

Histologic Classification and Molecular Signature of Polymorphous Adenocarcinoma (PAC) and Cribriform Adenocarcinoma of Salivary Gland (CASG)

An International Interobserver Study

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多形性腺癌Polymorphous Adenocarcinoma (PAC)

【定义】

以细胞学一致性、形态学多样性、浸润性生长为特点的涎腺上皮性恶性肿瘤

【ICD-O】及【曾用名】

8525/3，低级别多形性腺癌

【流行病学】

是口腔内第二常见的恶性涎腺肿瘤，
59岁，70%以上的患者在50-70岁，

【部位】

大部分发生于鄂部（60%），其他部位包括颊粘膜、磨牙后区、上唇、舌根

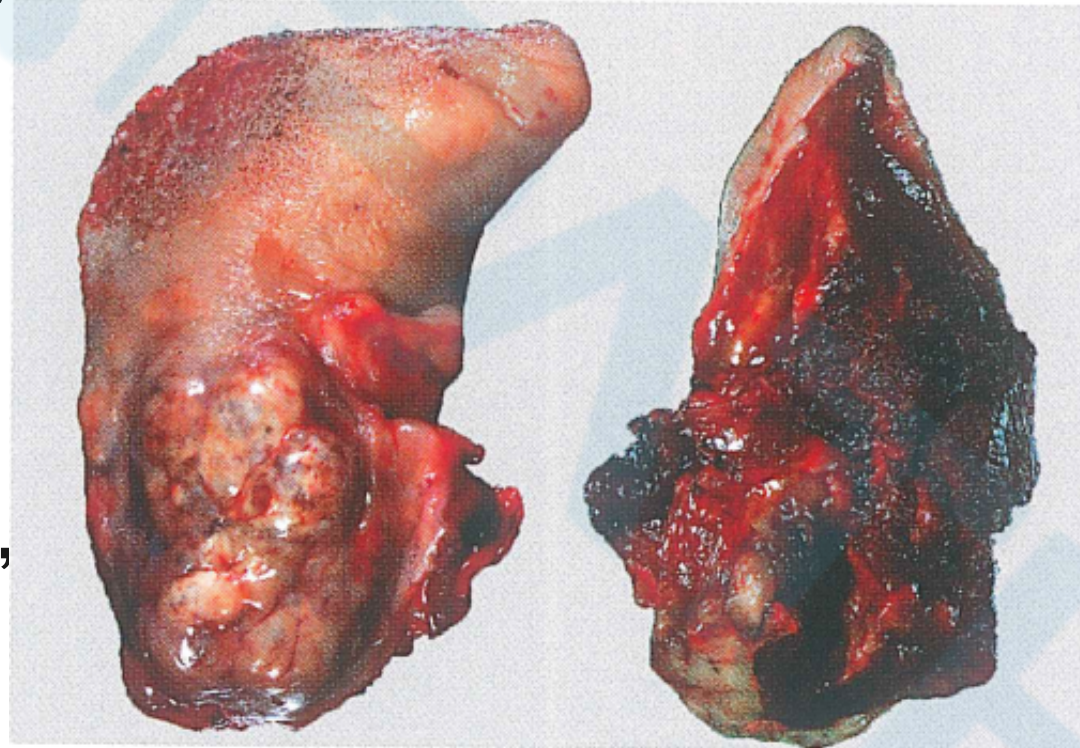
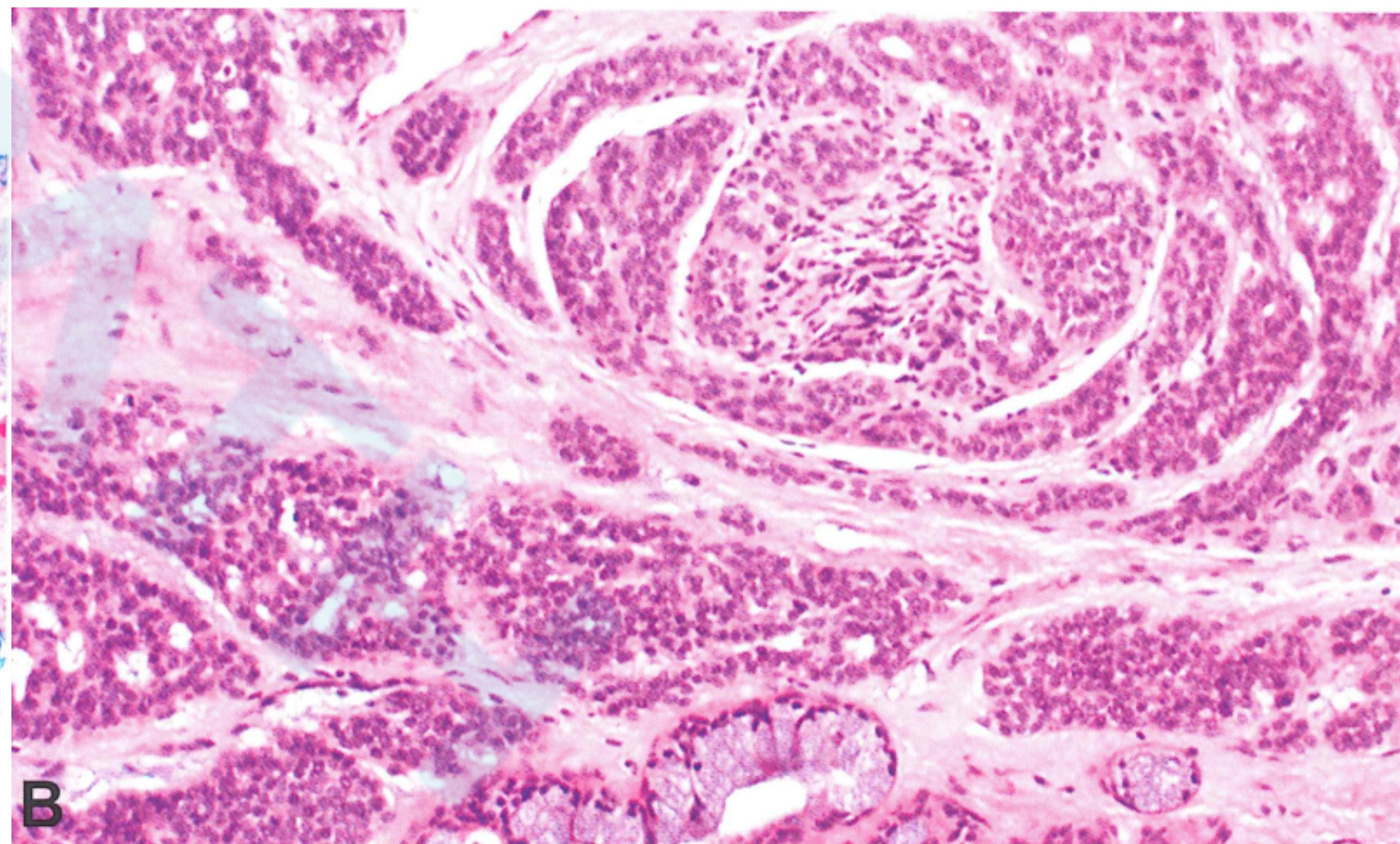
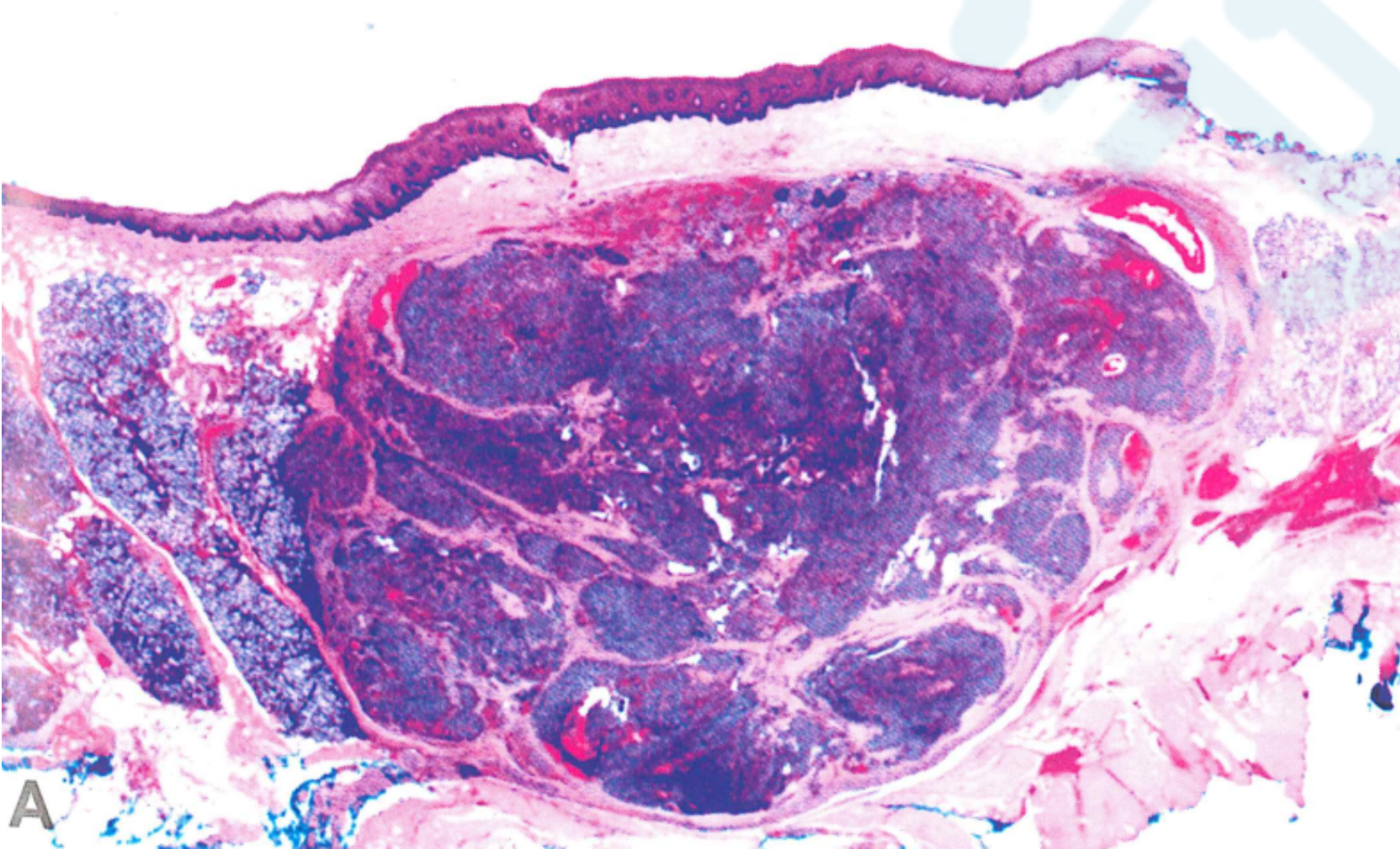


