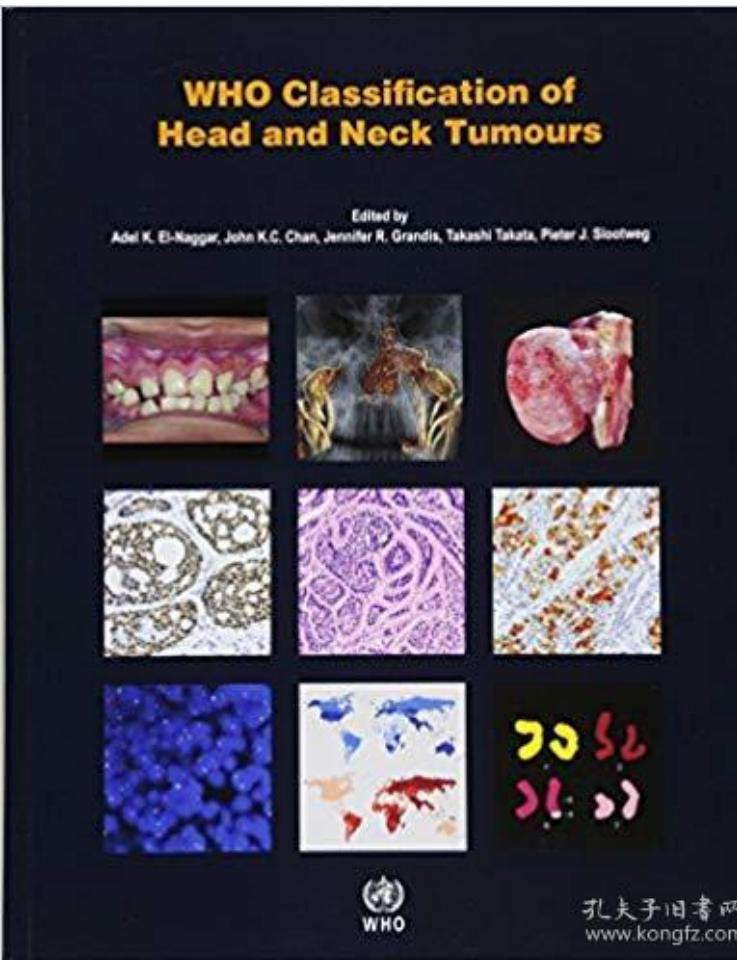


# Expression of PAX3 Distinguishes Biphenotypic Sinonasal Sarcoma From Histologic Mimics

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# WHO classification of tumours of the nasal cavity, paranasal sinuses and skull base

## KEY WORDS

Carcinomas			
Keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma	8071/3	Borderline/low-grade malignant soft tissue tumours	
Non-keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma	8072/3	Desmoid-type fibromatosis	8821/1
Spindle cell squamous cell carcinoma	8074/3	Sinonasal hemangiopericytoma	9150/1
Lymphoepithelial carcinoma	8082/3	Solitary fibrous tumour	8815/1
Sinonasal undifferentiated carcinoma	8020/3	Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma	9133/3
NUT carcinoma	8023/3*	Benign soft tissue tumours	
Neuroendocrine carcinomas		Leiomyoma	8890/0
Small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma	8041/3	Haemangioma	9120/0
Large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma	8013/3	Schwannoma	9560/0
Adenocarcinomas		Neurofibroma	9540/0
Intestinal-type adenocarcinoma	8144/3	Other tumours	
Non-intestinal-type adenocarcinoma	8140/3	Meningioma	9530/0
Teratocarcinosarcoma	9081/3	Sinonasal ameloblastoma	9310/0
Chondromesenchymal hamartoma		Haematolymphoid tumours	
Sinonasal papillomas		Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma	9719/3
Sinonasal papilla, inverted type	8121/1	Extraosseous plasmacytoma	9734/3
Sinonasal papilla, oncocytic type	8121/1	Neuroectodermal/melanocytic tumours	
Sinonasal papilla, exophytic type	8121/0	Ewing sarcoma/primitive neuroectodermal tumour	9364/3
Respiratory epithelial lesions		Olfactory neuroblastoma	9522/3
Respiratory epithelial adenomatoid hamartoma		Mucosal melanoma	8720/3
Seromucinous hamartoma			
Salivary gland tumours			
Pleomorphic adenoma	8940/0		
Malignant soft tissue tumours			
Fibrosarcoma	8810/3	The morphology codes are from the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) (776A). Behaviour is coded /0 for benign tumours; /1 for unspecified, borderline, or uncertain behaviour; /2 for carcinoma in situ and grade III intraepithelial neoplasia; and /3 for malignant tumours.	
Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma	8802/3	The classification is modified from the previous WHO classification, taking into account changes in our understanding of these lesions.	
Leiomyosarcoma	8890/3	*These new codes were approved by the IARC/WHO Committee for ICD-O.	
Rhabdomyosarcoma, NOS	8900/3		
Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma	8910/3		
Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	8920/3		
Pleomorphic rhabdomyosarcoma, adult type	8901/3		
Spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma	8912/3		
Angiosarcoma	9120/3		
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour	9540/3		
Biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma	9045/3*		
Synovial sarcoma	9040/3		

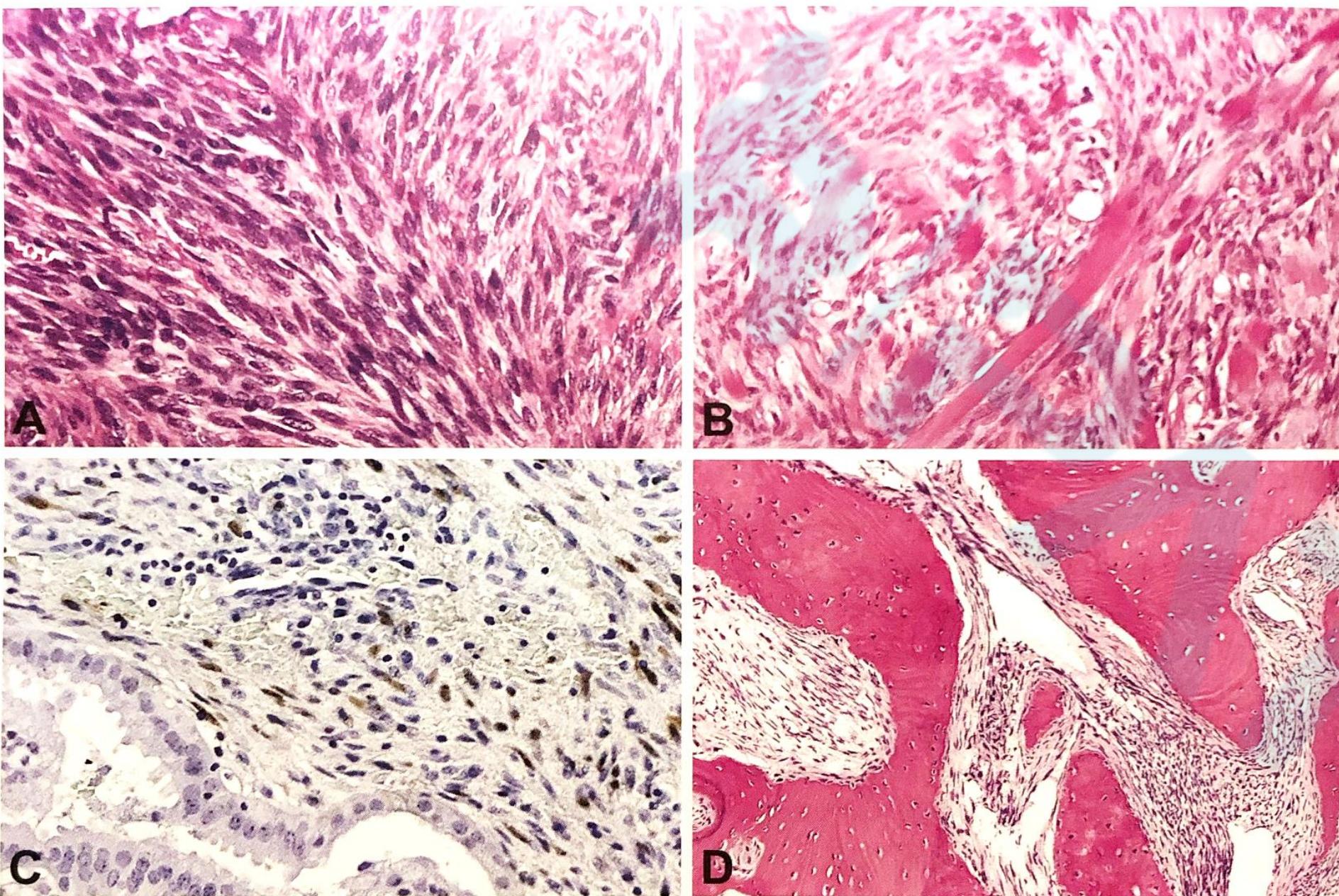
- ✓ **biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma**
- ✓ **malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor**
- ✓ **monophasic synovial sarcoma**
- ✓ **spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS)**
- ✓ **solitary fibrous tumor**
- ✓ **sinonasal hemangiopericytoma**
- ✓ **cellular schwannoma**
- ✓ **alveolar RMS**

# 双表型鼻腔鼻窦肉瘤（Biphenotypic Sinonasal Sarcoma）

- ICD-O编码：9045-3
- 男：女=1:2；发病中位年龄：52岁；好发于鼻腔和筛窦的上方，也可延伸至眼眶或筛板。
- 肿瘤境界不清，由密集的梭形细胞组成，呈长束状或交错束状排列，常见血管外皮瘤样结构，瘤细胞核形态温和，核分裂象罕见，未见坏死。
- IHC：S100(+)、SMA(+)、CD34、desmin、MYOD1、myogenin、EMA

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# INTRODUCTION



**Fig. 1.33** Biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma. **A** Uniform, elongate spindle cells arrayed in long intersecting fascicles; the nuclei show pale chromatin and punctate nucleoli without significant pleomorphism. **B** Focal rhabdomyoblastic differentiation is seen in a minority of biphenotypic sinonasal sarcomas. **C** S100 immunostaining often shows a spotty or patchy staining pattern. **D** Infiltration of sinonasal bones is a frequent finding.

## Genetic profile

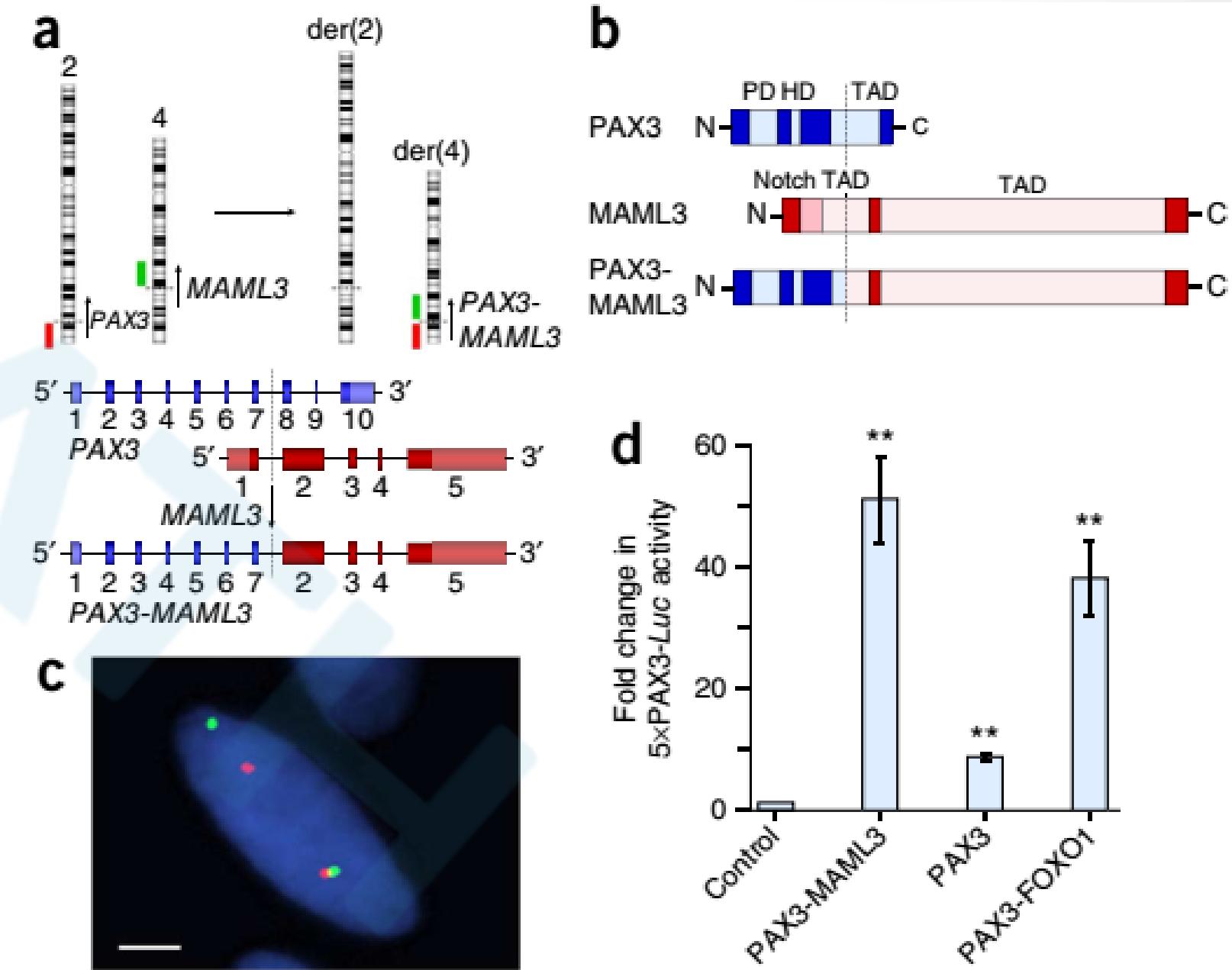
- **PAX3 -MAML3 gene fusion**
- **PAX3 -FOXO1 gene fusion**
- **PAX3 –NCOA1 gene fusion**

