

Pathology of Swine

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Management Technologies → Disease

Traditional Technologies

- small farms: 50-100 sows, outside
- group farrowing: 2-4 groups/year
- weaning age: 4-8 weeks-of-age
- continuous-flow rearing

Evolution in Management Technologies

- large farms: 1000-5000 sows, inside
- reduced weaning age: 10-21 days-of-age
- age-segregated rearing: AI/AO, SEW
- site-segregated rearing: 2- or 3- site

Ages: Stages

	Conventional	SEW
Suckling	< 3 weeks	< 2 weeks
Nursery	3-8 weeks	3-8 weeks
Grower	2-6 months	2-5 months
Breeding	> 6 months	> 6 months



Generalized Diseases

Organ Systems

Gastrointestinal

Respiratory

Cardiovascular

Nervous

Urogenital

Musculoskeletal

Integumentary



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- [➔ Pathology of Ferret Diseases by M. Kiupel](#)
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Salmonella choleraesuis pneumonia

Diffuse hemorrhagic interstitial pneumonia Diagnostic features: 1. Diffuse interstitial pneumonia with expansion of alveolar walls by congested capillaries and interstitium by [read more](#)



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Salmonella choleraesuis hepatitis

Multifocal necrotizing hepatitis Diagnostic features: Multifocal randomly distributed foci of coagulative hepatic necrosis infiltrated with epithelioid macrophages, neutrophils, lymphocytes [read more](#)



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Salmonella choleraesuis nephritis

Severe fibrinous glomerulonephritis with necrotizing vasculitis. Diagnostic features: 1. Fibrinous glomerulonephritis with mesangial necrosis and exudation of fibrin into the urinary [read more](#)



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Salmonella typhimurium hepatitis

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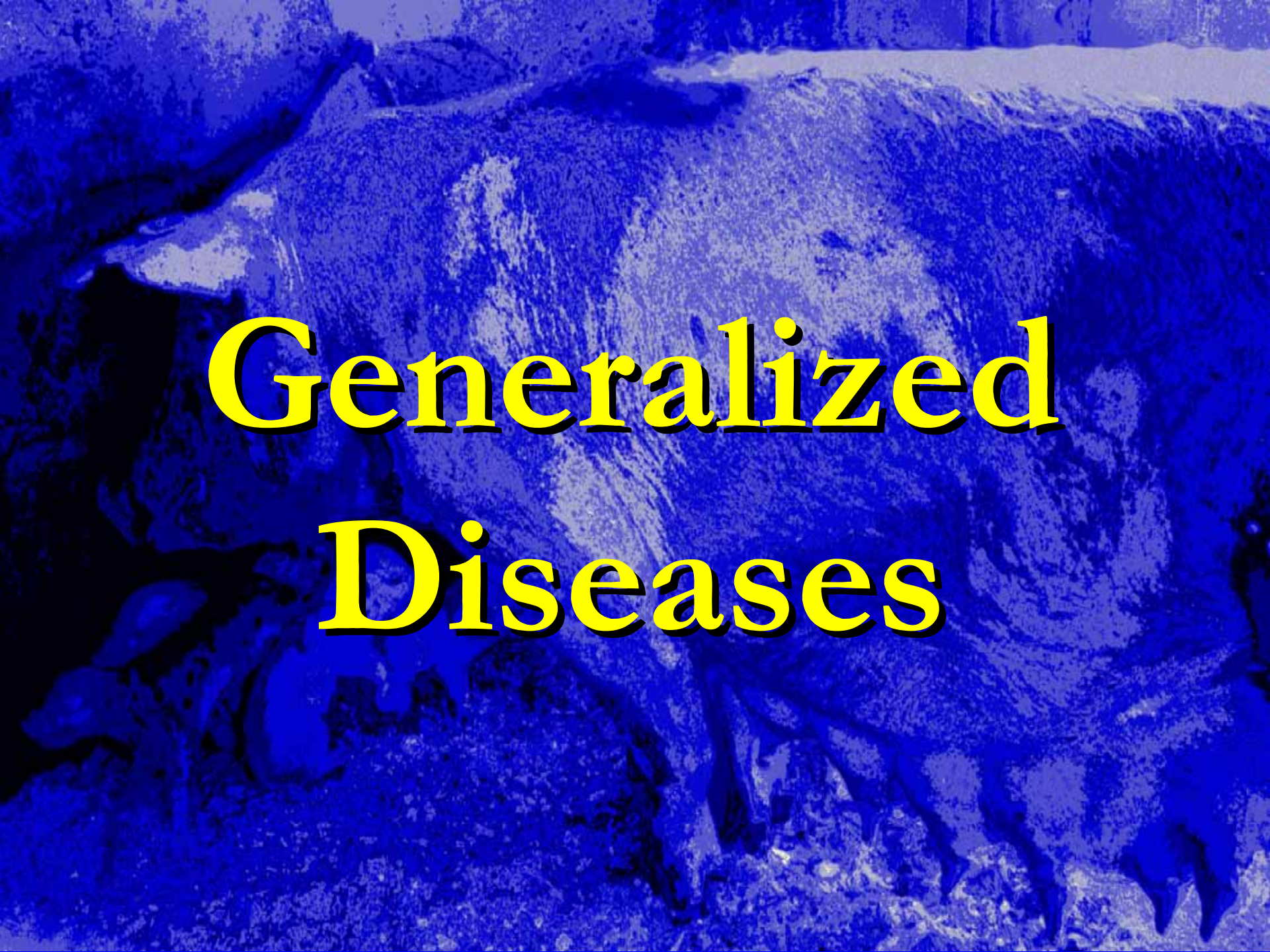
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Salmonella typhimurium colitis

Severe diffuse fibrinonecrotic typhlocolitis Diagnostic features: 1. Diffuse superficial mucosal necrosis and multifocal mucosal ulceration 2. Fibrinonecrotic [read more](#)



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Generalized Diseases

Salmonella

- Gram-negative non-spore-forming rods (2-4 X 0.5 μm), no capsule
- Classified into groups according to the Kauffman-White classification scheme
- The identification of serotypes is based on:
 - “O” (somatic/ cell wall) antigens (lipopolysaccharide-protein chains exposed on the cell surface)
 - “H” (flagellar) antigens
- Usually motile with long flagella
- Non-motile variants may occur e. g. *S. pullorum*
- Optimal growth between 35-37°C and pH 7-7.5
- Can survive several months away from the host
- Can survive refrigeration, freezing (much reduced growth at temperatures <15°C and above 6°C) and dry conditions
- Sensitive to most disinfectants
- Killed at high temperatures: 60°C for 2-6 min or 70°C for 1 min

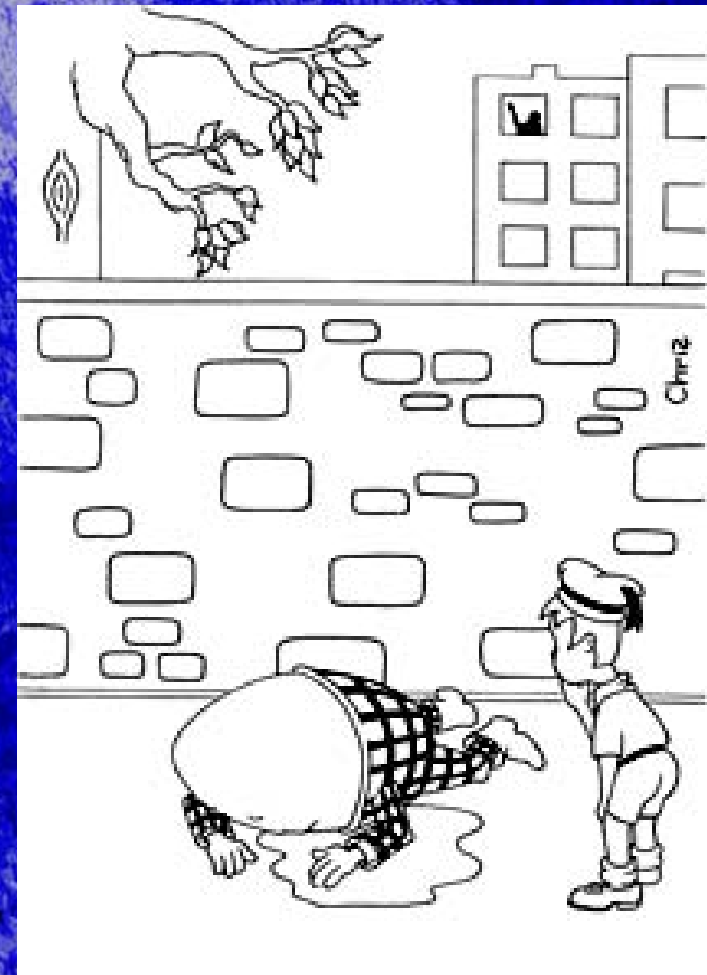
Salmonella

- Modulates host cell functions to allow bacterial entry and promote survival in macrophages, endothelial cells
- 2 Type III secretion system (bacterial proteins which lack signal sequence are secreted into cell cytosol, resembles flagellum)
- Pathogenicity islands: SPI (n=5)
 - SPI-1 early in infection for invasion of epithelial cells
 - SPI-2 crucial in systemic growth and survival and proliferation in macrophages
 - SPI-3 genes required for growth in Mg²⁺-limited conditions (e.g., in macrophages)
 - SPI-4: role in invasion
 - SPI-5: required for enteric, not systemic, virulence

Hallmarks

Adherence

- Entry by induced phagocytosis
- ± local damage via uncertain mechanism
- ± transcytosis, transport to LN
- ± systemic spread



“Salmonella !”

Salmonella choleraesuis

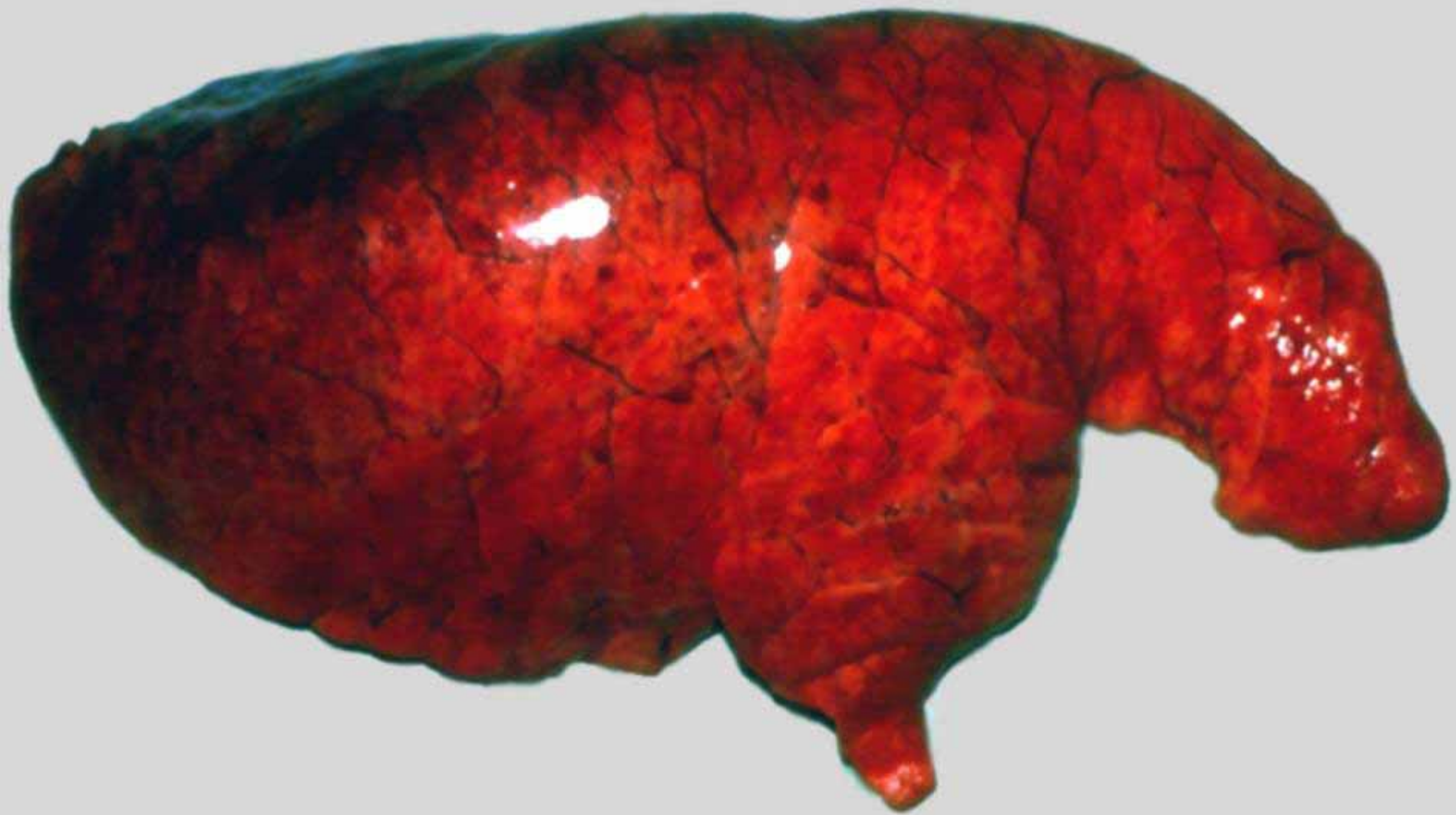
- Severe septicemia in weaned and grower pigs
- +/- concurrent pneumonia or enterocolitis
- Multifocal hepatic necrosis (paratyphoid nodules)
- Replicates in macrophages as well as extracellularly in lymphoid tissues
- Large amounts of systemic endotoxin activate cytokines and induce vascular damage:
 - hemorrhage, interstitial pneumonia with edema, glomerulonephritis, gastric mucosal venous thrombosis and arterial thrombosis (skin of extremities and colon → ulcers)



Salmonella choleraesuis



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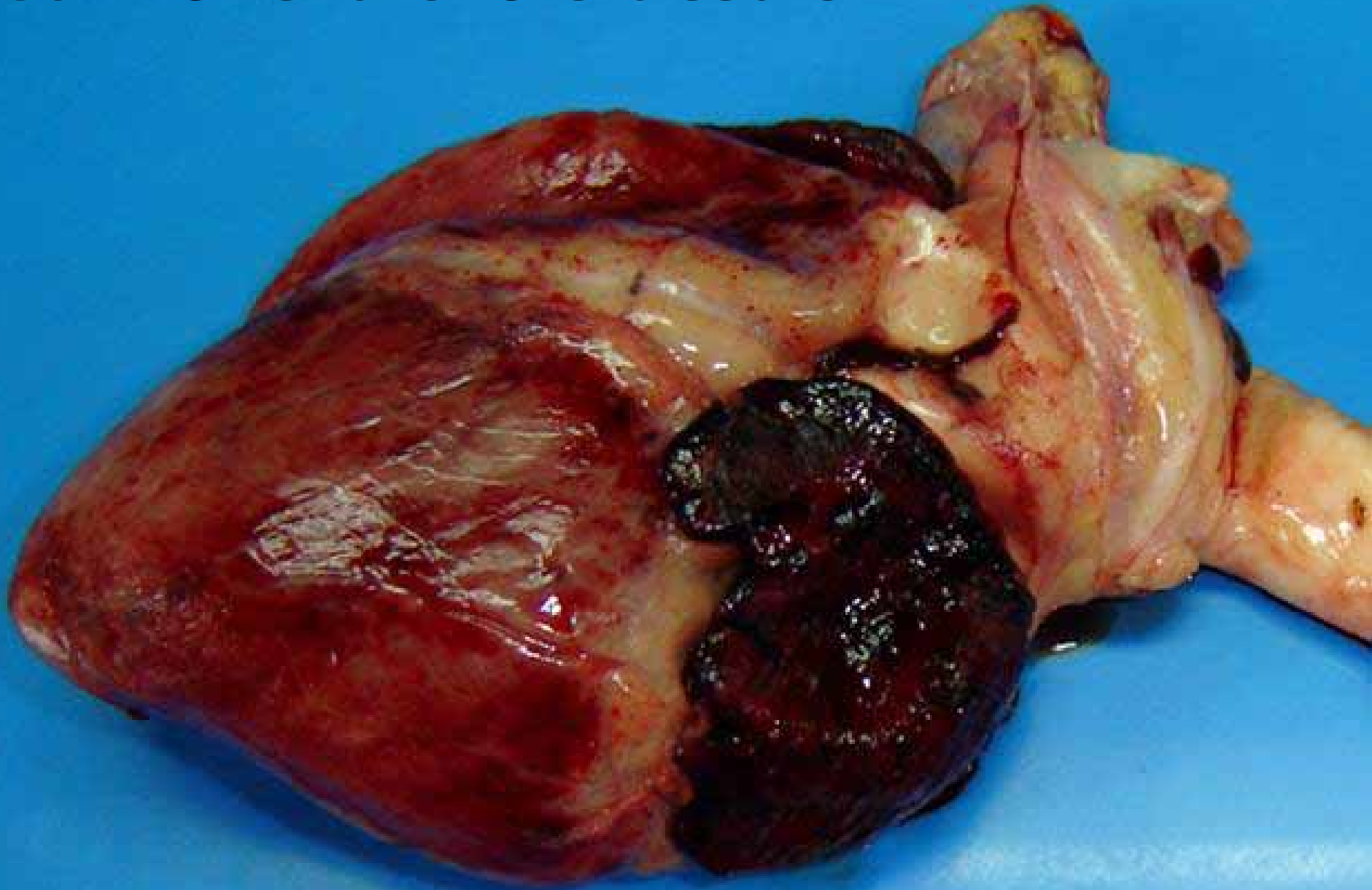


