutant and anaplastic pleomorphic Xanthoastrocytoma, WHO Grade III, instead of pleomorphic Xanthoastrocytoma with anaplastic features
Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumors	Glioblastoma, IDH wild type Giant cell glioblastoma Gliosarcoma Epithelioid glioblastoma Glioblastoma, IDH mutant Glioblastoma, NOS	Glioblastoma Giant cell glioblastoma Gliosarcoma Gliomatosis cerebri	Classification of glioblastoma genetically Addition of Epithelioid glioblastoma Glioblastoma with primitive neuronal component Removal of gliomatosis cerebri
Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumors	Oligodendroglioma IDH mutant, and 1p19q co-deleted NOS Anaplastic oligodendroglioma IDH mutant and 1p19q co-deleted NOS	Oligodendroglioma Anaplastic oligodendroglioma	Genetic-based classification
Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumors	Oligoastrocytoma, NOS Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma, NOS	Oligoastrocytoma Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma	Addition of NOS: Use of the diagnosis "oligoastrocytoma" is now discouraged in favor of astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma
Other astrocytic tumors	Pilocytic astrocytoma Pilomyxoid astrocytoma Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma		Different heading

## HISTOLOGICAL GRADING OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TUMORS

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There are not many changes in WHO histological grading in 2016 update as compared to 2007 CNS tumor, only a new category “grade unknown” is added for diffuse leptomeningeal glioneuronal tumor. Grading of CNS tumors is mainly based on four morphologic criteria: cytological atypia, mitotic activity, microvascular proliferation (endothelial cell proliferation), and necrosis (St. Anne–Mayo grading system). According to above parameters, CNS tumors are classified in four grades.

- Grade I: Tumors do not meet any of the criteria. These tumors are slow growing, nonmalignant, and associated with long-term survival
- Grade II: Tumors meet only one criterion, i.e., only cytological atypia. These tumors are slow growing but recur as higher-grade tumors. They can be malignant or nonmalignant
- Grade III: Tumors meet two criteria, i.e., anaplasia and mitotic activity. These tumors are malignant and often recur as higher-grade tumors
- Grade IV: Tumors meet three or four of the criteria, i.e., showing anaplasia, mitotic activity with microvascular proliferation, and/or necrosis. These tumors reproduce rapidly and are very aggressive malignant tumors.

## World Health Organization histological grading of 2016 central nervous system tumors

	I	II	III	IV	Grade unknown
Diffuse astrocytic and oligodendroglial tumors		Diffuse astrocytoma IDH mutant IDH wild type Oligodendroglioma IDH mutant, and 1p19q co-deleted	Anaplastic astrocytoma IDH mutant IDH wild type Anaplastic oligodendroglioma, IDH mutant, and 1p19q co-deleted	Diffuse midline glioma, H3 K27M-mutant Glioblastoma, IDH wild type Glioblastoma, IDH mutant	
Other astrocytic tumors	Pilocytic astrocytoma Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma	Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma Pilomyxoid astrocytoma	Anaplastic pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma		

Tumors	Molecular marker
Astrocytoma	IDH1/2,TP53,ATRX
Oligodendroglioma	IDH1/2,1p/19q co-deletion, TERT
Glioblastoma	IDH1/2,TERT,MGMT methylation
Diffuse midline glioma	H3 K27M-mutant

**LEGEND:**

IDH:isocitrate dehydrogenase

Tp53:tumor protein p53

ATRX: Alpha-thalassemia/mental retardation syndrome X-linked

MGMT: O<sup>6</sup> Methylguanine-DN-methyltransferase

# Molecular markers

**IDH1 and IDH2** - Enzymes in Krebs cycle that convert isocitrate to alpha-ketoglutarate. Mutations of these enzymes result in abnormal production of hydroxyglutarate which causes histone and DNA methylation, hence promoting tumorigenesis.

**1p/19q codeletion** – Deletion of short arm of chromosome 1 and long arm of chromosome 19. Demonstrated by FISH. Diagnostic for Grade II and Grade III (anaplastic) oligodendroglioma and strong prognostic factor with improved survival

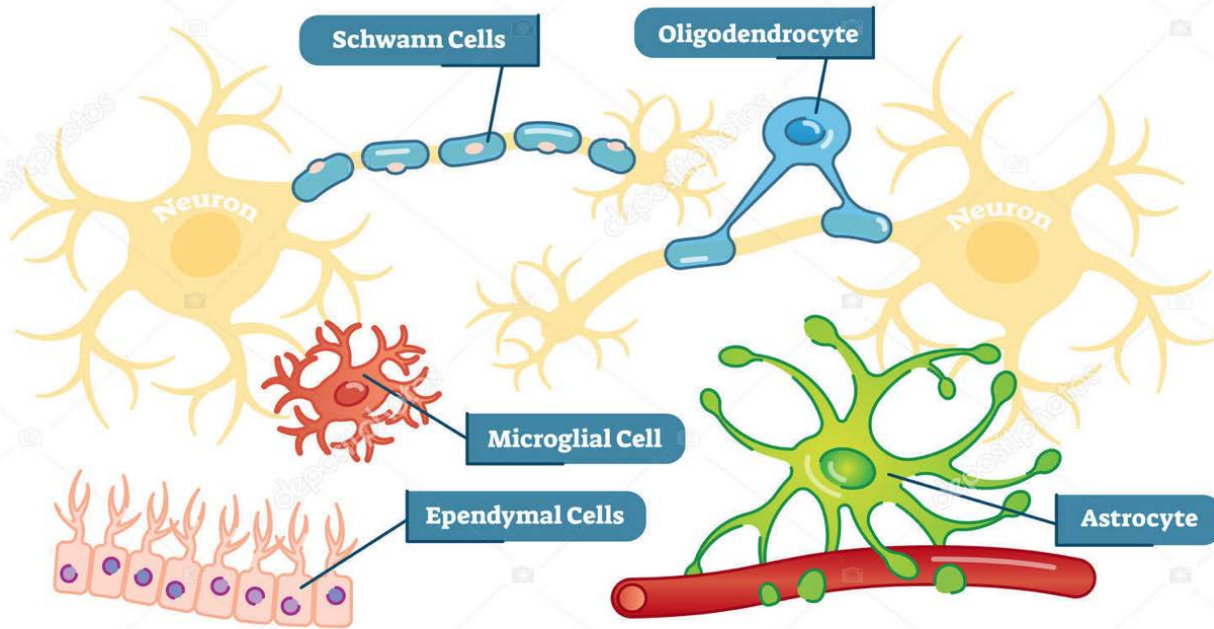
**MGMT methylation**- MGMT is a DNA repair enzyme and nullifies the alkylating effect of temozolomide. When the promoter region is hypermethylated, gene will be silenced and chemotherapy with temozolomide is more effective.

**H3K27M**- Mutation in H3F3A gene encoding for histone H3.3. This mutation leads to a reduction of H3K27 trimethylation with epigenetic alterations and consequent tumorigenesis.



