





Hybrid Schwannoma-Perineurioma with an *SRF::RELA* Fusion and Myoid Phenotype Resembling Cellular Myofibroma: A Case Report

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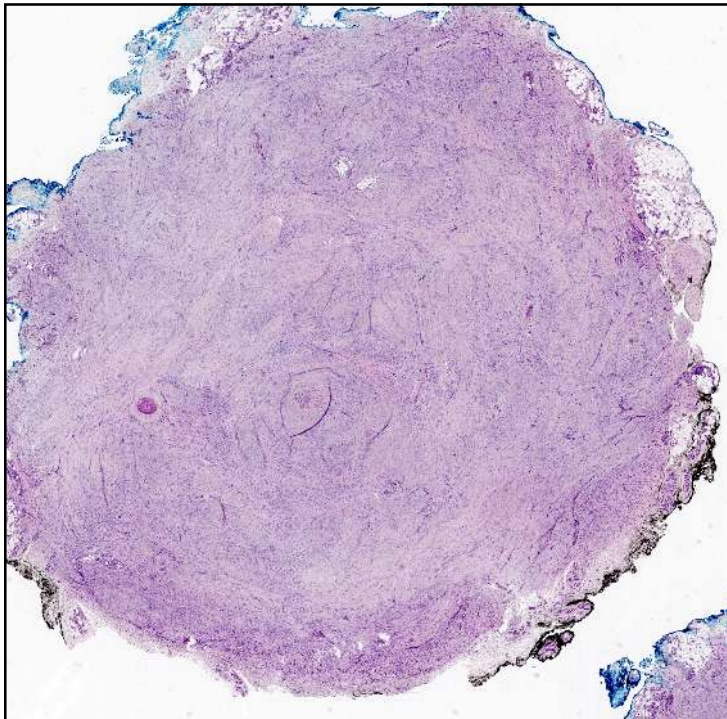
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Clinical presentation

- 24 y.o. female with a firm mass in the first webspace that slowly grew over 6 months
- No pain, numbness, or tingling
- Simple excision was performed
- The mass was somewhat infiltrative and adherent to surrounding subcutaneous tissue



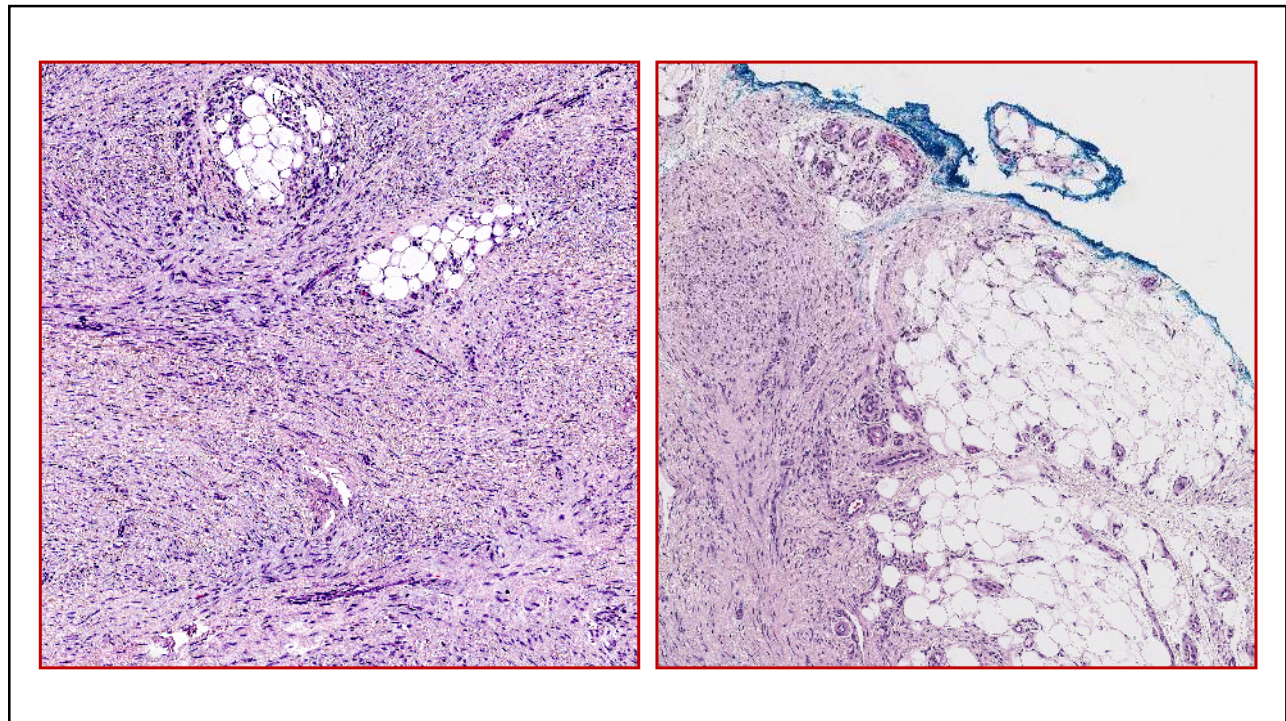
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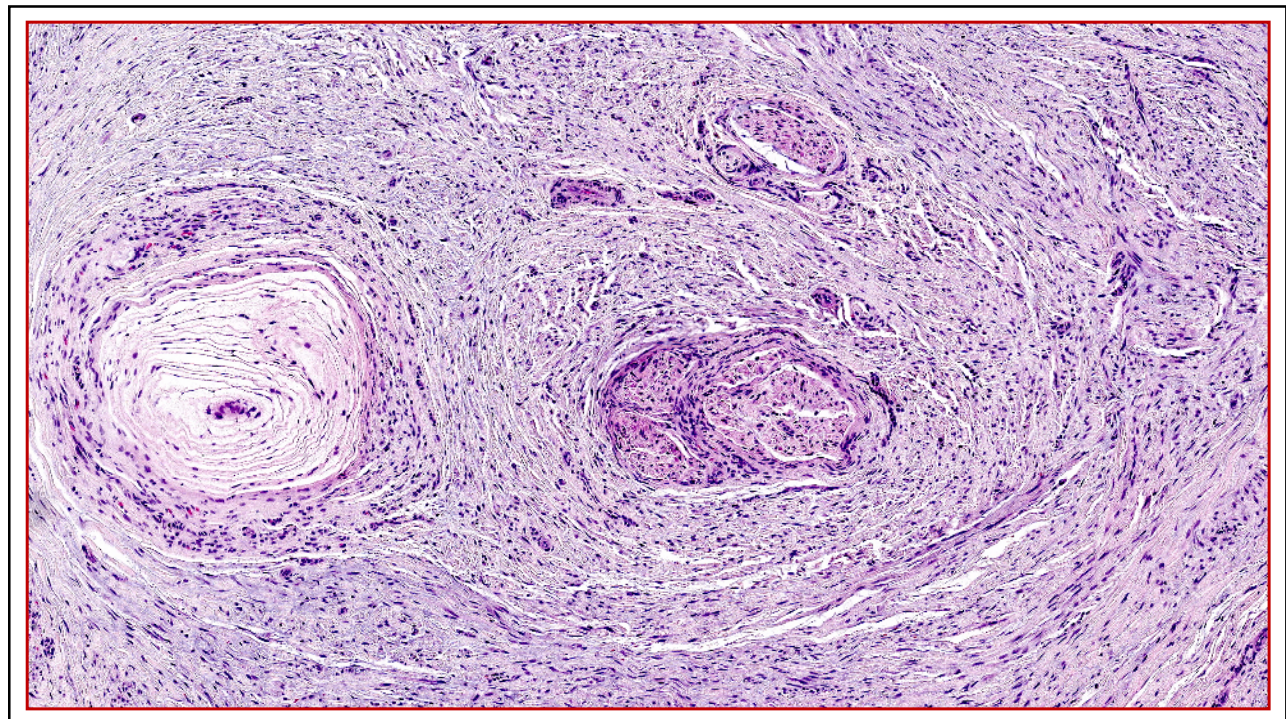
Gross exam showed a 1.8 x 1.3 x 1.3 cm tan-white, firm and homogeneous mass