Fig. 7.10 Polymorphous adenocarcinoma. Note the multinodular surface and the haemorrhage.

Fig. 7.11: 2, 年龄从16岁至94岁，平均

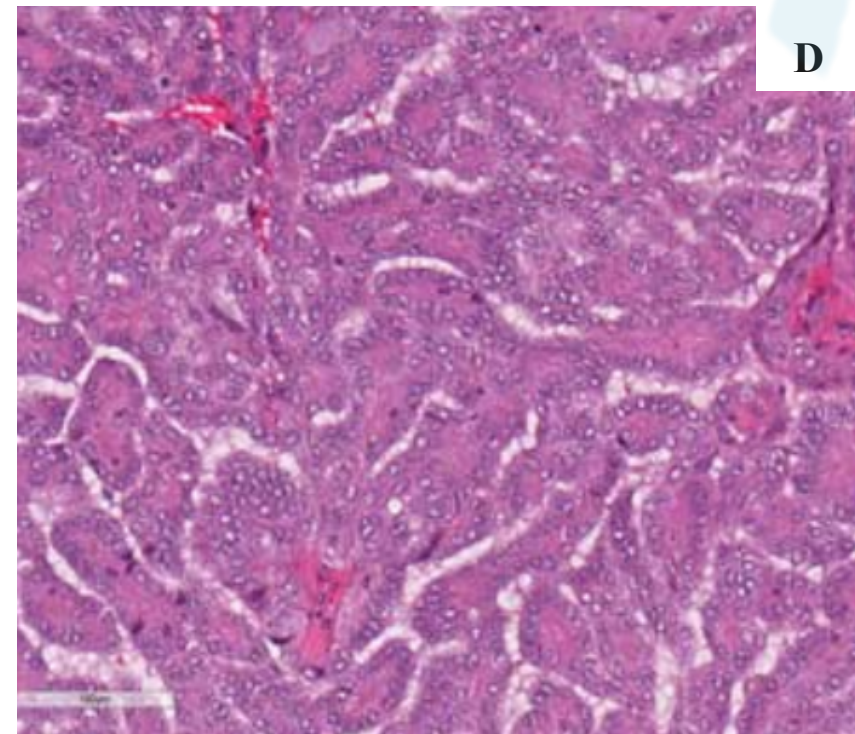
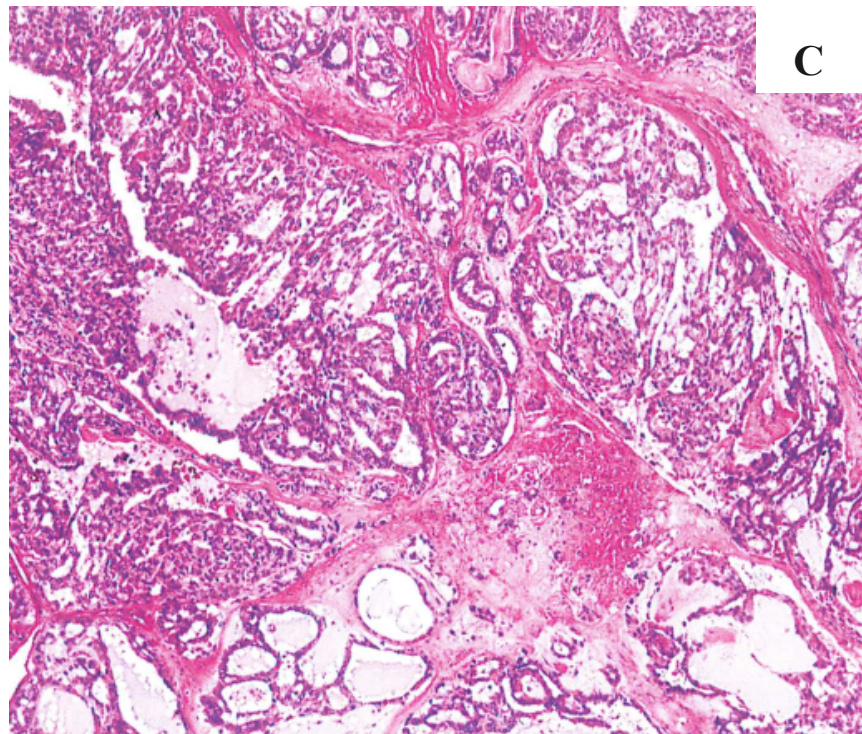
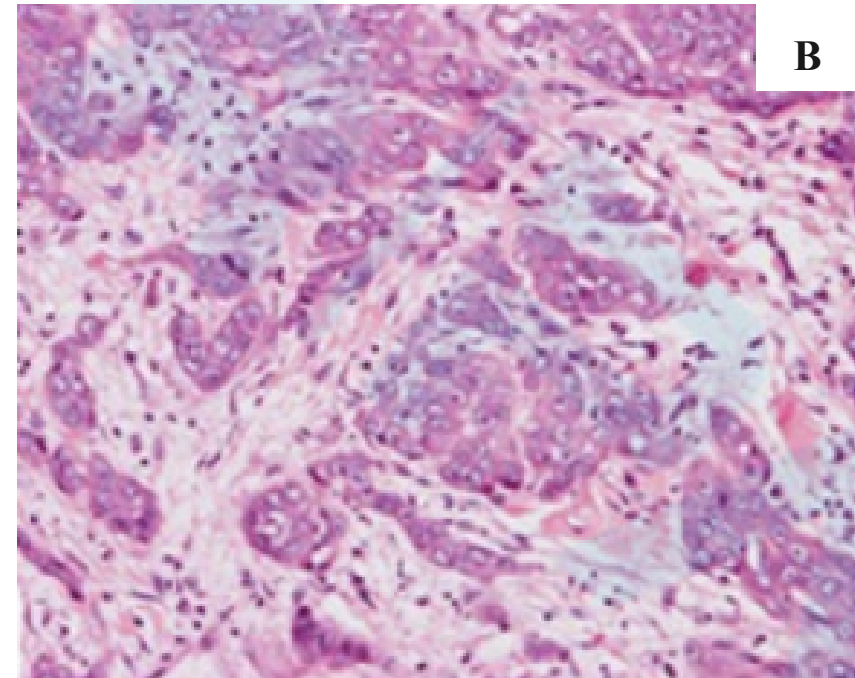
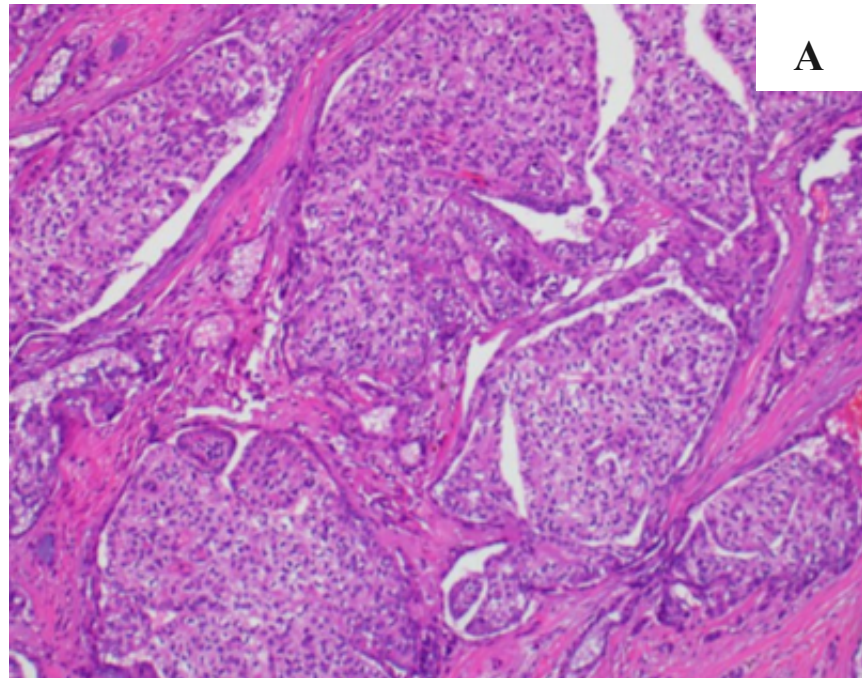
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A: 小叶状