# Gliomas

## Glial Cells



## Histochemistry of gliomas

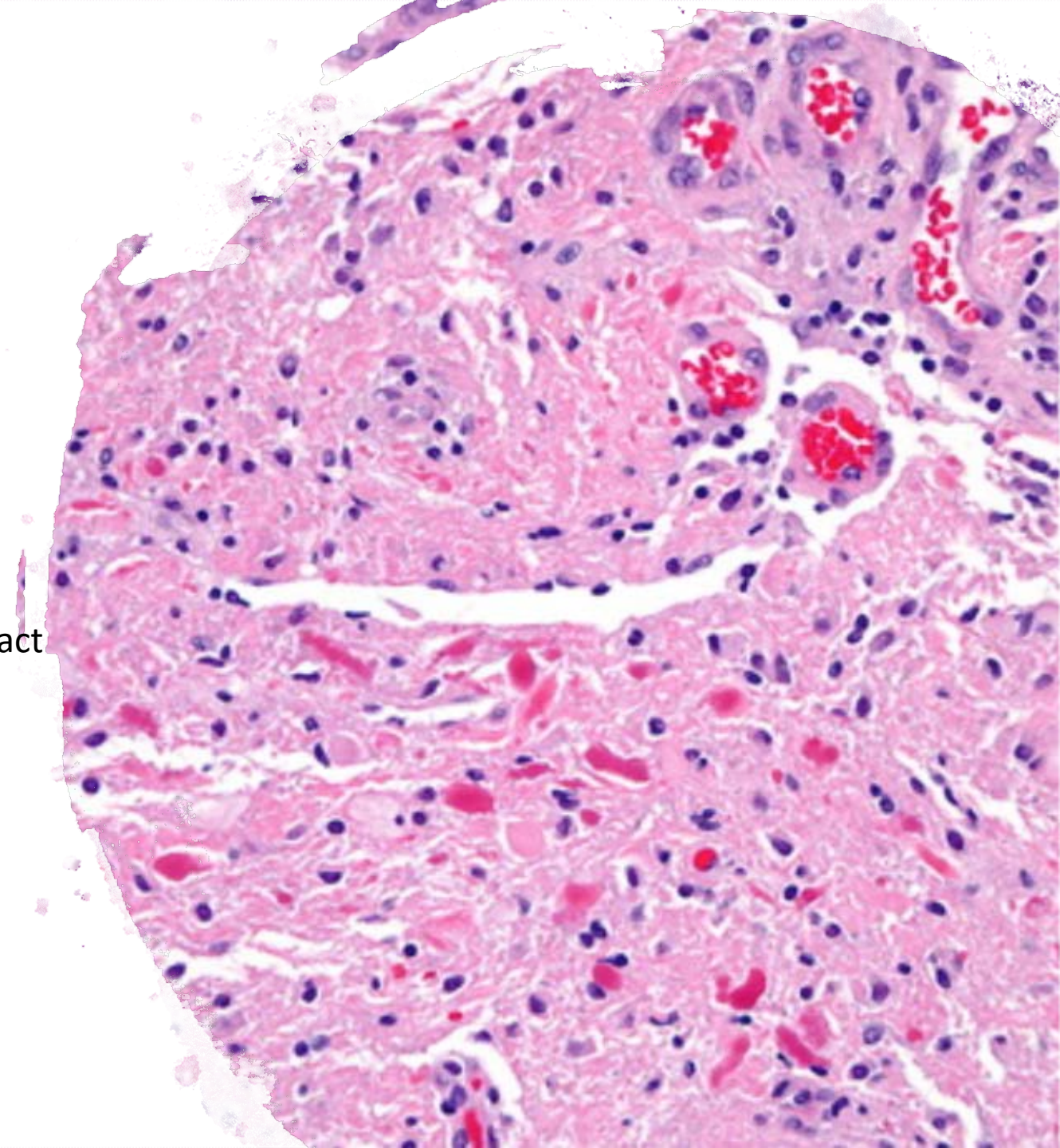
**Glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP)** intermediate filament for astrocytes (normal, reactive, neoplastic)

**Olig2** transcription factor expressed in astrocytes and oligodendrocytes

# Pilocytic Astrocytoma

WHO Grade I

- Most common glioma in children
- In adults mean age 22 yrs
- Localized throughout the neuroaxis
- Low to moderate cellularity with biphasic pattern (compact and loose texture)
- Rosenthal fibres and eosinophilic granular bodies
- Glomeruloid/multilayered vessels
- Rare anaplastic transformation
- **IDH –**

