

Sublethal Cell Injury: Lysosomes

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HETEROPHAGY

AUTOPHAGY

something from the outside enters the lysosomal system

similar to phagocytosis, but instead of engulfing a substrate from the outside, substrate within the cell enters the lysosomal system, and is degraded the same way an engulfed bacterior would be degraded

Primary lysosome

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Phagocytosis (endocytosis)

Phagolysosome (secondary lysosome)

Autophagosome vacuole

Residual body

both heterophagy and autophagy can produce lipofuscin granule and lead to intracellular accumulation

this accumulation can occur over the course of your lifetime

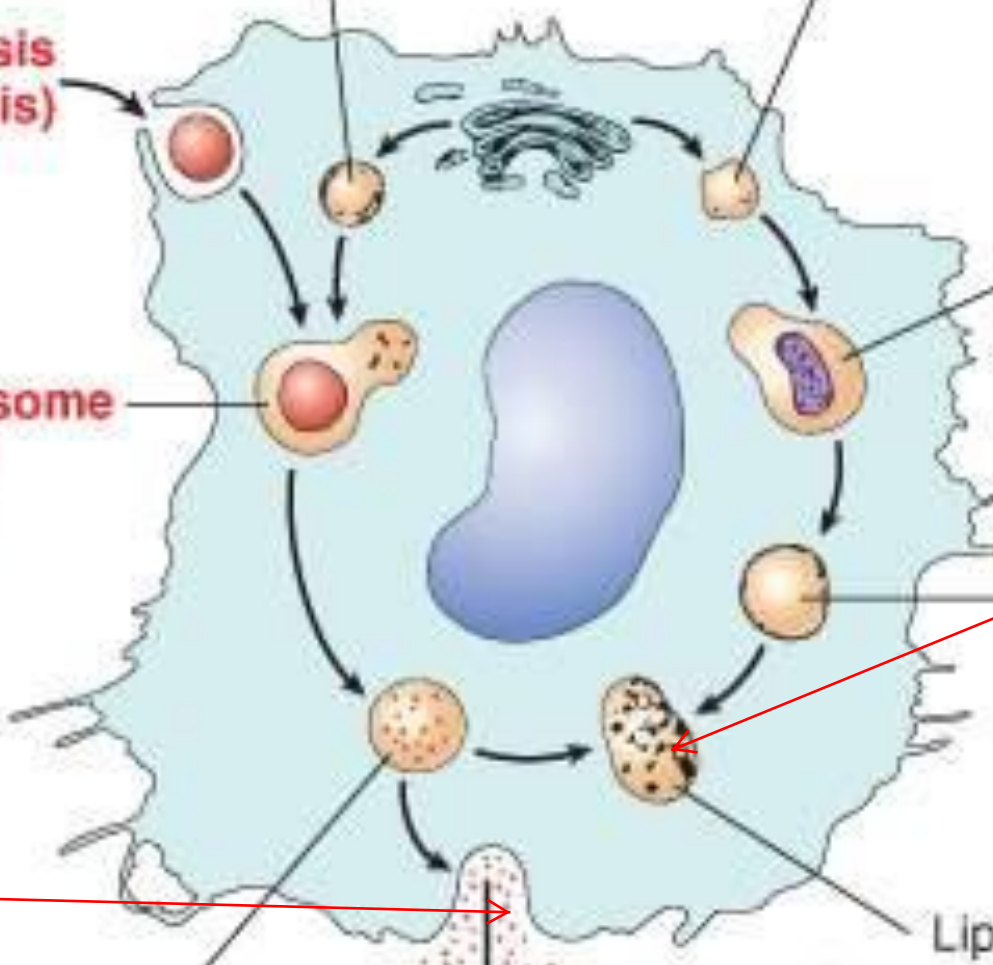
debris from residual body is removed by exocytosis

the brain, liver, and heart do not have the ability exocytose debris from lysosomal digestion, and these remains became lipofuscin pigments

Residual body

Exocytosis

Lipofuscin pigment granule



removed by exocytosis or REMAIN as residual body

phagocytosis

another cartoon to illustrate the point made on the previous slide

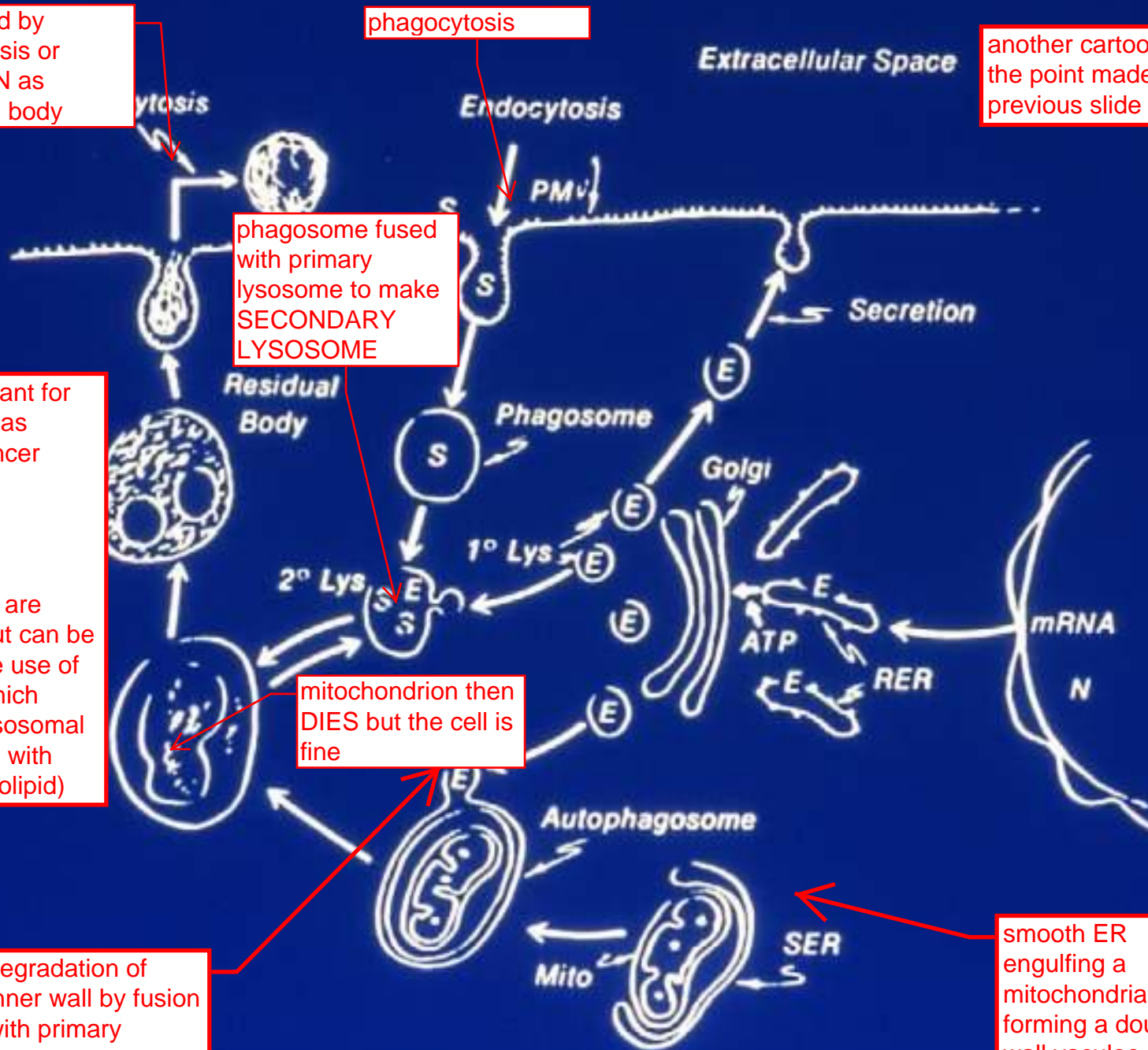
phagosome fused with primary lysosome to make SECONDARY LYSOSOME