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# Recurrent *PAX3-MAML3* fusion in biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma

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**Biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma (SNS) is a newly described tumor of the nasal and paranasal areas. Here we report a recurrent chromosomal translocation in SNS, t(2;4)(q35;q31.1), resulting in a PAX3-MAML3 fusion protein that is a potent transcriptional activator of PAX3 response elements. The SNS phenotype is characterized by aberrant expression of genes involved in neuroectodermal and myogenic differentiation, closely simulating the developmental roles of PAX3.**



### 低度恶性外周神经鞘瘤 ( malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor )

- ICD-O编码 : 9540-3
- 起源于三叉神经的眼分支或上颌窦分支。肿块、疼痛、鼻出血、扁桃体易位和肿胀。
- 由细胞致密区和黏液样变的细胞疏松区相交互，可见局部坏死和血管周肿瘤细胞的聚集。瘤细胞胖梭形，紧密编织状排列，呈“鱼骨样”或波浪状排列。
- IHC : S100(+)、SOX10(+)
- 遗传学 : NF1

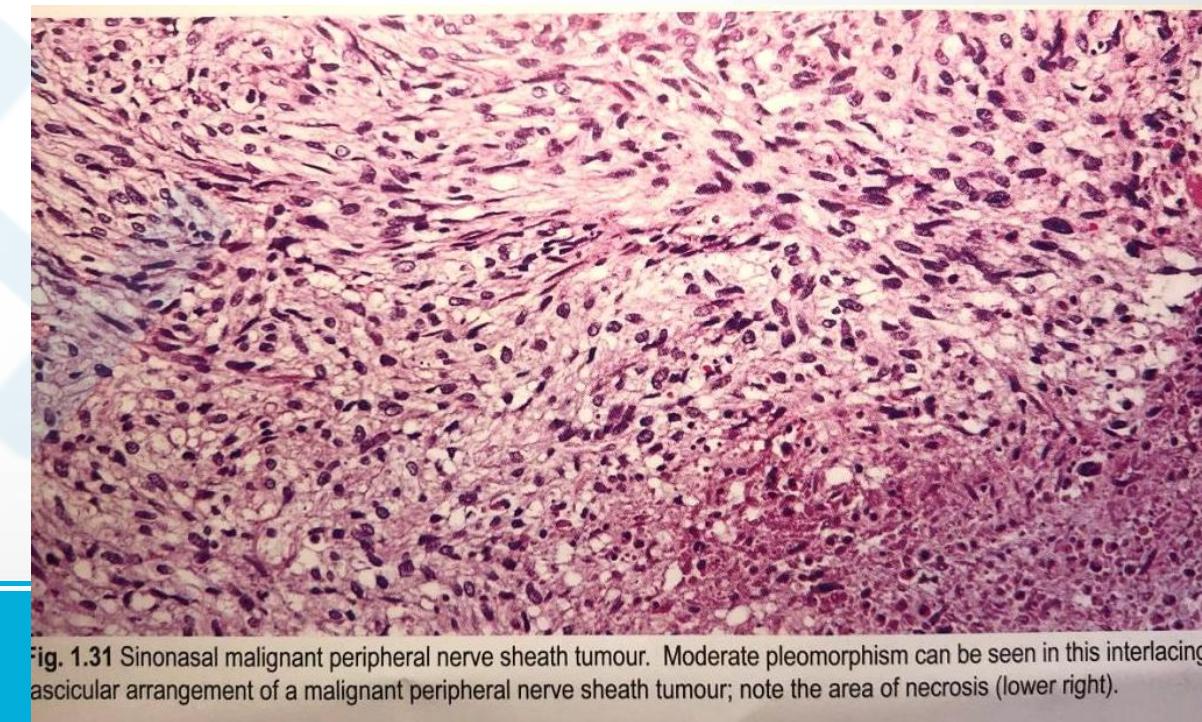


Fig. 1.31 Sinonasal malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour. Moderate pleomorphism can be seen in this interlacing fascicular arrangement of a malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour; note the area of necrosis (lower right).

### 滑膜肉瘤 (Synovial sarcoma)

- ICD-O编码 : 9040-3
- 有单向性和双向性之分，双向性滑膜肉瘤具有上皮和梭形细胞成分，上皮细胞排列成腺样腔隙，腔内含上皮性黏液，细胞胞浆丰富，梭形细胞成分稀少；单向性滑膜肉瘤由一致性较小的椭圆形肿瘤细胞构成束状和片状，可含有大量的肥大细胞。
- IHC : CD99(+)、Bcl2(+)、CD56(+)  
S100(-)、WT1(-)
- 遗传学 : SS18 gene fusion

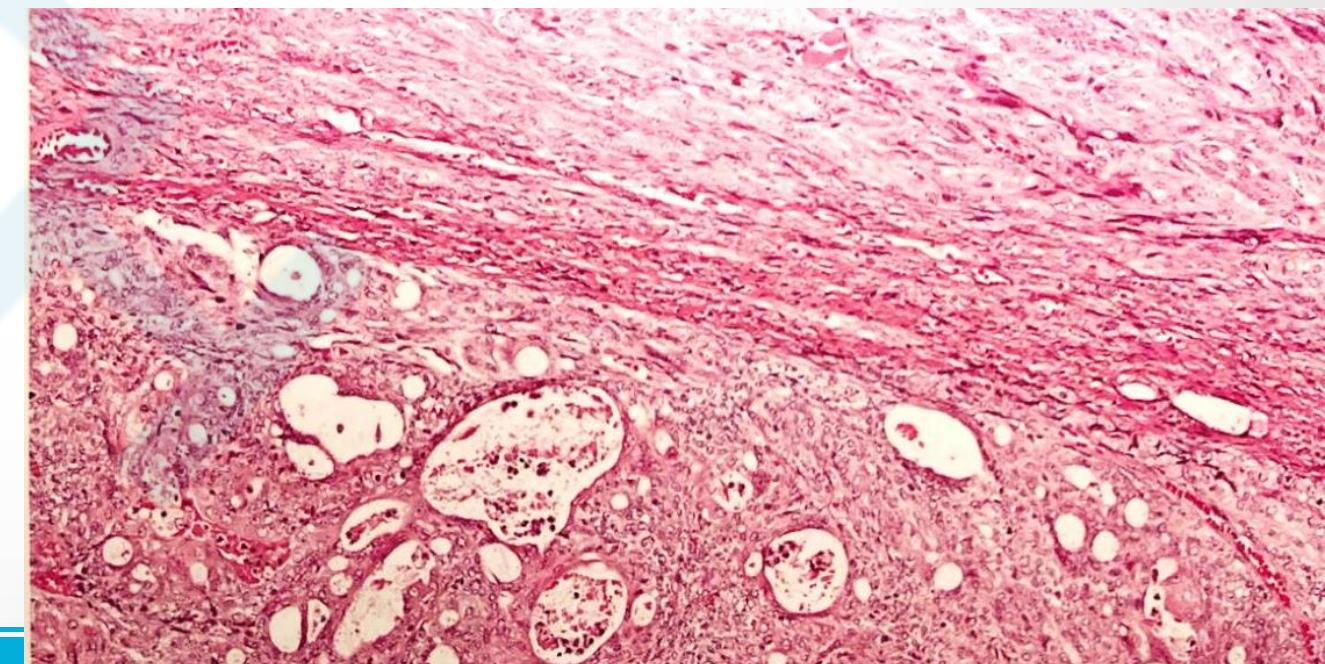
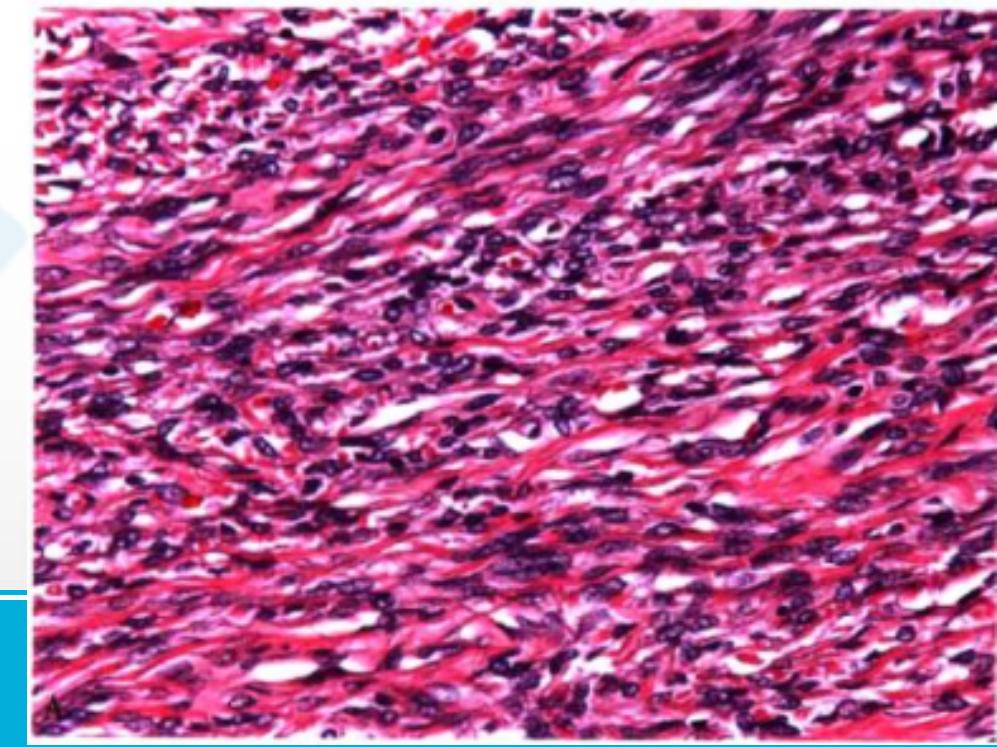


Fig. 1.35 Biphasic synovial sarcoma. High-power micrograph of a tumour of the skull base showing a biphasic appearance, with spindled and glandular cells.