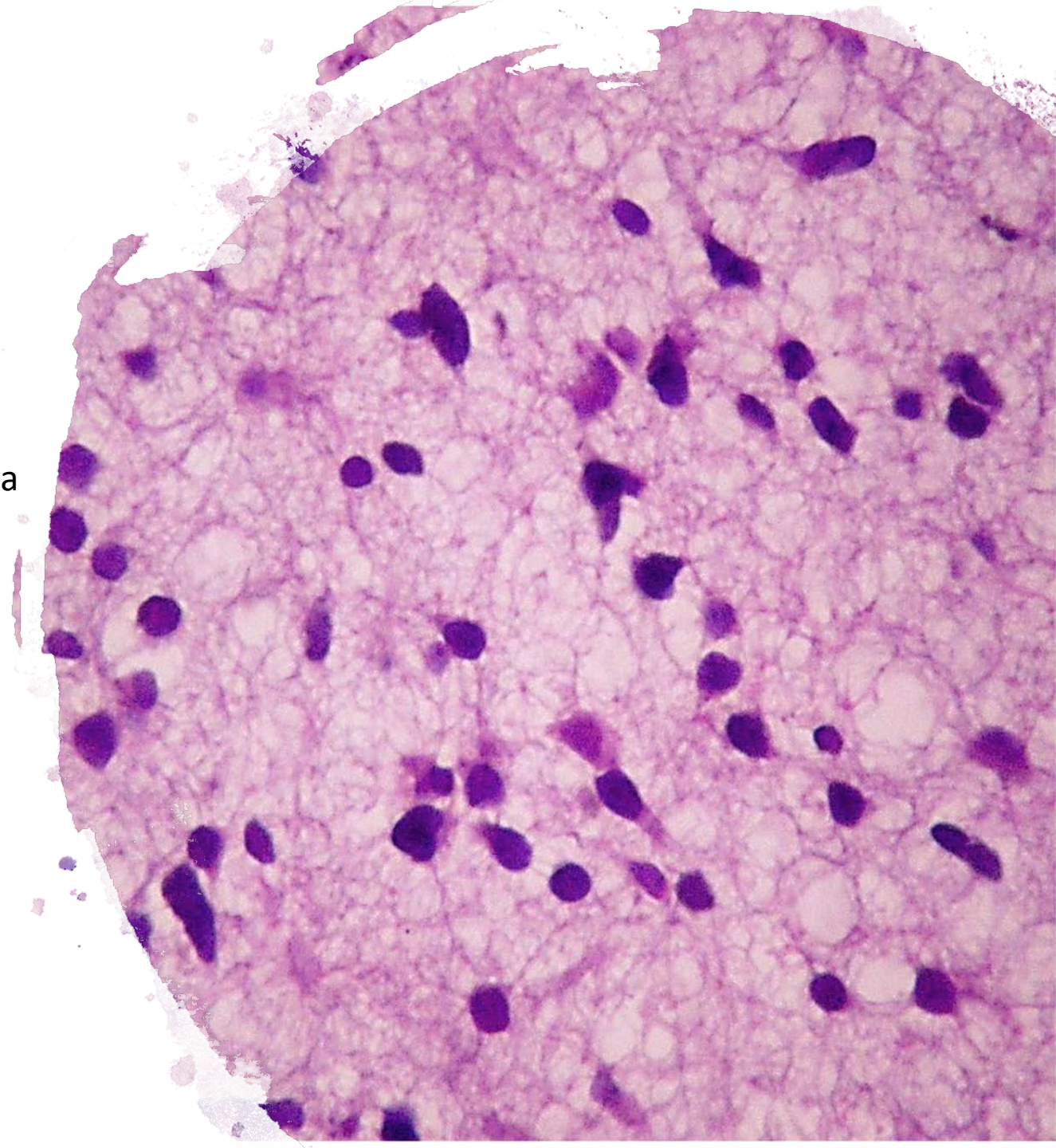




# Diffuse Astrocytoma IDH-mutant

WHO Grade II

- Mean age patient 35 yrs
  - Commonly in cerebrum, frontal lobes
  - Moderately increased cellularity/moderate nuclear atypia
  - Mitotic activity absent
  - No necrosis
  - No microvascular proliferation
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- TP53 +
  - IDH1 + (or IDH1/2 + evaluated by PCR)
  - ATRX mutation +
  - Ki67 < 4%

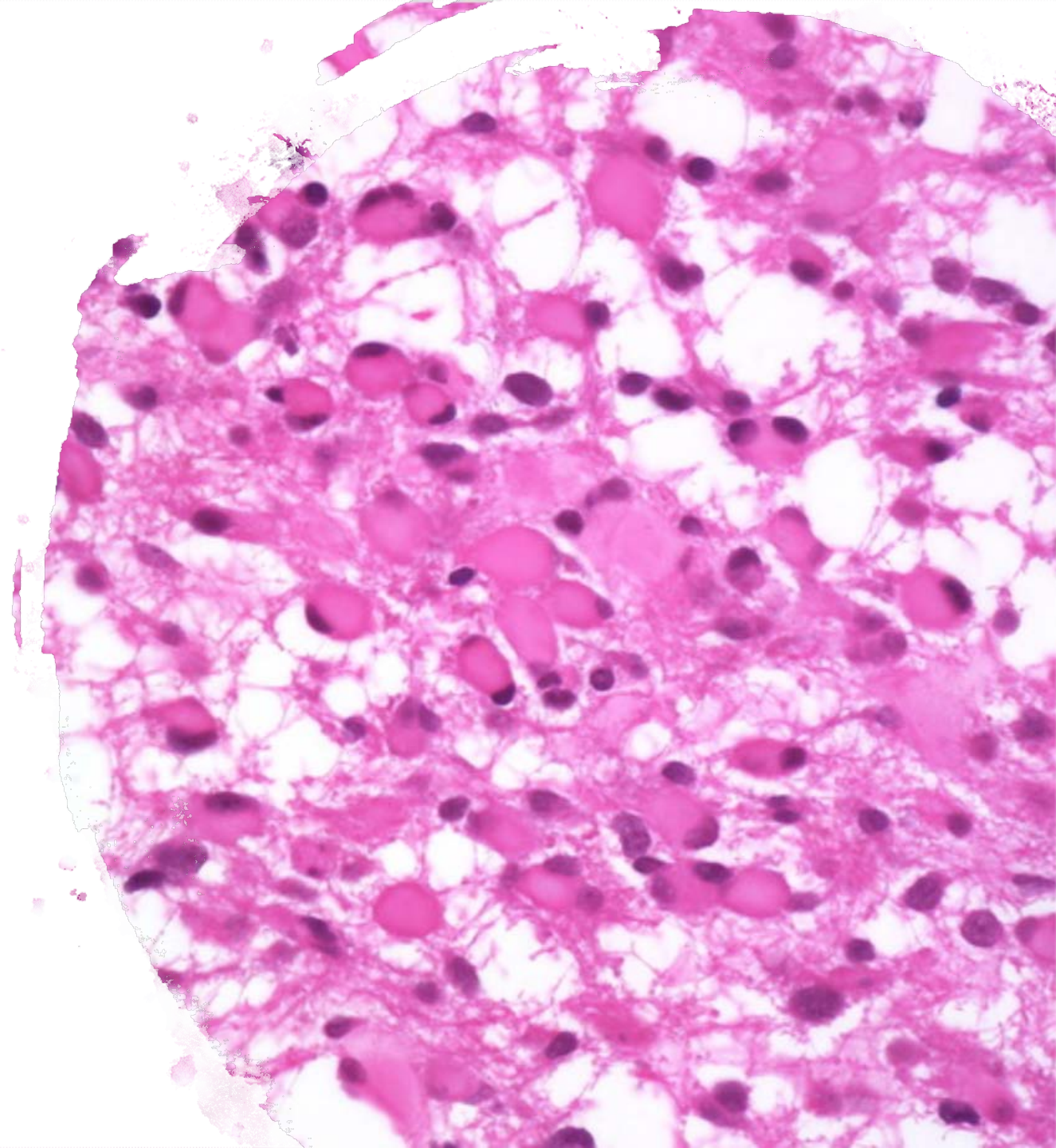




# Gemistocytic Astrocytoma

Histologic variant of Diffuse Astrocytoma

- Abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm
- Nuclei displaced to the periphery
- Perivascular lymphocytic infiltrates
- Early progression and inferior outcome