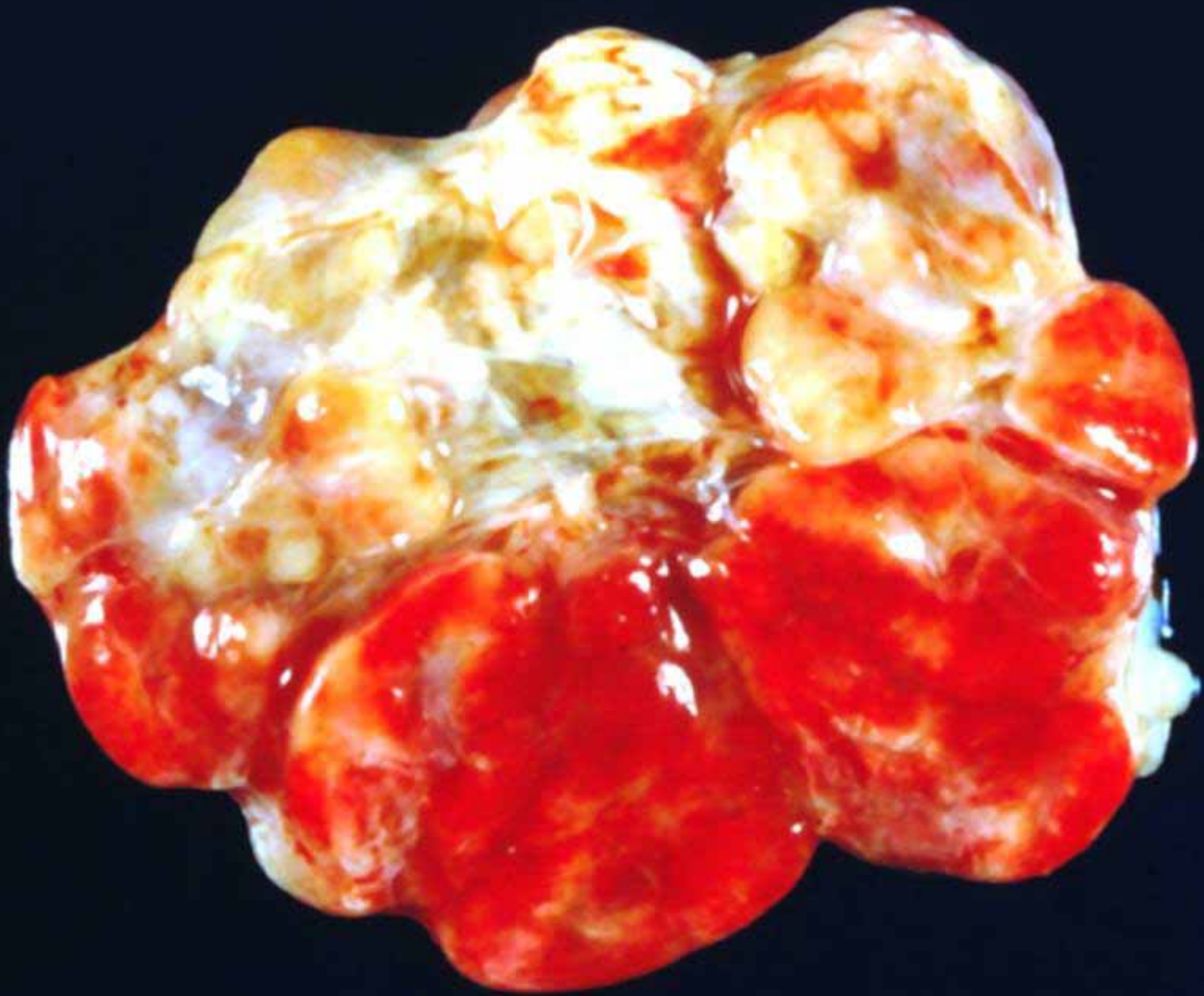
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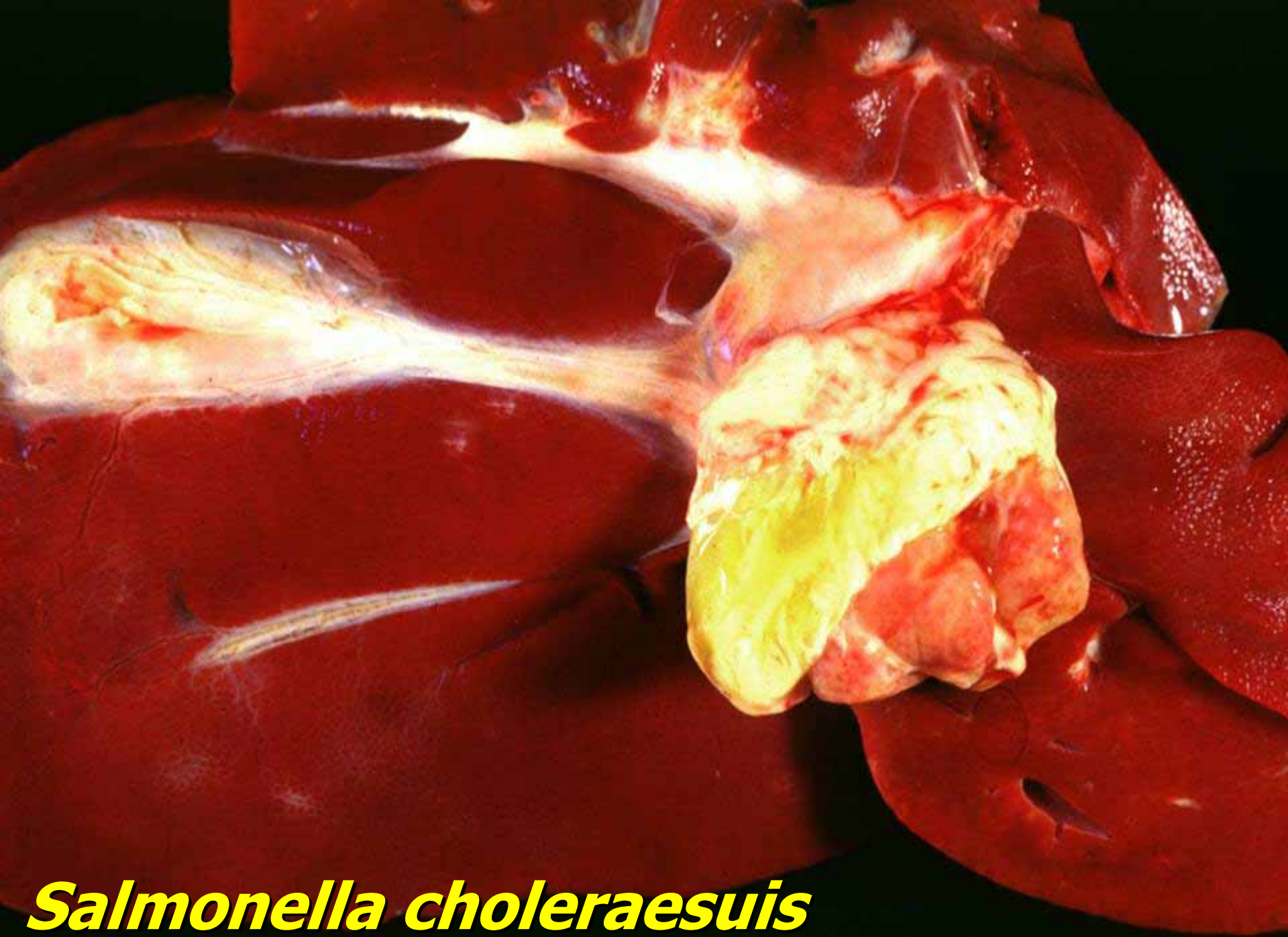