# 孤立性纤维性肿瘤 (solitary fibrous tumor)

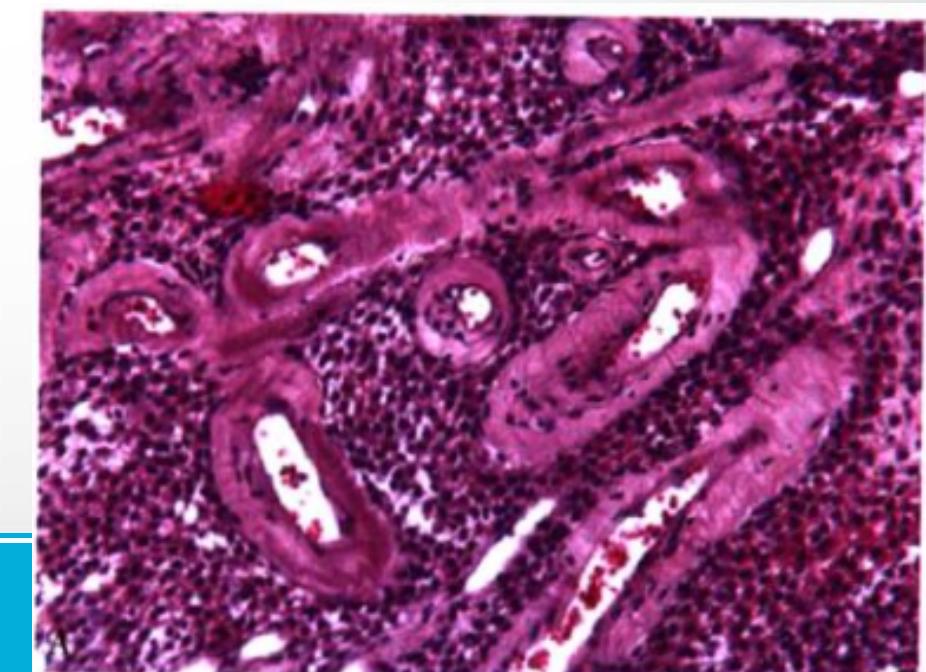
- ICD-O编码 : 8815-1
- 发生于任何年龄，无性别差异。鼻塞，鼻出血和其他非特异症状。肿瘤常为息肉状，质硬。
- 由不同程度增生的形态温和的卵圆形细胞，“绳索样” 瘢痕胶原纤维及穿插于其中的薄壁血管构成。
- IHC : STAT6 (+)、CD34(+)、Bcl2(+)
- 遗传学 : *NAB2-STAT6 gene fusion*



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### 鼻腔鼻窦型血管外皮细胞瘤 ( sinonasal hemangiopericytoma )

- ICD-O编码 : 9150-1
- 发生于任何年龄，女性占优势。鼻塞，鼻出血和其他非特异症状。肿瘤常为息肉状，质软。
- 由密集的梭形细胞组成，呈短束状、席纹状、旋涡状排列，散在血管腔扩张伸展似珊瑚状或鹿角状，**血管壁常伴有玻璃样变**，核轻度异型。
- IHC : SMA(+)、β-catenin(+)、cyclin D1(+)、XIIIa (+)、Vimentin (+)
- 遗传学 : β-catenin ( CCNB1 )



## INTRODUCTION

### PAX3

- PAX3基因是PAX家族转录因子的成员。PAX家族由九个人类基因（PAX1-PAX9）和九个小鼠基因（Pax1-Pax9）成员组成，分成四个亚族。
- PAX3可作为大多数靶基因的转录激活因子。在PAX3靶基因中，第一组与肌肉发育相关，第二组与神经和黑色素细胞发育相关。靶基因编码的蛋白质调节各种功能活性，包括分化，增殖，迁移，粘附和凋亡。
- 在多种肿瘤中检测到表达：
  - 腺泡状横纹肌肉瘤（ARMS）
  - 双表型鼻腔鼻窦肉瘤（BSNS）
  - 胶质母细胞瘤
  - 恶性黑色素瘤
  - 骨肉瘤

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### PAX8

- PAX转录因子家族的成员。参与甲状腺滤泡细胞的发育和甲状腺特异性基因的表达。
- PAX8（和PAX2）是泌尿生殖系统形态发生的重要调节因子之一。
- 主要表达于甲状腺、肾导管组织、副中肾管组织及相关肿瘤中，并在子宫内膜，卵巢，输卵管，精囊，附睾，胰岛细胞和淋巴样细胞中表达。

# Pan-Trk Immunohistochemistry Is an Efficient and Reliable Screen for the Detection of *NTRK* Fusions

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**Abstract:** Activating neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase (*NTRK*) fusions, also known as Trk gene rearrangements, are being explored as therapeutic targets. We sought to explore the utility of pan-Trk immunohistochemistry (IHC) to detect *NTRK* fusions. We performed a prospective study of 21 cases of cancer with *NTRK* rearrangement screening by IHC using a commercially available arrangement screen antibody (mAb EPR1775). All 21 cases were assessed via molecular analysis using the Archer assay. The overall sensitivity of the mAb EPR1775 was 95.2% and specificity was 100%. All positive IHC cases had cytoplasmic staining while the following fusion partner-specific patterns were discovered: all 5 *LMNA-NTRK1* fusions displayed nuclear mem-

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分泌性癌、腮腺分泌性癌共21例，均检测到NTRK基因融合。

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and 20 cases negative for *NTRK* fusions on Archer. Of 23 cases with *NTRK* rearrangements, 15 had known activating fusions. Archer detected fusion transcripts in 6 of 8 novel *NTRK* rearrangements of uncertain functional significance. Pan-Trk IHC was positive in 20 of 21 cases with *NTRK* fusion transcripts confirmed by Archer. The discordant negative case was a mismatch repair-deficient colorectal carcinoma with an *ETV6-NTRK3* fusion. All 20 additional Archer-negative cases had concordant pan-TRK IHC results. Pan-Trk IHC sensitivity and specificity for transcribed *NTRK* fusions was 95.2% and 100%, respectively. All positive IHC cases had cytoplasmic staining while the following fusion partner-specific patterns were discovered: all 5 *LMNA-NTRK1* fusions displayed nuclear mem-

N eurotrophic tyrosine kinase receptor (*NTRK*) is a family of 3 proto-oncogenes including *NTRK1*,

*NTRK2*, and *NTRK3*. These genes encode Trk proteins that bind neurotrophins and activate intracellular signaling pathways. In addition to their role in normal development, Trk genes have been implicated in various types of cancer. In particular, *NTRK1* rearrangements have been found in a subset of patients with gliomas, breast cancer, and other solid tumors. In this study, we used pan-Trk immunohistochemistry (IHC) to screen for *NTRK* fusions in a cohort of 21 cancer cases. Our results show that pan-Trk IHC is a reliable and efficient method for detecting *NTRK* fusions, with a sensitivity of 95.2% and a specificity of 100%. This method can be used as a rapid screening tool to identify potential targets for targeted therapy.

response rate for patients with *NTRK* fusions.

Screening *NTRK* fusions is usually done on a molecular level and can be achieved with next-generation sequencing (NGS) of DNA, or targeted RNA testing. However, molecular analyses are still expensive, comparable time-consuming and sampling error or nucleic acid degradation can pose a technical risk. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) is a well established method, usually less expensive and fast compared with current molecular tests. Here, we investigate pan-Trk IHC as a faster and more tissue-efficient method to identify *NTRK* fusions.

## OBJECTIVE

- 评估PAX3和PAX8免疫组织化学在鉴别BSNS与组织学形态相类似肿瘤之间的诊断效用，并且评估了BSNS中pan-TRK抗体的免疫组化表达。



## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 肿瘤样本

- 15 BSNS
- malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor(MPNST)
- monophasic synovial sarcoma
- spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS)
- solitary fibrous tumor(SFT)
- sinonasal hemangiopericytoma(HPC)
- cellular schwannoma
- 10 alveolar RMS

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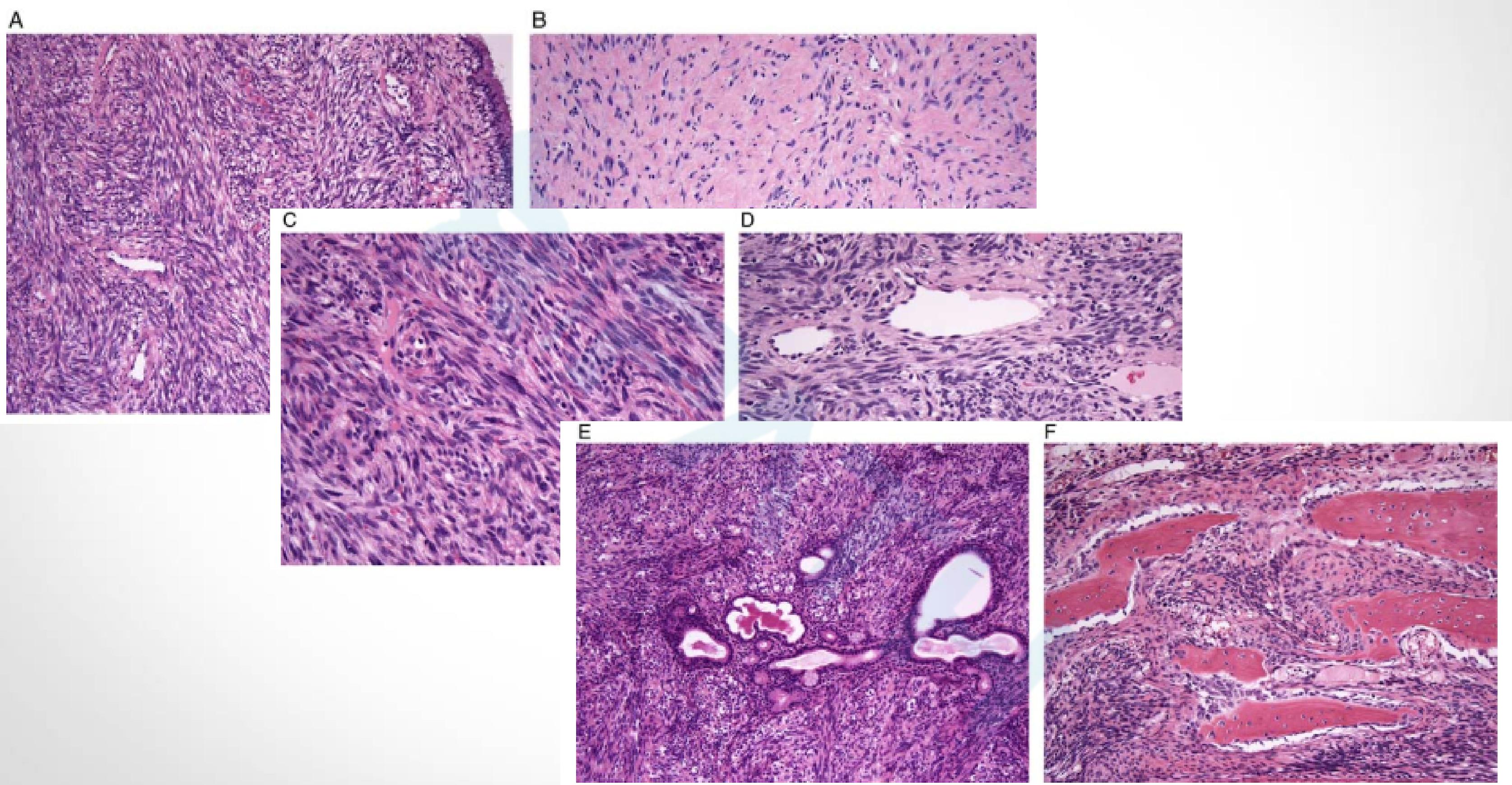
### IHC

- **PAX3** monoclonal antibody (clone 274212, Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA)
- **PAX8** polyclonal antibody ( Proteintech, Chicago, IL)
- **pan-TRK** monoclonal antibody (clone EPR17341, Abcam, Cambridge, MA)