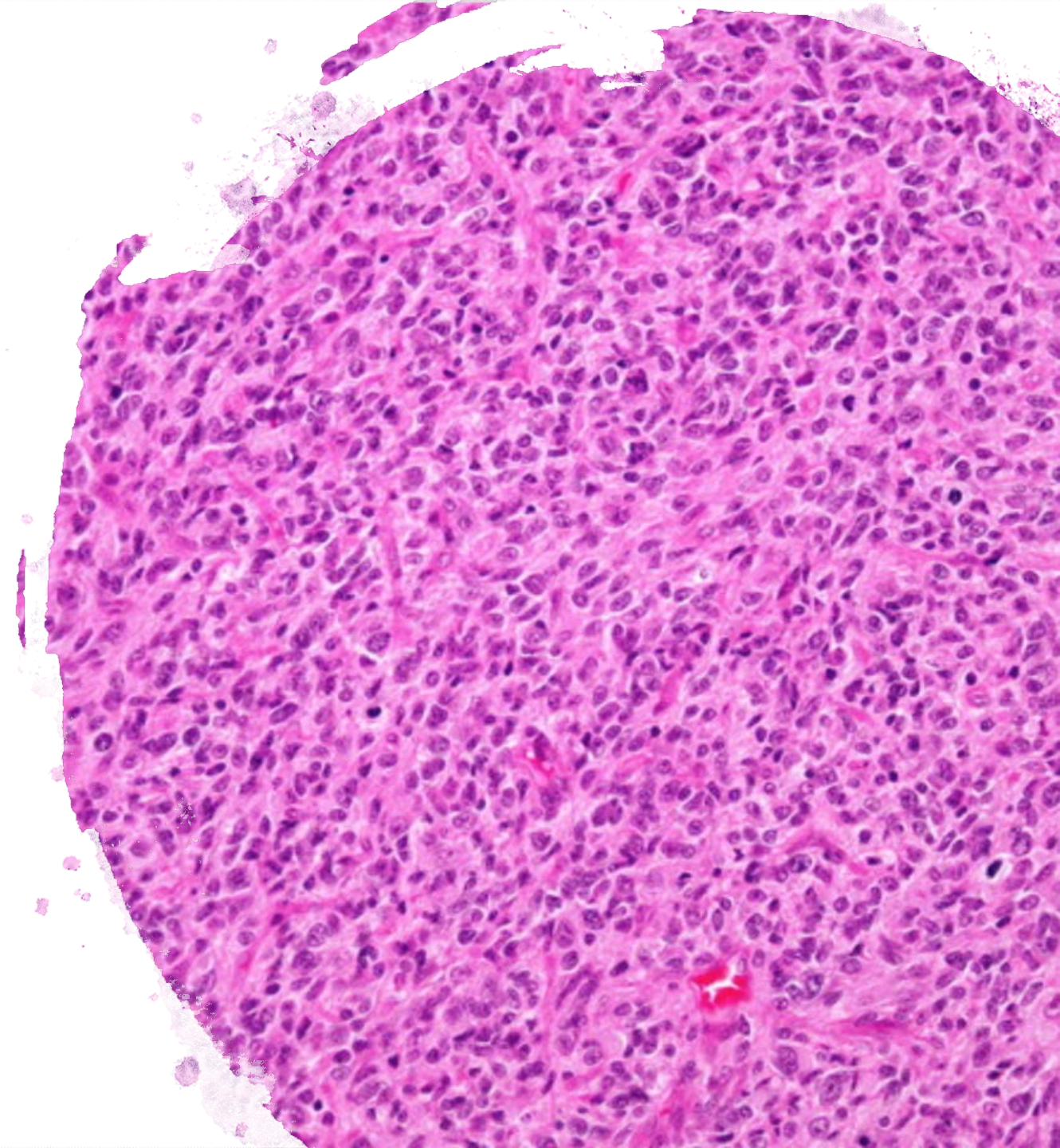




# Anaplastic Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant

WHO Grade III

- Mean age patient 37 yrs
- Commonly in cerebrum, frontal lobes
- High cellularity
- Distinct nuclear atypia
- Mitotic activity
- No microvascular proliferation
- No necrosis
  
- **ATRX mutation +**
- **Ki67 5-10%**

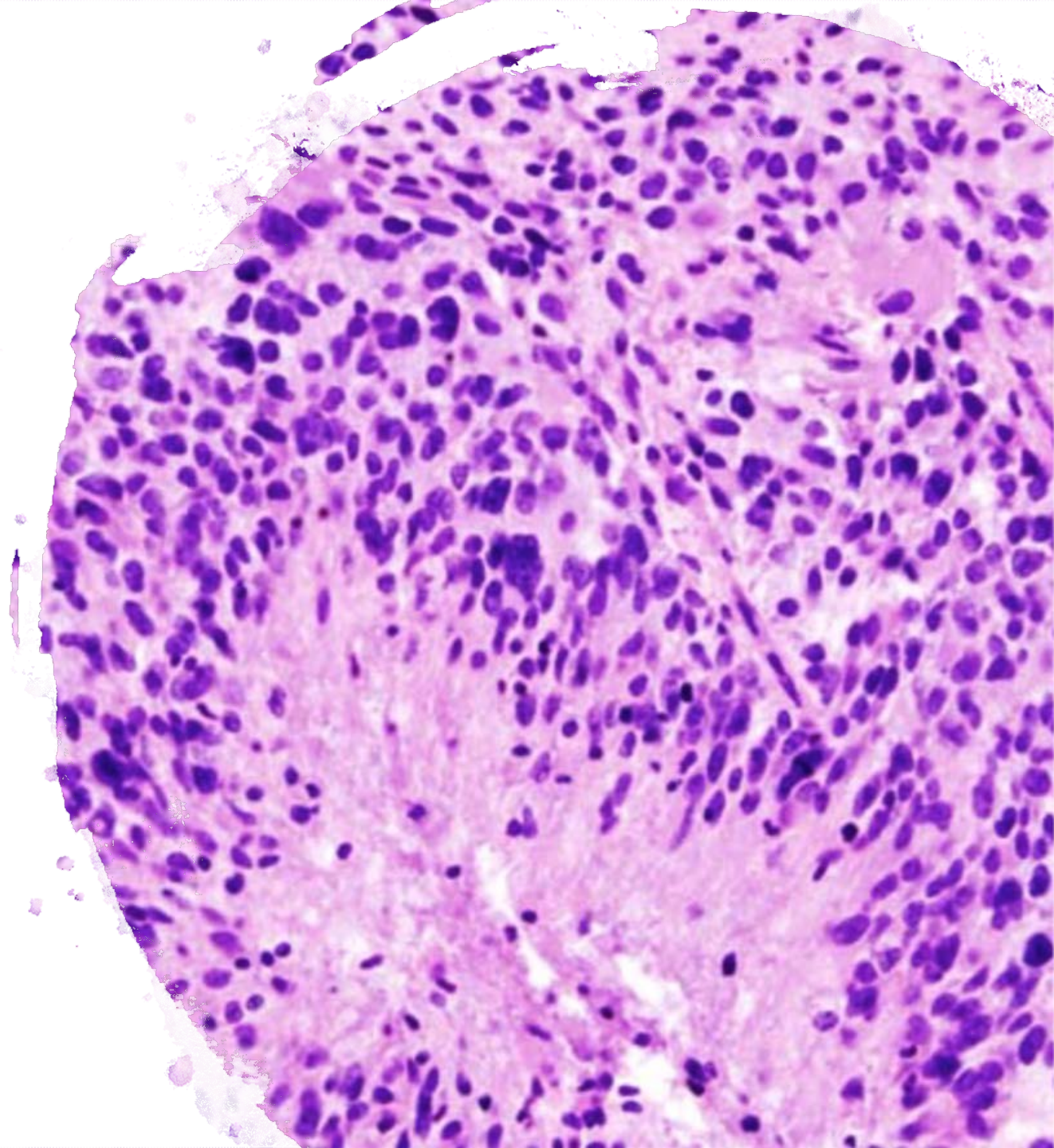




# Glioblastoma IDH-mutant

WHO Grade IV

- 10% of Glioblastomas
- Cerebral hemispheres
- Mean age patient: 44 yrs
- Pleomorphic tumor cells with nuclear atypia
- Different components (small, granular, lipidized cells)
- Microvascular proliferation
- Palisading necrosis
- Brisk mitotic activity
  