autophagy is important for cell modeling, such as embryogenesis, cancer biology (apoptosis), lysosomal storage disease, etc
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lysosomal diseases are normally genetic, but can be induced such as the use of antimalaria drug, which interfere with the lysosomal digestion (interferes with digestion of phospholipid)

mitochondrion then DIES but the cell is fine

degradation of inner wall by fusion with primary lysosome

smooth ER engulfing a mitochondria, forming a double wall vacuole



Lysosomes: Sublethal Changes

now we will examine each of the following

- Heterophagy - exogenous material or endogenous material
- Autophagy - endogenous material - role in storage diseases
- Aging pigment - lipofuscin

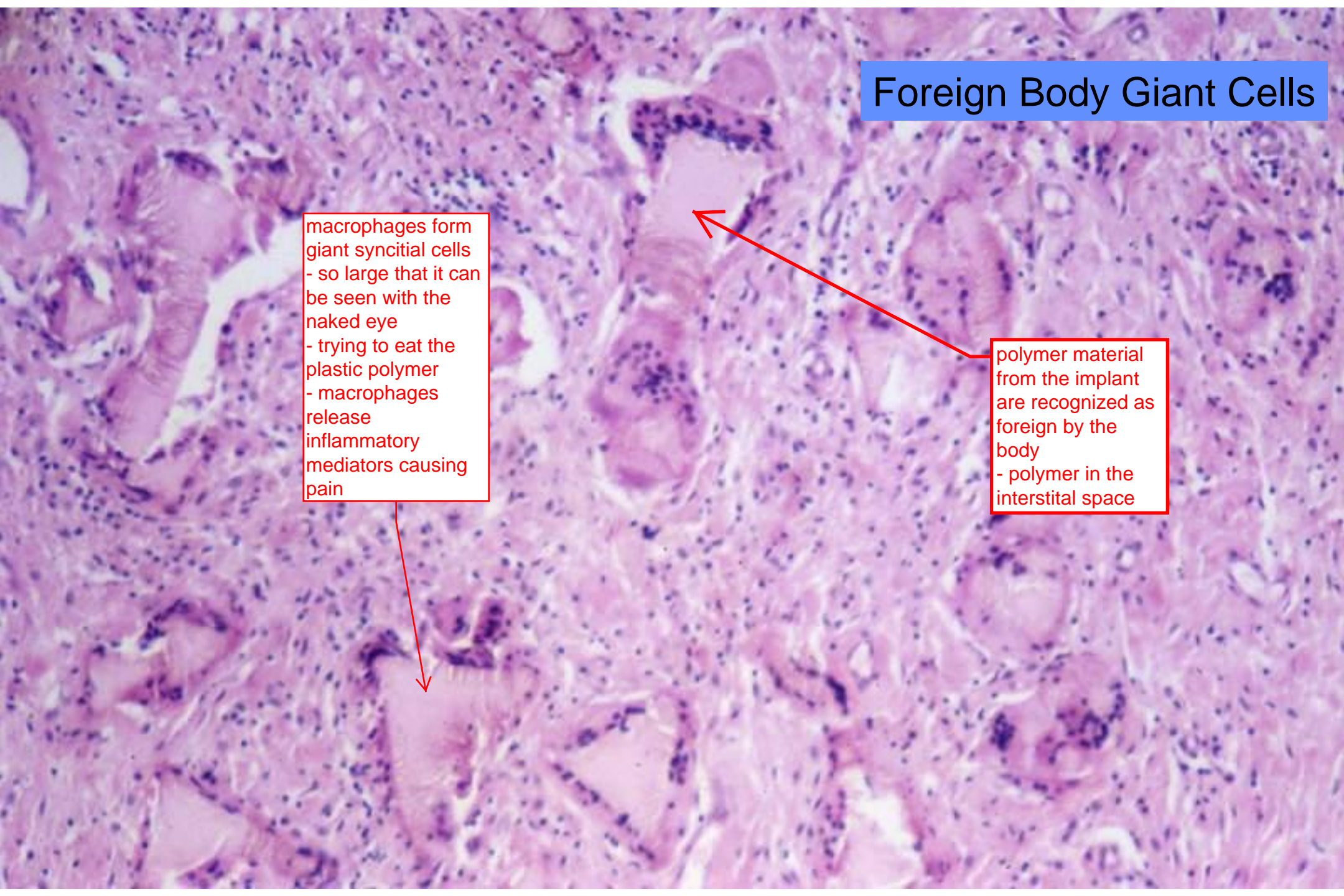
Heterophagy:
Exogenous Material

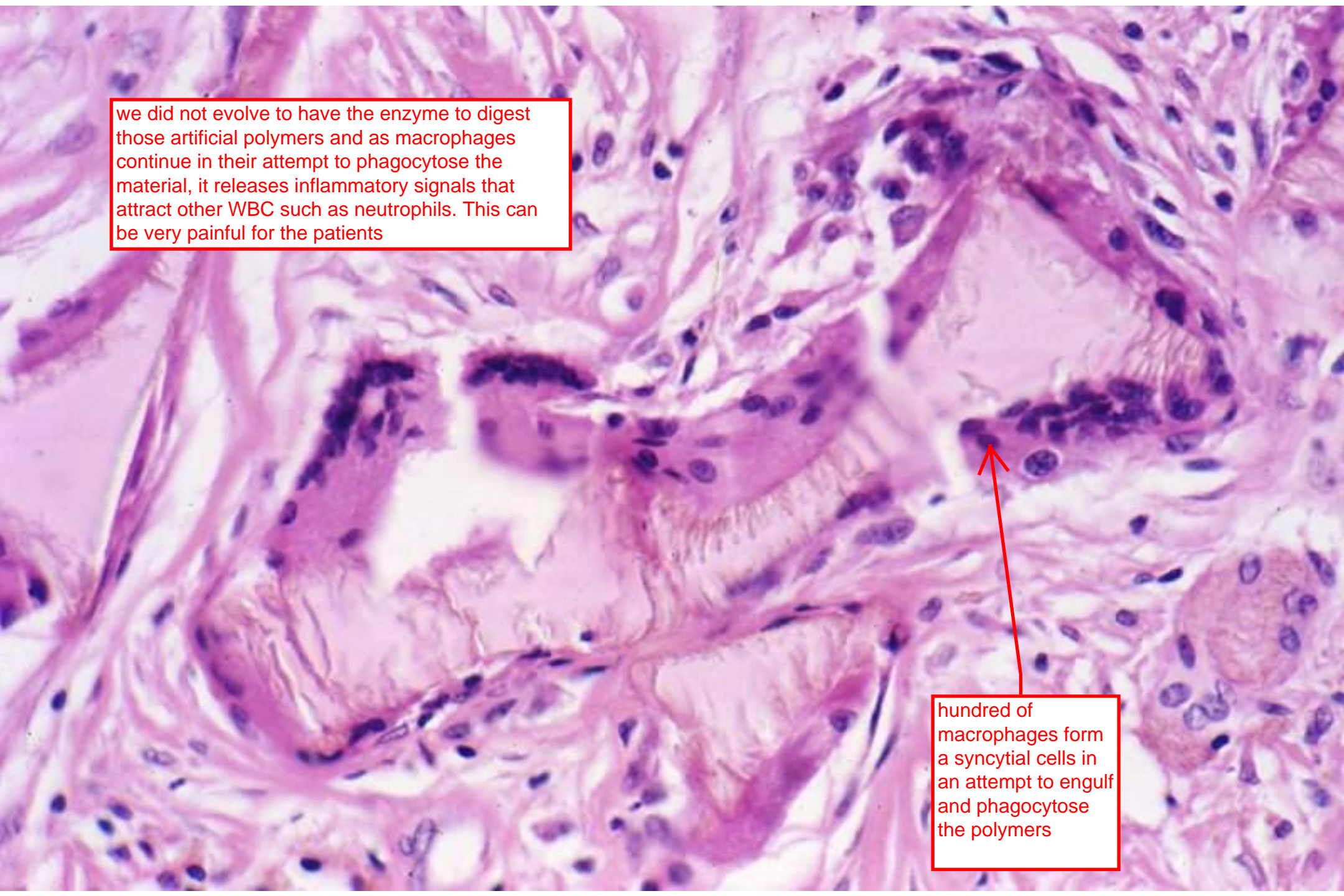
Ruptured Breast Implant