### FISH

- 样本：9例BSNS及1例梭形细胞RMS
- 具有> 30%核显示分离信号提示PAX3重排的阳性

# Results

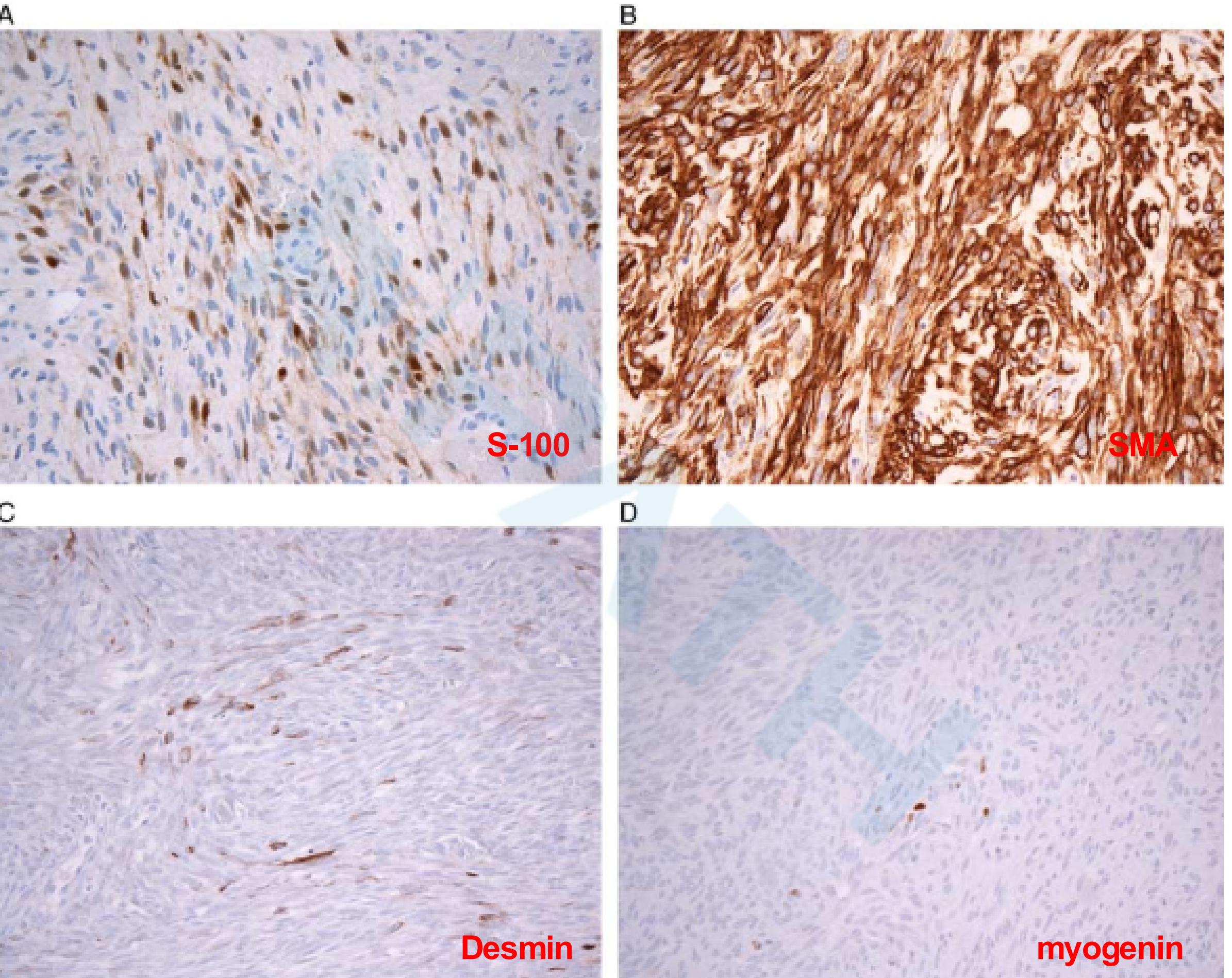


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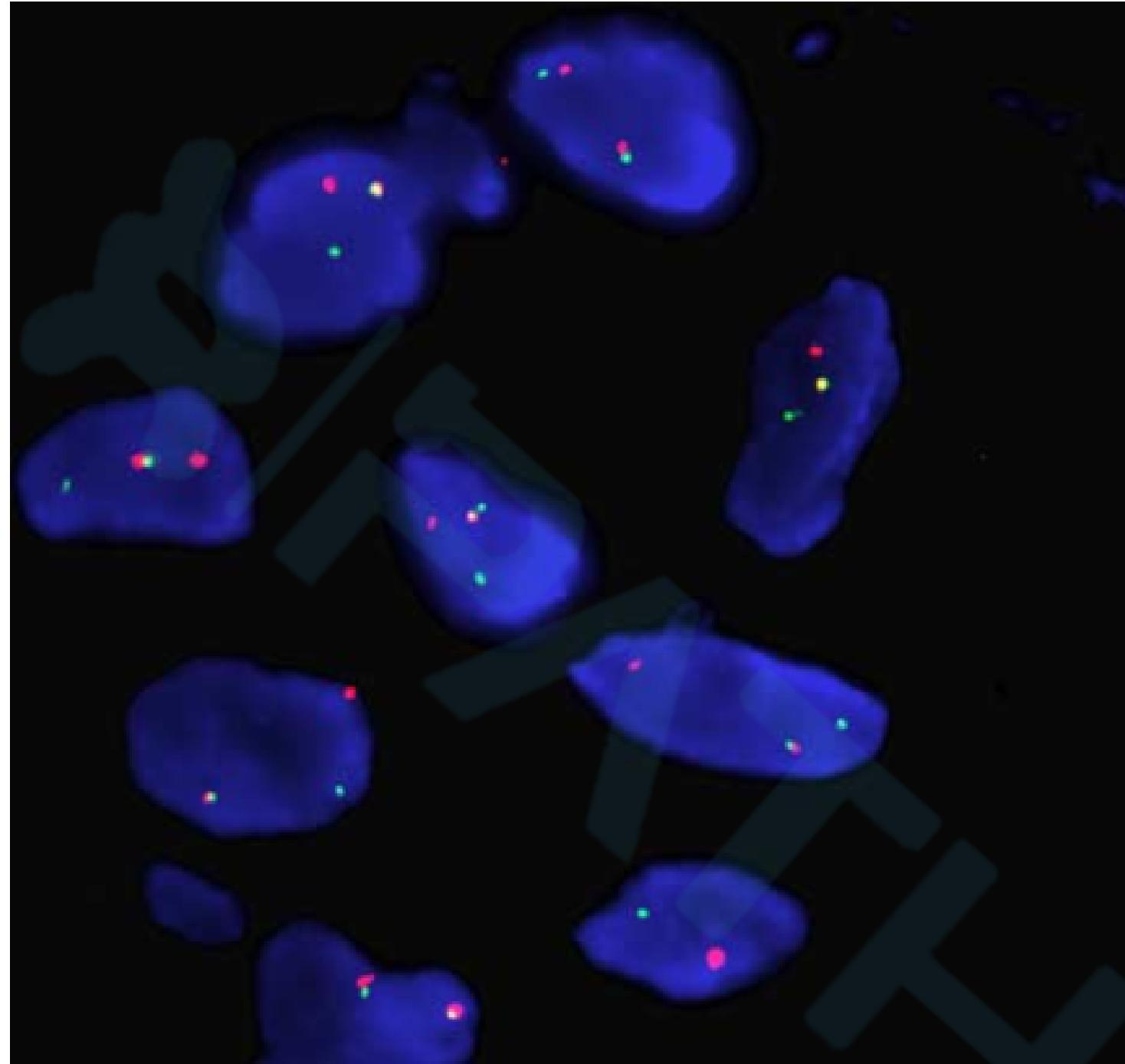
**TABLE 1.** PAX3 and Polyclonal PAX8 Staining in BSNS and its Histologic Mimics

	n/N (%)	
	PAX3	PAX8
BSNS	15/15 (100)	15/15 (100)
MPNST	0/10 (0)	7/10 (70)
Monophasic synovial sarcoma	0/10 (0)	1/10 (10)
SFT	0/10 (0)	1/10 (10)
Sinonasal HPC	0/10 (0)	2/10 (20)
Cellular schwannoma	0/10 (0)	3/10 (30)
Spindle cell RMS	1/10 (10)	1/10 (10)

## RESULT

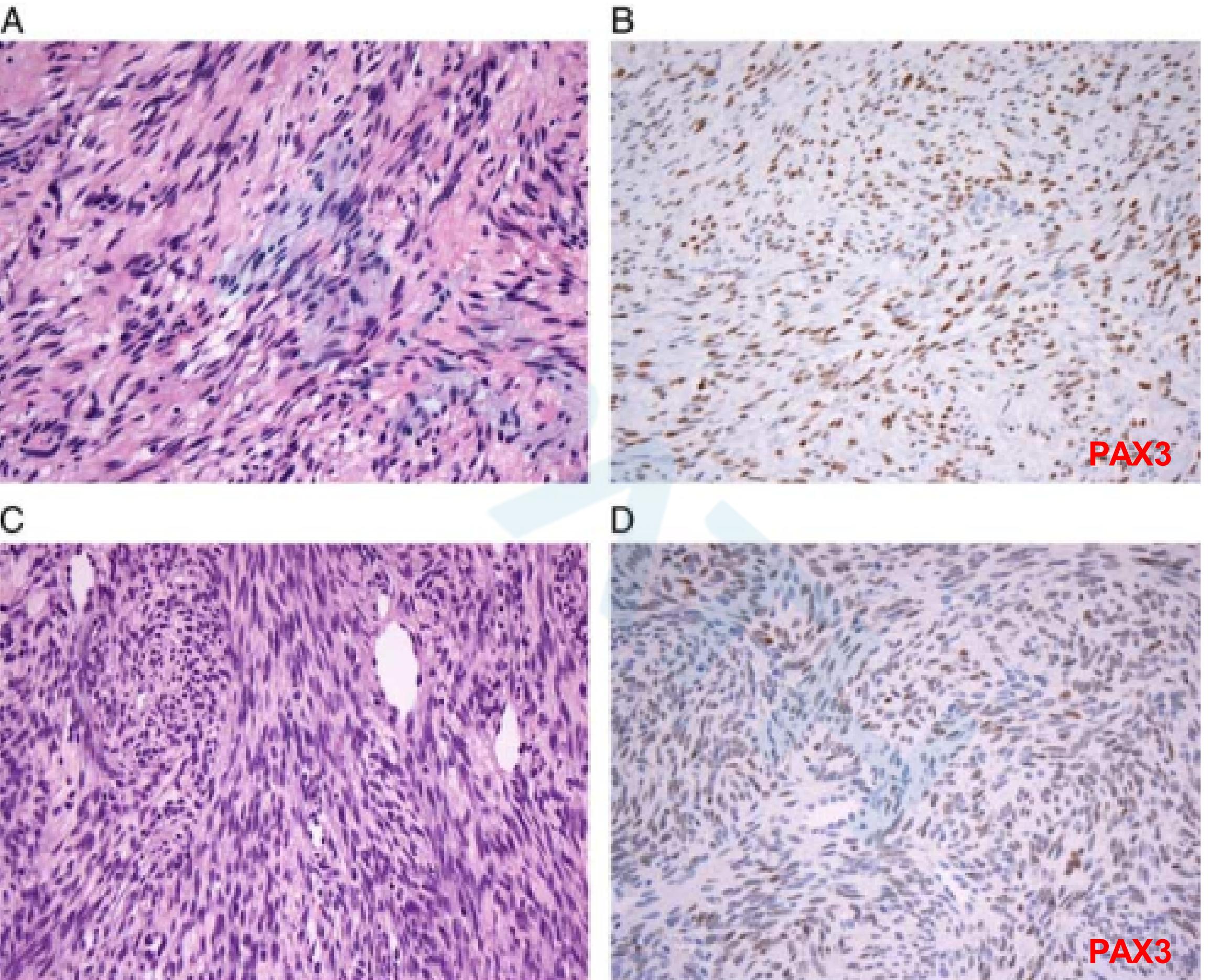


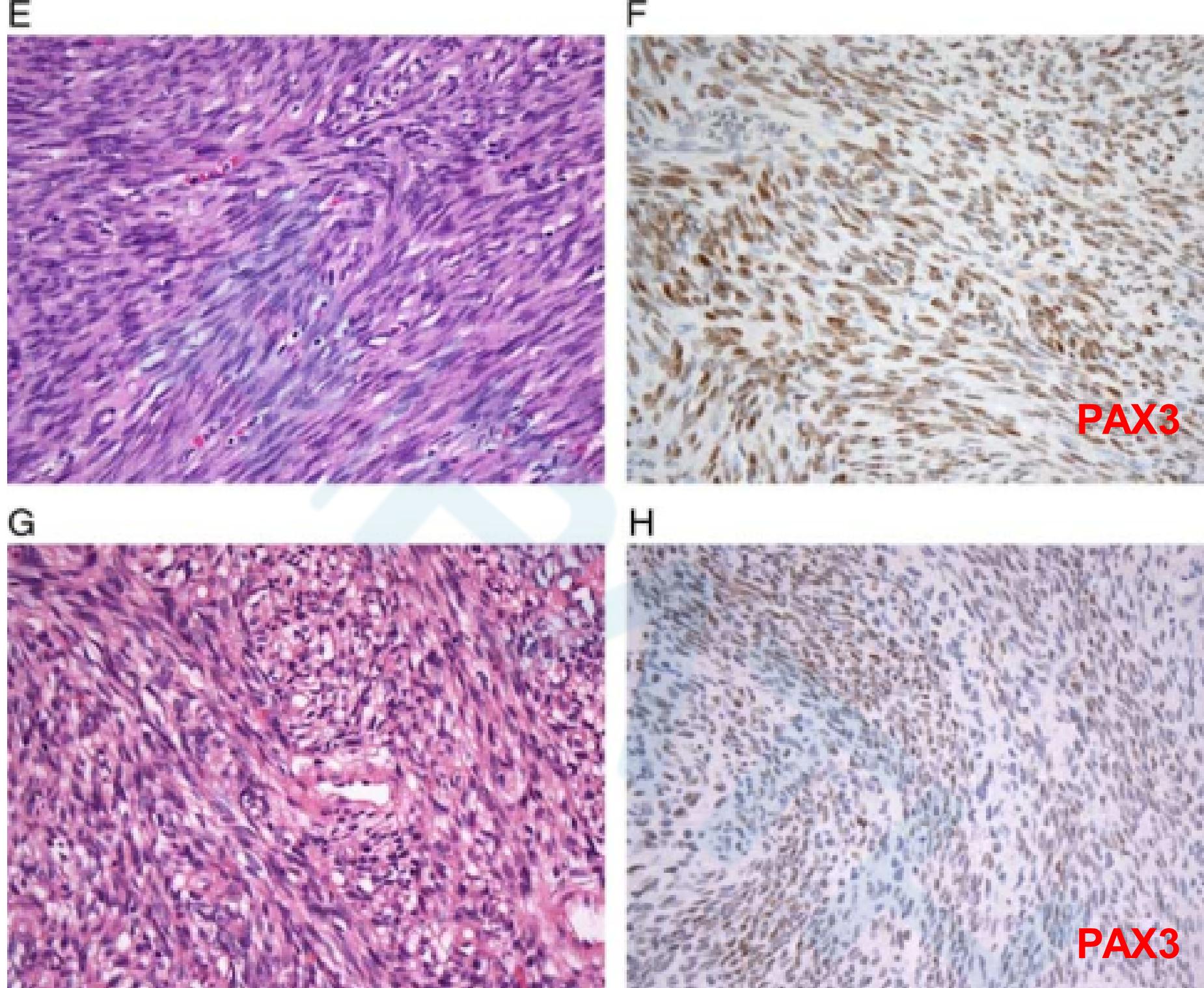
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**FIGURE 3.** *PAX3* rearrangement was confirmed in all 9 BSNS cases tested. FISH analysis showing separate green, telomeric *PAX3* and red, centromeric *PAX3* signals.