- **Ki67 >15%**
- **ATRX mutation +**





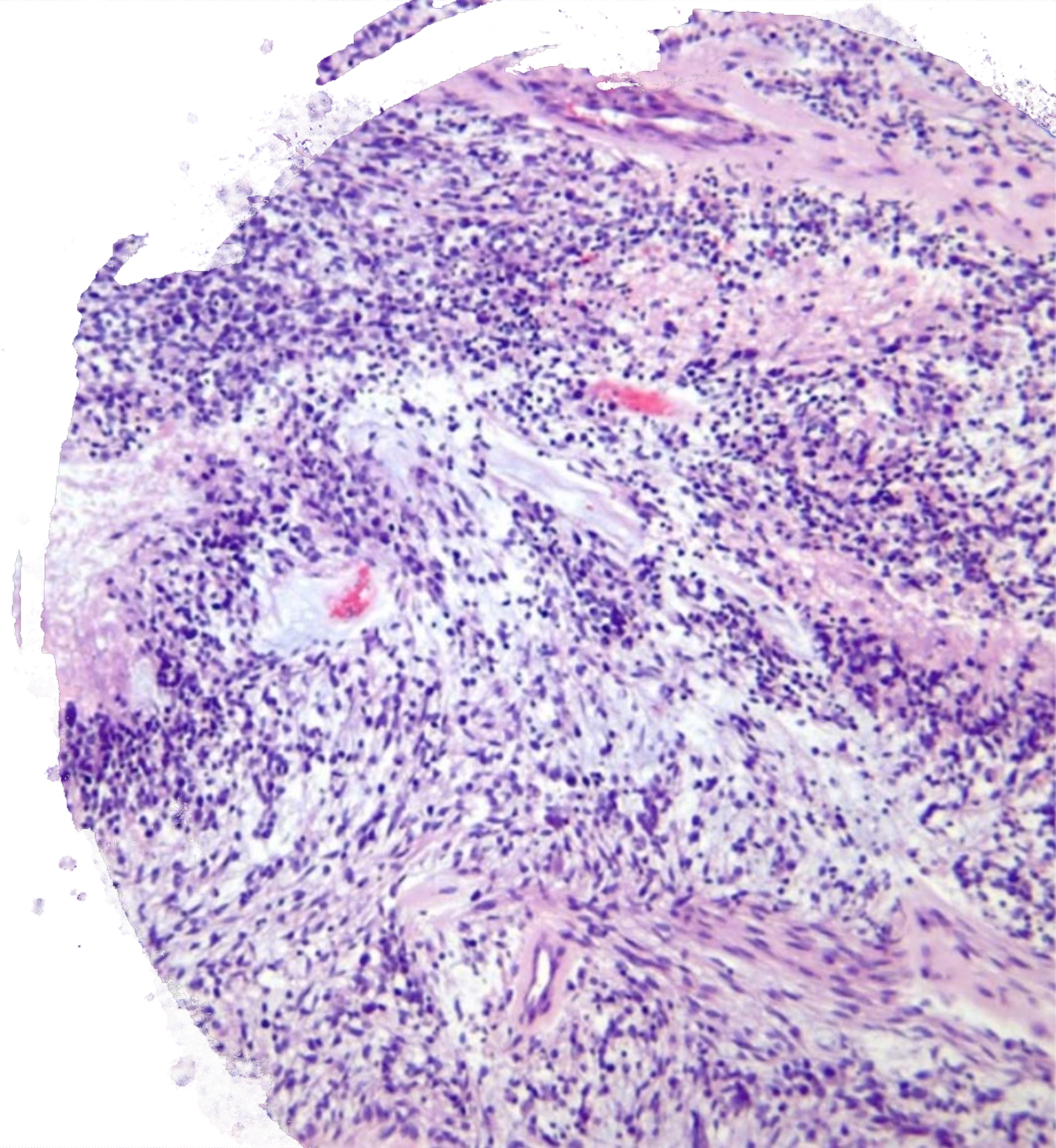
# Glioblastoma IDH-wild type

WHO Grade IV

- 90% of glioblastomas
- Mean age patient 62 yrs
- Same histology as glioblastoma IDH-mutant
- **ATRX mutation -**
- **MGMT methylation**

Hystological variants:

1. Giant cell Glioblastoma
2. Gliosarcoma
3. Epithelioid Glioblastoma

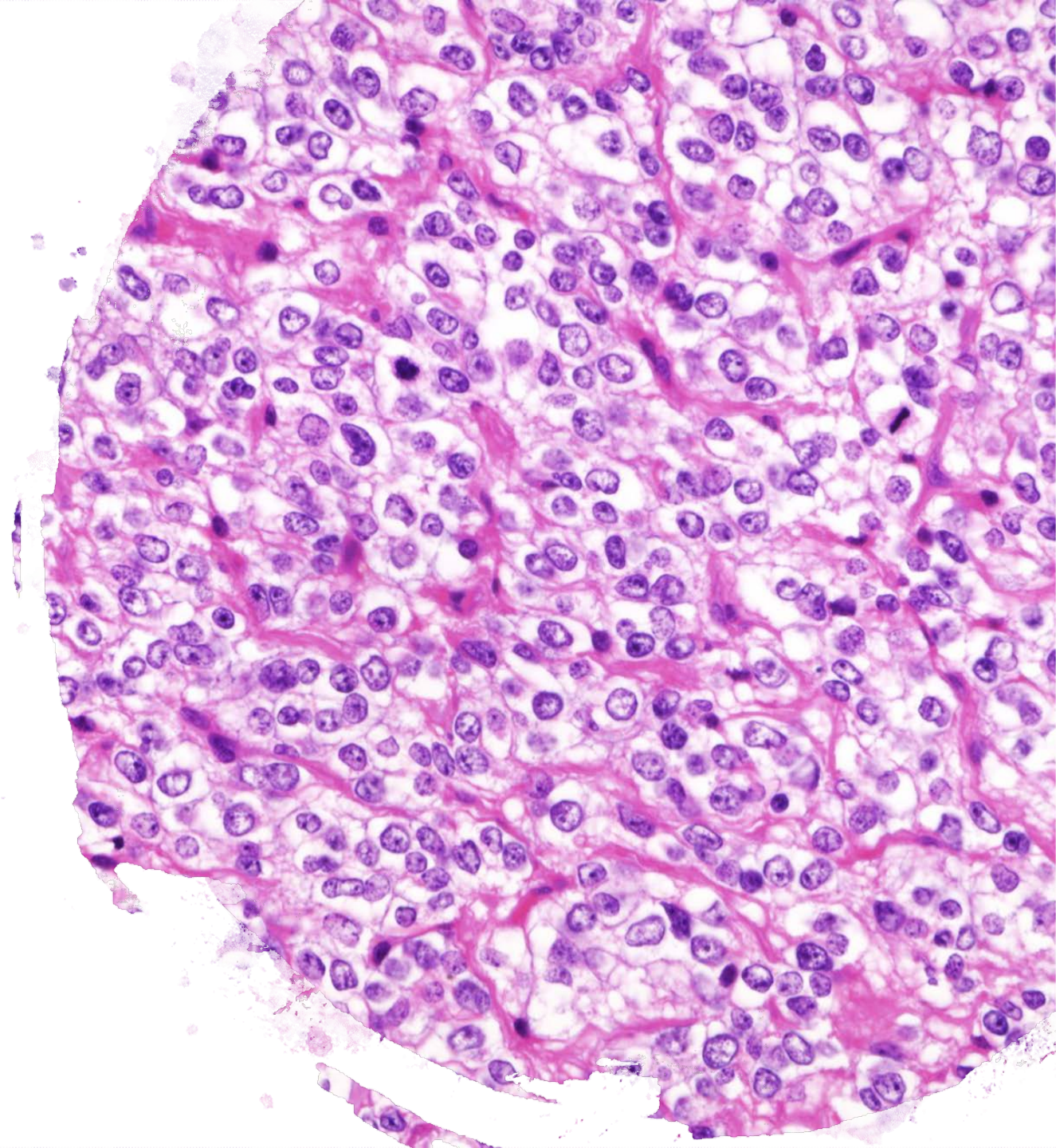




# Oligodendroglioma IDH- mutant and 1p/19q codeleted

## WHO Grade II

- Mean age patient 44 yrs
  - Commonly in cerebral hemispheres, frontal lobes
  - Moderate cellularity
  - Clear perinuclear halo
  - Central spherical nucleus
  - Delicate branching capillaries
  - Low or absent mitotic activity
  - No microvascular proliferation
  - No necrosis
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- **KI67 <5%**
  - **IDH1 + (or IDH1/2 by PCR)**
  - **1p/19q codeletion iby FISH**