Circumscribed but unencapsulated

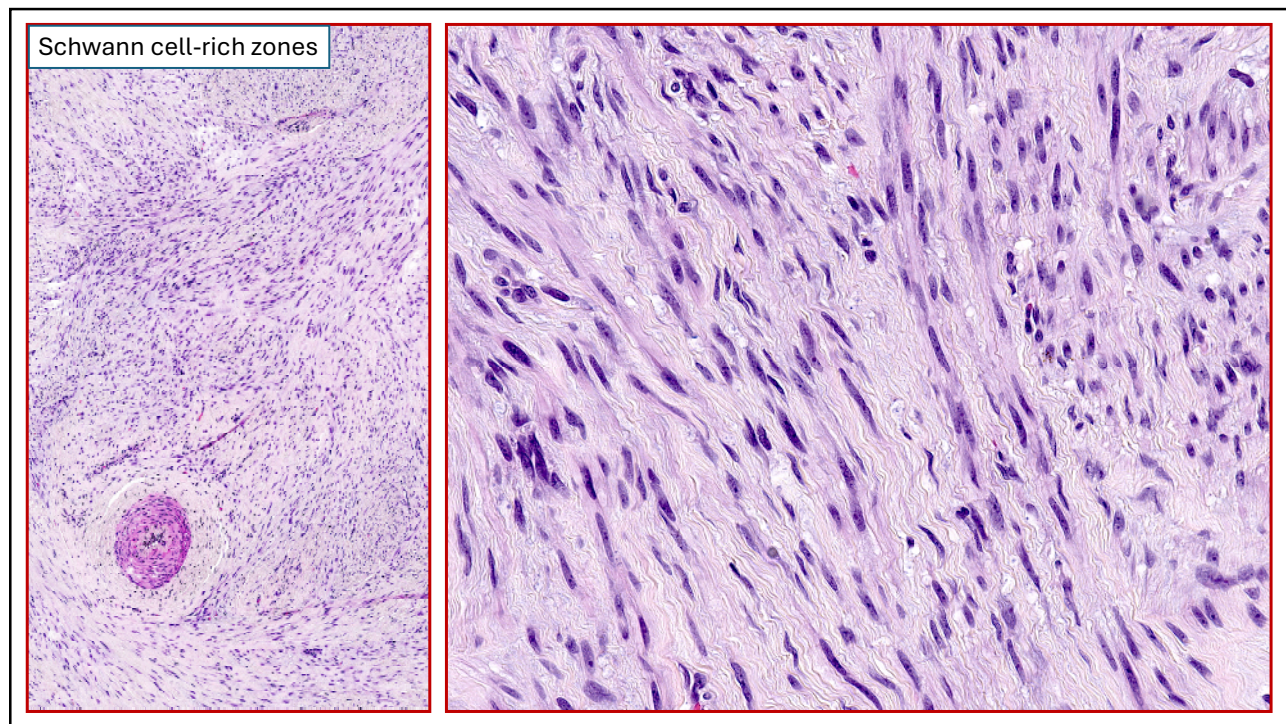
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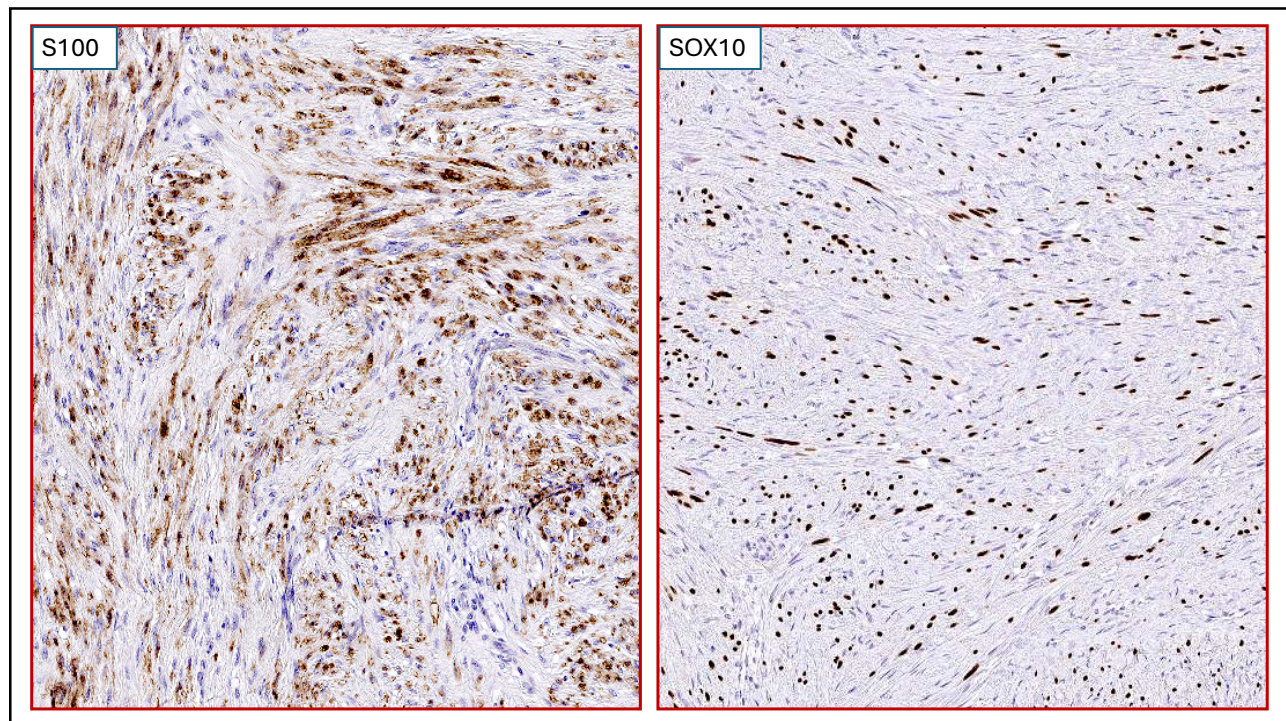