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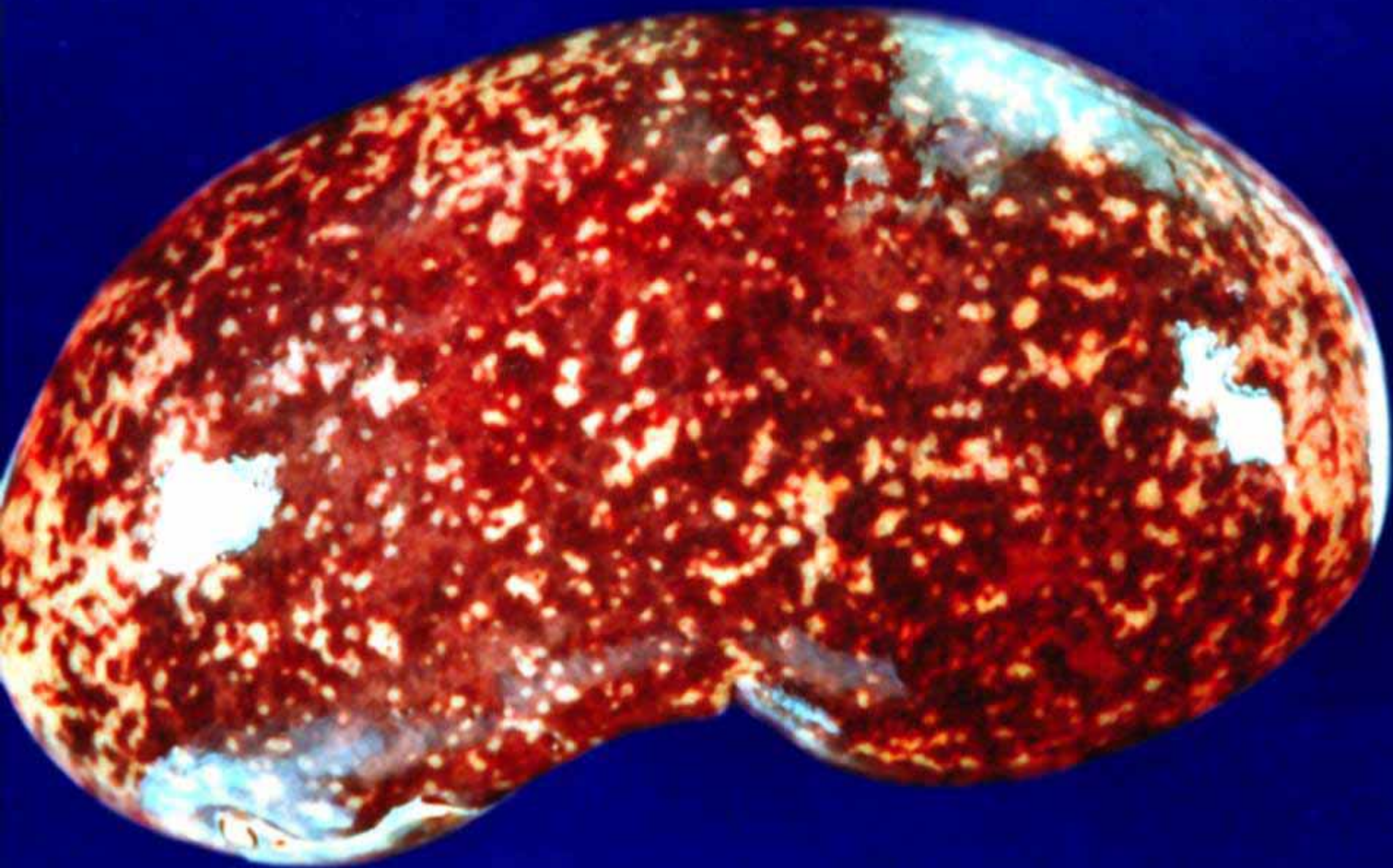
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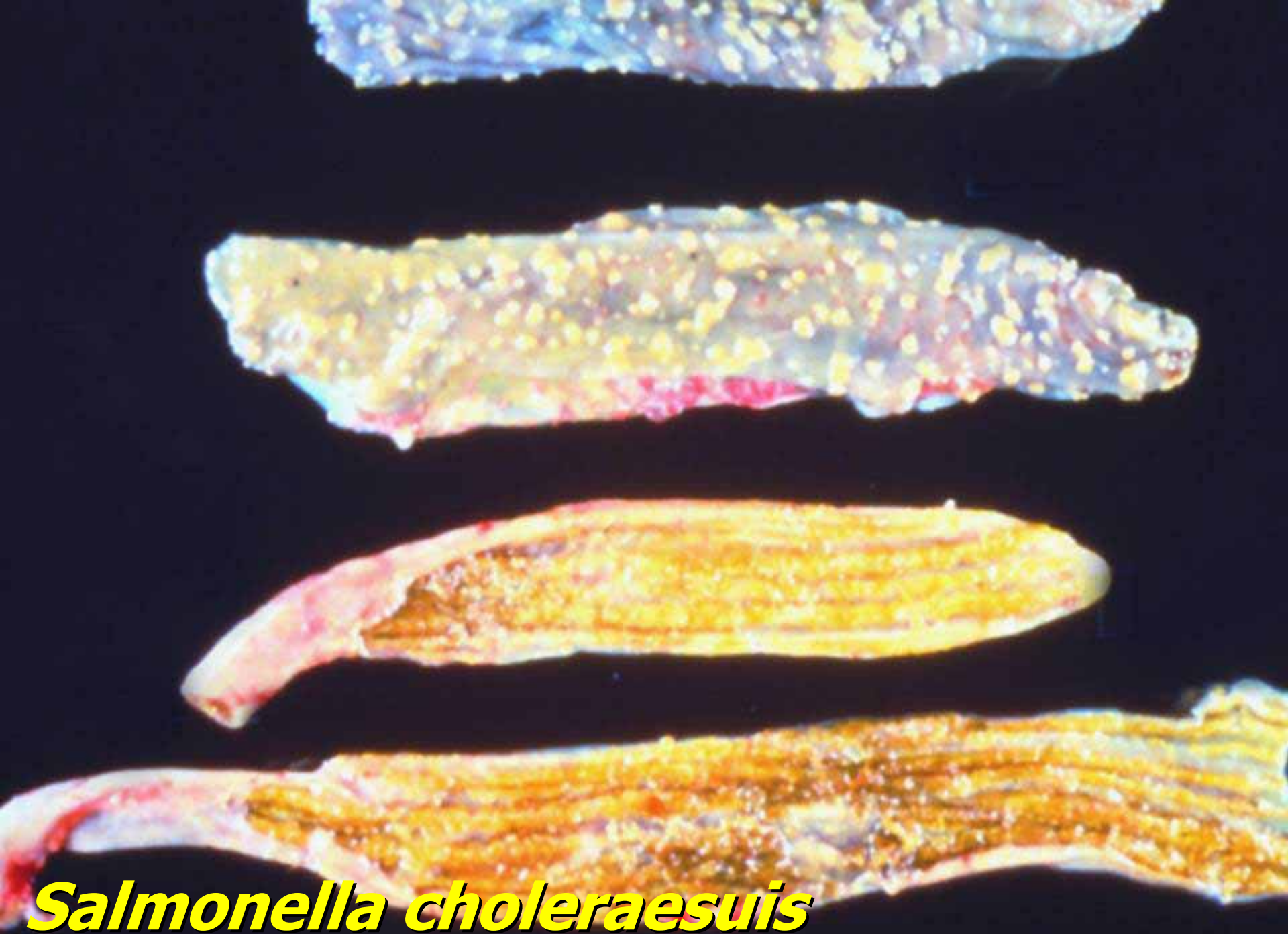
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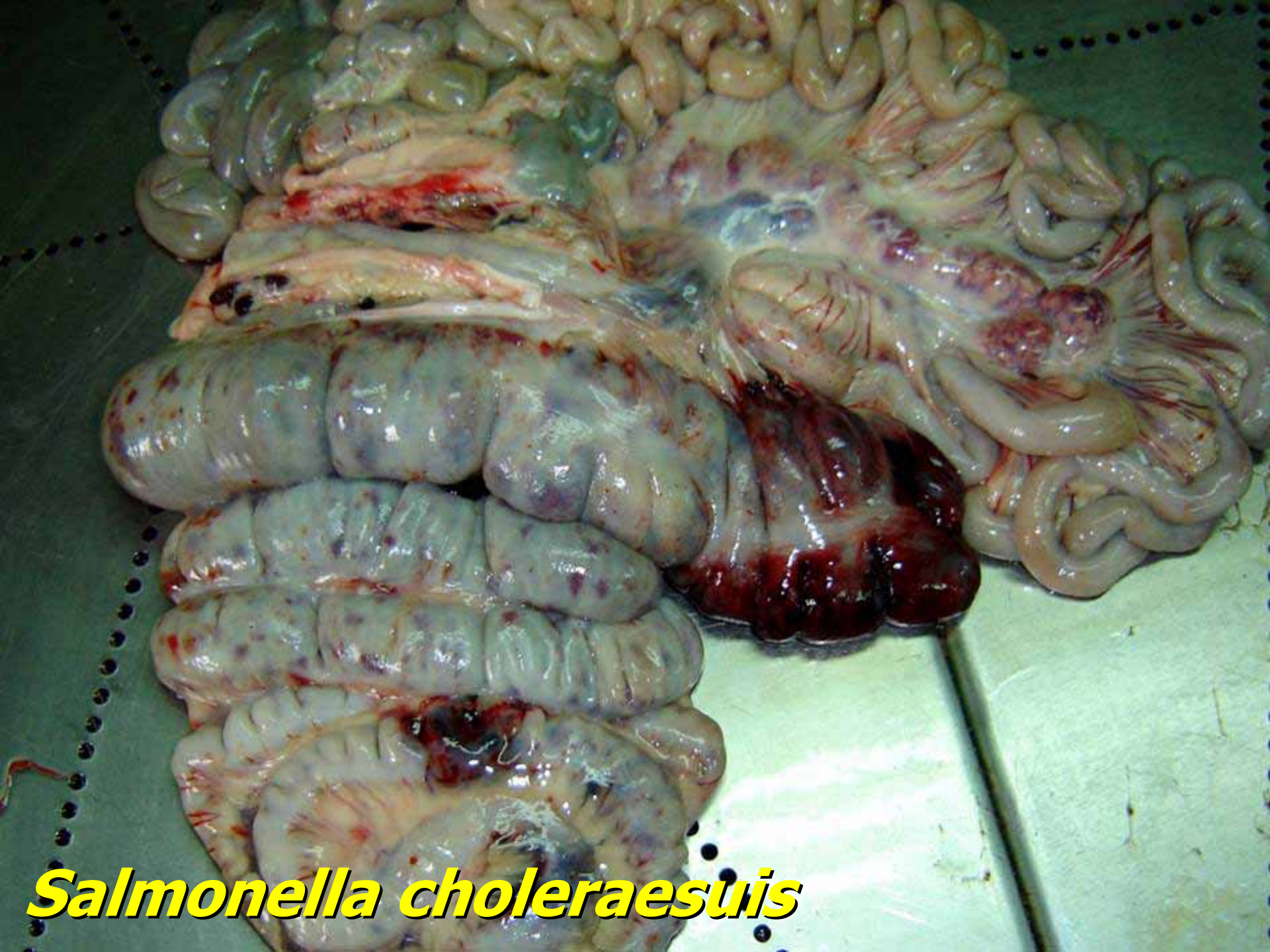
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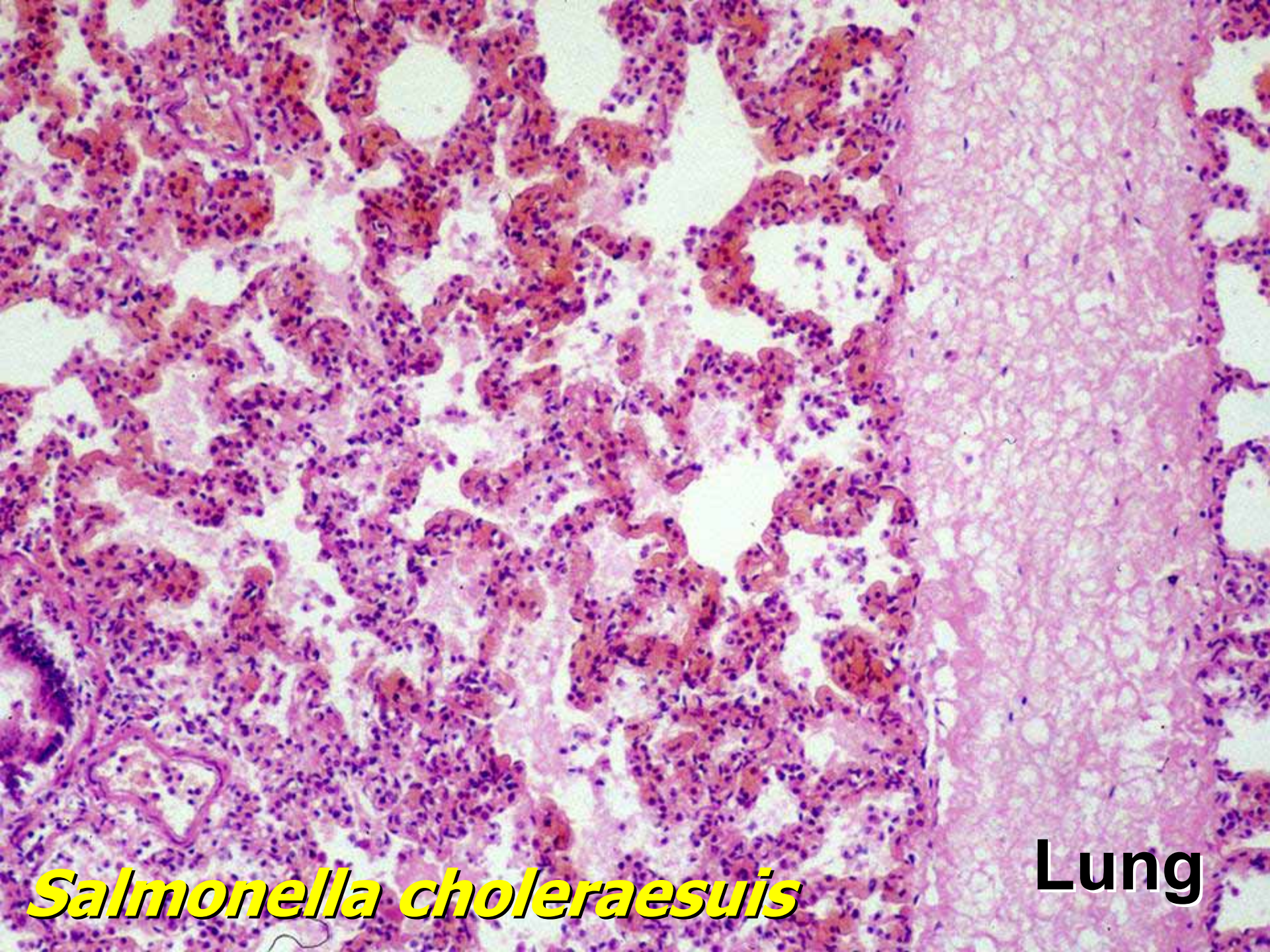
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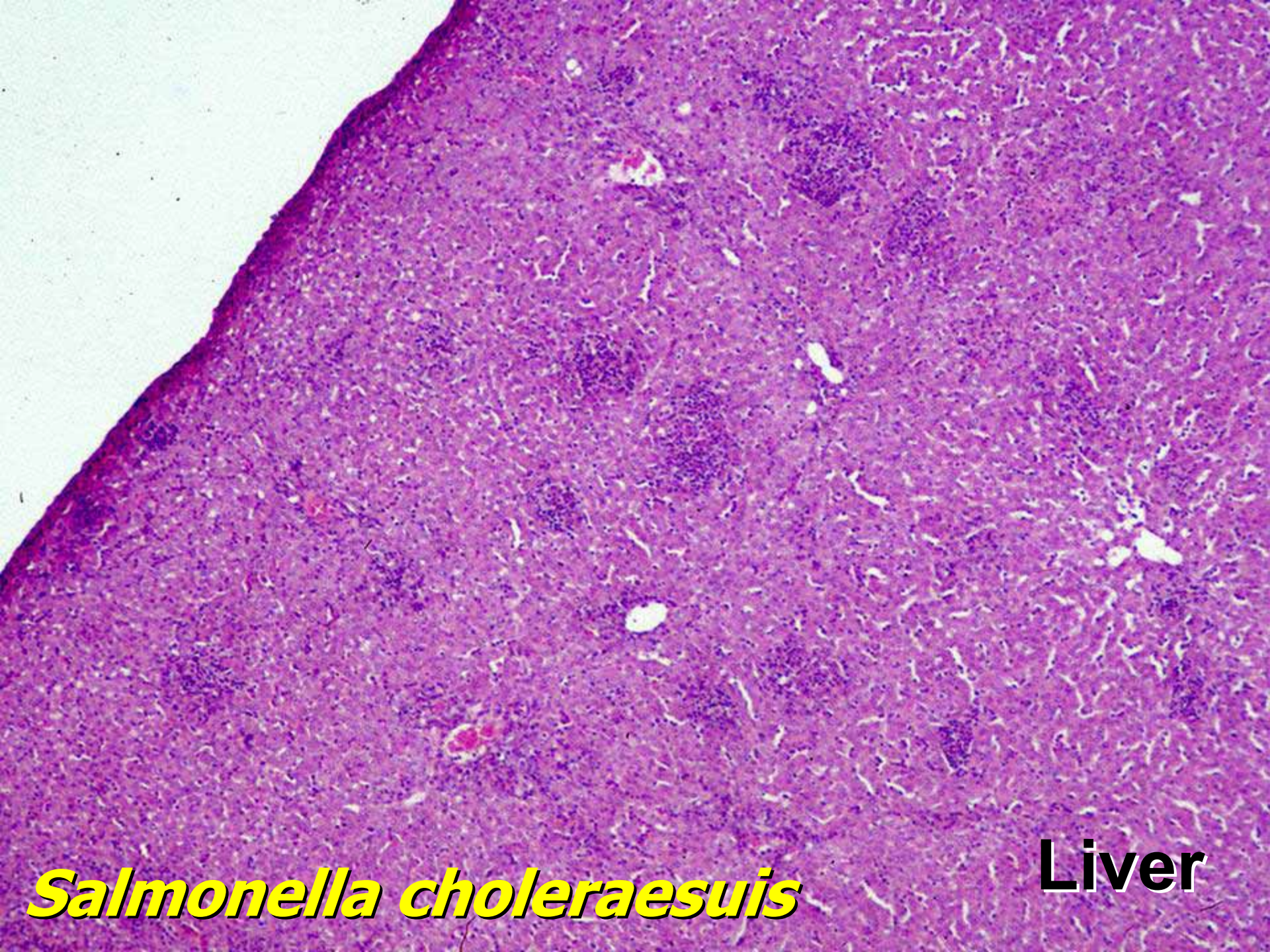


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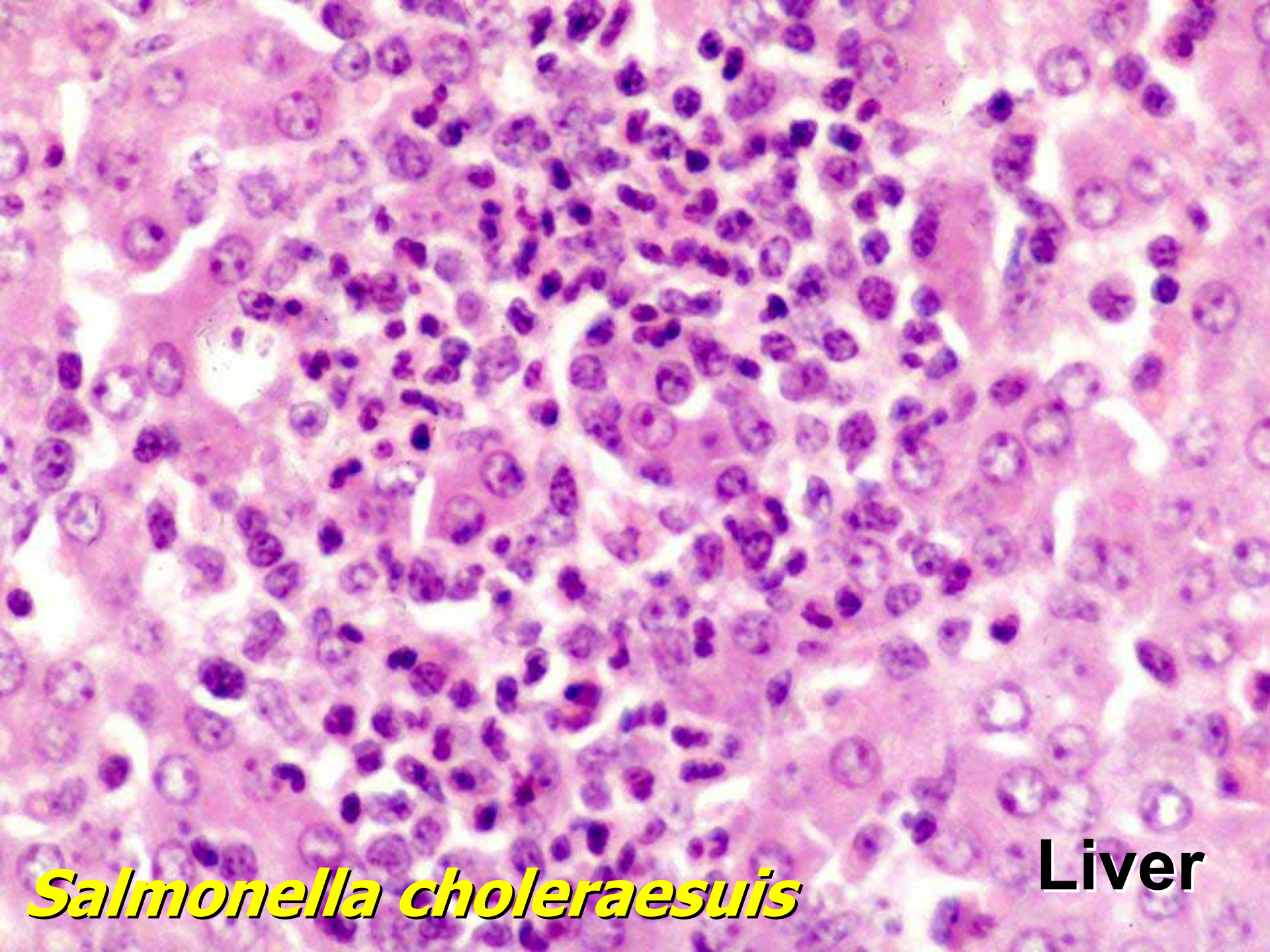
Salmonella choleraesuis