Foreign Body Giant Cells

macrophages form giant syncytial cells
- so large that it can be seen with the naked eye
- trying to eat the plastic polymer
- macrophages release inflammatory mediators causing pain

polymer material from the implant are recognized as foreign by the body
- polymer in the interstitial space





we did not evolve to have the enzyme to digest those artificial polymers and as macrophages continue in their attempt to phagocytose the material, it releases inflammatory signals that attract other WBC such as neutrophils. This can be very painful for the patients

hundred of macrophages form a syncytial cells in an attempt to engulf and phagocytose the polymers

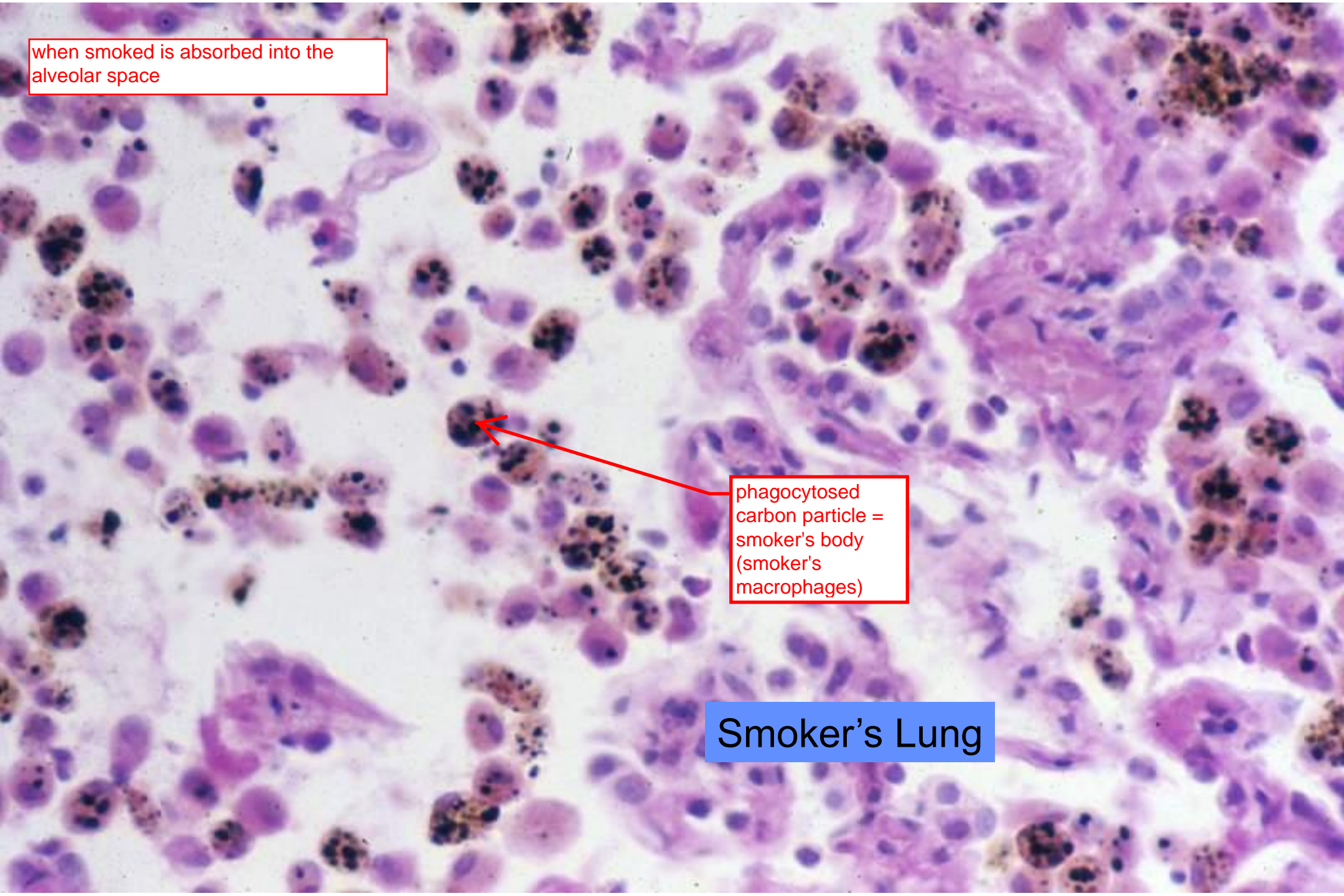
**Heterophagy:
Exogenous Material**

Cigarette Smoke

when smoked is absorbed into the alveolar space

phagocytosed carbon particle = smoker's body (smoker's macrophages)

