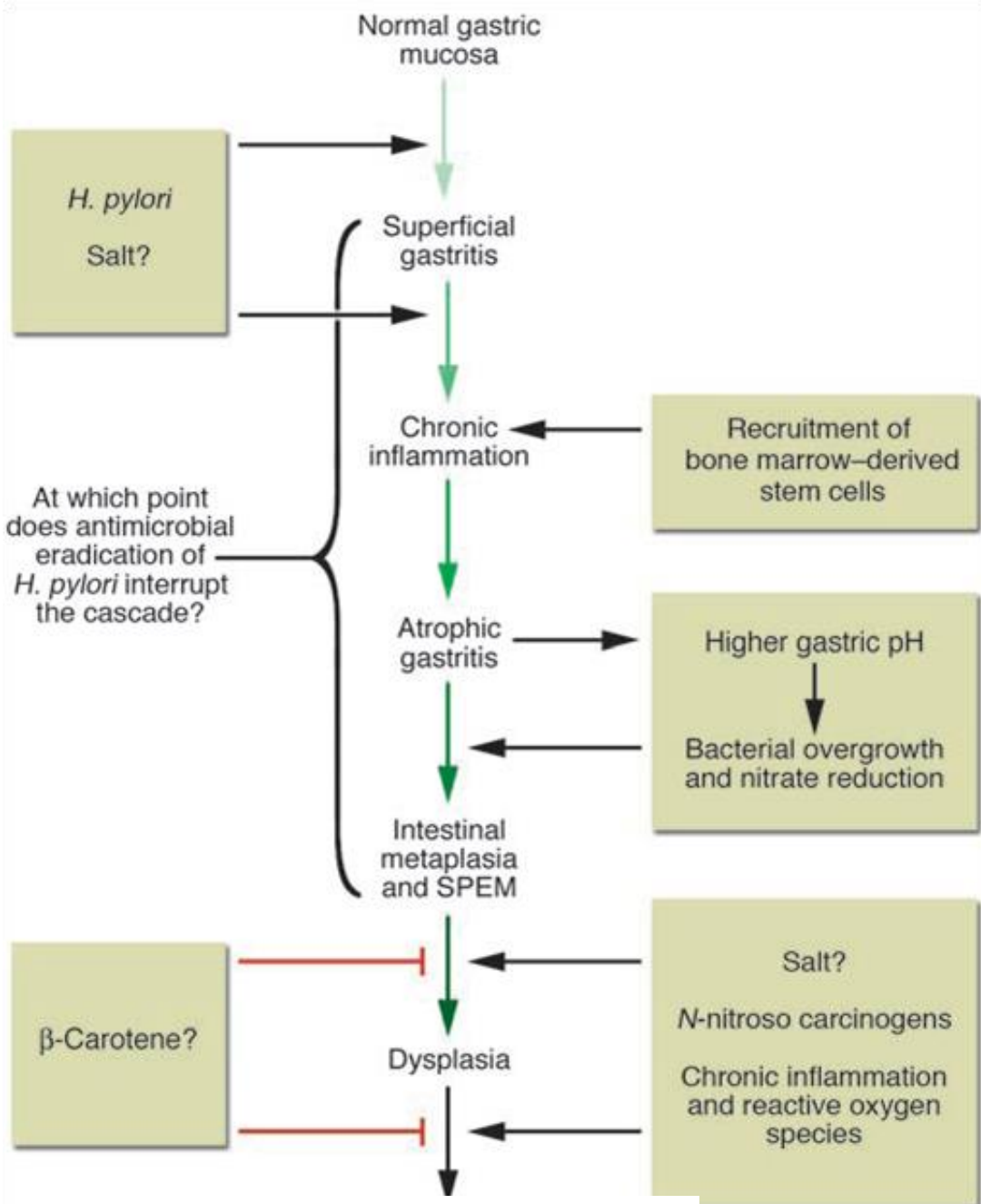


PRE-NEOPLASTIC AND NEOPLASIC LESIONS OF THE STOMACH

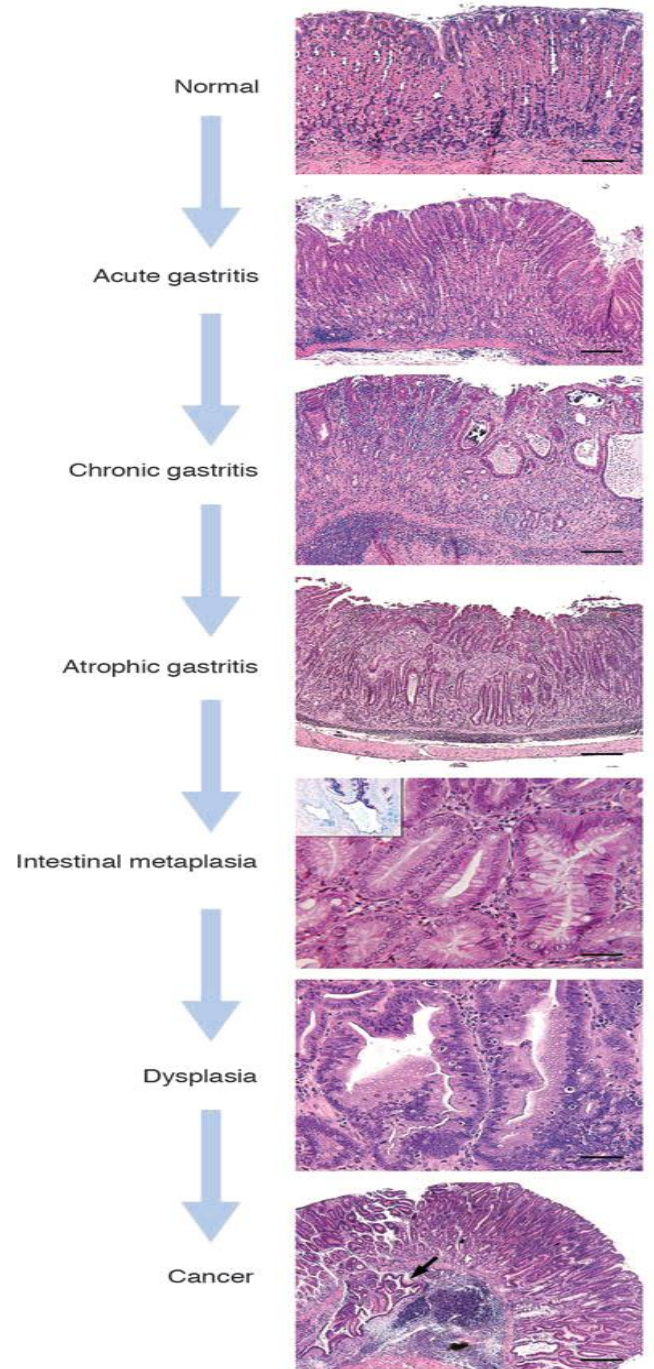
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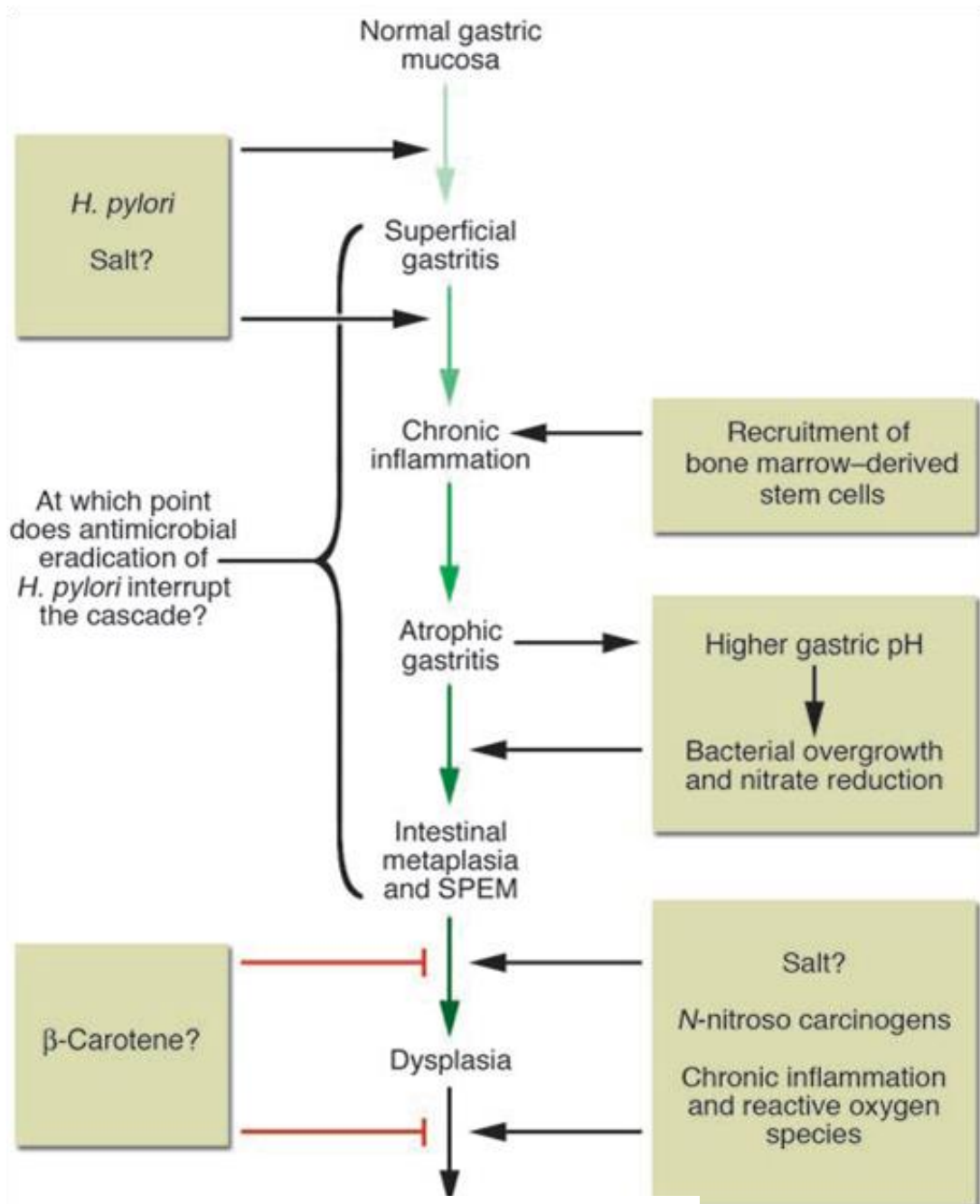
Histologic classifications

To standardize histologic diagnosis

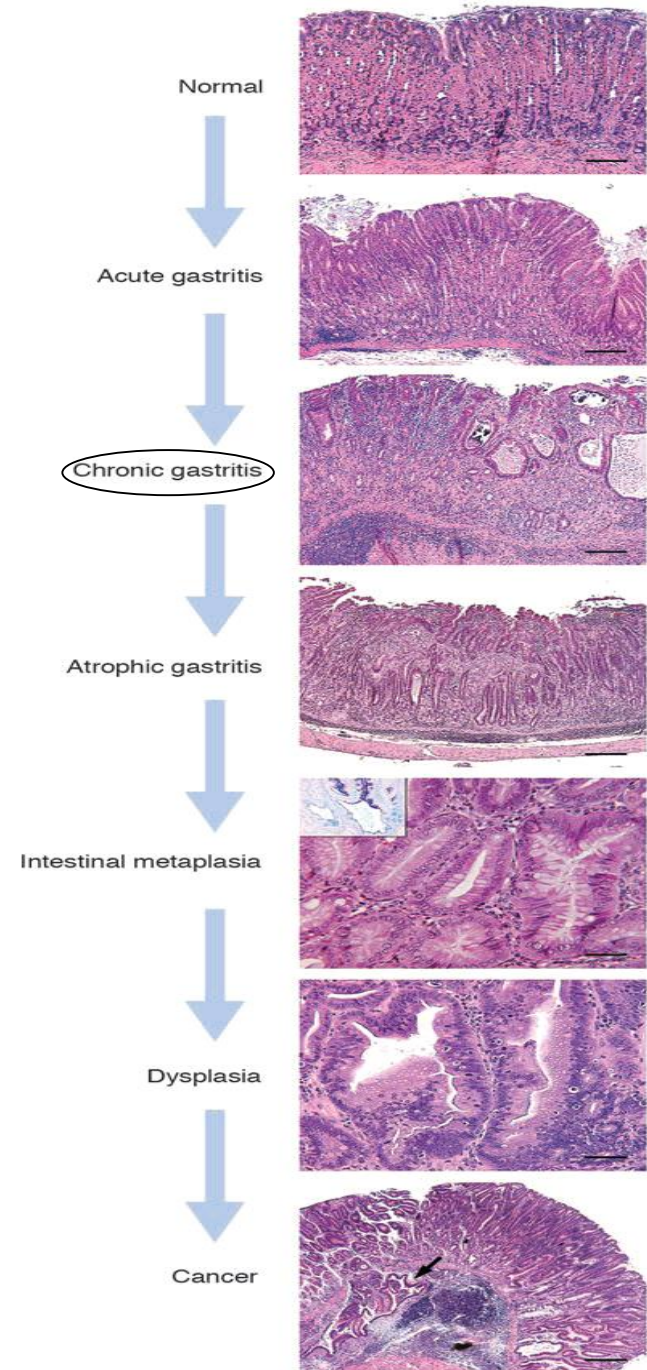
Increase of inter-observer agreement

Better communication between pathologists and clinicians

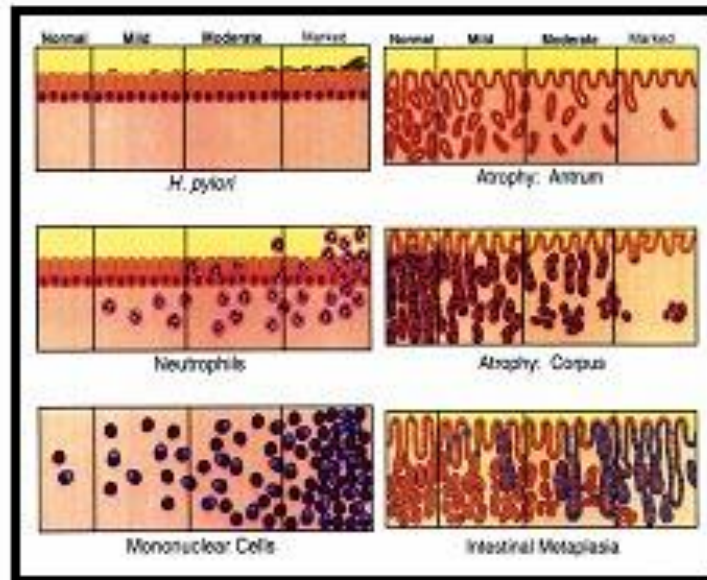
Therapeutic management



Intestinal carcinoma



Houston Gastritis Workshop 1994



Updated Sydney System
Visual Analogue Scale

ETIOLOGY

Etiology

Pathogenic associations

TOPOGRAPHY

Antral gastritis

Fundic gastritis

Pangastritis

MORPHOLOGY

Graded variables
(none, mild, moderate, severe)

Inflammation

Activity

Atrophy

Intestinal metaplasia

H. pylori

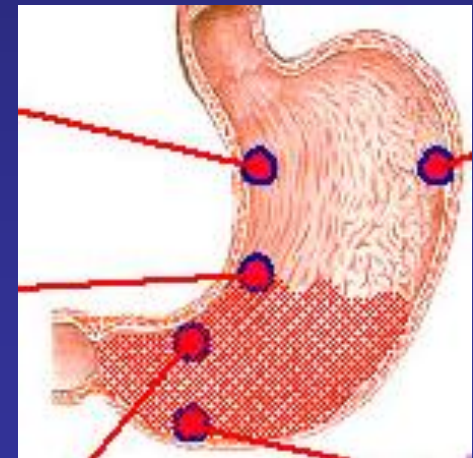
Ungraded variables

Non-specific

Specific

Sampling

- Two biopsies from the distal antrum
- Two biopsies from the proximal corpus
- One from incisura angularis



Extension of elementary lesions in each compartment



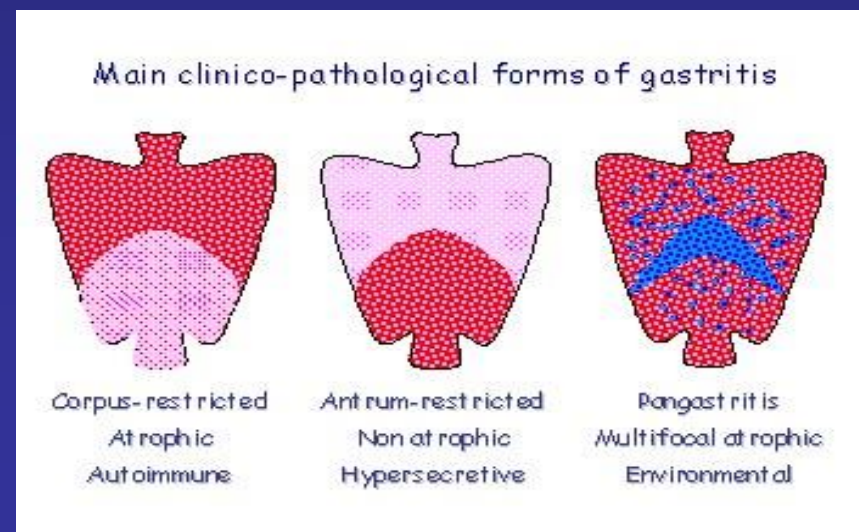
Patterns of gastritis

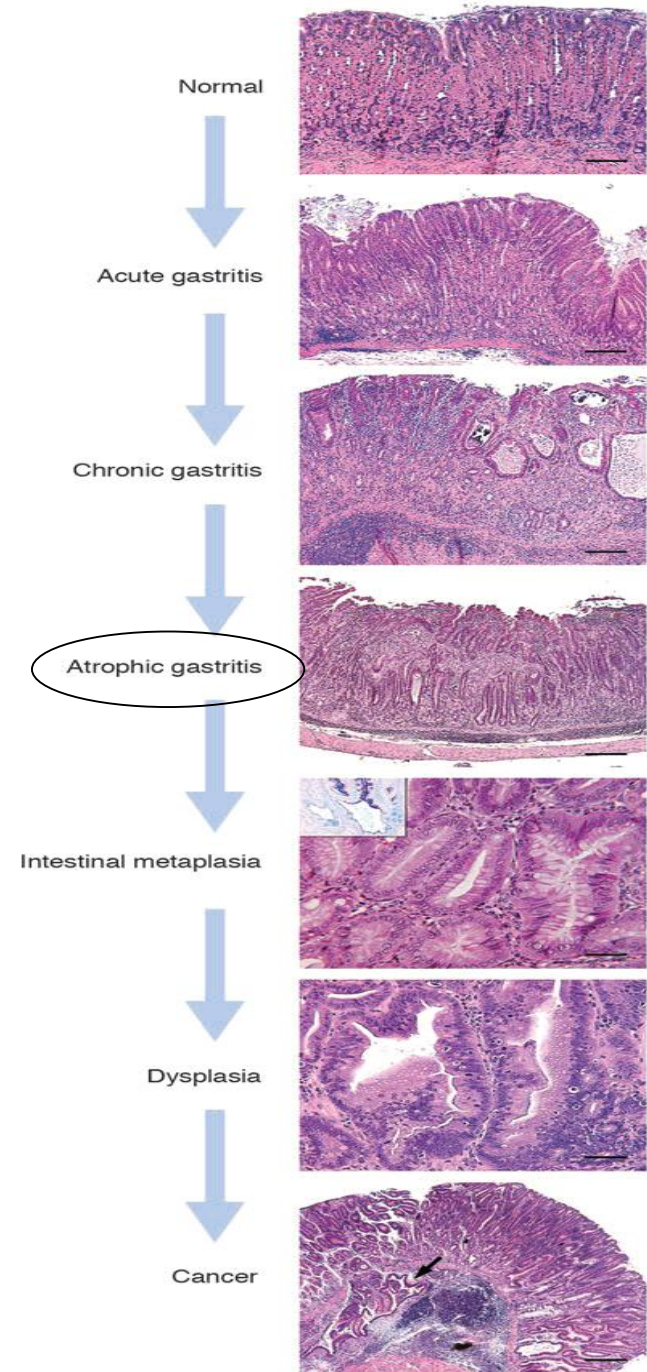
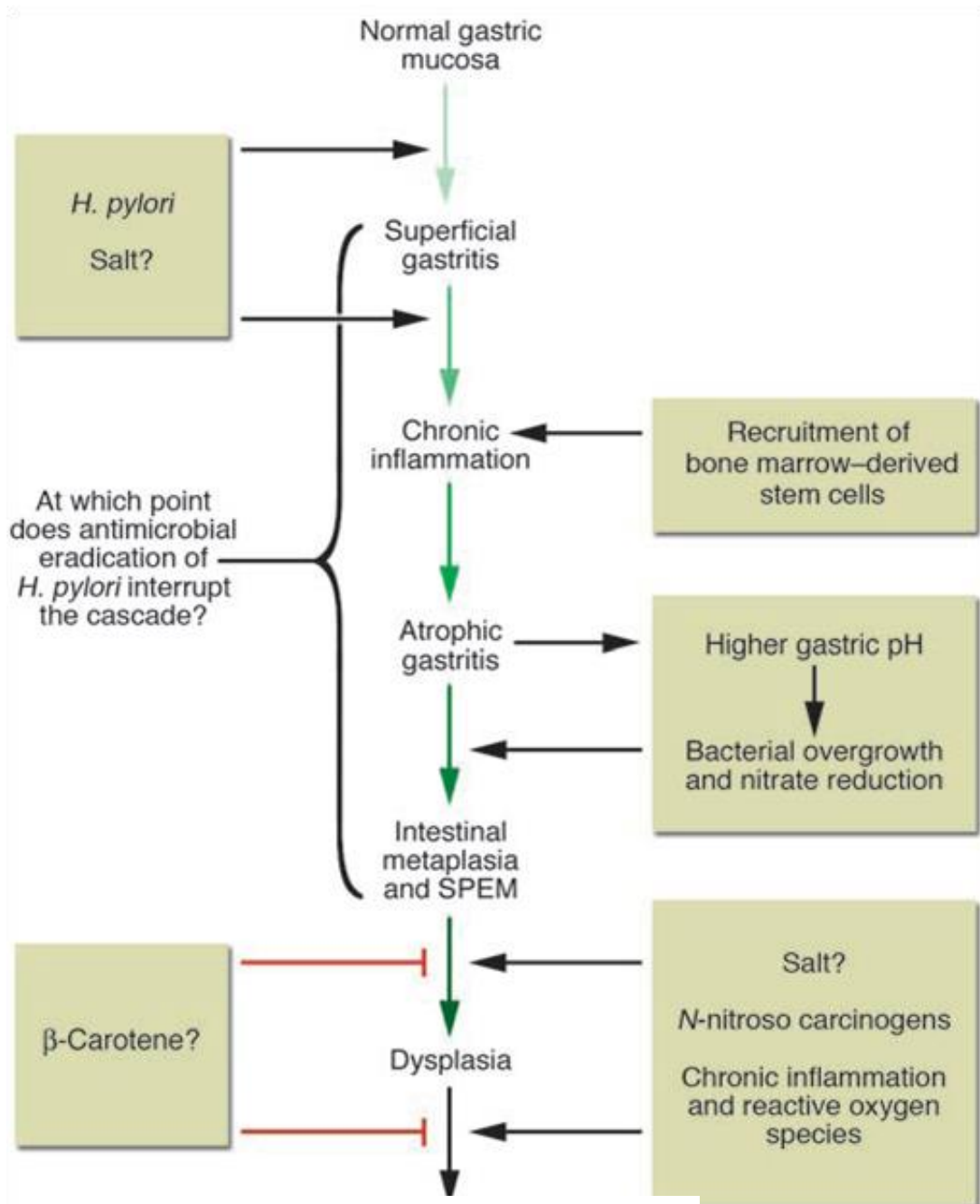
H.p. chronic gastritis, active, antrum - predominant
active chronic gastritis

corpus-restricted chronic atrophic gastritis (probably autoimmune)

H.p. associated multifocal atrophic gastritis, etc.

Different level of risk





Atrophy club

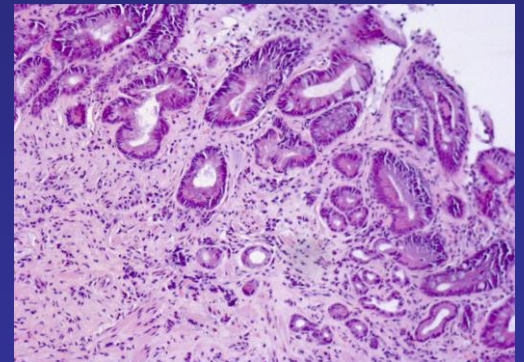
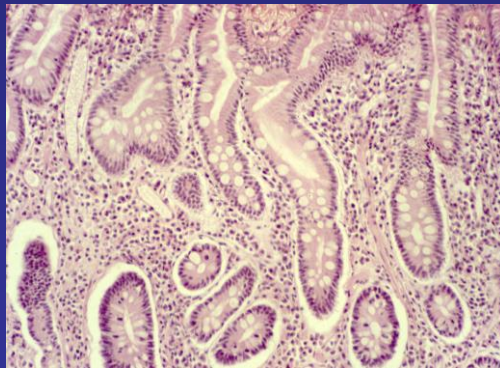
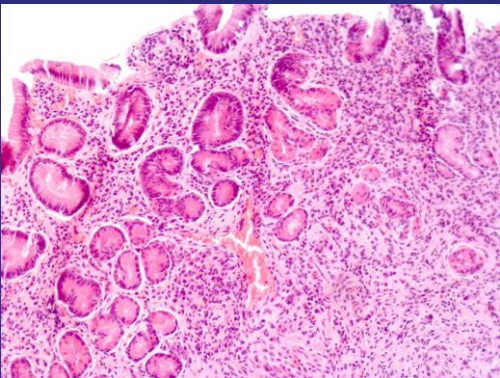
Gastric mucosal atrophy: interobserver consistency using new criteria for classification and grading

M. Rugge, P. Correa, M. F. Dixon, R. Fiocca, T. Hattori, J. Lechago, G. Leandro,
A. B. Price, P. Sipponen, E. Solcia, H. Watanabe & R. M. Genta

Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2002; 16: 1249–1259.

Gastric mucosal atrophy is defined as the loss of appropriate glands

- ❖ vanishing of glands associated with fibrotic expansion of the lamina propria
- ❖ metaplastic replacement of the native glands
 - intestinal metaplasia
 - pseudopyloric metaplasia



Staging gastritis: an international proposal

Rugge M, Genta RM, OLGA Group

Gastroenterology 2005; 129: 1807-1808

Operative Link for Gastritis Assessment (OLGA)

OLGA Staging System

Immediate assessment of the severity of the atrophic gastritis

Prediction of the risk of gastric cancer depending on the extent of the atrophy and intestinal metaplasia

The stage of gastritis is obtained by combining the extent of atrophy scored histologically with the topography of atrophy identified by the multiple biopsies

Atrophy Score		Corpus			
		No Atrophy (score 0)	Mild Atrophy (score 1)	Moderate Atrophy (score 2)	Severe Atrophy (score 3)
A n t r u m	No Atrophy (score 0) (including <i>incisura angularis</i>)	STAGE 0	STAGE I	STAGE II	STAGE II
	Mild Atrophy (score 1) (including <i>incisura angularis</i>)	STAGE I	STAGE I	STAGE II	STAGE III
	Moderate Atrophy (score 2) (including <i>incisura angularis</i>)	STAGE II	STAGE II	STAGE III	STAGE IV
	Severe Atrophy (score 3) (including <i>incisura angularis</i>)	STAGE III	STAGE III	STAGE IV	STAGE IV



Identification of a small group of patients candidated to the survaillance programs

Stage 0 - I → absent risk
Stage II → low risk

Stages III - IV (multifocal atrophic gastritis) → high risk

Gastric ulcer
High incidence areas



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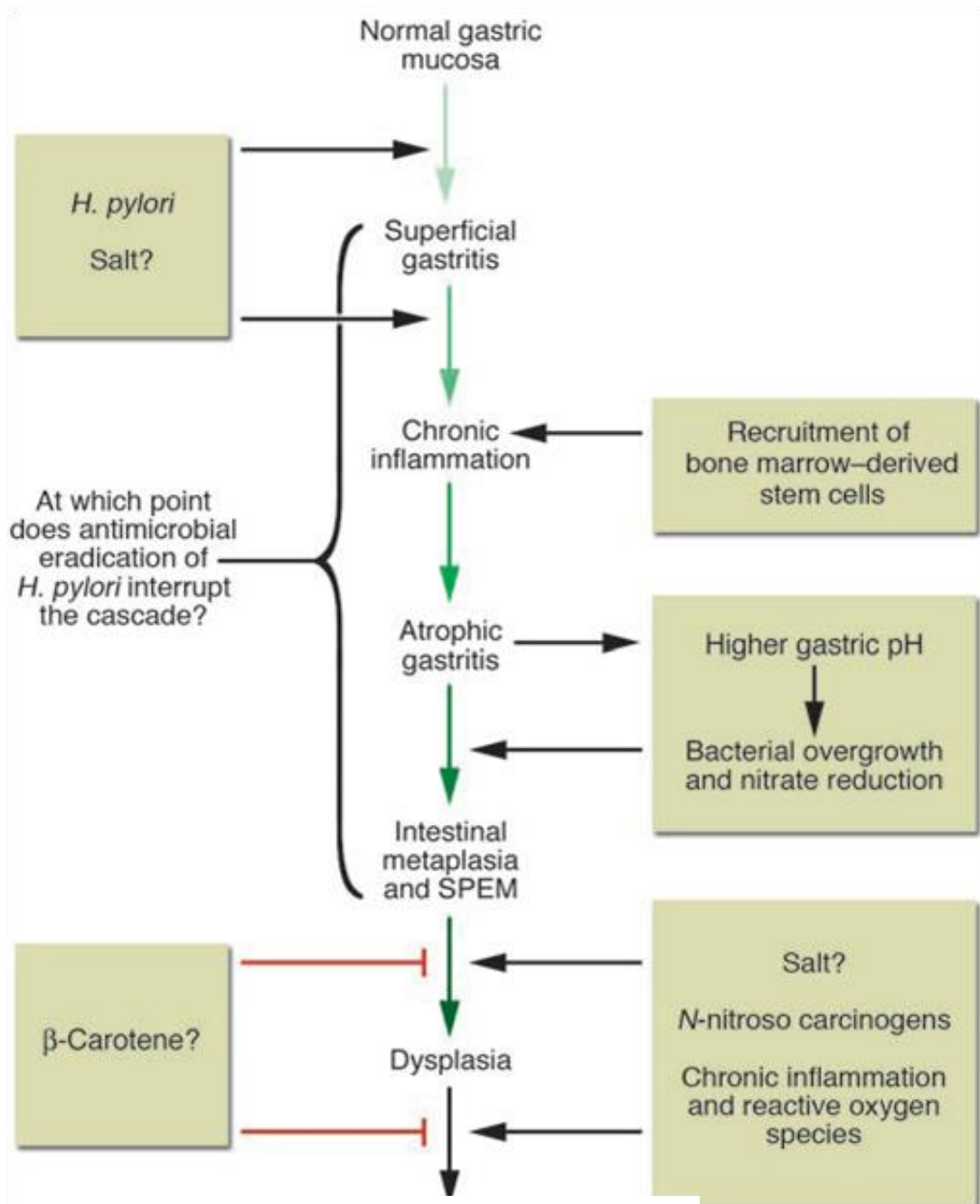
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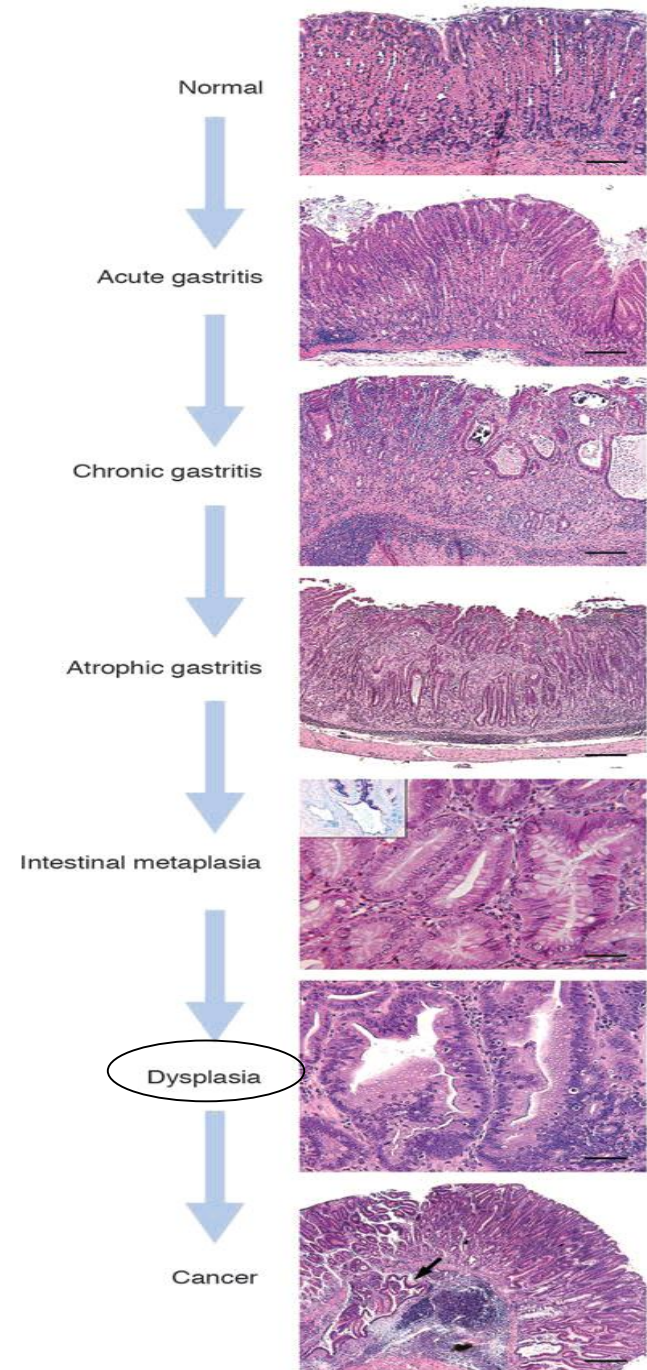
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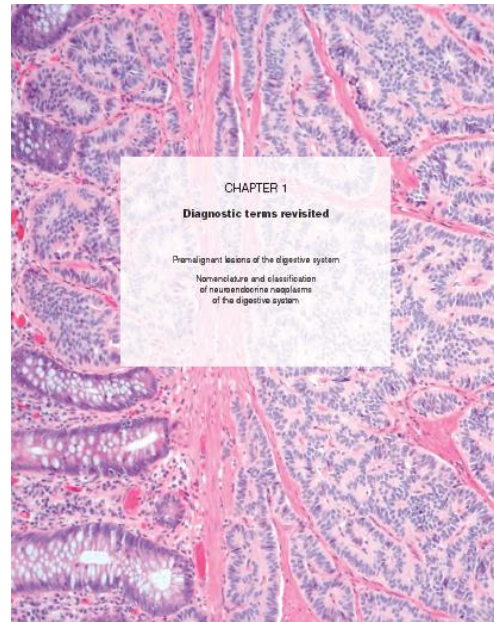
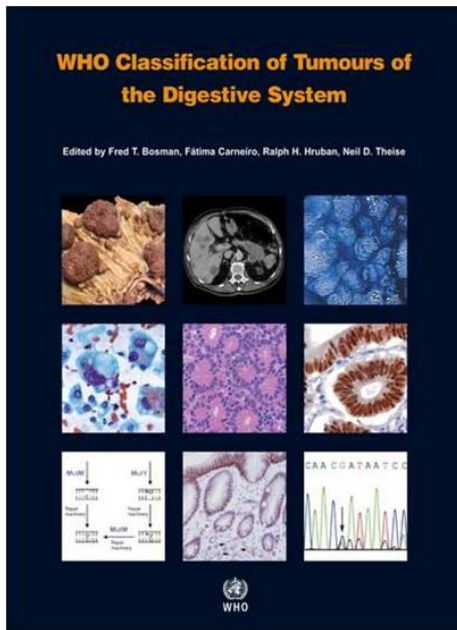
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Gastric dysplasia - WHO classification (2010)



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R.H. Riddell
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N.D. Theise
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Odze RD *et al.* Premalignant lesions of the digestive system. *In: WHO Classification of Tumours of the Digestive System, Fourth Edition.* Bosman FT, Carneiro F, Hruban RH and Theise ND (eds), IARC Press: Lyon, 2010; Pp 10-12.



