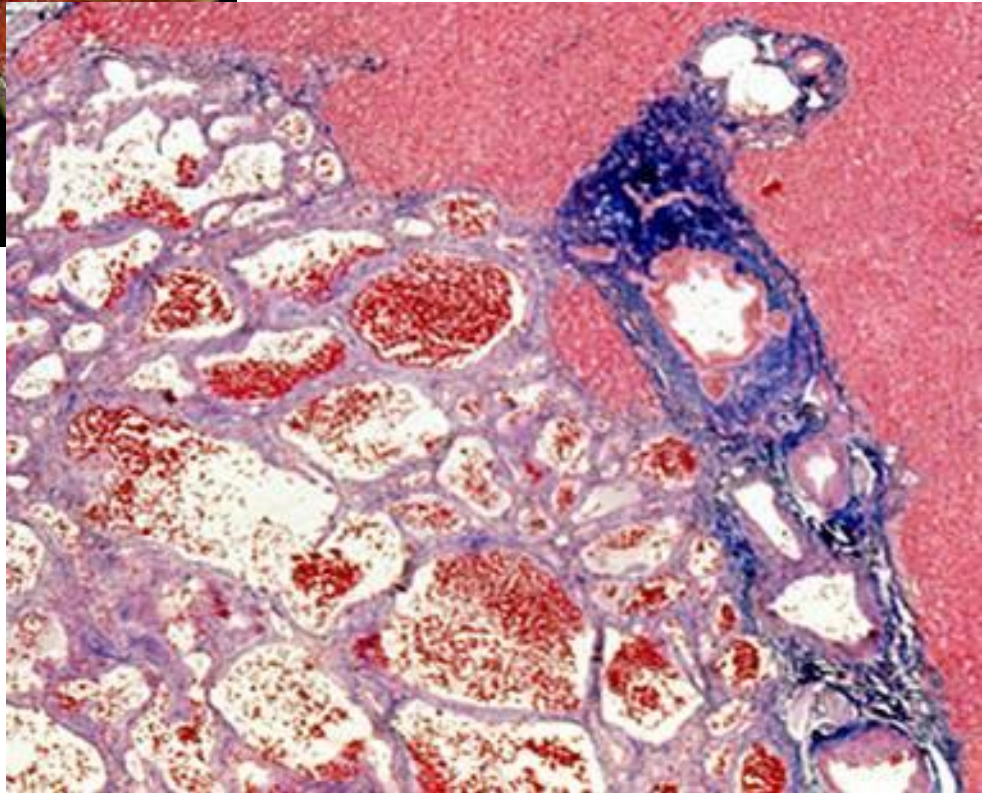
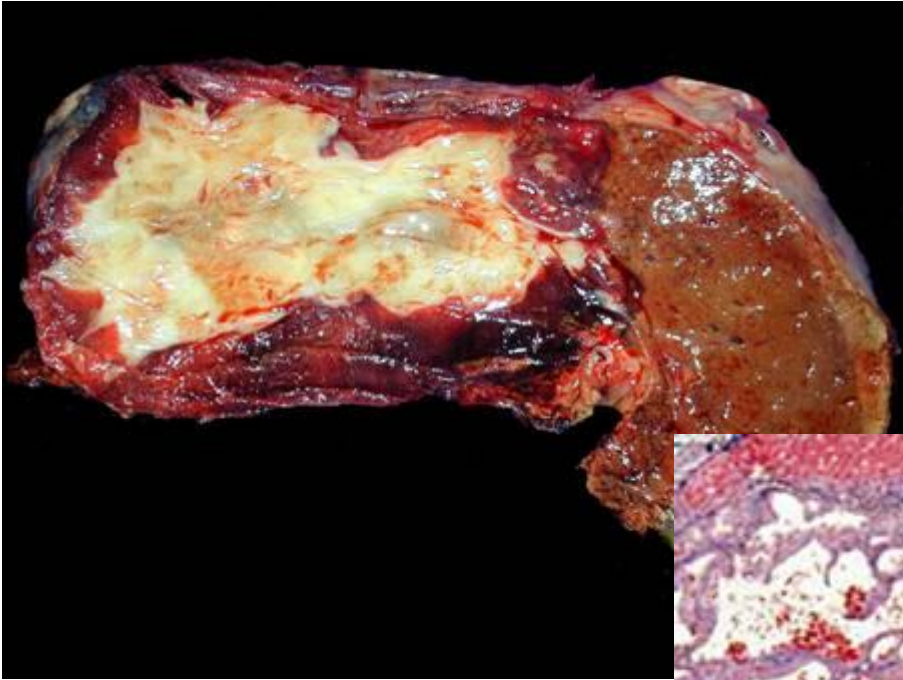
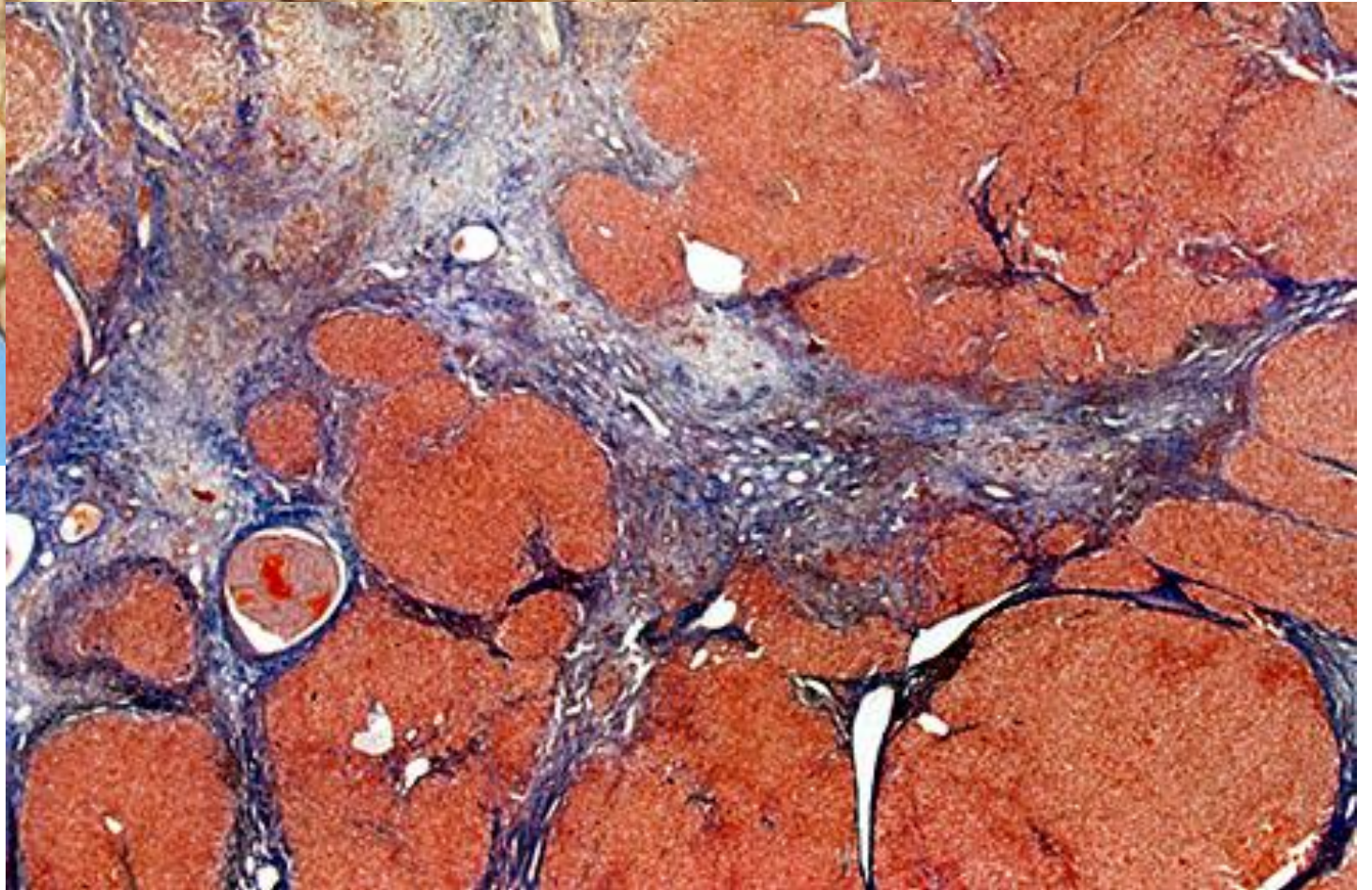
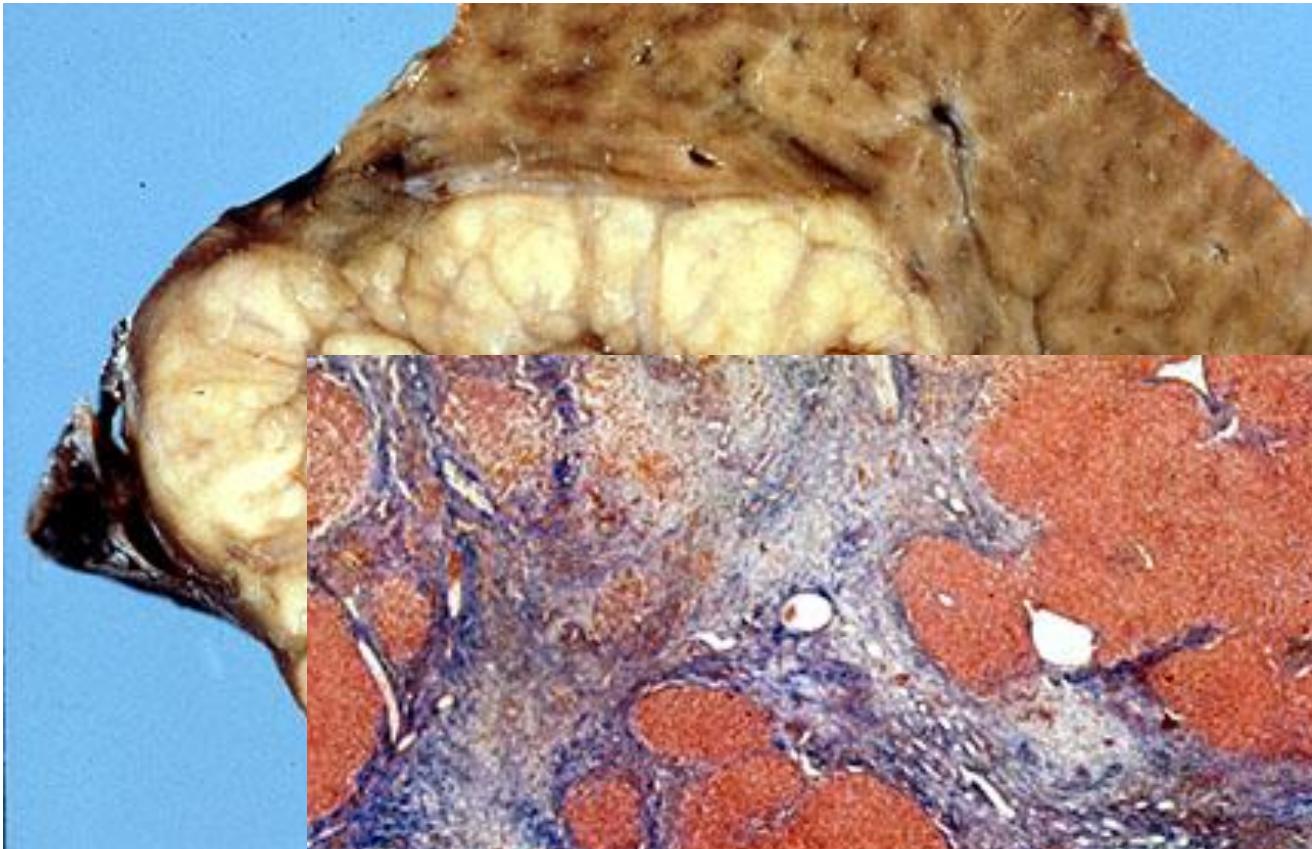
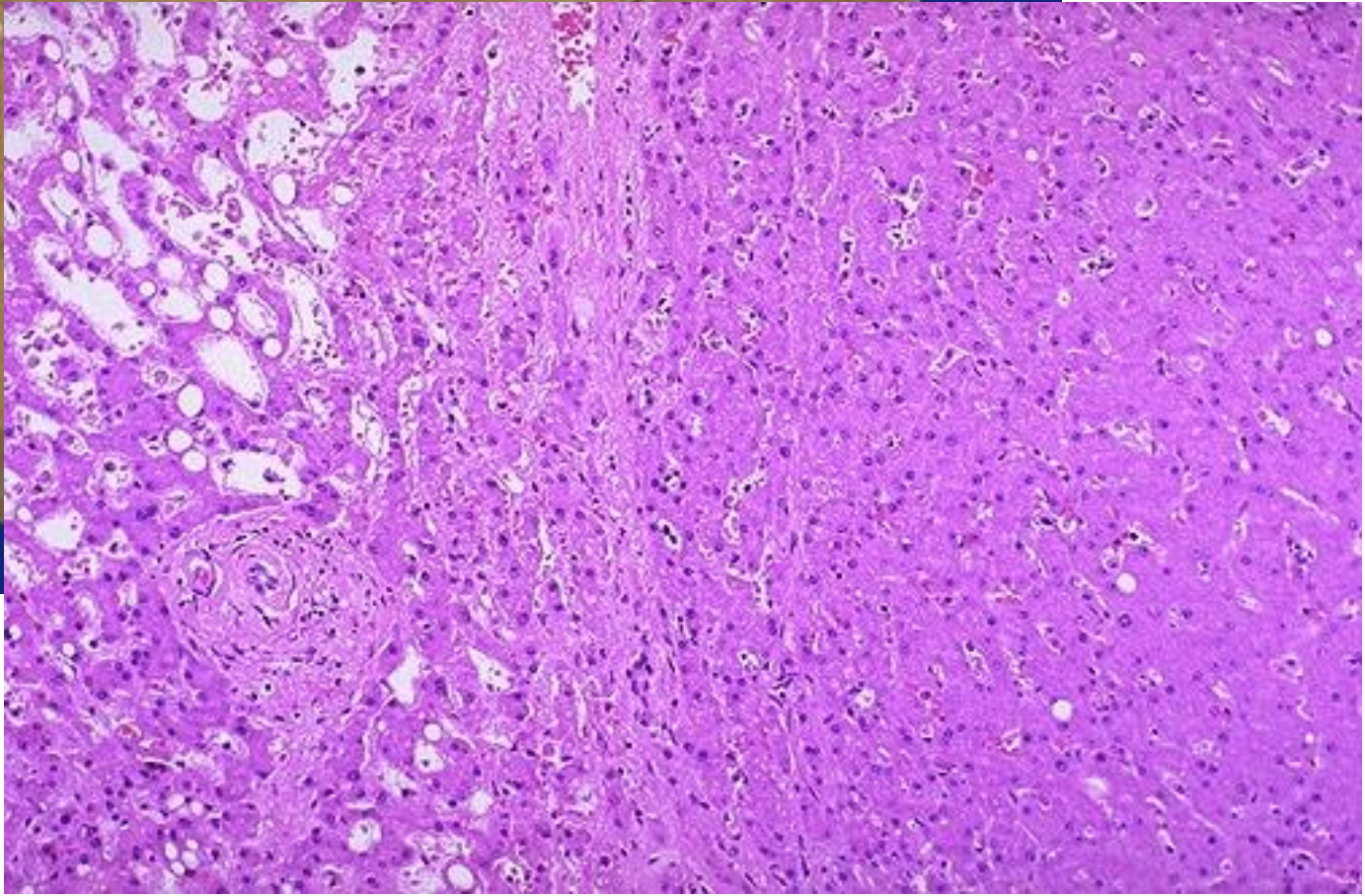
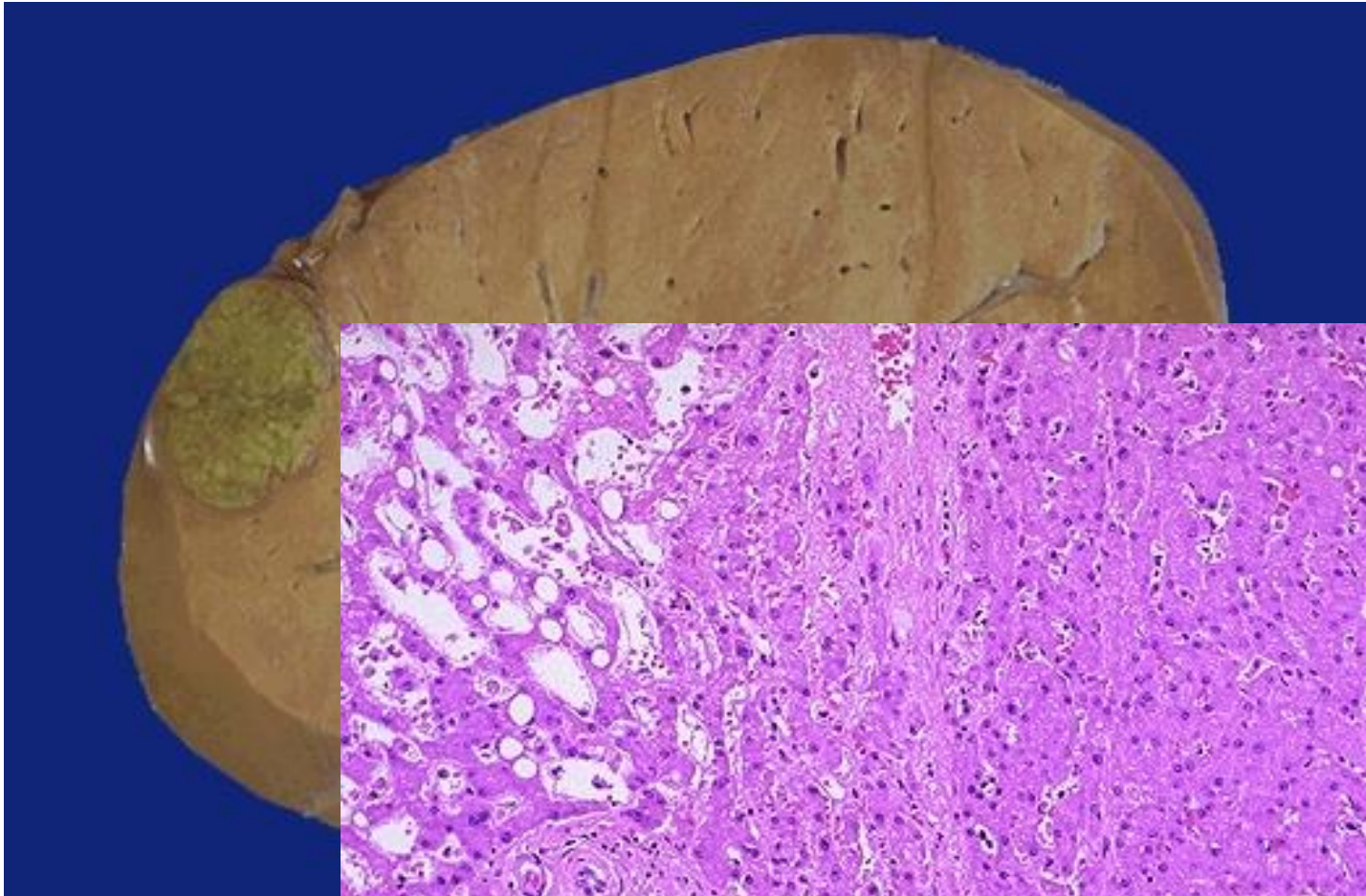


# Tumeurs bénignes du foie

- Angiomes
- Hyperplasies nodulaires focales
- Adénomes
- Tumeurs rares
- Pseudo-tumeurs (stéatoses focales, perturbations hémodynamiques)





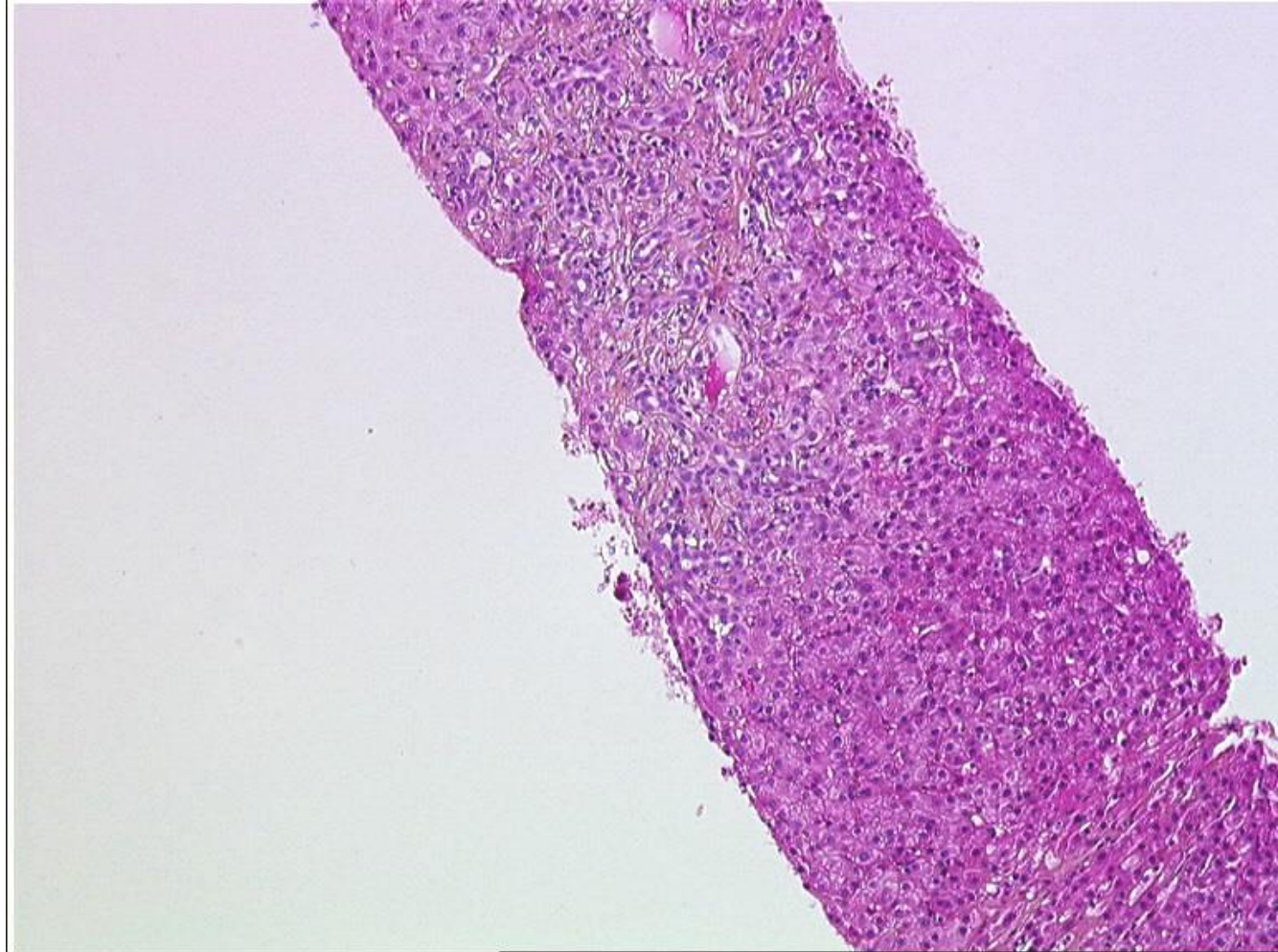


# Application à la (ponction-) biopsie

- HNF
  - critères
    - disparition de l'architecture hépatique normale
    - présence de cloisons fibreuses
    - vaisseaux dystrophiques
    - néoductules et inflammation
    - remaniements sinusoidaux
  - proposition d'un score histologique

# Application à la (ponction-) biopsie

- HNF



# Application à la (ponction-) biopsie

- Adénome

- disparition de l'architecture hépatique normale
- pas de cloison fibreuse
- travées épaisses formées de «grands» hépatocytes éosinophiles ou stéatosiques
- nombreuses artérioles

# HNF: données nouvelles

- Physiopathologie

- hypothèse vasculaire: données cliniques

- forme primitive: lésion malformative due à un hyperdébit artériel localisé

- tumeurs HNF-like: secondaires à des pathologies vasculaires

- hypothèse vasculaire: données moléculaires

- anomalies d'expression des facteurs angiogéniques (angiopoïétines 1 et 2)