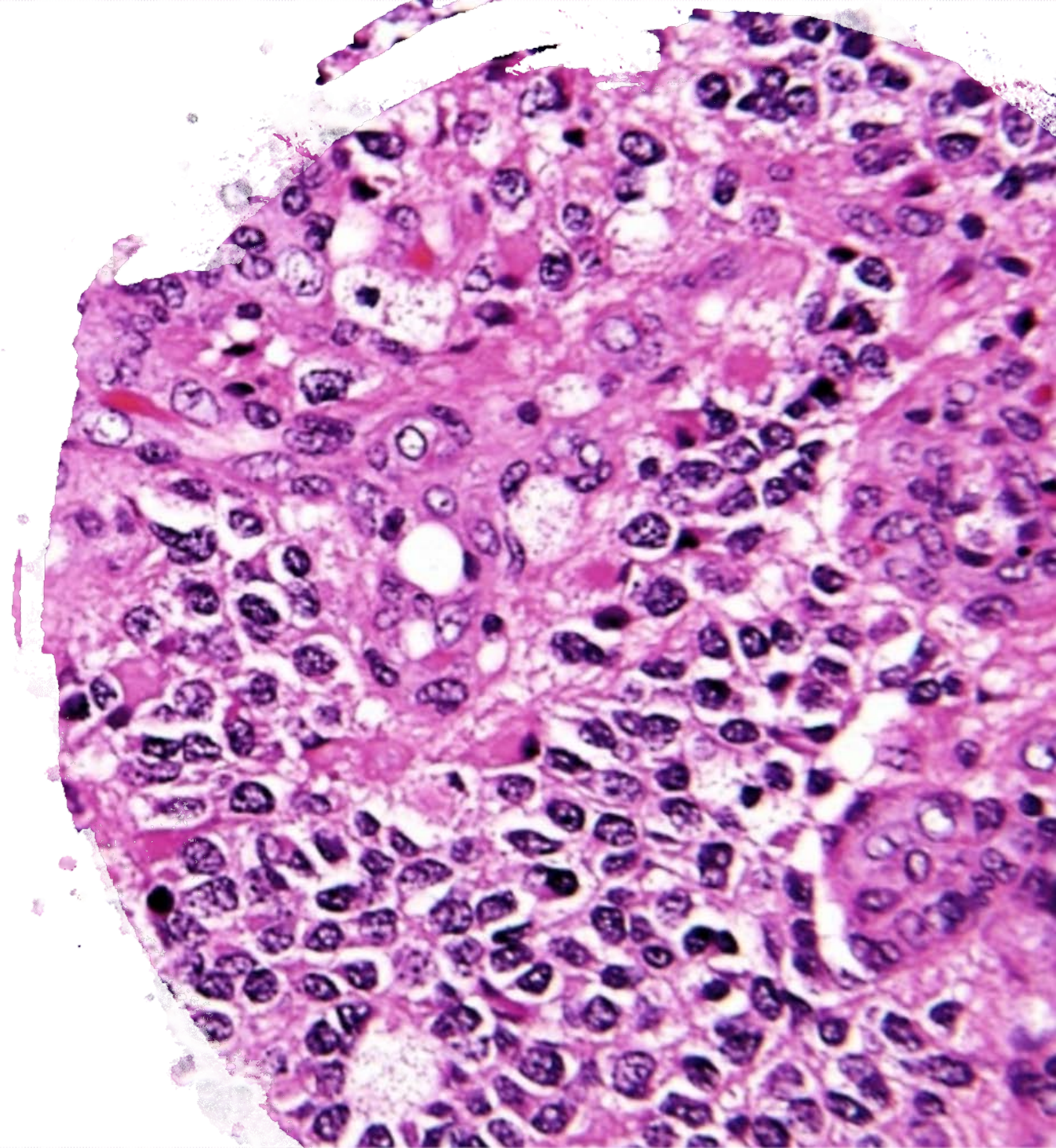


# Anaplastic oligodendroglioma IDH-mutant and 1p/19q codeleted

## WHO Grade III

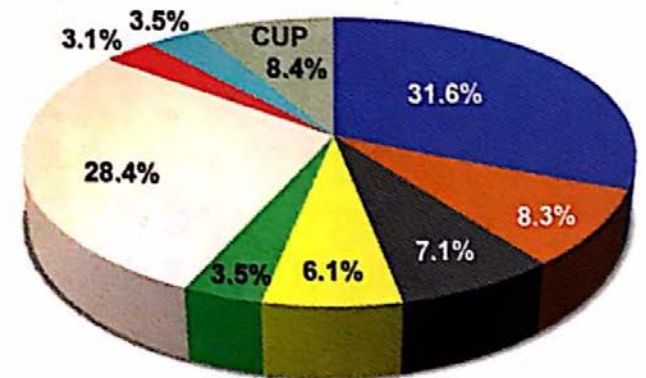
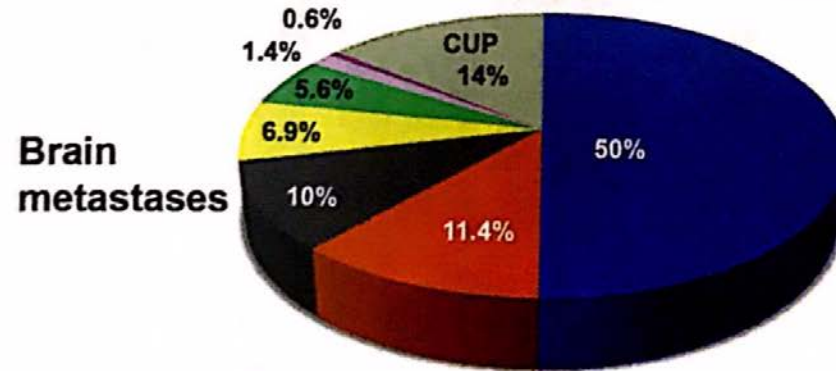
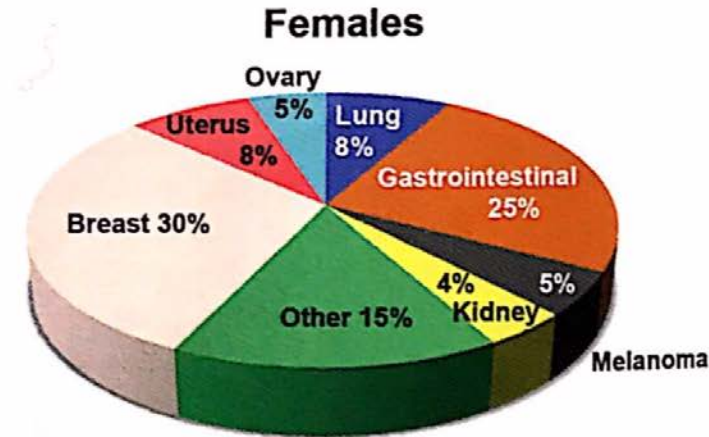
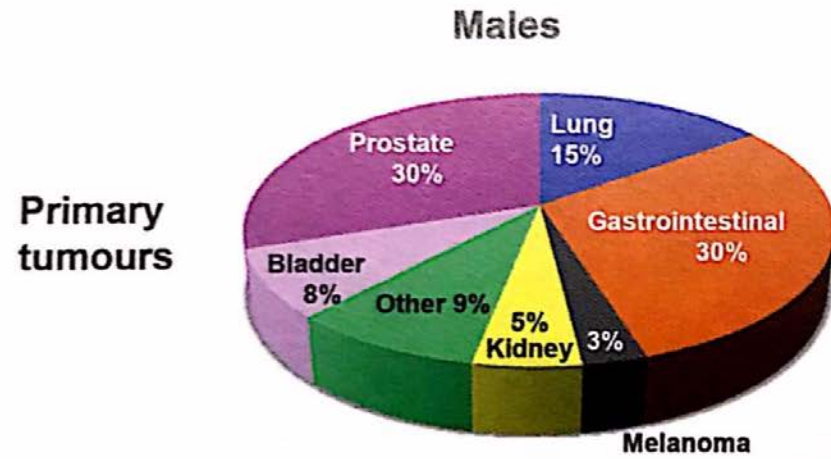
- Mean age patient 49 yrs
- Cerebral hemispheres, frontal lobes.
- High cellularity
- Distinct cellular atypia
- Brisk mitotic activity
- Microvascular proliferation
- Necrosis