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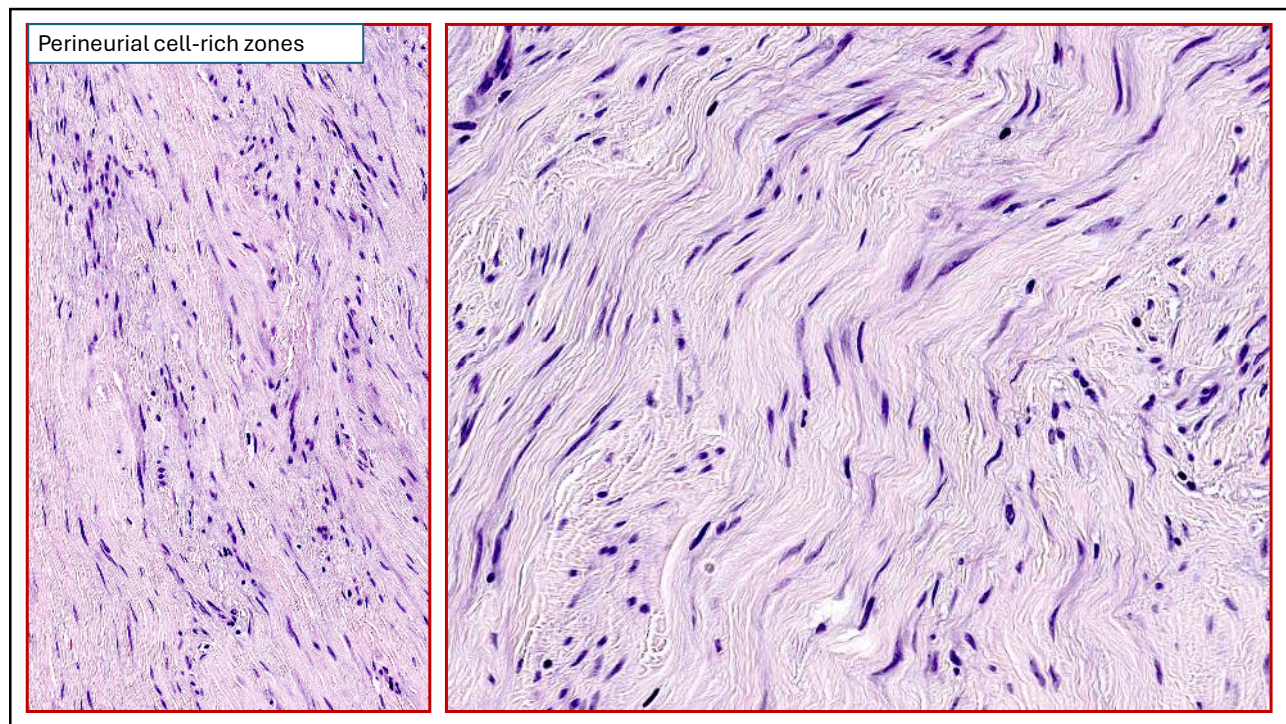
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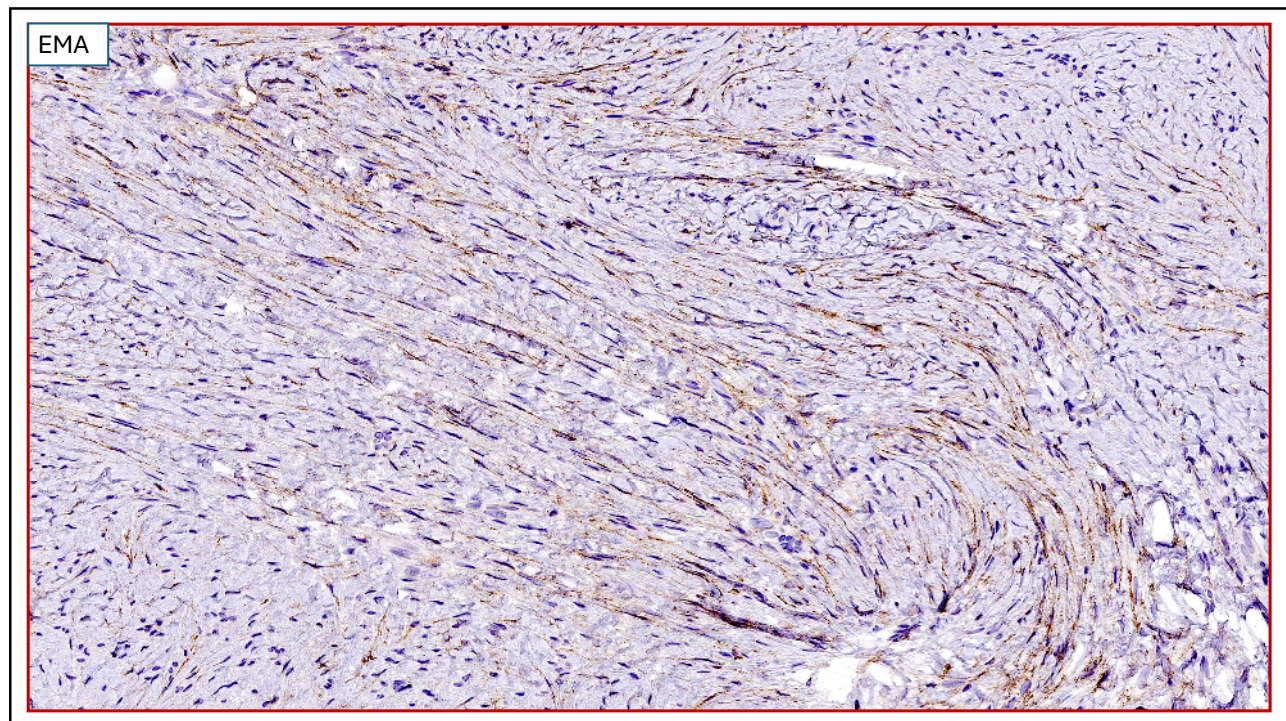