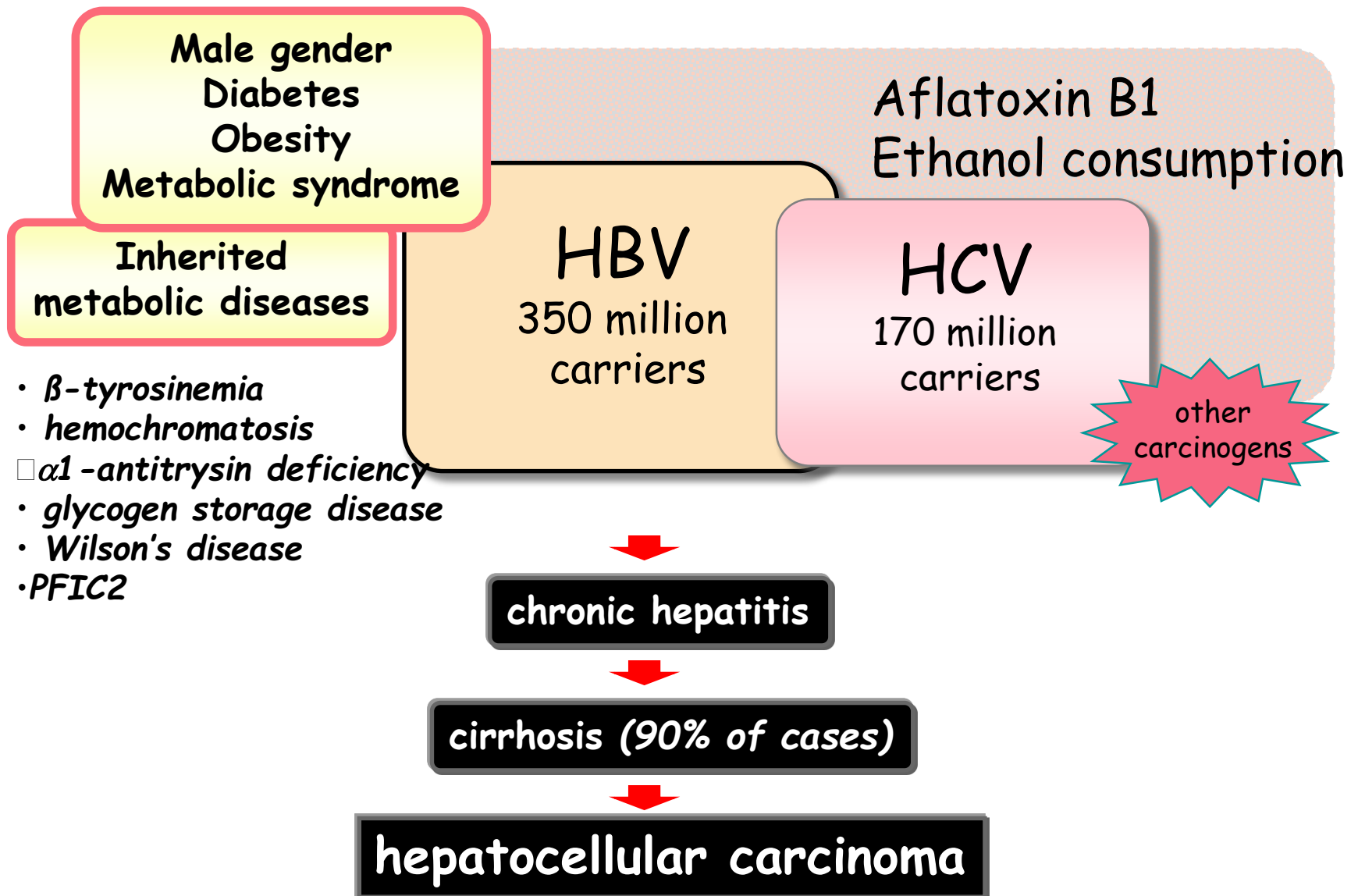
- rapports avec les oestroprogestatifs



# Primary liver cancers

- 4% of all new cancer cases in the world
- Third most common cause of cancer-related death among men and the sixth among women
- 85-90% = **Hepatocellular carcinoma**

# Etiological Factors of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

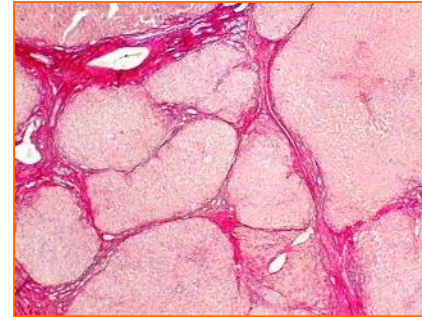


# Hepatocellular carcinoma

IN WESTERN COUNTRIES

90% of HCC on cirrhotic livers

10% of HCC on non cirrhotic livers

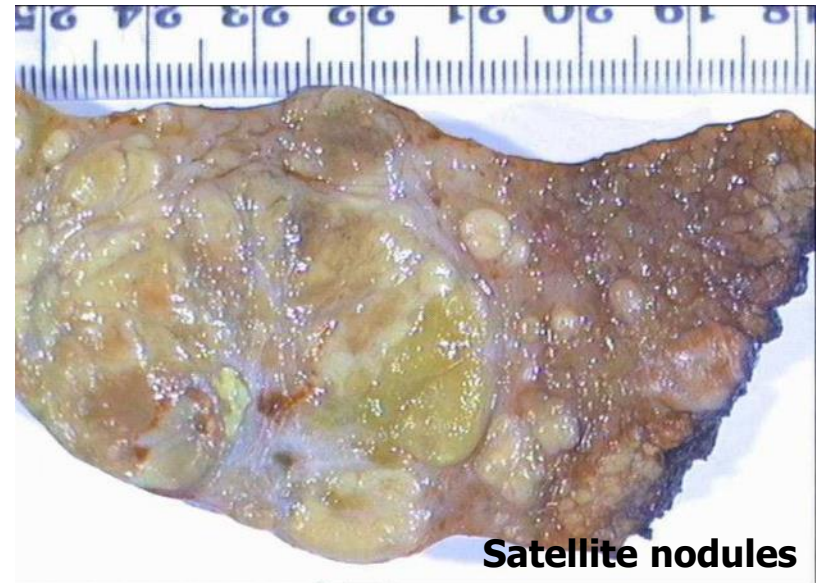
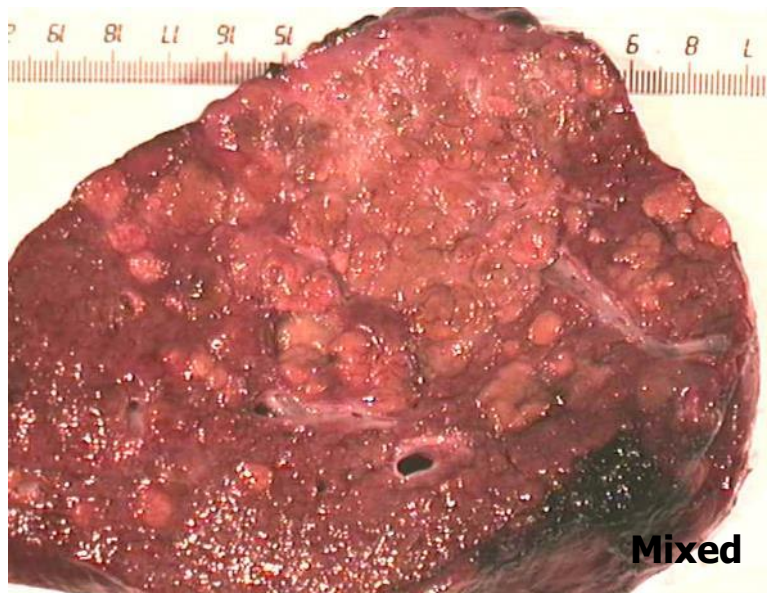


Chronic liver disease

Normal liver

Cirrhosis = pre-cancerous state with an annual incidence of 2- 5% for HCC

# Hepatocellular carcinoma: Gross aspect



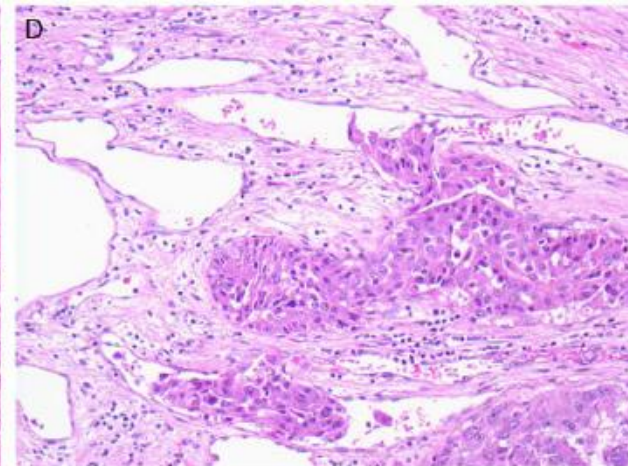
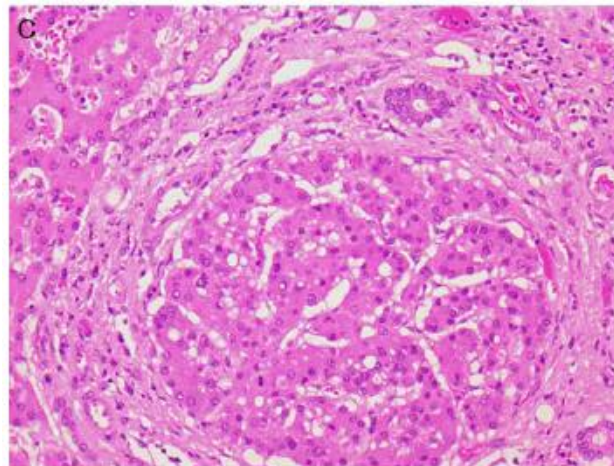
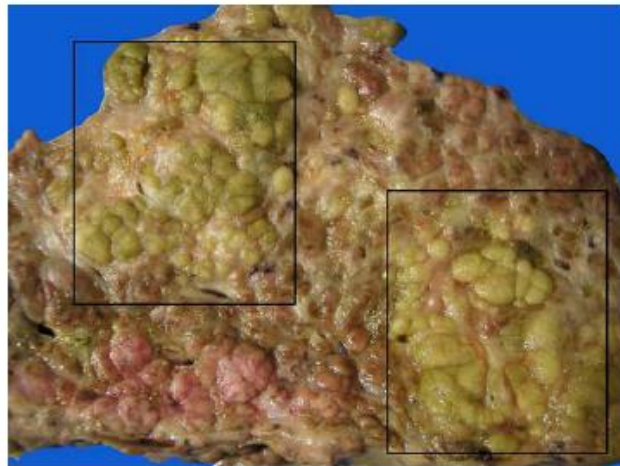
# Diffuse cirrhosis-like HCC

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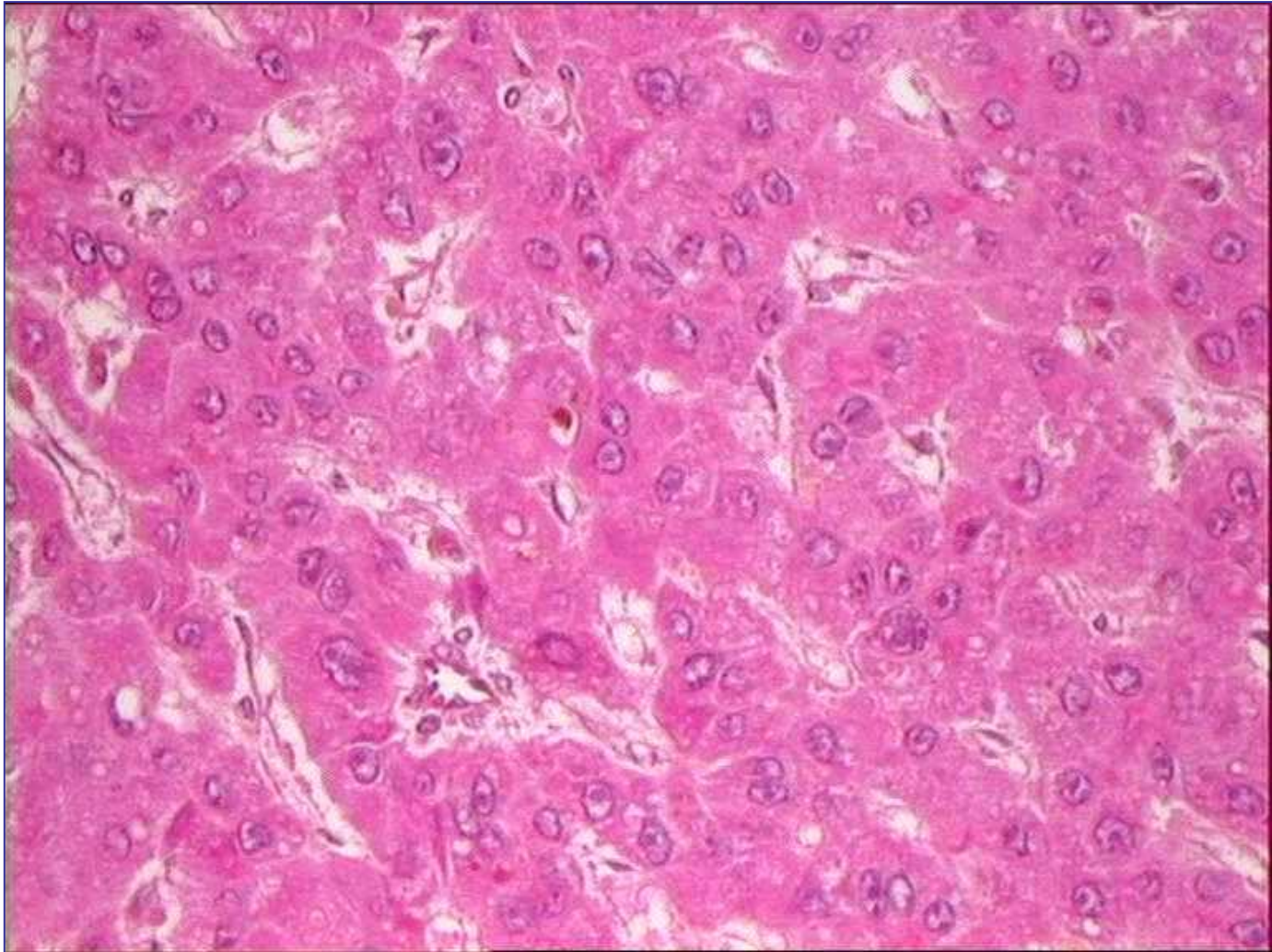
No.	Age (y) and Sex	Cause of Cirrhosis	AFP >20 ng/mL	Pre-OLT >1 cm Mass on Imaging	Follow-up of >3 y
1	62, Male	HCV	No	No	Living, tumor free
2	60, Male	EtOH	No	No	NA
3	80, Male	HCV	144	No	NA
4	73, Male	EtOH	150	No	NA
5	65, Male	HCV	No	No	Living, tumor free
6	59, Male	EtOH	No	No	Living, tumor free
7	35, Male	HBV	No	No	NA
8	60, Male	HCV/HH	No	No	Expired, cardiac HH complications
9	61, Female	AIH	No	No	Expired, tumor recurrence in graft
10	59, Male	HCV/EtOH	252	No	NA

Biopsy +

AFP indicates  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein; AIH, autoimmune hepatitis; EtOH, alcoholic hepatitis; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCV, hepatitis C virus; HH, hereditary hemochromatosis; NA, not available; OLT, orthotopic liver transplantation.



# Hepatocellular carcinoma Classical type



# Histological types of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (WHO)

## Architecture

- Trabecular
- Pseudoglandular
- Compact
- Squirrhous

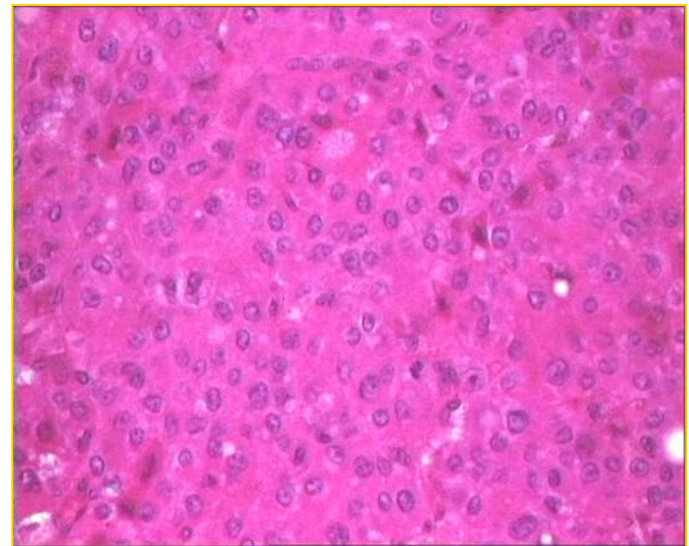
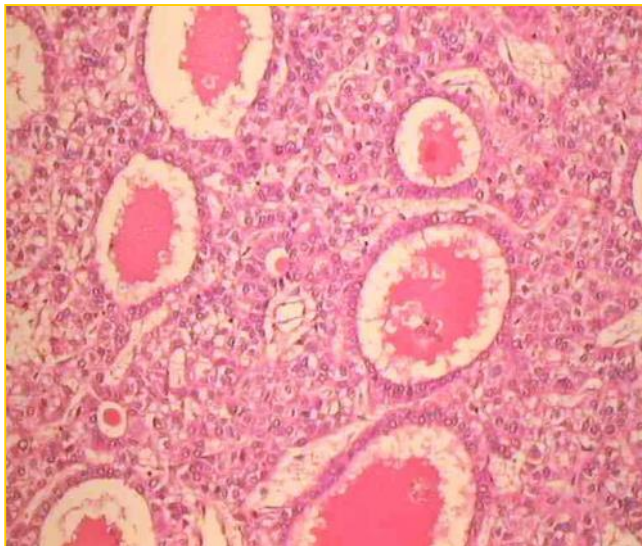
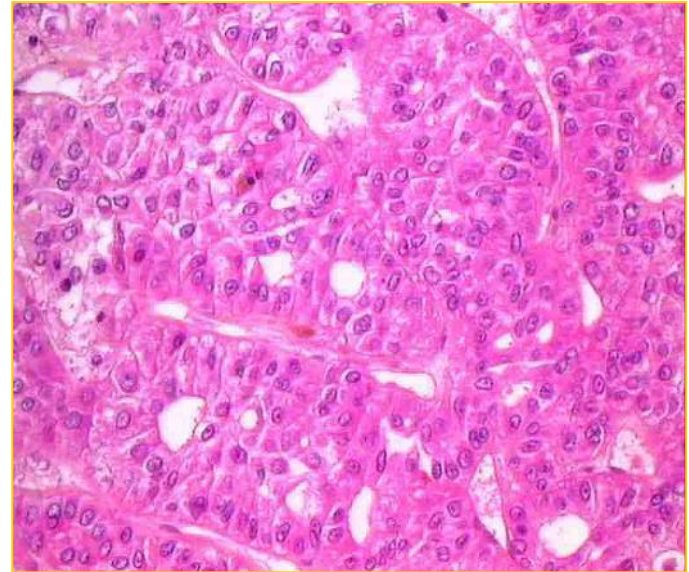
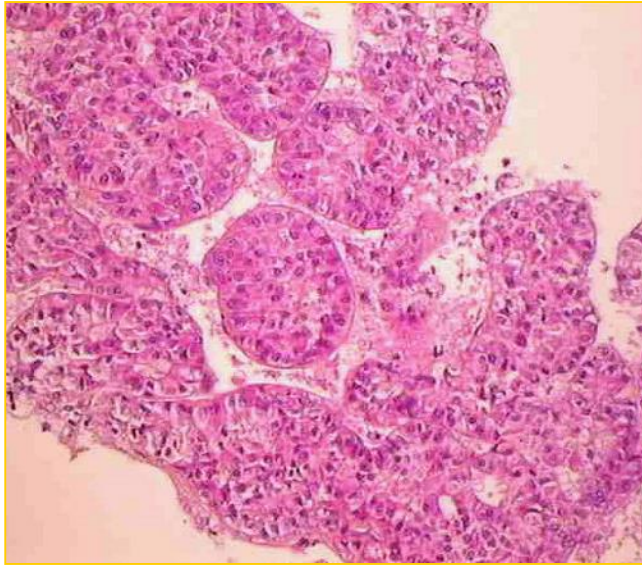
## Cytology (variants)

- Pleomorphic
- Clear cells
- Oncocytic
- Sarcomatoid

## Other aspects

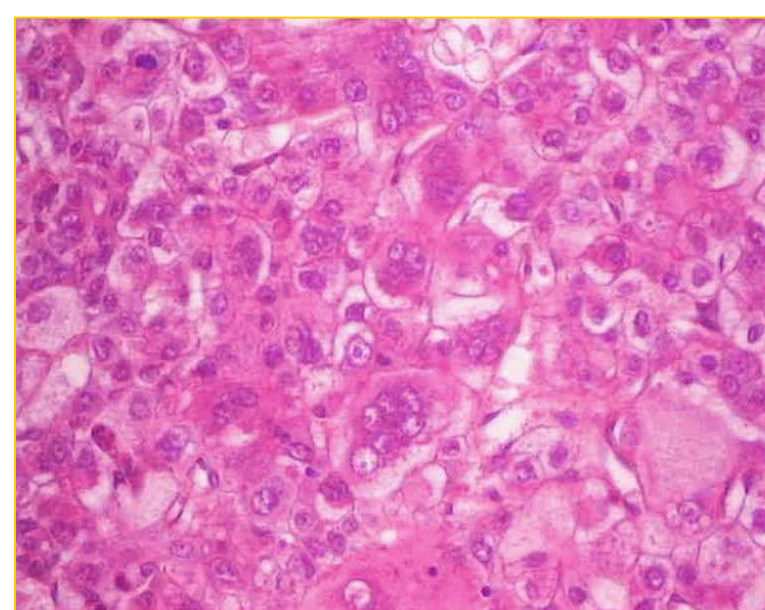
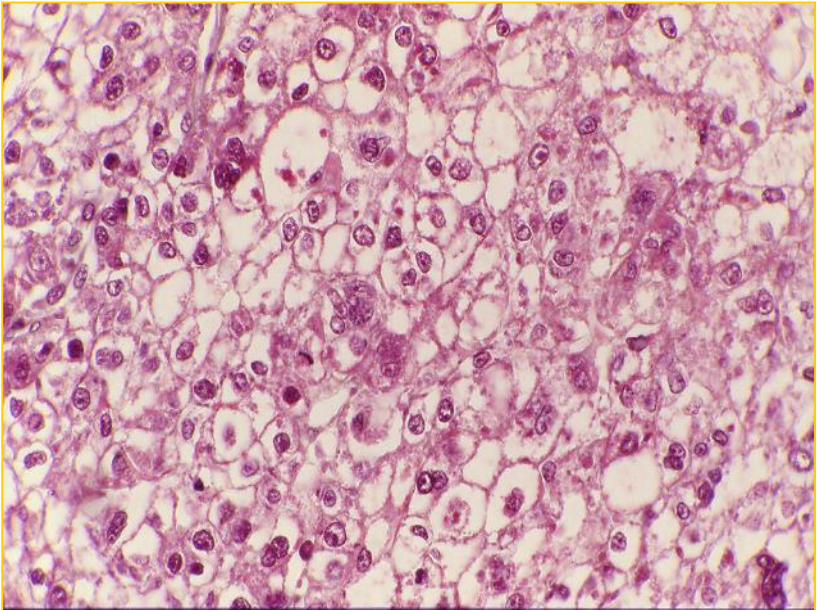
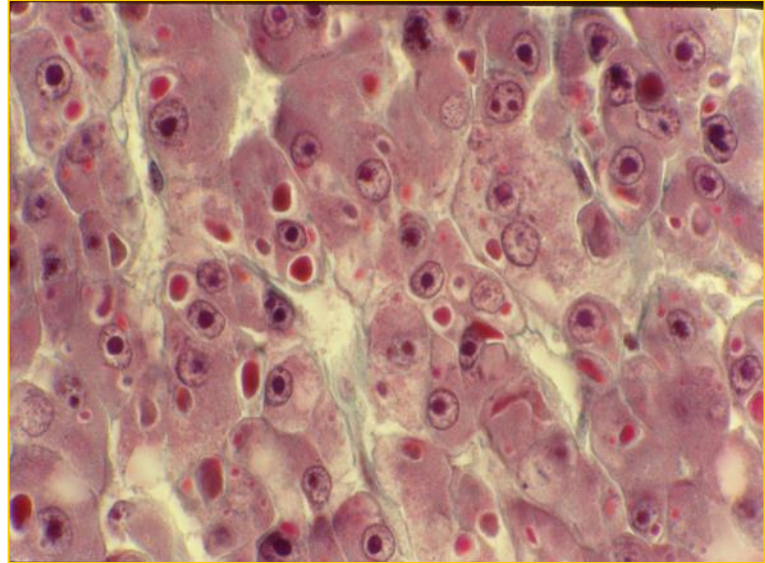
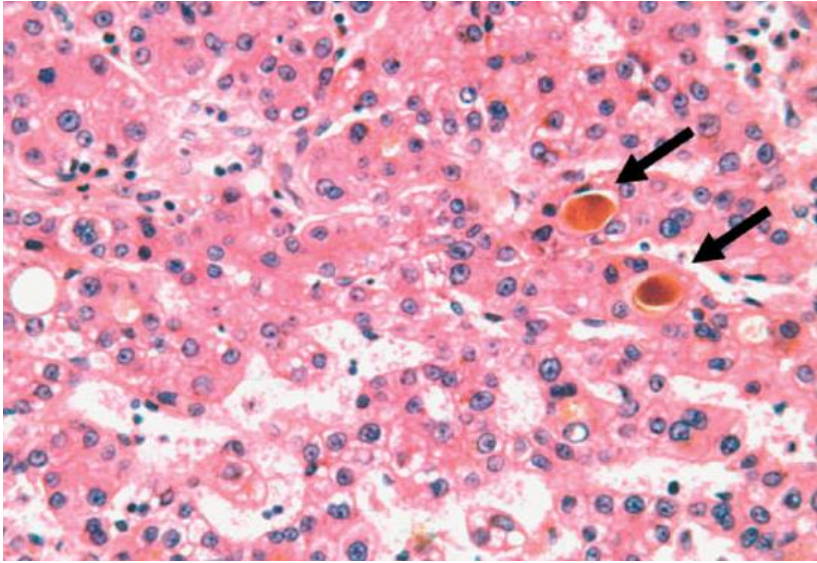
- Bile
- Glycogen
- Steatosis
- Nuclear inclusions
- Hyaline cytoplasmic globules
- Mallory's bodies
- Pale bodies

# Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Architecture

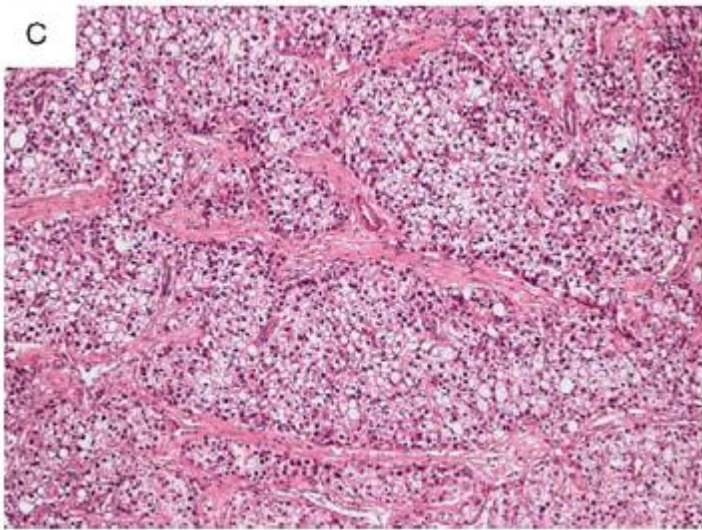




# Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Cytological aspects

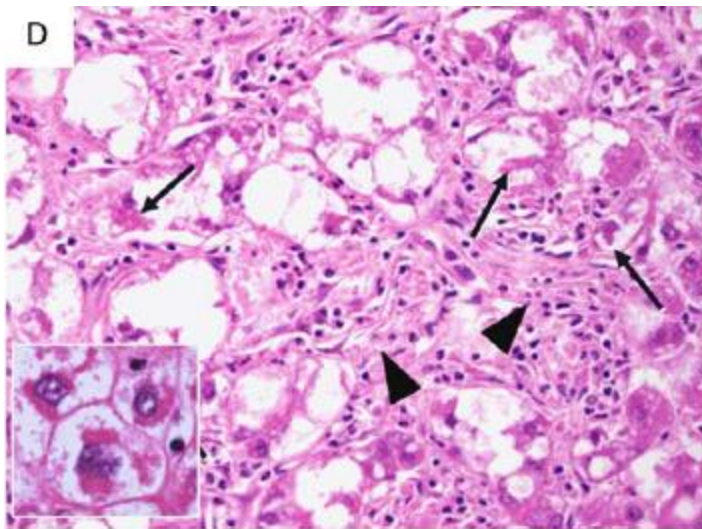


# Steatohepatitic hepatocellular carcinoma



22 steatohepatitic HCC (35.5%)  
/62 HCC on explant livers with HCV cirrhosis

Steatosis  
Mallory bodies  
Inflammatory infiltrates  
Pericellular or trabecular fibrosis



Risk factors for NALFD/NASH: 63.6%  
Steatosis/Steatohepatitis: 63.6% in the non  
neoplastic liver

HCC ON CIRRHOTIC LIVERS  
MOST OFTEN AN EASY DIAGNOSIS  
BY IMAGING TECHNIQUES

No need for an histological proof

## Diagnosis of HCC on cirrhotic livers: MOST OFTEN AN EASY DIAGNOSIS

### ■ Nodule on cirrhotic liver > 2cm

Diagnosis of HCC by non invasive imaging and laboratory criteria

- Hypervascular arterial supply/portal wash-out
- High serum AFP
- Pathological confirmation is not mandatory. It could be necessary if the imaging data are not typical

### ■ Nodule 1-2 cm

- One or two imaging techniques
- If inconclusive : Biopsy

### ■ Nodule < 1cm

- Repeat US

## Ultra-sound guided core biopsy - 16-18G

- Hemorrhagic risk
- Tumor cell seeding on biopsy track (2.7%) - biological glue
- Usefulness of an associated biopsy in non tumor liver +++
- Higher opportunity of immunostaining

## Small Nodules resulting from screening on cirrhotic livers

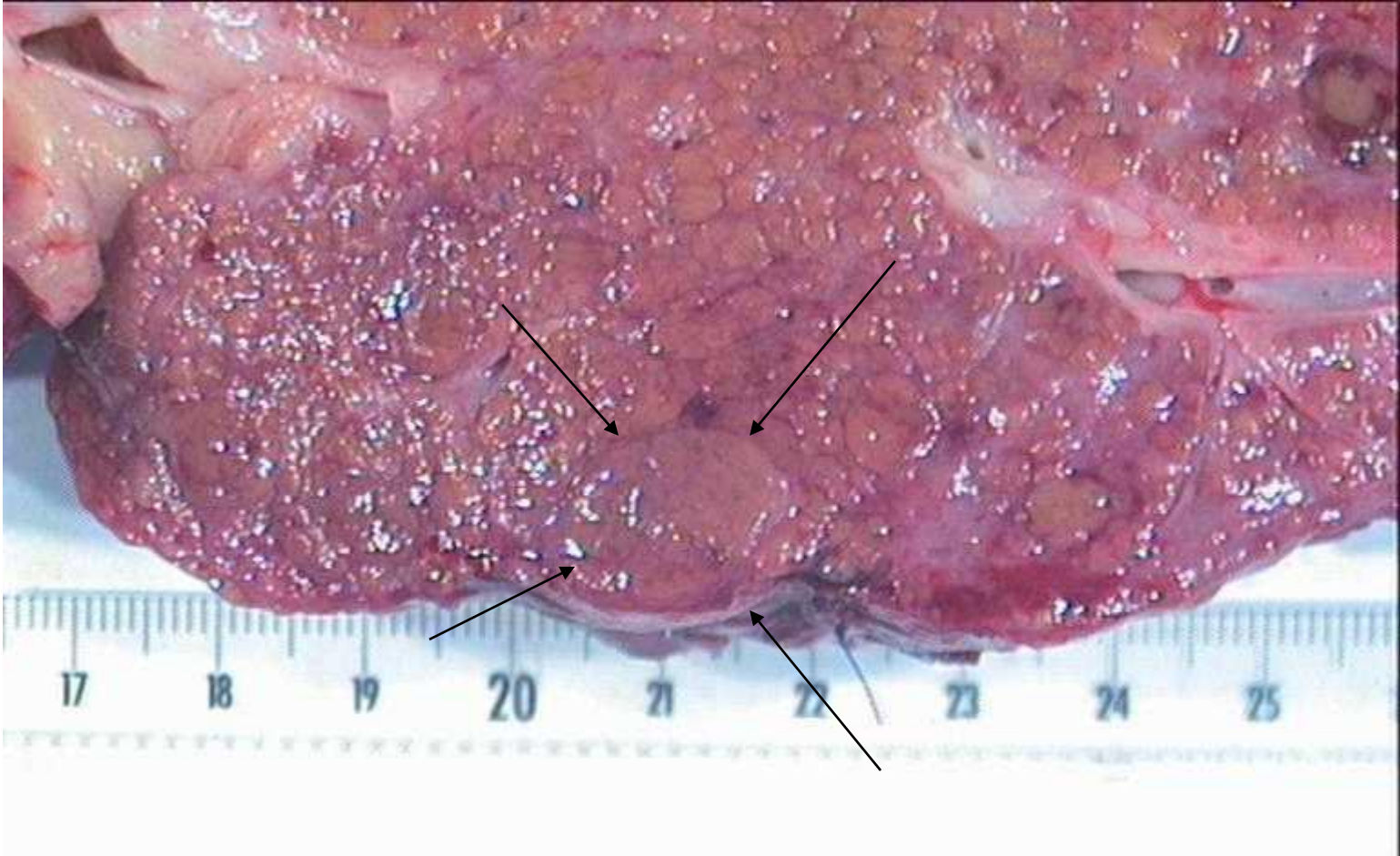
« Macronodules » : detected by US screening

- Macroregenerative nodules
- Low grade dysplastic nodules
- High grade dysplastic nodules
- Small HCC  $\leq 2$  cm
  - Early HCC
  - Progressed HCC

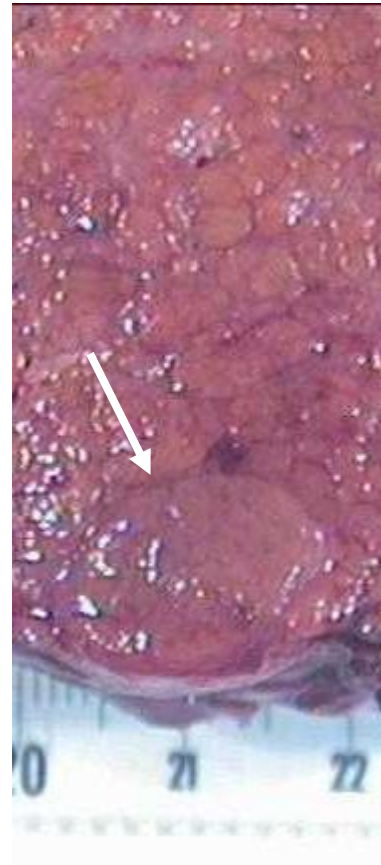
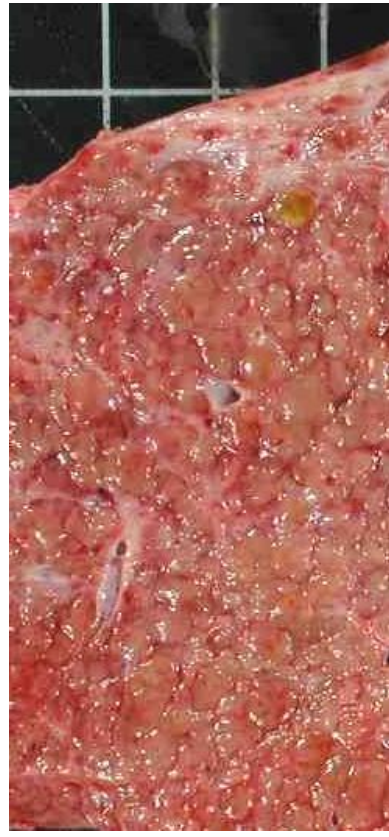
*International working party Hepatology 1995;22:983-993*

*International Consensus Group for Hepatocellular Neoplasia Hepatology 2009*

# Macronodule



# Hepatocellular carcinoma: Multistep carcinogenesis





# Macronodules on cirrhotic liver

## MACROGENERATIVE NODULES

Hyperplastic - Polyclonal - Benign

## DYSPLASTIC NODULES

Low grade

High grade

Well differentiated HCC

Thickness of liver cell plates

Expansive growing

Pseudo-glands/ bile

Nuclear density

Small cell dysplasia

Nuclear atypia

Iron load resistance

Reticulin loss

**Unpaired artery density (actin)**

**Sinusoid capillarization CD34**

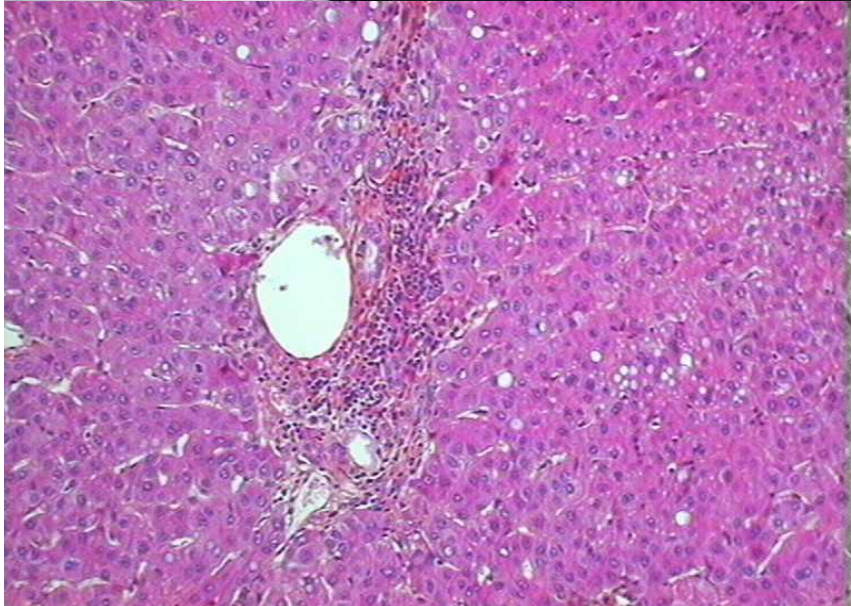
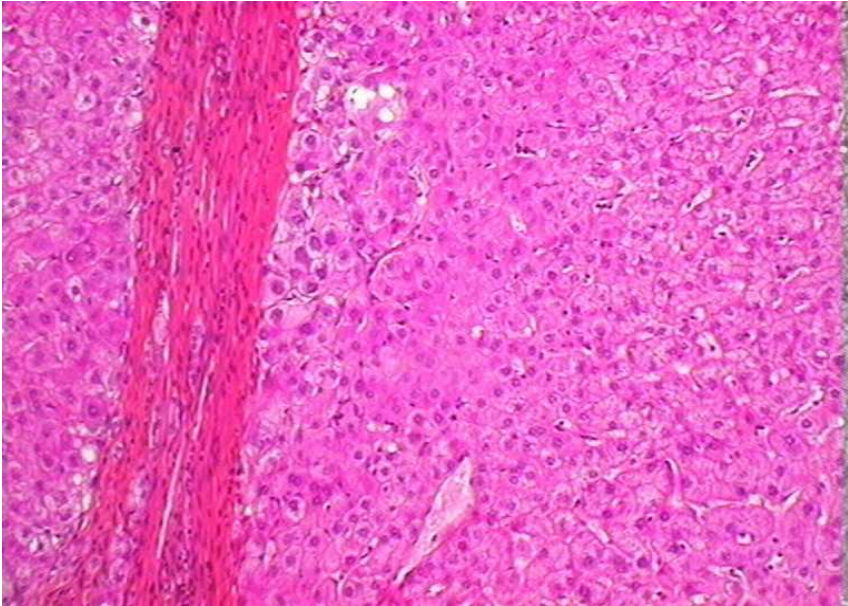
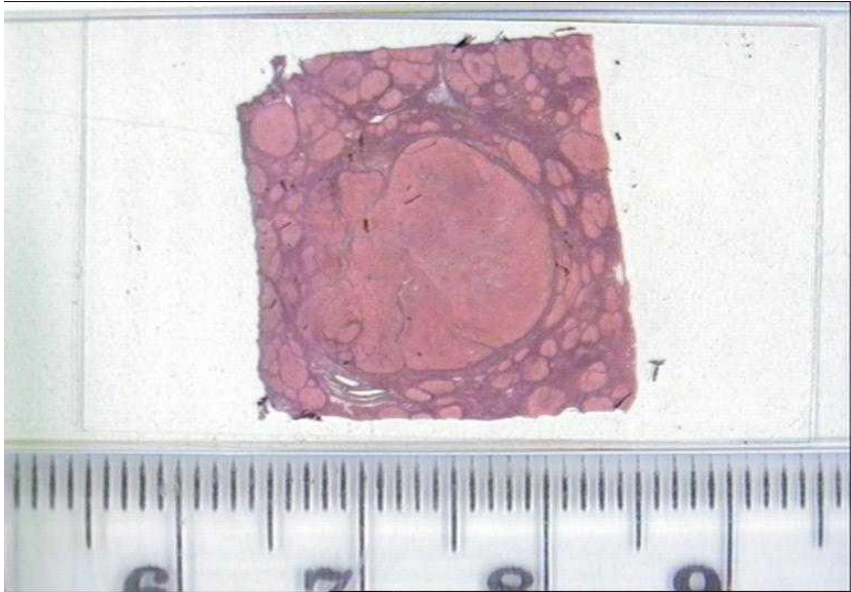
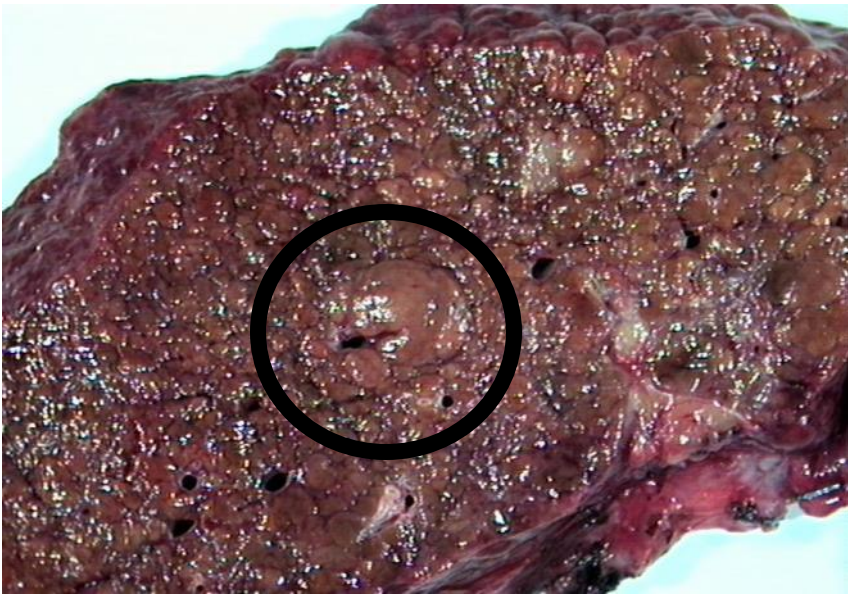
Stromal invasion

# Dysplastic nodules and Hepatocellular carcinoma

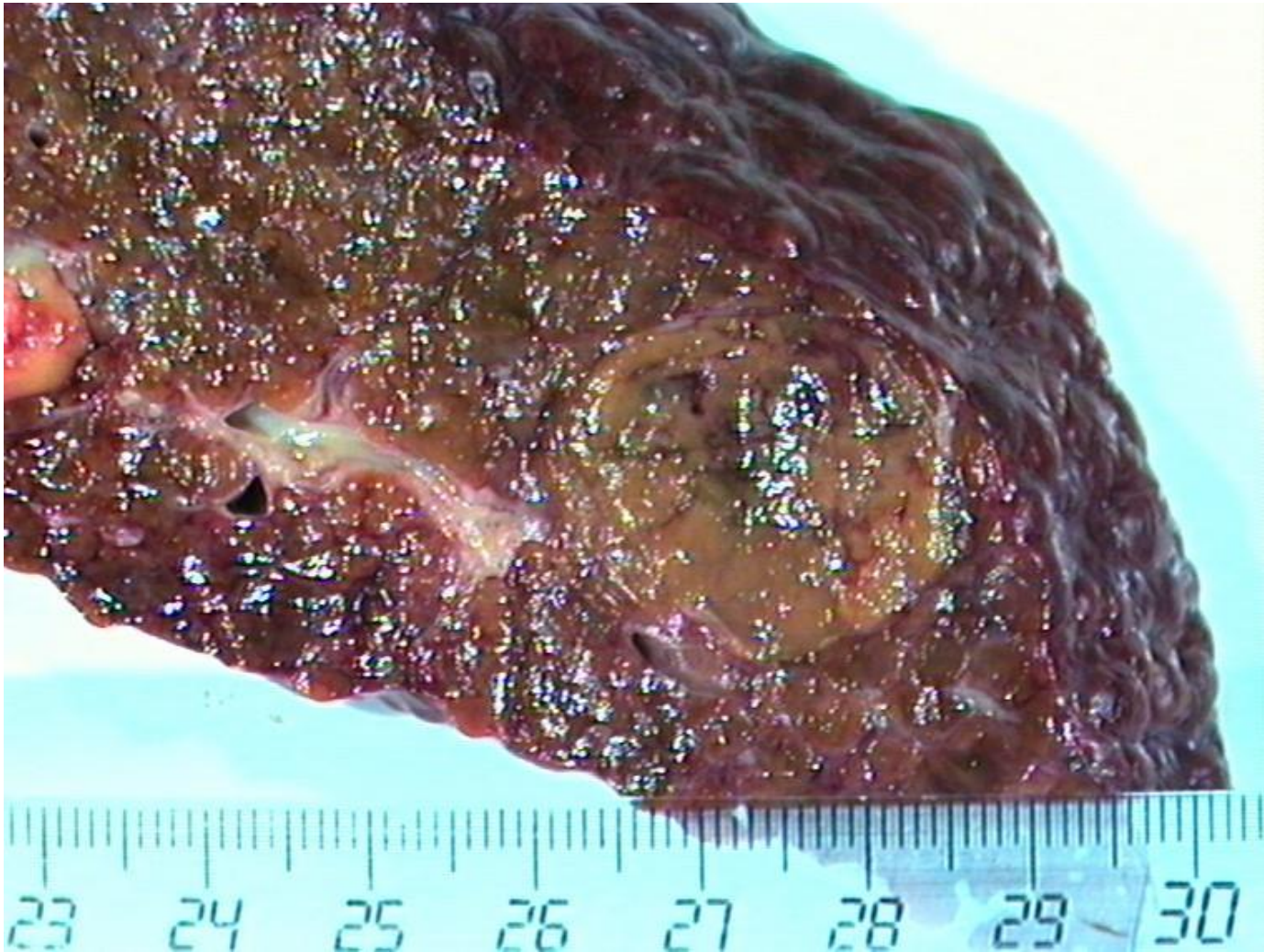
Risk of transformation of dysplastic nodule into HCC