Recognizing that the terminology of dysplasia is entrenched in the European and particularly North-American literature, as well as in clinical practice, WHO considers that "intraepithelial neoplasia" and "dysplasia" should be considered as synonymous terms. The following categories should thus be considered:

- Negative for intraepithelial neoplasia /dysplasia*
- Indefinite for intraepithelial neoplasia /dysplasia
- Low -grade intraepithelial neoplasia/dysplasia
- High-grade intraepithelial neoplasia/dysplasia
- Intramucosal invasive neoplasia/intramucosal carcinoma

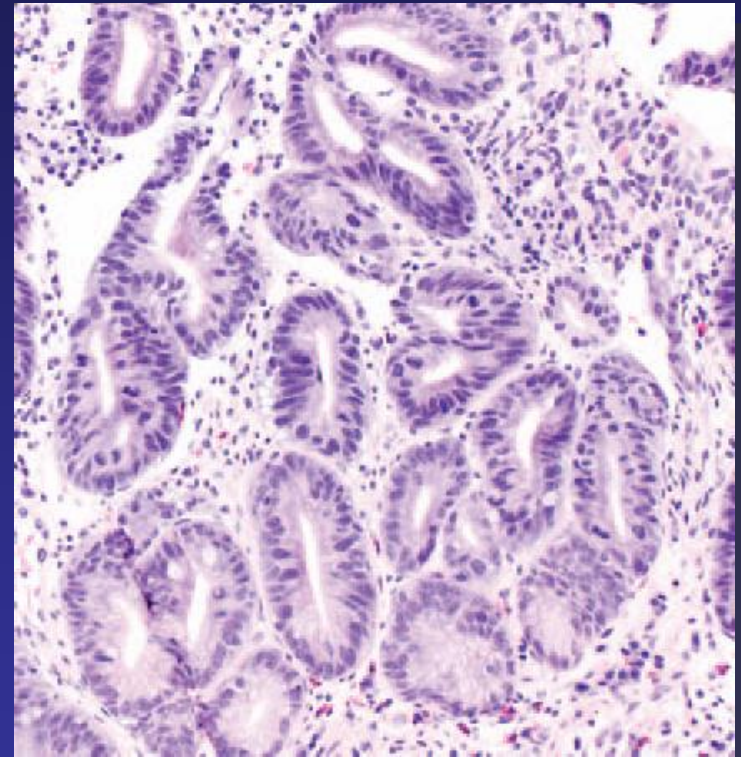
*In stomach, and as far as these guidelines is concerned, *category 1* includes lesions such as atrophic chronic gastritis and intestinal metaplasia.

Indefinite for intra-epithelial neoplasia/dysplasia

The use of this category is favoured where there is doubt as to whether a lesion is neoplastic or non-neoplastic (i.e. reactive or regenerative), particularly in small biopsies exhibiting inflammation.

This term represents a pragmatic solution to an ambiguous morphological pattern but it is not a final diagnosis.

It should not be seen as a diagnostic failure, but, rather, as the response to a real practical issue.



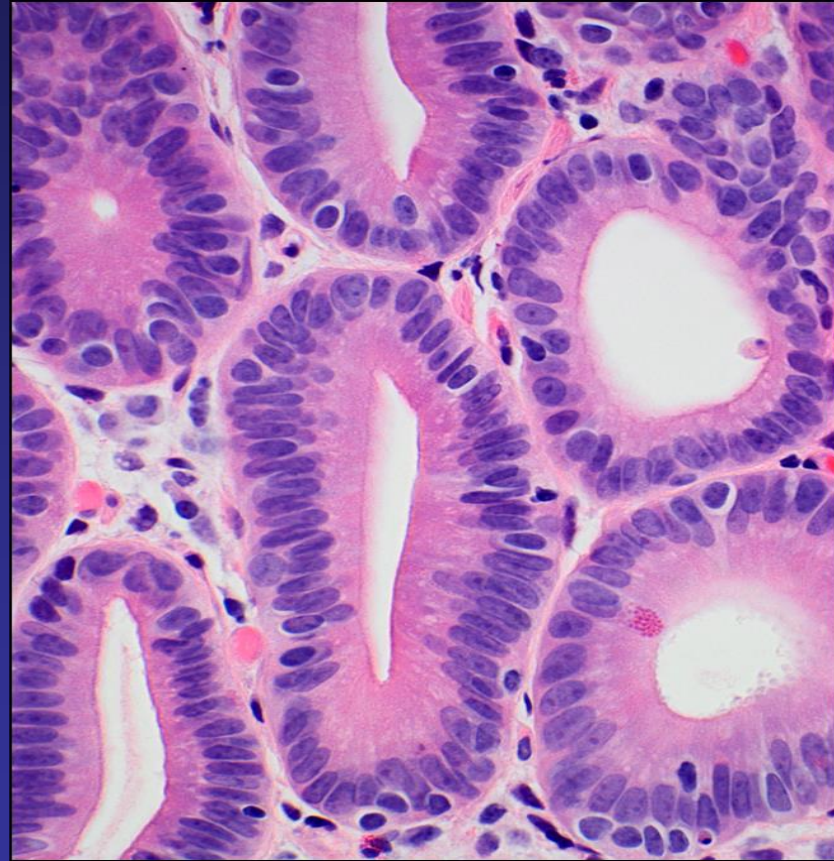
Low-grade intra-epithelial neoplasia/dysplasia

Minimal architectural disarray

Mild/moderate cytological atypia

Nuclei are elongated, polarised,
basally located

Mitotic activity is mild/moderate



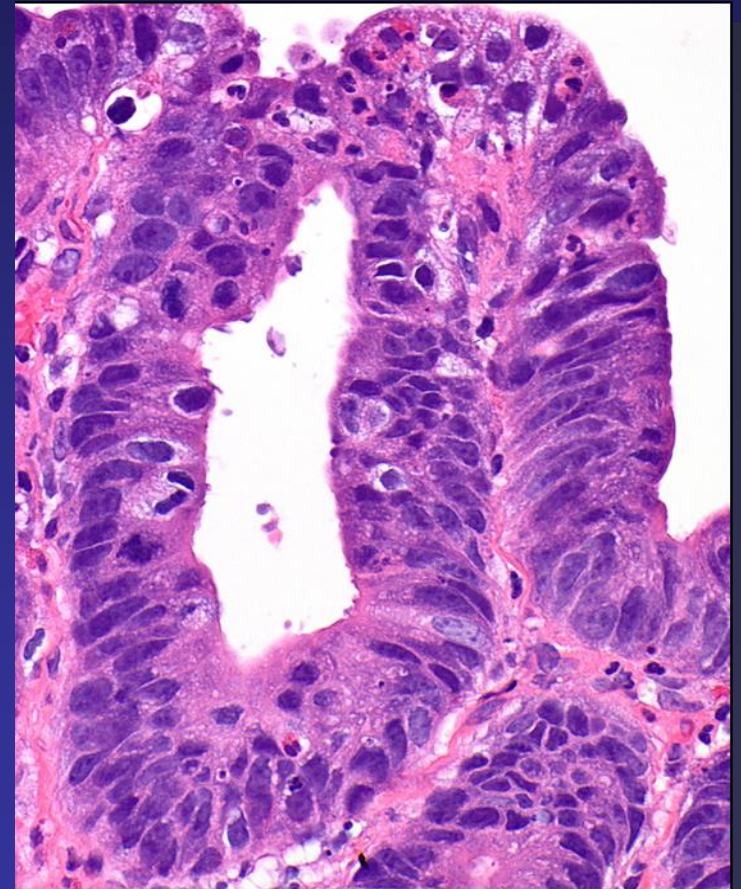
High-grade intra-epithelial neoplasia/dysplasia

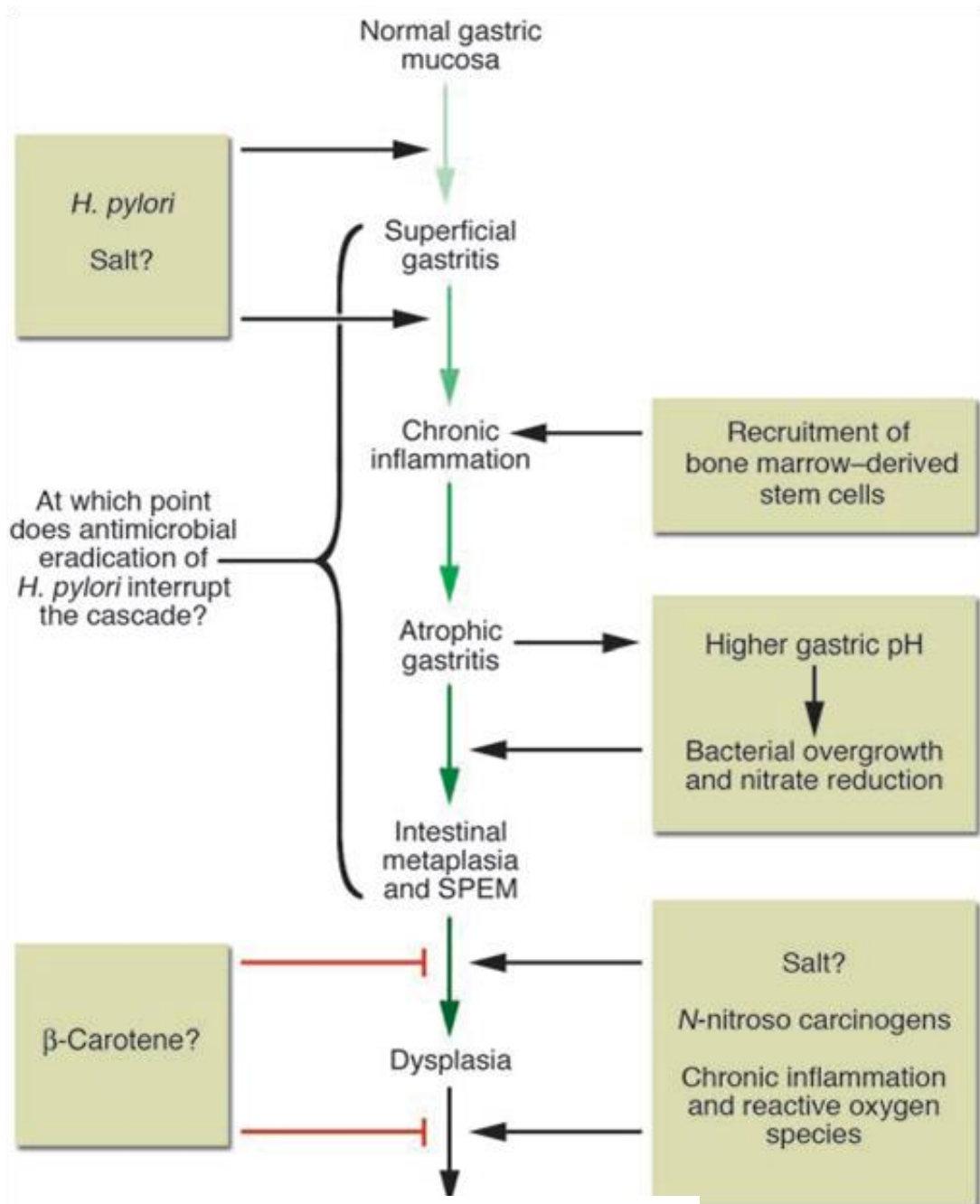
Pronounced architectural disarray

High nucleus/cytoplasm ratio

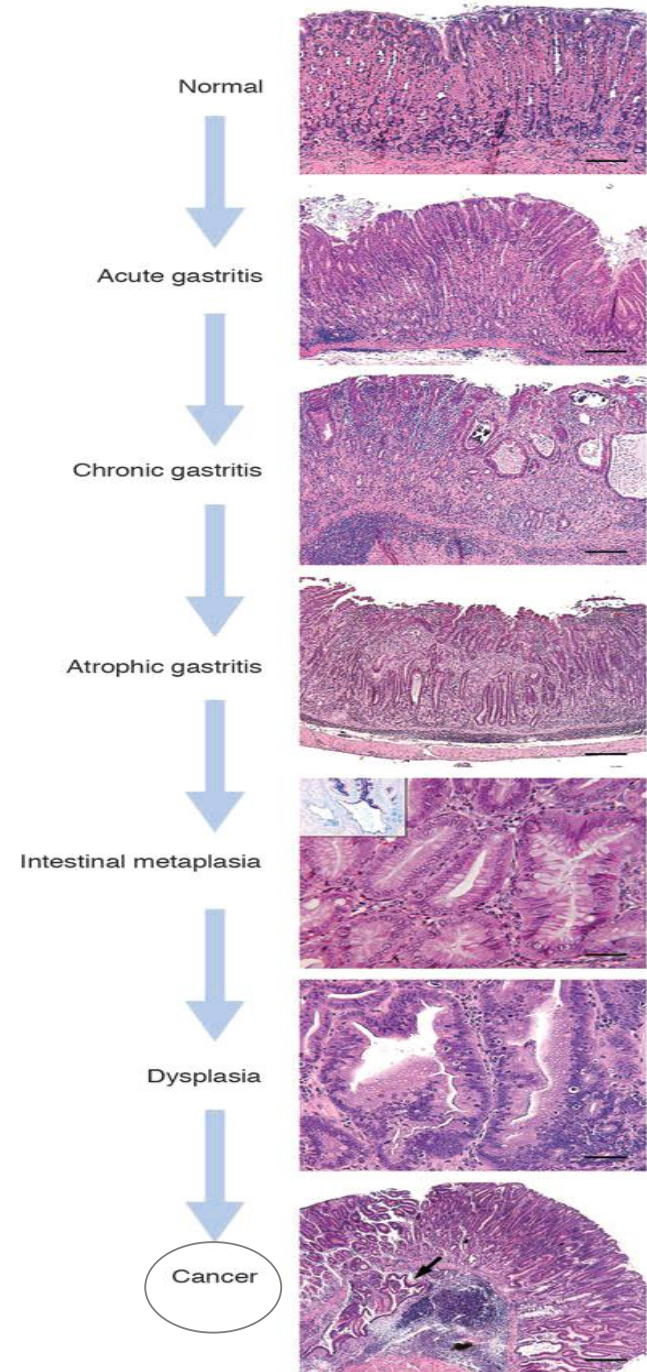
Numerous mitoses, often atypical

Nuclei frequently extend towards the luminal half of the gland





Intestinal carcinoma



Intramucosal carcinoma

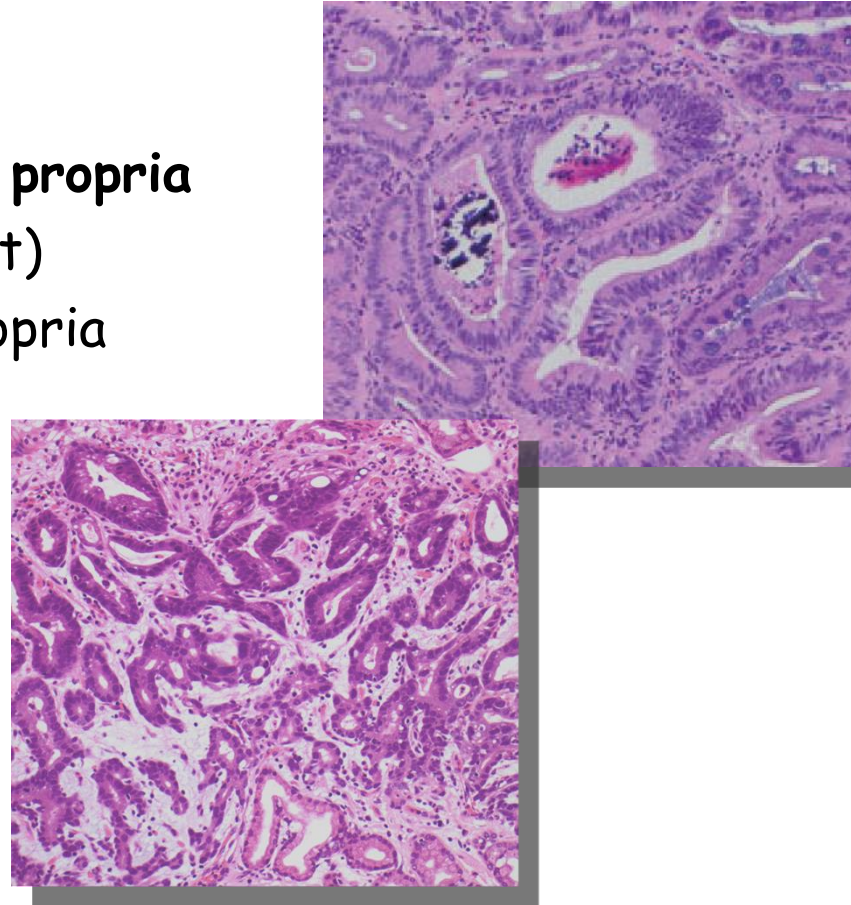
Defines carcinoma that invades lamina propria

Desmoplastic changes (minimal or absent)

Single infiltrating cells in the lamina propria

Distinct structural anomalies, such as

- marked glandular crowding
- excessive branching
- budding
- intraluminal necrotic debris



DEFINITION OF EGC (MURAKAMI, 1971)

A TUMOUR WHICH INVADES MUCOSA
AND/OR SUBMUCOSA, REGARDLESS
OF LYMPH NODE STATUS

EARLY GASTRIC CANCER

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ESD

SURGERY

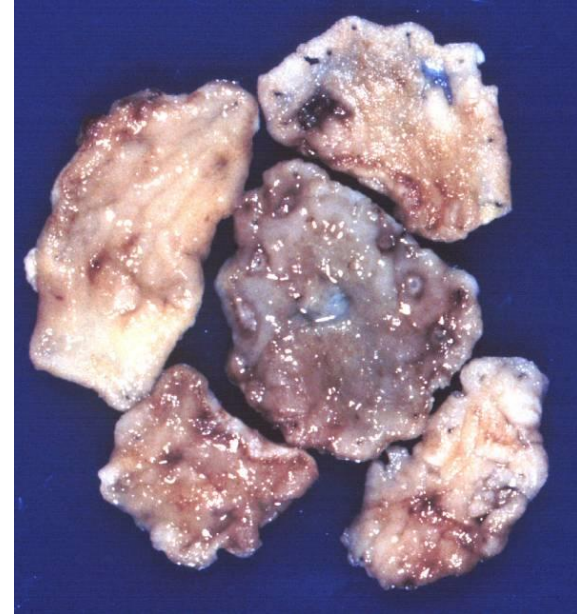
DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

- High Grade Intra-epithelial Neoplasia/Dysplasia
- Intra-Mucosal Carcinoma (Early Gastric Cancer)
- Endoscopist
- Endoscopic Submucosal Resection (ESD)
- Pathologist

ESD

vs

EMR



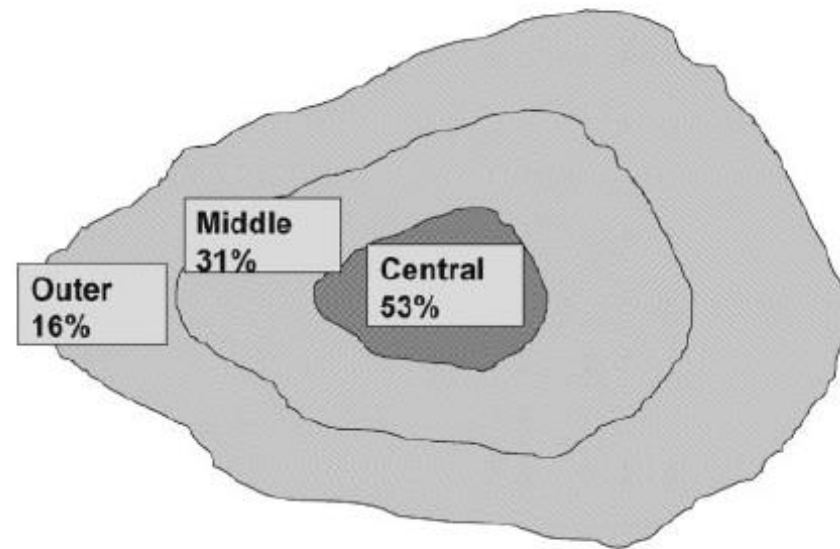
92% En bloc
82% R0
<1% recurrence
4% perforation

48% Piecemeal
42% R0
6% recurrence
<1% perforation

Pictures from T Sano, Tokyo

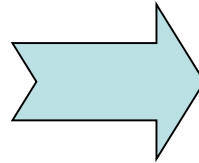
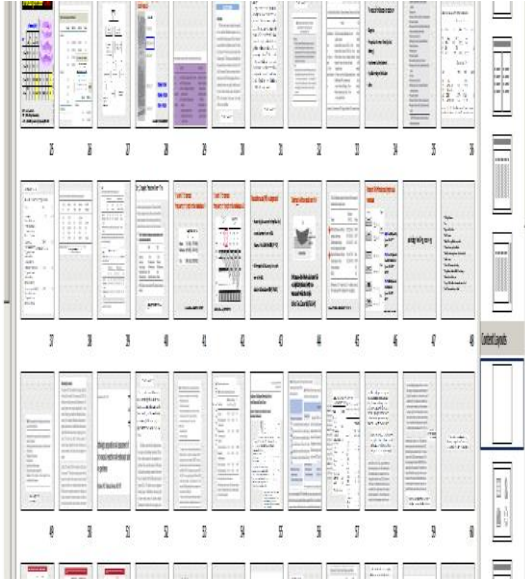
Piecemeal resection may impact on accurate tumour depth assessment.

Characteristics	Number	Central	Middle	Outer	<i>P</i> *
Macro type					
Raised	66	35	23	8	0.967
Depressed	129	68	37	24	
Tumor size (mm)					
≤20	93	47	25	21	0.542
>20	102	56	35	11	
Ulcer finding					
No	122	65	35	22	0.868
Yes	73	38	25	10	
Location					
U	37	22	13	2	0.105
M	99	57	23	19	
L	59	24	24	11	
ly-v					
No	162	86	46	30	0.869
Yes	33	17	14	2	
Histological type					
Well	162	84	47	31	0.156
Mod	30	18	11	1	
Pap	3	1	2	0	
Total	195	103	60	32	

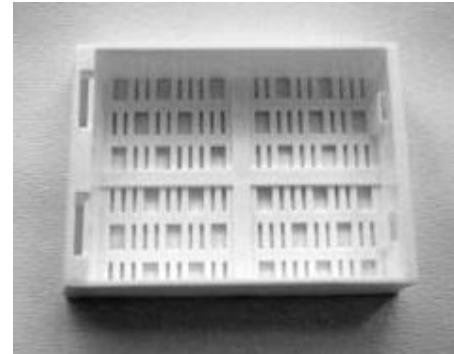


True tumour depth can only be assessed if the entire lesion is resected in one piece and there are no burn effects inside the lesion.

From endoscopist to pathologist

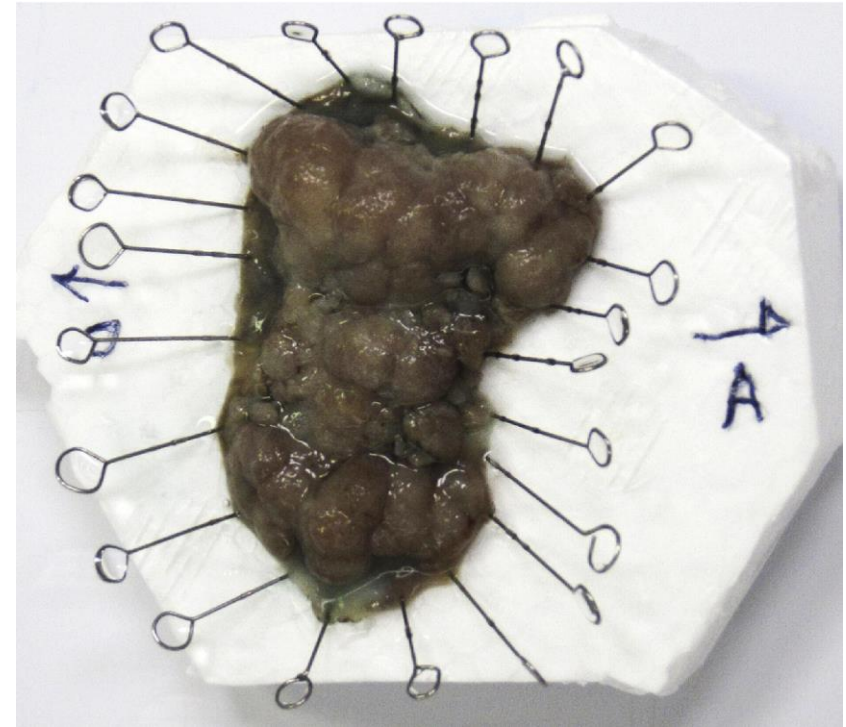
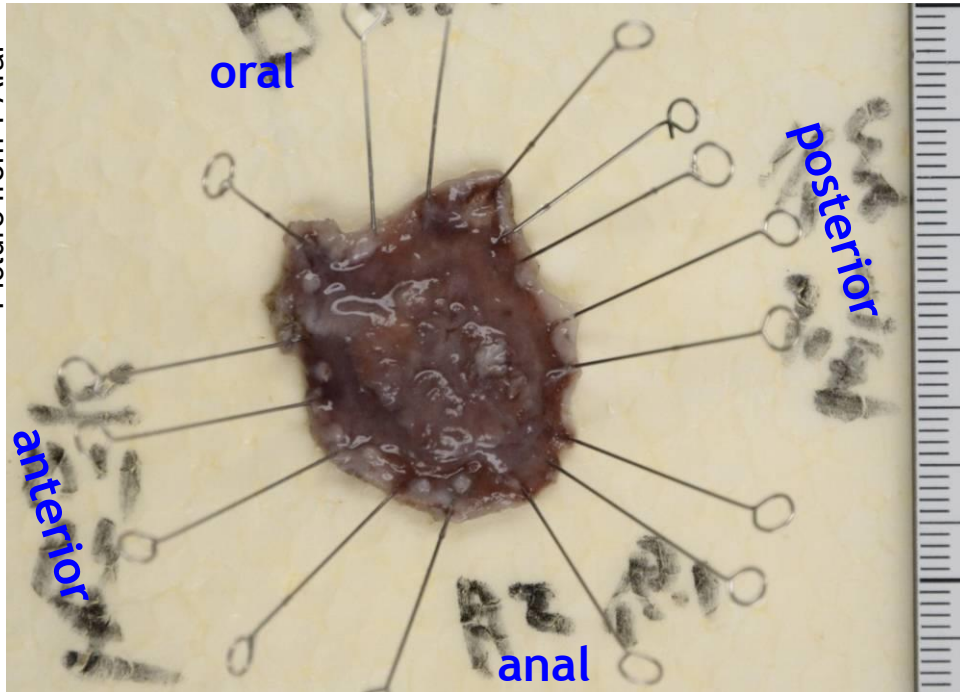


Prevent curling up of small specimens



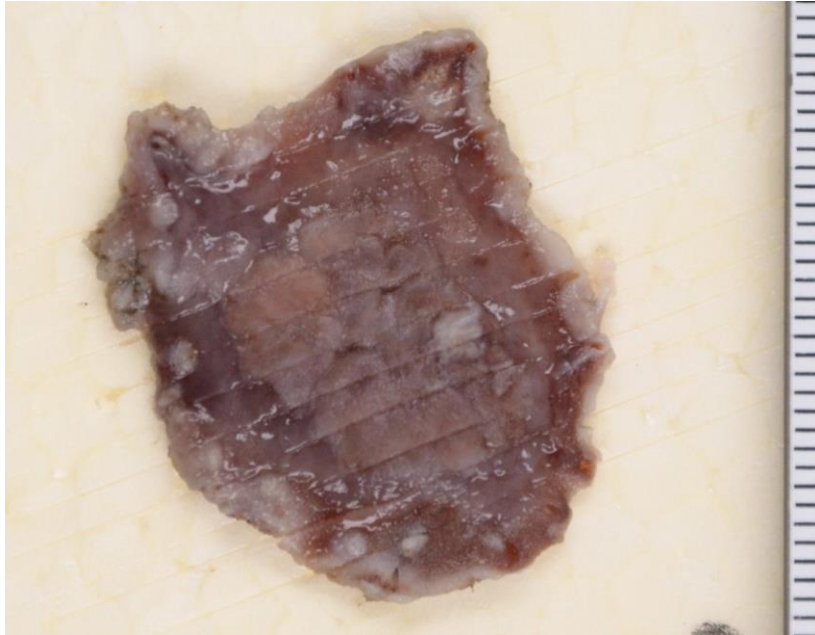
Place specimen in between 'histology sponges'
regular size cassette or megablock cassette.