B: 小梁状

C: 筛孔状

D: 乳头状

WHO Classification of Head and Neck Tumours 4th Edition, 2017

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【免疫组化】

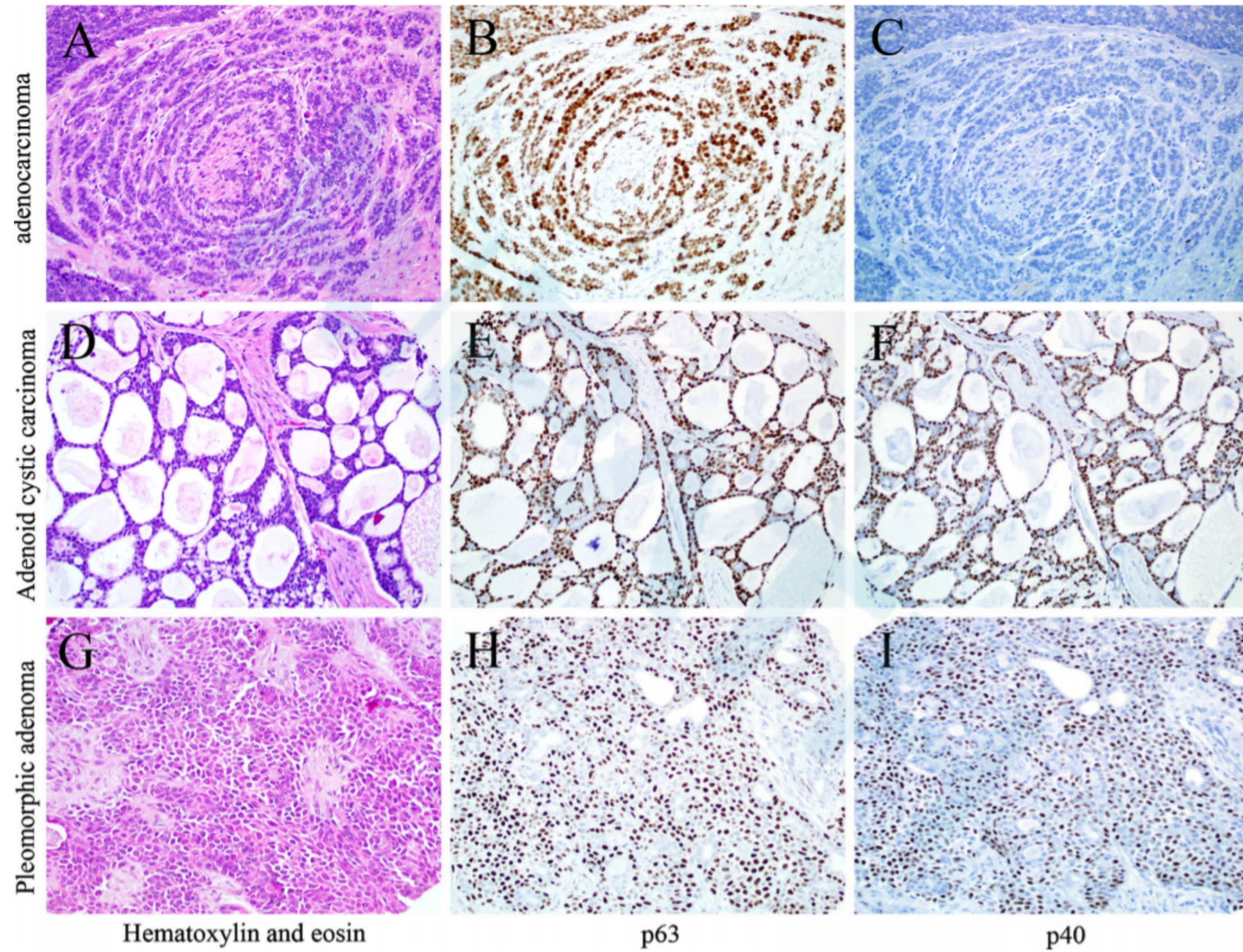
阳性：CK7、CK8、S-100、CEA、CD117，P63

阴性：肌上皮标记、GFAP，P40

【分子遗传学】

点突变： *PRKD1*

重排/转位： *PRKD1*、*PRKD2*、*PRKD3*



Cribriform adenocarcinoma of the tongue: a hitherto unrecognized type of adenocarcinoma characteristically occurring in the tongue