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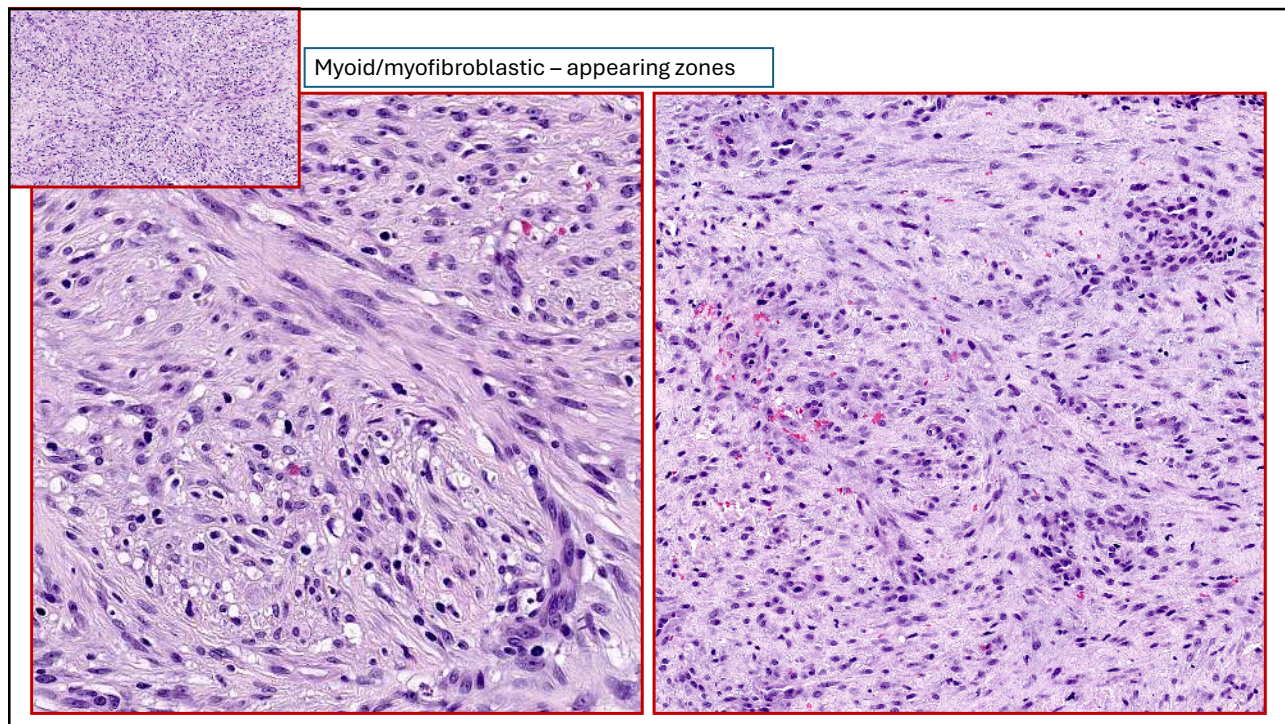
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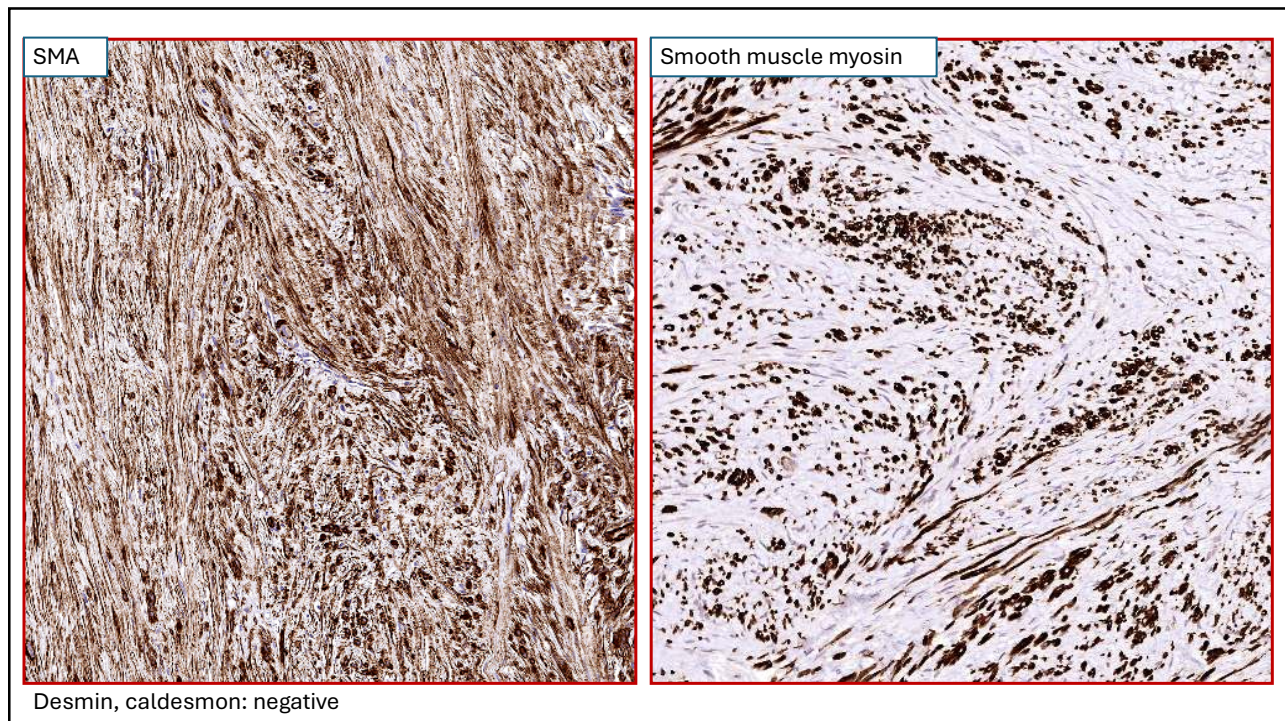