Smoker's Lung

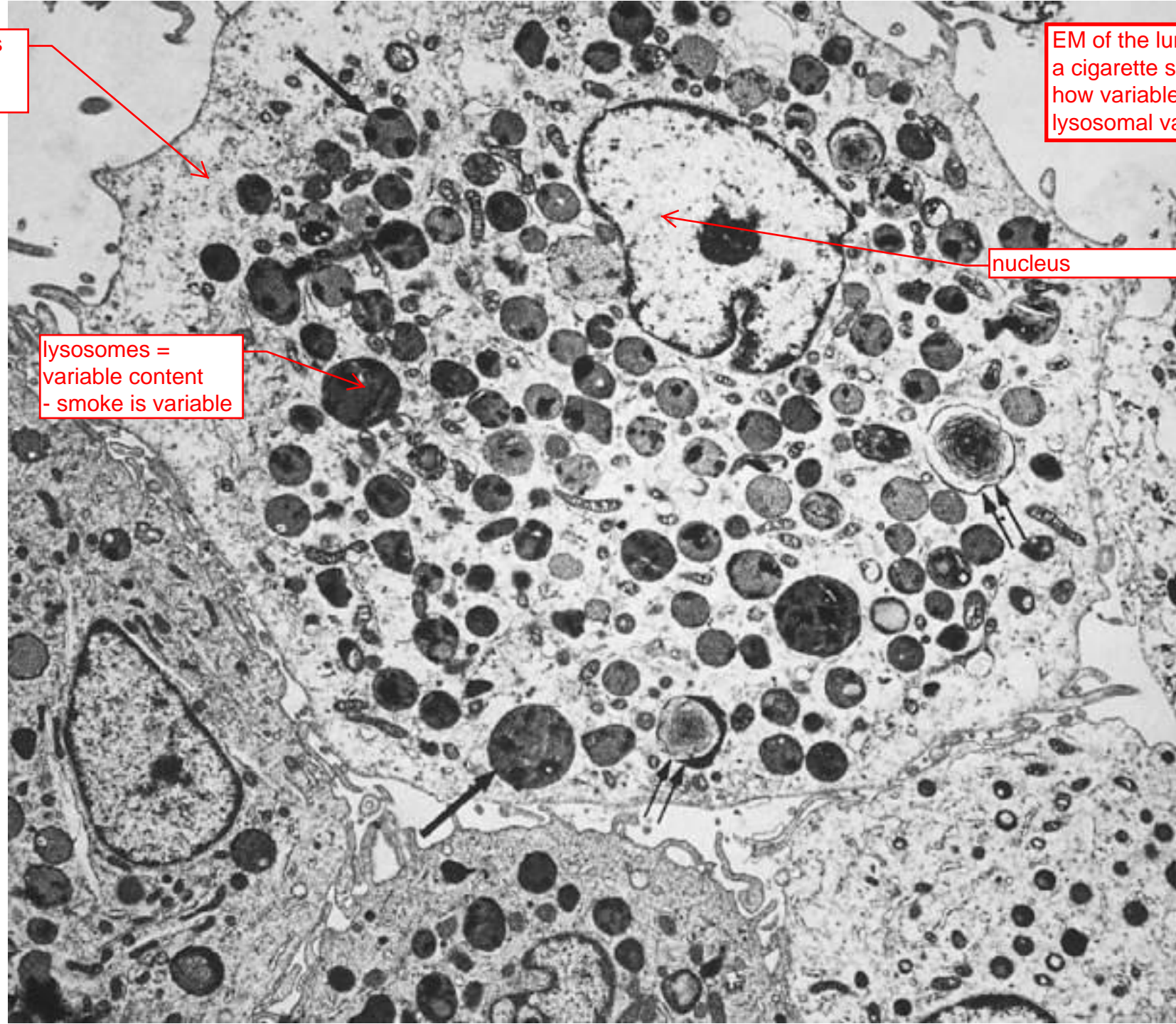


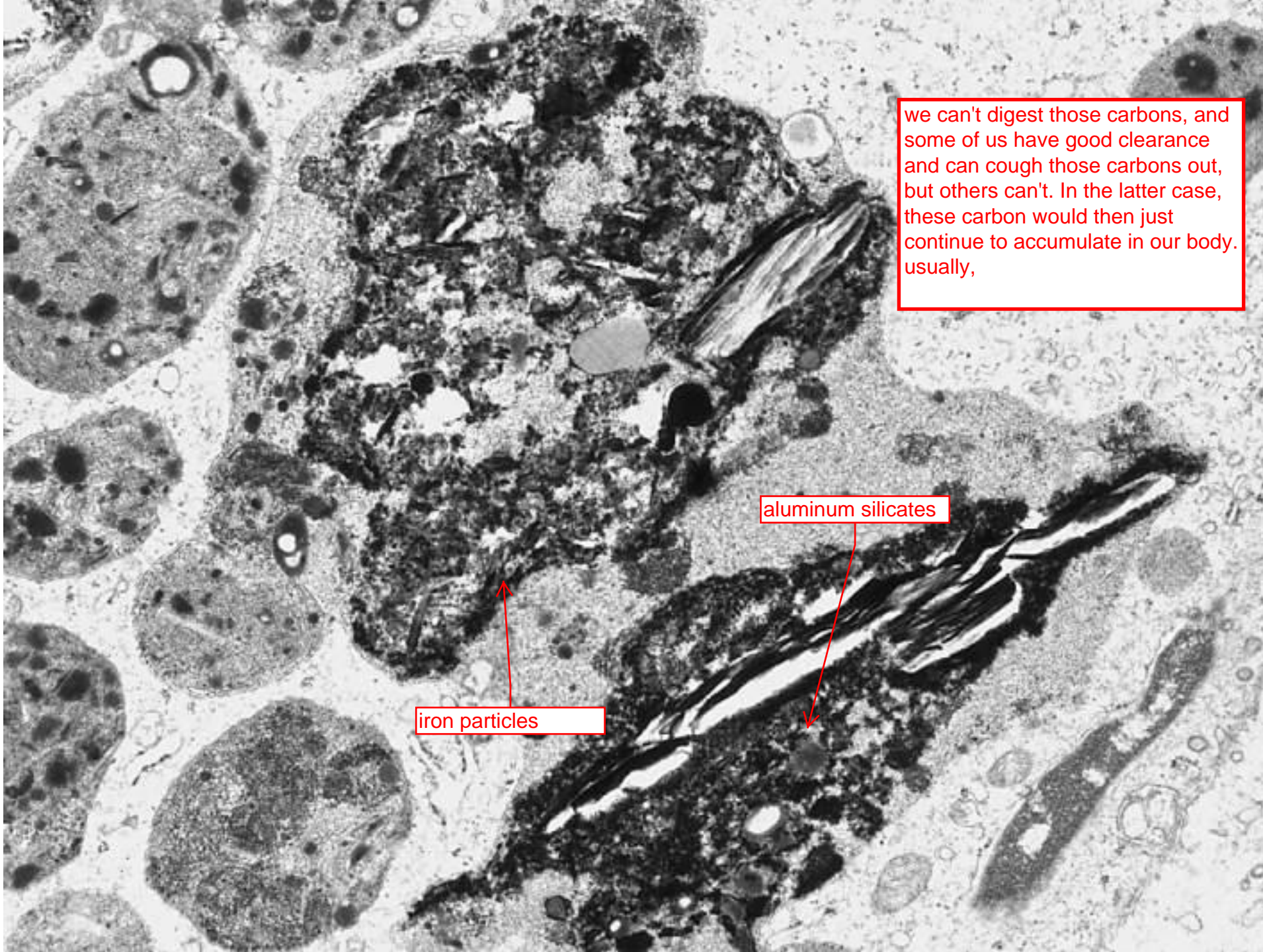
whole big thing is alveolar macrophage

EM of the lung tissue from a cigarette smoker, note how variables the lysosomal vacoules are.

lysosomes = variable content - smoke is variable