Specimen pinned out by endoscopist



The larger the specimen the more important it becomes that the specimen is pinned out and 'orientated' to facilitate repeat EMR/ESD for positive lateral margins.

Macroscopic description



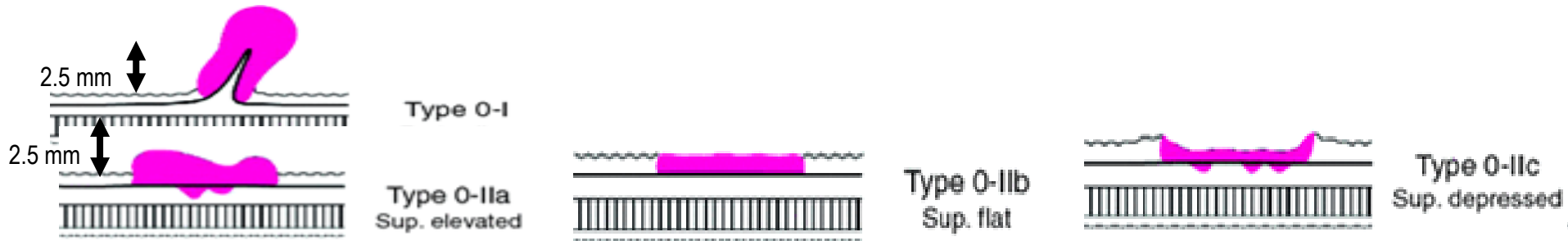
Photograph (optional)

Measurements:

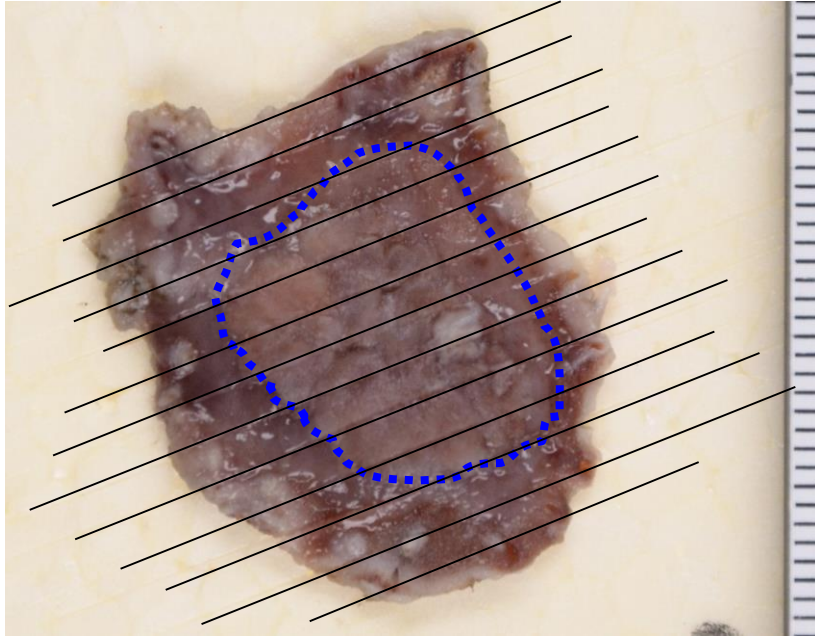
- Specimen in 3 dimensions
- Lesion incl. distance to margin

Determine macroscopic type if not provided by endoscopist (Paris classification)

Ink deep margin (optional)



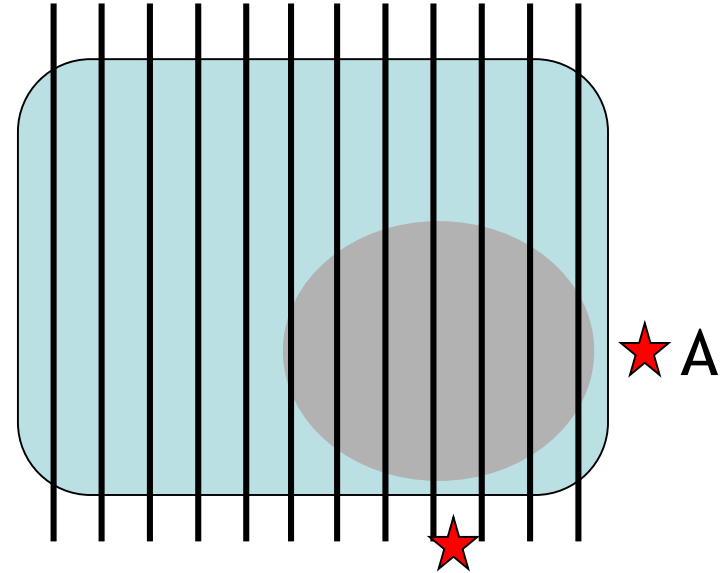
Cutting the specimen



2 to max 3mm wide sections

Direction optimised to demonstrate distance to lateral margin.

If lesion in the centre, then cut perpendicular to longest axis.



Block out sections systematically from 'one end to the other' and ask to be cut 'on edge'.

If lesion close to two lateral margins, then position section (A) 'flat' to cut from the margin towards the lesion.

Processing the specimen

Mojtahed A et al



3 sections in a 'half width megablock'
> ideal for large ESDs

(Note: this type of cassette is currently not available in the EU)



Another option by M Vieth from Bayreuth



Regular size cassette with dividers

Histological evaluation - Resection margin

1. Deep (vertical) margin

VM0 - not involved (measure distance to margin)

VM1 - involved **VMx** - cannot be assessed

2. Lateral (horizontal) margin

HM0 - not involved (measure distance to margin)

= No cancer in first and last section. No cancer at both sides of all other sections.

HM1 - involved.

Record number of sections with HM.

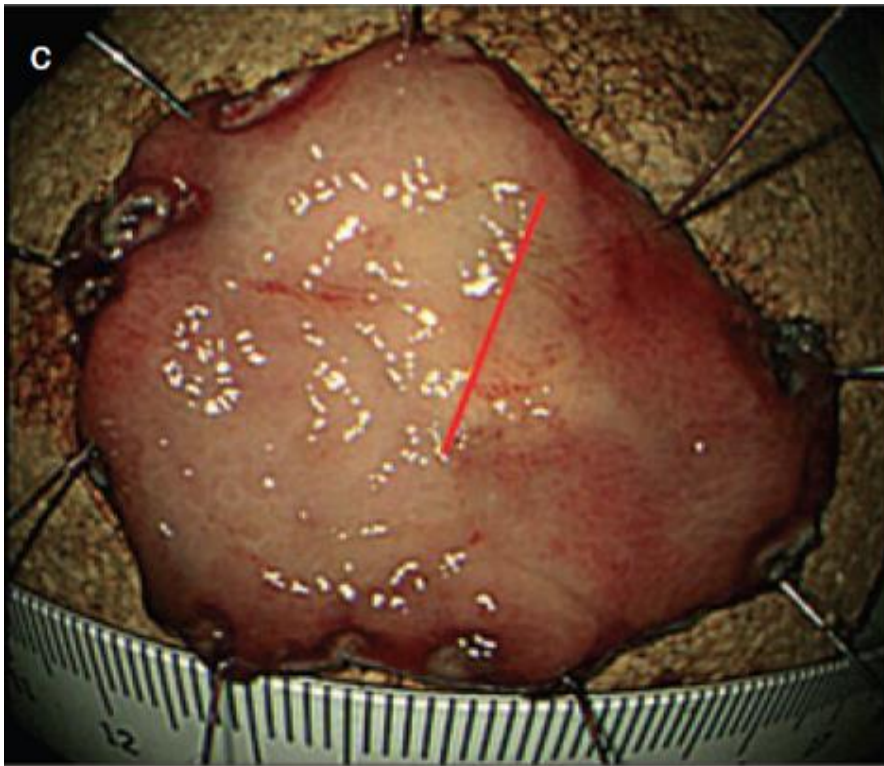
If one section HM1 > no further treatment,

if more than 1 section positive > immediate repeat EMR/ESD

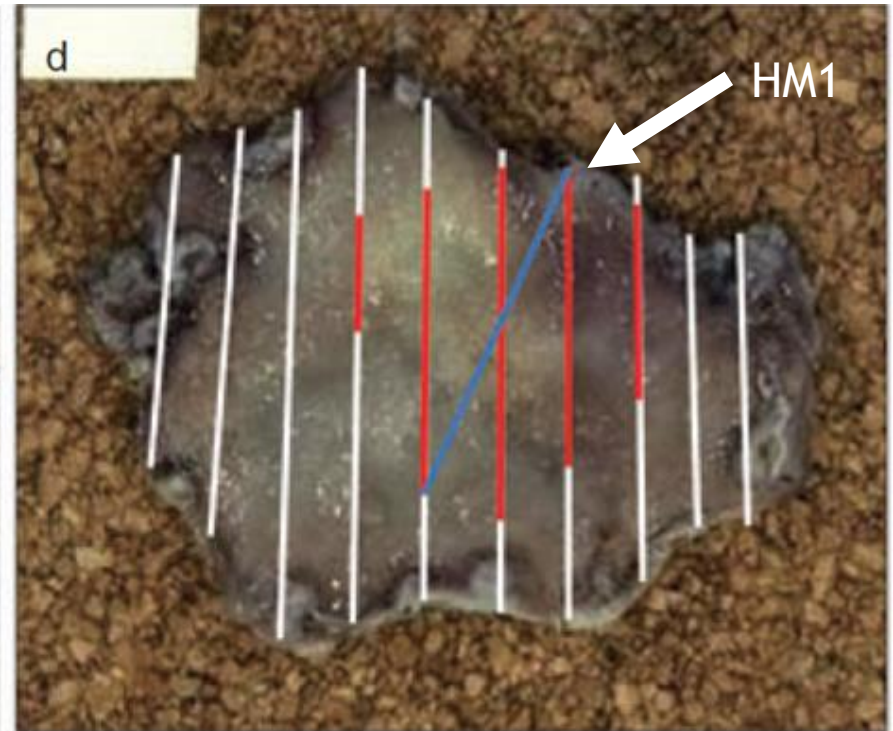
HMx - cannot be assessed

Histological evaluation - Size of tumour

Size of the tumour needs to be confirmed on histology as size may be underestimated on macroscopy

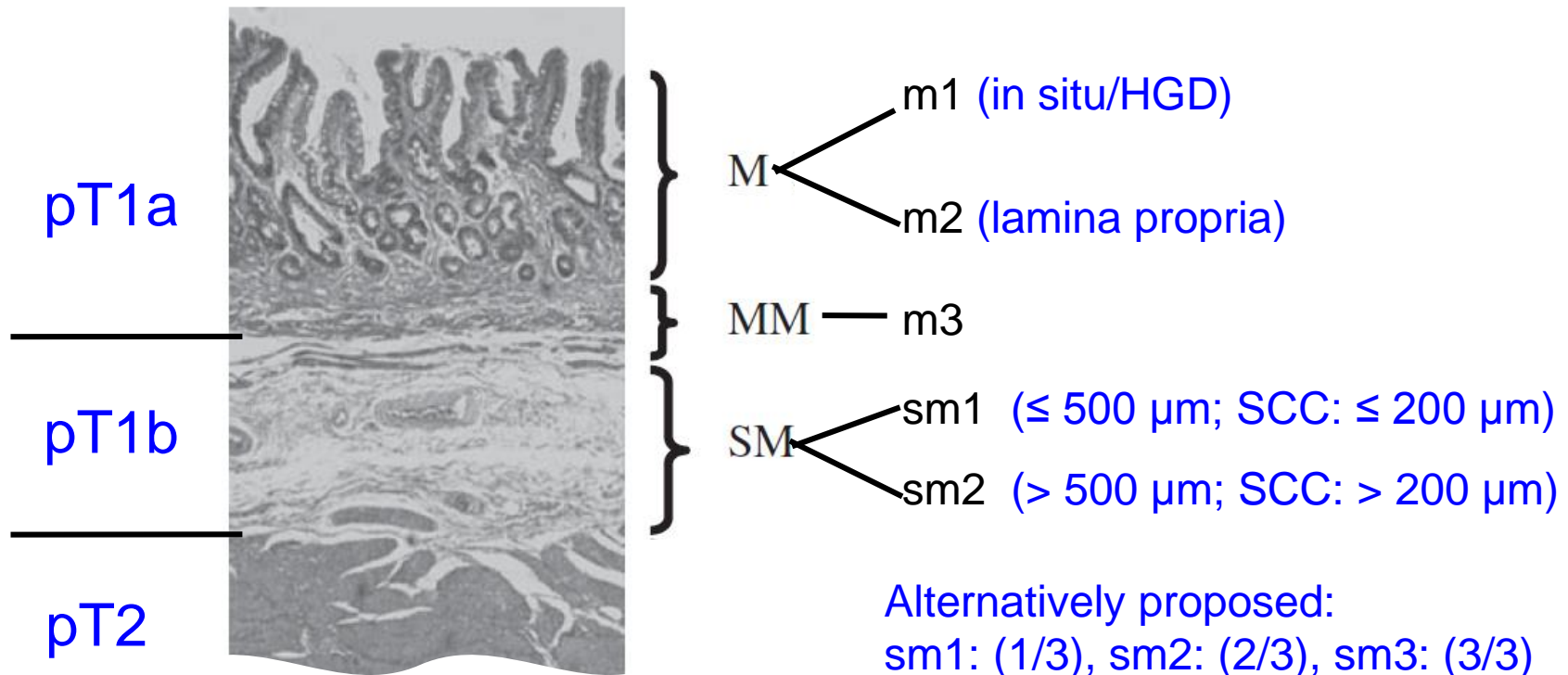


Max tumour diameter (macro): 15mm (red line)



Max tumour diameter (micro): 23mm (blue line), also R1 (HM)

Histological evaluation - Depth of invasion 'extended' TNM classification



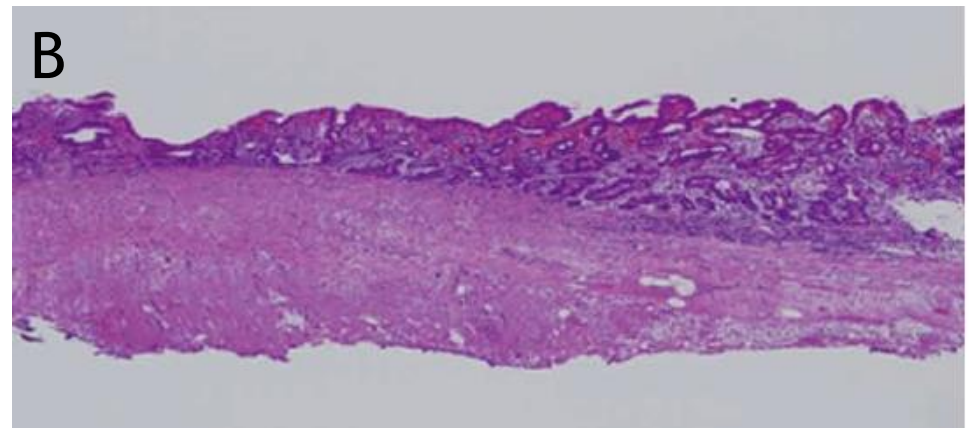
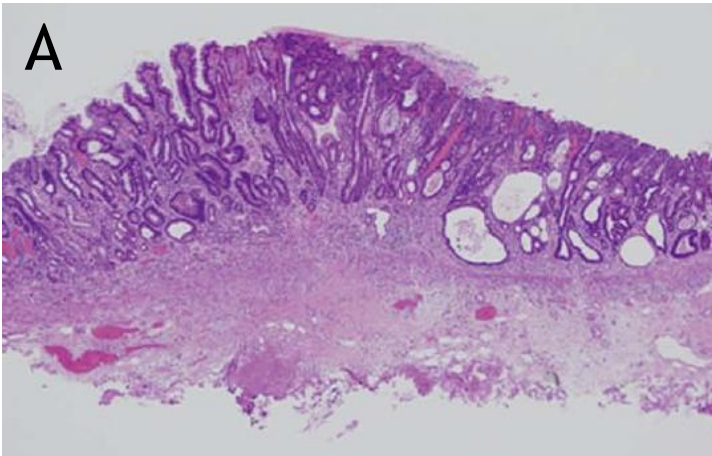
Notes:

Depth of invasion is only assessed if the deep margin is negative.
Always provide absolute measurement from muscularis mucosae.

Histological evaluation - Ulceration/scar

UL(-): intratumoral ulcer or ulcer scar is absent

UL(+): intratumoral ulcer or ulcer scar is present

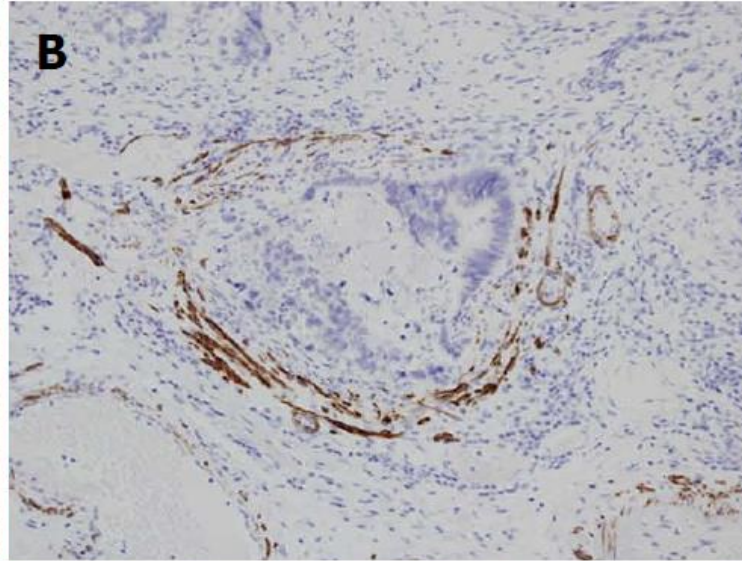
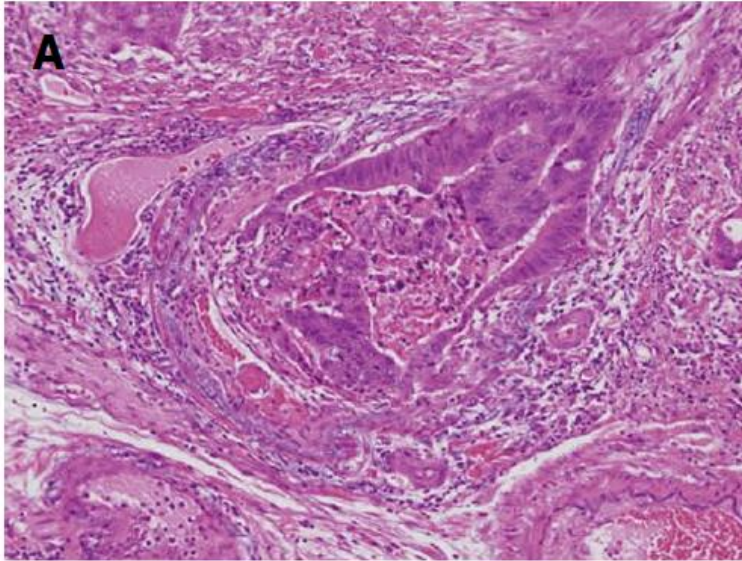


Challenge:

Scarring due to biopsy (A: usually small and circumscribed) vs. scarring after ulceration (B: usually expansive lesion).

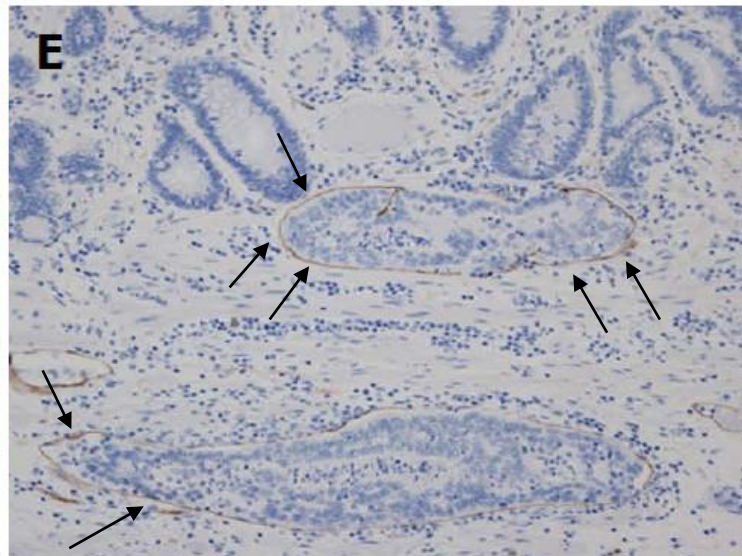
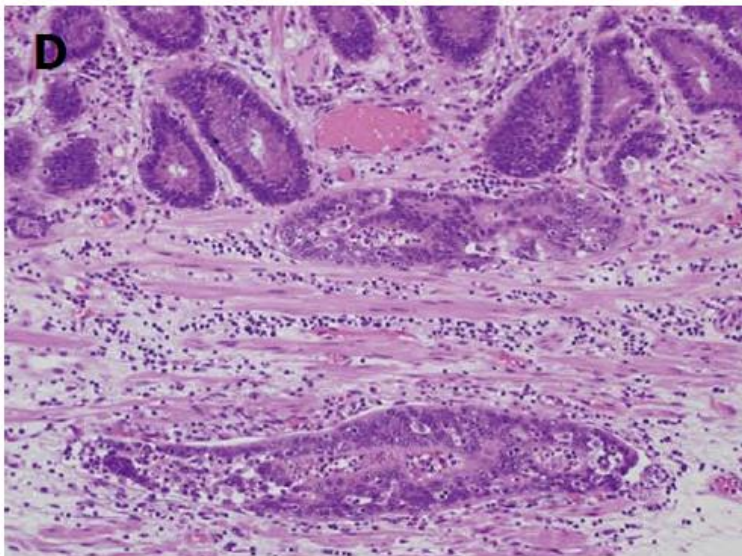
Only scar due to tumour ulceration counts!

Histological evaluation - Lymphovascular invasion



Desmin
for smooth
muscle in the
vessel wall

CD31/34 for
endothelial
cells



D2-40
for lymphatic
endothelial
cells

Curative resection (standard criteria)

- en-bloc resection of lesion
- tumour size $\leq 2\text{cm}$
- Intestinal differentiated type
- intramucosal
- negative resection margins (HM0, VM0)
- no lymphovascular invasion (L0, V0)
- no ulcer or ulcer scar (UL-)

ESD Curative resection (GIRCG Guidelines) Standard Criteria of Japanese Gastric Cancer Association

Gastric Cancer
DOI 10.1007/s10120-011-0042-4

SPECIAL ARTICLE

Japanese gastric cancer treatment guidelines 2010 (ver. 3)

Japanese Gastric Cancer Association

Gastric Cancer
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SPECIAL ARTICLE



The Italian Research Group for Gastric Cancer (GIRCG) guidelines for gastric cancer staging and treatment: 2015

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Paolo Morgagni¹ · Luca Saragoni¹ · Maurizio Degiuli¹ · Annibale Donini¹ · ...

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Frequency of lymph node metastases

Mucosal and submucosal gastric cancer

Author	Year	Origin	pT1a		pT1b	
			n	% LNM	n	% LNM
Folli et al ³²	1995	Italy	117	4	106	23
Hayes et al ³³	1996	Germany	14	21	14	64
Bösing et al ¹⁹	1998	Germany	33	9	24	17
Popiela et al ²²	2002	Poland	113	6	125	21
Roviello et al ²⁸	2006	Italy	330	5	322	24
Hölscher et al	2009	Germany	47	11	79	25
		Europe	654	6.5	670	23.9
Kitamura et al ³⁴	1997	Japan	326	1	308	16
Tachibana et al ²⁰	1999	Japan	59	2	41	32
Skoropad et al ³⁵	2005	Russia	60	0	89	20
Nasu et al ³⁶	2006	Japan	169	5	118	24
Ishikawa et al ³⁷	2007	Japan	156	4	122	23
Xu et al ³⁸	2007	China	152	6	170	22
Ha et al ³⁹	2008	Korea	847	2	673	23
Park et al ⁴	2008	Korea	118	3	116	22
Ye et al ⁵	2008	Korea	339	3	252	27
		Asia	2226	2.7	1889	22.1
Total		All	2880	3.2	2559	22.5

Minimum items for EMR/ESD pathology report

- Number of specimens (en bloc vs. piecemeal resection)
- Size of the specimen, size of the lesion (macro/micro)
- Macroscopic tumour type (Paris classification)
- Histological tumour type (different. vs. undifferent.)
- Depth of invasion
- Presence of intratumoral ulcer
- Presence of lymphovascular invasion
- Resection margin status (deep and lateral, distance)
- Curative resection (yes/no)

EARLY GASTRIC CANCER

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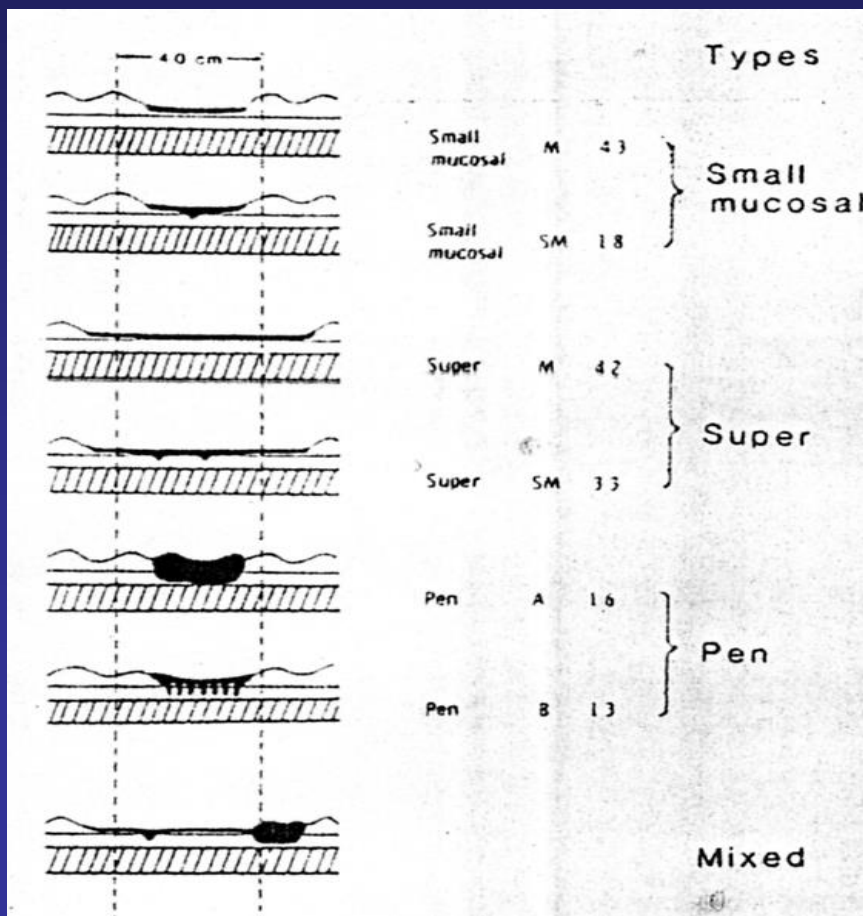
ESD

SURGERY

HISTOLOGY REPORT (EARLY GASTRIC CANCER)

- Histotype (Classifications of Lauren and WHO)
- Histological grade (WHO)
- Depth of neoplastic infiltration (pT)
- Pattern of invasion (Kodama's classification)
- Presence/absence of lymphovascular invasion
- Margins status
- Total number of examined lymph nodes
- Number of metastatic lymph nodes over the total number of examined nodes (ratio)
- Staging according to pTNM (8th Edition)
- Topography of lymph node stations (Maruyama's classification)

EARLY GASTRIC CANCER SURGICAL SPECIMENS



Kodama

(growth patterns
of EGC)

5 AND 10-YEAR CUMULATIVE INCIDENCE FOR GASTRIC

CANCER SPECIFIC MORTALITY FOR KODAMA'S TYPES (GIRCG study Saragoni L et al The Oncologist 2018; 23 : 1-7)

	No. pts	No. events	5-Year % (95% CI)	10-Year % (95% CI)	p value (logrank)
Kodama					
Small mucosal M	530	34	3 (0-19)	5 (3-8)	
Small mucosal SM	140	13	6 (1-10)	8 (2-13)	
Super mucosal M	37	1	0	5 (0-14)	
Super mucosal SM	41	4	5 (0-10)	8 (0-17)	
PEN B	85	5	4 (0-9)	7 (1-14)	
PEN A	230	39	14 (9-19)	22 (16-28)	<0.0001

MULTIVARIABLE ANALYSIS

Adjusted Hazard Ratio for gastric cancer-related death
(Fine and Gray method)

	HR (95% IC)	p
Size ≤2cm >2cm	1.00 1.44 (1.07-1.94)	0.015
Kodama Not PEN A PEN A	1.00 1.73 (1.15-2.61)	0.008
Nodes Negative Positive	1.00 2.28 (1.61-3.21)	<0.0001

DISTRIBUTION OF LYMPH NODE METASTASES

	N-Patients N. (%)	N+Patients N. (%)	p value
Kodama			
PEN A	157 (17.4)	70 (44.9)	<0.0001
Not PEN A	744 (82.6)	86 (55.1)	
Histotypes (Lauren)			
Intestinal	679 (75.0)	73 (46.8)	<0.0001
Diffuse	226 (25.0)	83 (53.2)	
Depth			
Mucosal	597 (66.5)	48 (31.4)	<0.0001
Submucosal	301 (33.5)	105(68.6)	
Size.			
</= 2 cm	536 (59.8)	69 (43.9)	<0.0001
> 2 cm	360 (40.2)	88 (56.1)	

Advanced Carcinoma

Type 1



Type 2



Type 3



Type 4



Borrmann

Type 1 polypoid

Type 2 ulcerated with raised margins

Type 3 ulcerated infiltrating the surrounding wall

Type 4 diffusely infiltrating (linitis plastica)

HISTOLOGY REPORT

- Histotype (Classifications of Lauren and WHO)
- Histological grade (WHO)
- Depth of infiltration (pT)
- Presence/absence of lymphovascular invasion
- Margins status
- Total number of examined lymph nodes
- Number of metastatic lymph nodes over the total nodes examined (ratio)
- Staging according to pTNM (8th Edition)
- Lymph nodes topography (Japanese classification of Maruyama)