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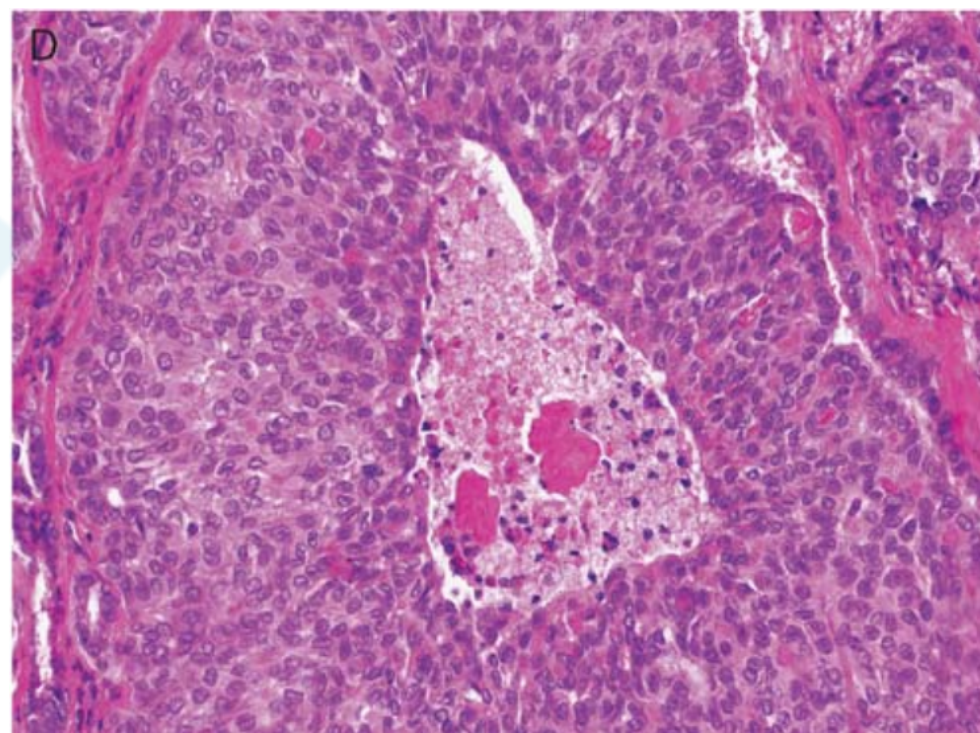
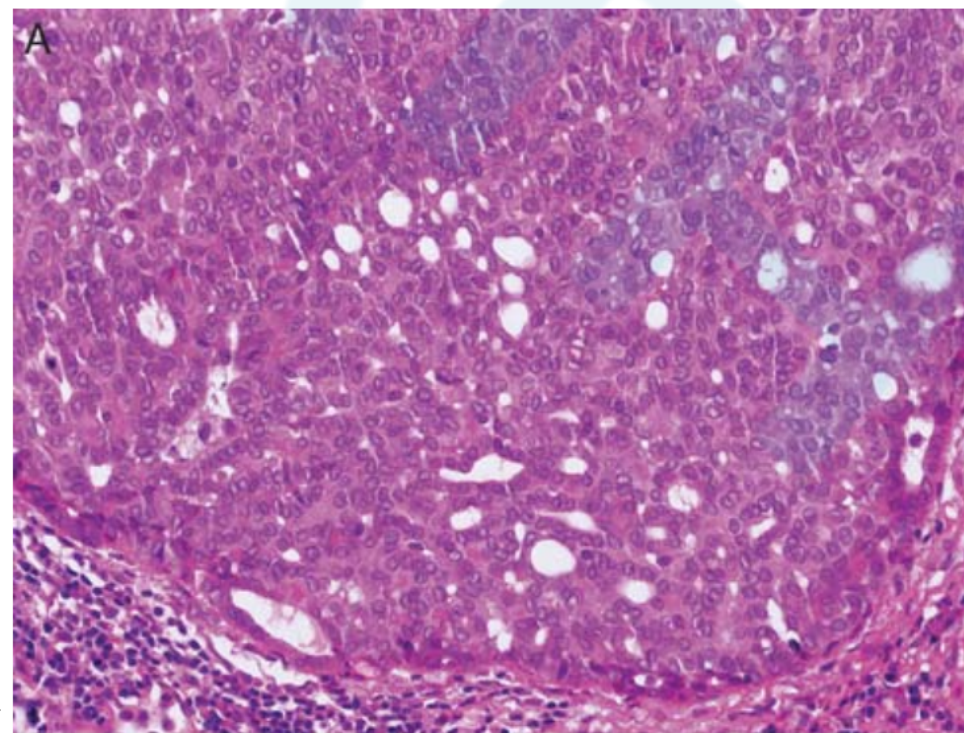
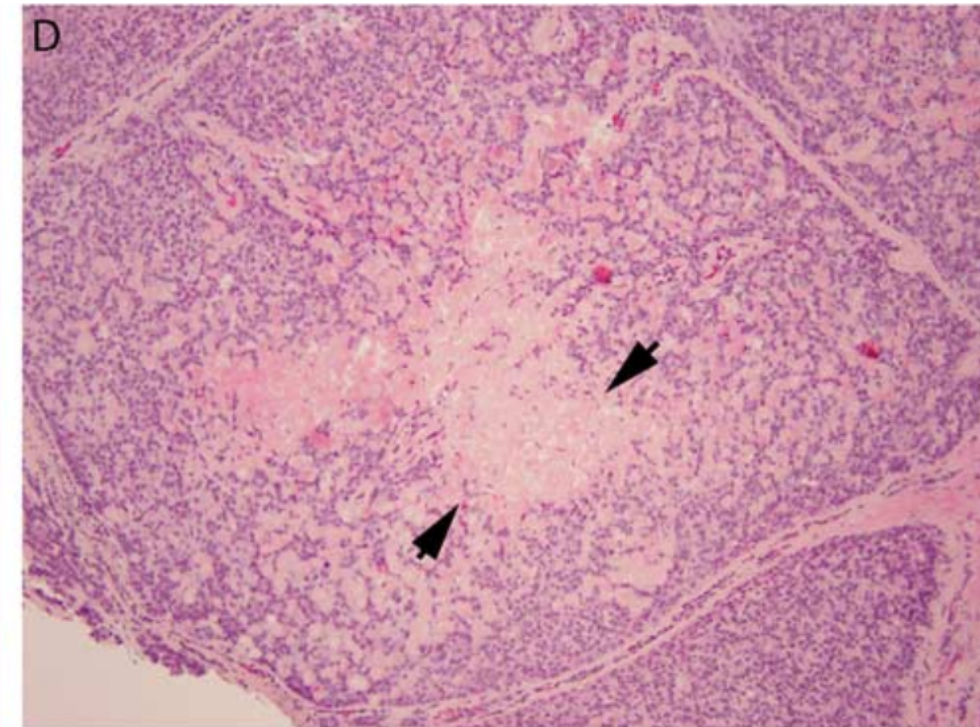
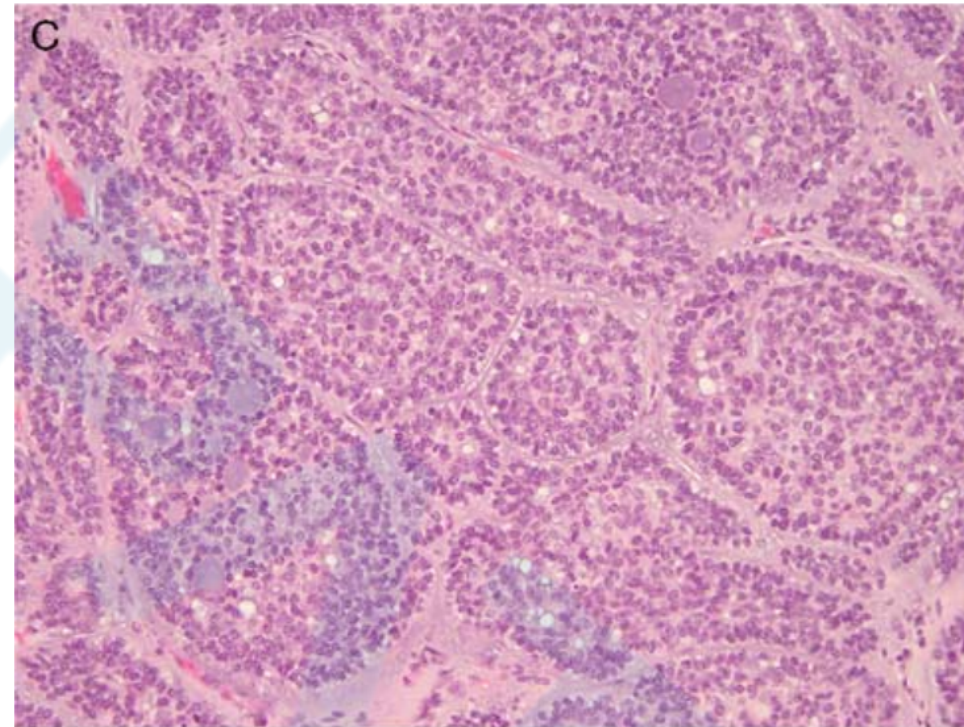
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筛状腺癌Cribiform Adenocarcinoma of Salivary Gland (CASG)