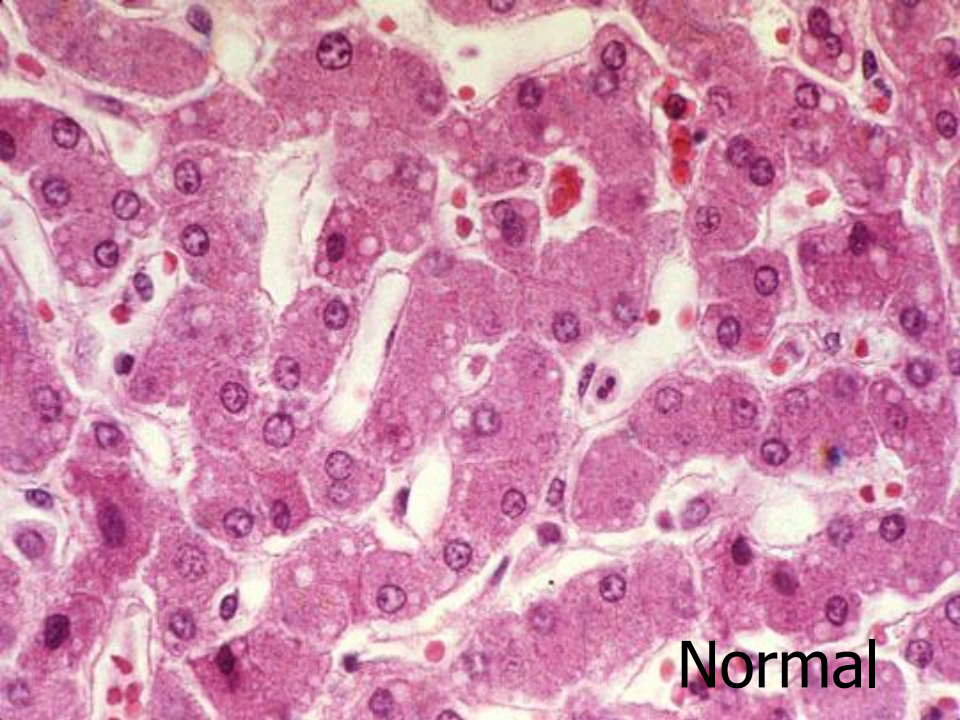
- ❑ LGDN: 20%
- ❑ HGDN: 20 - 80%

# Macroregenerative nodules

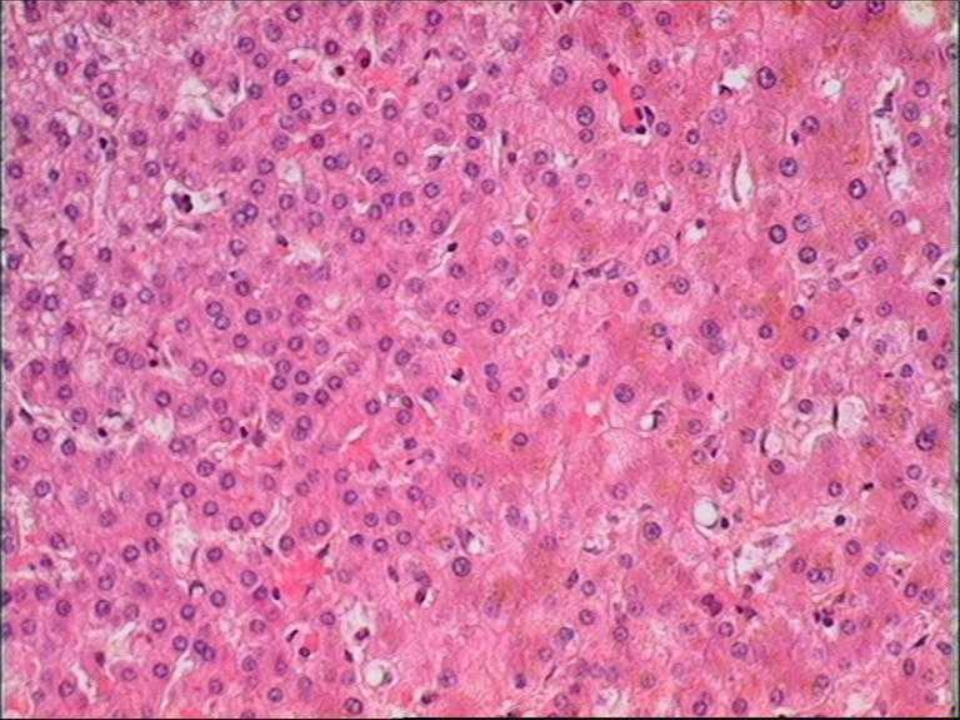
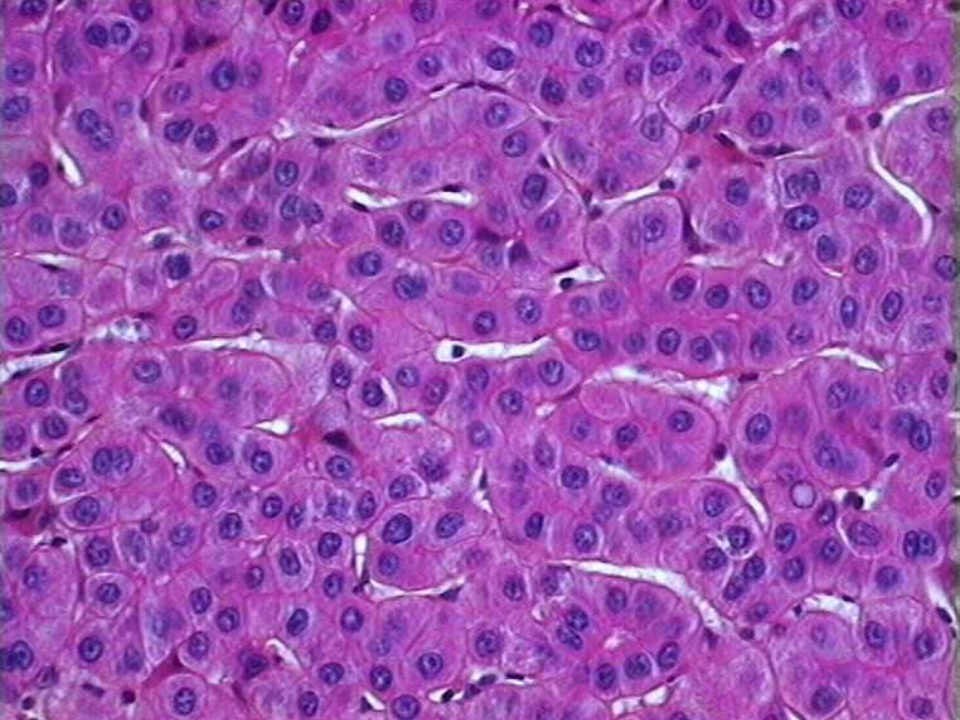
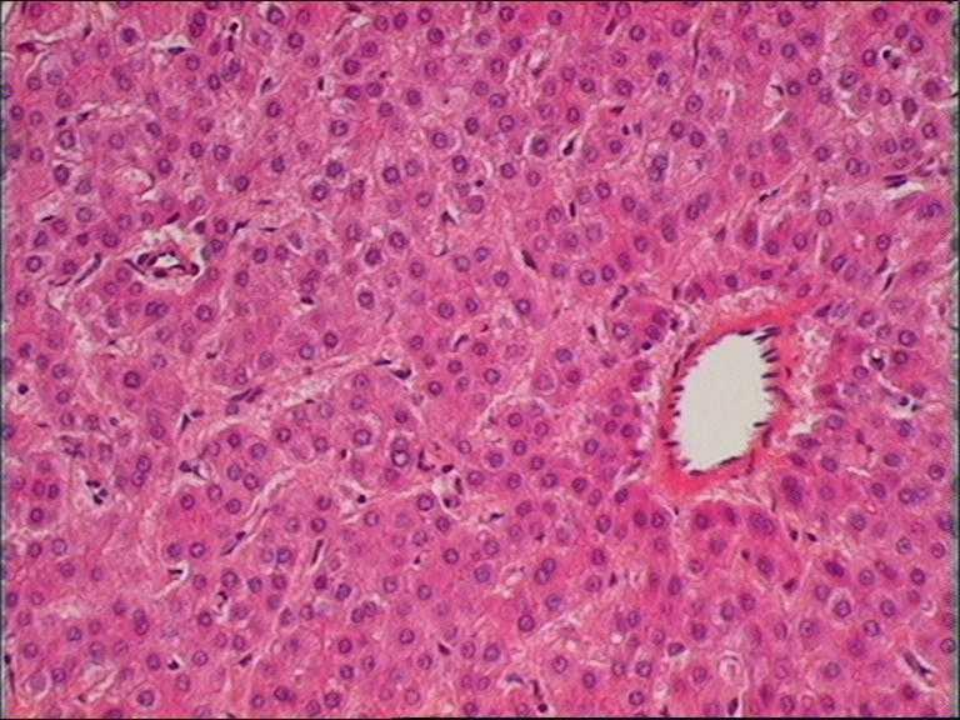


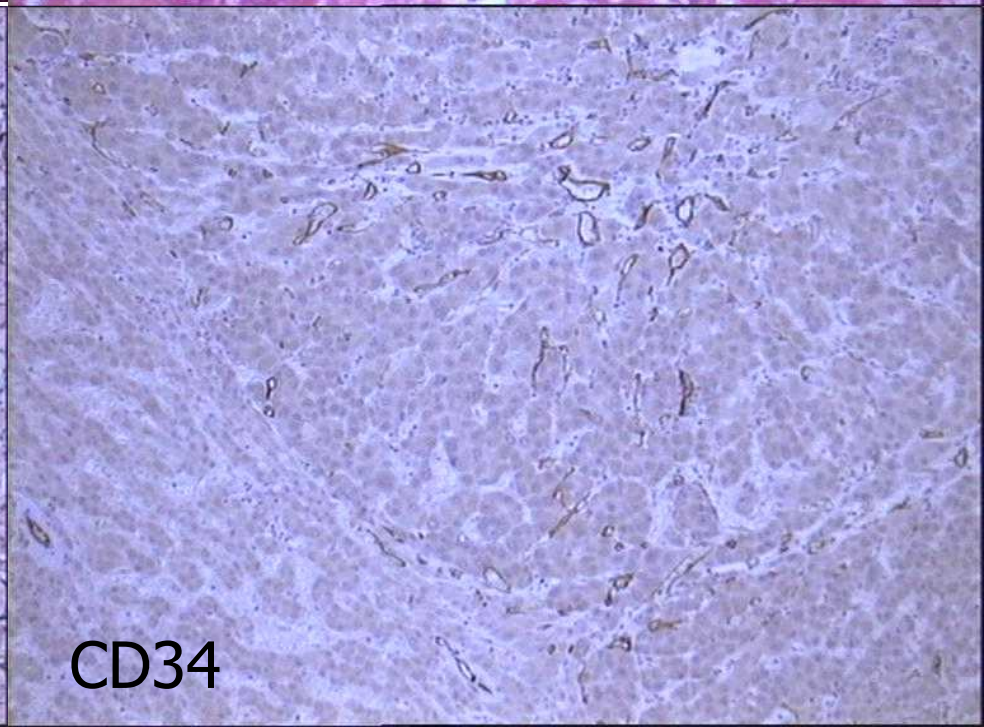
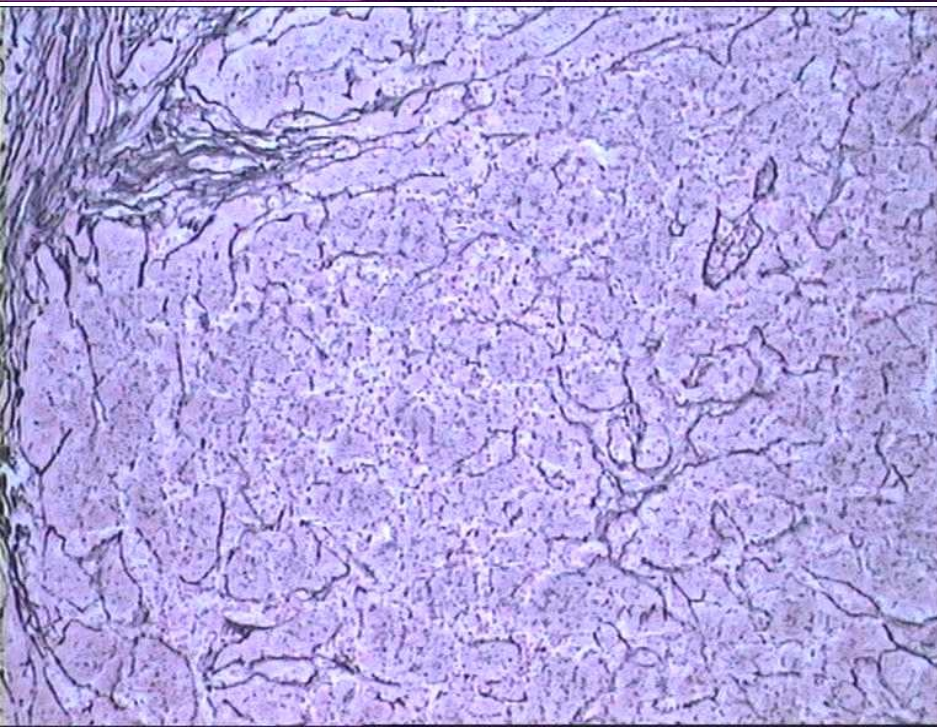
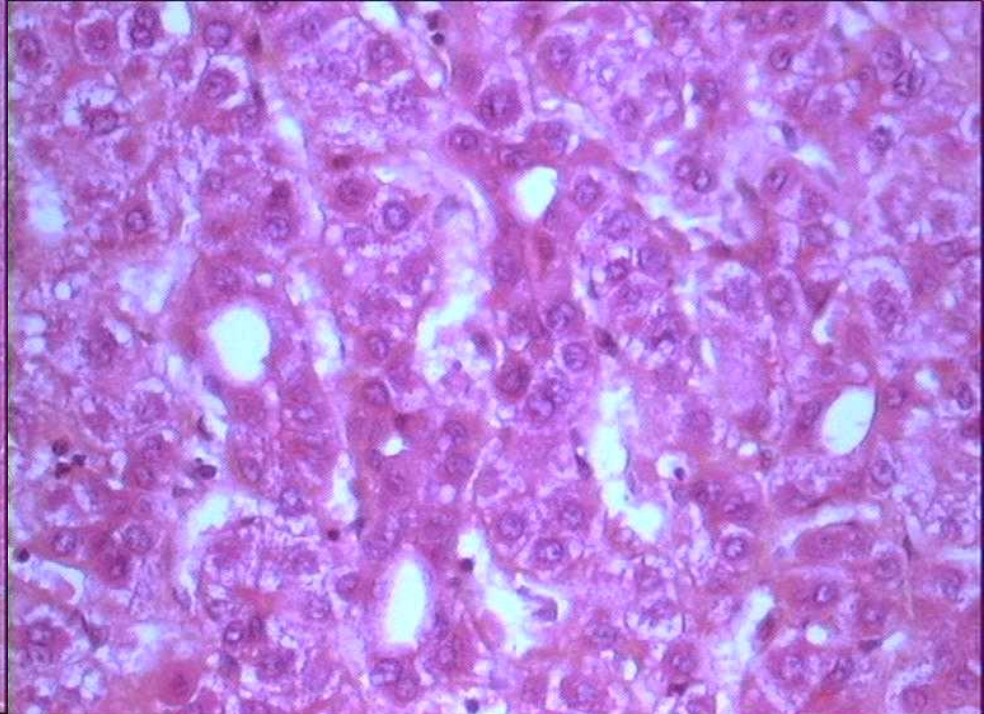
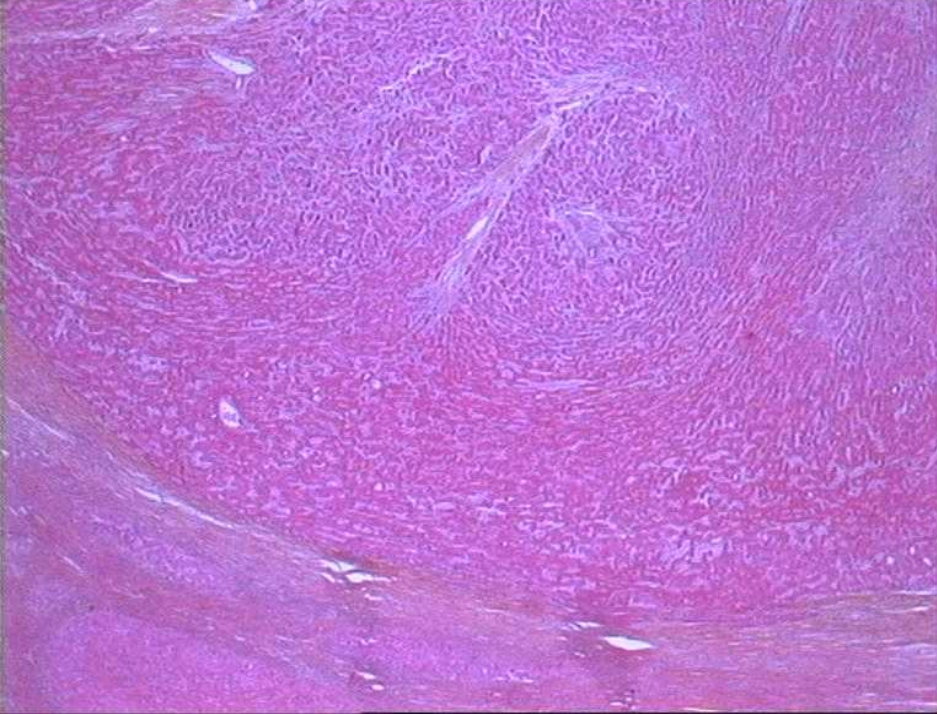
# Dysplastic nodule





Normal





CD34

# Dysplastic Nodules

	Low grade	High grade	Well differentiated HCC
Plate thickness	1 to 2 cells	2 to 3 cells	> 3 cells
Pseudoglands	0	0 ou +	0 ou +
Nodule in the nodule	0 ou +	+ ou 0	+ ou 0
Portal tracts	+	+ ou 0	0
Stromal invasion	0	0	+
Reticulin	+	+/-	-
Unpaired arteries	quelques	+	++
Atypia	mild	+, focal	+
Mitosis (1à 5/ 10 HPF)	-	rares	variable
Dysplasia	Large cell	Large or small cell	-
Clonality	Mono or poly	Mono or poly	mono

# Additional diagnostic tools

- ❑ Reticulin staining

Decreased framework in HCC

- ❑ Immunostaining

SMA (smooth muscle actin): unpaired arteries

CD34: sinusoid capillarization

Glypican3: Fetal oncoprotein

HSP70: Heat shock protein

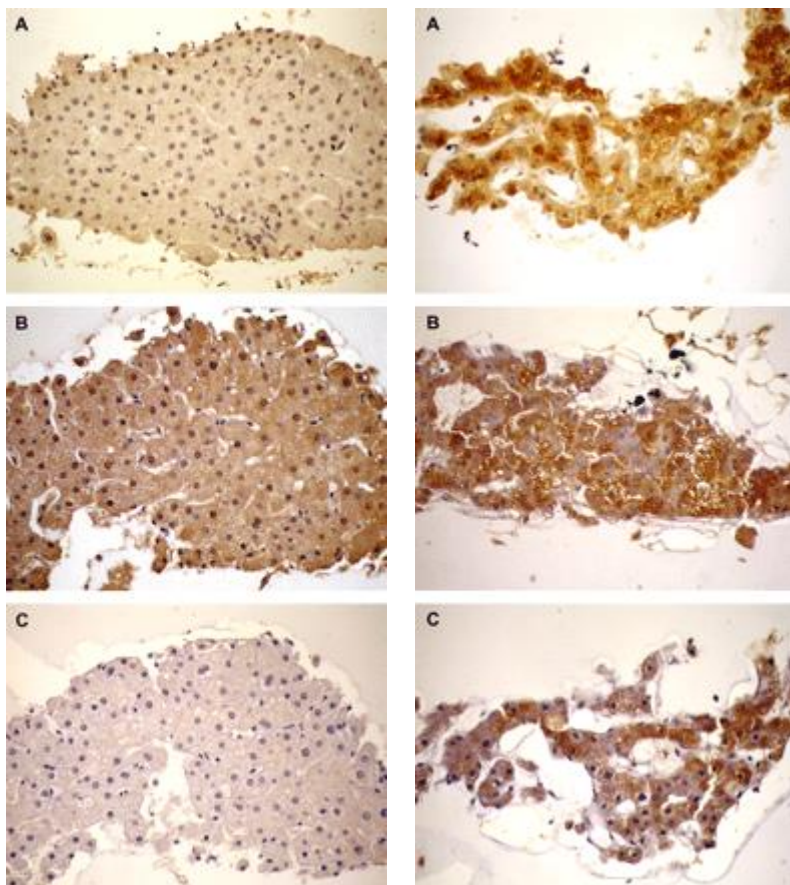
Glutamine synthetase: Glutamine synthesis

**International Group recommendations:  
2 positive markers/3**

Specificity 100% Sensitivity 60% for nodules of 0,5 to 2cm



Prospective validation of an immunohistochemical panel (glypican 3, heat shock protein 70 and glutamine synthetase) in liver biopsies for diagnosis of very early hepatocellular carcinoma



MRN  
Conventional histology

**Table 2** Final diagnosis of the 60 nodules according to size at baseline ultrasound ( $\leq 10$  mm; 11–15 mm and 16–20 mm)

	$\leq 10$ mm	11–15 mm	16–20 mm	Total
HCC nodules				
HCC	0	19	21	40
Well-differentiated	0	11	8	19
Moderately-differentiated	0	6	11	17
Poorly-differentiated	0	2	2	4
Non-HCC nodules (dysplastic/regenerative)	6	11	3	20
Total	6	30	24	60

**Table 3** Diagnostic accuracy for detection of hepatocellular carcinoma using one, two or three of the markers under study

	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)	LR +	LR –
One marker						
GPC3	57.5	95.0	95.8	52.8	11.500	0.447
HSP70	57.5	85.0	88.5	50.0	3.833	0.500
GS	50.0	90.0	90.9	47.4	5.000	0.556
Two markers						
GPC3+HSP70	40.0	100	100	45.5	Inf	0.600
GPC3+GS	35.0	100	100	43.5	Inf	0.650
HSP70+GS	35.0	100	100	43.5	Inf	0.650
Three markers						
At least 1 positive	80.0	70.0	84.2	63.6	2.667	0.285
At least 2 positive	60.0	100	100	55.6	Inf	0.400
All 3 positive	25.0	100	100	40.0	Inf	0.750

G3

HSP

GS

GPC3, glypican 3; GS, glutamine synthetase; HSP70, heat shock protein 70; Inf, Infinite; LR, likelihood ratio; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value.

# Small Nodules resulting from screening on cirrhotic livers

EASL-EORTC Clinical Practice Guidelines:  
Management of hepatocellular carcinoma *2012*

Nodule > 2cm → Imaging diagnosis (typical features on one imaging technique)

If atypical features → **Guided biopsy**

Nodule < 1cm → Repetition of imaging

Nodule 1cm to 2cm → Imaging diagnosis (typical features on 2\* imaging techniques)

If not → **Guided biopsy**

**MRN / Dysplastic nodule / HCC ?**

Limits +++

In the nodule?

In the nodule within the nodule?

Low sensitivity for the diagnosis of early HCC?

# DIAGNOSIS OF HCC ON NON CIRRHOTIC LIVER

Pathological diagnosis of HCC is recommended for all nodules occurring in non-cirrhotic livers.

# Hepatocellular carcinoma on non cirrhotic liver



- 10 to 15% of HCC in Western countries
- Large tumors

# Metabolic syndrome and HCC

**Table 2. Pathological Characteristics of Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Nontumoral Liver in the Three Groups of Patients**

	MS Group (n = 31)	CLD Group (n = 81)	CG Group (n = 16)	P (MS Versus CLD)
Tumor size (cm)	8.8 ± 6	7.8 ± 6.3	12.8 ± 5.8*	0.06
Bilobar	7 (23%)	5 (6%)	2 (12.5%)	0.03
Number of tumors	1 (1-3)	1 (1-5)	1(1-2)	NS
Capsule	23 (74%)	51 (63%)	7 (44%)†	NS
Macroscopic vascular invasion	6 (19%)	21 (26%)	4 (25%)	NS
Differentiation				
Well	20 (64.5%)	23 (28%)	8 (50%)	
Moderate	11 (35.5%)	47 (58%)	7 (44%)	
Poor	0 (0)	11 (14%)	1 (6%)	<0.001
Microscopic vascular invasion	14 (45%)	52 (64%)	10 (62.5%)	NS
Satellite nodules	11 (35.5%)	36 (44%)	6 (37.5%)	NS
Liver fibrosis				
F0-F2	20 (65.5%)	21 (26%)	12 (75%)	
F3-F4	11 (35.5%)	60 (74%)	4 (25%)	<0.001
Steatosis				
0 (<5%)	6 (19%)	47 (58%)	15 (94%)‡	
1 (5%-33%)	12 (39%)	29 (36%)	1 (6%)	
2 (33%-66%)	11 (35.5%)	3(4%)	0 (0)	
3 (>66%)	2 (6.5%)	2(2%)	0 (0)	<0.001



- ❑ Non cirrhotic liver 65%
- ❑ Larger tumors
- ❑ Well differentiated HCC

# Hepatocellular carcinoma on non cirrhotic liver

Differential diagnosis of hepatocellular tumor (adenoma/  
well differentiated HCC)

Fibrous variant of HCC: cholangiocarcinoma, metastasis?

Other rare differential diagnoses: metastasis of  
Neuroendocrine carcinoma, epithelioid angiomyolipoma

# Hepatocellular carcinoma/ Adenoma

Cellular density

Thickness of liver plates

Pseudoglandular structures

Reticulin staining ++

Cytonuclear atypia, Mitoses

CD34 ??