Lung



Salmonella choleraesuis

Liver



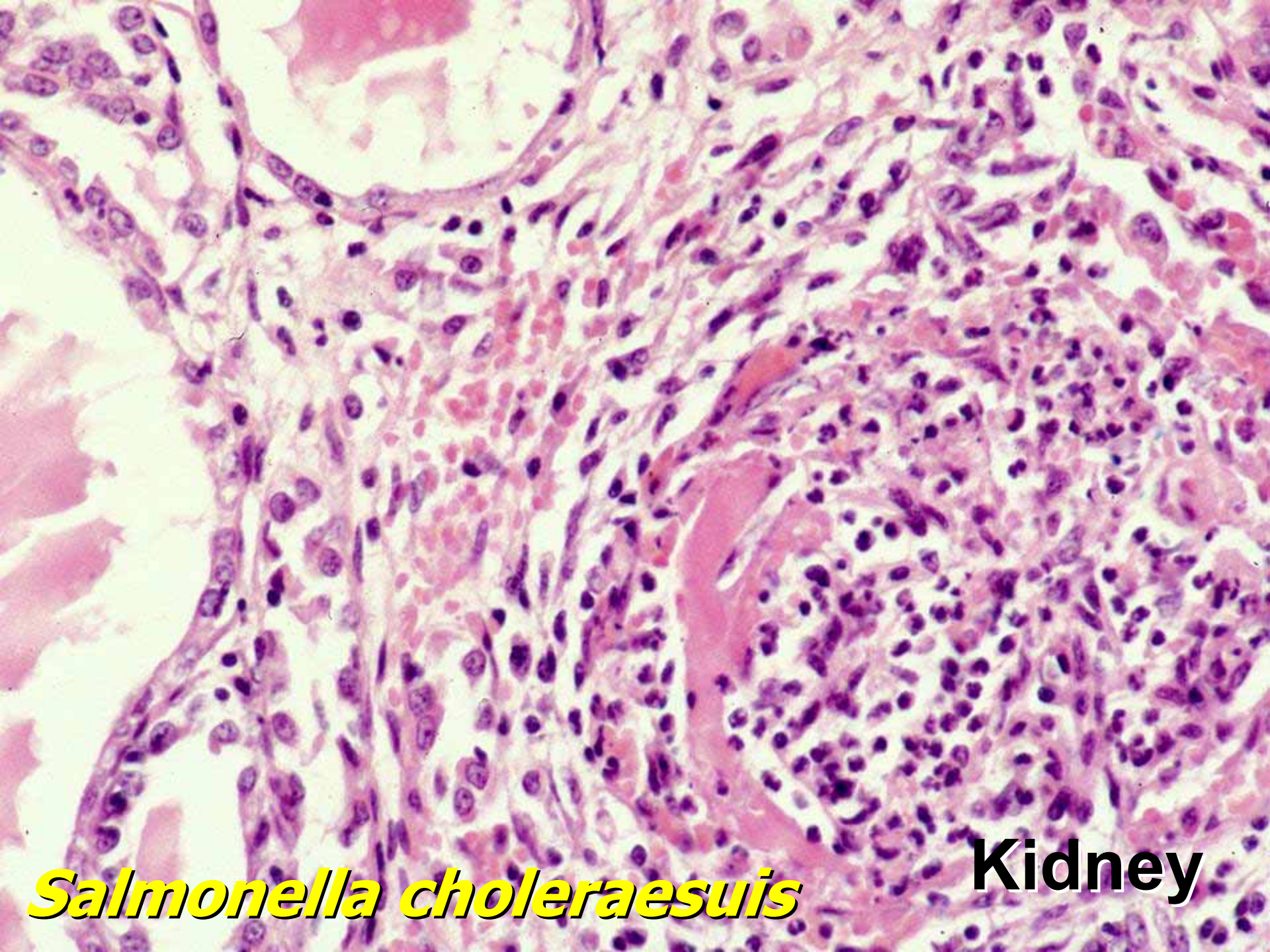
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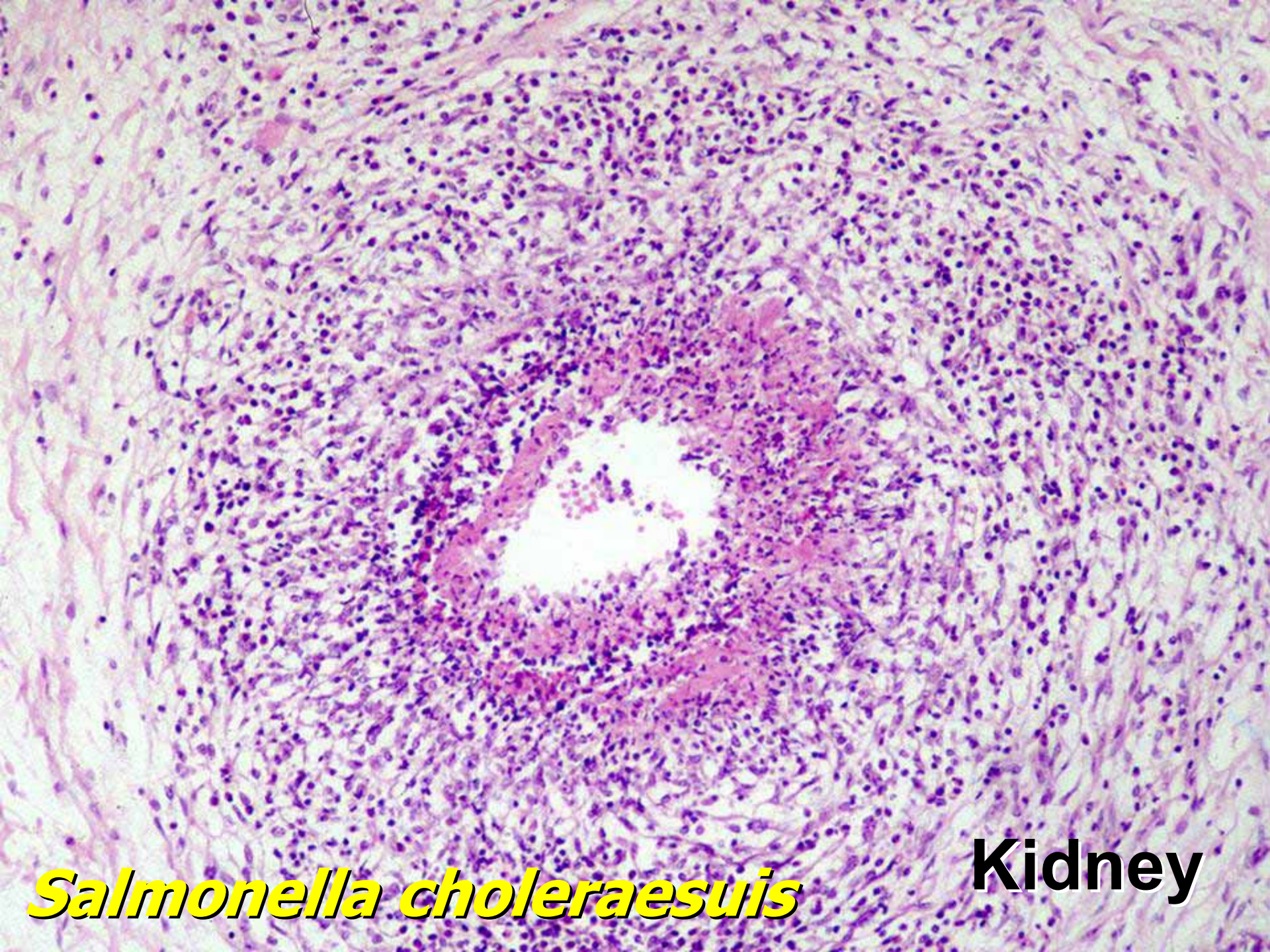
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Kidney



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Hemophilus parasuis

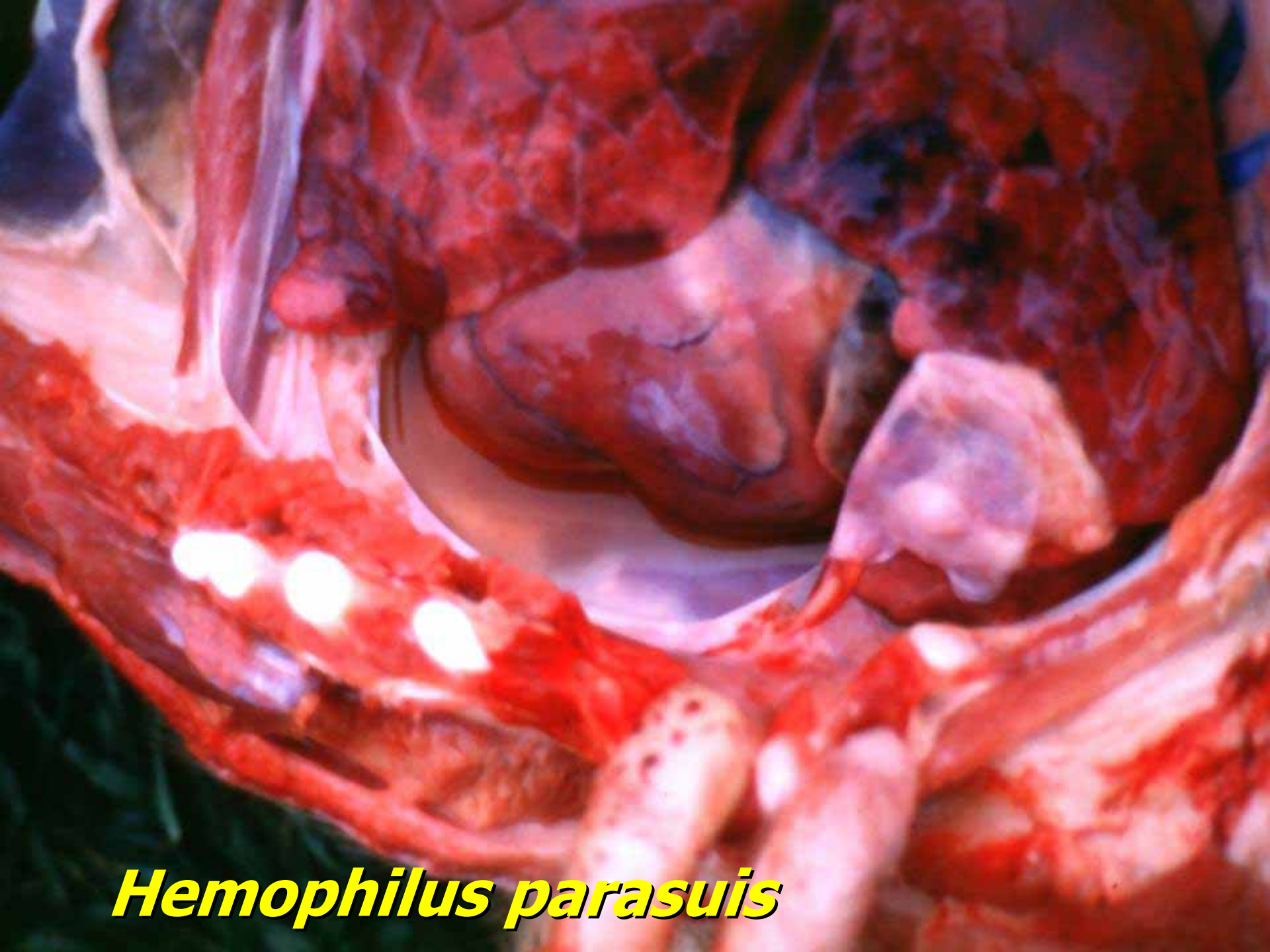
- **Acute septicemia**
- **Resembles septicemic Salmonellosis**
- **More commonly causes polyserositis, polyarthritits and meningitis (Glasser's disease) in weaned pigs**
- **Neurological clinical signs are uncommon in weaned pigs with Glasser's disease**
- **Occasional acute outbreaks of highly fatal fibrinosuppurative leptomeningitis in young adult replacement breeding stock shortly after entry into recipient herds**
- **Eustachitis and temporary otitis media predisposing to ascending secondary pyogenic bacterial otitis media**

Haemophilus parasuis

- Gram-negative non-motile, pleomorphic rods (2x5 μm)
- May form coccoid or filamentous forms
- Dependend on V- and X-factor
- V-factor: Diphosphopyridin-nucleotid, coenzyme has the function to accept hydrogen ions, thermolabil
- X-factor: haemin of red blood cells, thermostabil
- Growth on digested blood agar or with nursing streak