- 多发于小涎腺，呈浸润性的小叶状的生长方式，排列呈筛状、实性或肾小球样；
- 大部分早期出现淋巴结转移，但不发生远处转移；
- 大部分具有*PRKD1*、*PRKD2*、*PRKD3*基因重排



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Predictors of Outcome in Papillary Serous Carcinoma of the Ovary: Spectrum of Polymorphous Low-Grade Atypia (PLGA) and Cribriform Atypia (CASG)

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PLGA出现 $\geq 10\%$ 乳头状区域或 $\geq 30\%$ 筛状区域提示预后不良；

CASG更常出现淋巴结转移，且预后更差；

两者形态学有重叠，分类困难；

均出现*PRKD*基因改变，但PLGA常出现*PRKD1*点突变，

CASG常出现*PRKD1*、*PRKD2*、*PRKD3*基因重排

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研究目的

对比不同病理专家对PAC、CASG诊断的一致性及其可靠性，阐述PAC、CASG是否为同一疾病的不同谱系

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Case and Slide Selection

A total of 48 cases of PAC/CASG spectrum from 1993 to 2016 were retrieved from the MSKCC pathology archive, 45 of which were previously reported, and reviewed by 2 HN pathologists (B.X. and N.K.). One or 2 hematoxylin and eosin slides of the most representative tumor sections per case were digitally scanned to WSI

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The anonymized WSIs were distributed along with a score sheet to the study pathologists, which consisted of 25 subspecialty expert HN pathologists, from the United States, Canada, and Europe. A brief 4-question survey was distributed to collect basic demographic data of the participants, including :