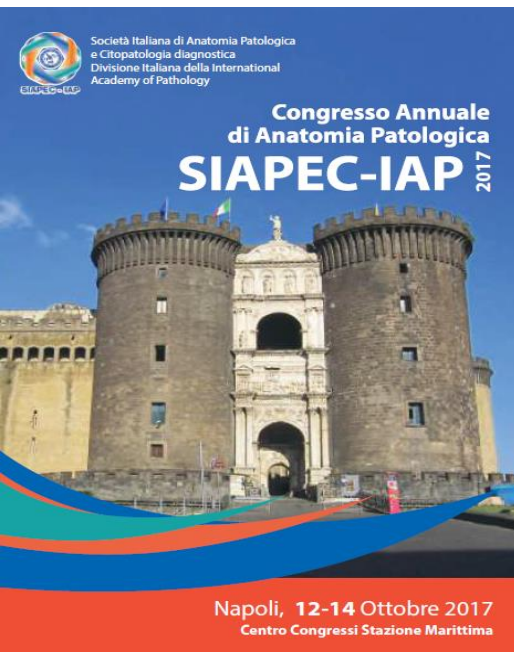
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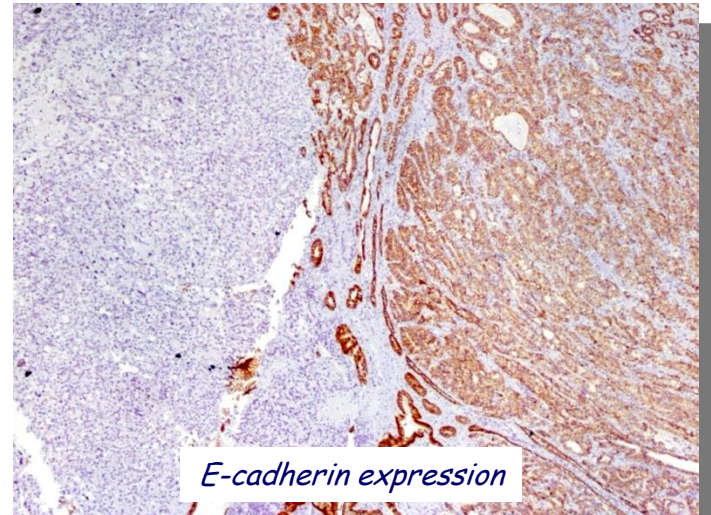
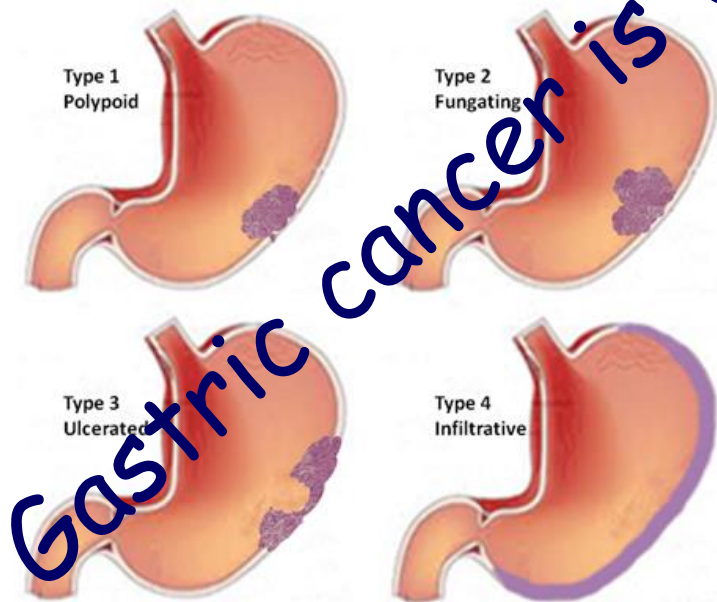
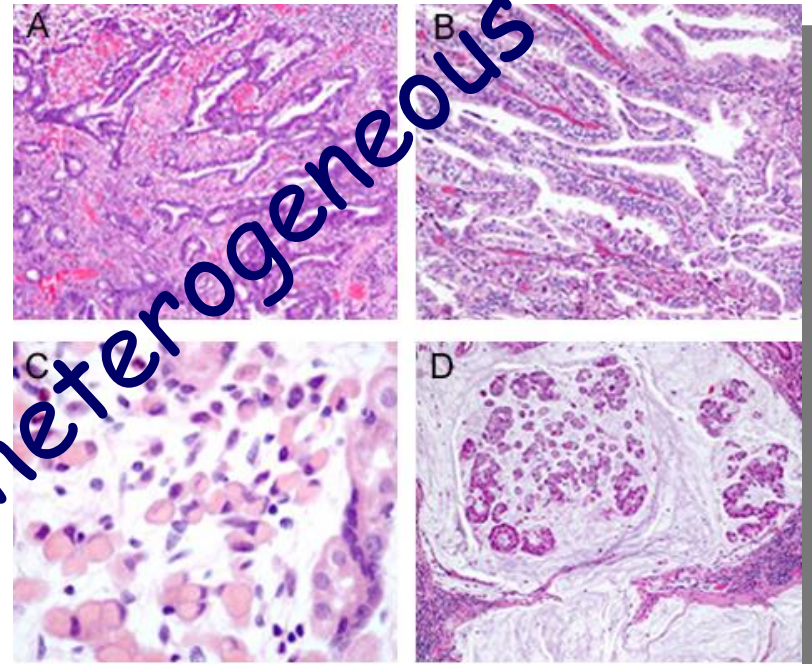
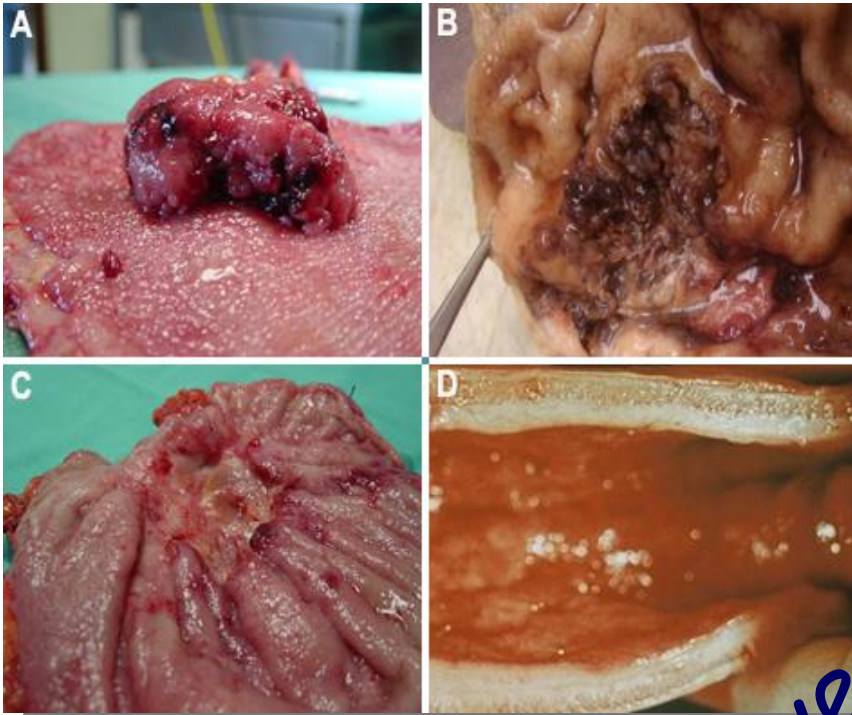
VERONA WORKSHOP ON SIGNET RING
CELL GASTRIC ADENOCARCINOMA

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Molecular characterization of gastric cancer with an emphasis on poorly cohesive/SRC carcinomas

How to set up the biological research in this field?





Gastric cancer is very heterogeneous

Gastric carcinoma

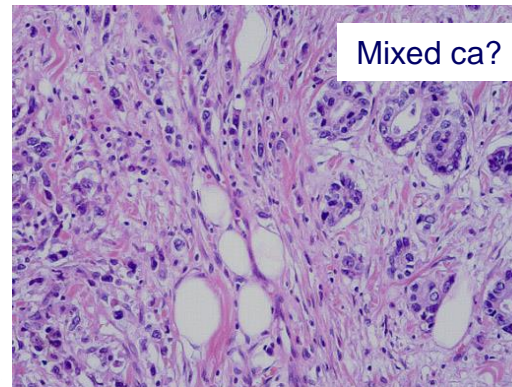
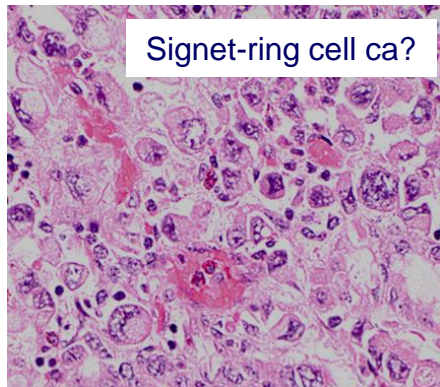
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Papillary adenocarcinoma	8260/3
Tubular adenocarcinoma	8211/3
Mucinous adenocarcinoma	8480/3
Signet-ring cell carcinoma	8490/3

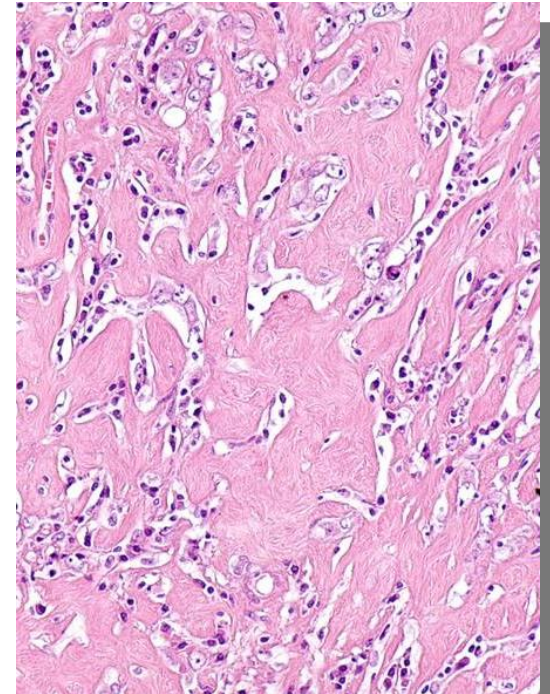
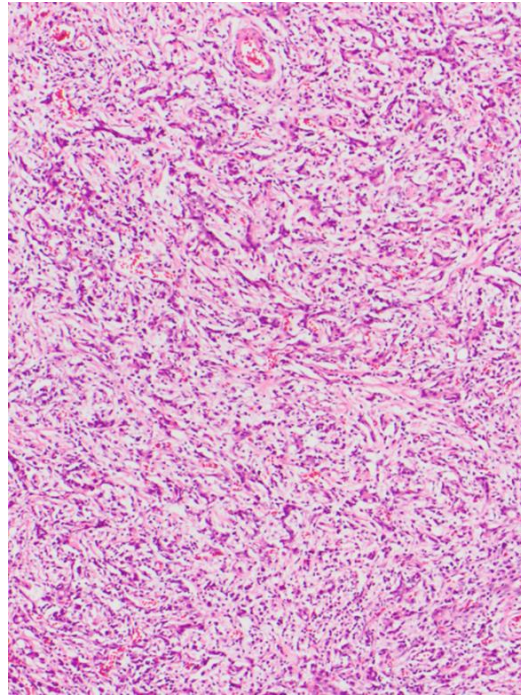
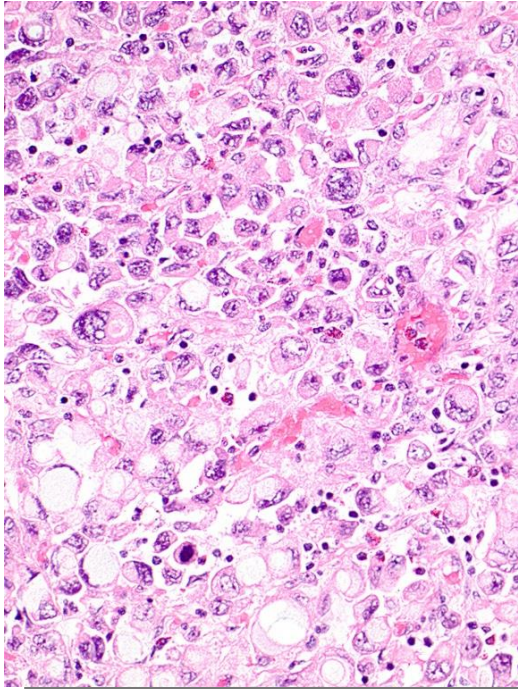
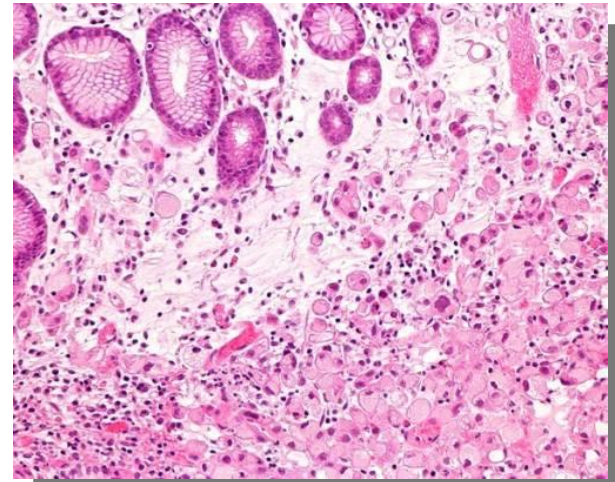
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WHO - 3rd Edition, 2000

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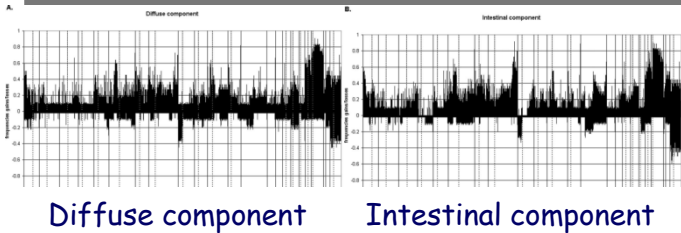
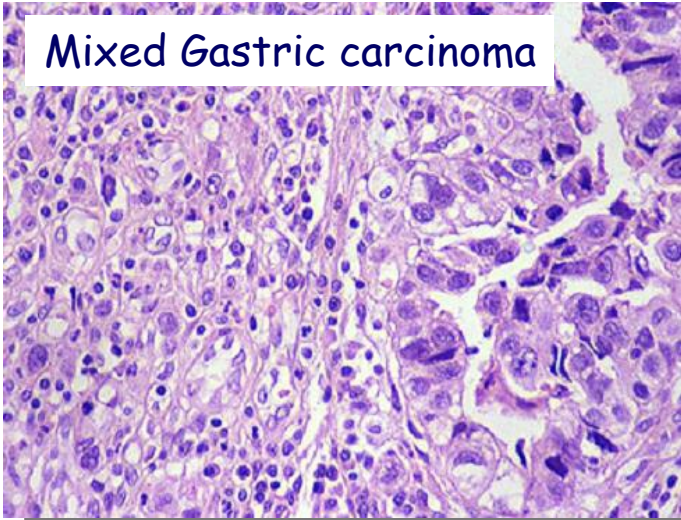


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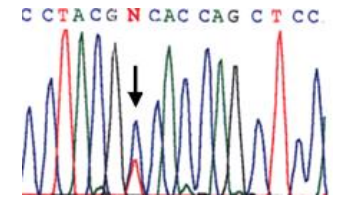
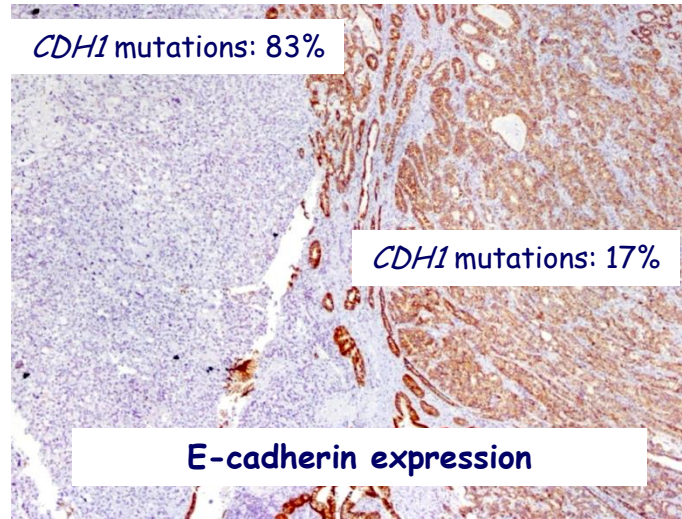


Signet-ring cell carcinoma
without signet-ring cells...

Mixed Gastric carcinoma



Laser microdissection



CDH1 mutations

E-cadherin gene mutations provide a genetic basis for the phenotypic divergence of mixed gastric carcinomas

Machado J *et al*: Lab Invest 79: 459, 1999

Carvalho B *et al*: Cellular Oncology 28:283, 2006

Park SY *et al*: Mixed-type gastric cancer and its association with high-frequency CpG island hypermethylation. *Virchows Archiv* 456, 2010

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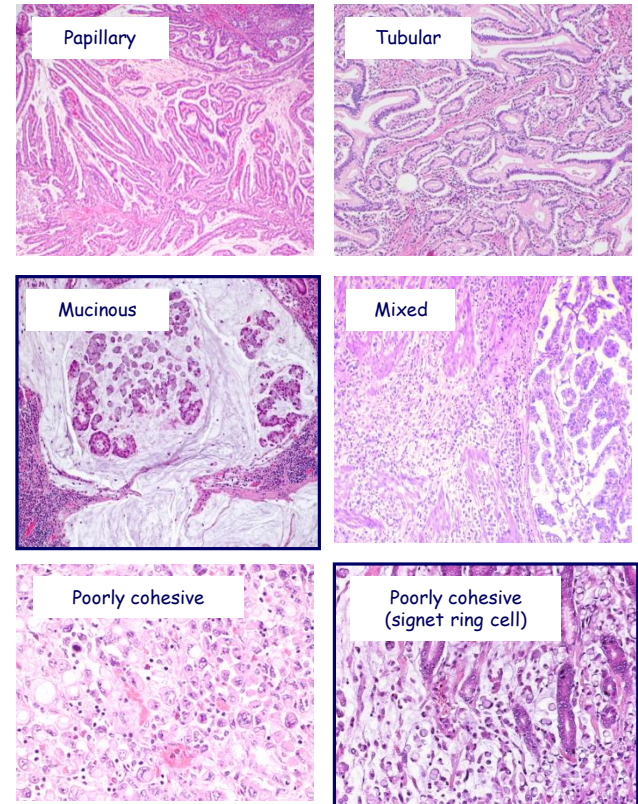
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WHO - 4th Edition, 2010

4-1 Gastric carcinoma

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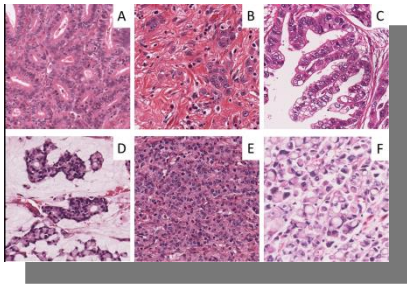
Poorly cohesive carcinoma

8490/3

(Signet-ring cell carcinoma and other variants)

Mixed carcinoma

8255/3



Classification of gastric cancer

Laurén classification	World Health Organization 2010	Japanese classification 2011	Nakamura classification
Intestinal type	Papillary	Papillary	Differentiated type
	Tubular	Tubular 1	
Diffuse type	Mucinous	Tubular 2	Undifferentiated type
	Poorly cohesive, including signet ring cell carcinoma and other variants	Mucinous	
Mixed (intestinal and diffuse type)	Mixed type (tubular/papillary and poorly cohesive/signet ring)	Signet ring cell	-
Indeterminate type		Poorly differentiated, non-solid type	Undifferentiated type
	Undifferentiated	-	
	Adenosquamous	Poorly differentiated, solid type	
	Medullary		
	Hepatoid		

Carneiro F, Grabsch H: **Pathogenesis of gastric cancer**. *In: Minimally Invasive Foregut Surgery for Malignancy: Principles and Practice*. Steven N Hochwald and Moshim Kukar (eds). Springer 2015, pp 61-72. ISBN: 978-3-319-09341-3

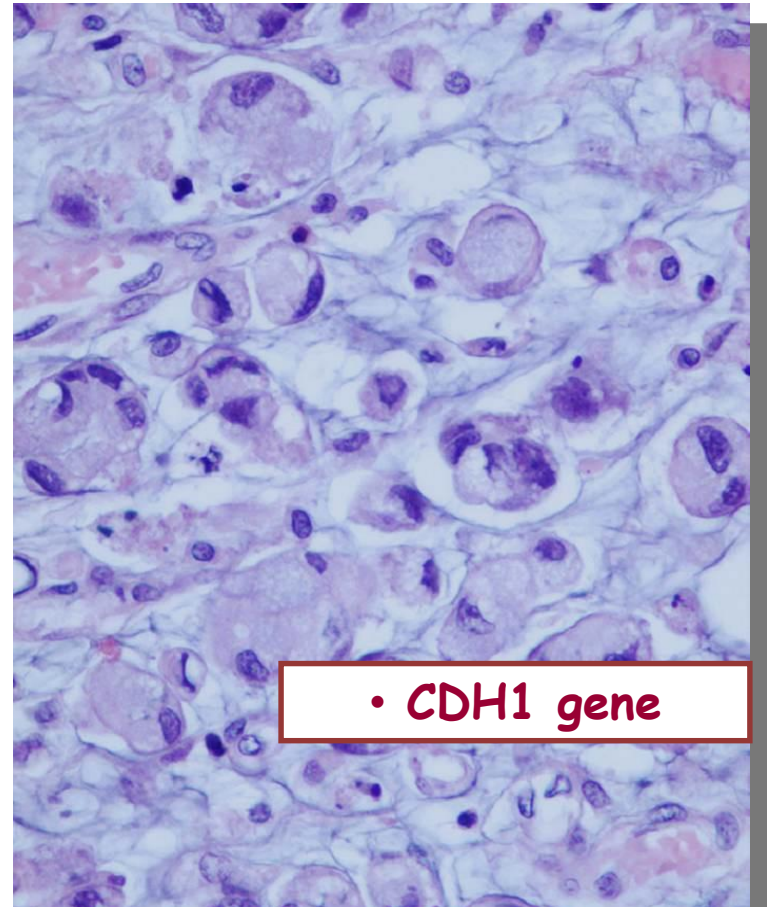
Tubulo-papillary ca. (WHO)
"Intestinal" carcinoma (Lauren)



- *HER2*
- *MSI*

- Elderly patients, mainly males
- Decreasing incidence everywhere
- Blood-born metastases

Poorly cohesive/signet ring ca. (WHO)
"Diffuse" carcinoma (Lauren)

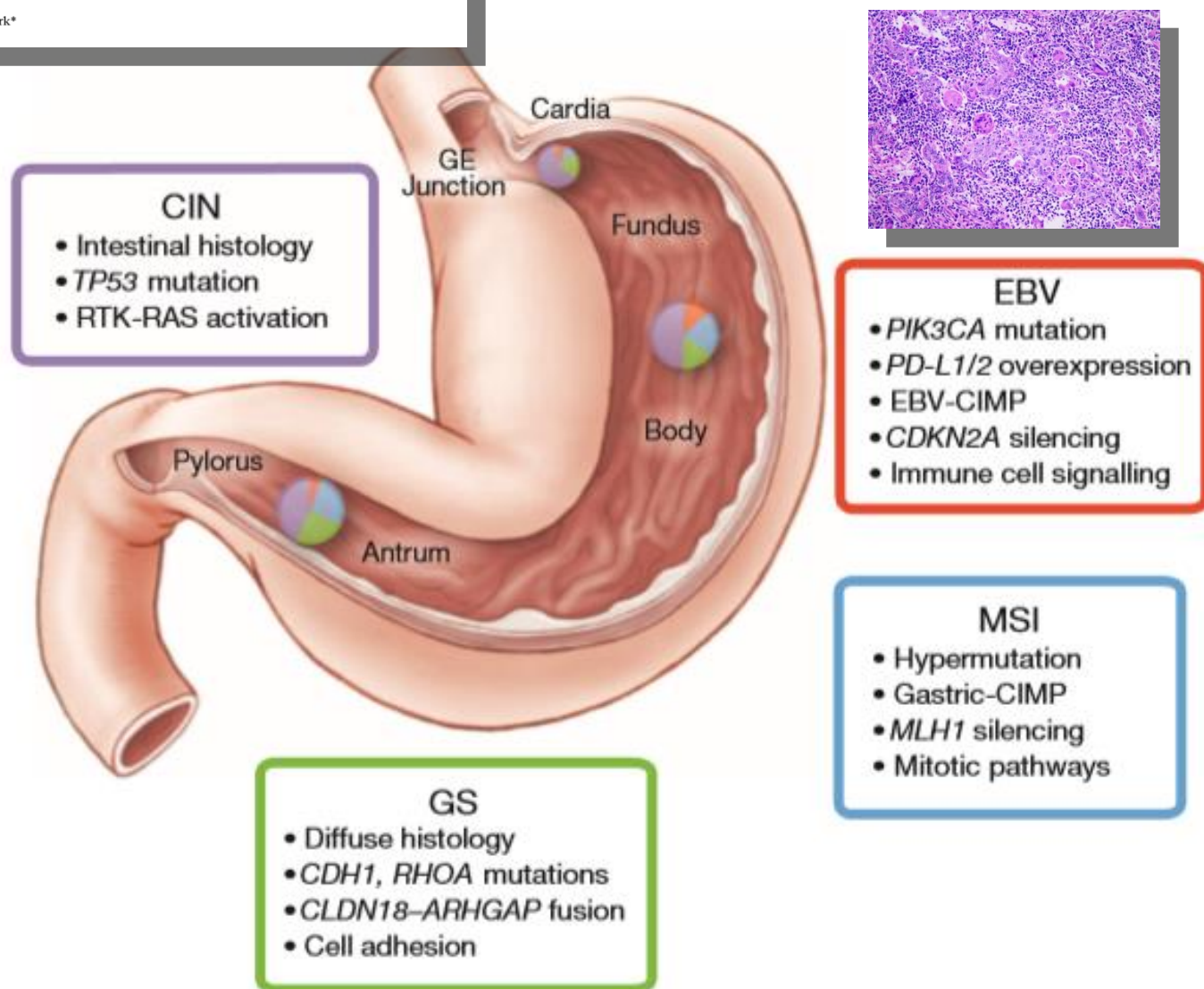


- *CDH1 gene*

- Young patients, mainly females
- Familial/hereditary conditioning
- Dissemination to the peritoneum

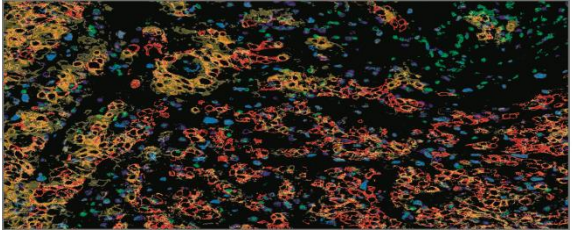
Comprehensive molecular characterization of gastric adenocarcinoma

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network*

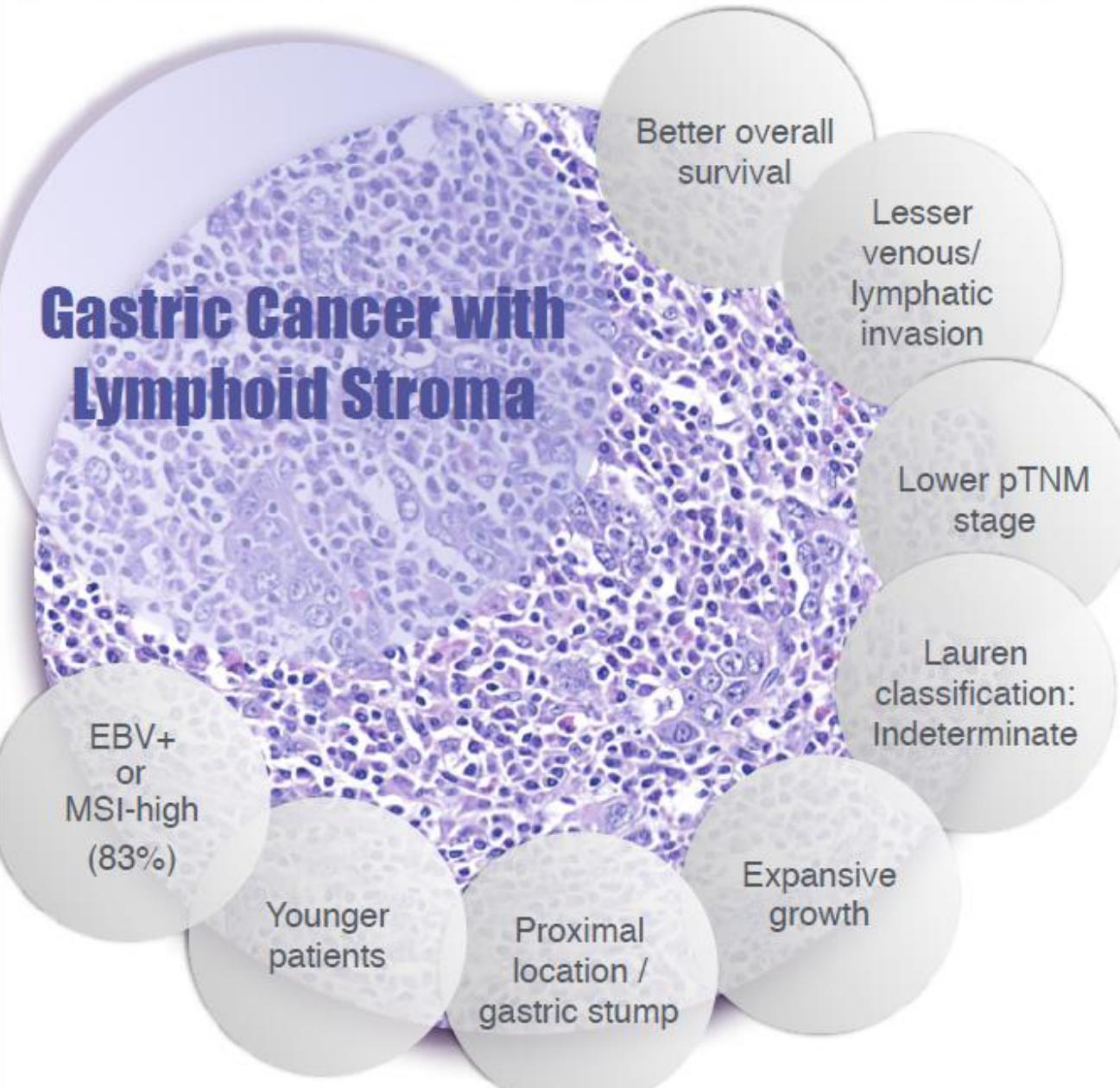


Gastric carcinoma with lymphoid stroma

in the era of the immune context and immunotherapies



Gastric Cancer with Lymphoid Stroma



What is new?

Tumour immune microenvironment

CD8/CD3R significantly associated with EBV infection; CD3 density associated with PD-L1 expression

PD-L1/PD-1 immune inhibitory checkpoint

PD-L1 expression/ amplification frequent and restricted to EBV+ and MSI-H GCLS

Targeted therapies?

Gastric cancer

Sporadic cancer
(90%)

Familial cancer
(10%)

- Familial Gastric Cancer (FGC)
- Familial Intestinal Gastric Cancer (FIGC)
- Familial Diffuse Gastric Cancer (FDGC)

Hereditary cancer
(1%)

- HDGC
- GAPPs (?)

New Chapter on:

Hereditary diffuse gastric cancer

F. Carneiro
A. Charlton
D.G. Huntsman

Definition

Hereditary diffuse gastric cancer (HDGC) is an autosomal-dominant cancer-susceptibility syndrome that is characterized by signet-ring cell (diffuse) gastric cancer and lobular breast cancer. The genetic basis for this syndrome was discovered in 1998 by Guilford *et al.* (1081), who identified germline mutations of the E-cadherin (*CDH1*) gene (MIM No. 192090) by linkage analysis and mutation screening in three Macri kindreds with multigenerational, diffuse gastric cancer in New Zealand.