Hemophilus parasuis



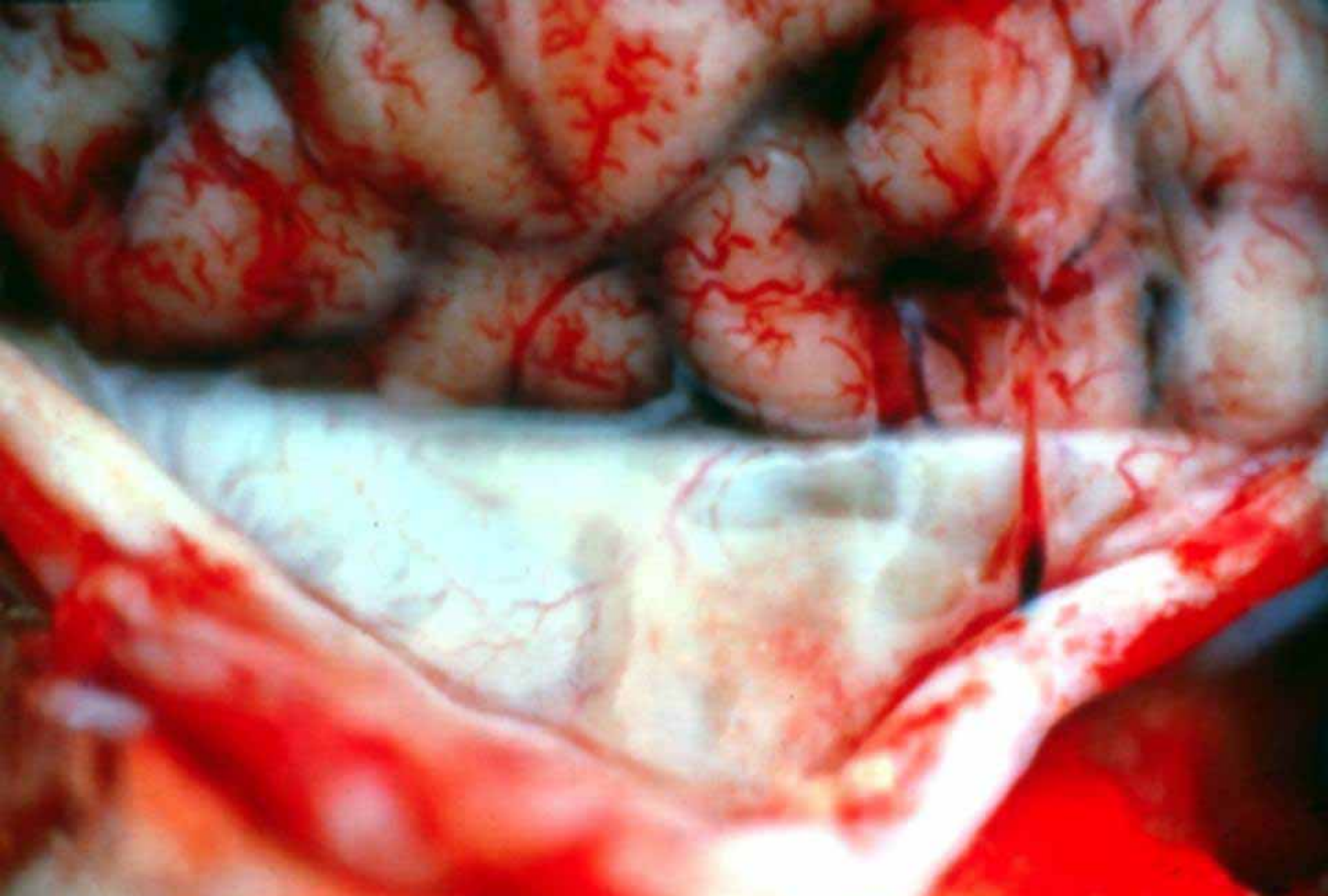
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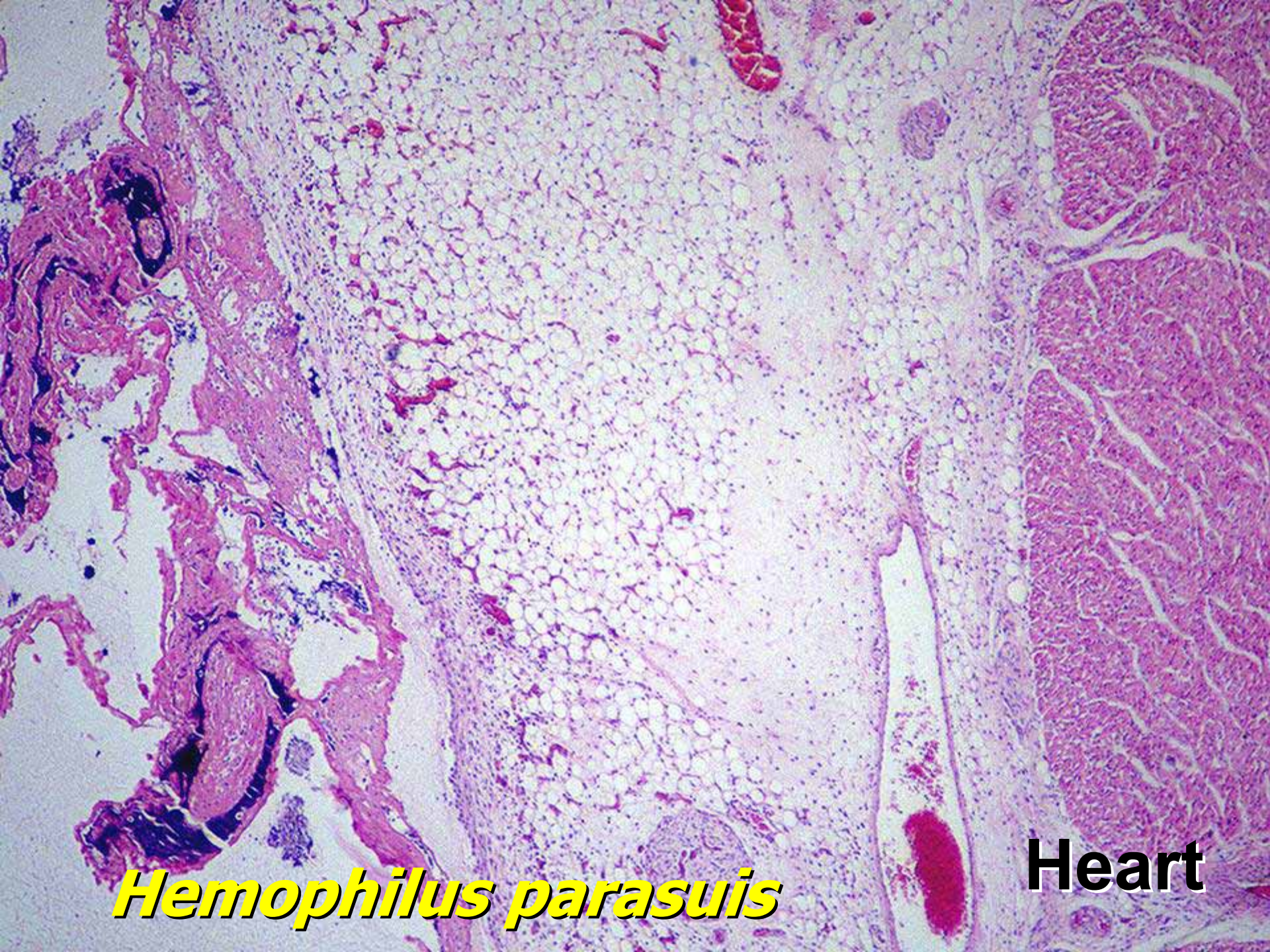
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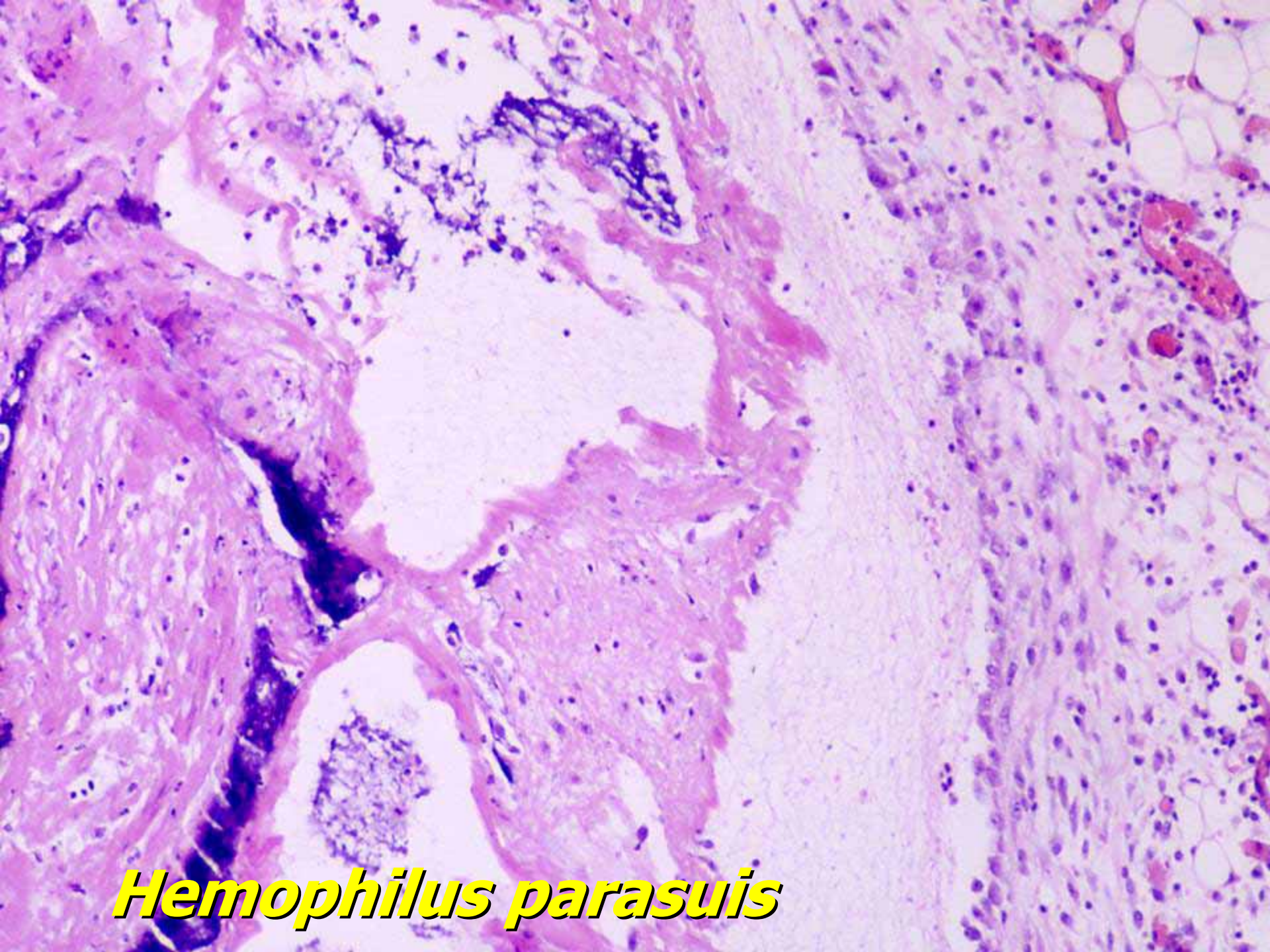


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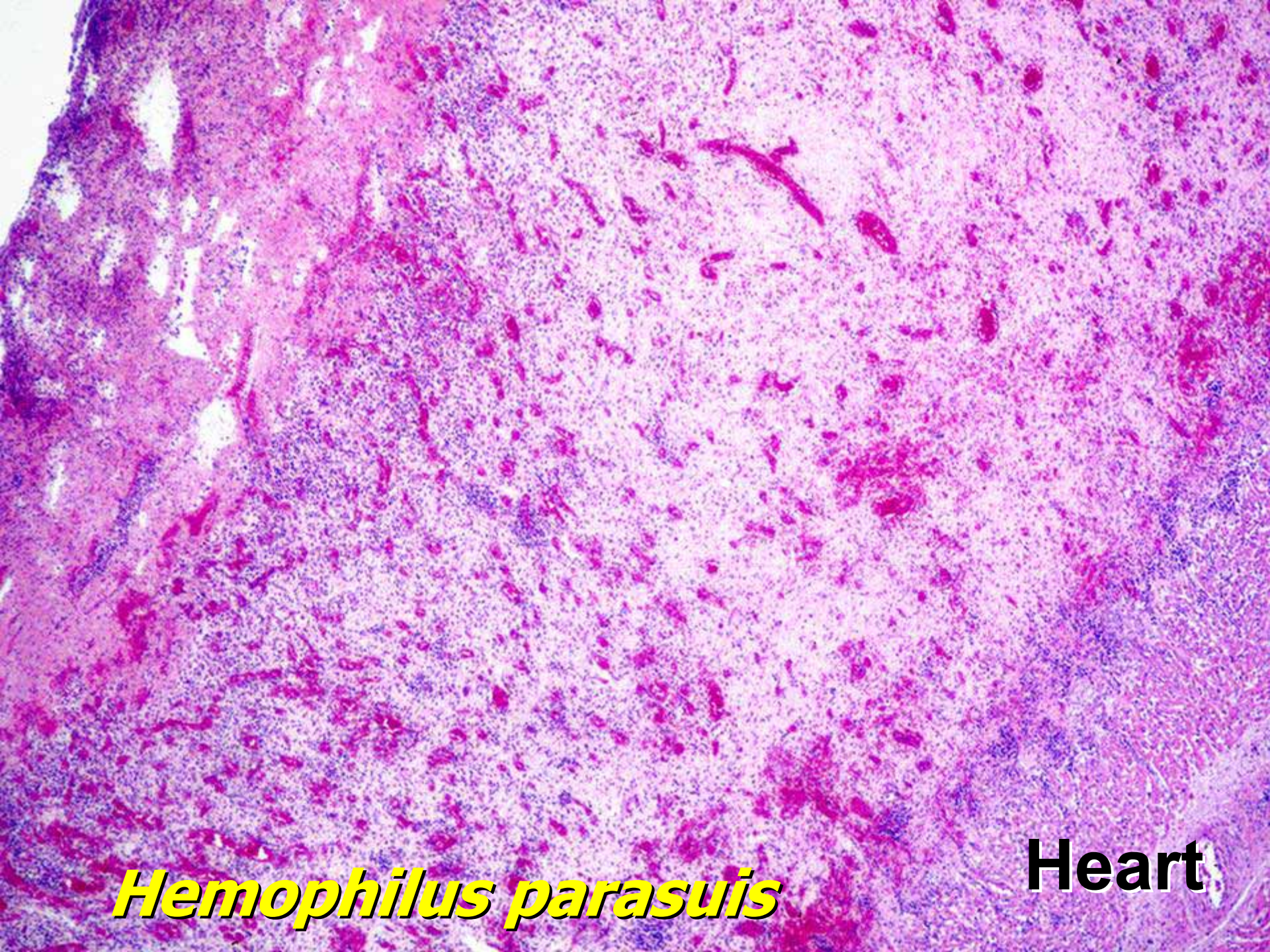