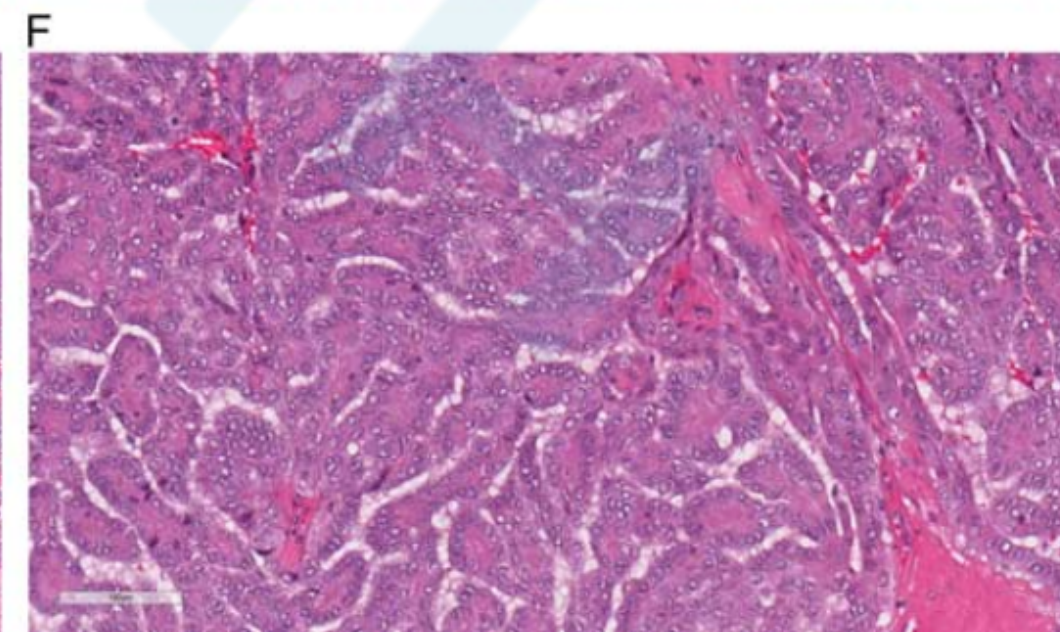
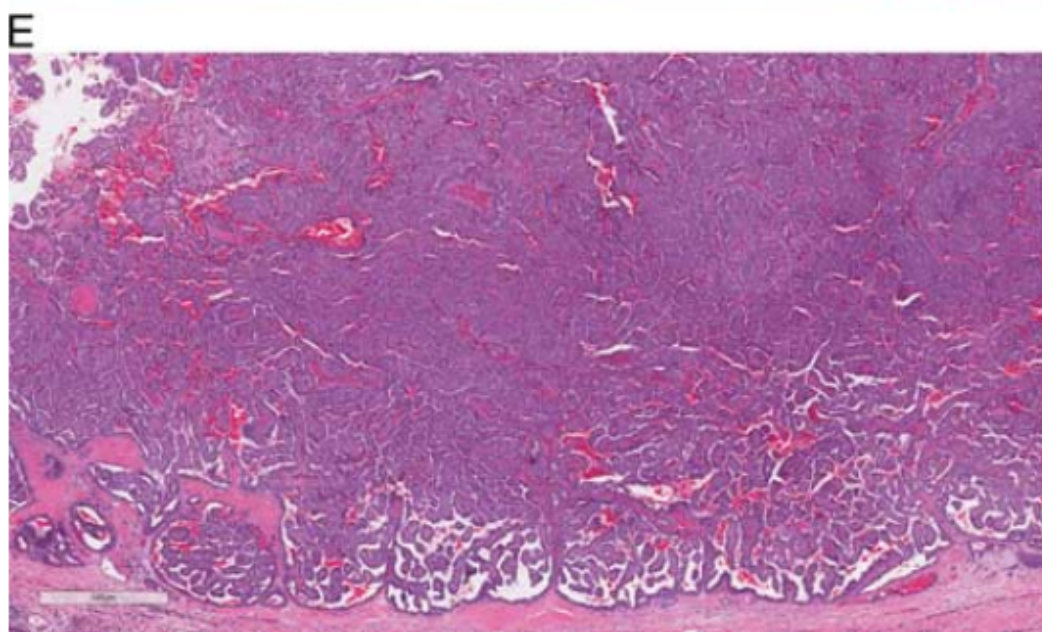
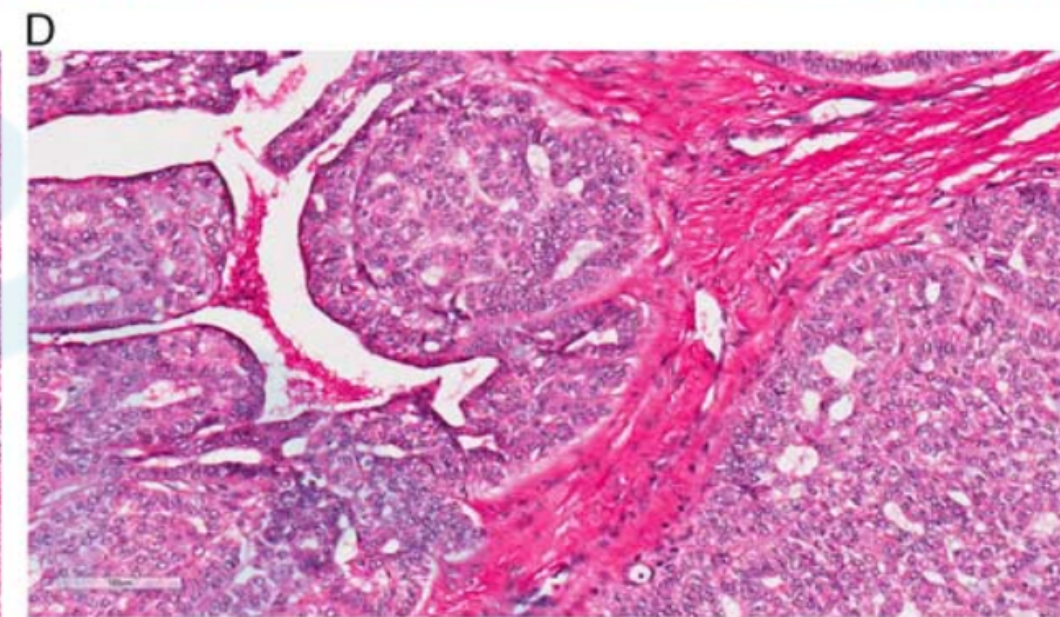
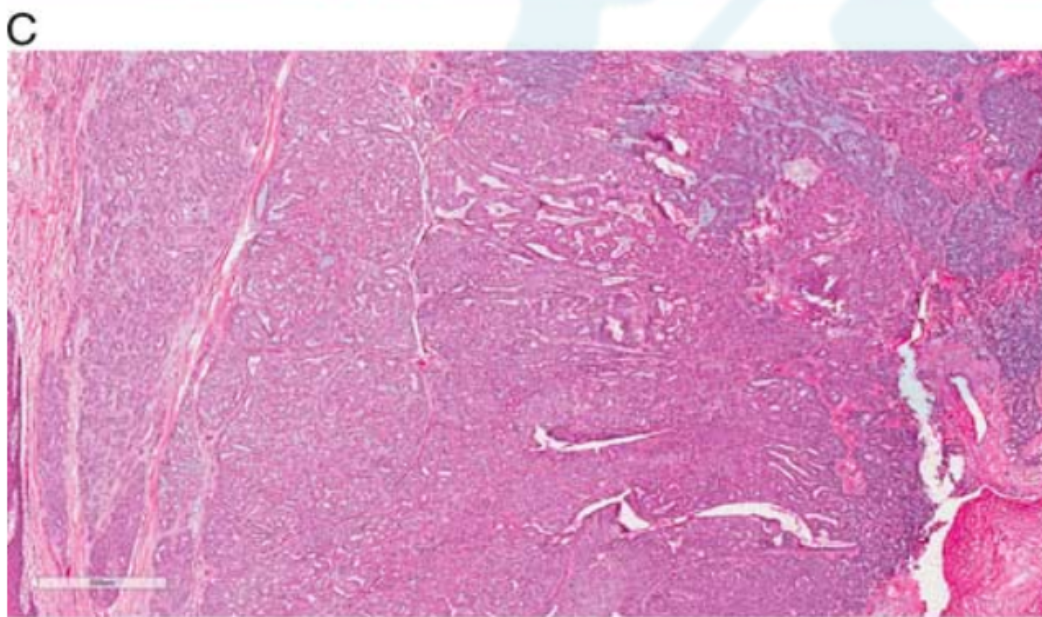
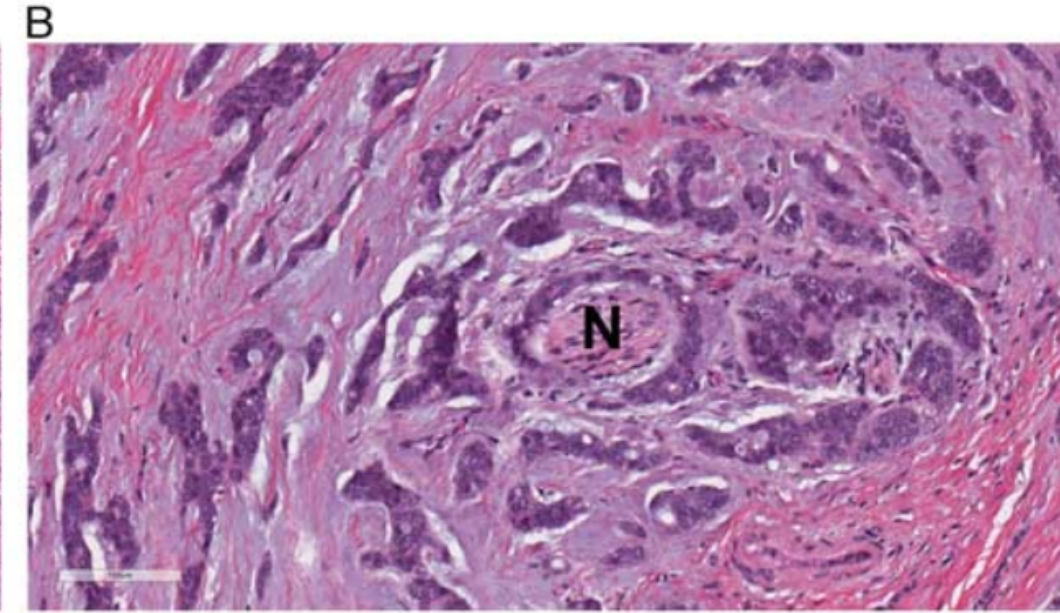
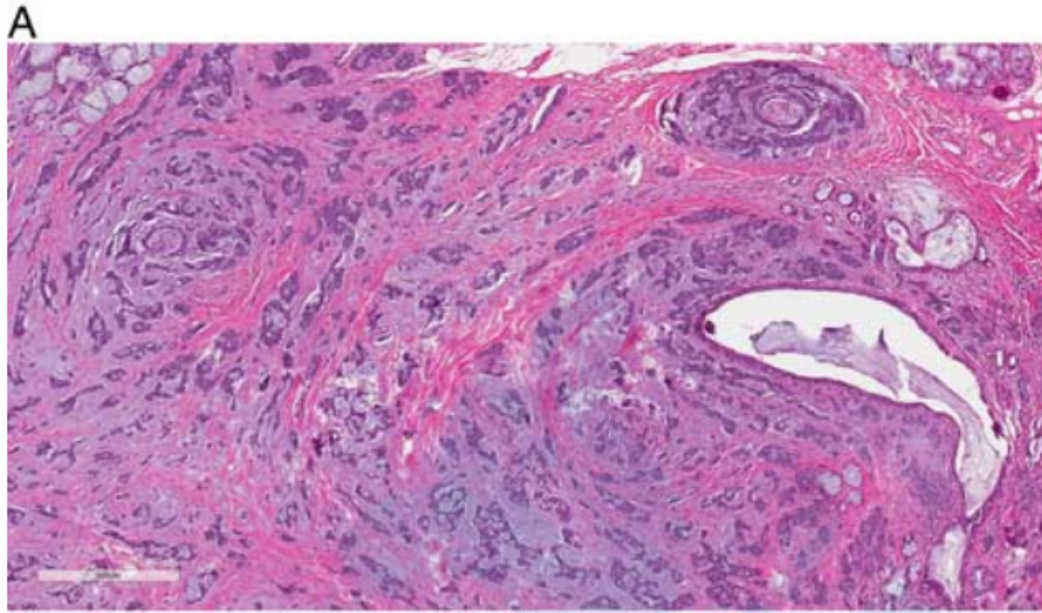
- (1) country of practice;
- (2) experience determined by the year of practice;
- (3) practice pattern being subspecialized with at least 50% of practice in HN pathology;
- (4) perception of CASG/PAC before the current study.