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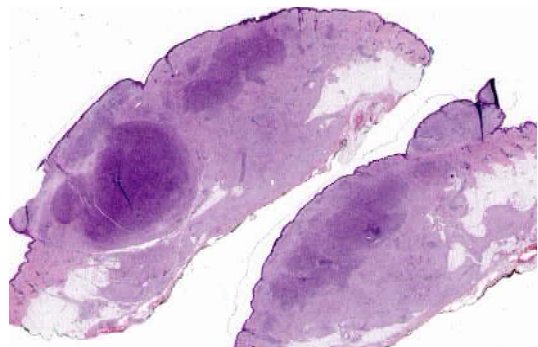
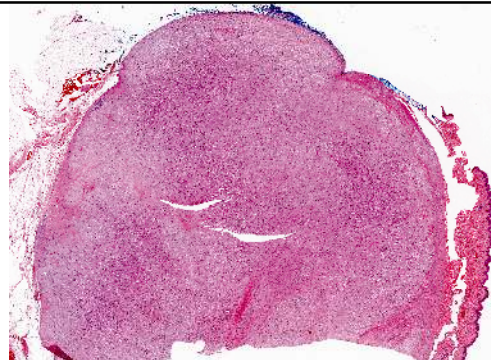
Preliminary diagnosis:

- **Hybrid schwannoma/perineurioma** based on the clear presence of schwannian and perineurial components
- An unusual third, myofibroblastic/myoid phenotype that resembled cellular myofibroma, nodular fasciitis or another myofibroblastic or smooth muscle neoplasm

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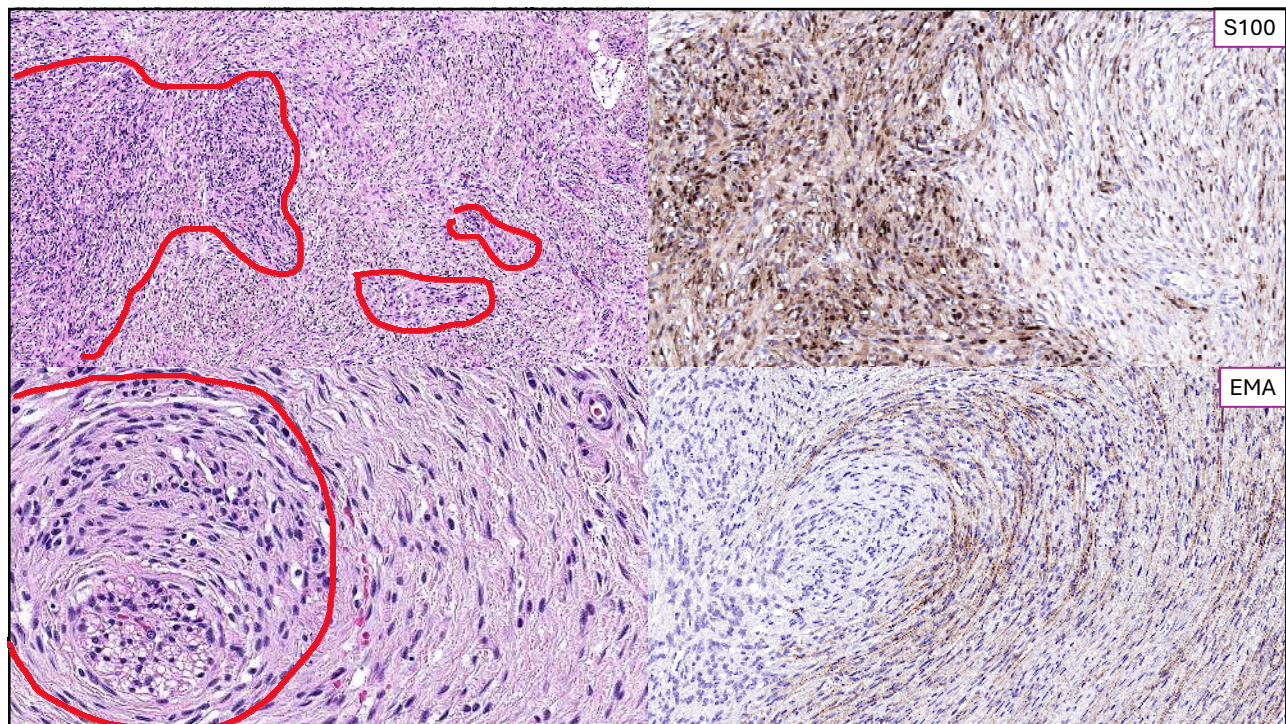
Classic Hybrid Schwannoma/Perineurioma

- Benign hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumor (hPNST) with varying combinations of schwannian and perineurial components
- Sporadic, indolent tumors with a small risk of local recurrence and very rare metastasis, usually with histologic progression
- Gene fusion driven tumors:
 - Most cases show *VGLL3* fusion, either with *CHD7*, *CHD9* or *MAMLD1*
 - Approximately 20% show alternative fusions including *TEAD1*, *NCOA2*, *BRAF* and others
- Dermal/subcutaneous masses, unencapsulated, circumscribed or infiltrative