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Heart

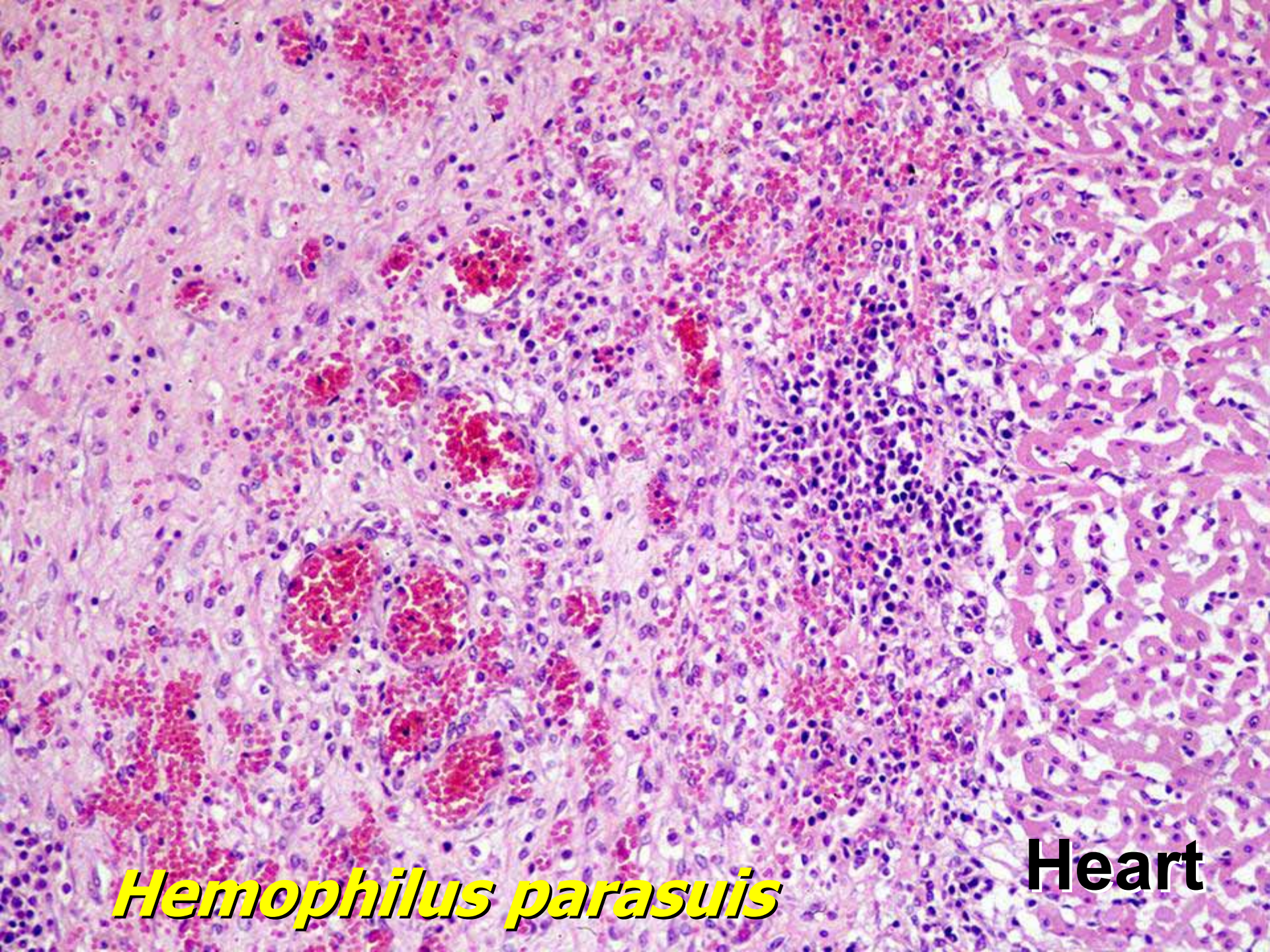


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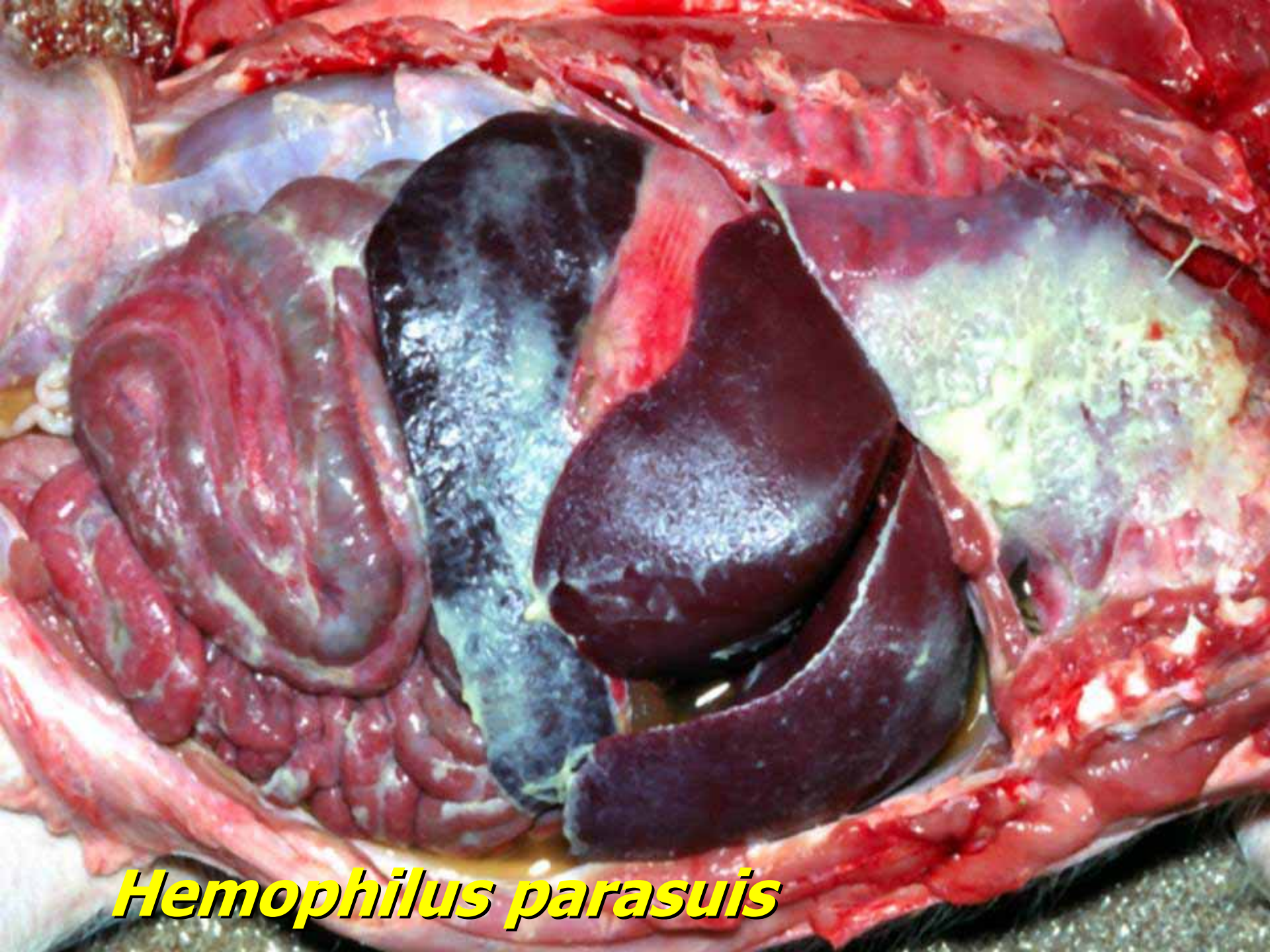


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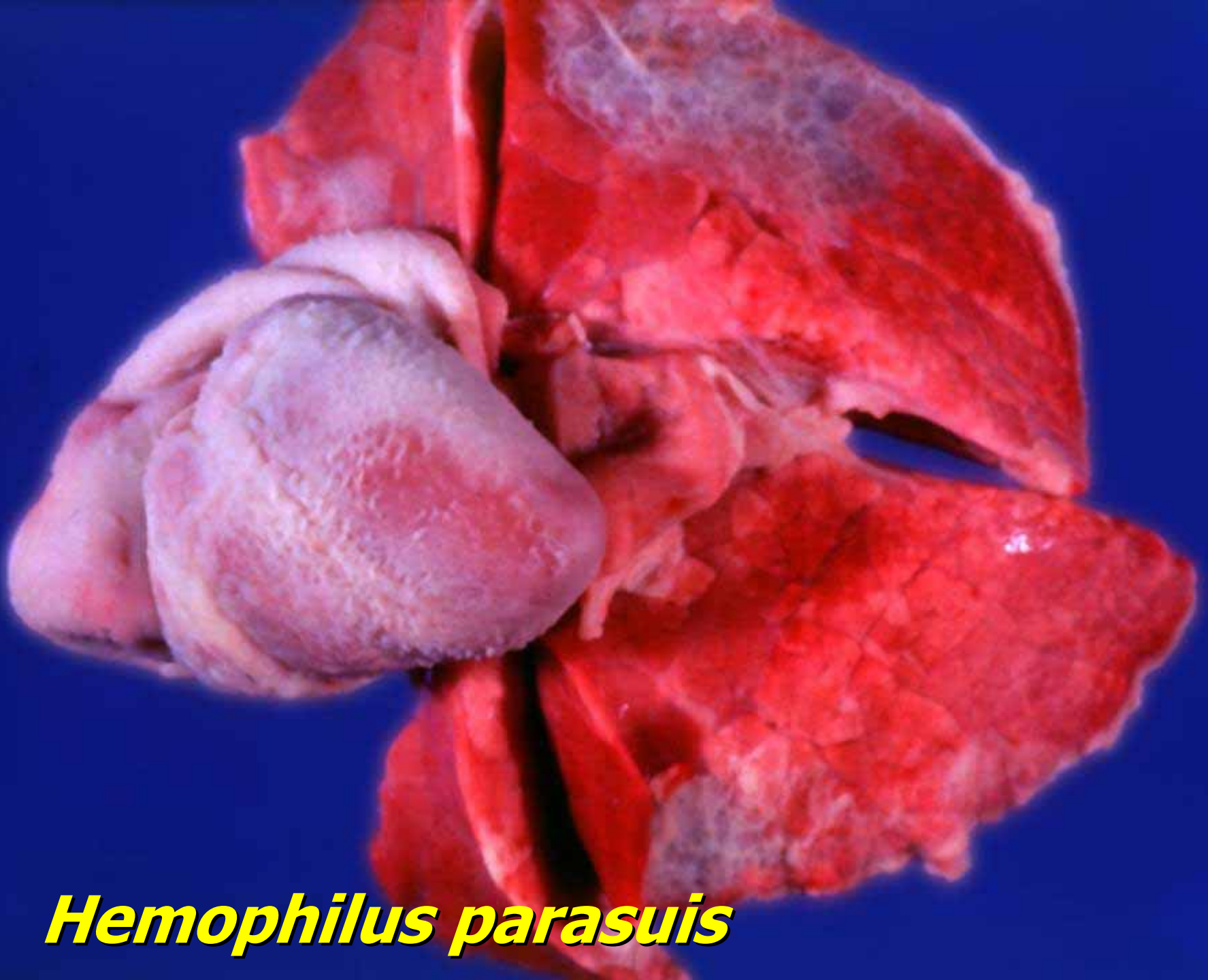
Heart

A microscopic image showing a cross-section of tissue with a prominent, dense, eosinophilic (pink) layer of fibrin deposition, characteristic of fibrinous polyserositis. The underlying tissue shows some cellular infiltration and structural changes.

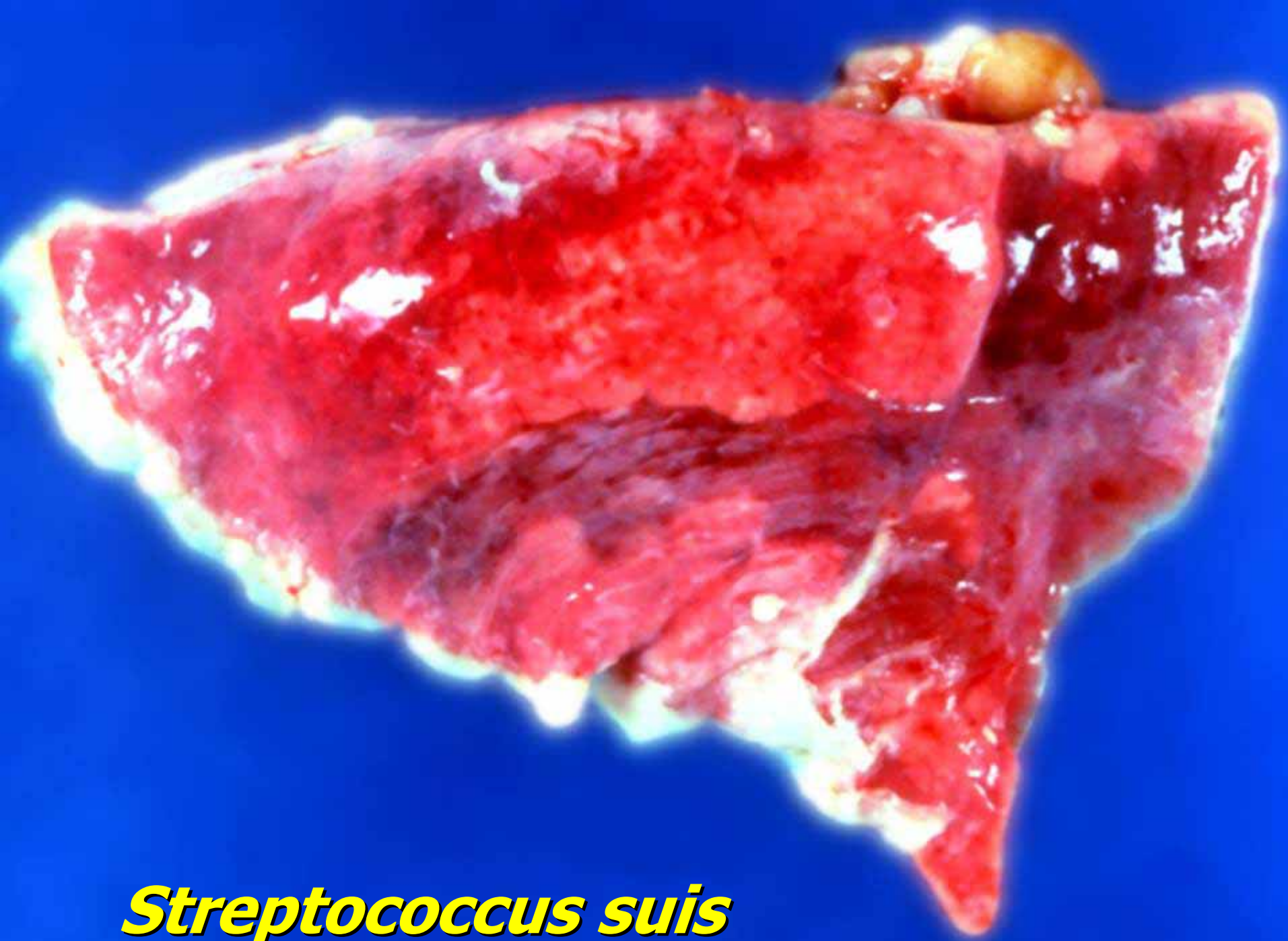
Fibrinous Polyserositis



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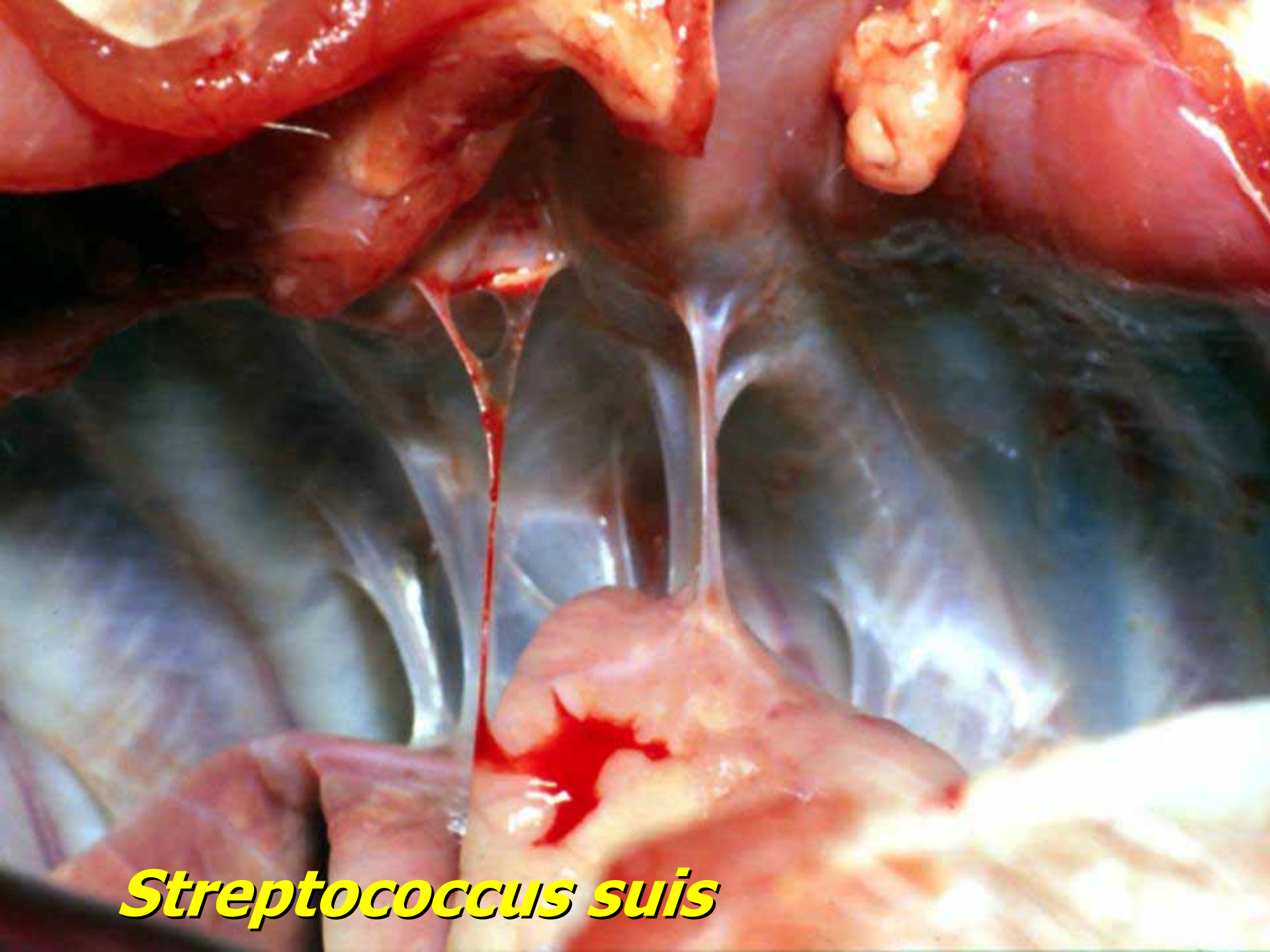
Streptococcus suis



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- 35 serotypes: 1-34 and 1/2, disease: 2, 1/2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9
- Healthy pigs - nasal cavities: 94% of 4-8 week-old pigs, 71% of these were serotypes 17, 18, 19 and 21
- Nursery-age >> all ages, infected as early as 1 day-of-age
- 3 disease forms: septicemia, pneumonia, reproductive
- Septicemia: splenomegaly, mild interstitial pneumonia, fibrinous polyserositis, polyarthritits and leptomeningitis, vegetative valvular endocarditis
- Bronchopneumonia: suppurative, fibrinohemorrhagic
- Reproductive: abortion, vaginitis
- Commensal of tonsil and nasal mucosa, antibiotics will not clear, MEW and SEW will not eliminate
- Herds and individuals often carry multiple serotypes
- Outbreaks of disease; horizontal transmission of a single serotype; mice are susceptible and may transmit or be a reservoir