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The cases were independently categorized into 1 of the 4 predefined categories:

- (1) **PAC**: a carcinoma characterized by cytologic uniformity, architectural diversity and frequent swirling and targetoid arrangement of tumor cells;
- (2) **CASG**: a carcinoma with lobulated growth, solid, cribriform, and/or microcystic architecture, peripheral palisading, peripheral clefting, glomeruloid appearance, and pale optically clear nuclei;
- (3) **PAP**: tumor with predominant ($\geq 50\%$) of papillary architecture;
- (4) **IND**: tumors with indeterminate features defined as tumor within CASG/PAC spectrum but difficult to subclassify into any of the other 3 categories.



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Consensus Classification and Statistical Analysis

The consensus diagnosis was determined using the classification agreed upon by at least 50% of participants, or as IND when a predominant diagnosis could not be reached. Interobserver agreement among all participants followed by sub-stratification according to practice pattern and perception of CASG/PAC was calculated using Fleiss' κ analysis with κ values interpreted as follows:

- 1) 0.01 to 0.20 slight agreement;
- 2) 0.21 to 0.40 fair agreement,
- 3) 0.41 to 0.60 moderate agreement,
- 4) 0.61 to 0.80 substantial agreement,
- 5) 0.81 to 0.99 almost perfect agreement.

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Detection Mutation and Correlation With Consensus Classification

Thirty-seven cases with sufficient DNA retrieved from archived paraffin blocks were tested in our prior study for *PRKD1* hotspot mutation using real-time polymerase chain reaction and *PRKD1*, *PRKD2*, and *PRKD3* fusion using fluorescent in situ hybridization. The findings were subsequently correlated with the current consensus classification to determine the rate of mutation and fusion within each diagnostic category.

RESULTS

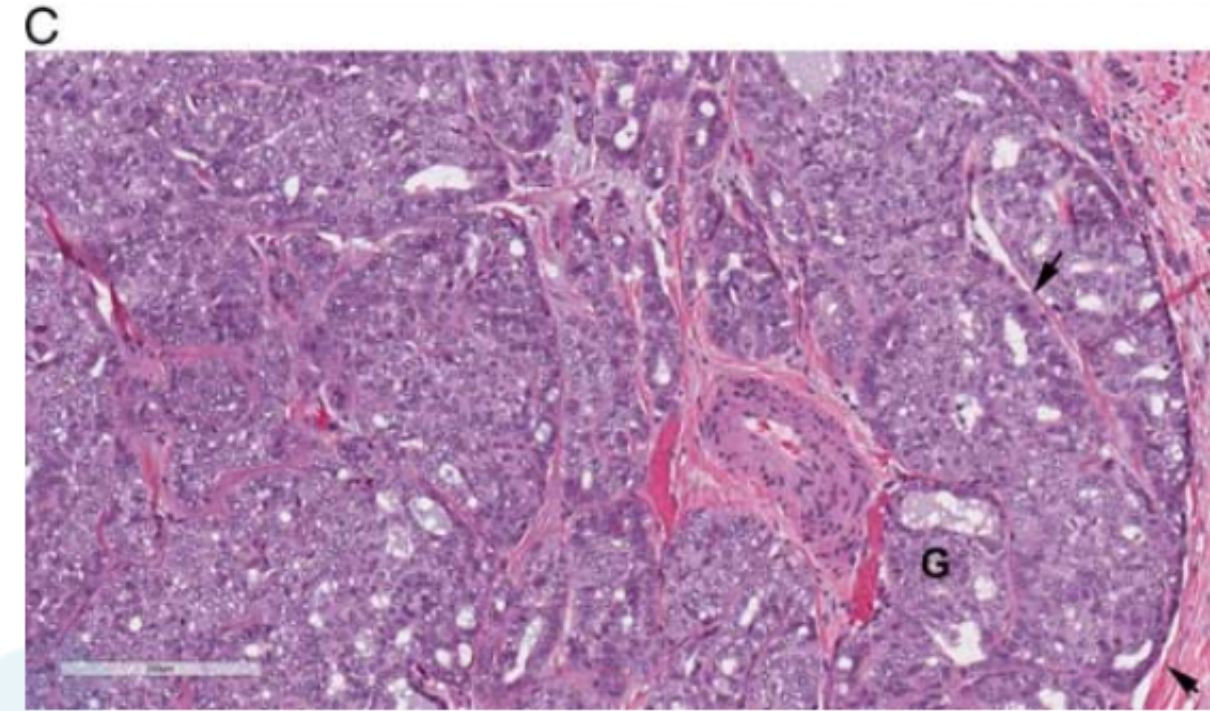
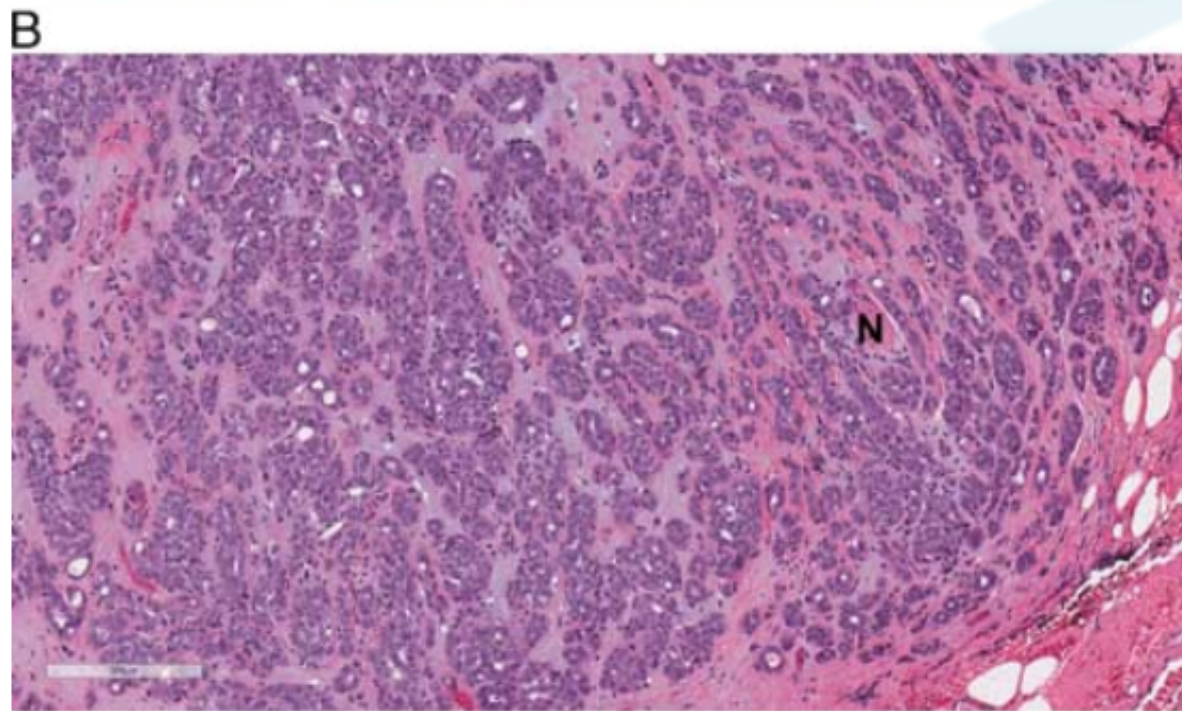
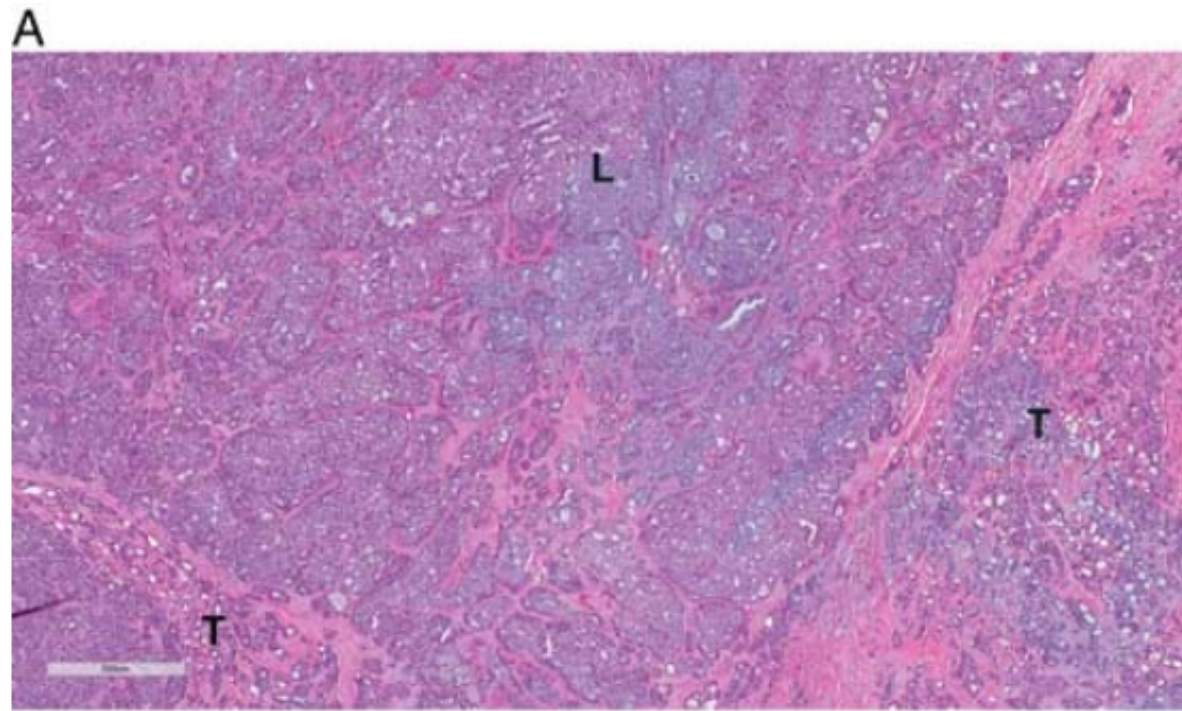