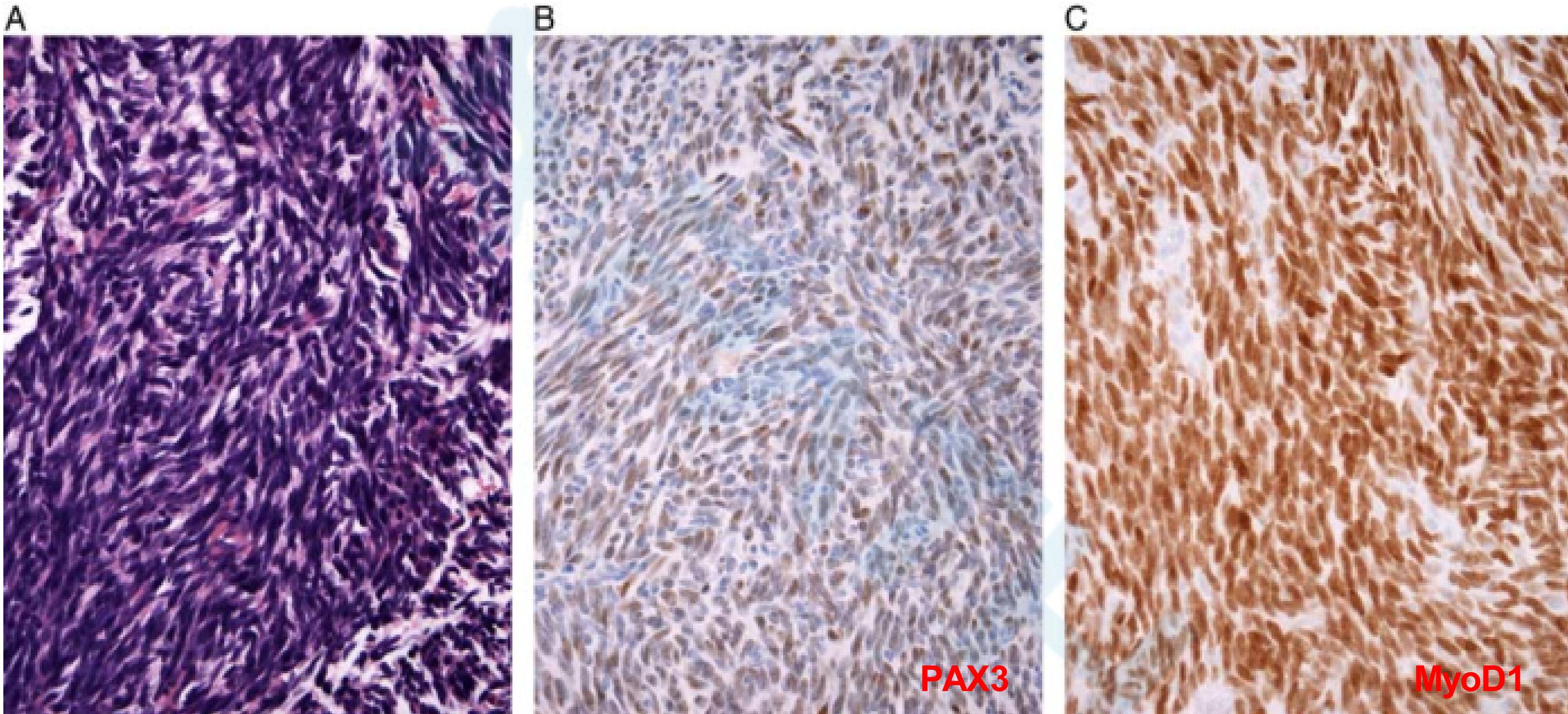
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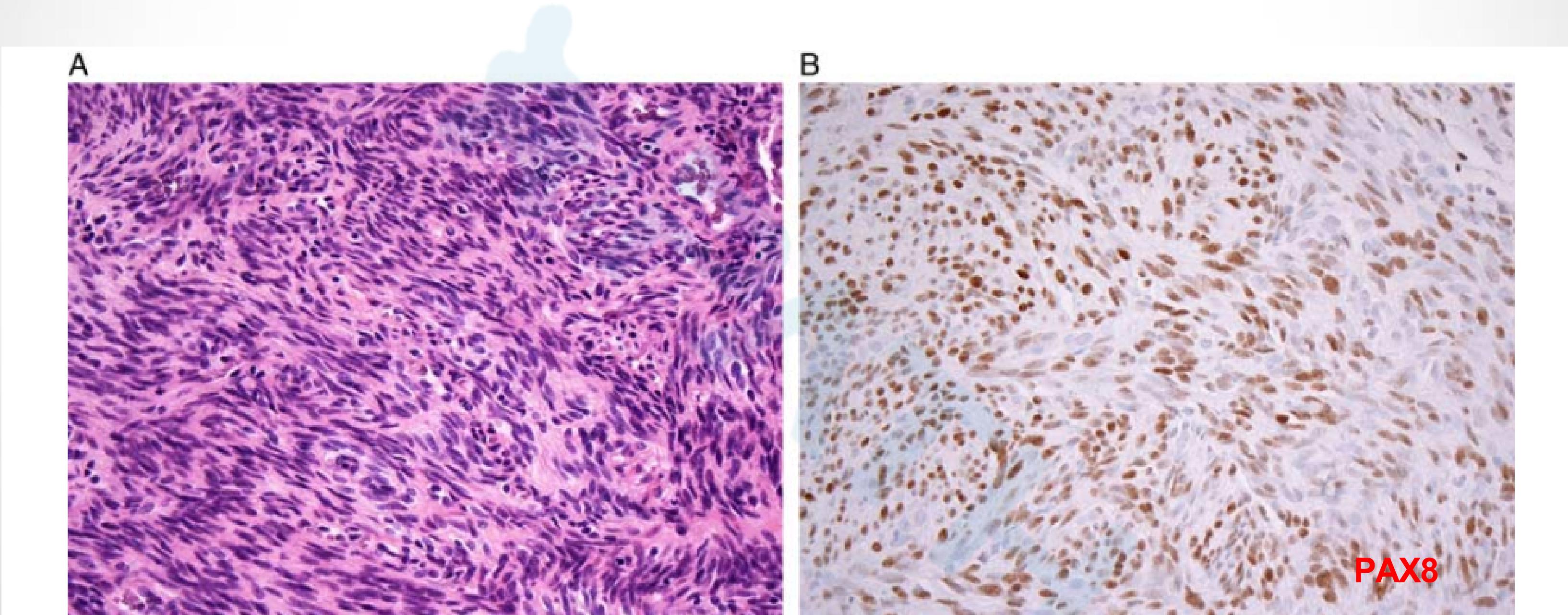
**FIGURE 4.** All 15 cases of BSNS showed nuclear expression of PAX3. BSNS from the nasal cavity mass of a 44-year-old woman (A, hematoxylin and eosin [H&E]), which had PAX3 rearrangement and diffuse and strong nuclear PAX3 expression (B). A PAX3-rearranged BSNS from the nasal cavity of a 33-year-old woman (C, H&E) showing diffuse and moderate PAX3 expression (D). The PAX3 status was unknown in this nasal cavity mass from a 37-year-old woman (E, H&E), which showed strong and diffuse PAX3 staining (F). This BSNS from the maxillary sinus of a 38-year-old woman was originally diagnosed as MPNST (G, H&E), and was confirmed to have both PAX3 rearrangement and PAX3 expression (H).

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**FIGURE 5.** Among histologic mimics, PAX3 expression was seen in a single case of spindle cell RMS (A, hematoxylin and eosin; B, PAX3), which was confirmed to have strong diffuse MyoD1 expression (C).

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**FIGURE 6.** PAX8 expression was frequent in BSNS, as illustrated in this case from the nasal cavity of a 36-year-old man (A, hematoxylin and eosin; B, PAX8).