nucleus

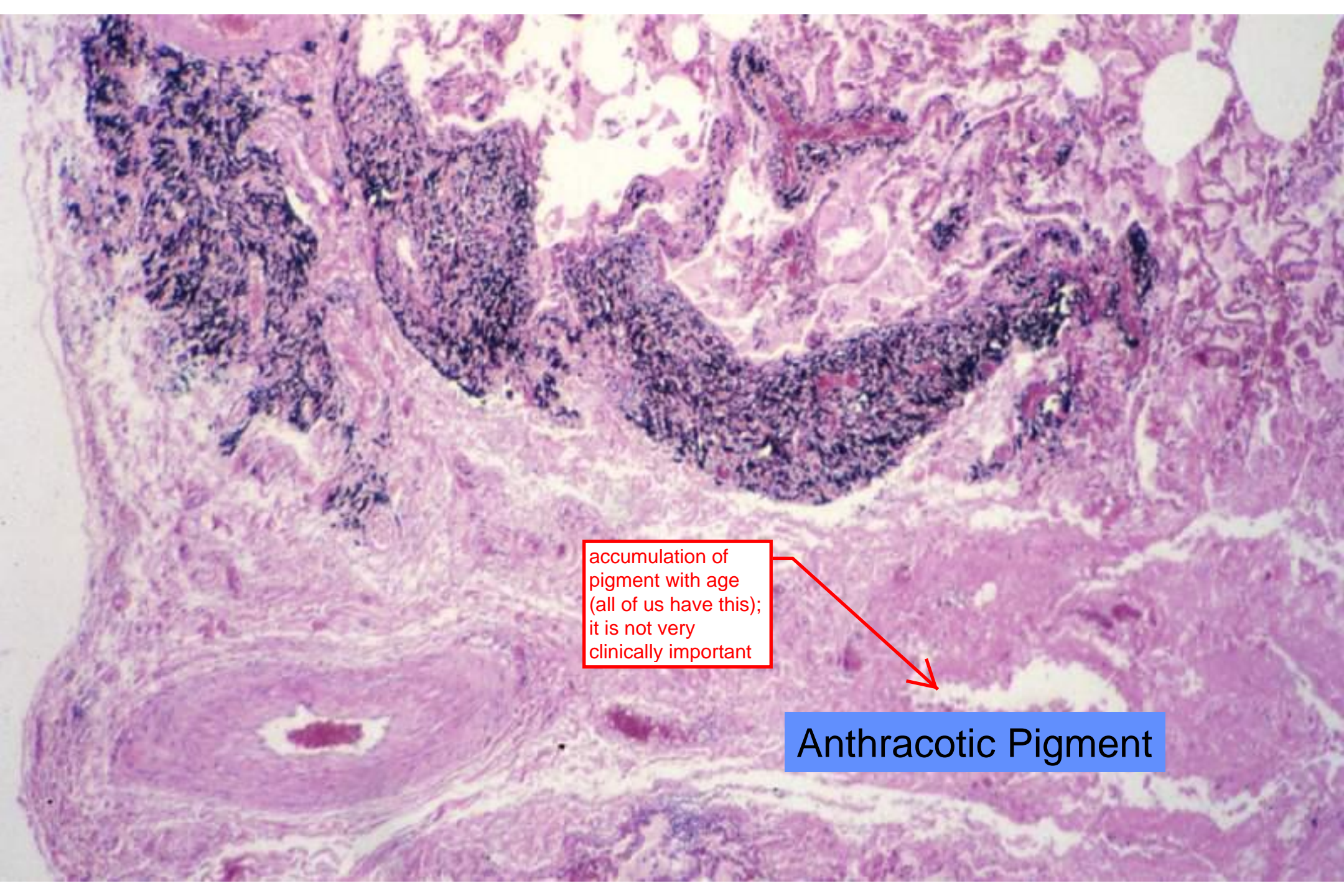




we can't digest those carbons, and some of us have good clearance and can cough those carbons out, but others can't. In the latter case, these carbon would then just continue to accumulate in our body. usually,