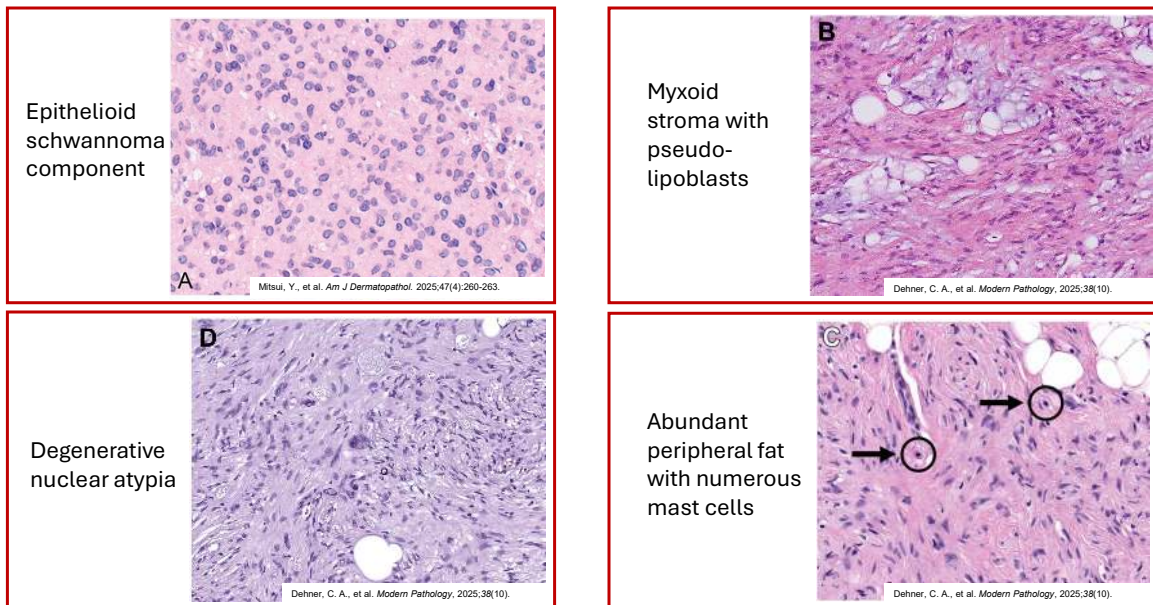
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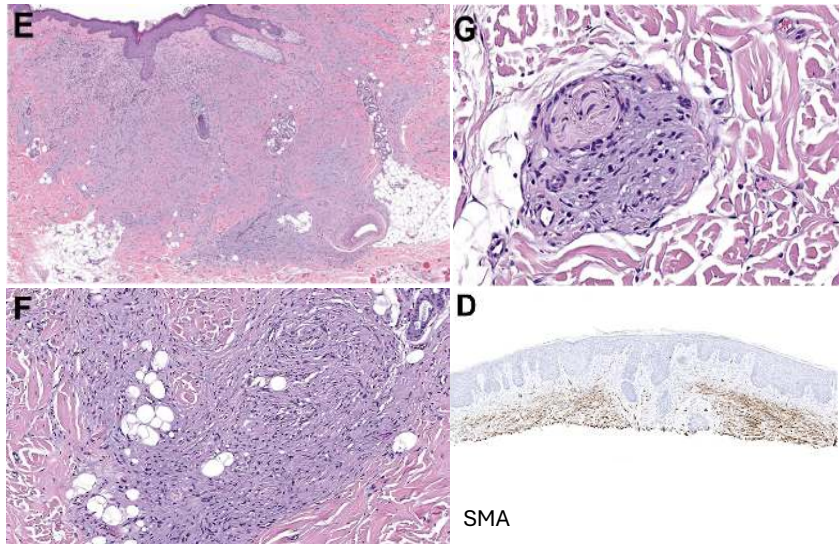
Phenotypic Variations in Hybrid Schwannoma/Perineurioma:



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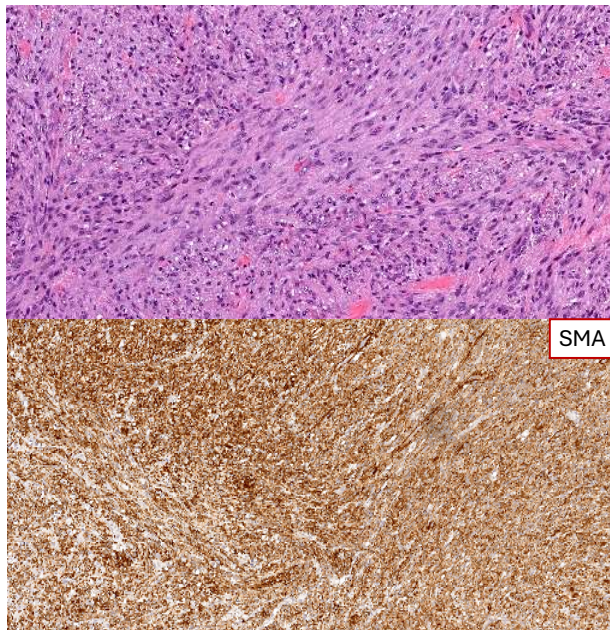
Does myoid/smooth muscle differentiation occur in hPNSTs?