MIM No.: 137215

Diagnostic criteria

In families with an aggregation of gastric cancer, the histopathology of the tumours is often unknown; these cases are designated as familial gastric cancer (FGC). When the histopathological type of one or more gastric cancers is known, discrete syndromes/diseases can be diagnosed; these include HDGC, familial diffuse gastric cancer (FDGC) and familial intestinal gastric cancer (FIGC) (397). On the basis of clinical criteria, the International Gastric Cancer Linkage Consortium (IGCLC) in 1999 defined families with the HDGC syndrome as those fulfilling one of the following features:

(1) two or more documented cases of diffuse gastric cancer in first- or second-degree relatives, with at least one being diagnosed before the age of 50 years; or (2) three or more cases of documented diffuse gastric cancer in first- or second-degree relatives, independent of age of diagnosis (397). Women in these families also have an elevated risk of lobular breast cancer (341, 1501, 1513, 2855, 3136). IGCLC criteria for genetic testing, updated in 2009 (871) are shown in Table 4.2.01. An alternative genetically-based nomenclature, proposed by the New Zealand group, in which the term "HDGC" is restricted to families with germline mutations in the *CDH1* gene (1081, 1082). The IGCLC definition for HDGC will be used for the remainder of this section (871).

Epidemiology

The vast majority of gastric cancers are sporadic, but approximately 1–3% result from an inherited predisposition (870, 2396, 2439).

The prevalence of HDGC is uncertain, partly due to the recent identification of this syndrome. In a review of 439 families with aggregation of gastric cancer (2395), *CDH1* mutations were preferentially observed in families fulfilling the clinical criteria for HDGC (36.4%). In FDGC, the frequency of germline mutations in *CDH1*

was much lower (12.5%) (2395). *CDH1* mutations have not been found in families with weaker histories of gastric cancer; however, mutation rates of up to 10% have been described in individuals with no family history but DGC diagnosed at less than age 35 years, from populations with a low incidence of gastric cancer (1501, 3136). There are striking population-specific differences regarding the fraction of families with aggregation of gastric cancer and frequency of *CDH1* germline mutations. In countries with a low incidence of gastric cancer, the frequency of germline alterations in the *CDH1* gene is > 40%, while in countries with a moderate or high incidence of gastric cancer, the frequency of alterations in *CDH1* is about 20% (2396). These observations in moderate- or high-incidence countries are probably related to clustering of gastric cancer attributable to environmental risk factors (lifestyle, diet) and/or variation in genes conferring a weak susceptibility (2396).

Localization

Most index cases with HDGC present with cancers that are indistinguishable from sporadic diffuse gastric cancer, often with linitis plastica, which can involve all topographic regions within the stomach. Systematic complete mapping of total gastrectomies from asymptomatic carriers

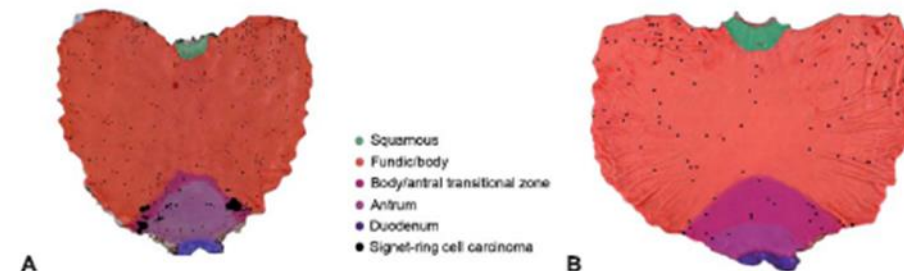
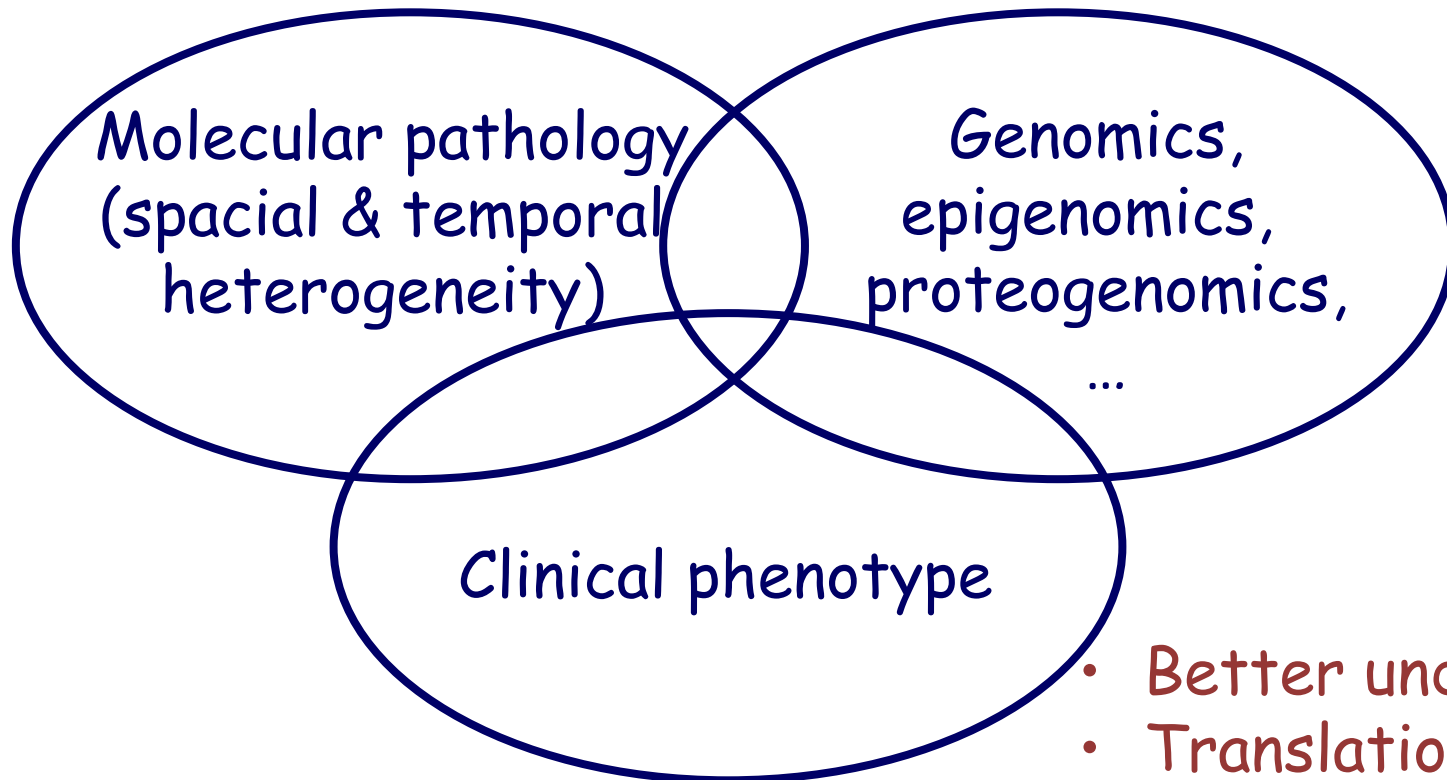


Fig. 4.2.01 Mapping of gastric mucosal zones (semi-opaque colours) and location of field of stage. The signet-ring cell (diffuse) carcinoma (black circles) on photos of two stomachs. Adapted from Charlton *et al.* (493). A Asymptomatic *CDH1*-mutation carrier, aged 15 years; the map indicates the location of 318 foci and mucosal zones. B Asymptomatic *CDH1*-mutation carrier, aged 19 years, from the same family; the map indicates the location of 115 foci and mucosal zones.

Integrated Molecular Pathology (Integromics framework)

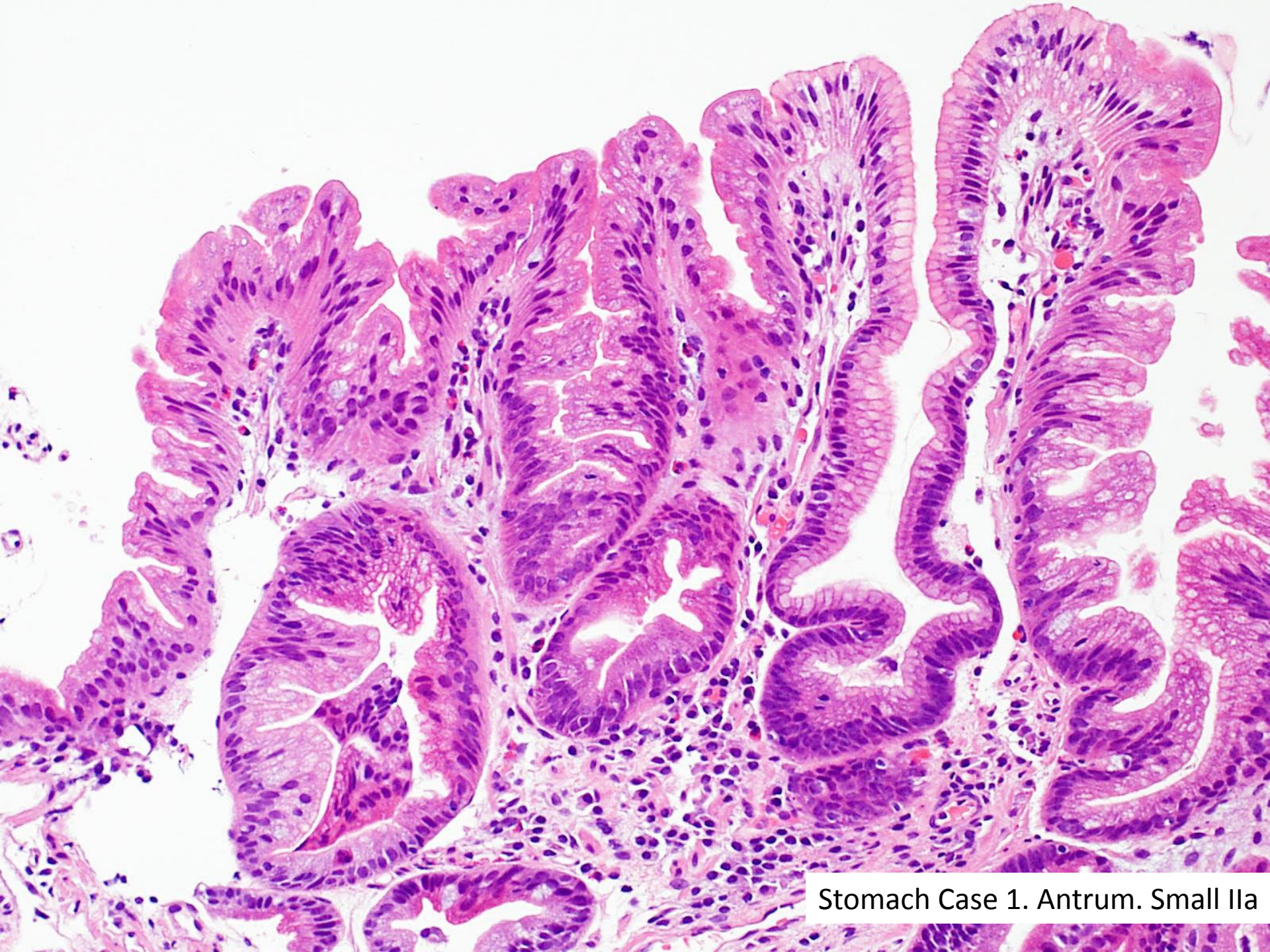


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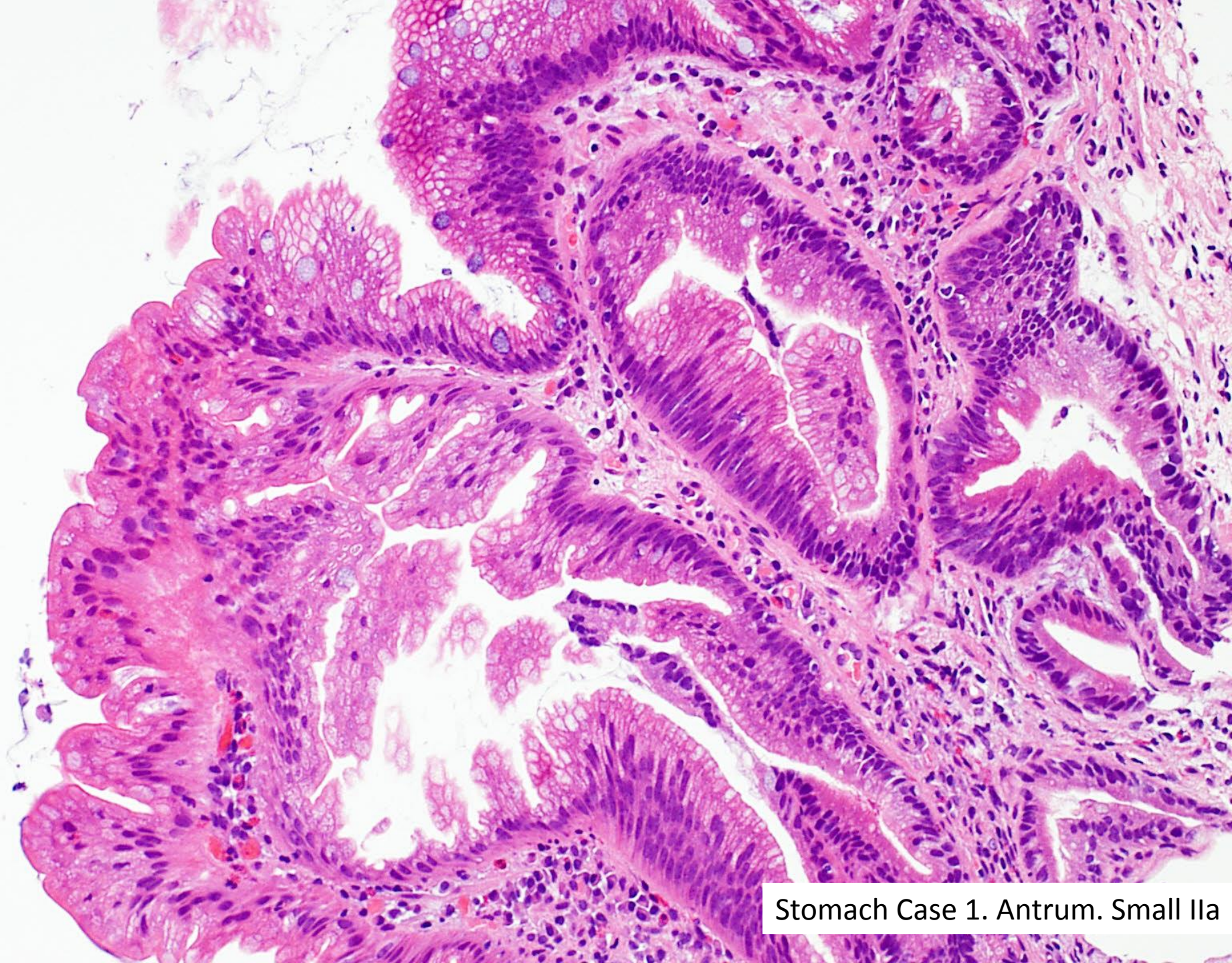
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Stomach Case 1. Antrum. Small IIA lesion biopsy



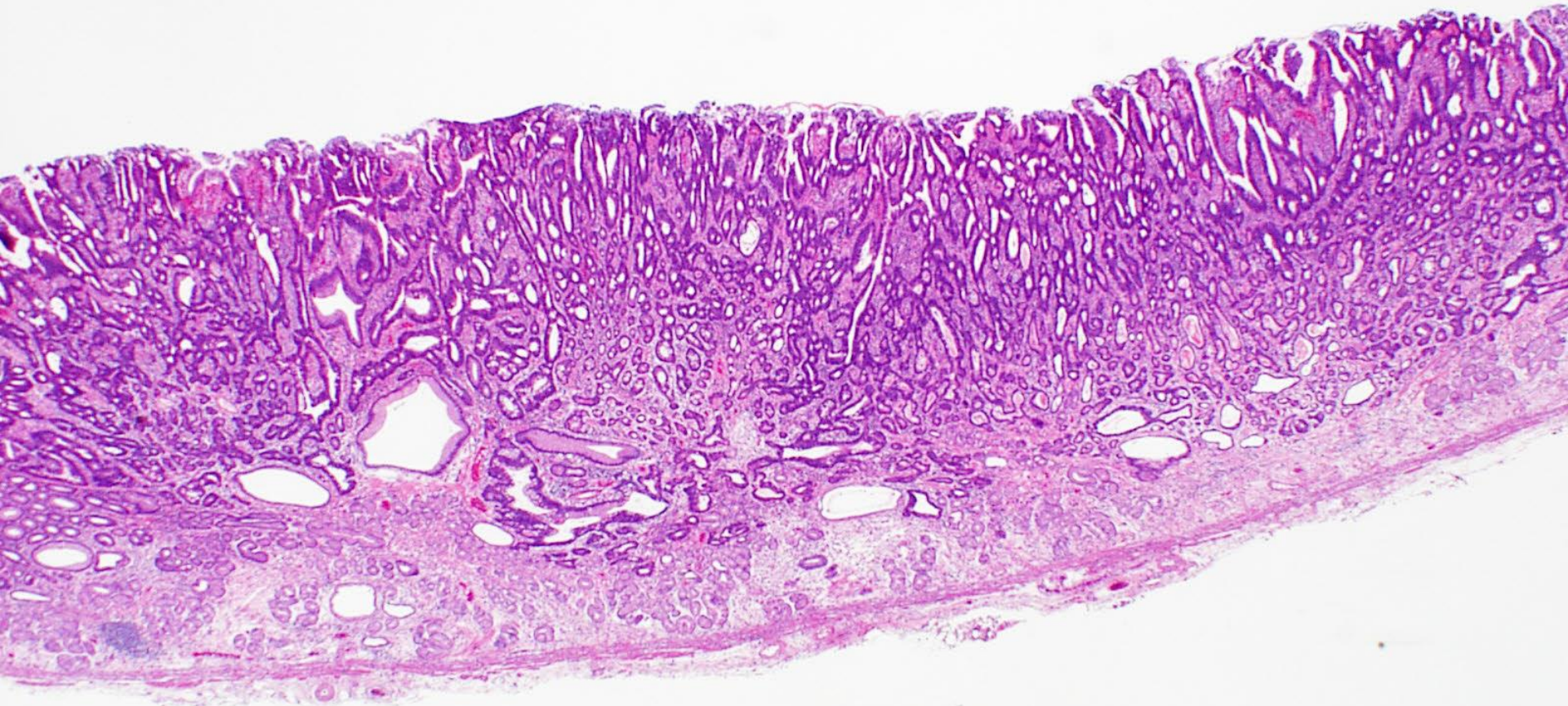
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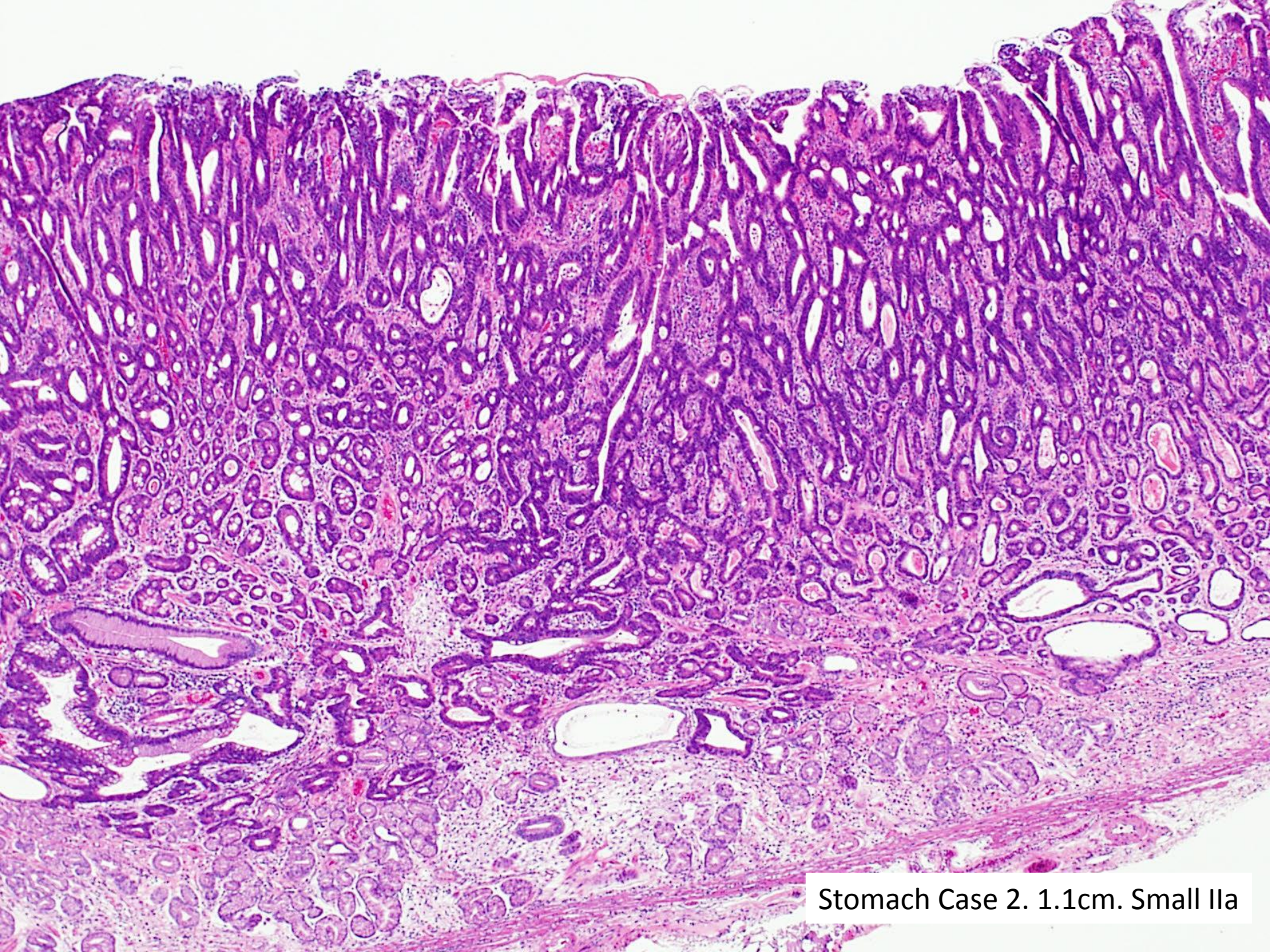
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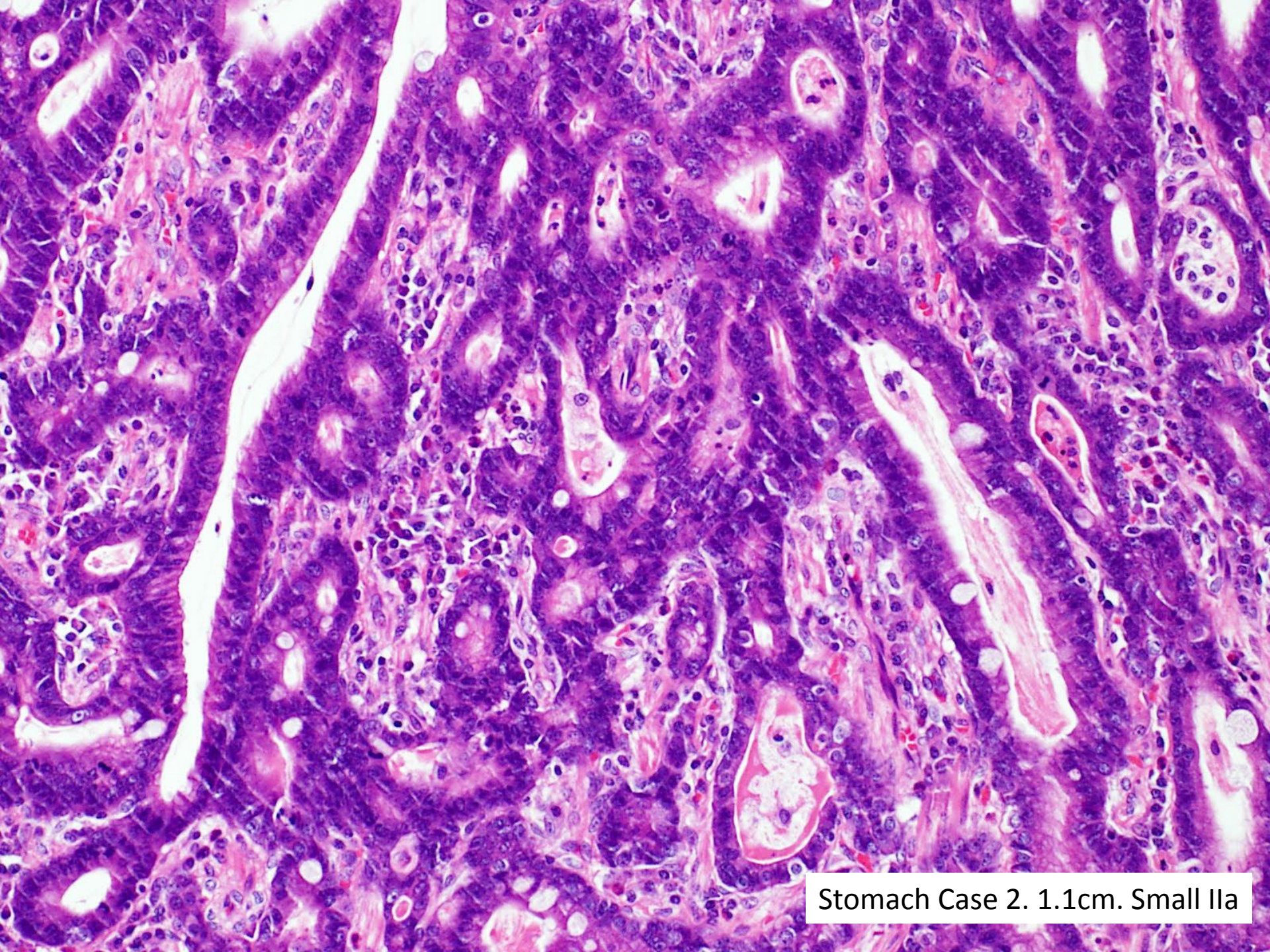
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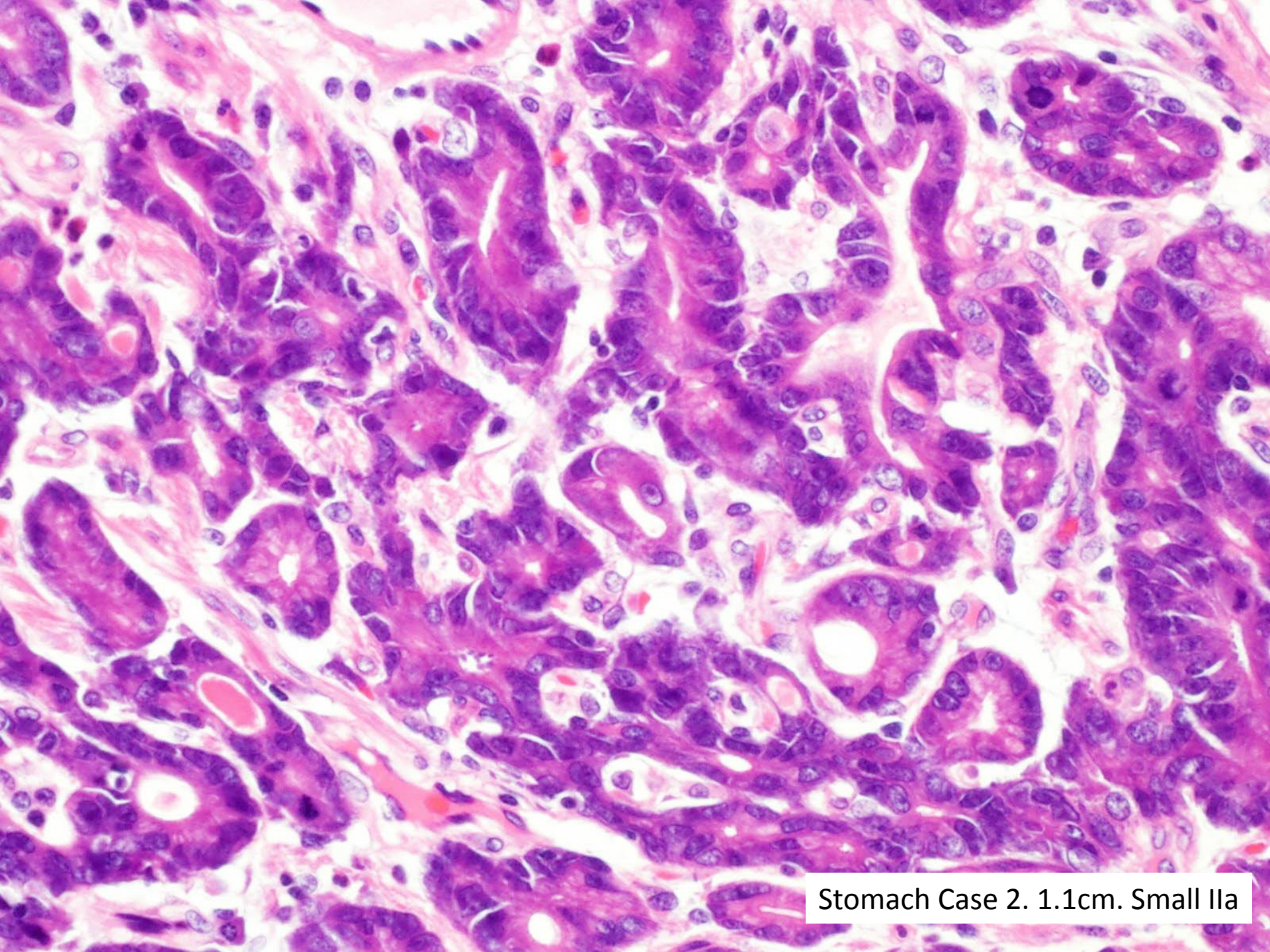
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Stomach Case 2. 1.1cm. Small Ila