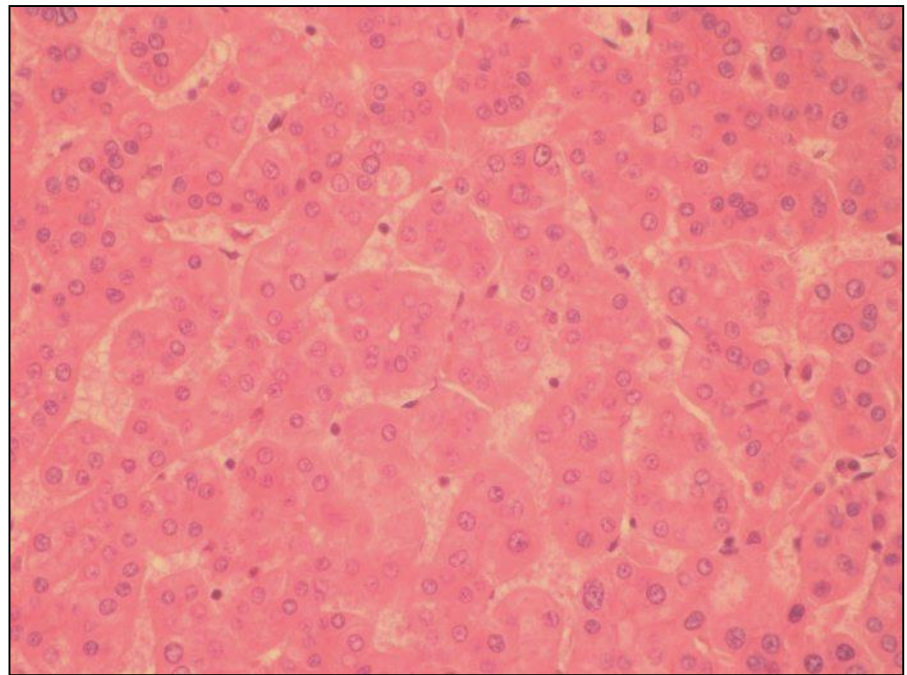
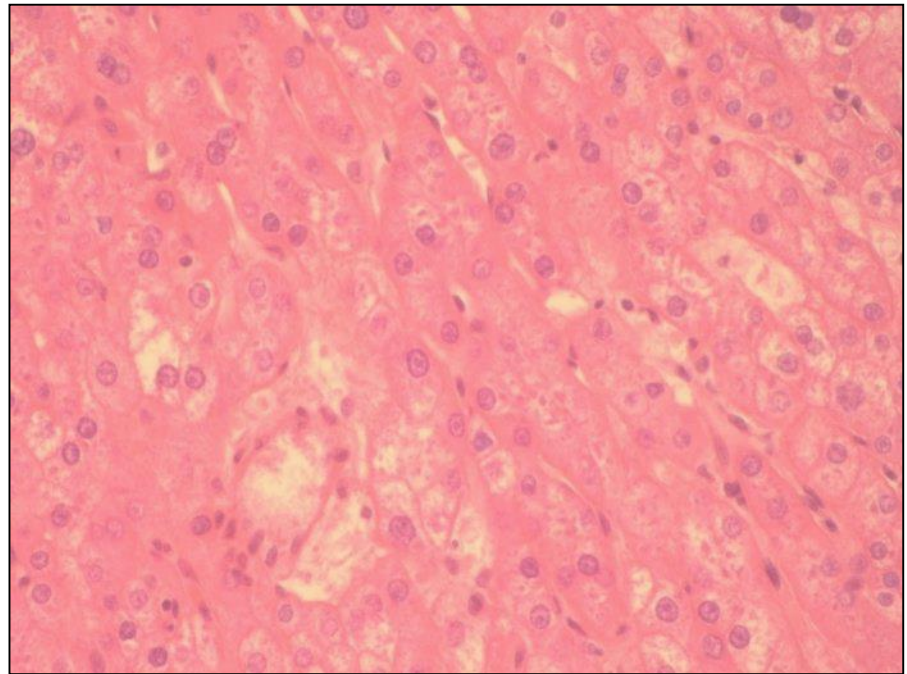
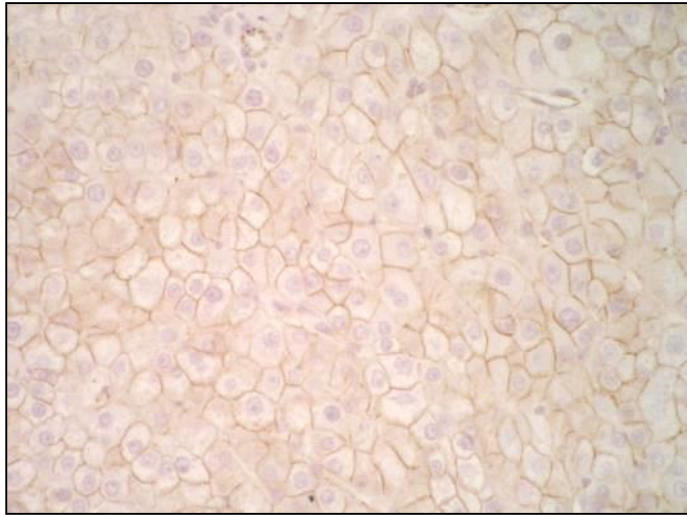
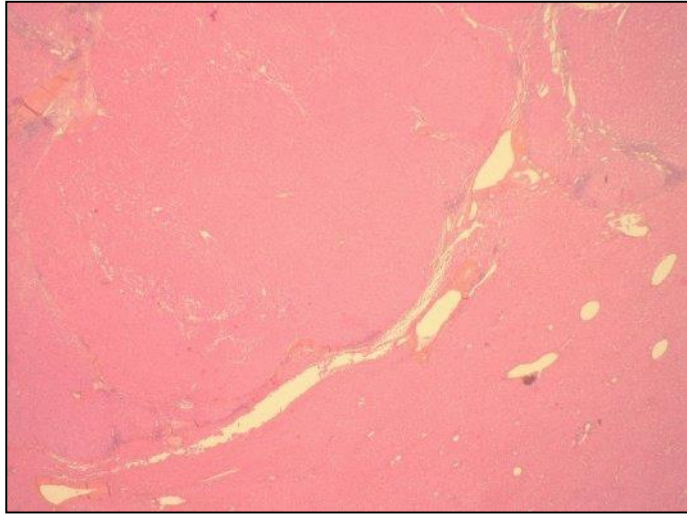
$\beta$ -catenin

Glypican 3

Clinical background +++

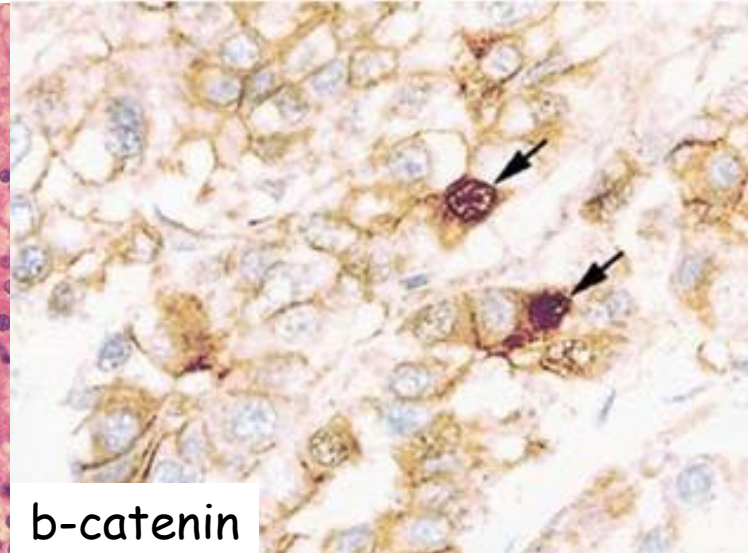
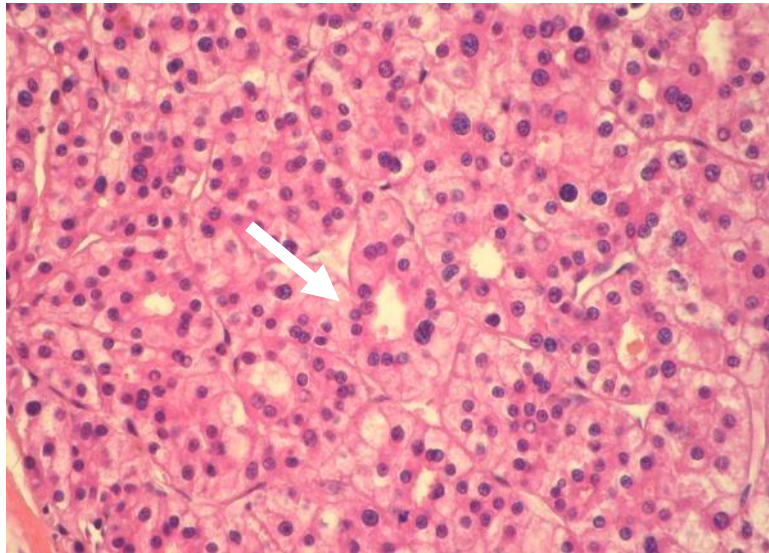
Evolution

# HCC/ Adenoma

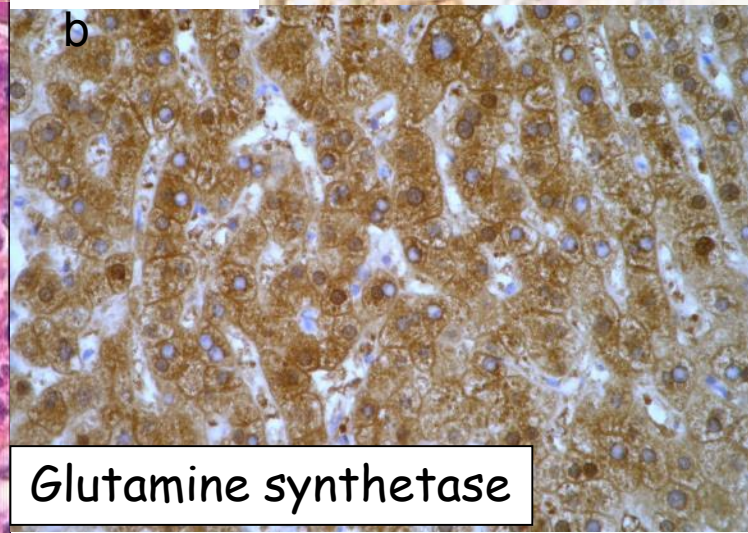
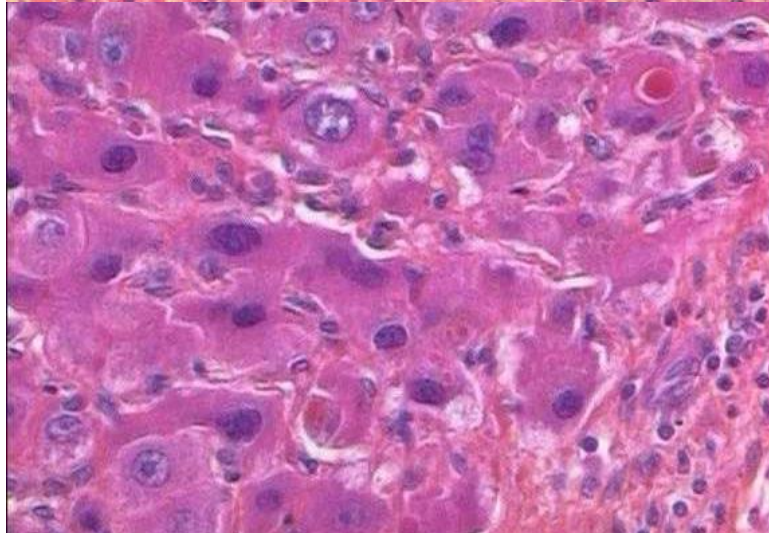




# B-catenin mutated adenoma



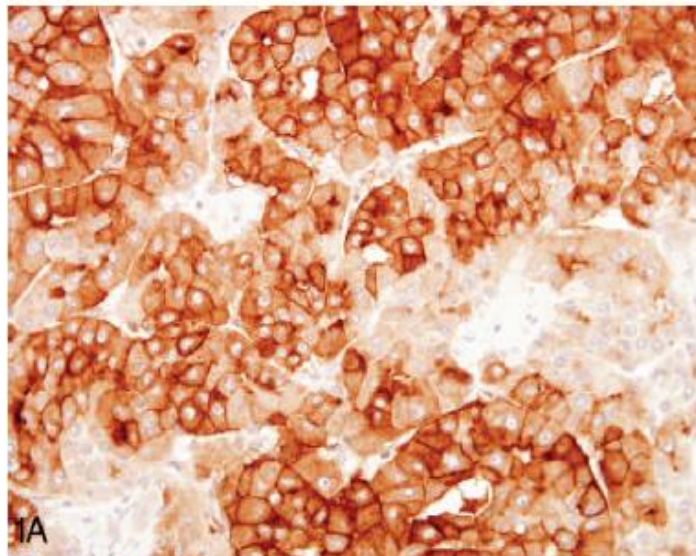
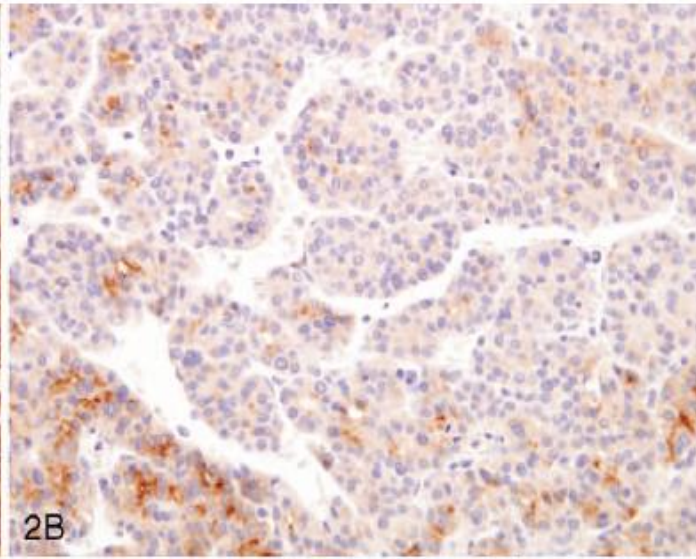
b-catenin



Glutamine synthetase

Risk of transformation++

# GLYPICAN 3

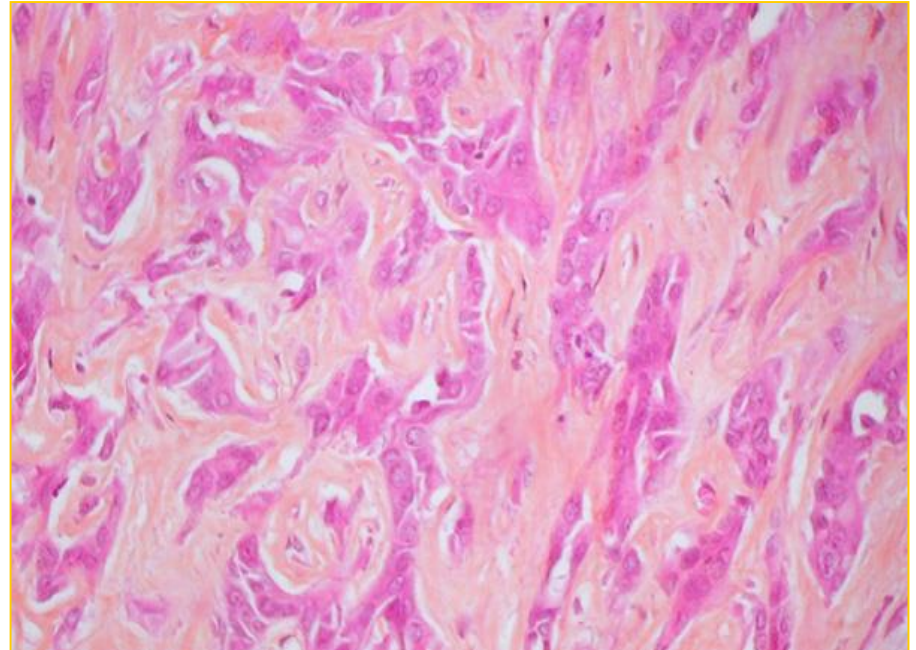


**Table 1. Summary of Immunohistochemical Findings of Glypican-3 Expression in Hepatocellular Mass Lesions\***

<b>Immunoreactivity (%)</b>	<b>HCC, No. (%) (n = 111)</b>	<b>HCA, No. (%) (n = 48)</b>	<b>FNH, No. (%) (n = 30)</b>	<b>LRN, No. (%) (n = 32)</b>
Negative (<5)	27 (24.3)	48 (100)	30 (100)	32 (100)
Focal (5–50)	23 (20.7)	0	0	0
Diffuse (>50)	61 (55.0)	0	0	0

\* HCC indicates hepatocellular carcinoma; HCA, hepatocellular adenoma; FNH, focal nodular hyperplasia; and LRN, large regenerative nodule.

# Hepatocellular carcinoma with fibrous stroma Sclerosing HCC???



- Abondant fibrous stroma
- Differential diagnosis → Immunohistochemistry

# Immunophenotype of liver tumors

## HCC

Hep Par 1 + 73%/ poorly  $\neq$  63%  
Glypican 3 76-79%/ poorly  $\neq$  89%  
AFP + 17% à 62%  
CEAp +canalicular 45% à 80%/ CD10  
CK8, CK18 +  
CK7\*, CK19, CK20 -  
EMA -

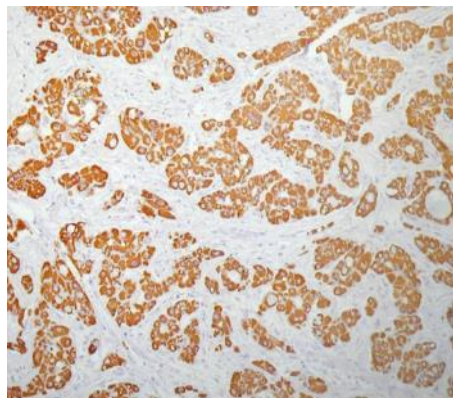
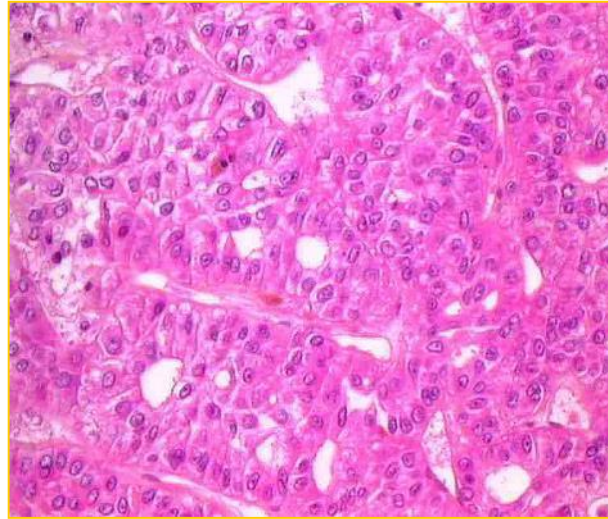
## Meta

Colorectal : CK7 -, CK20 +  
Pancreas/Stomach : CK7 +, CK 20+/-

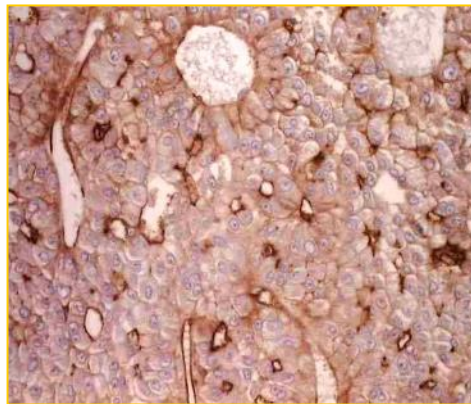
## CC

KL1 + Vimentin +  
CK7, CK8, CK18,CK19 +  
CK20 - or + focal  
EMA +  
CEAp + apical or cytopl

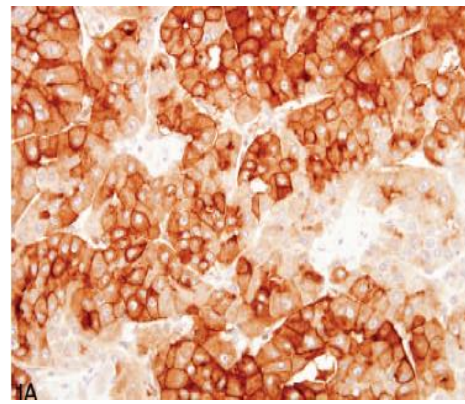
# Immunophenotype of HCC



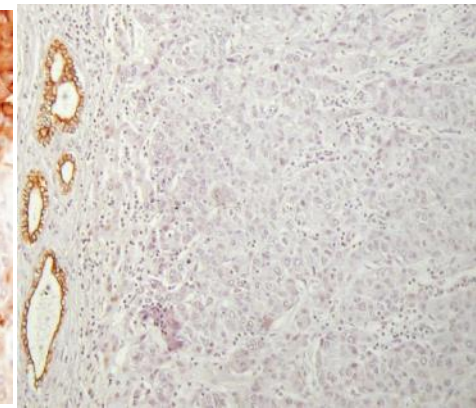
**Hep-Par1**



**CEAp**

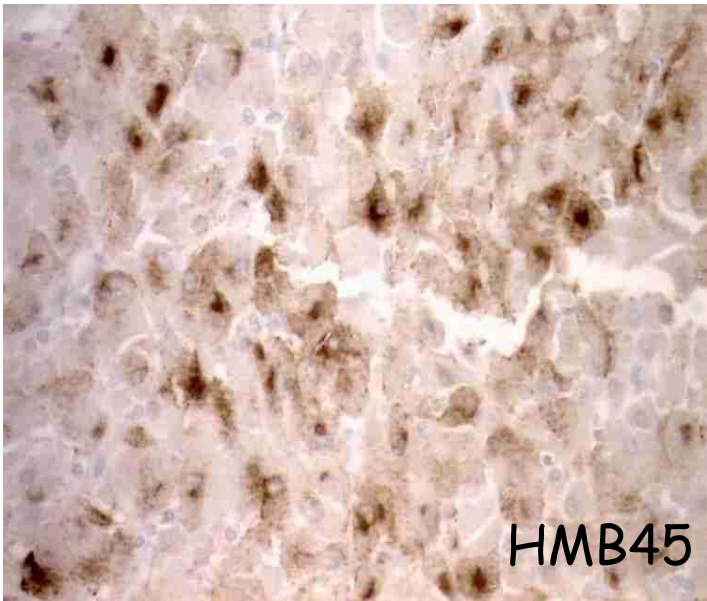
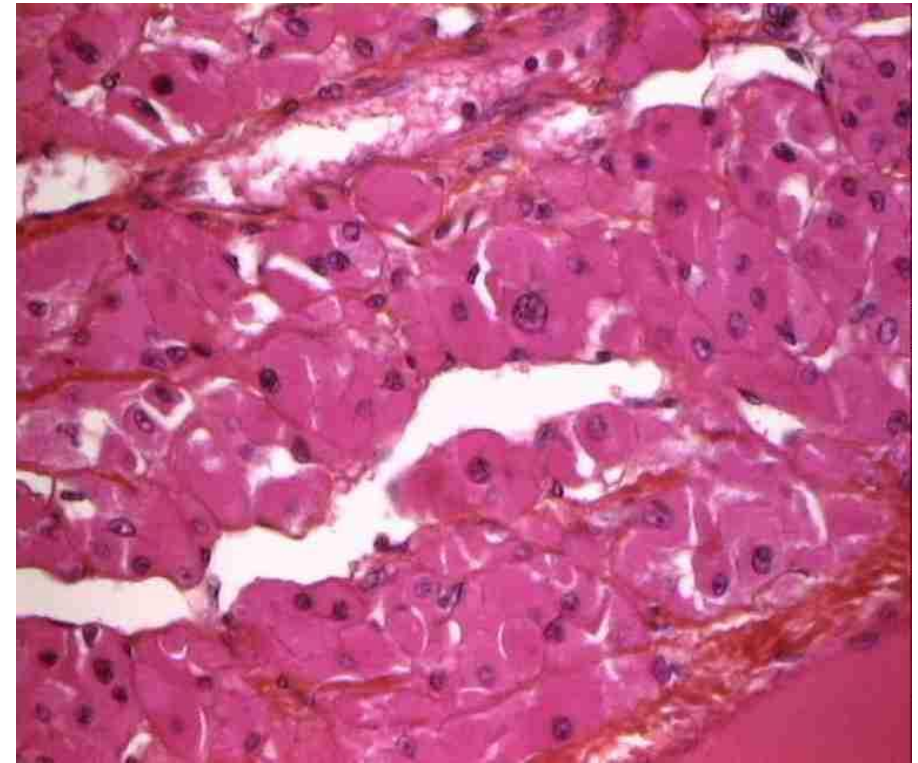
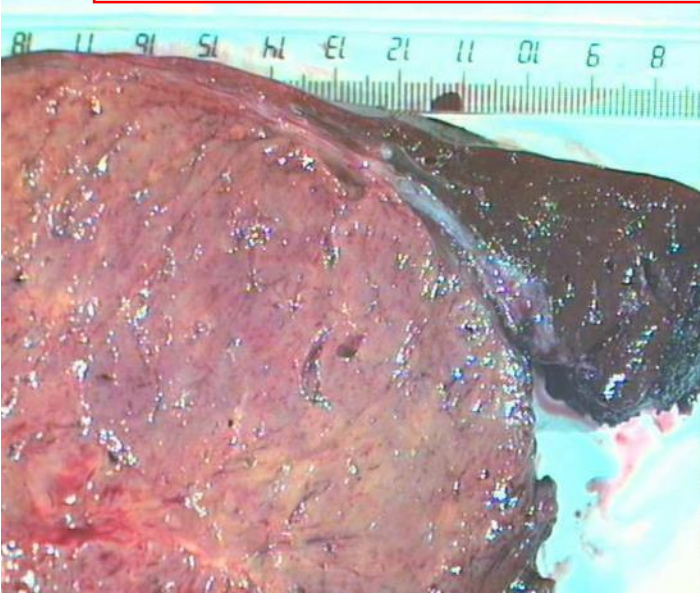