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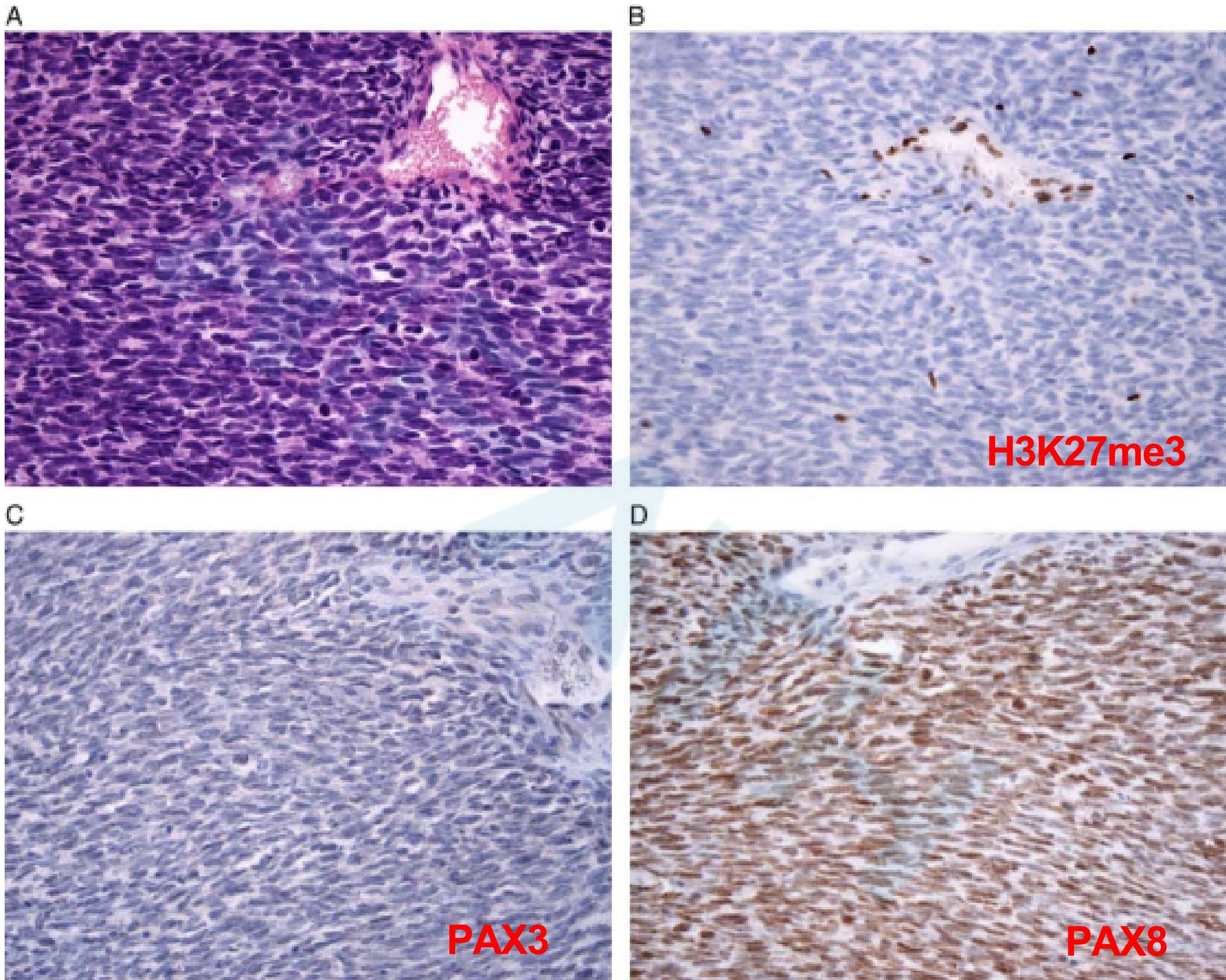
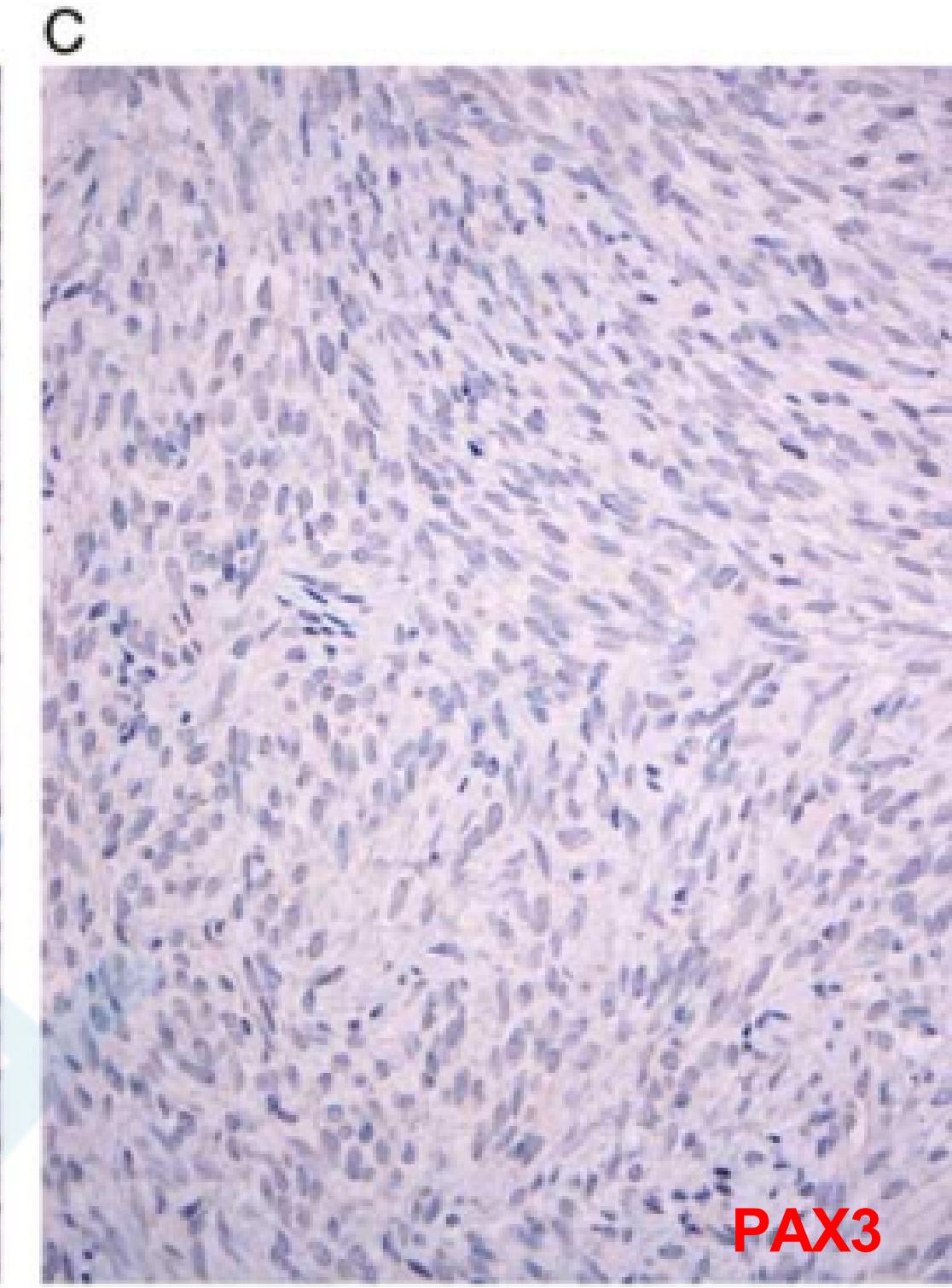
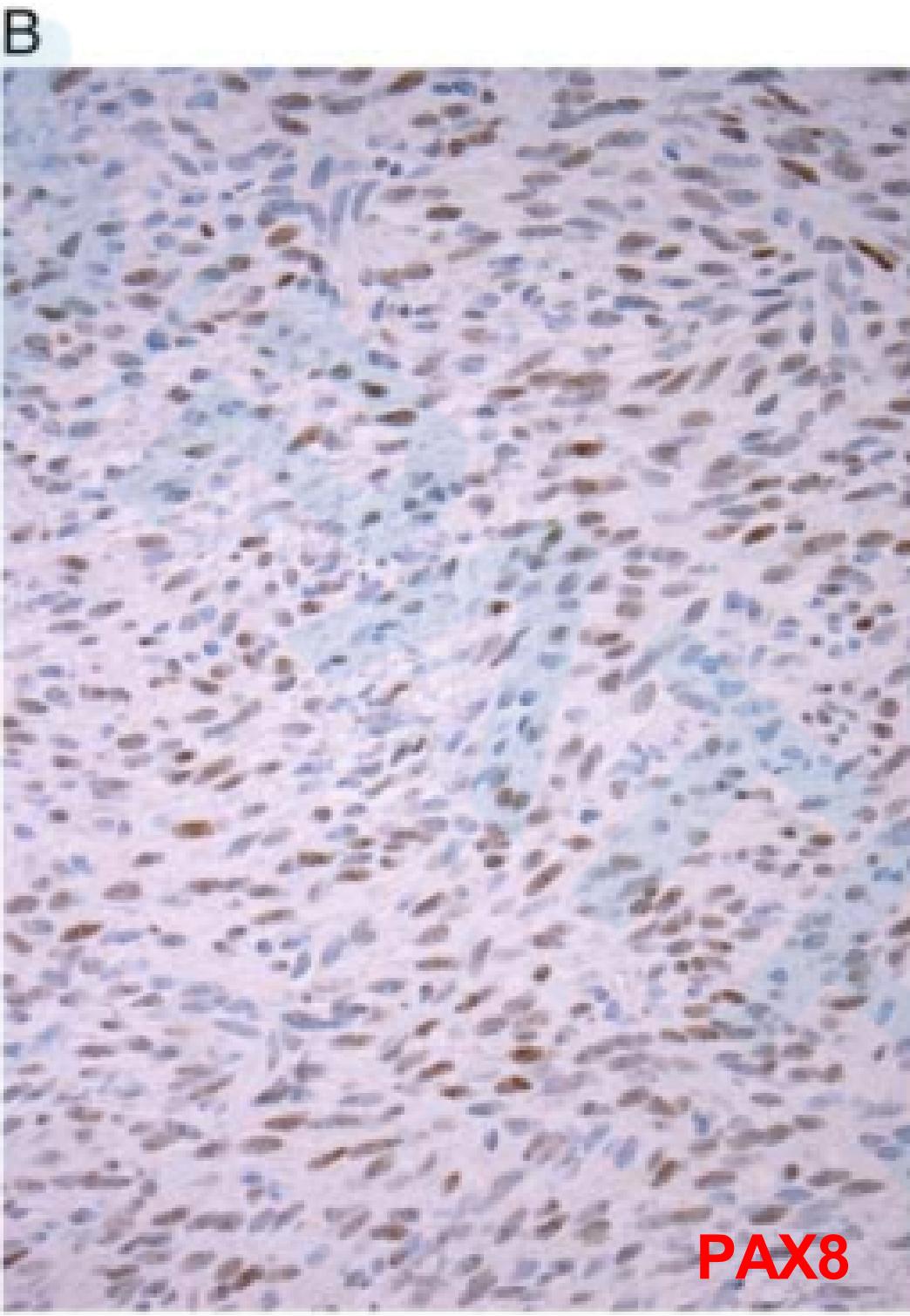