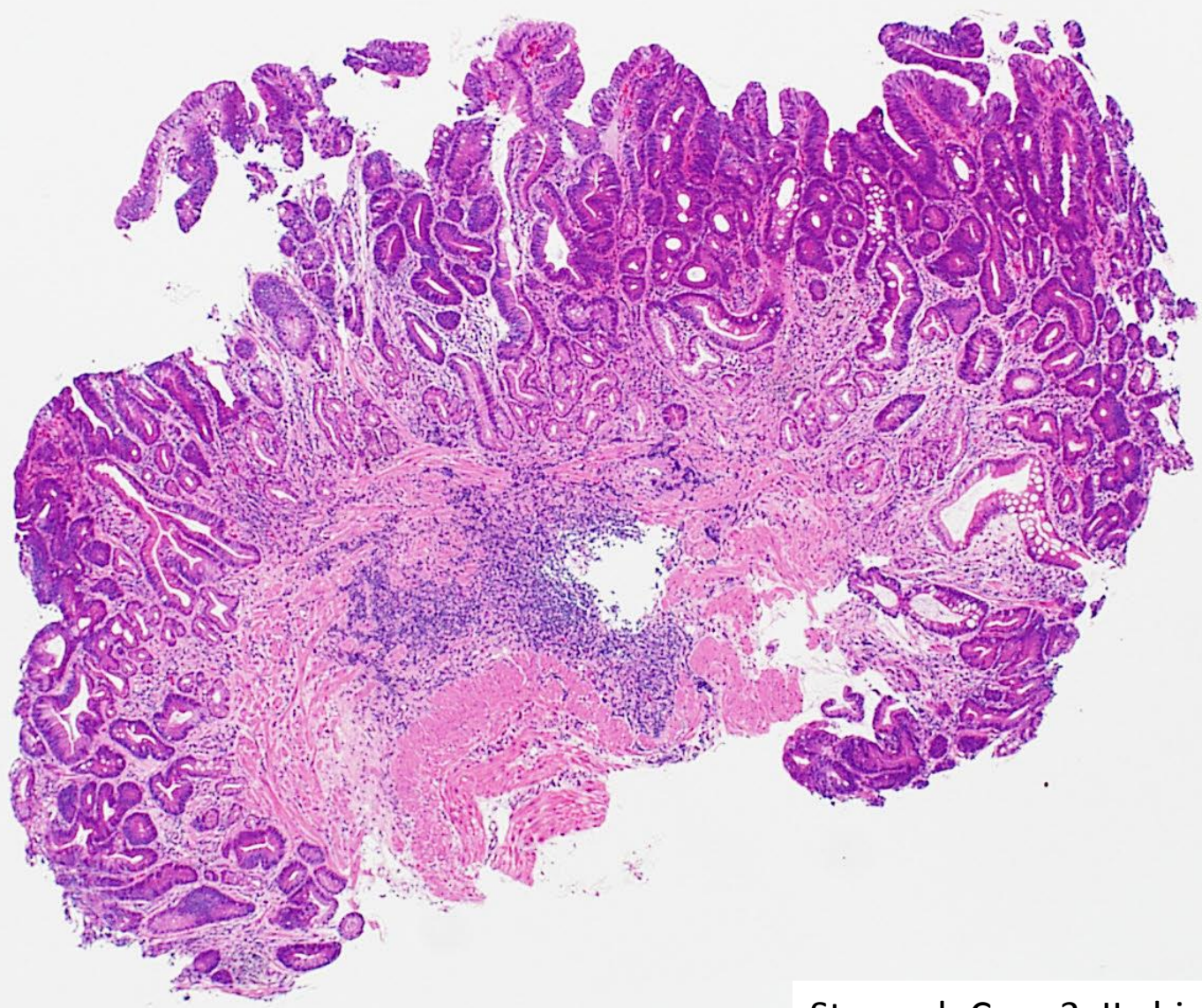
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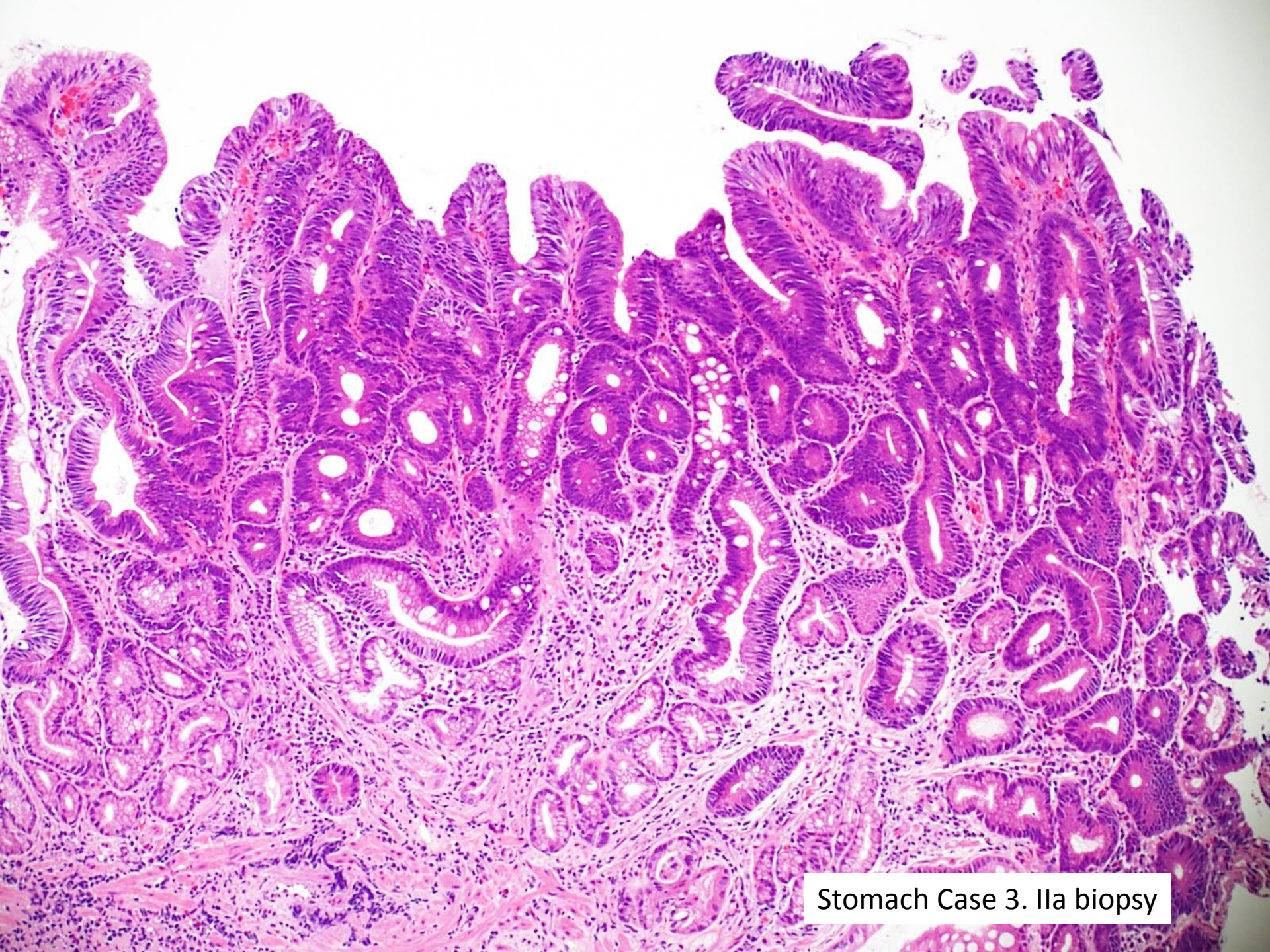
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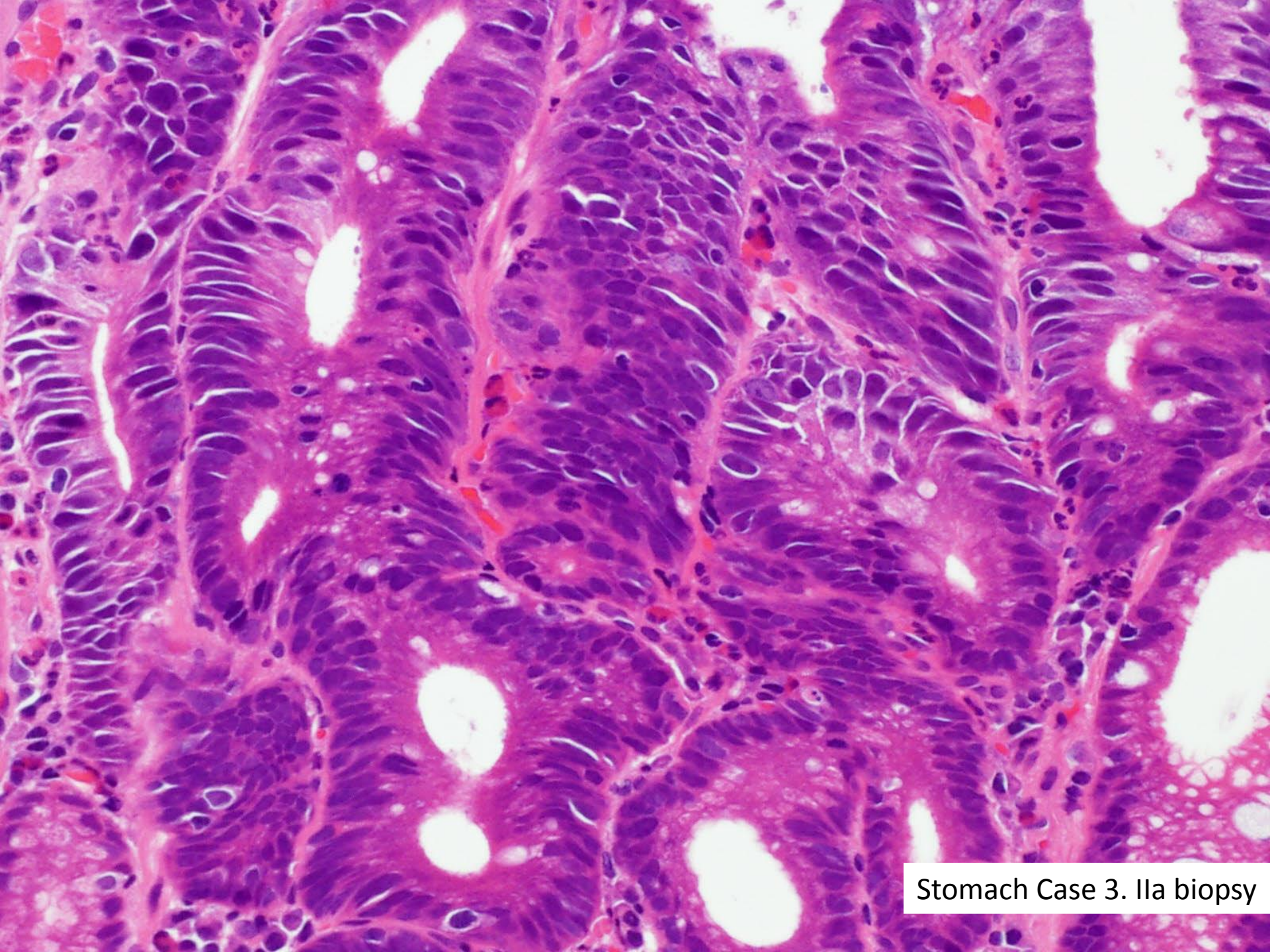
ADENOCARCINOMA INTRA-MUCOSO
(EARLY GASTRIC CANCER)



Stomach Case 3. Ila biopsy



Stomach Case 3. Ila biopsy



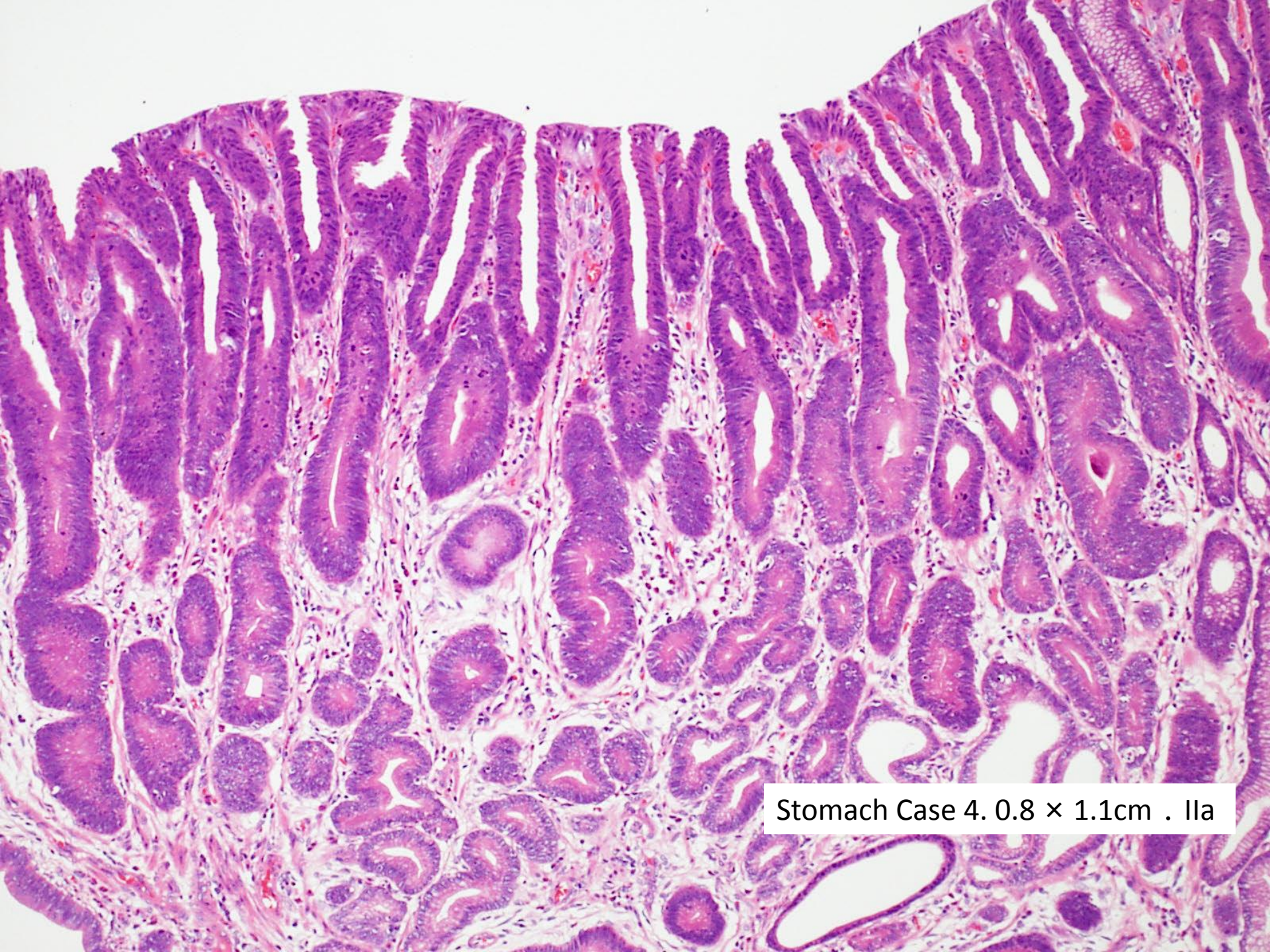
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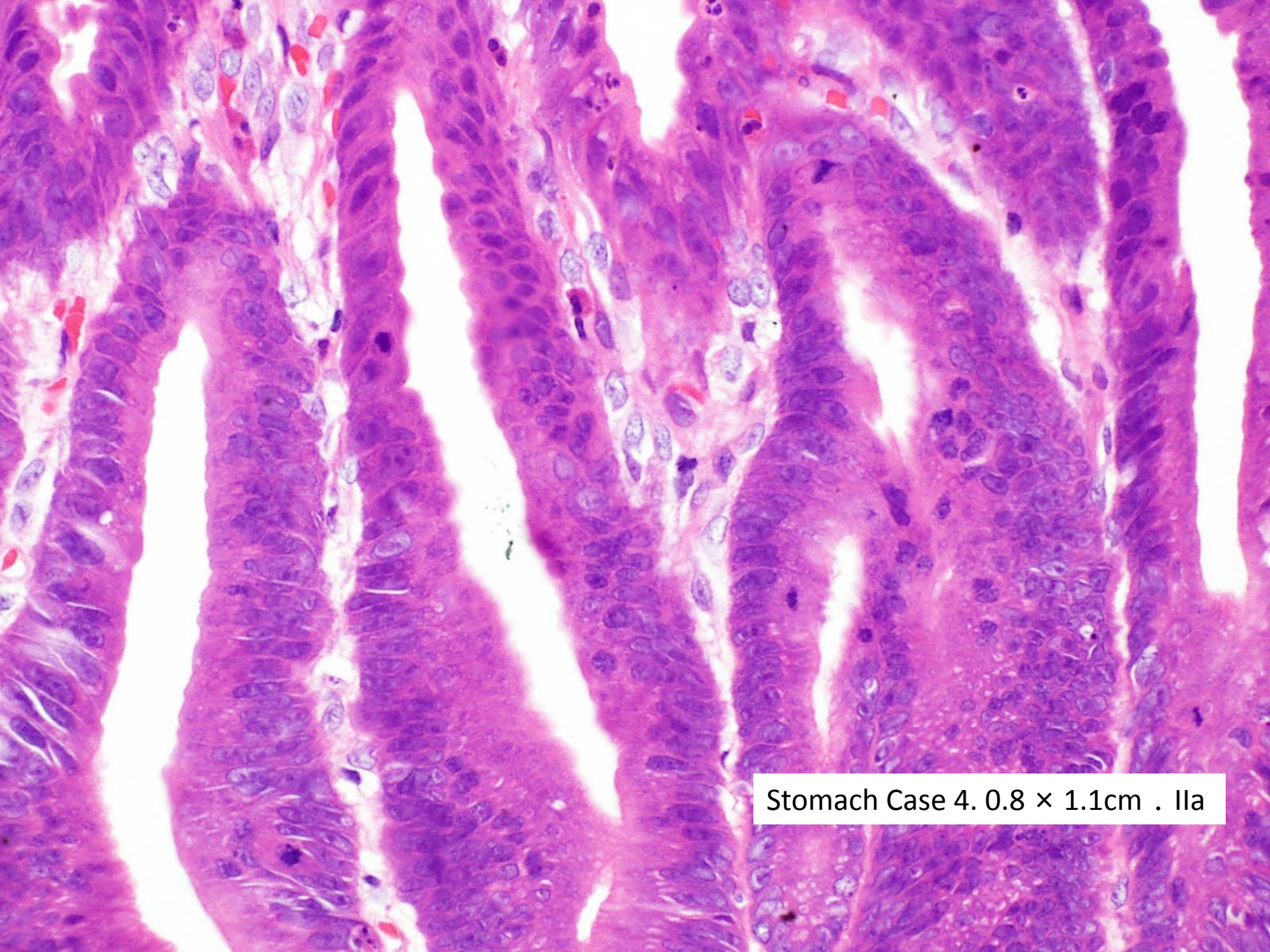
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Stomach Case 4. 0.8 × 1.1cm . IIa ESD