**Glypican 3**



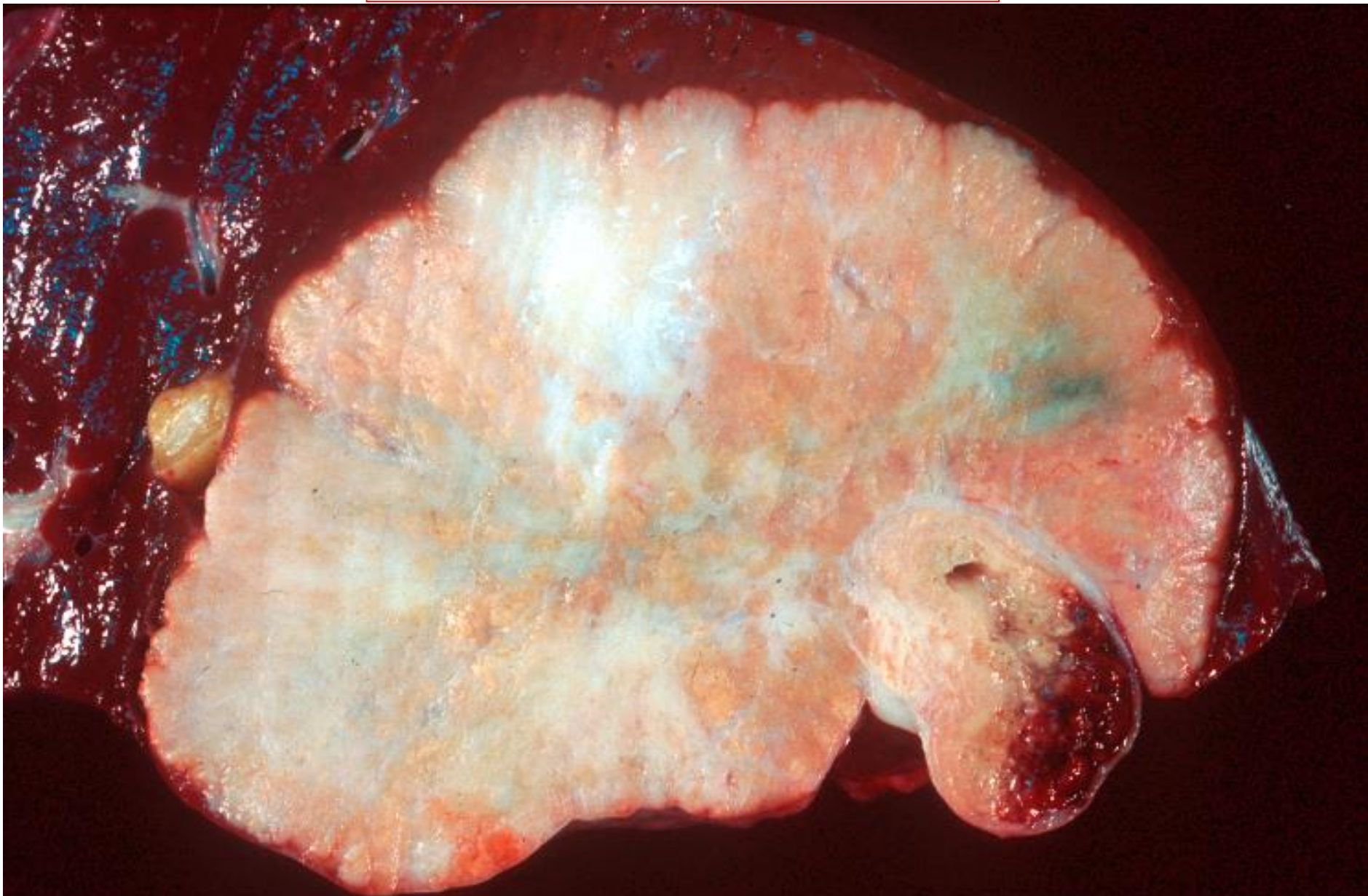
**CK19**

# Epithelioid angiomyolipoma



Exclusive monophasic component :  
epithelioid cells  
⇐ perivascular cells PEC / PECOMA

# Fibrolamellar carcinoma

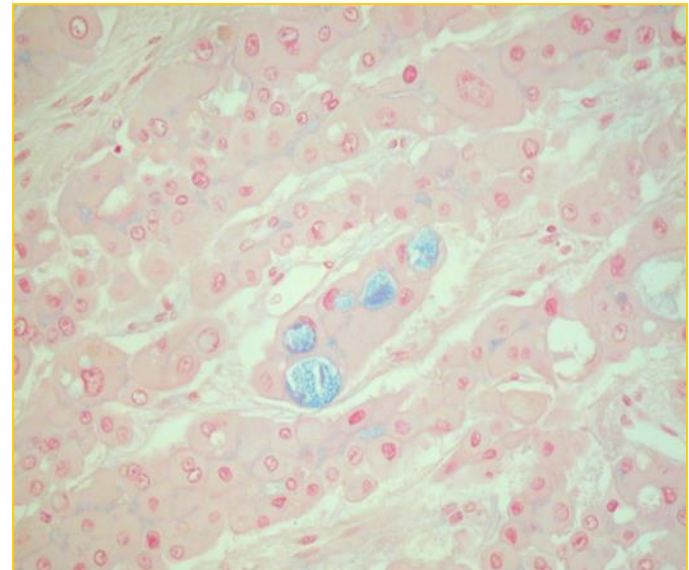
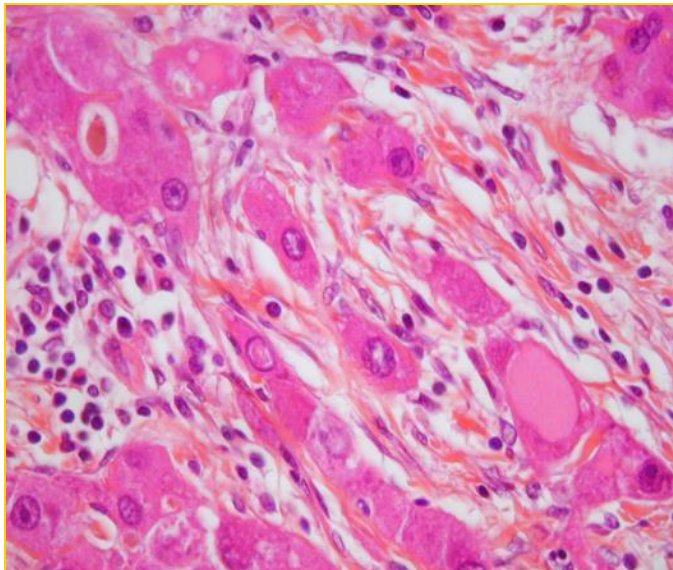
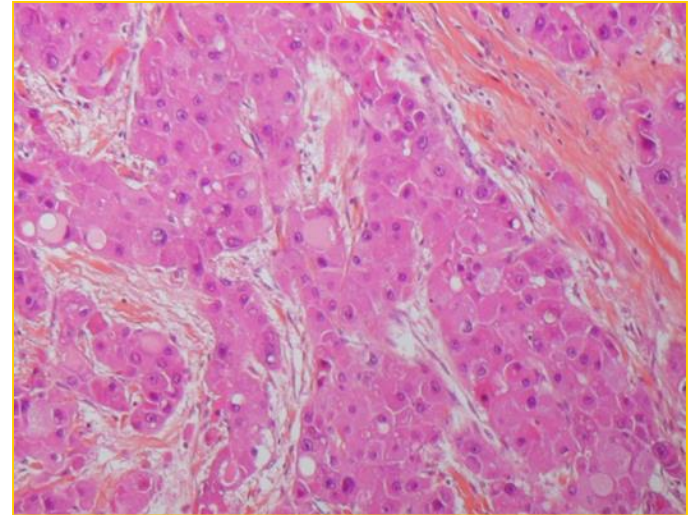
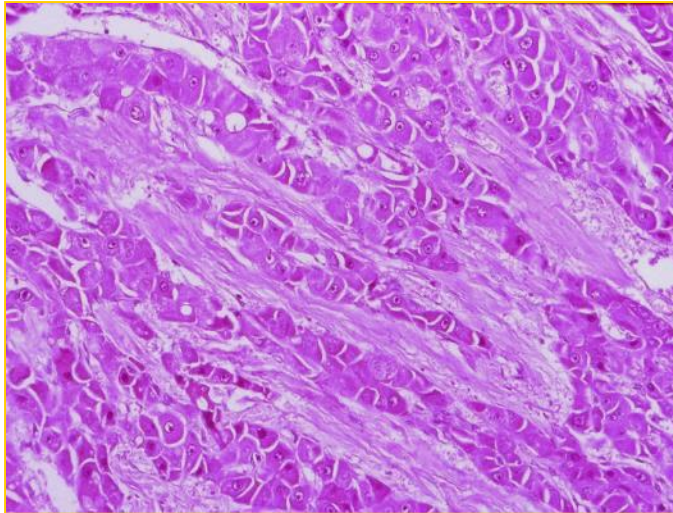


# Fibrolamellar carcinoma

- Rare (<2% of HCC)
- Young adults and children
- Non cirrhotic liver
- Normal AFP level
- Better prognosis?



# Fibrolamellar carcinoma



HepPar1+, CK8 et 18 + / CK7 +, EMA+

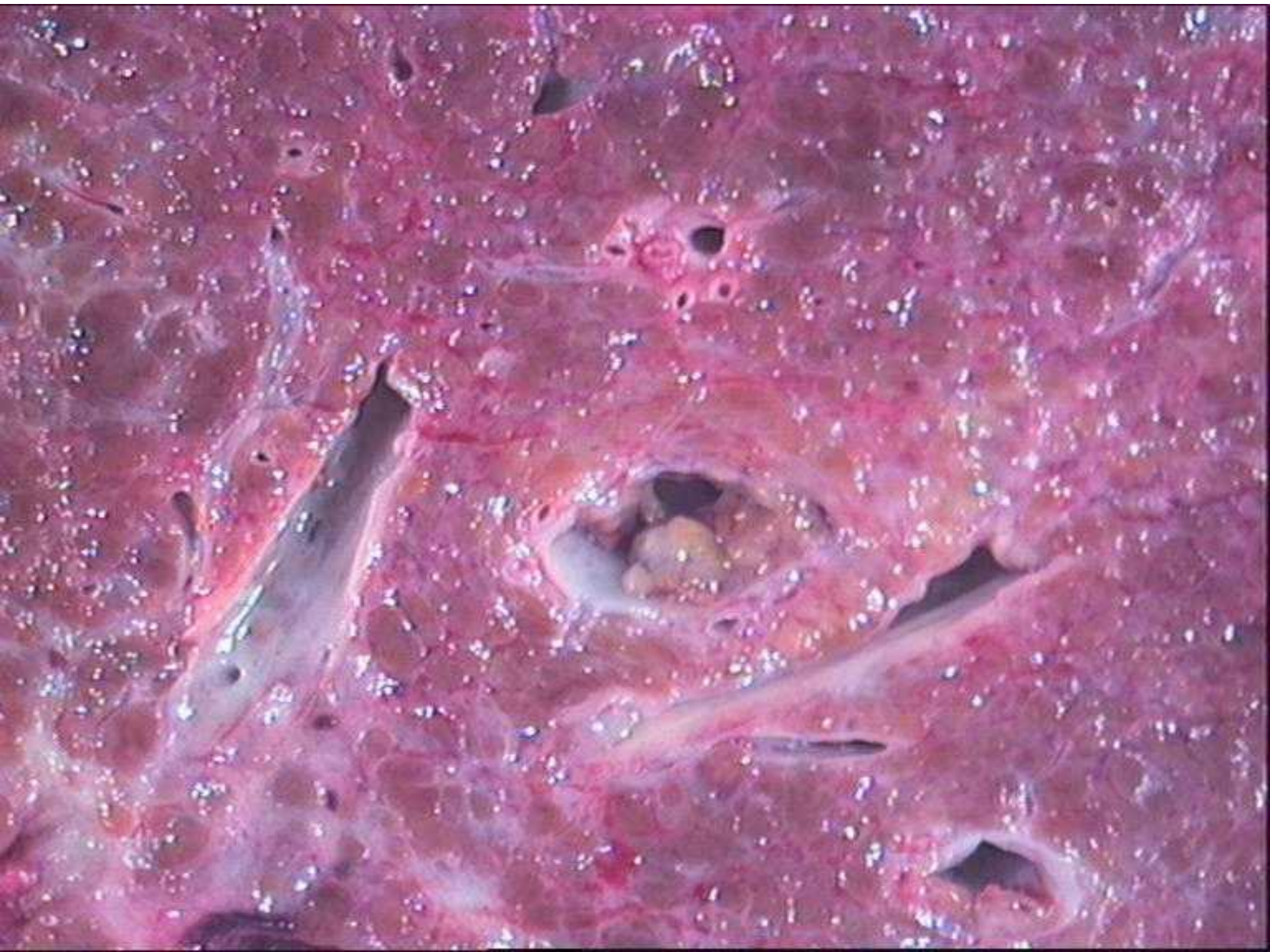
# PATHOLOGICAL PROGNOSTIC INDICATORS IN HCC

*A résumer (et à regrouper resection/transplantation)*

# Identification of pathological parameters with predictive efficiency (survival or recurrence) from resection specimens

## Gross parameters

- Uninodular > multinodular > massive tumor
- Tumor size
- Capsule
- Satellite nodules
- Macrovascular invasion ++
- Necrosis
- Curative resection



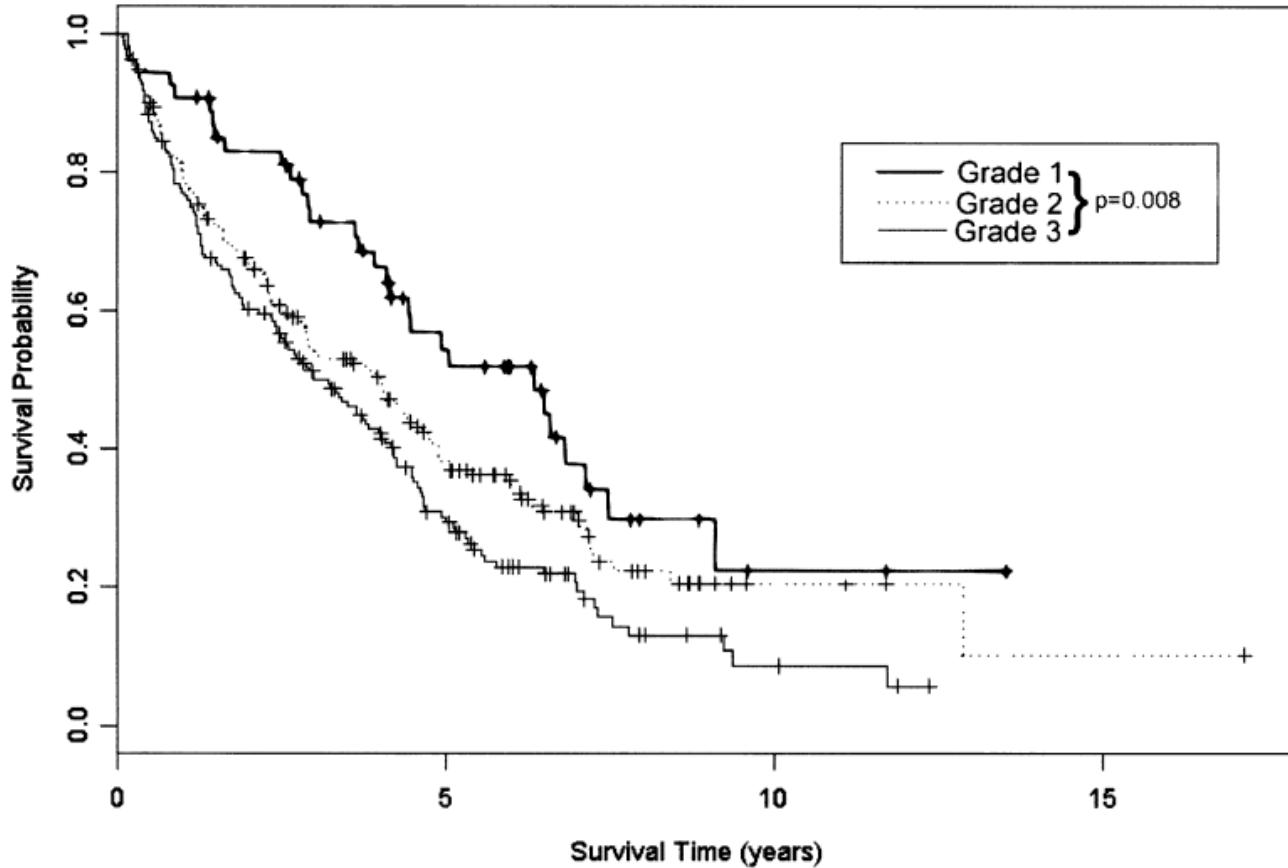
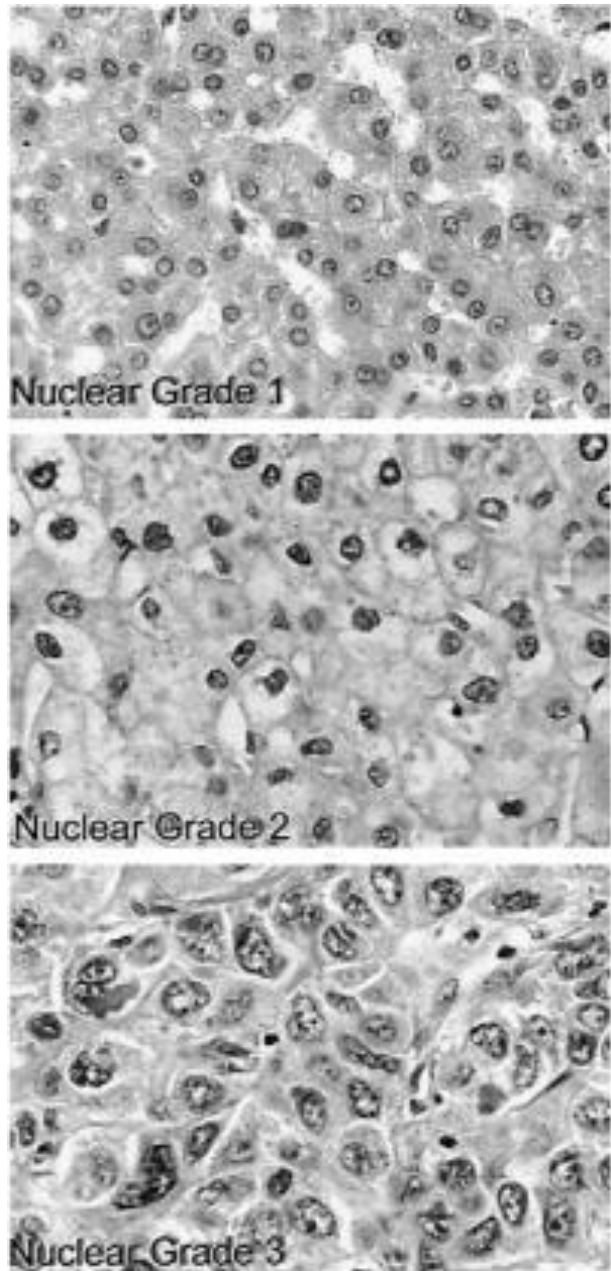
# Identification of pathological parameters with predictive efficiency (survival or recurrence) from resection specimens

## Histological parameters

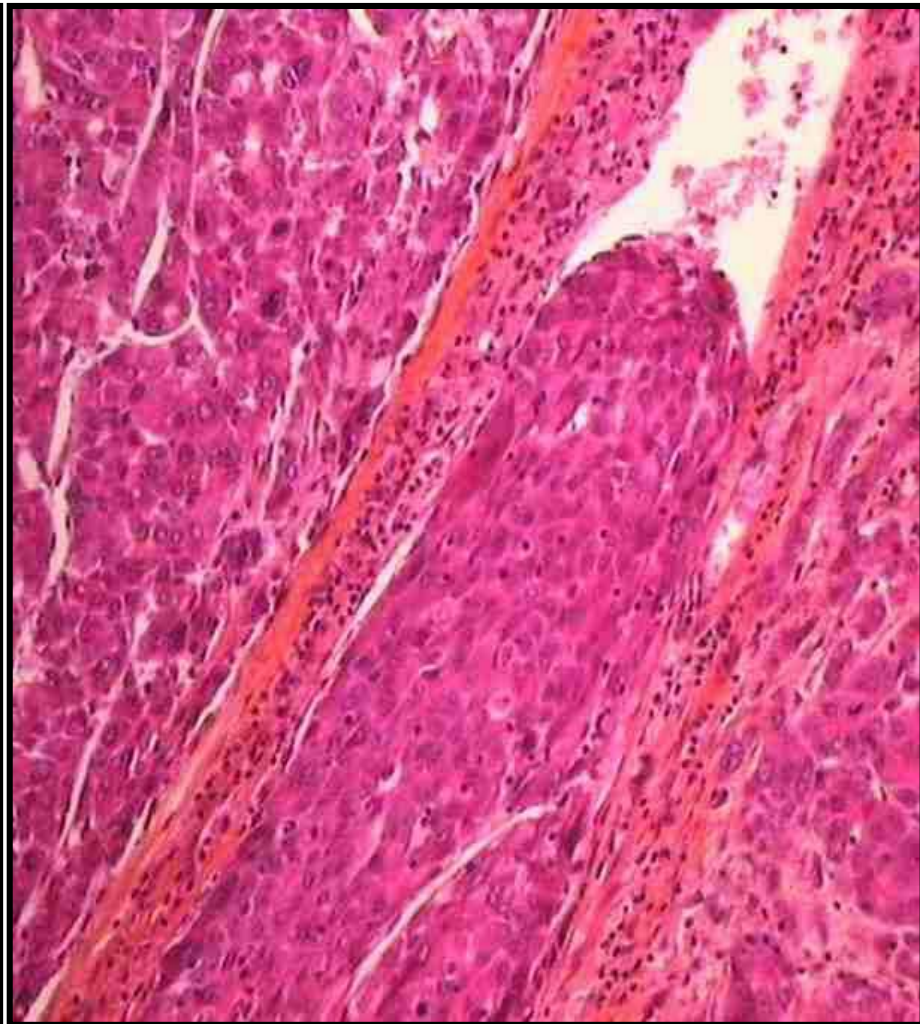
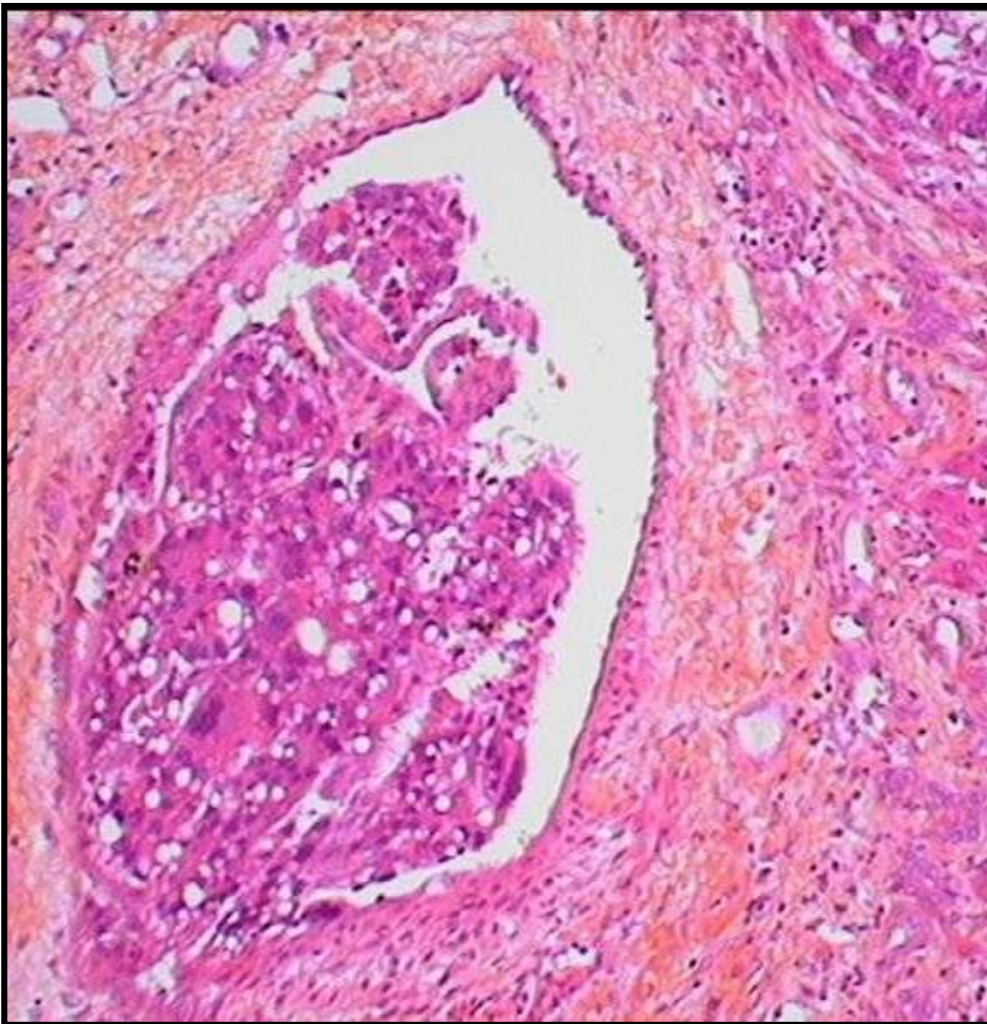
- Edmonson grading\*
- Nuclear grade\*
- Mitotic index
- Capsular invasion
- Microvascular invasion\*
- Intratumoral inflammation
- Activity and fibrosis in non tumoral liver

# Nuclear grade

425 curative resections



# Microvascular invasion



# Histological grading

## WHO

Well differentiated

Moderately differentiated

Poorly differentiated

## EDMONSON

Grade I: Benign appearance - no or slight atypia -  
Adenoma? Dysplastic nodule? - Associated with higher grades