- 1 case of hPNST with expression of SMA is reported
 - *Novel SRF::MYOCD* fusion, a known driver of myoid differentiation
 - Combined neural and smooth muscle phenotype by IHC but not by morphology
 - Bland fibroblastic cells resembling desmoplastic melanoma
- Fully developed myoid phenotype in hPNST does not usually occur

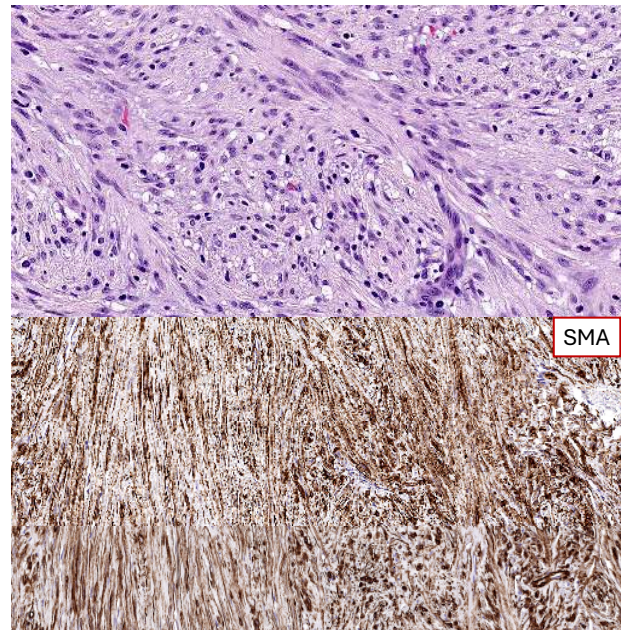


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Cellular myofibroma



Our case



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DNA and RNA sequencing by NGS: *SRF::RELA* Fusion



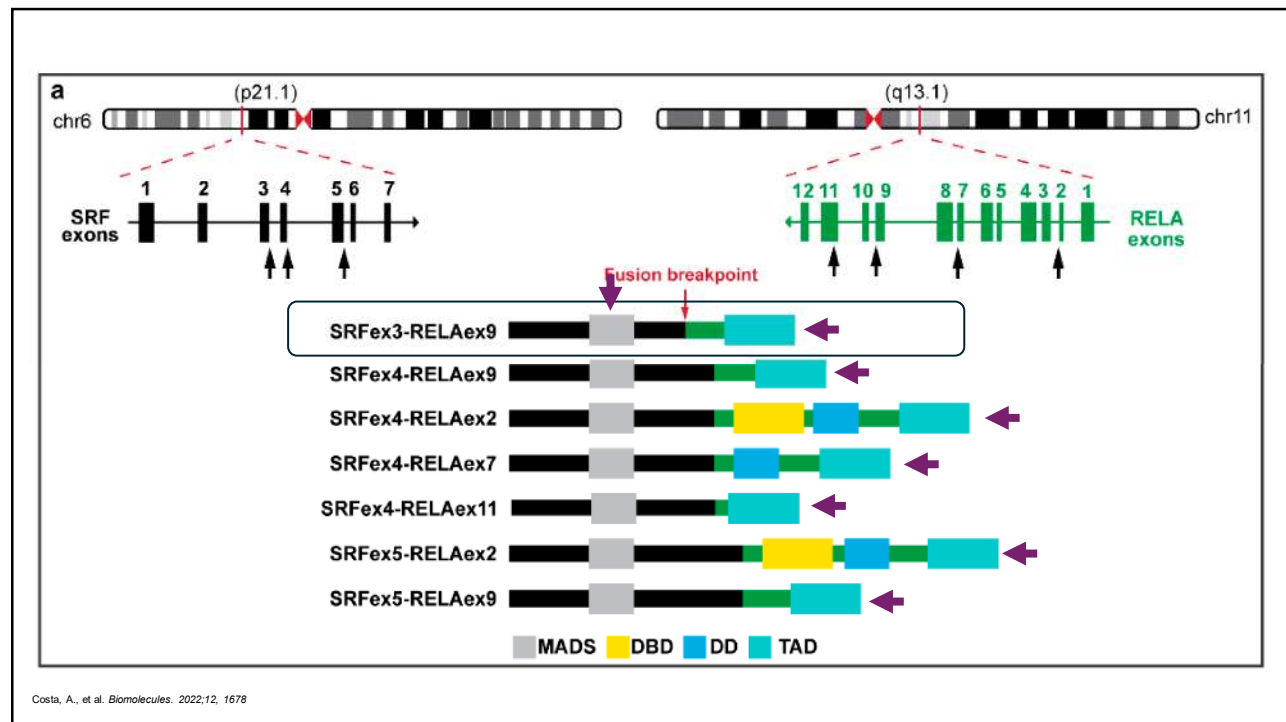
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Serum response factor (SRF) 6p21.1

- A transcription factor regulating all aspects of muscle development
- SRF fusions drive tumors by aberrantly activating smooth and skeletal muscle gene programs through chimeric SRF fusion oncoproteins
- SRF fusions are only found in tumors expressing muscle phenotype:
 - Cellular myoid neoplasms:
 - cellular myofibromas
 - some myopericytomas/perivascular tumors
 - A subset of inflammatory myofibroblastic tumors
 - A subset of rhabdomyosarcomas with favorable outcomes

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Takeaways

- We report a triphasic hPNST, consisting of schwannian, perineurial, and cellular myofibroblast-like components
 - The myoid phenotype is a result of *SRF::RELA* fusion
- This is a second case of hPNST with an *SRF* fusion, expanding the histologic spectrum of this entity and showing a fusion-dependent true myoid/smooth muscle phenotype
- The diversity within hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumors and prognostic impact of various gene fusions, including *SRF*-driven tumorigenesis, requires further study
- So far (6 months), this tumor has behaved in a benign fashion – no recurrence or metastasis

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