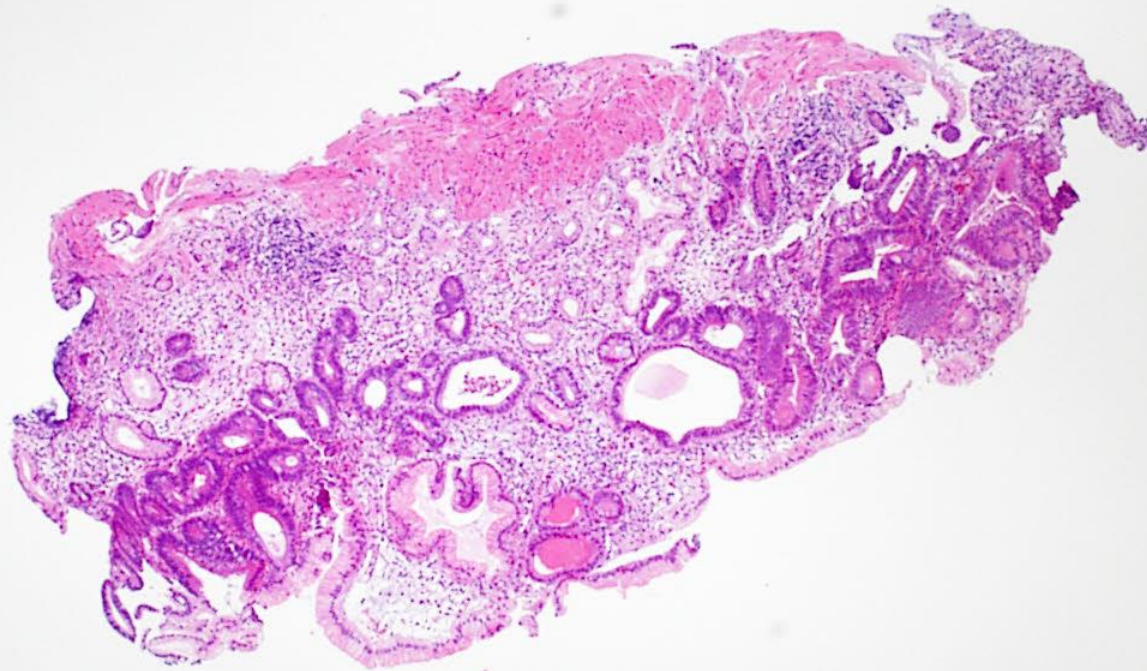
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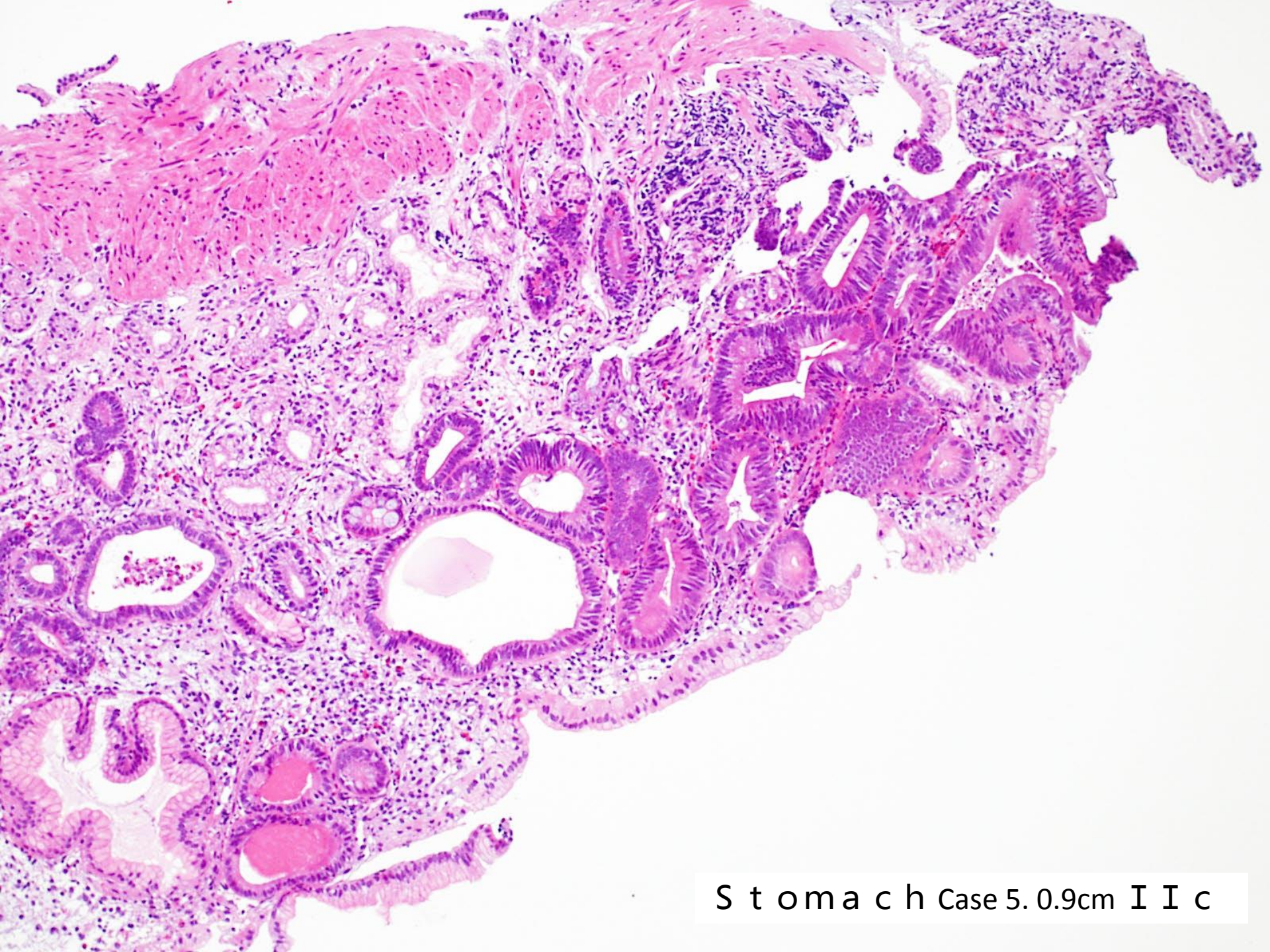
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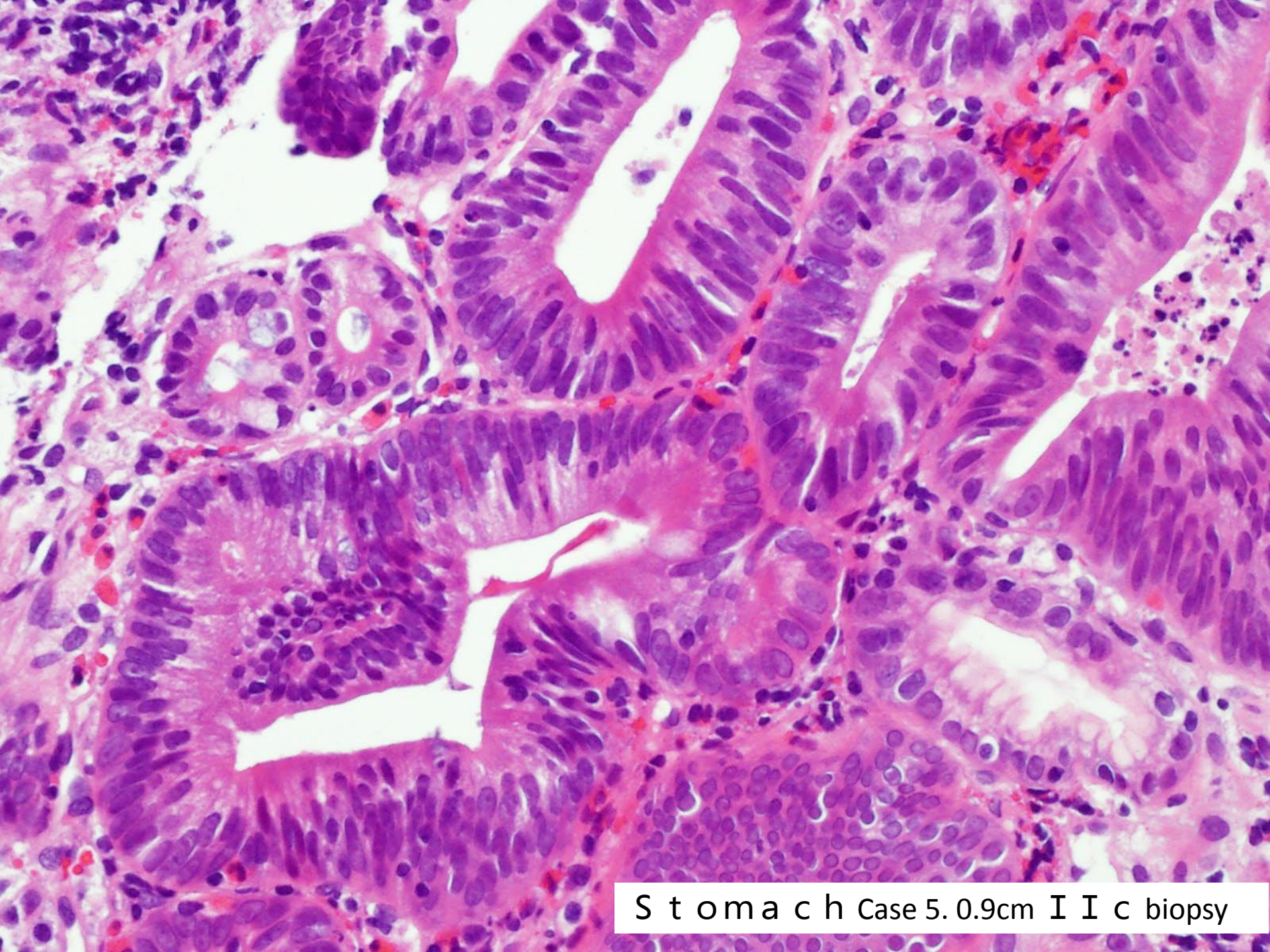
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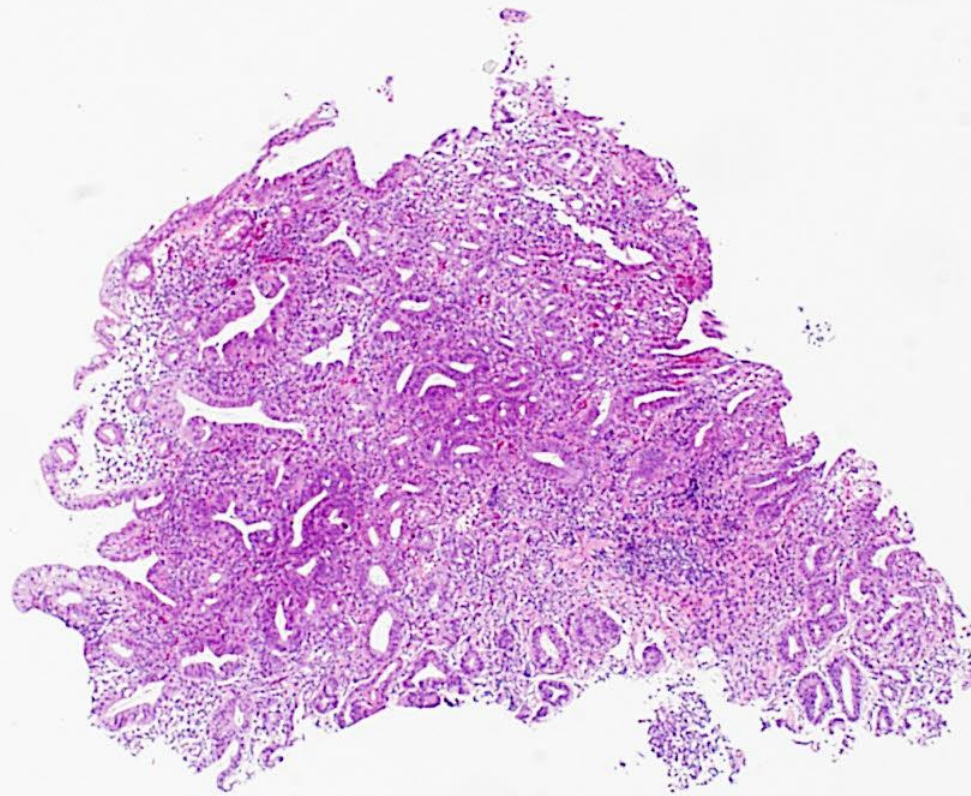
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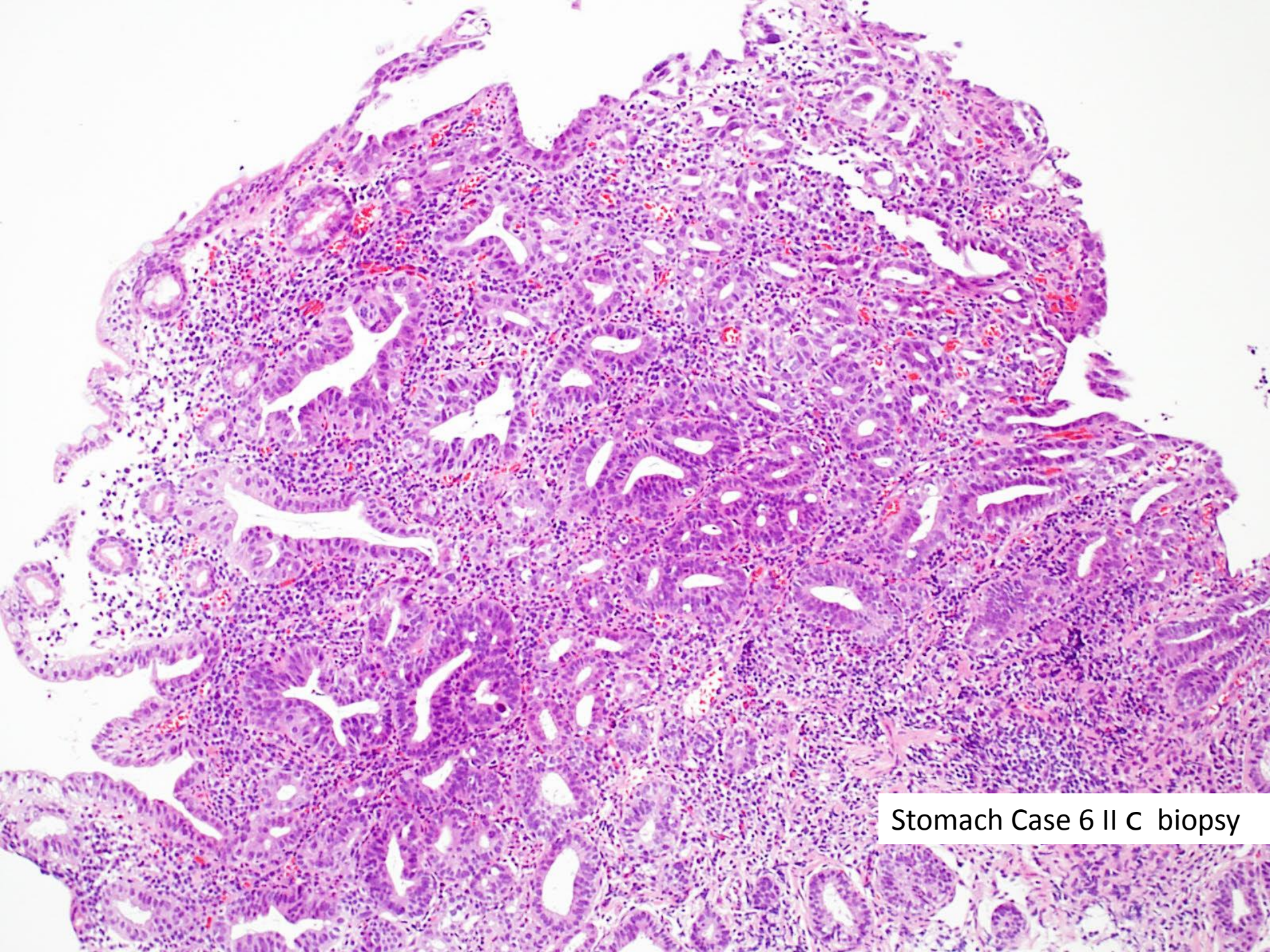
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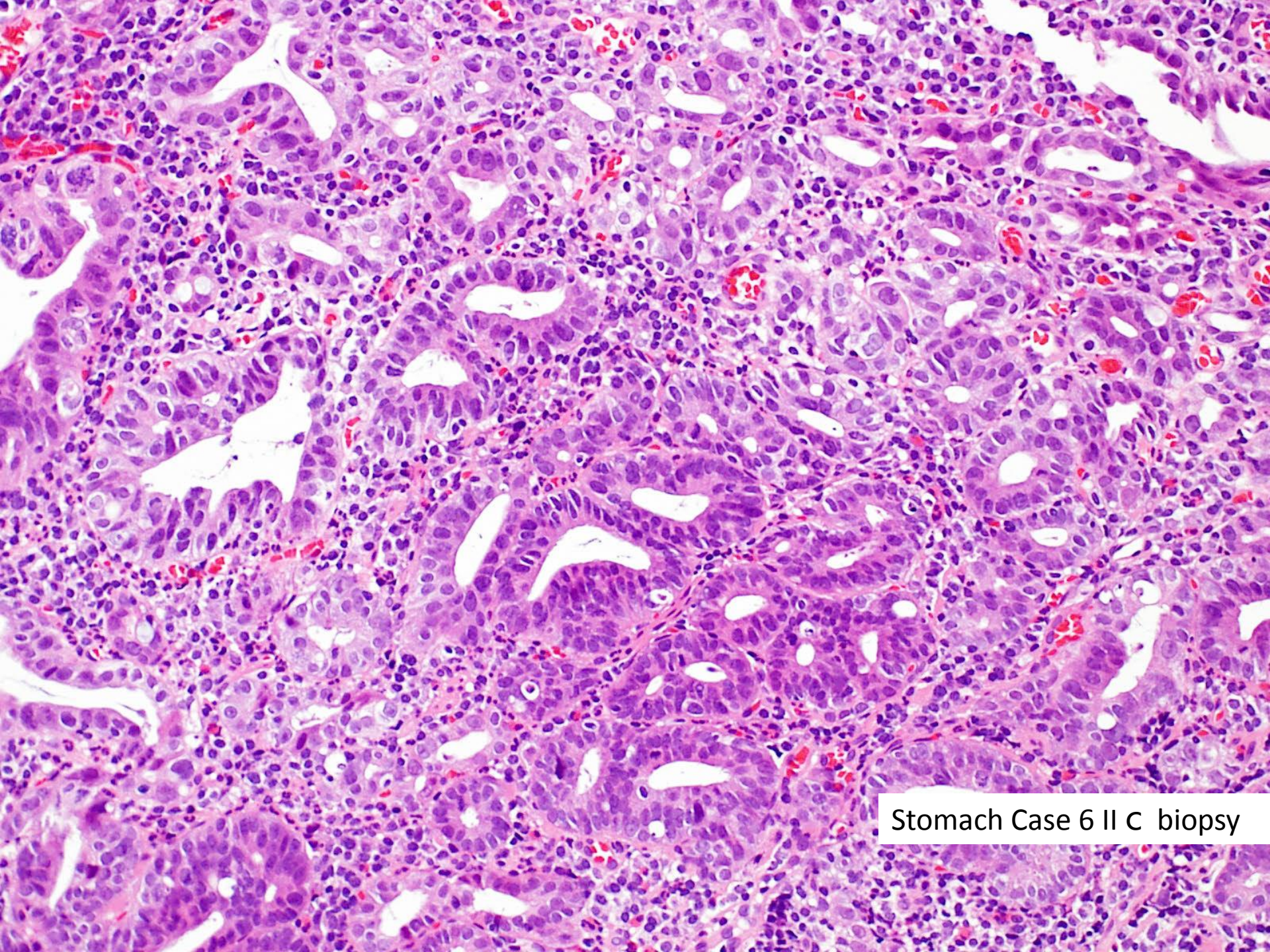
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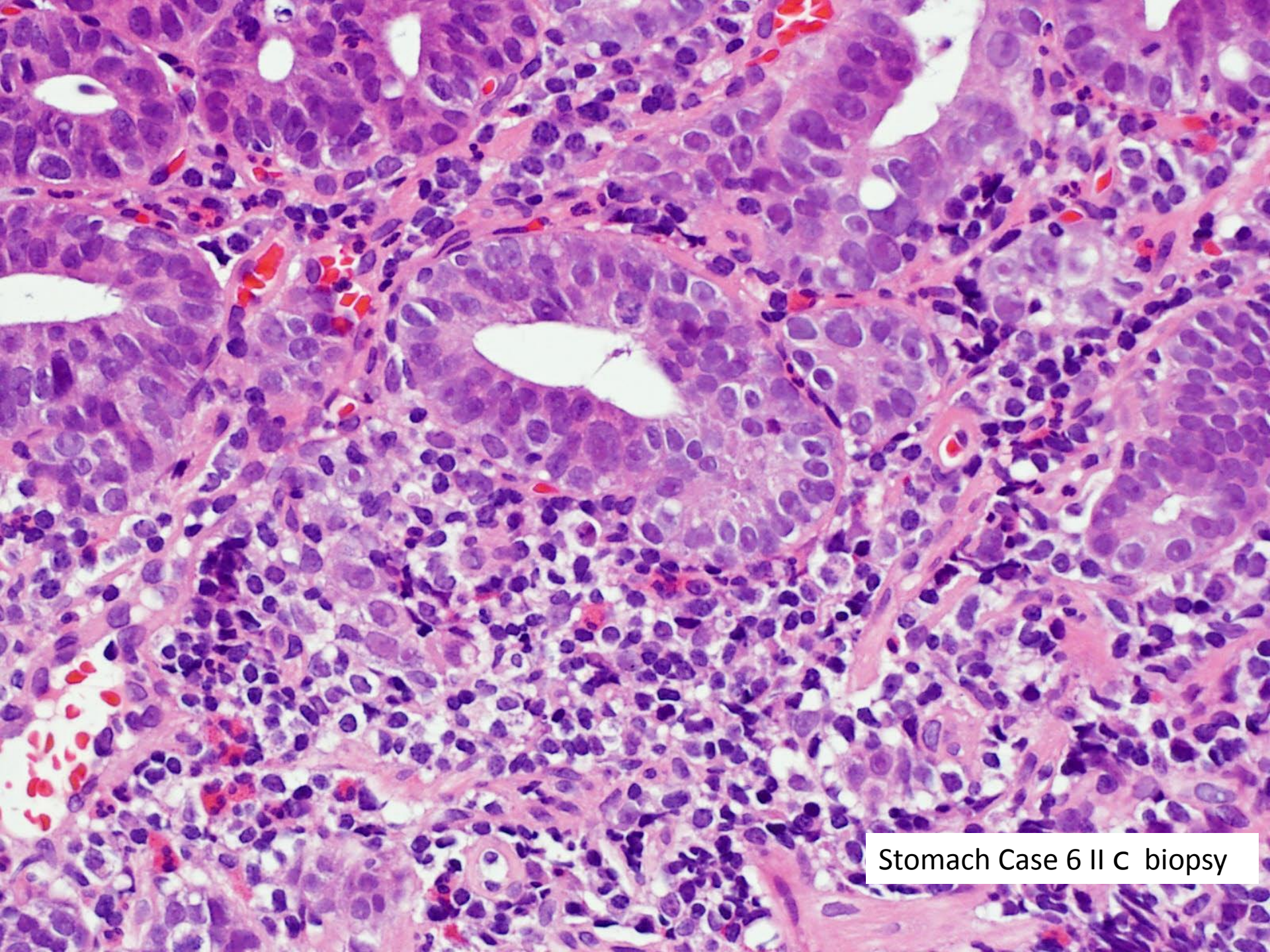
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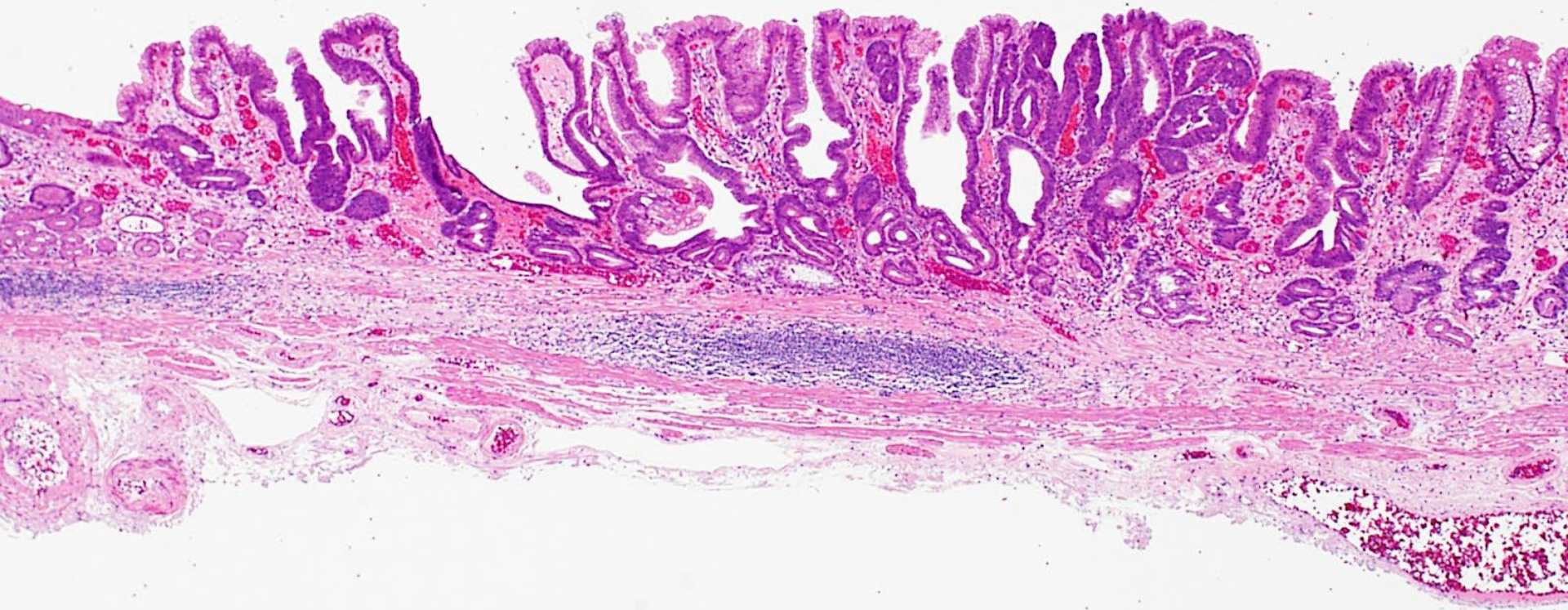
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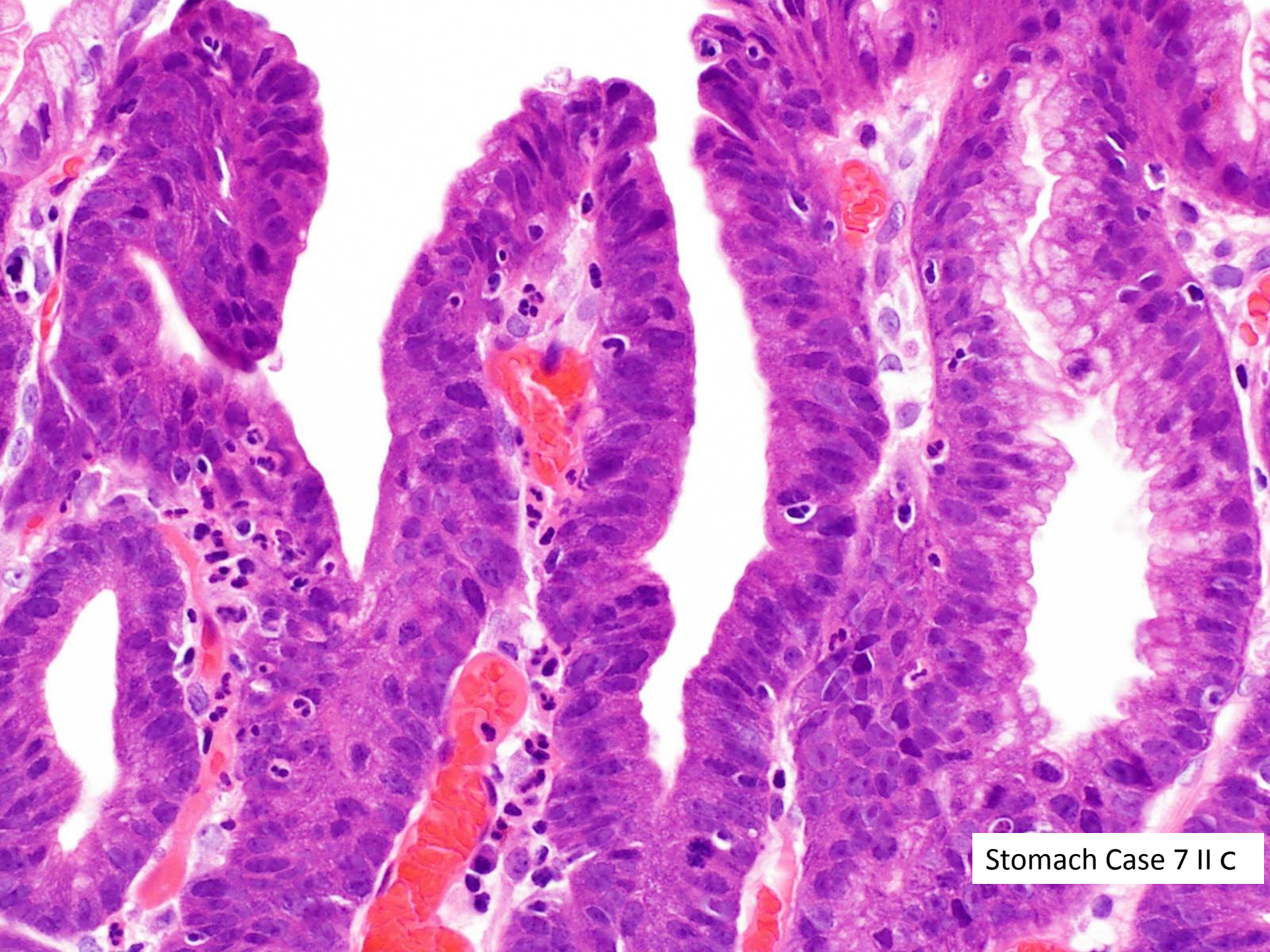
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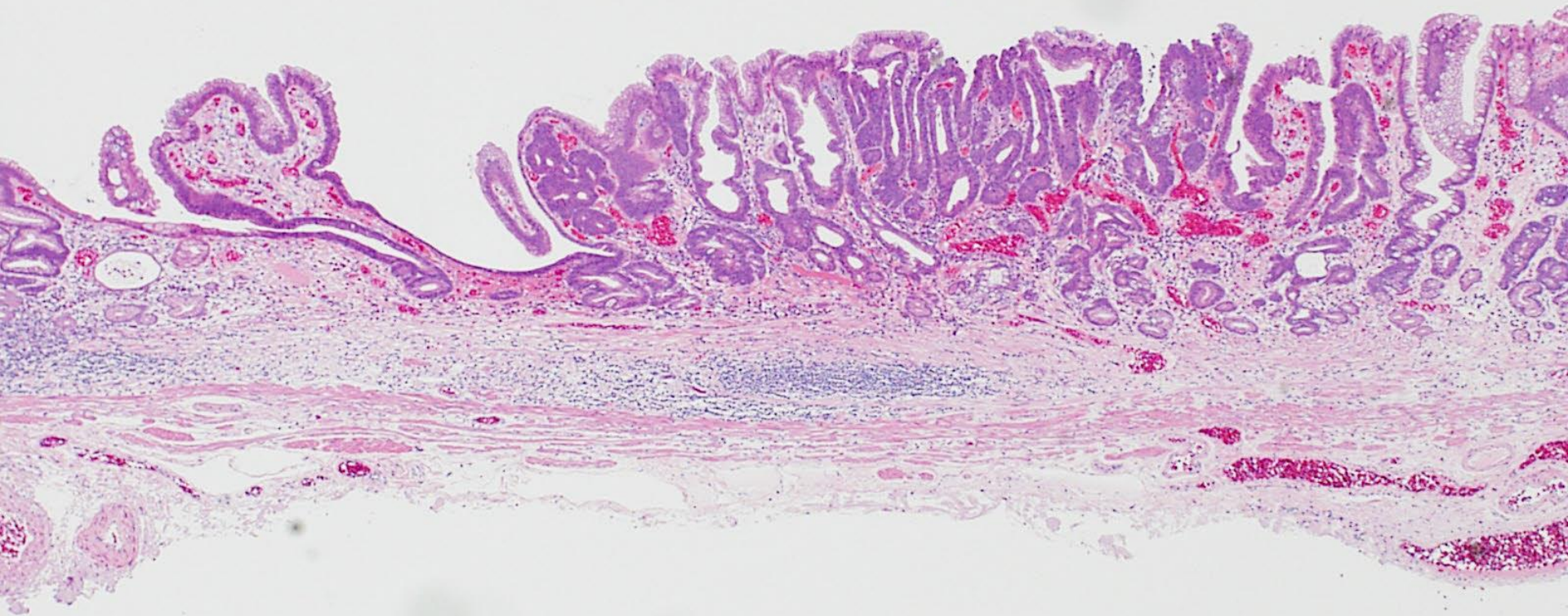
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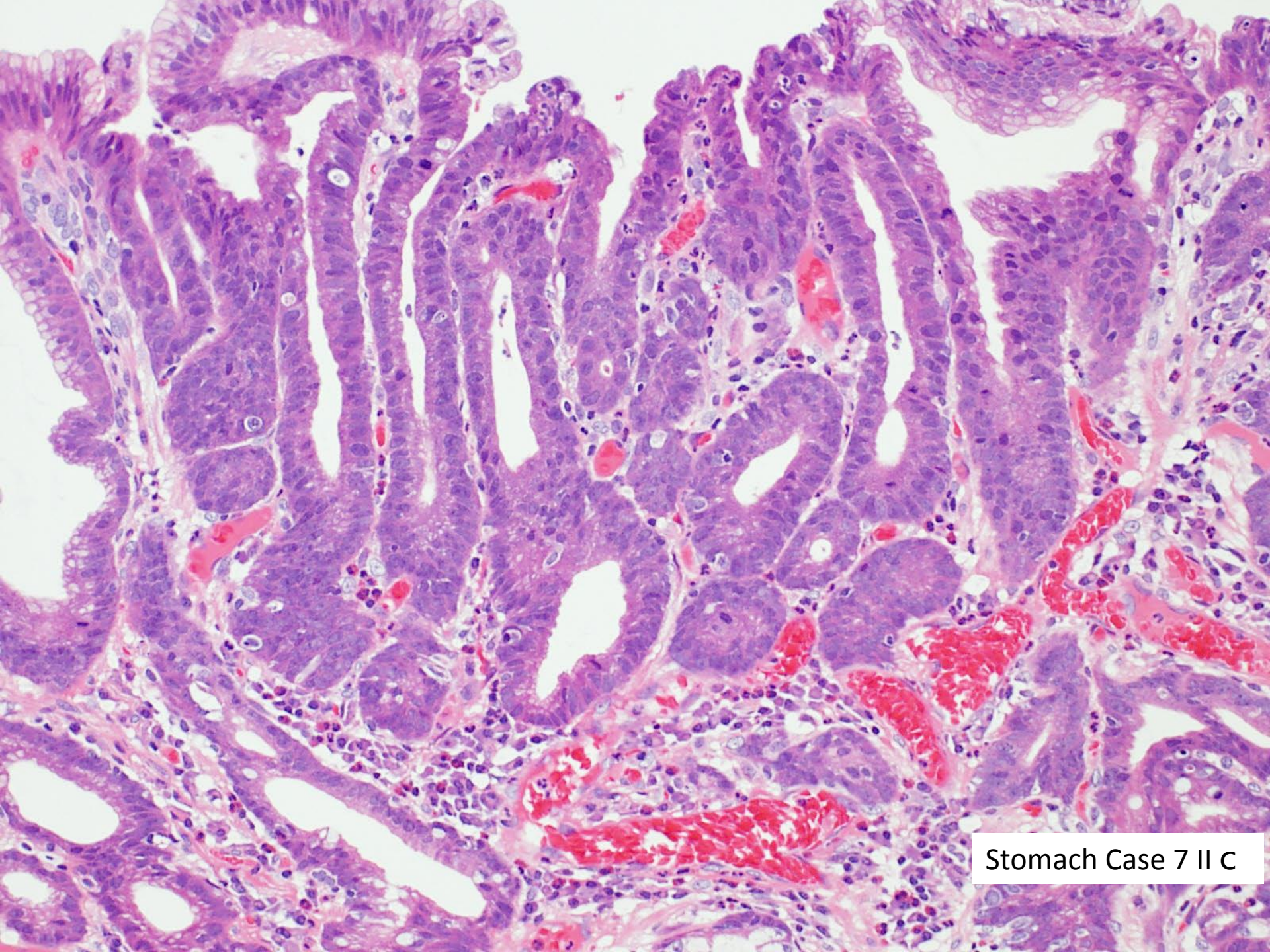
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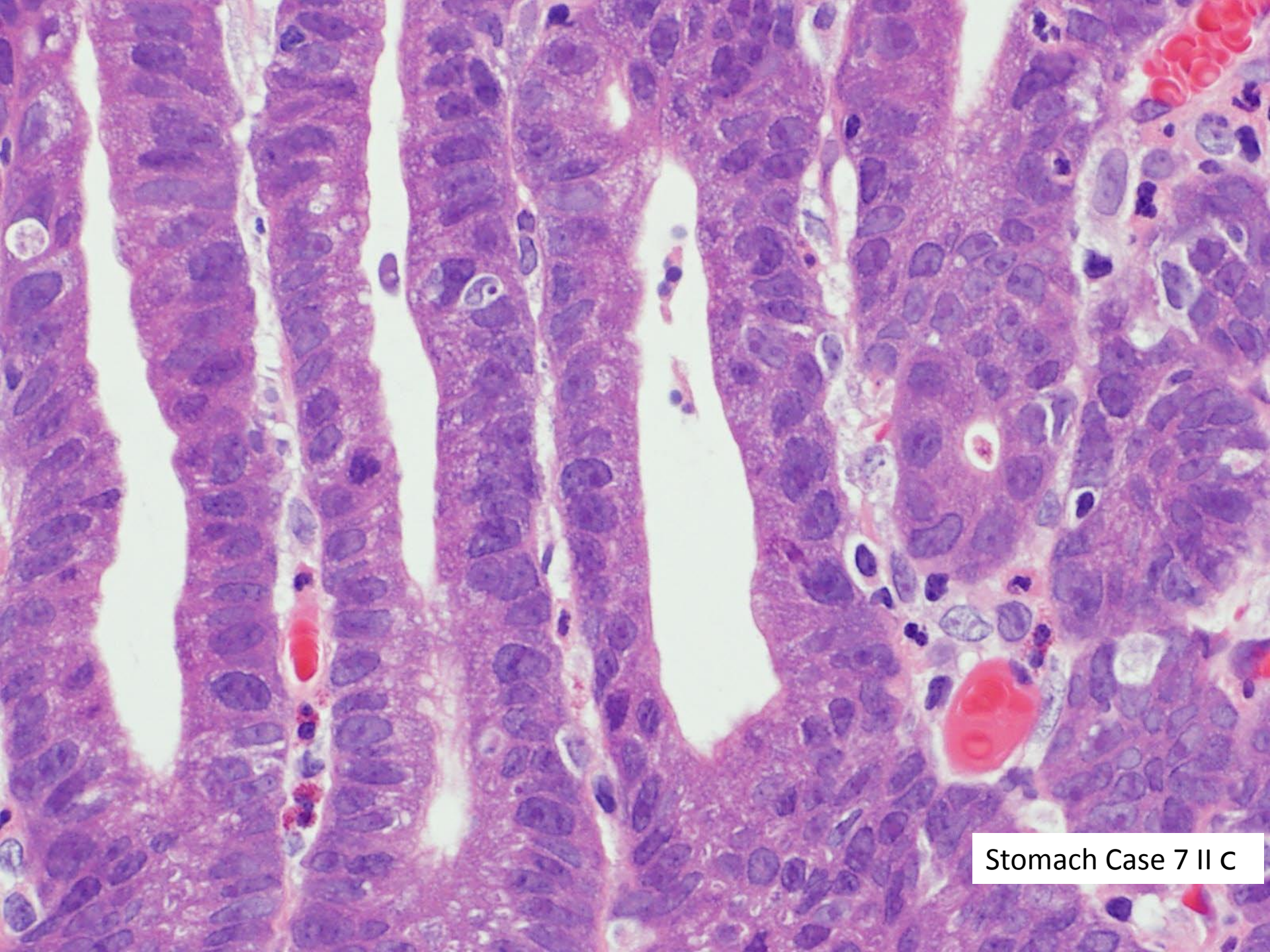
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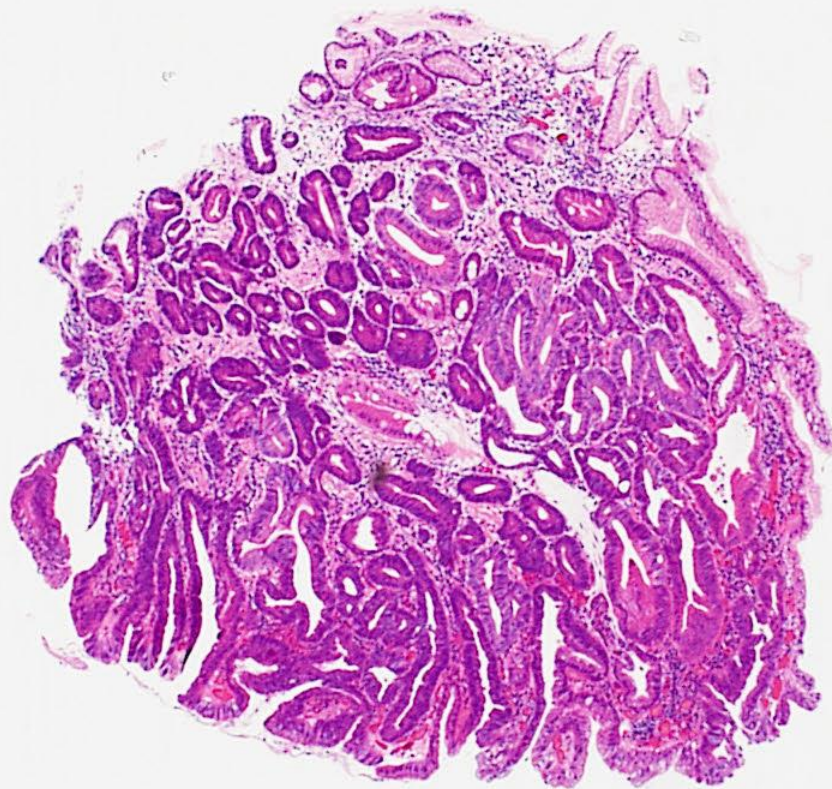
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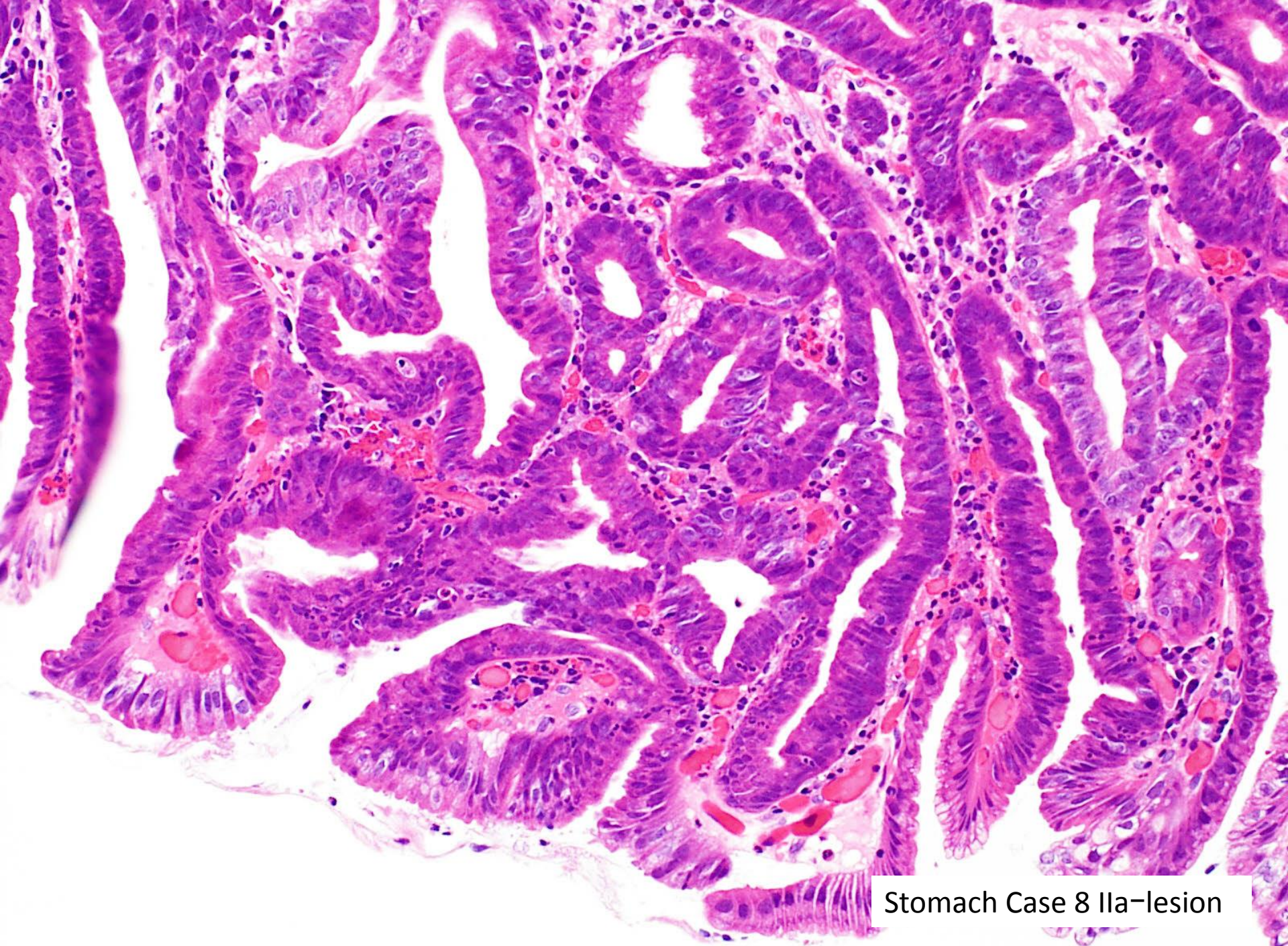
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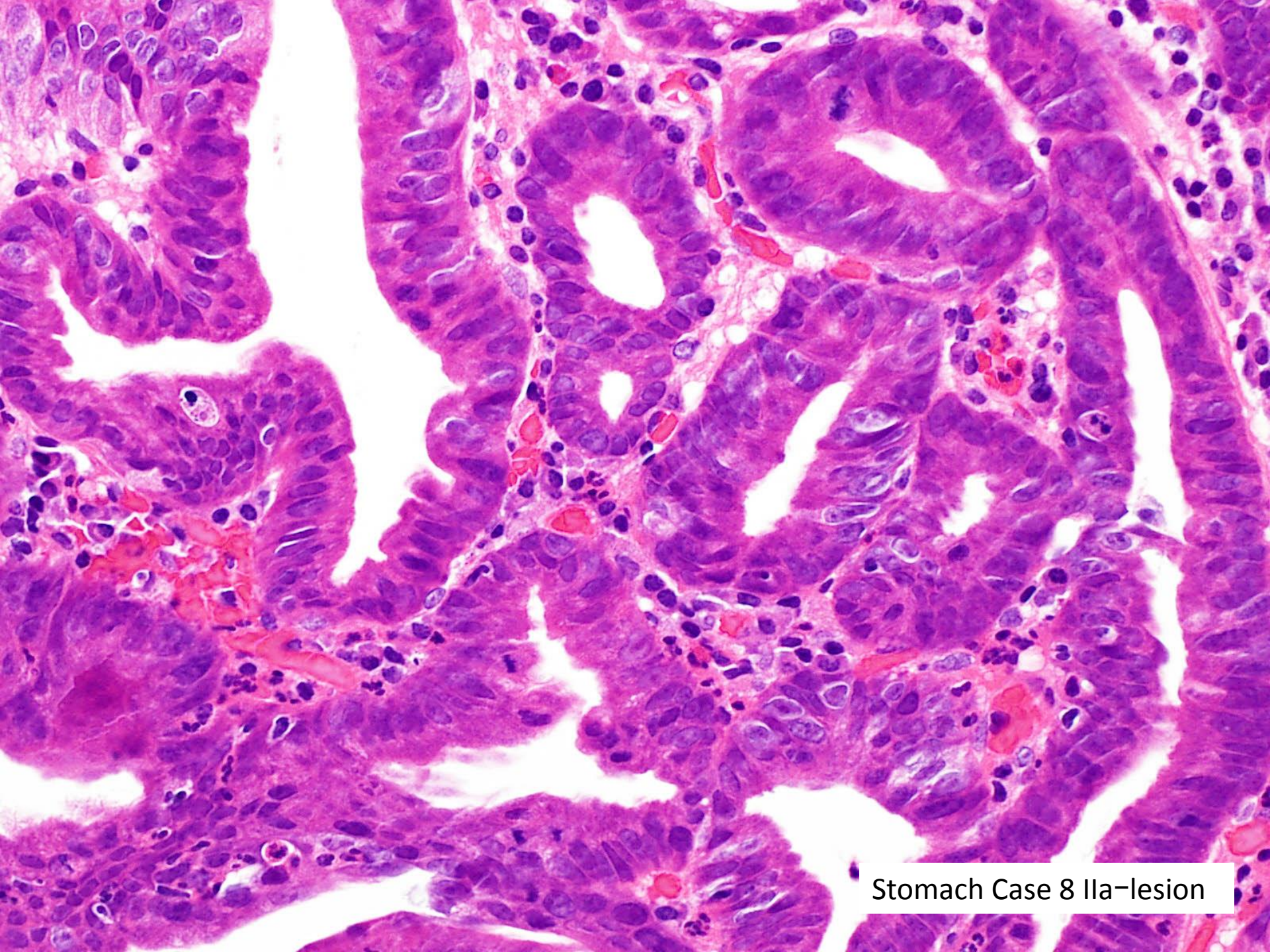
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Stomach Case 8 IIa-lesion