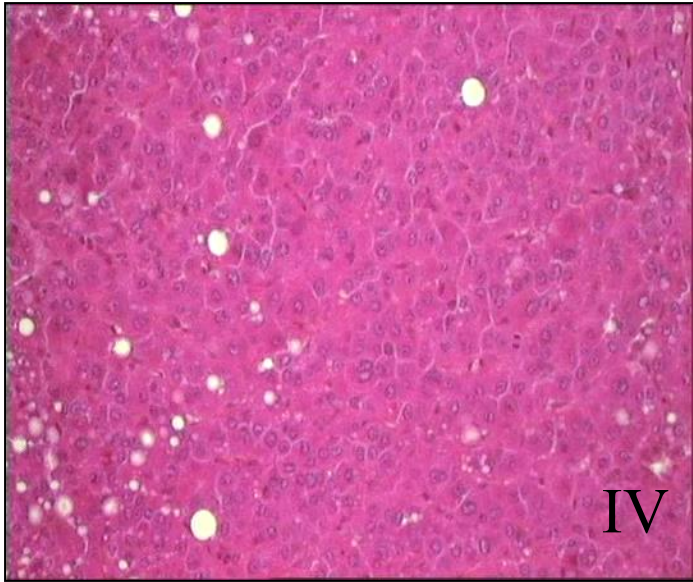
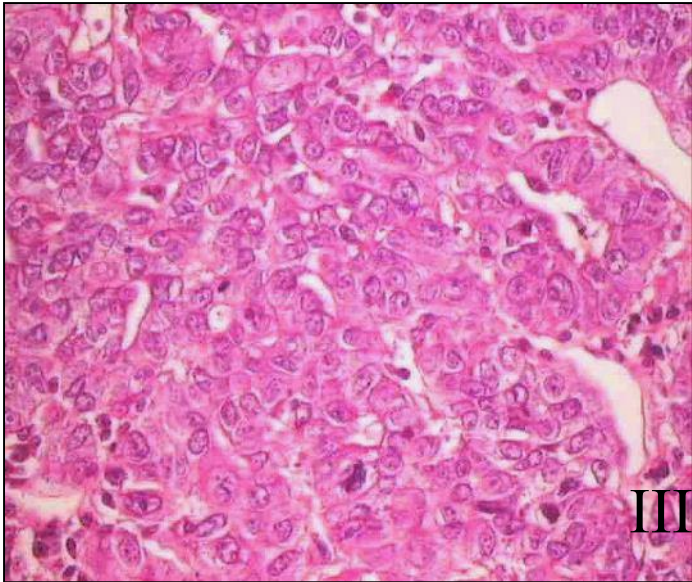
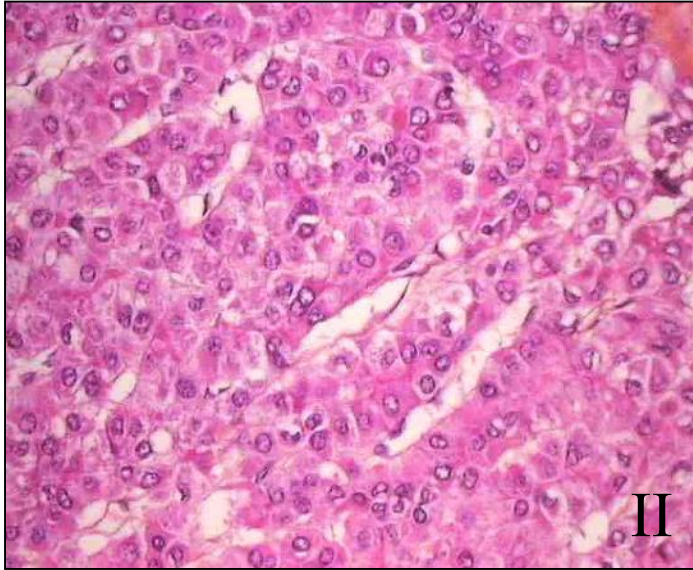
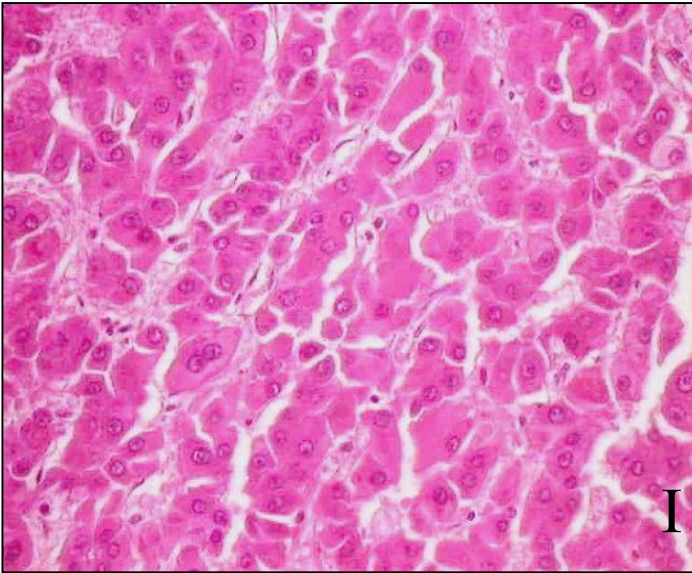
Grade II: Well differentiated - Trabecular or pseudoacinar  
architecture - Moderate atypia - Bile +

Grade III: Compact architecture - Marked atypia - Syncytial cells

Grade IV: Poorly differentiated - Marked atypia - Small cell or  
sarcomatoid features



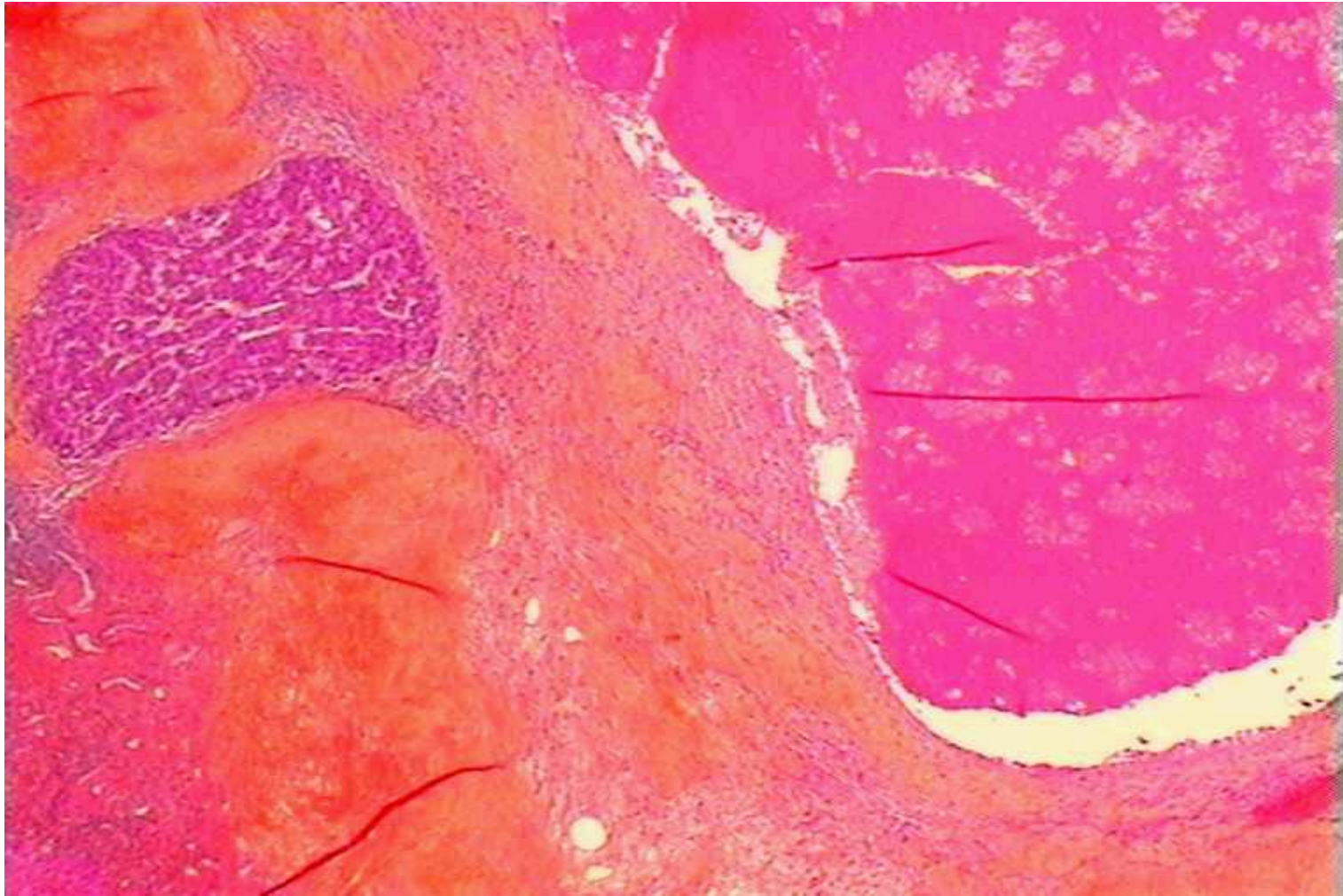
# Edmonson's grading



Post-chemoembolization  
changes



# Post-chemoembolization changes



## The close future

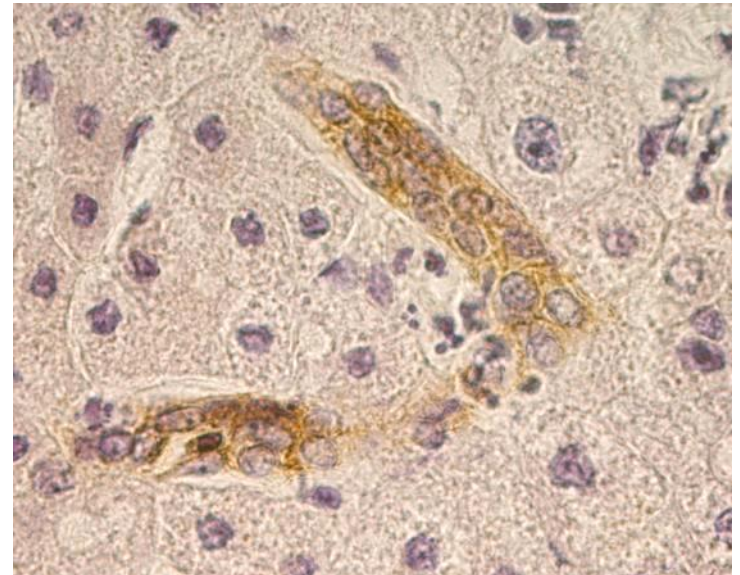
-High-throughput molecular studies: cDNA arrays, CGH arrays, microRNAs, proteome analysis

-Molecular classifications of HCC :  
Molecular signature with predictive efficiency → IHC markers

-Characterization of signalisation pathways leading to new targeted therapies

# EpCAM

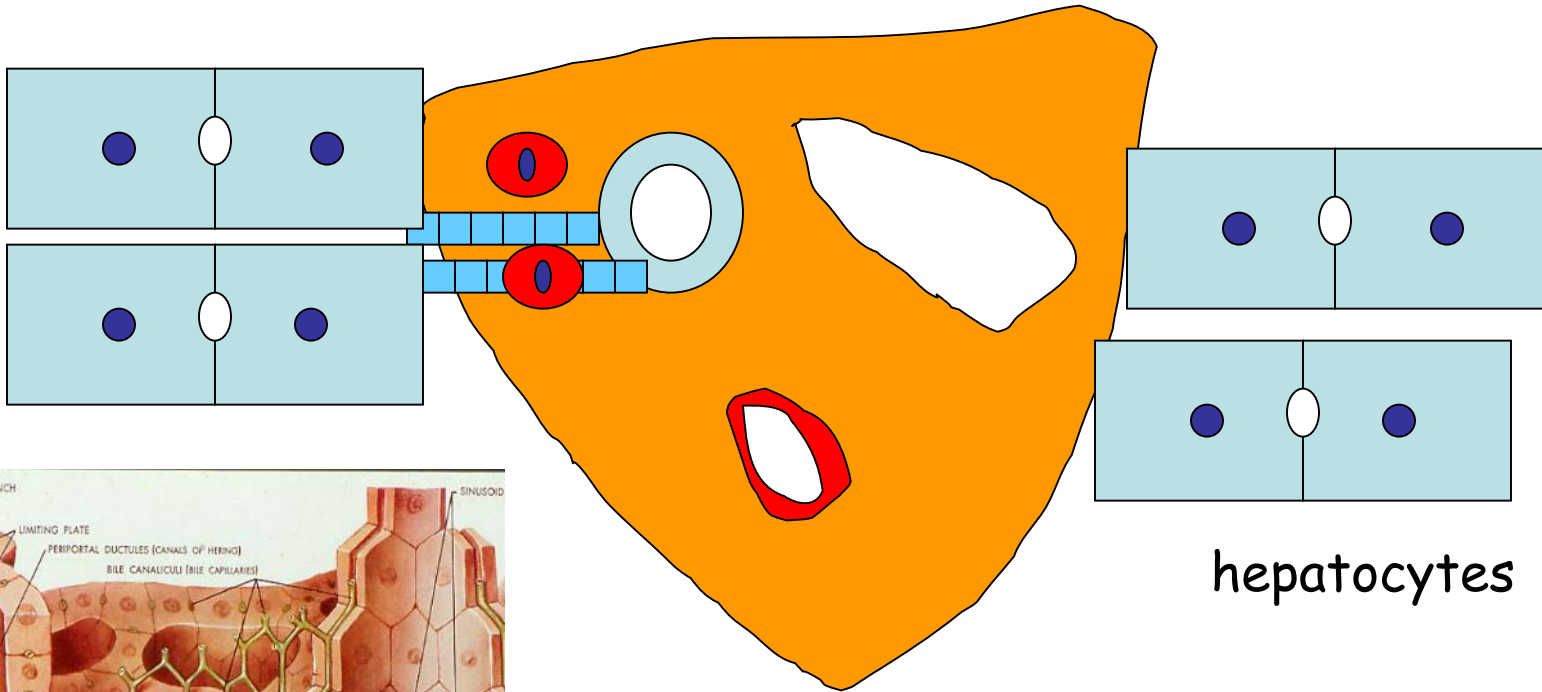
- o Epithelial cell adhesion molecule CD326
- o *Tumor-associated calcium signal transducer 1 gene*
- o Liver:
  - o Adult liver: bile ducts, ductules
  - o Fetal liver: hepatoblasts
- o HCC: 35% + for EpCAM



# Progenitor cell of adult liver



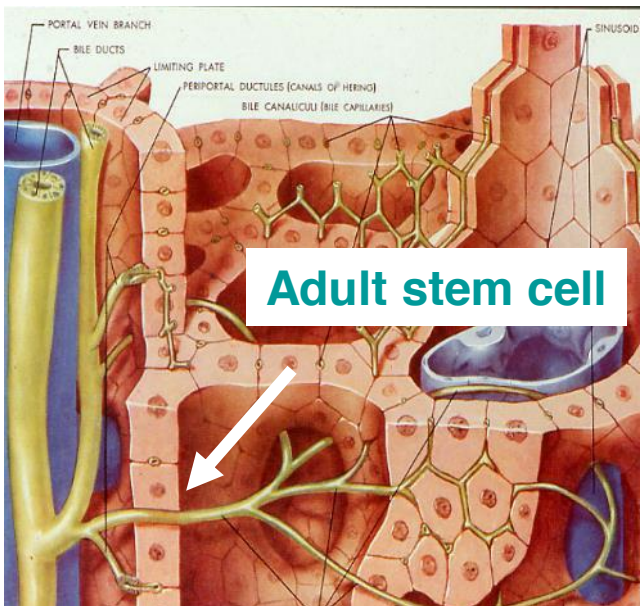
Bipotent progenitor cell of adult liver



hepatocytes

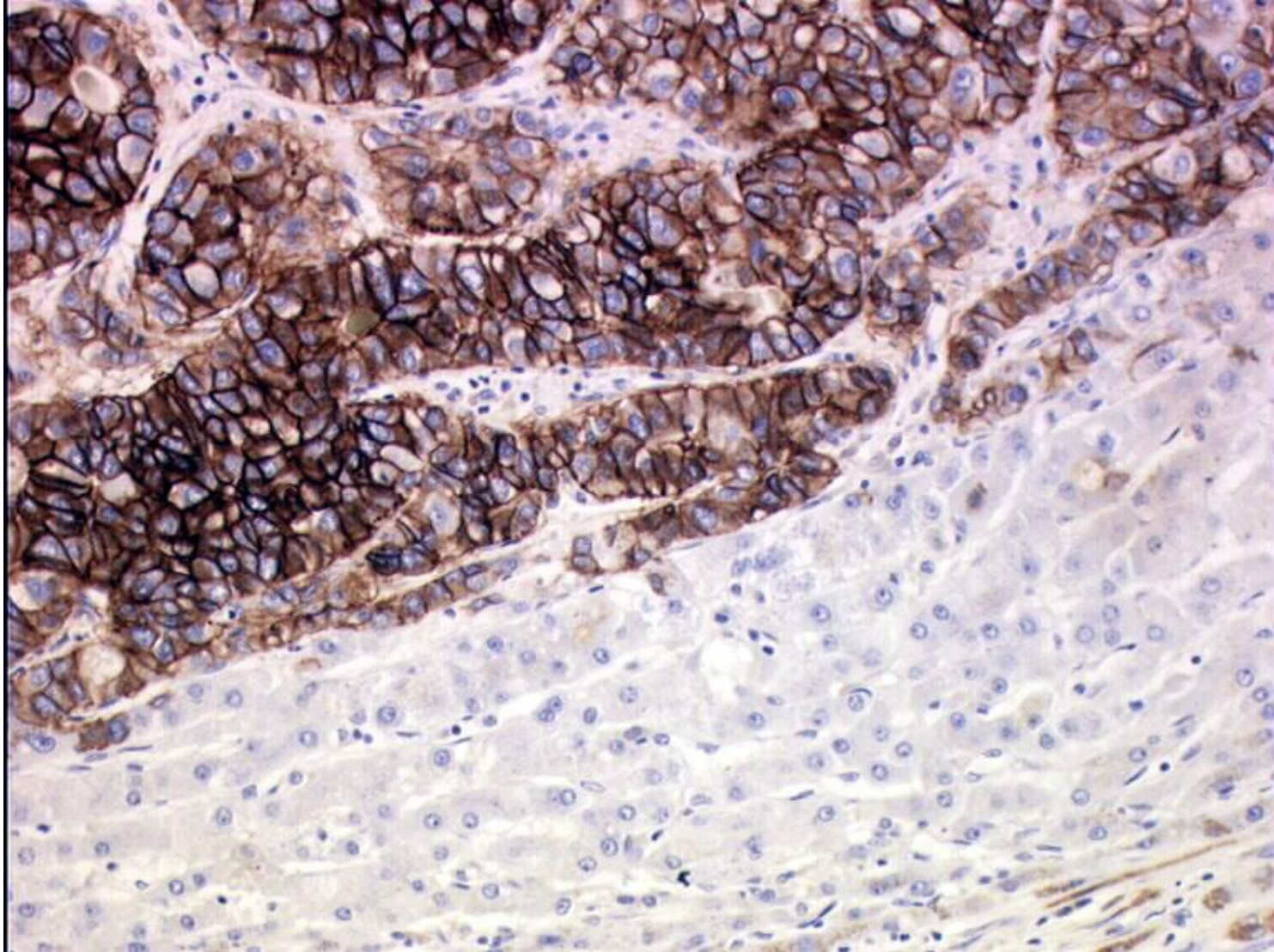
Portal tract

Ductular reaction



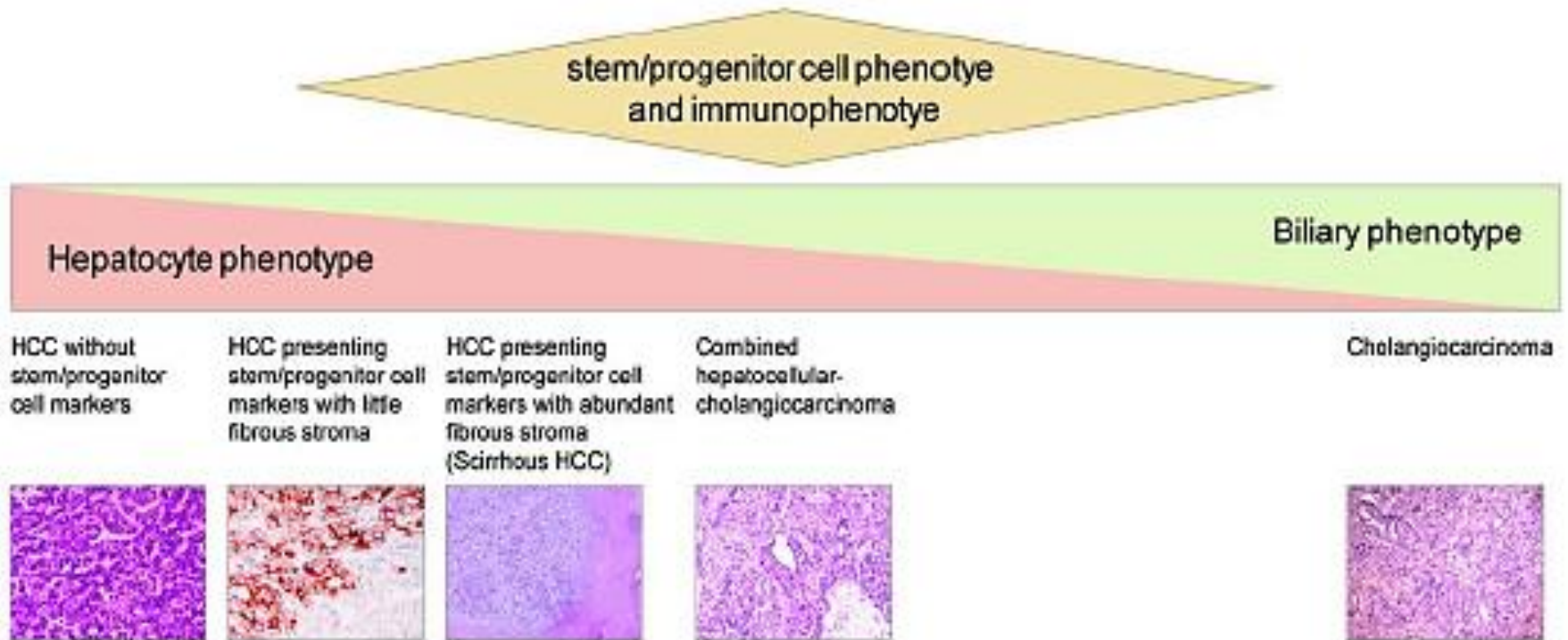
Adult stem cell

# EpCAM positive HCC



# The spectrum of liver cell tumors

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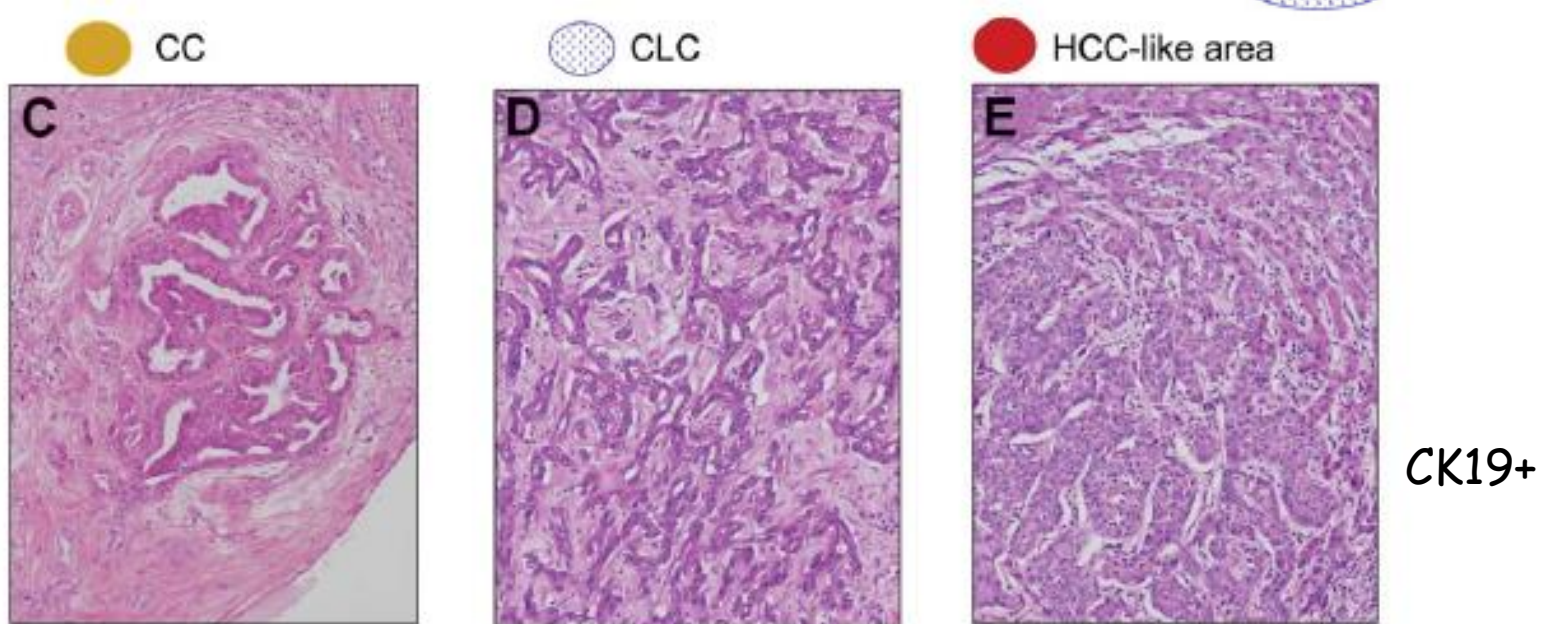
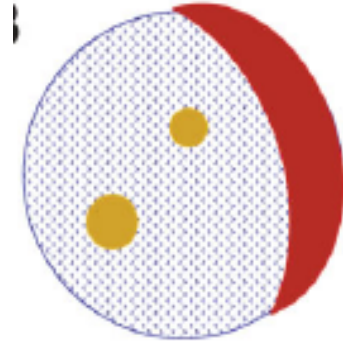