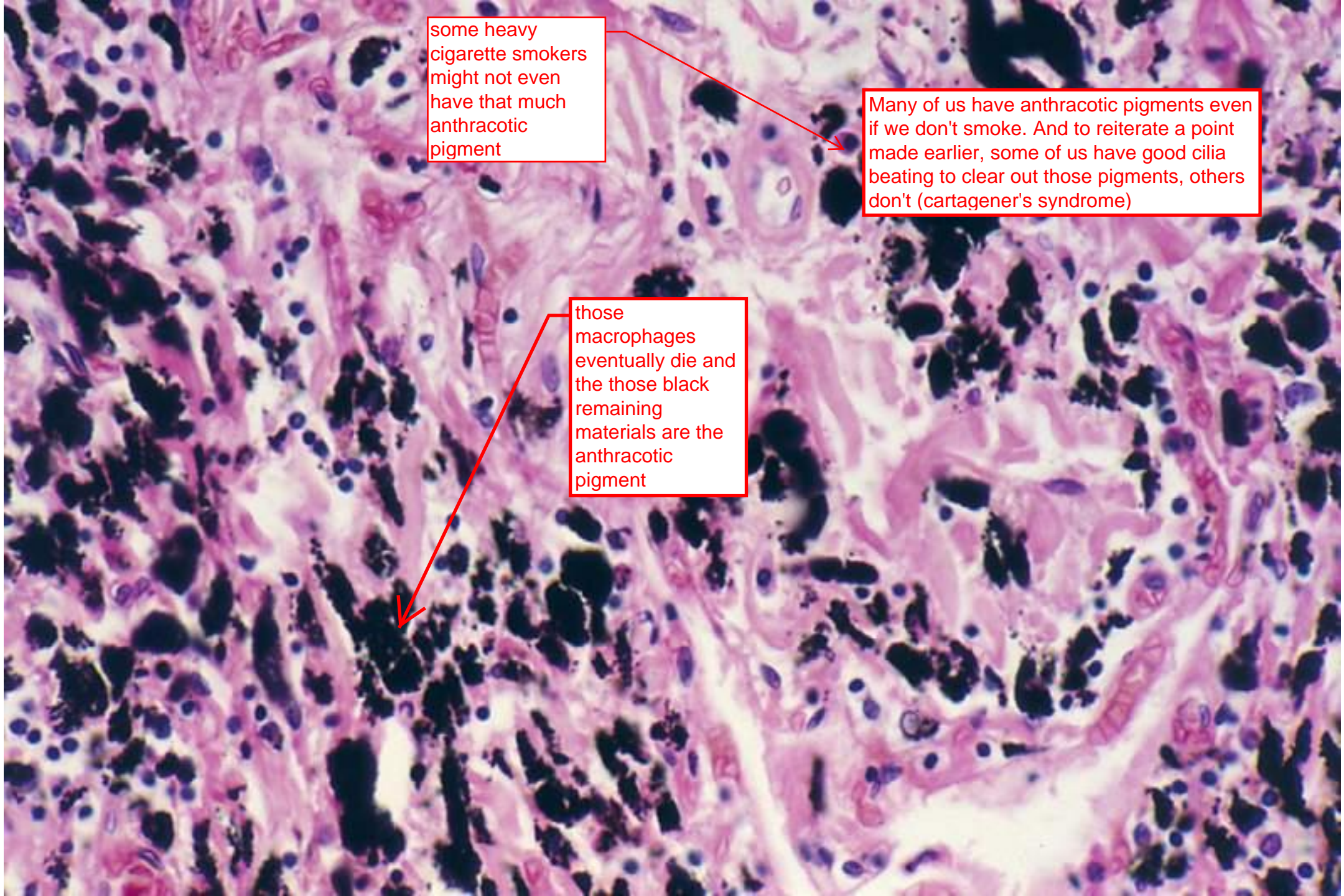
iron particles

aluminum silicates



accumulation of pigment with age (all of us have this); it is not very clinically important

Anthracotic Pigment

A high-magnification photomicrograph of lung tissue stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). The image shows a dense population of cells, including many macrophages. Numerous dark, granular, blackish-brown pigments are scattered throughout the tissue, representing anthracotic pigment. The background consists of pink-stained connective tissue and purple-stained nuclei.

some heavy
cigarette smokers
might not even
have that much
anthracotic
pigment

Many of us have anthracotic pigments even if we don't smoke. And to reiterate a point made earlier, some of us have good cilia beating to clear out those pigments, others don't (cartagener's syndrome)

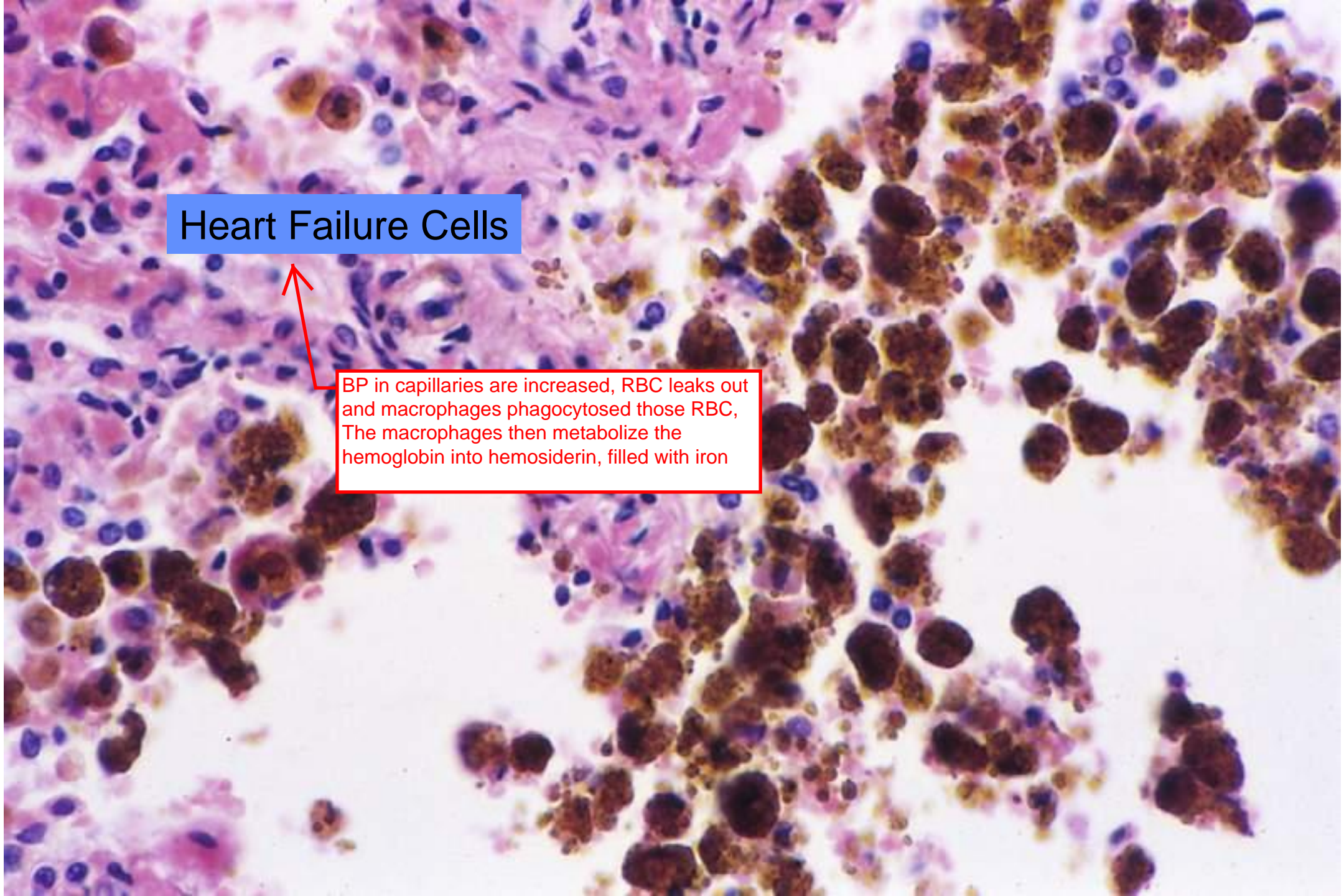
those
macrophages
eventually die and
the those black
remaining
materials are the
anthracotic
pigment