- **Ki67 >5%**
- **IDH1 + (or IDH1/2 by PCR)**
- **1p/19q codeletion by FISH**



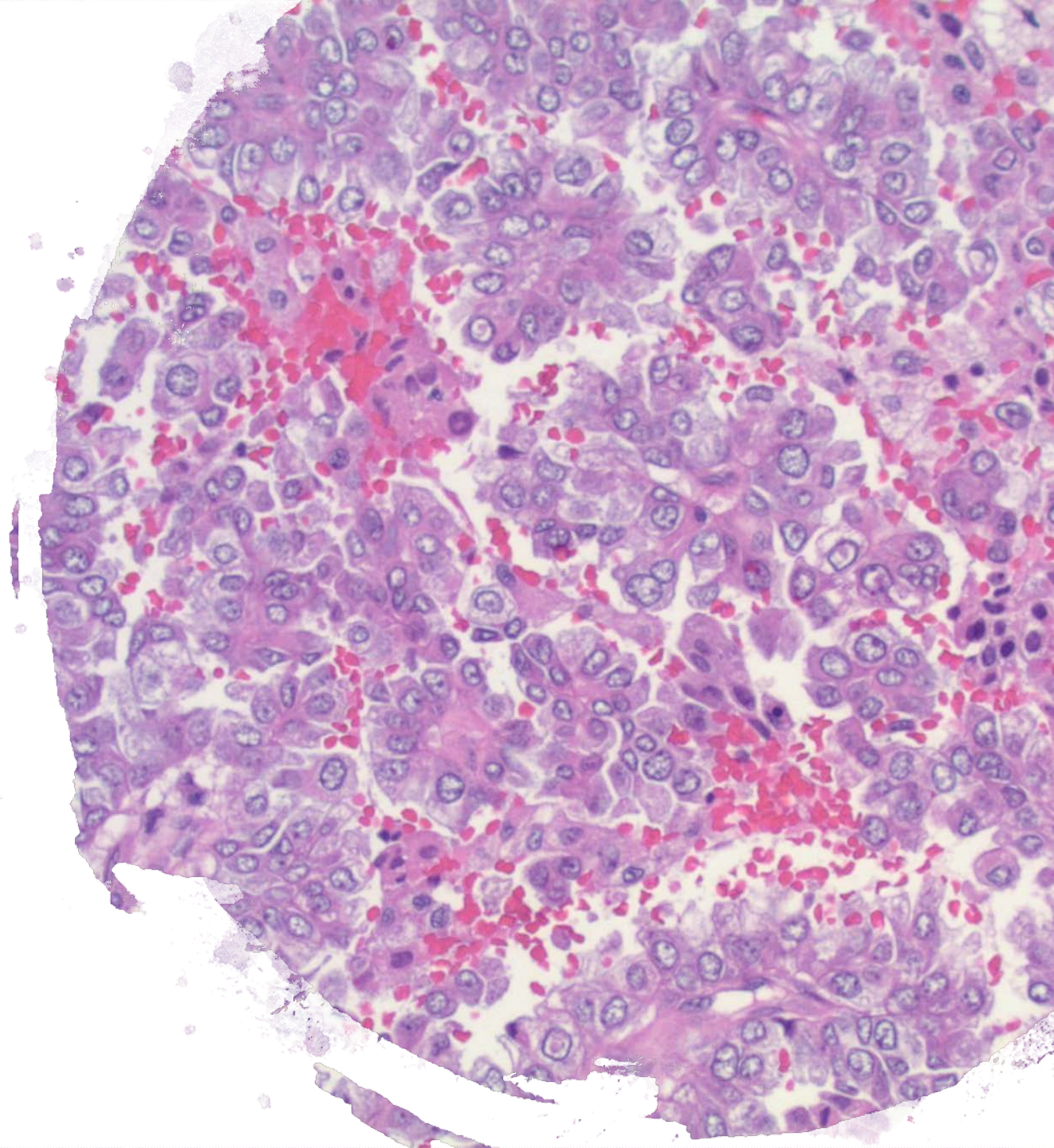
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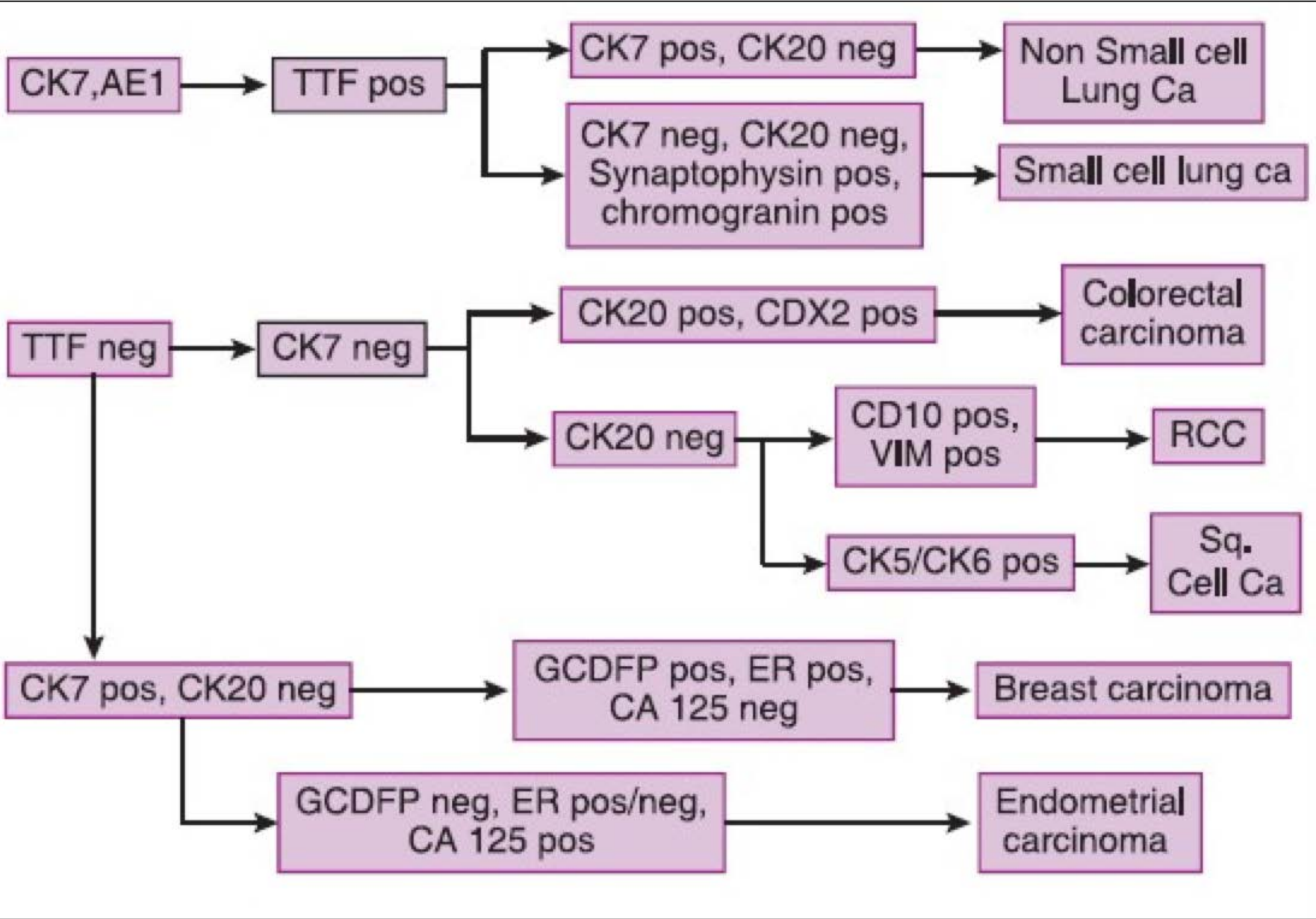
- More than primary tumours
- Localization in hemispheres (80%); 15% in the cerebellum; 5% brain stem
- More than half are multiple