# Cholangiolocellular carcinoma

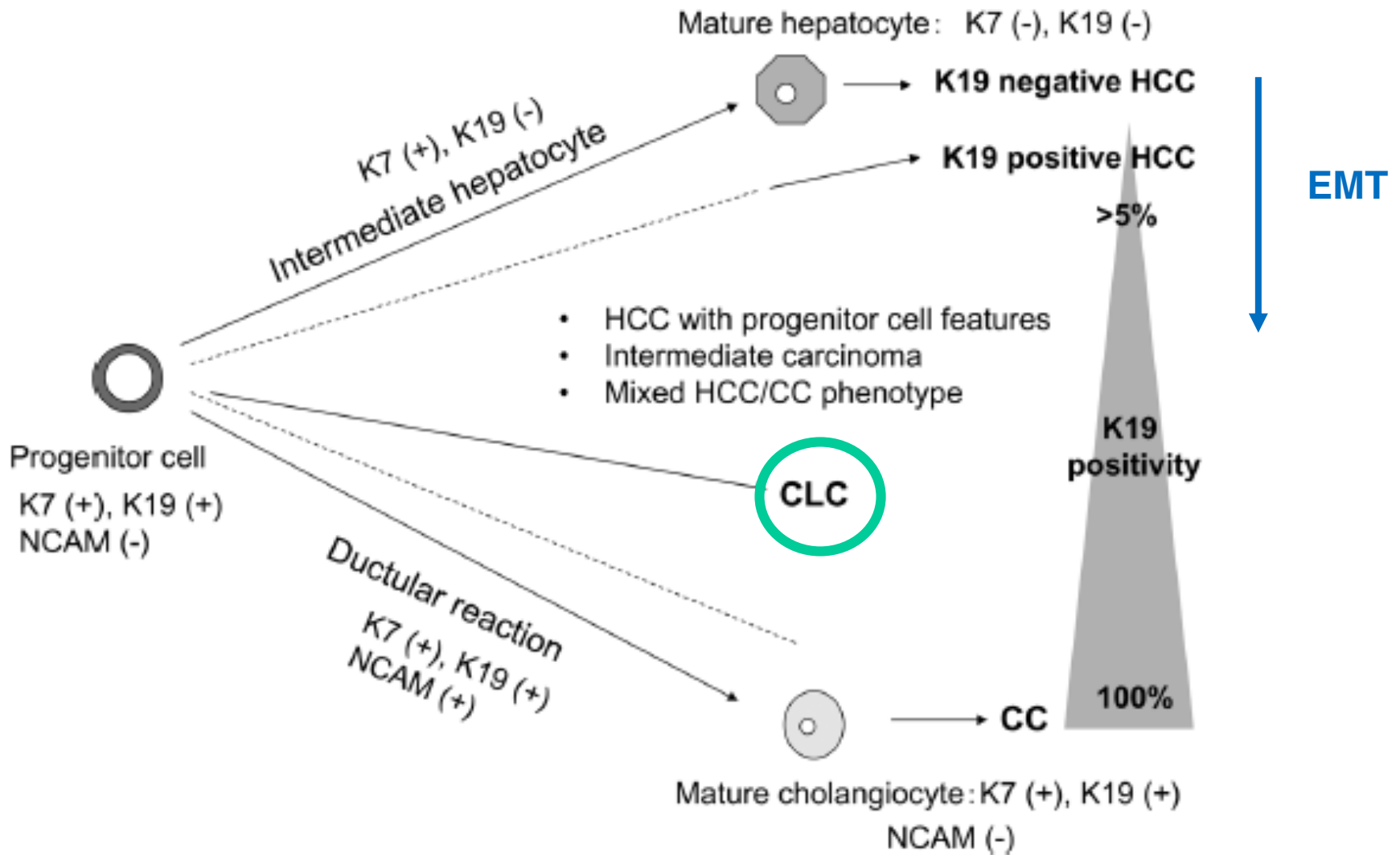
30 cholangiolocellular carcinoma

CLC = phenotypic homology with ductular reaction  
(= non tumoral HPCs)

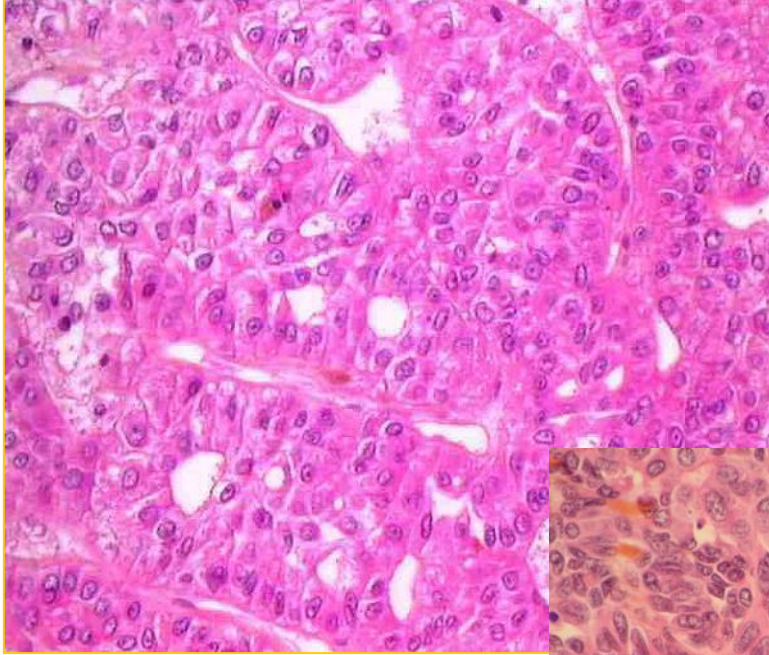


-Progenitor cells= target of liver carcinogenesis

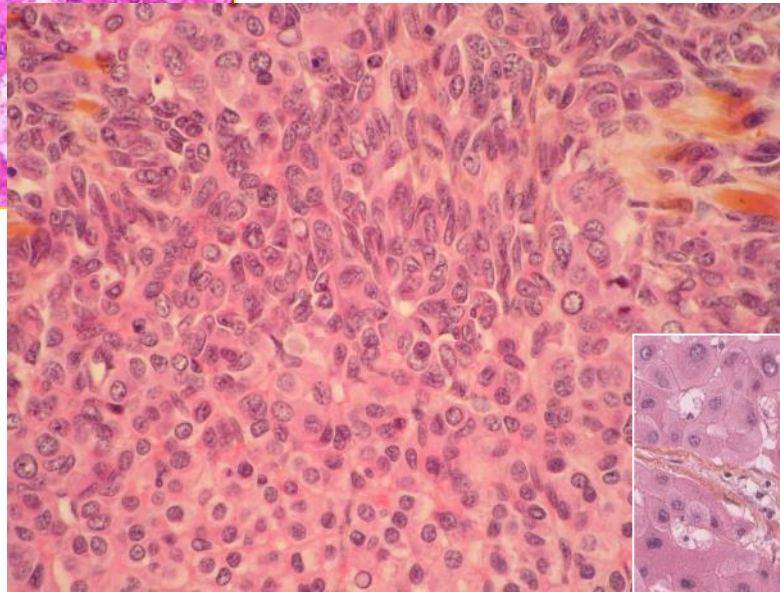
# Lineage of primary liver cancers



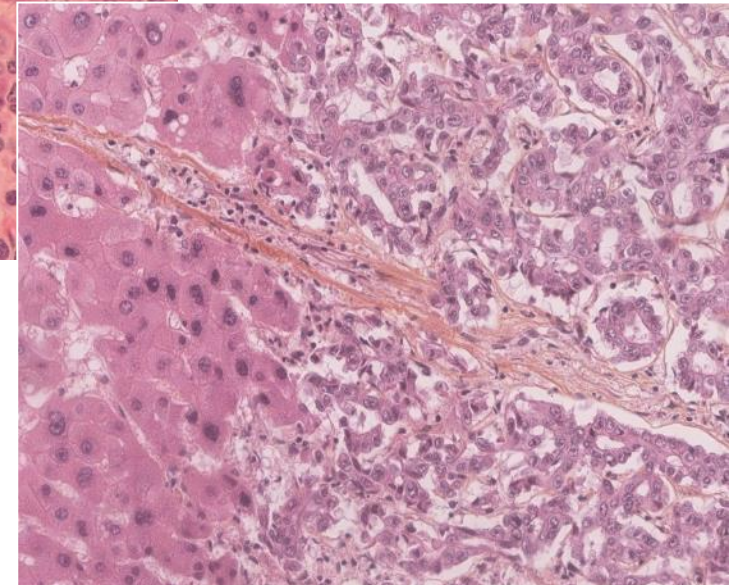
# Primary tumors on cirrhotic livers



Classical HCC



Progenitor-like HCC



Cholangiocarcinoma

# PROPOSAL OF A NEW PATHOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION

## Early HCC

a/HCC of small size ( $\leq 2\text{cm}$ ), well differentiated (G1), vaguely nodular

## Progressed HCC

a/HCC of small size ( $\leq 2\text{cm}$ ), usually moderately differentiated (G2), distinctly nodular type

HCC of not small size ( $>2\text{cm}$ ) single or multiple

b/ HCC with stem/progenitor cell immunophenotype

c/ Mixed hepatobiliary carcinoma, classical type

d/Mixed hepatobiliary carcinoma with stem/progenitor cell phenotype and immunophenotype

# Combined Hepatocellular-Cholangiocarcinomas Classification WHO 2010

TABLE 1. Histologic Features of Combined Hepatocellular-Cholangiocarcinomas According to WHO Classification

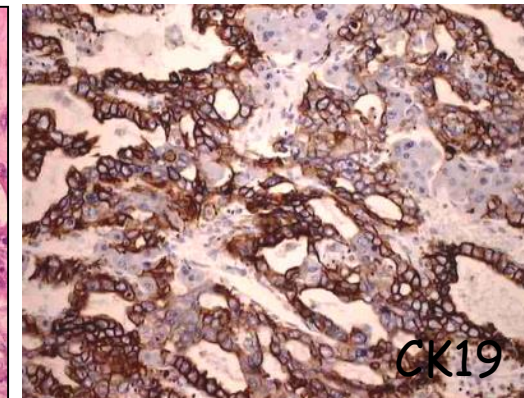
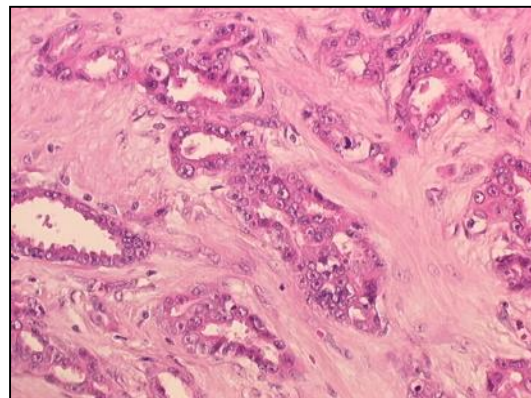
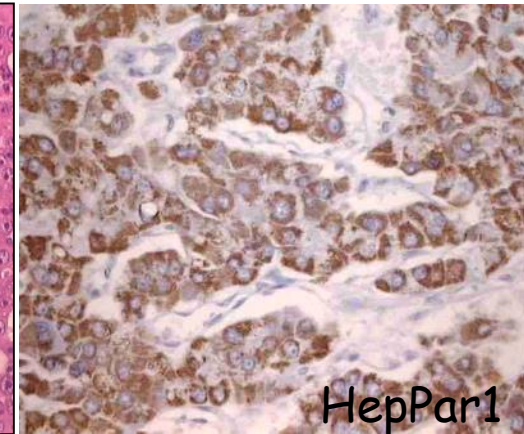
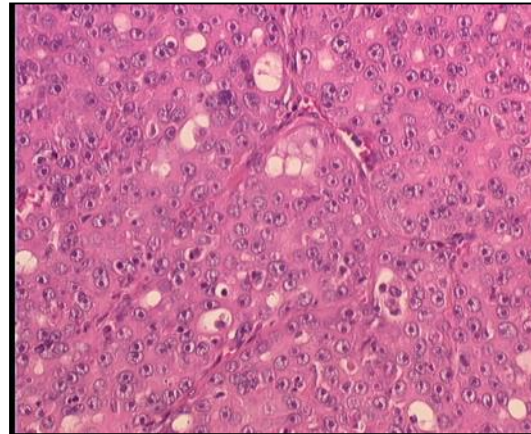
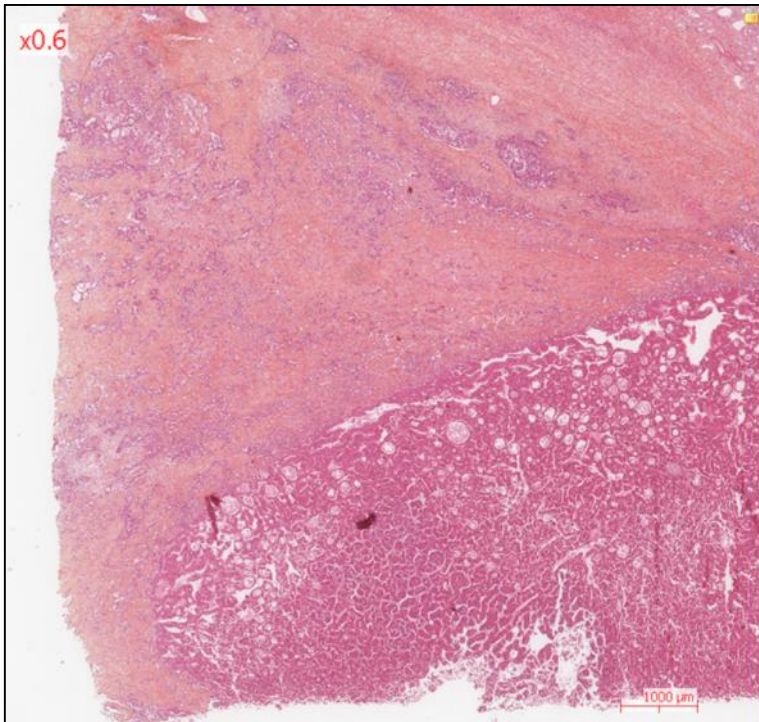
Subtypes	Mucin Production	Stroma	Histologic Findings
CHC-classical HCC component	None	Scarce	Typical HCC, well to poorly differentiated type
ChC component	Observed	Intermediate-abundant	Typical adenocarcinoma, well to poorly differentiated type
CHC-SC-typical	None	Abundant	Nests of mature looking hepatocytes with peripheral clusters of small cells that have a high nucleus:cytoplasm ratio and hyperchromatic nuclei
CHC-SC-int	None	Intermediate-abundant	Tumor cells show features intermediate between hepatocytes and cholangiocytes. These tumor cells show strands, solid nests and/or trabeculae of small, uniform cells with scant cytoplasm and hyperchromatic nuclei
CHC-SC-CLC	None	Abundant	Tumor is composed of admixtures of small monotonous glands, antler-like anastomosing patterns. Each tumor cell is cuboidal, smaller in size than normal hepatocytes, with high nucleus:cytoplasm ratio, and distinct nucleoli

CHC indicates combined hepatocellular-cholangiocarcinoma; CHC-SC-typical, combined hepatocellular-cholangiocarcinoma, stem cell features, typical subtype; CHC-SC-int, combined hepatocellular-cholangiocarcinoma, stem cell features, intermediate cell subtype; CHC-SC-CLC, combined hepatocellular-cholangiocarcinoma, stem cell features, cholangiolocellular subtype.

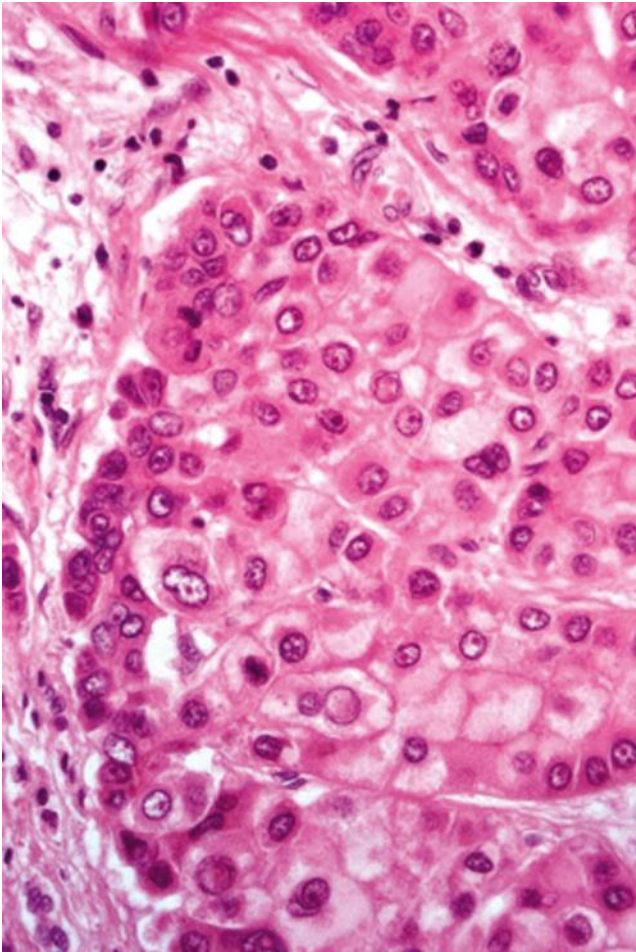
Classification relying upon the major component >50%

# Combined Hepatocellular-Cholangiocarcinomas Classical type

- ❑ Two distinct components, hepatocellular carcinoma and cholangiocarcinoma
- ❑ Most often observed on chronic liver diseases (HCV, HBV, hemochromatosis)

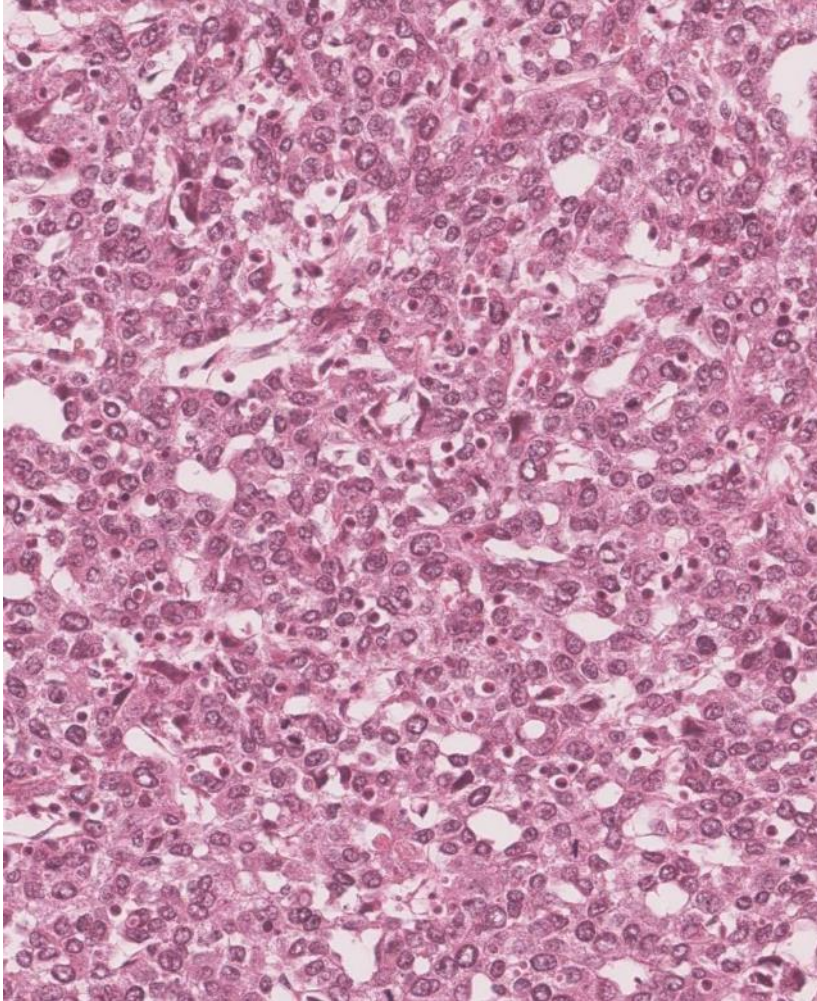


## Combined Hepatocellular-Cholangiocarcinoma With Stem cell features - typical type



- ❑ Nests of mature hepatocytes
- ❑ Peripheral clusters of small stem/progenitor cells  
CK7+ CK19+ CD56+ c-kit+ EpCAM+
- ❑ Fibrous stroma
- ❑ Rare

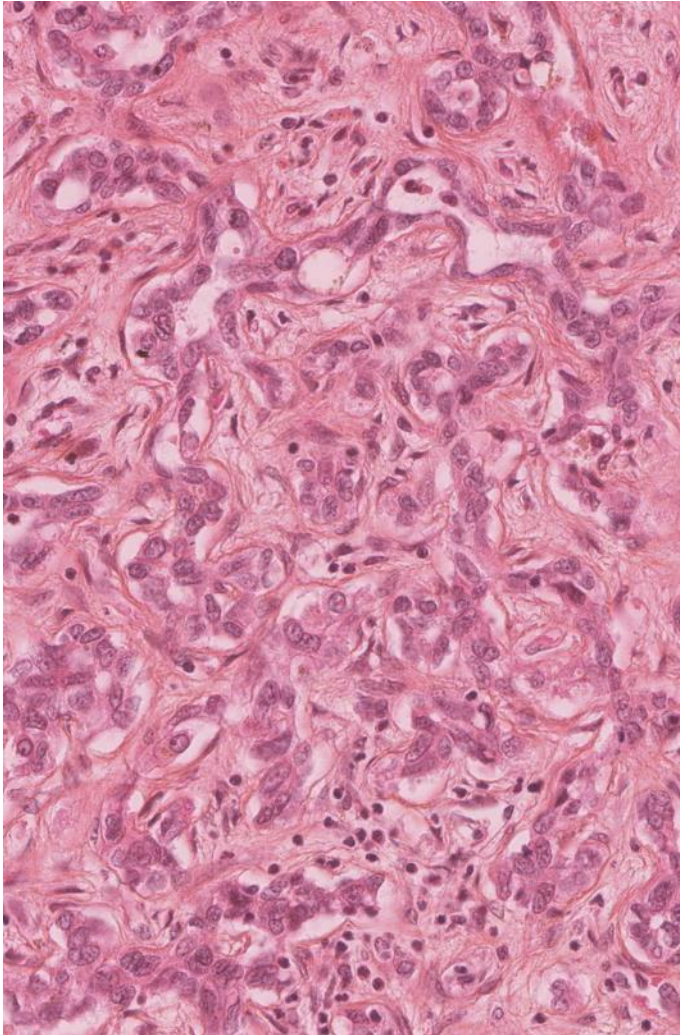
## Combined Hepatocellular-Cholangiocarcinoma With Stem cell features - intermediate type



- ❑ Cells intermediate between hepatocyte and cholangiocyte
- ❑ Strands, solids nests or trabeculae
- ❑ HepPar1+, AFP+, CK19+, c-kit+
- ❑ Minor components: HCC, CC, cholangiolocellular carcinoma



## Combined Hepatocellular-Cholangiocarcinoma With Stem cell features - cholangiolocellular type



- ❑ Small anastomosing glands with fibrous stroma
- ❑ Cuboidal cells
- ❑ Coexpression of biliary and progenitor cell markers
- ❑ CK19, cKit, NCAM, EpCAM
- ❑ Minor components: HCC, CC

# Targeted therapies in HCC?

Sorafenib

Tivantinib: c-met receptor?

# Conclusion

Cirrhotic liver:

Diagnosis of small tumors (1 -2 cm)?

Prognostic factors: Tumor differentiation

Vascular invasion

Stem/progenitor cell markers

New prognosis markers from molecular studies

A continuous spectrum of liver cell tumors

Non cirrhotic liver:

Biopsy for differential diagnosis?

New prognosis markers from molecular studies

New therapies?