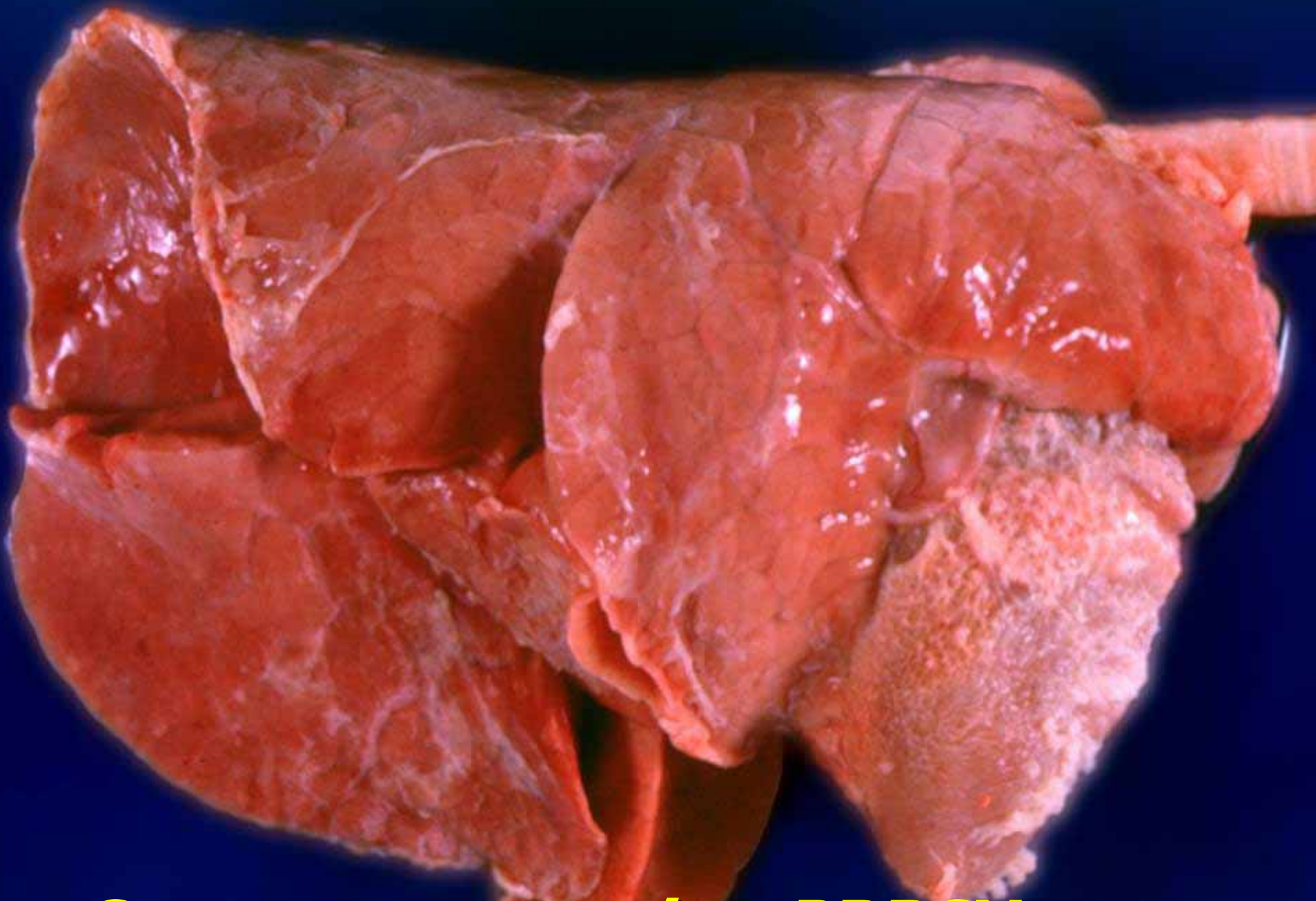
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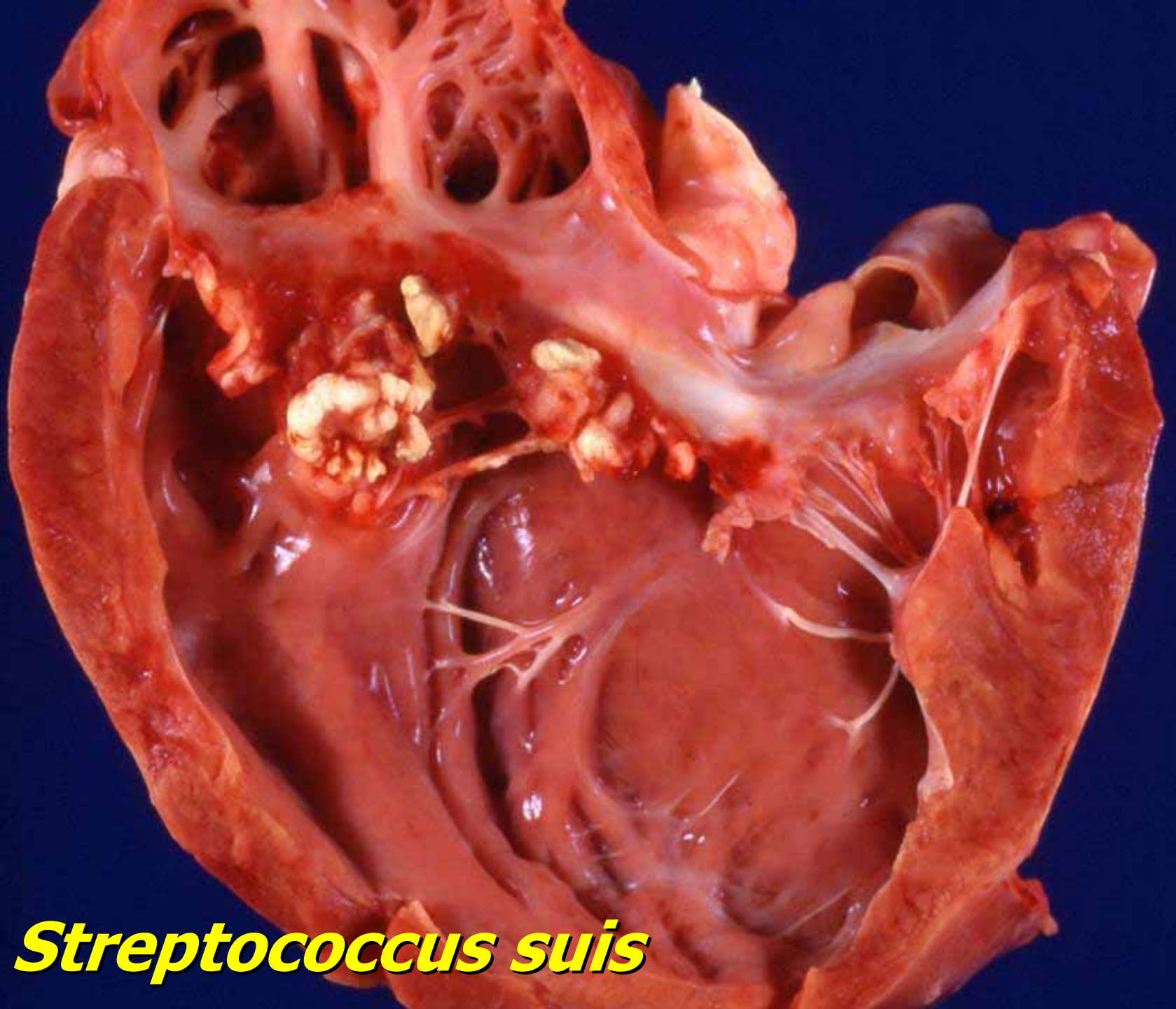
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***Streptococcus suis* + PRRSV**



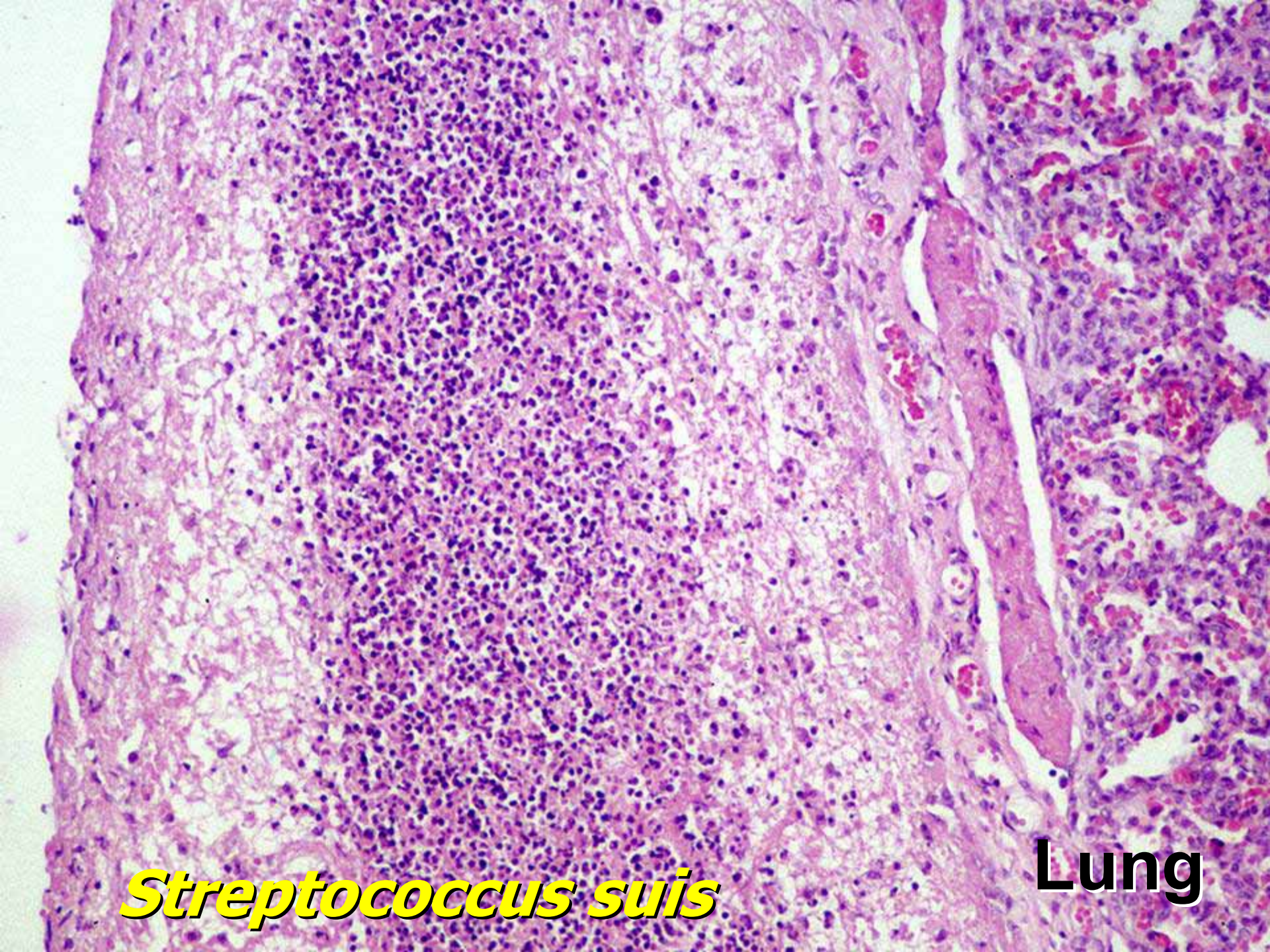
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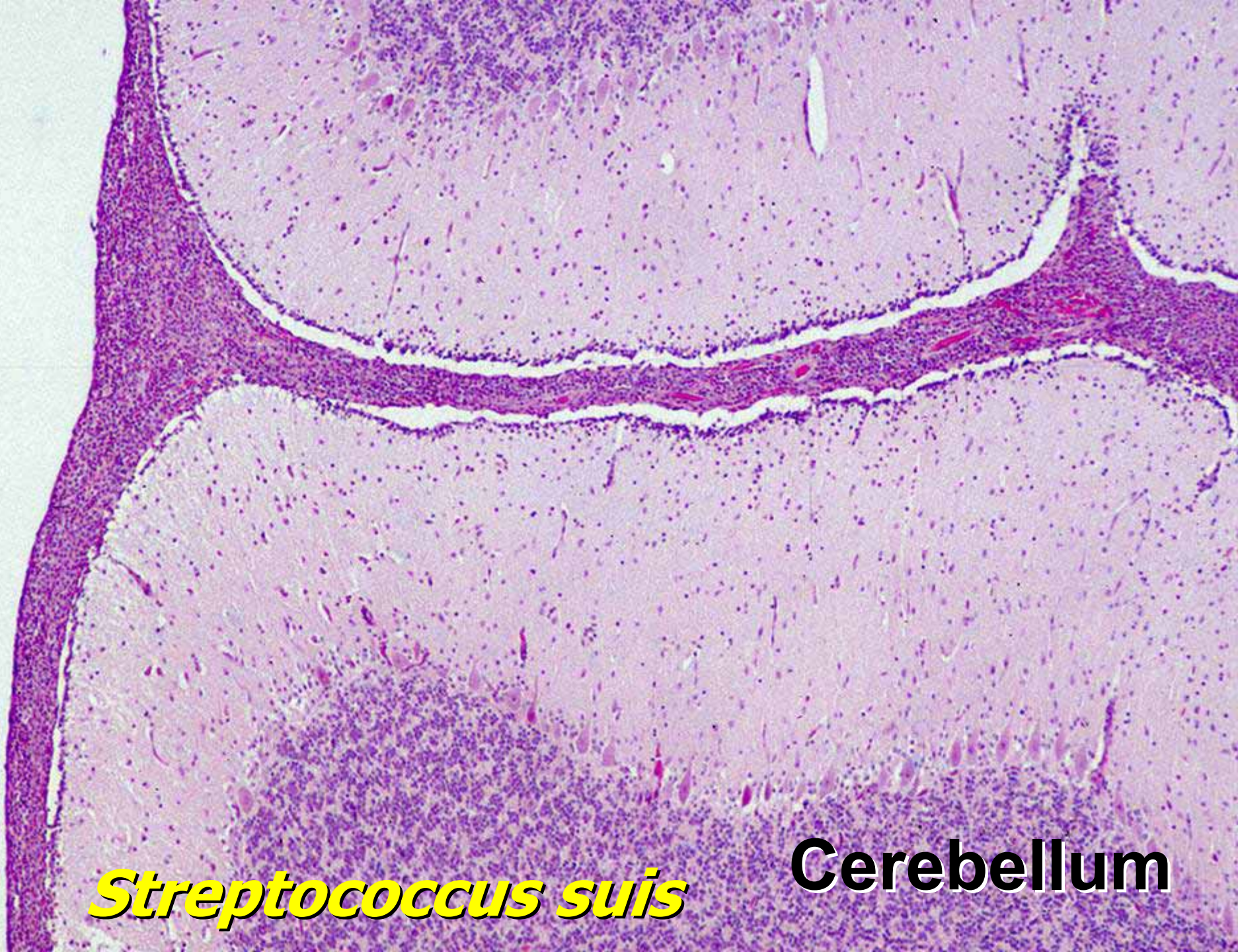