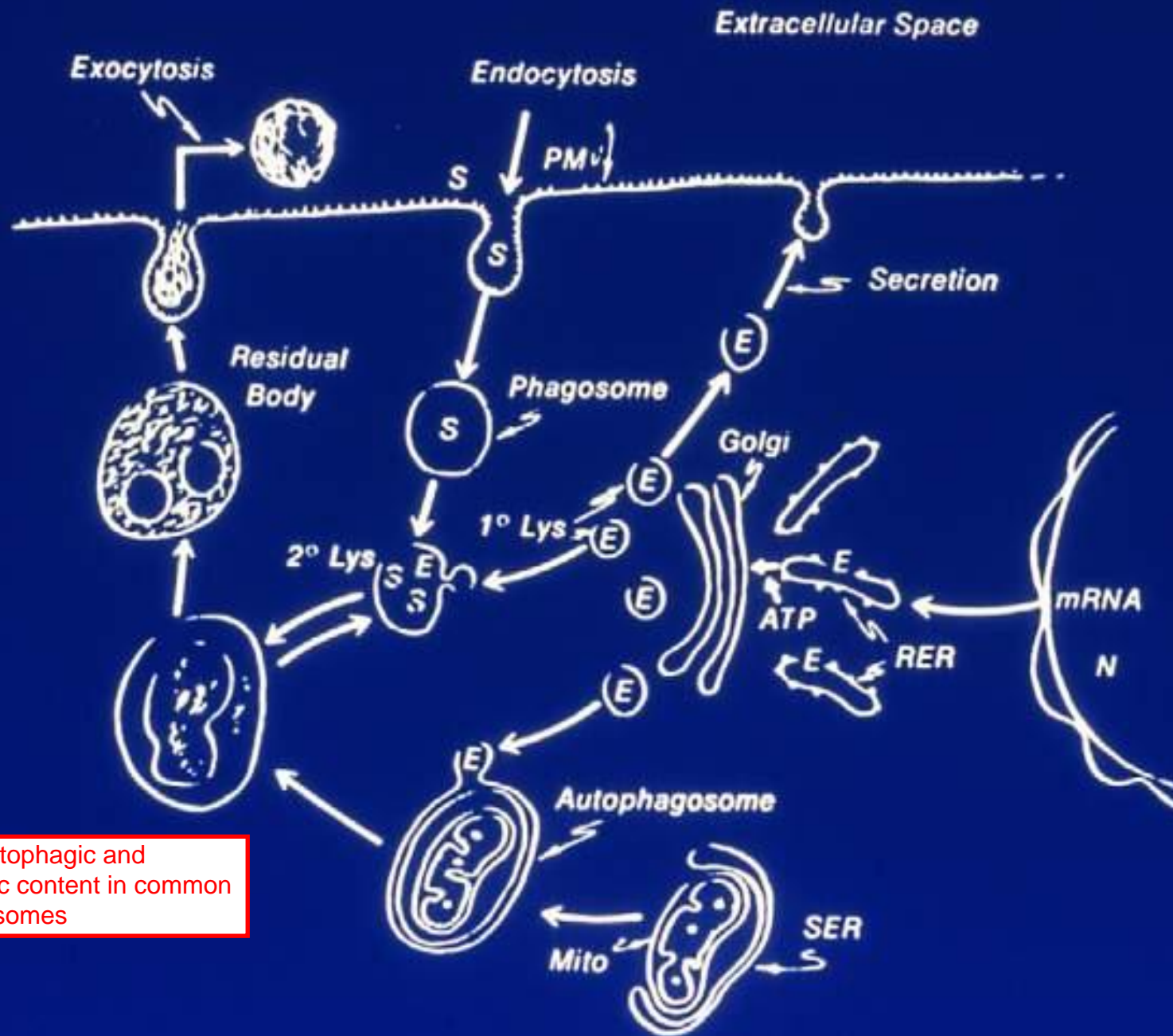
Heterophagy:
Endogenous Material

Heart Failure Cells
Hemosiderin

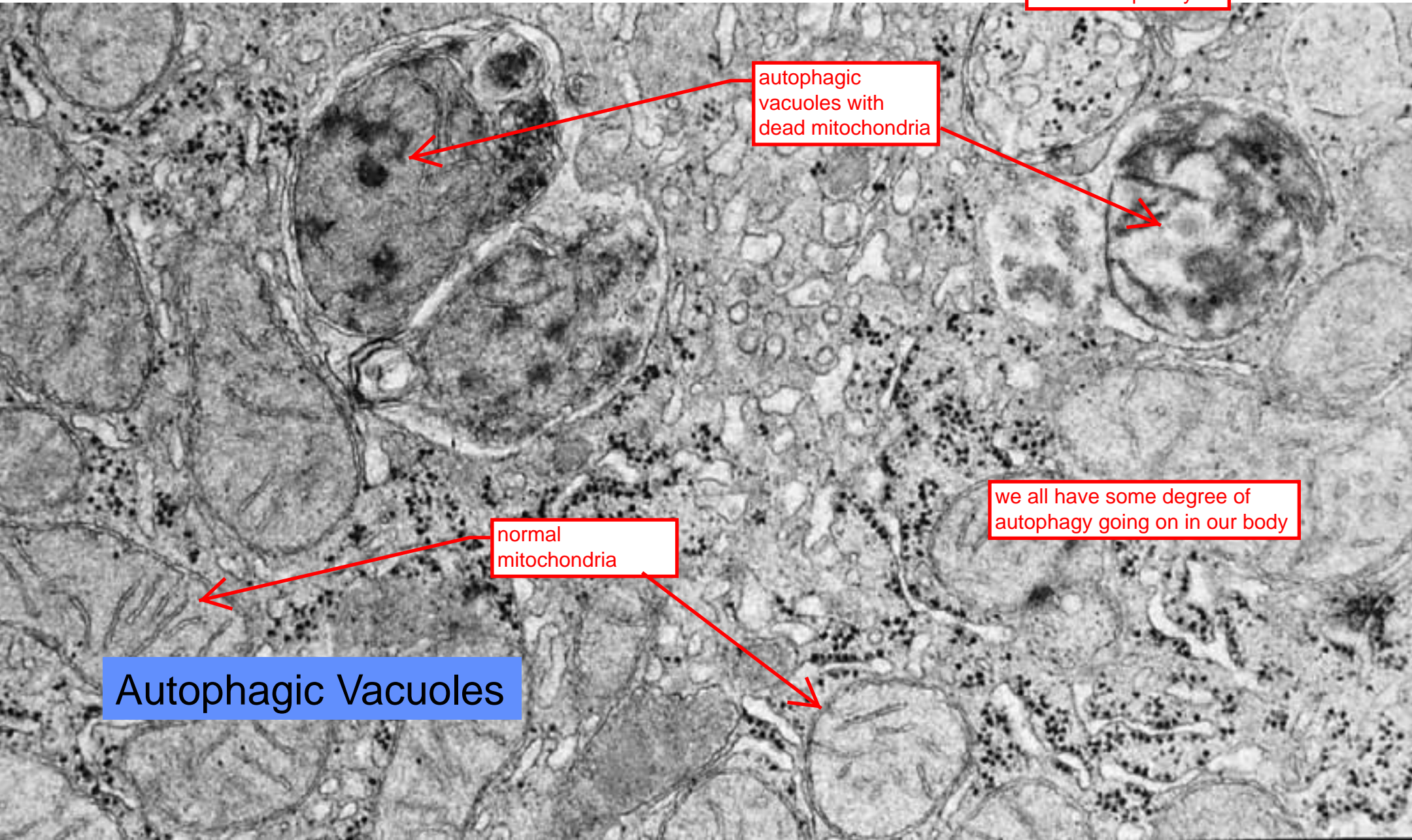
Heart Failure Cells

BP in capillaries are increased, RBC leaks out and macrophages phagocytosed those RBC, The macrophages then metabolize the hemoglobin into hemosiderin, filled with iron