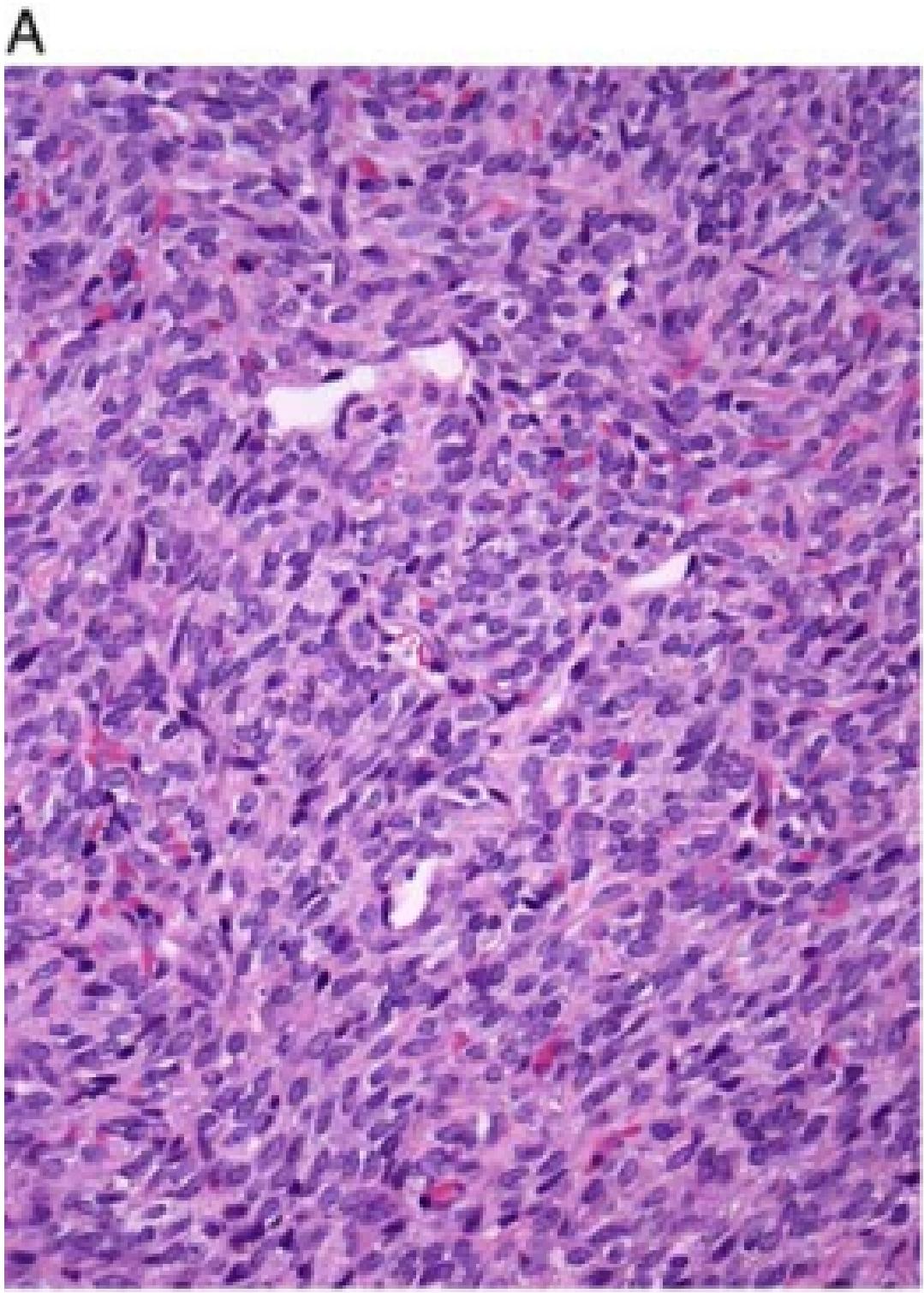
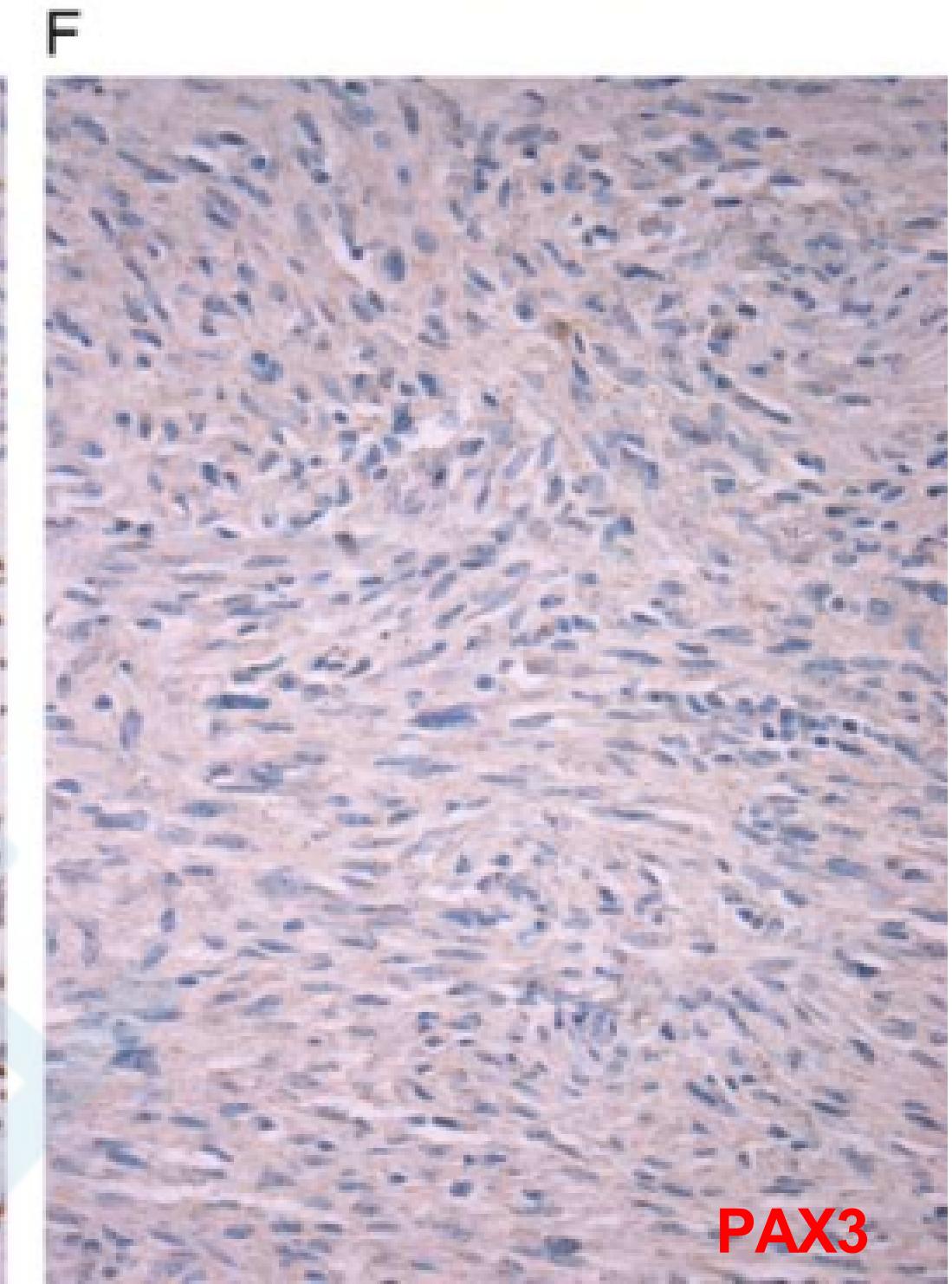
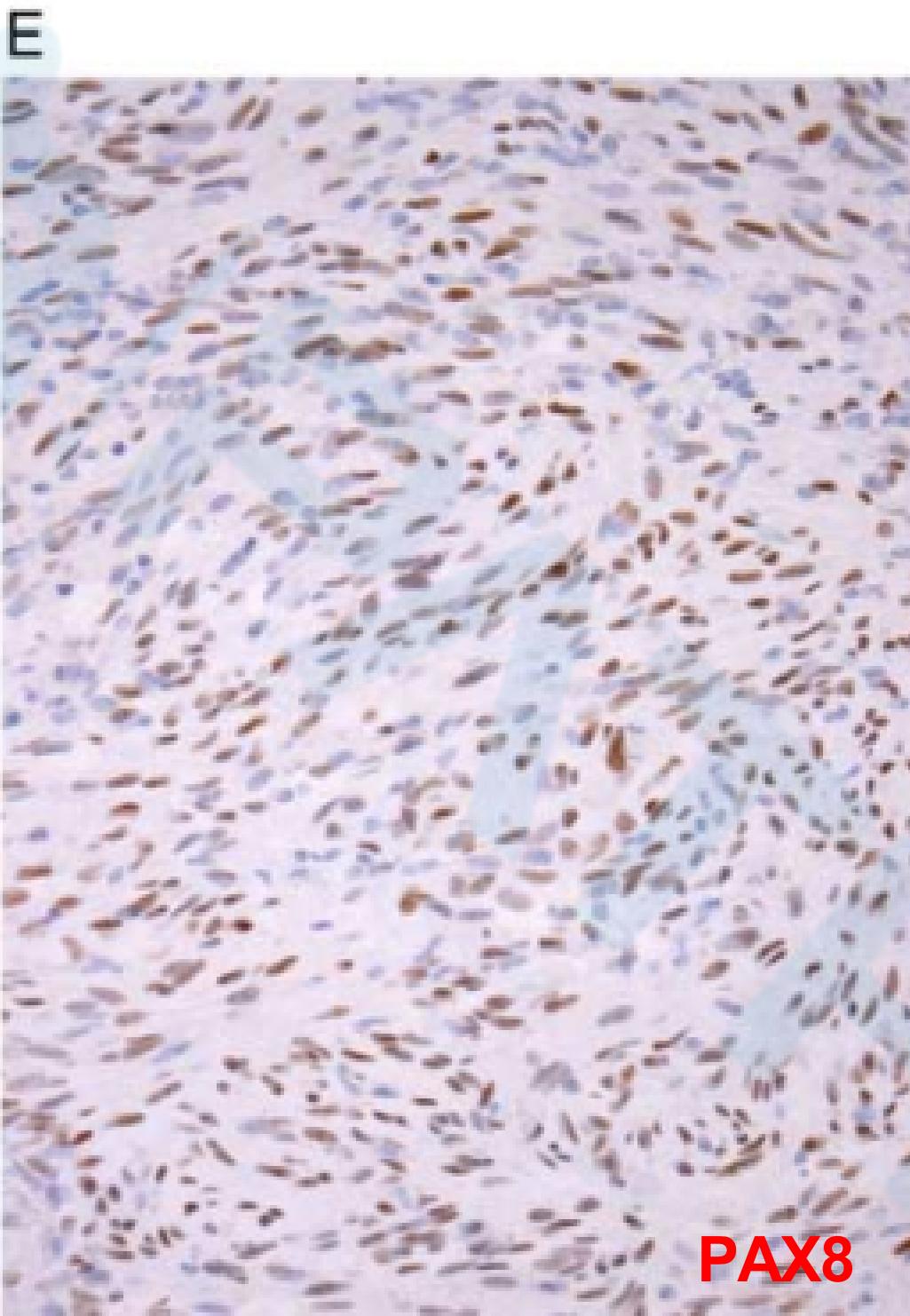
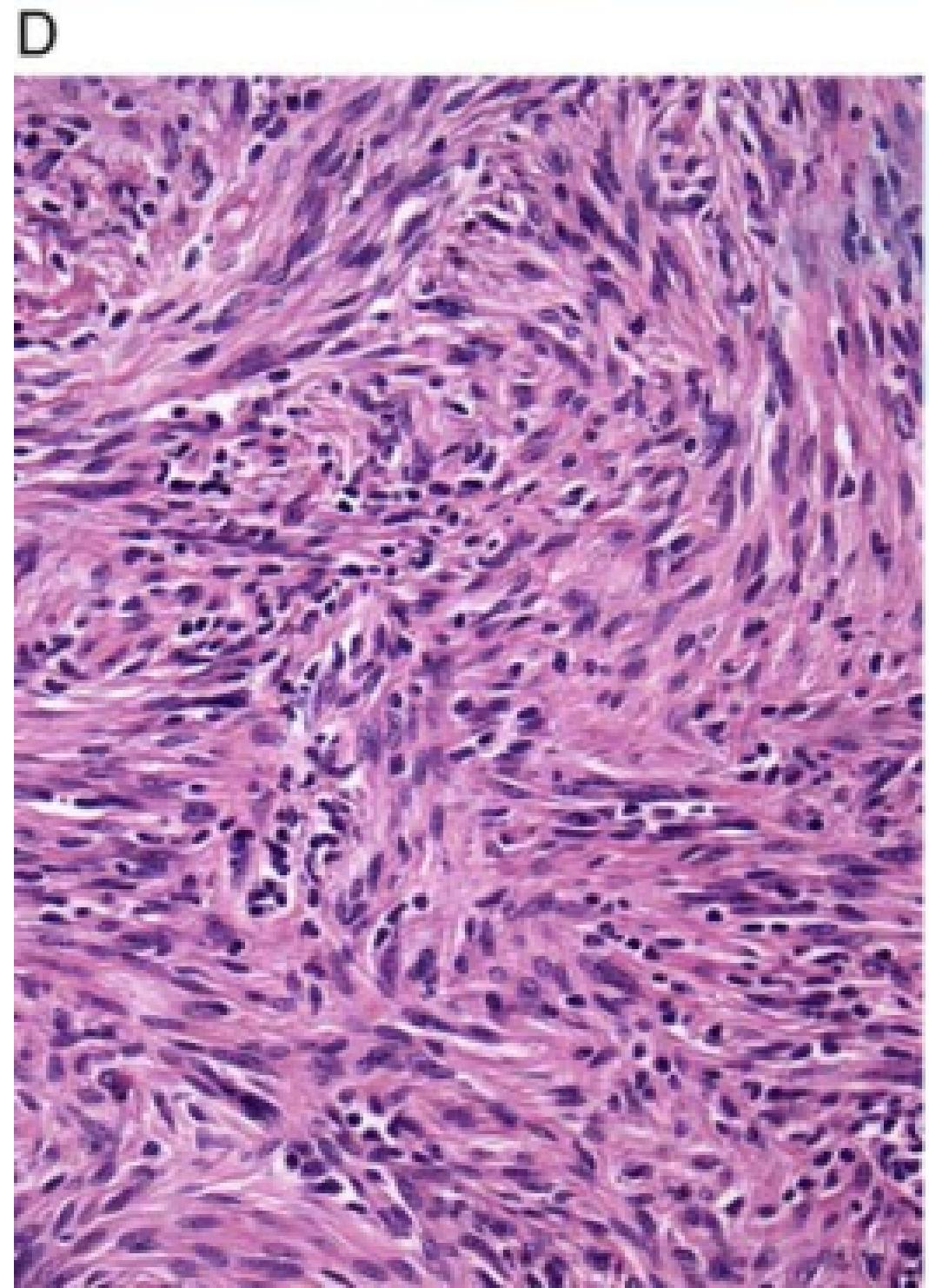