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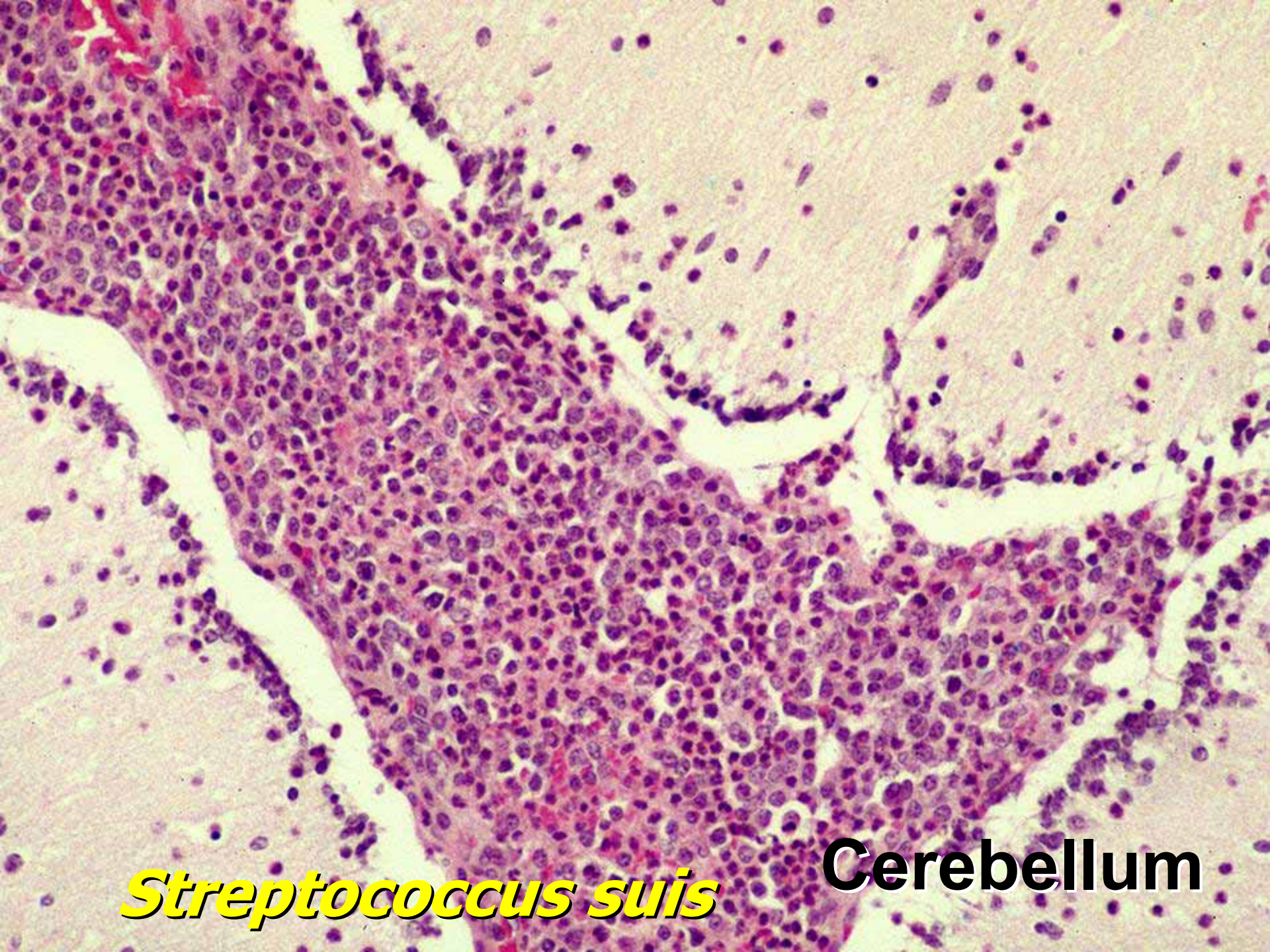
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Lung



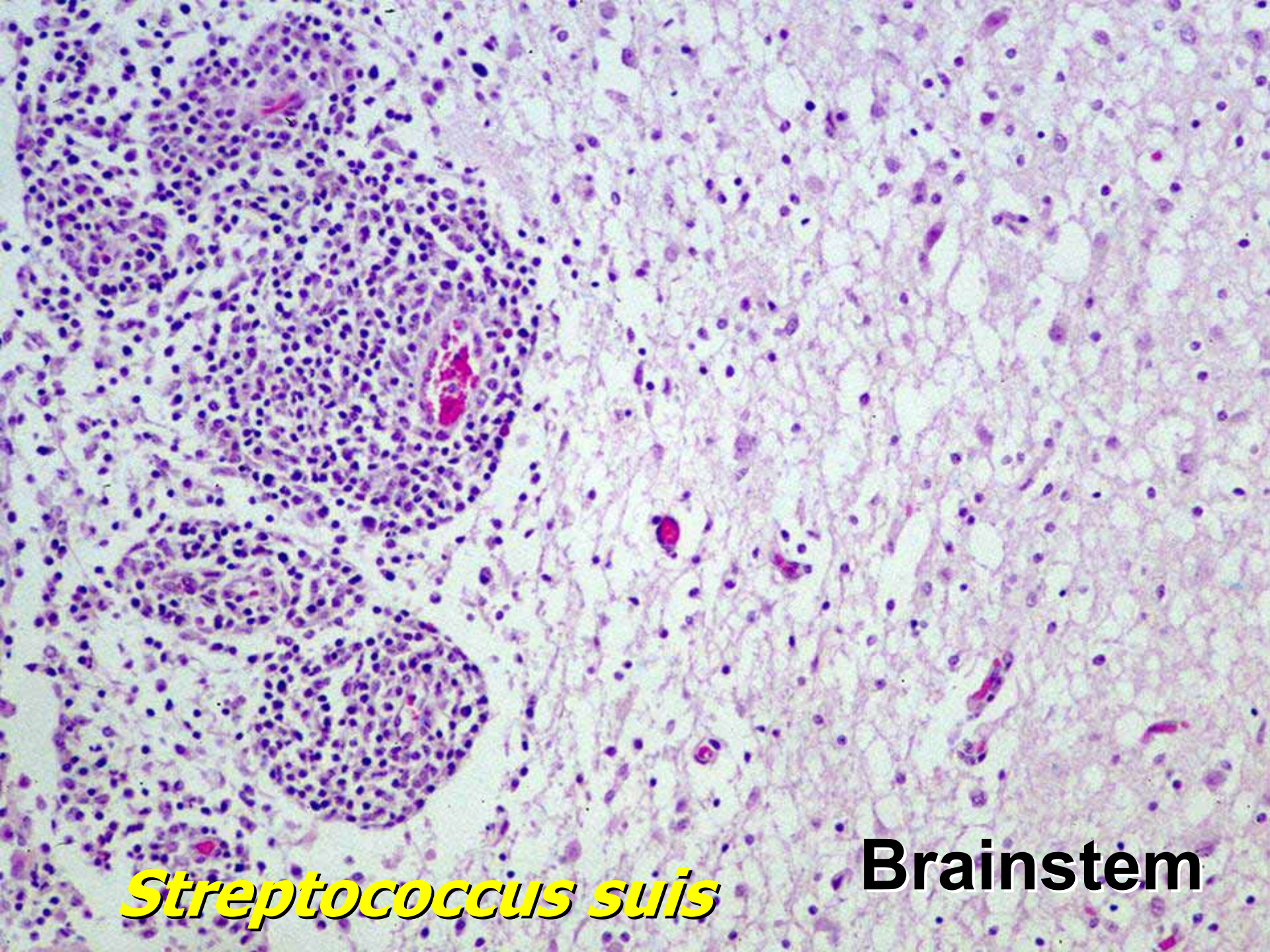
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Cerebellum



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Cerebellum



Streptococcus suis

Brainstem

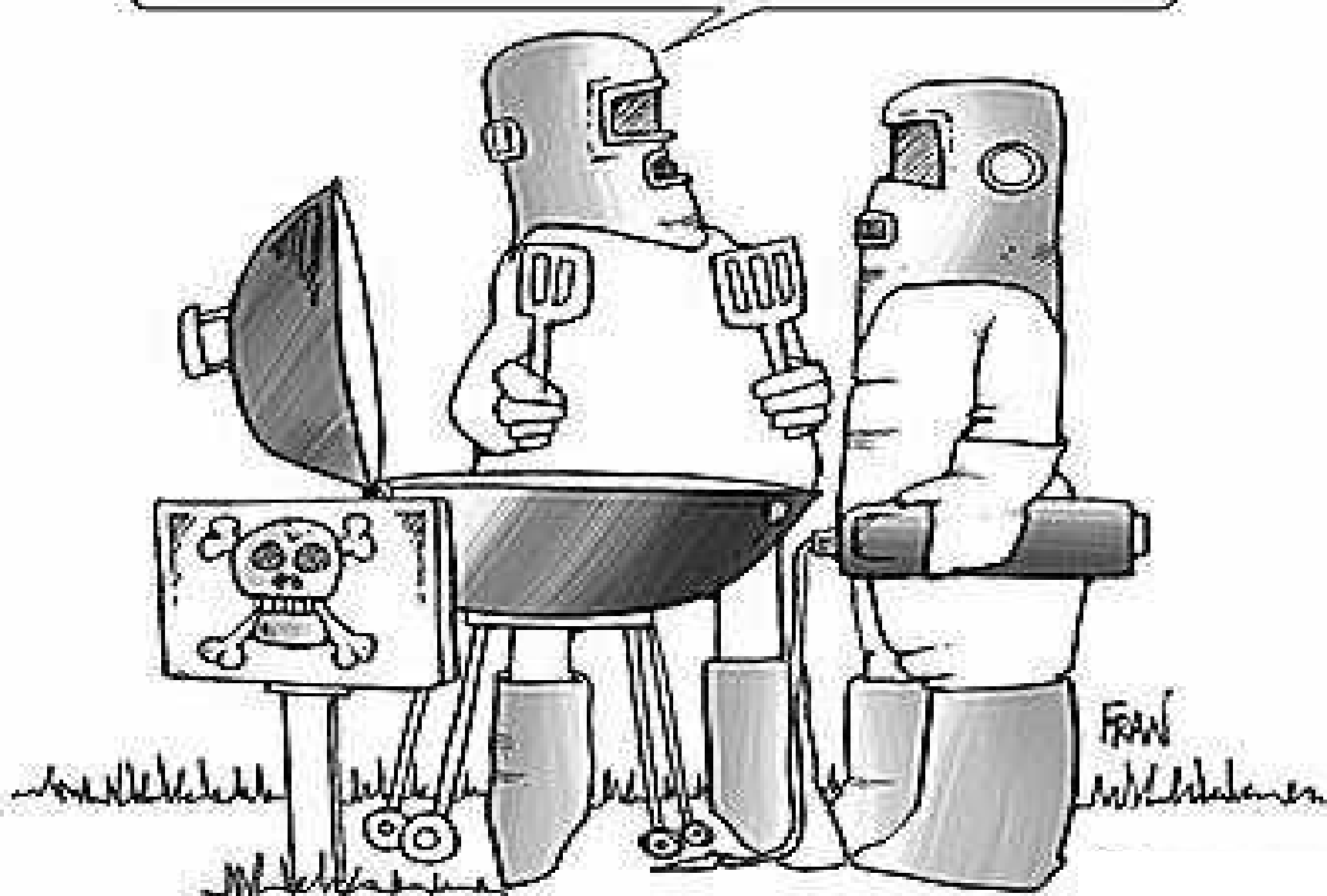
Streptococcus suis: an emerging zoonotic pathogen

- Human infection with *S. suis* occurs mainly among risk groups that have frequent exposure to pigs or pork
- First case in Denmark in 1968, worldwide more than 200 cases before 2005, most from Europe and Asia
- Large outbreak in July 2005 in Sichuan province, China (third outbreak, two earlier outbreaks in 1998 and 1999)
- In past 8 years in China, at least 237 people infected with *S. suis* and 53 of them died
- All human *S. suis* infections attributed to type 2; except for 2 cases caused by type 1, and 1 case of septicemia caused by type 14
- Manifested as purulent meningitis, less common septic shock with multiple organ failure, endocarditis, pneumonia, arthritis, and peritonitis



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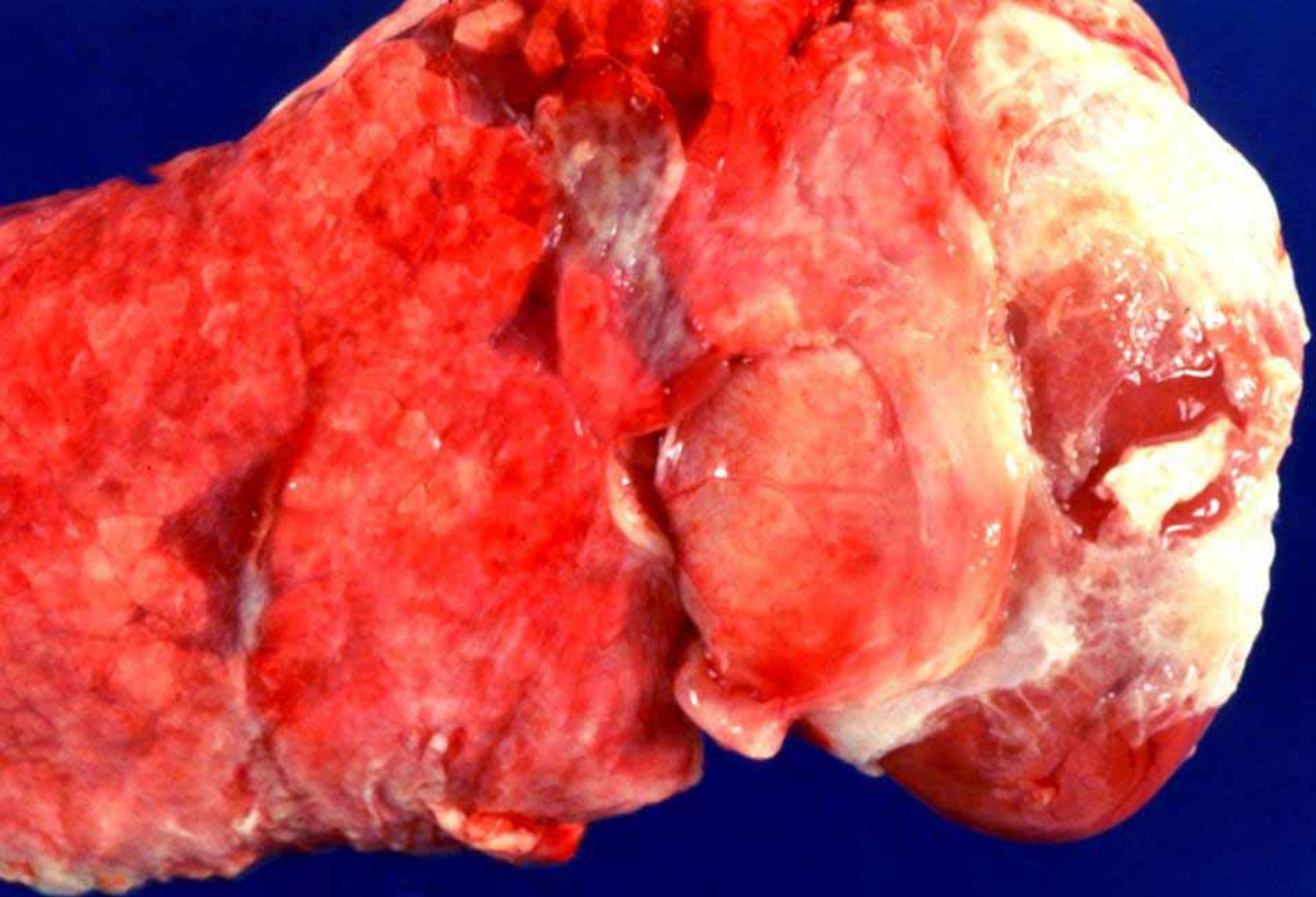


Mycoplasma hyorhinis

- Fastidious, pleomorphic - can be isolated from nasal cavities of $\approx 40\%$ of weaners
- Polyserositis in 3-10 week-old pigs
- Role in pneumonia is controversial
 - primary pathogen - mild lesions like *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*
 - secondary pathogen?
 - increased volume of pneumonic lung
 - increased localized pleuritis
- Diagnosis: culture, FA or IHC



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