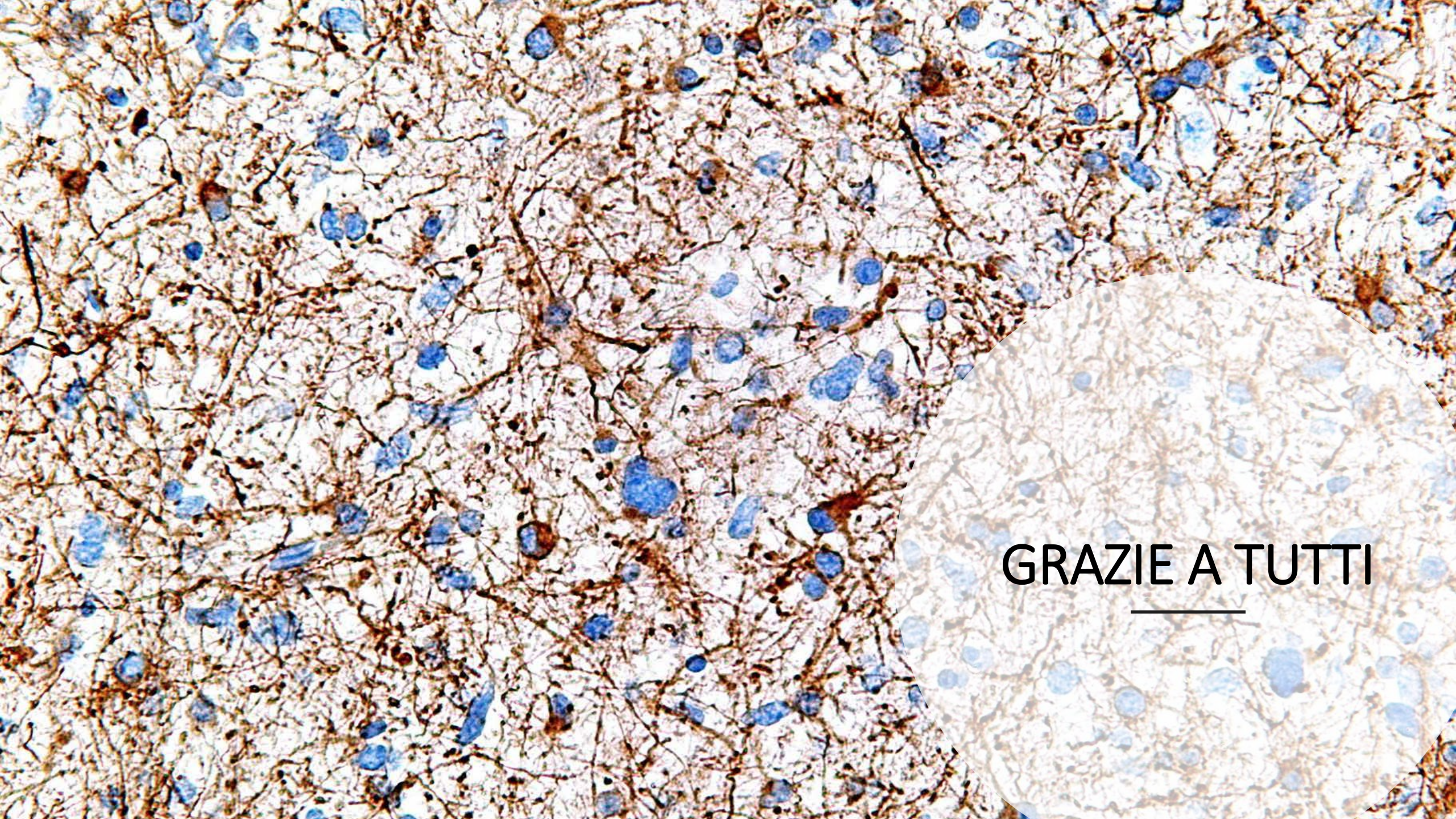


- Well defined and rounded greyish-white with central necrosis
- Haemorrhagic and brown to black in pigmented melanoma
- Perivascular growth, gliosis, oedema in the adjacent CNS tissue
- Central tumor necrosis with tumor tissue at the periphery and around blood vessels
- Morphology similar to high grade glioma but GFAP -, Olig2 -
- Proliferation index (Ki67) maybe higher than in the primary tumors









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