FIGURE 7. MPNST (A, hematoxylin and eosin; B, H3K27me3) was consistently negative for PAX3 (C), but showed frequent PAX8 expression (D).

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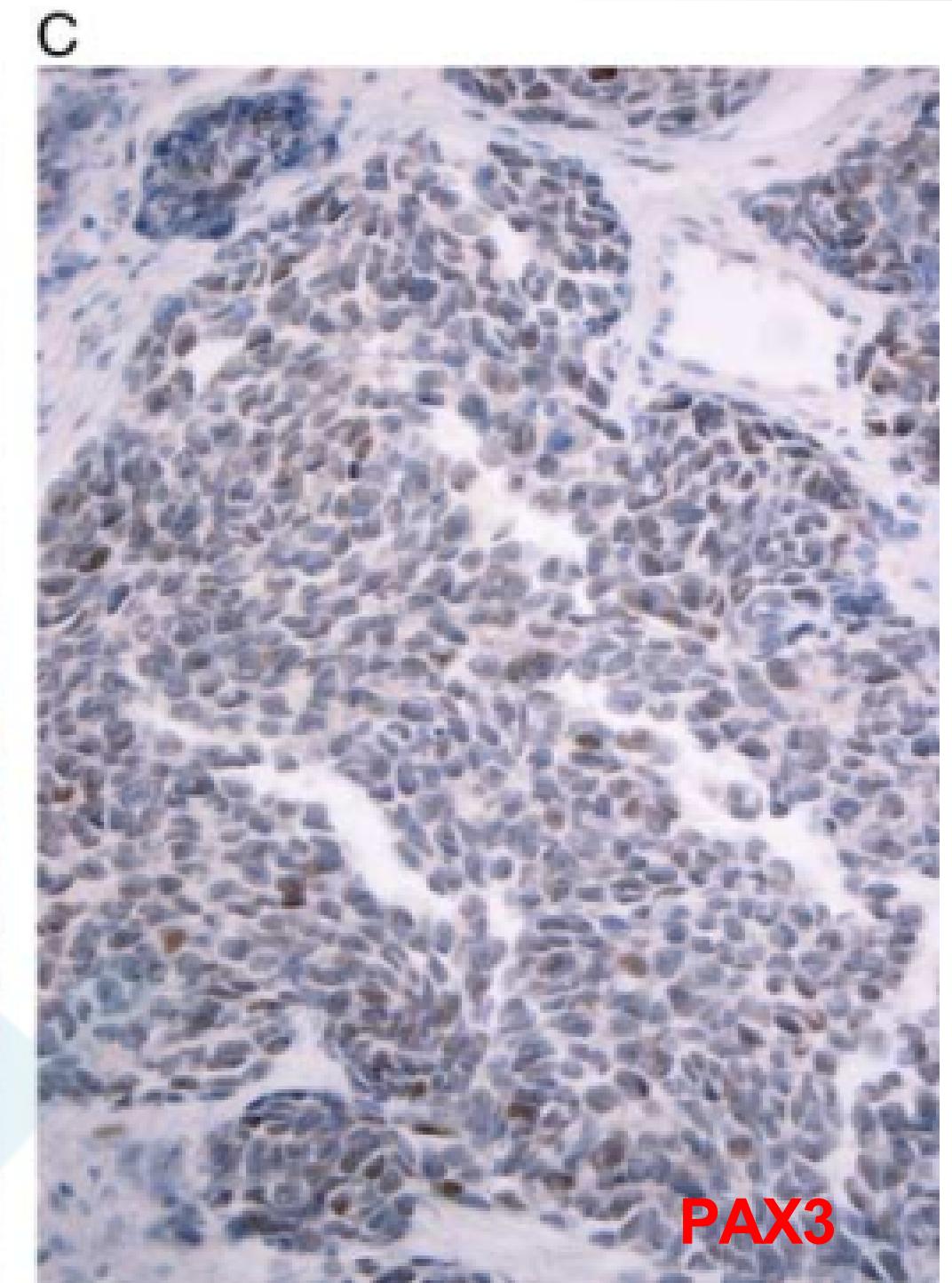
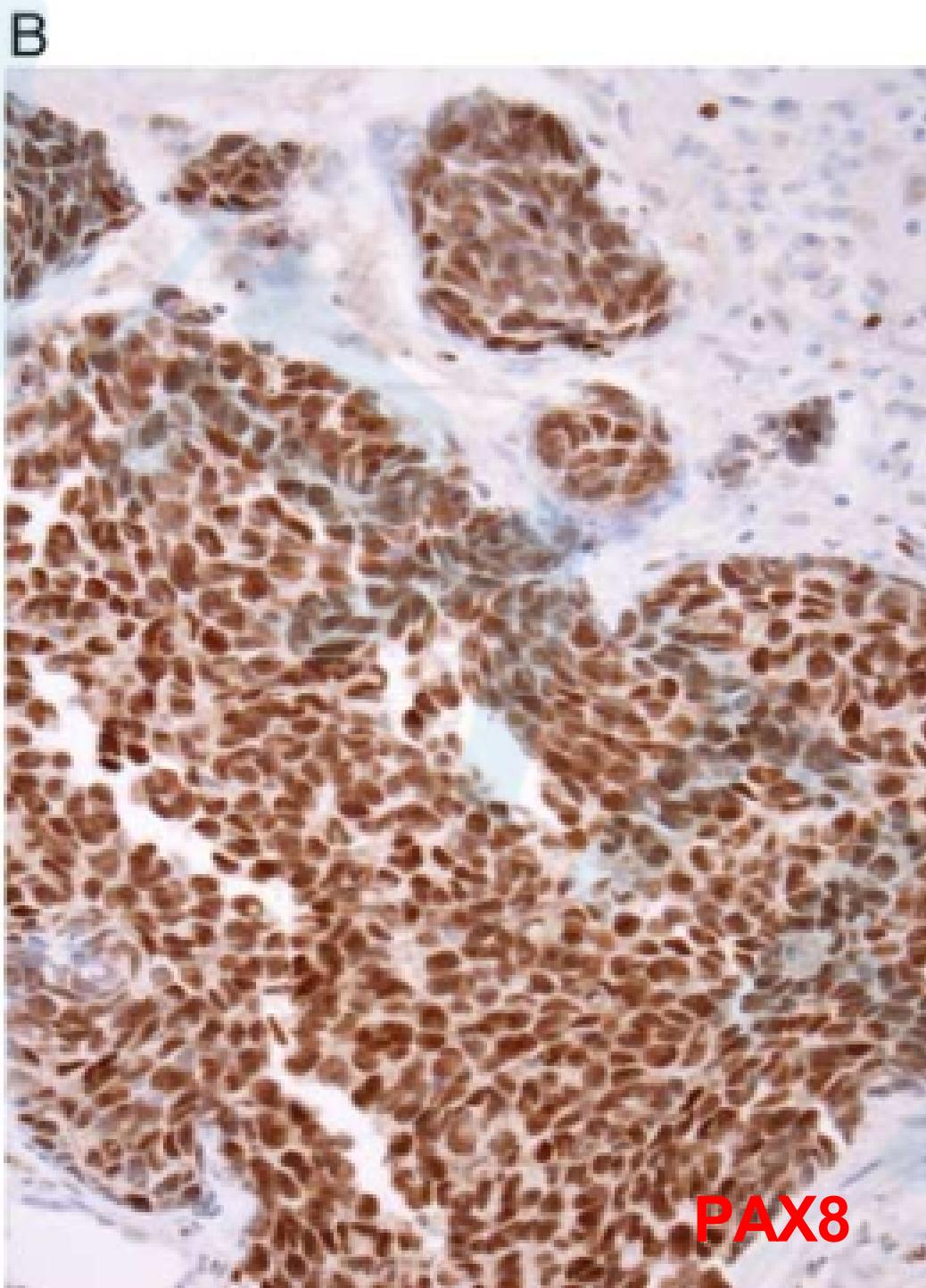
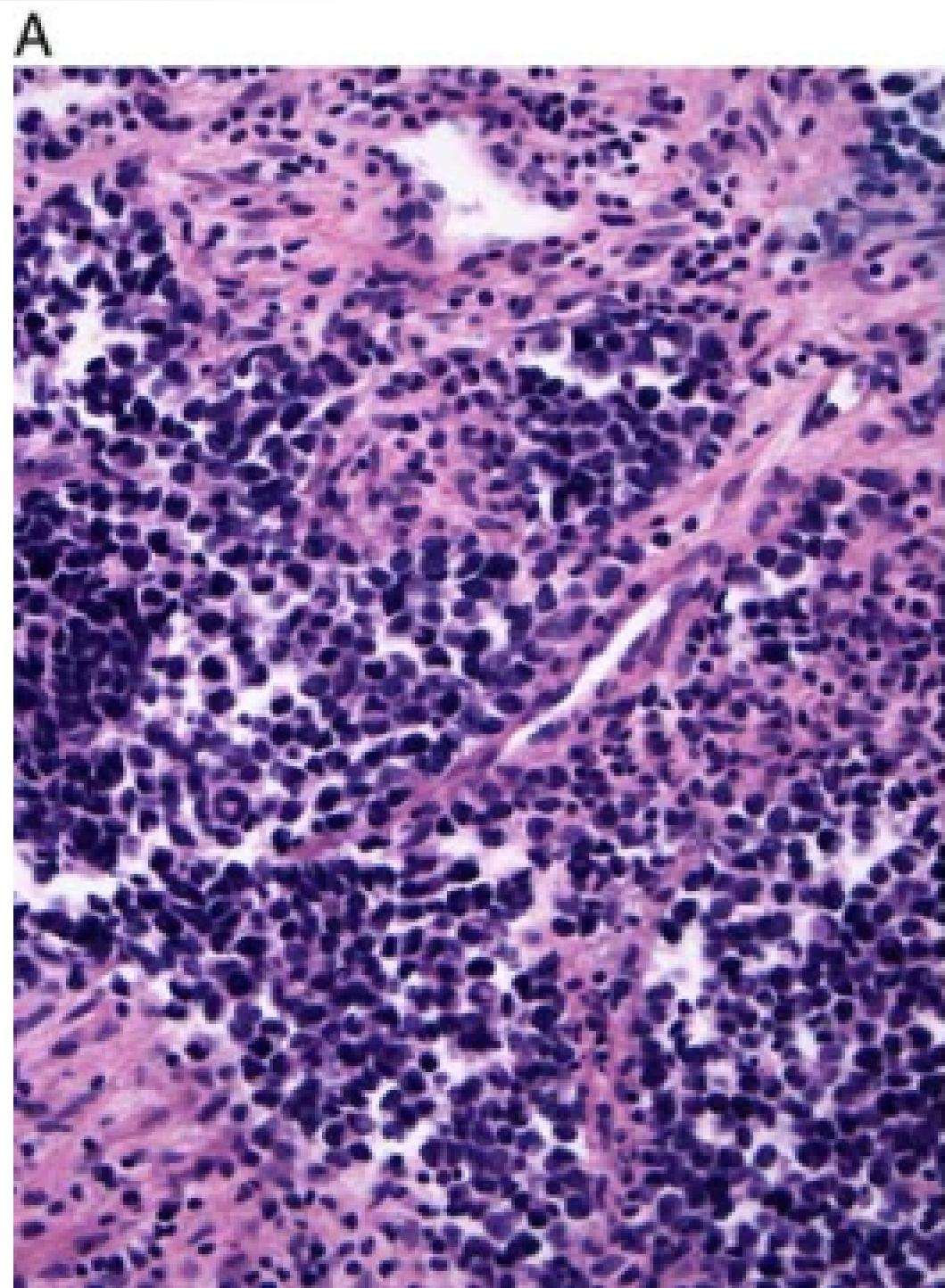
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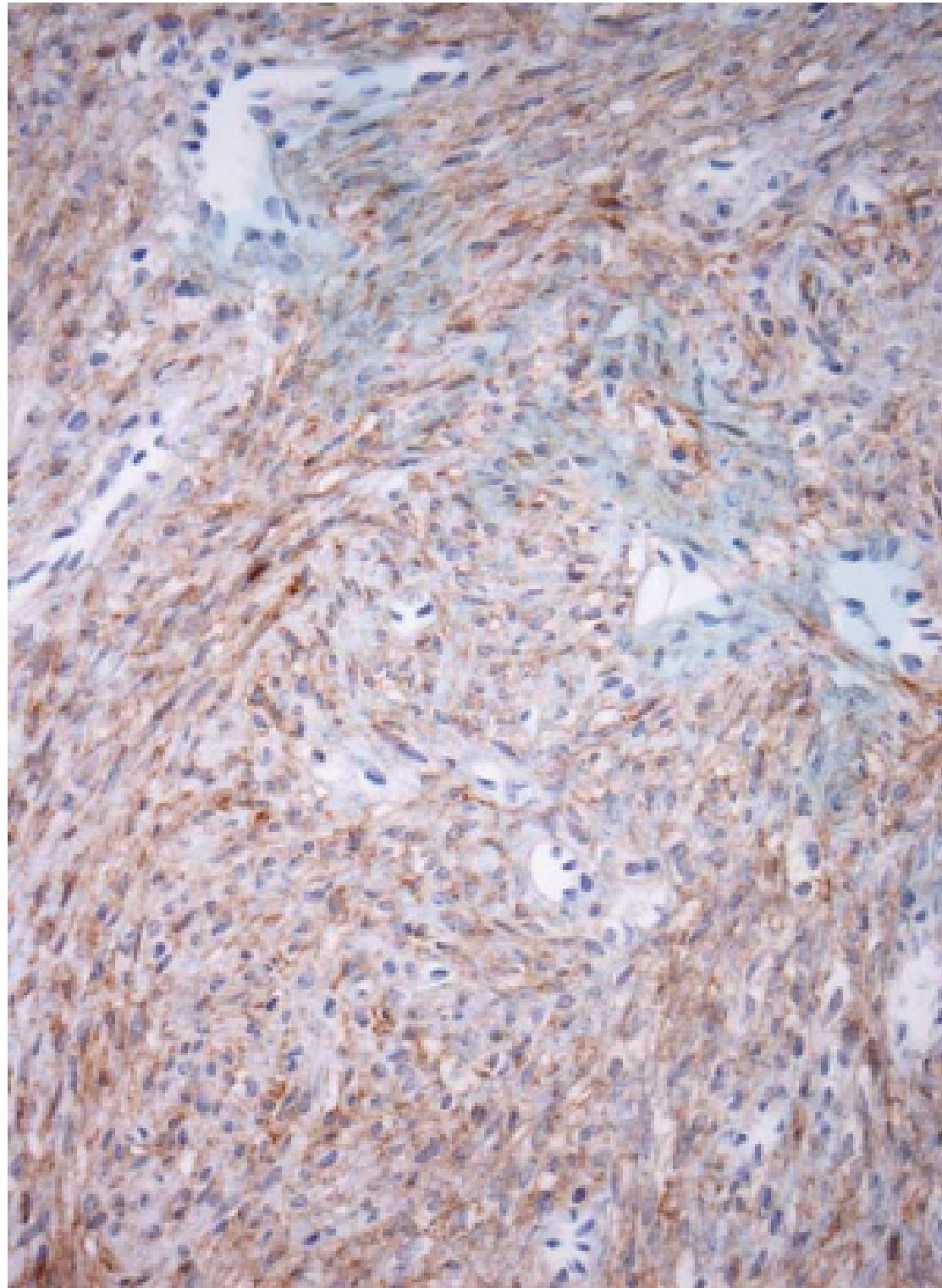
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**FIGURE 10.** Cytoplasmic expression of **pan-TRK** was seen in most (12/14) cases of BSNS.

## DISCUSSION

**malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor**

- S-100、SOX10、H3K27me3
- PAX3

**spindle cell rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS)**

- PAX3、MyoD1
- molecular testing

**monophasic synovial sarcoma**

- EMA、TLE1 /
- SMA, desmin, and PAX3
- SS18 rearrangement

- **solitary fibrous tumor**
- characteristic “patternless pattern”
- STAT6 and PAX3

## DISCUSSION

### sinonasal

#### hemangiopericytoma

- CTNNB1 mutations
- $\beta$ -catenin

### cellular schwannoma

- unencapsulated in the sinonal tract
- not infiltrative
- SOX10 ( + )
- PAX3 ( - )

### alveolar RMS

- PAX3 and PAX7 rearrangement
- *PAX3-FOXO1* and *PAX3-NCOA1* fusion
- PAX2 (100%),  
PAX5 (7.1–67%)  
PAX8 (35.4%)

**Pan-TRK**  
tumors with NTRK  
fusion genes

## CONCLUSION

- **PAX3** immunohistochemistry is a useful diagnostic marker for BSNS, and enables distinction from its morphologic mimics with high sensitivity and specificity.
- **PAX8** has much lower specificity (75%) for BSNS and should be interpreted with caution in the context of other immunohistochemical markers.
- evaluating a low grade spindle cell neoplasm in the sinonasal tract  
**SMA, desmin,S-100, SOX10, and PAX3 .**



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*Thanks for your attention*