FIGURE 3. A *PRKD2*-rearranged tumor with indeterminate features involving the parotid gland (case #48). A, At low power, the tumor shows typical features of CASG (lobules [L] of solid and cribriform architectures, separated by thin fibrous bands) intermixed with PAC regions with streaming tubules (T). B, PAC area: monotonous tumor cells form tubules, trabeculae, and single files arranged circumferentially around a nerve (N). C, CASG area contains lobules of various sizes, with peripheral palisading and clefting (arrows) forming glomeruloid structure (G).

TABLE 1. Correlation of Molecular Alterations With Consensus Diagnosis in 37 Tumors

Consensus Diagnosis	Total (N = 37)	Mutation (N = 14)	Fusion (N = 16)	Wild- Type (N = 7)	<i>P</i>
PAC*	15	11 (73)	1 (7)	3 (20)	0.001
CASG*	15	2 (13)	12 (80)	1 (7)	
PAP*	1	0	1 (100)	0	
IND*	6	1 (17)	2 (33)	3 (50)	

*For PRKD mutation or fusion status of each tumor category, the values are expressed as number of cases harboring the molecular alteration (percentage of the cases positive for molecular alteration within that tumor category).

DISCUSSION

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- 1) This is the first study that examined the reproducibility of diagnosing the tumors within the PAC and CASG spectrum.
- 2) Several studies have shown that CASG is associated with a high rate (up to 72%) of lymph node metastasis, compared with 10% to 17% rate in classical PAC. It seems important to recognize typical CASG in daily practice.
- 3) Our study showed that the classification of a given tumor as PAC or CASG is possible based on histologic features when the hallmark morphologic features of these tumors.

DISCUSSION

In our study, PAC and PAP showed a higher level of concordance compared with CASG.

- 1) PAC is a well-recognized entity that has been described >30 years ago and included in several editions of WHO classification. In contrast, CASG described in 1999, is relatively rare and is not universally accepted even among expert HN pathologists, which may result in a relatively low diagnostic reproducibility for this tumor.
- 2) There is no well-accepted concise criteria for CASG.
- 3) Most of the prior series of CASG, including the very first report, have only provided a detailed histologic description results in significant diagnostic subjectivity.

DISCUSSION

- 1) PAC predominantly has *PRKD1* hotspot mutation, whereas CASG mostly harbors *PRKD1*, *PRKD2*, or *PRKD3* fusion. Our findings were consistent with what have been previously reported.
- 2) However, we clearly demonstrated that the fusion or mutation was not exclusive for CASG or PAC.
- 3) Weinreb et al has previously reported *PRKD1*, *PRKD2*, or *PRKD3* fusion in a small percentage of classic PAC, which is confirmed by the current study.
- 4) Herein, we document 2 cases of CASG that harbored *PRKD1* hotspot mutation.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Previous studies, including our own, have shown that the presence of $\geq 10\%$ true papillae or “more than focal papillary area” is associated with a higher risk of regional metastasis and/or recurrence.
- 2) In the study by Weinreb and colleagues, *PRKD1*, *PRKD2*, or *PRKD3* fusion was identified in 26 cases of which 9 contained papillary architecture, 8 were CASG, and 1 was classified as IND.
- 3) The fact that the tumors with extensive papillary growth may harbor *PRKD1* fusion further supports that they should be classified as part of the PAC/CASG spectrum of tumors.
- 4) In our observation, PAP seems to be more closely related to CASG.

DISCUSSION

There were several potential weaknesses of this study.

- 1)The diagnosis was rendered by evaluating the digitalized WSI of 1 to 2 preselected representative tumor slides per tumor rather than the actual glass slides of the entire tumor.
- 2)It was noted by the participants that a small percentage (5/48, 10%) of cases, including 3 IND and 2 PAC, had tissue fragmentation (3 cases), cautery artifacts (1 case), poor scan quality (1 case), and/or small tumor sample size (1 case).
- 3)Last, we recognize that the participants are all experts in HN pathology. Therefore, the generalization of our results in the wider pathology community may require further exploration.

CONCLUSION

- 1) We have shown that a fair to moderate interobserver agreement can be achieved in classifying the morphologic spectrum of PAC/CASG.
- 2) A subset of these tumors (23%) showed indeterminate features and had a poor interobserver agreement and were difficult to classify.
- 3) The majority of PACs contained *PRKD1* hotspot mutation and most CASGs showed *PRKD1*, *PRKD2*, or *PRKD3* fusion; however, these molecular events did not appear to be exclusive to either PAC or CASG.
- 4) The molecular analysis generally but not perfectly corroborated the histologic classification.

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