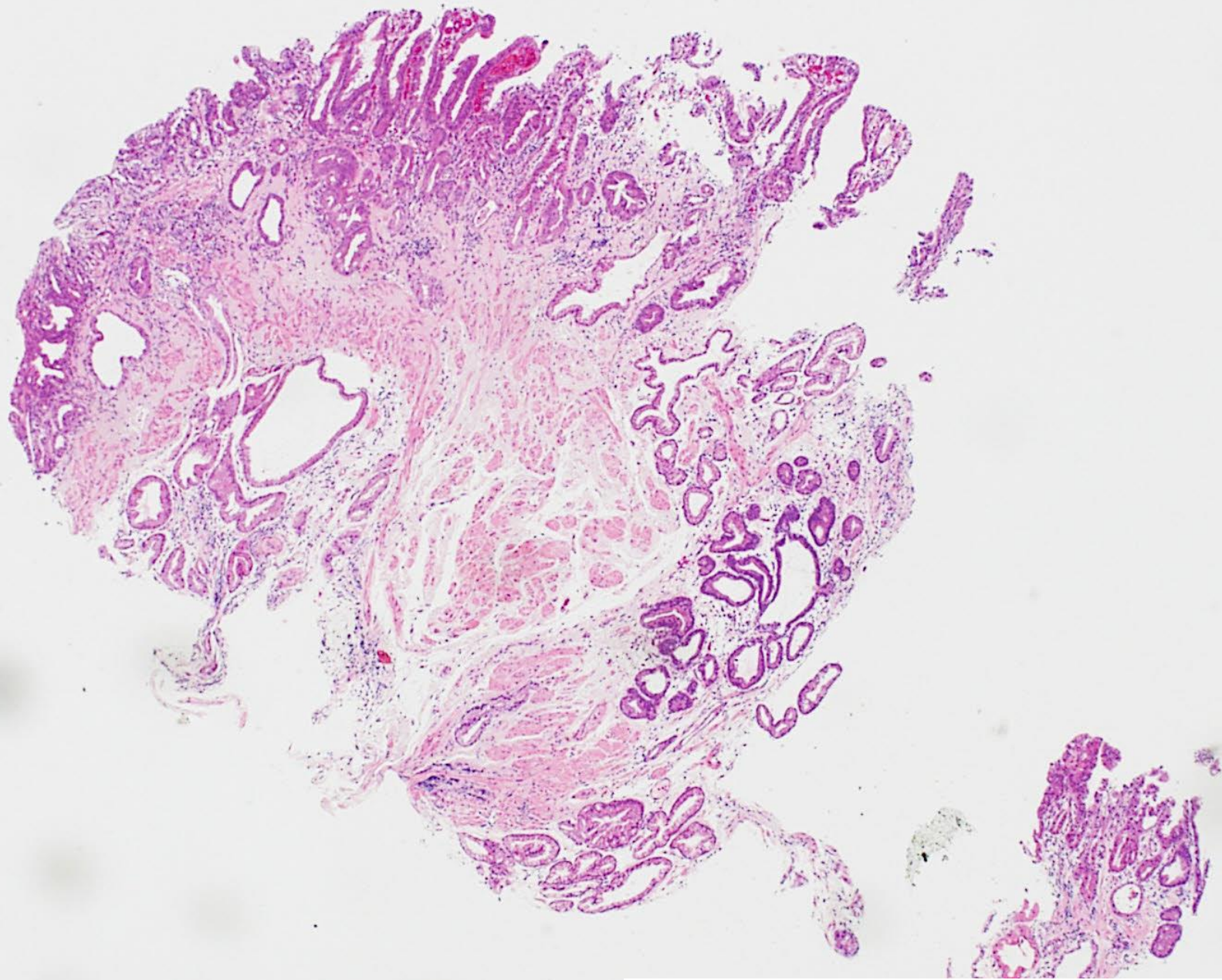
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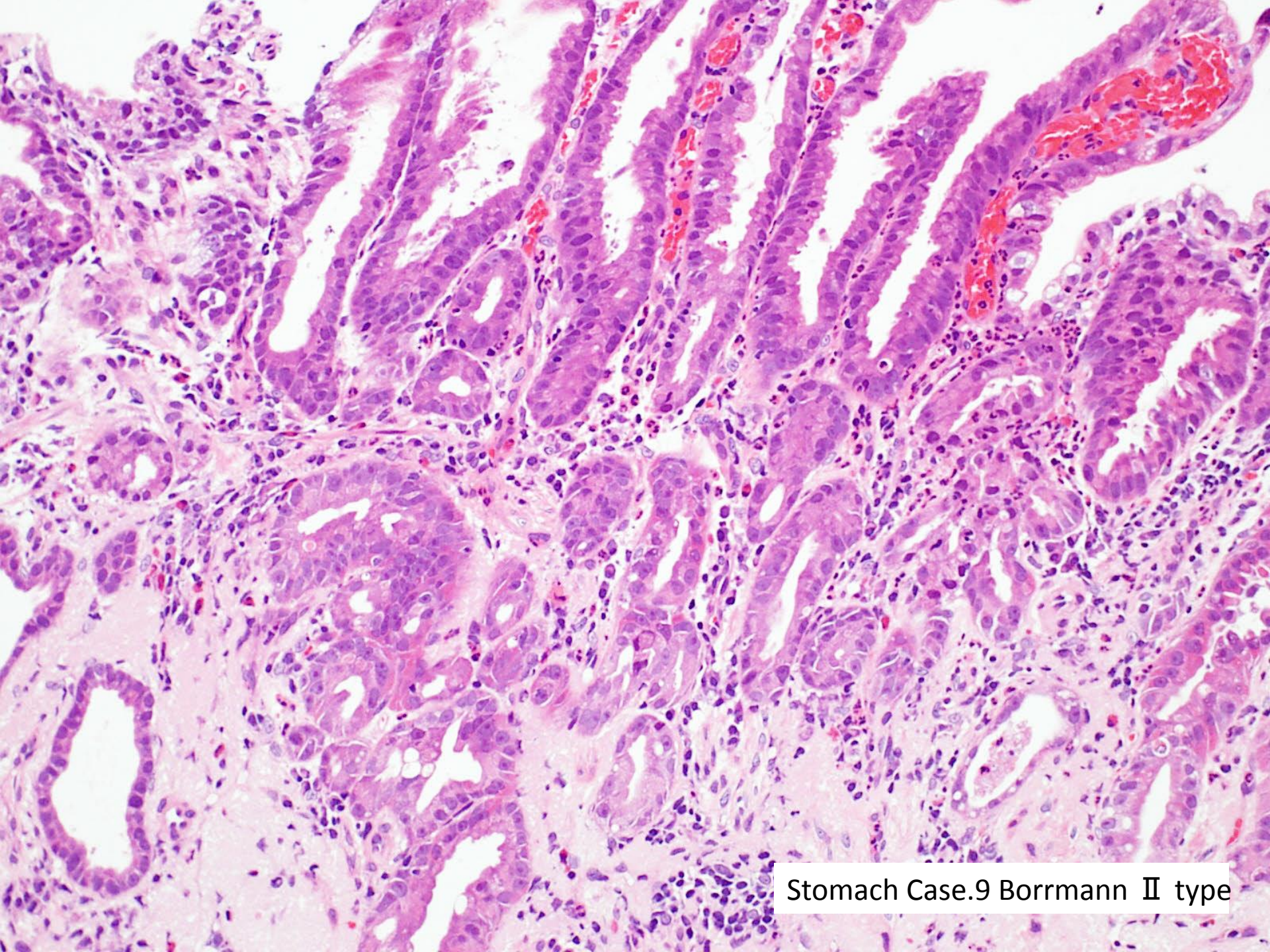
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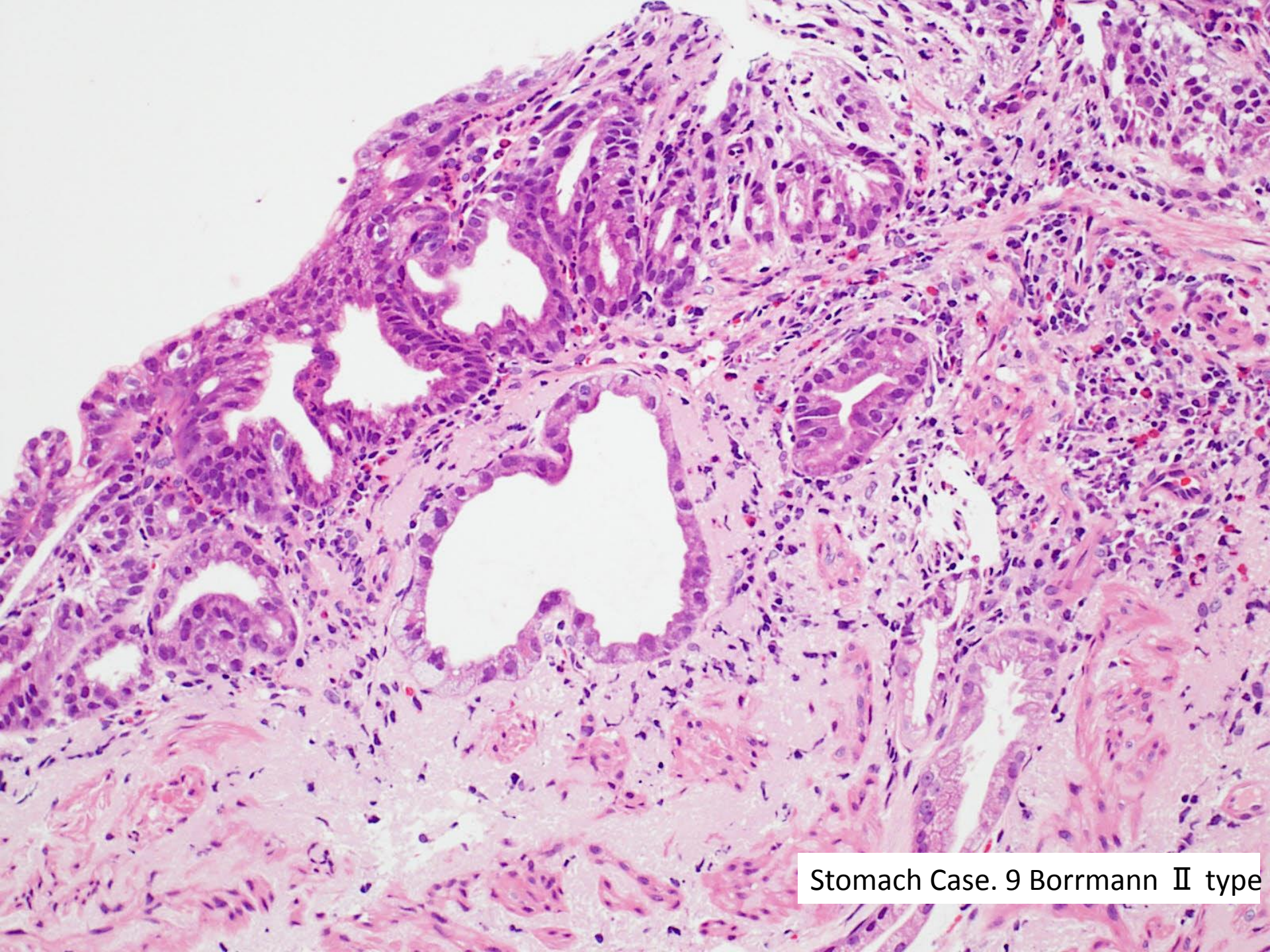
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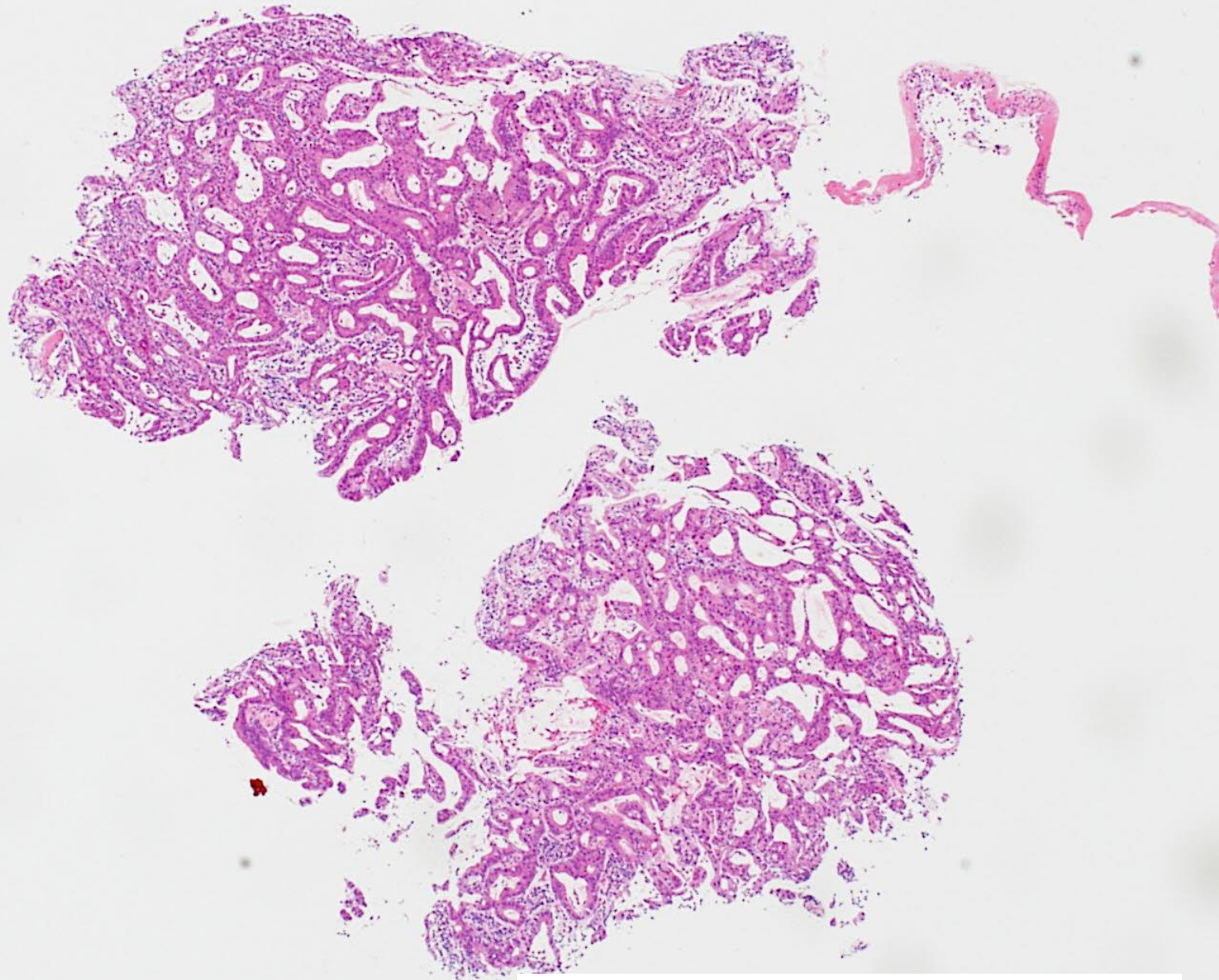
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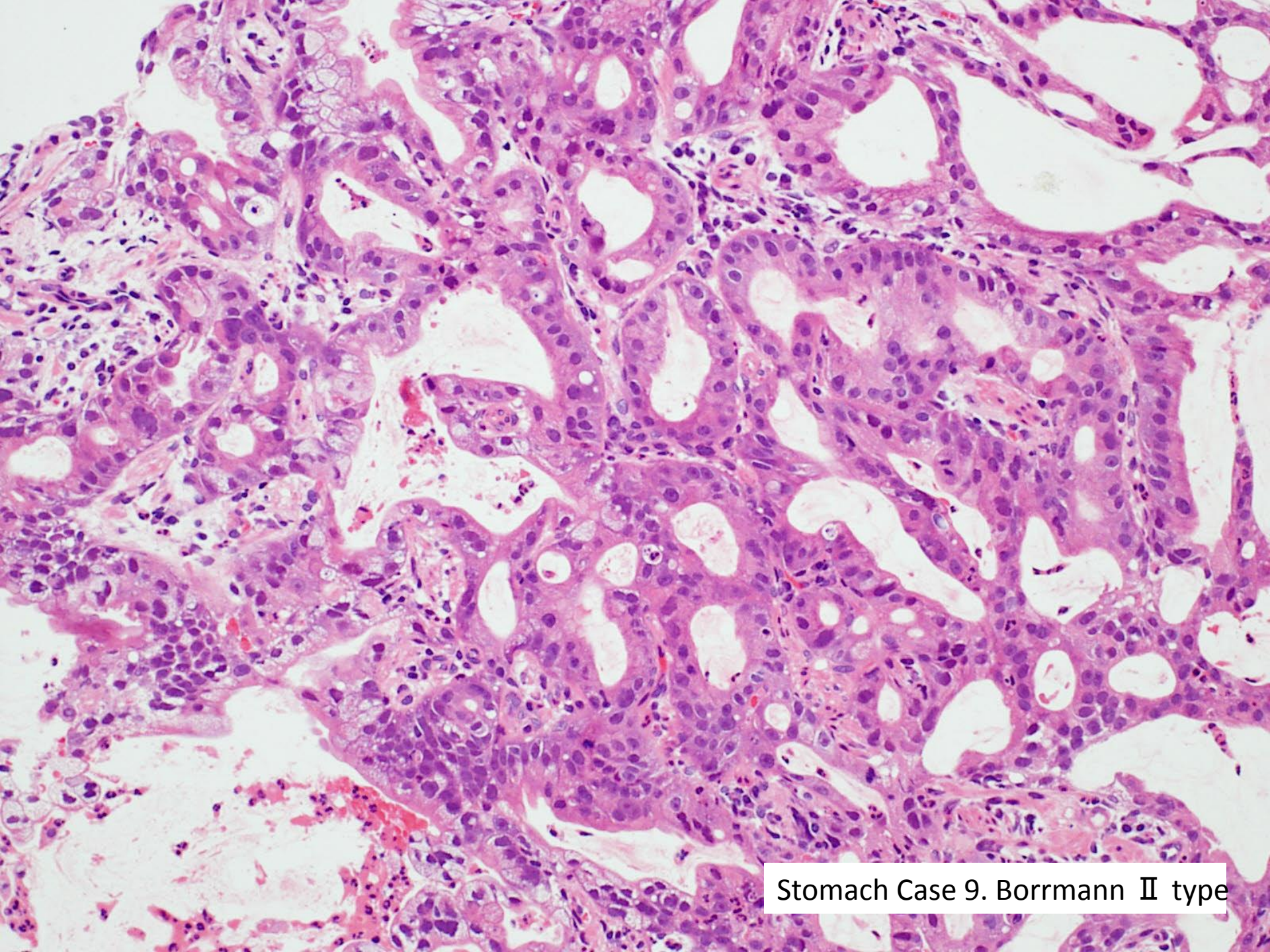
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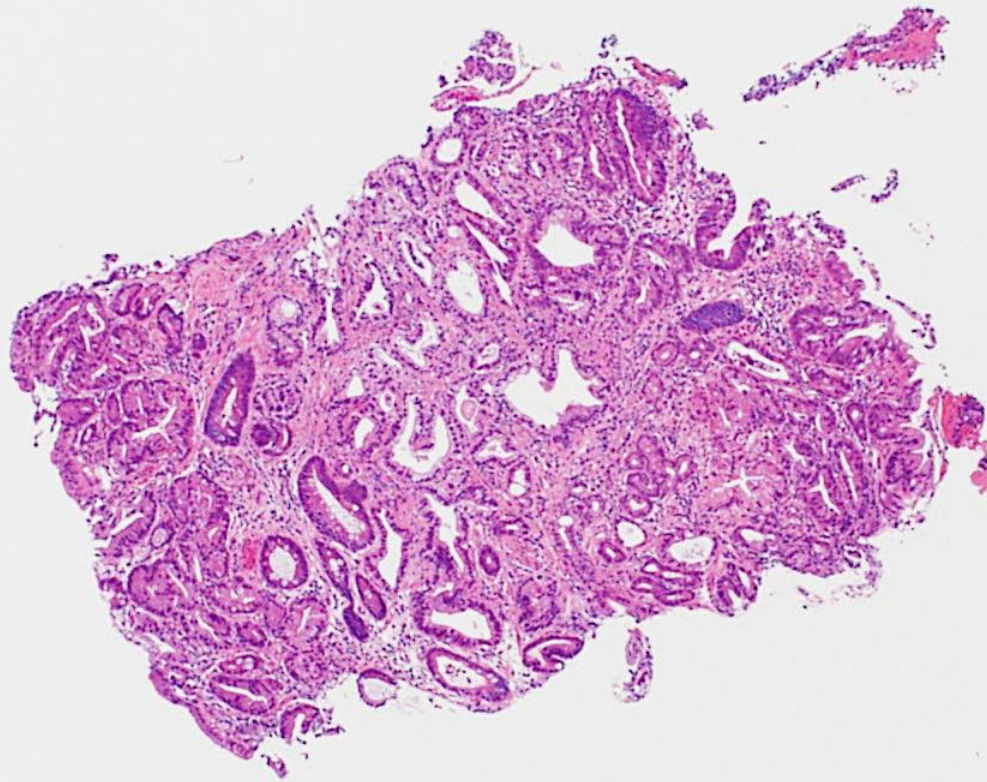
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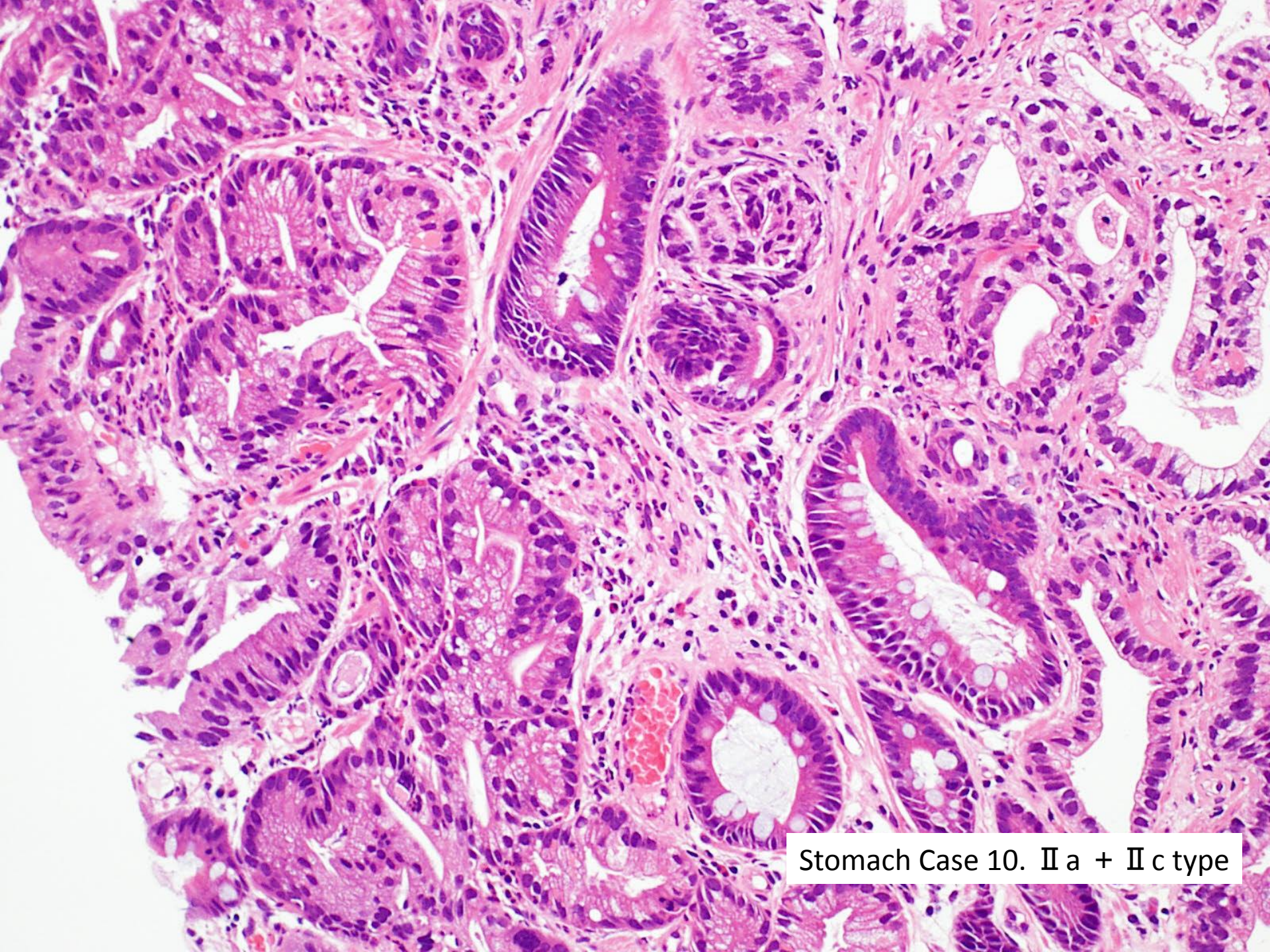
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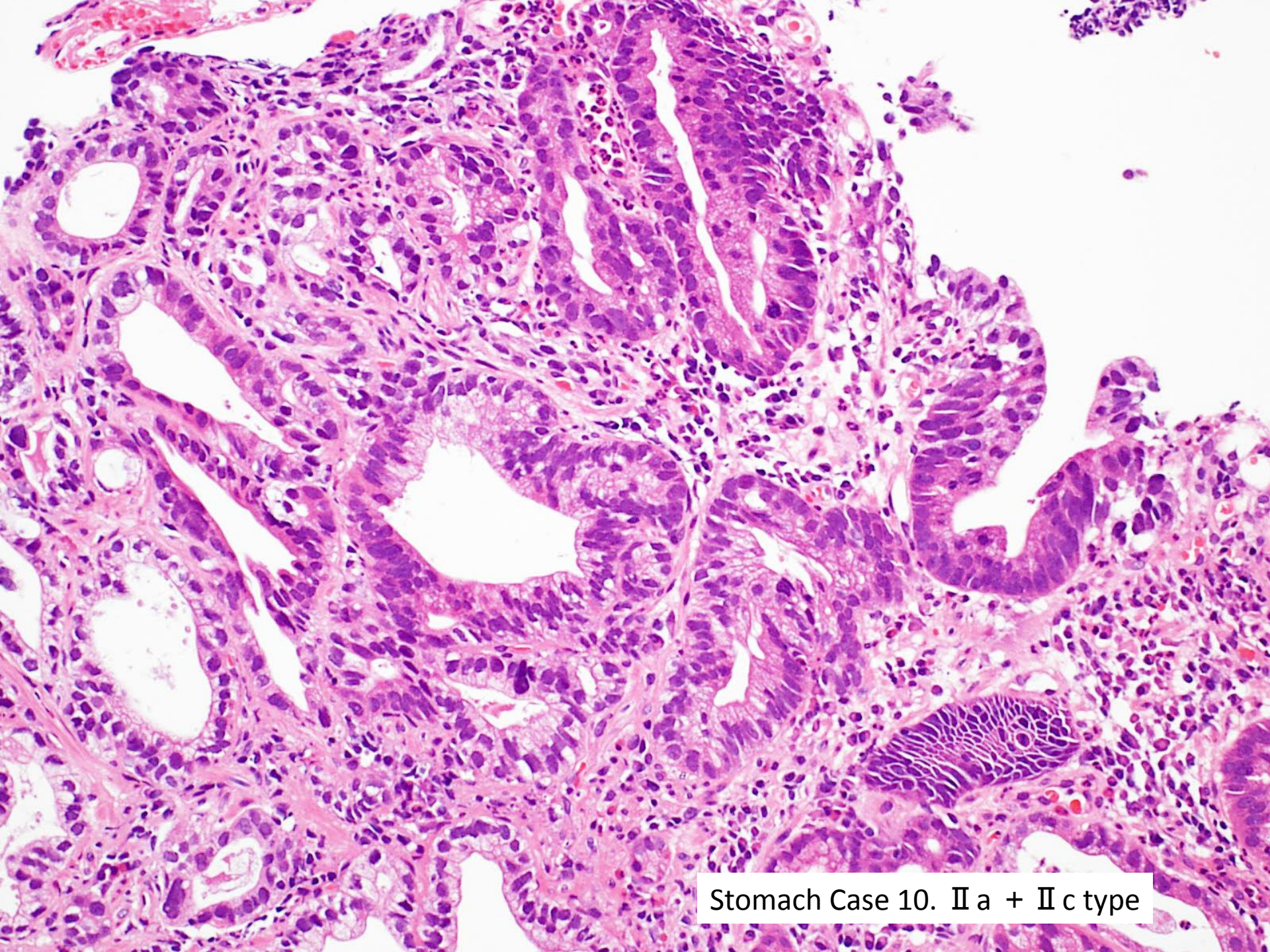
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Stomach Case 10. II a + II c type biopsy



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