mixing of autophagic and heterophagic content in common 2ndary lysosomes



this is a hepatocyte

autophagic vacuoles with dead mitochondria

we all have some degree of autophagy going on in our body

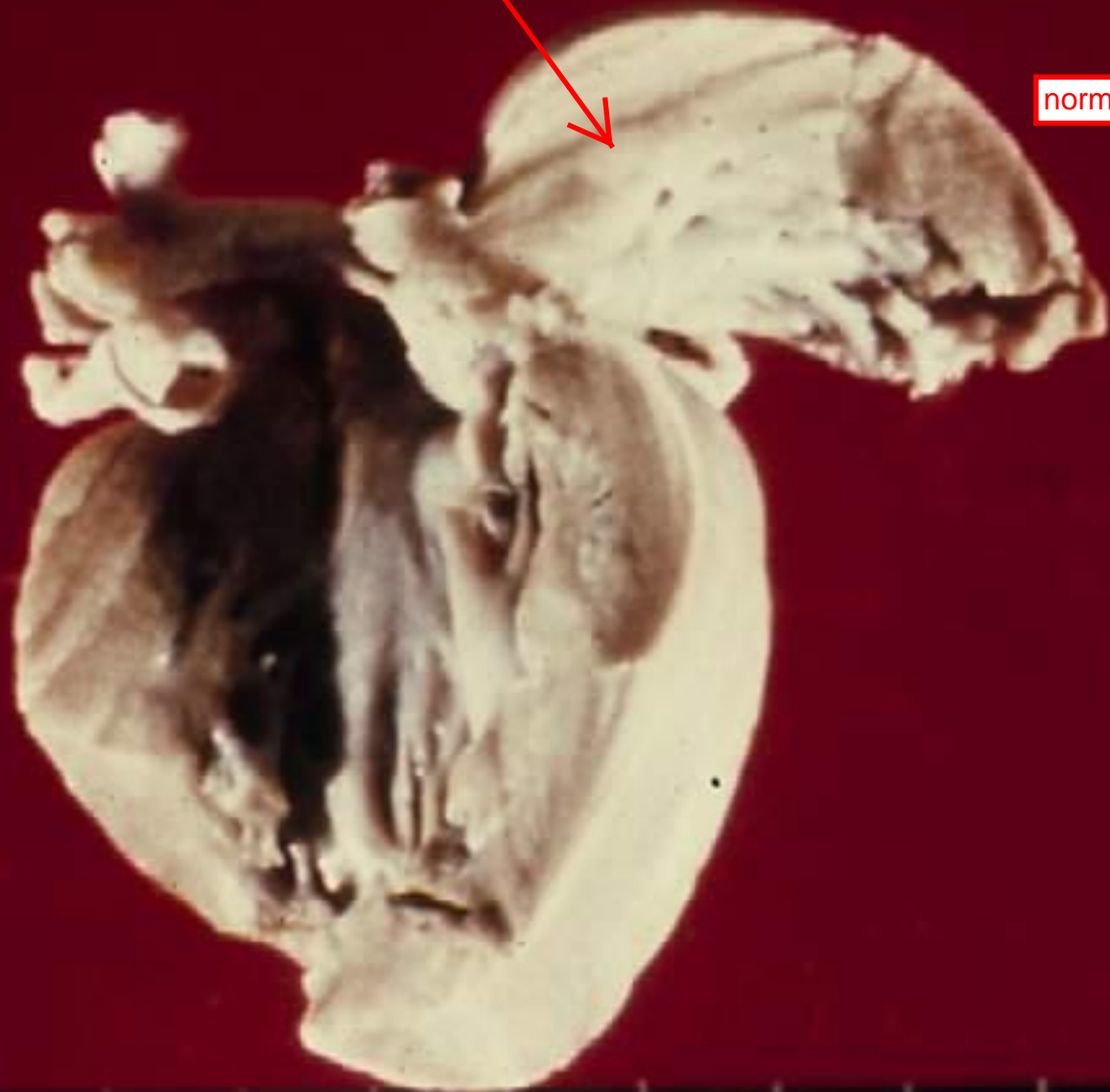
normal mitochondria

Autophagic Vacuoles

Lysosomal Storage Diseases

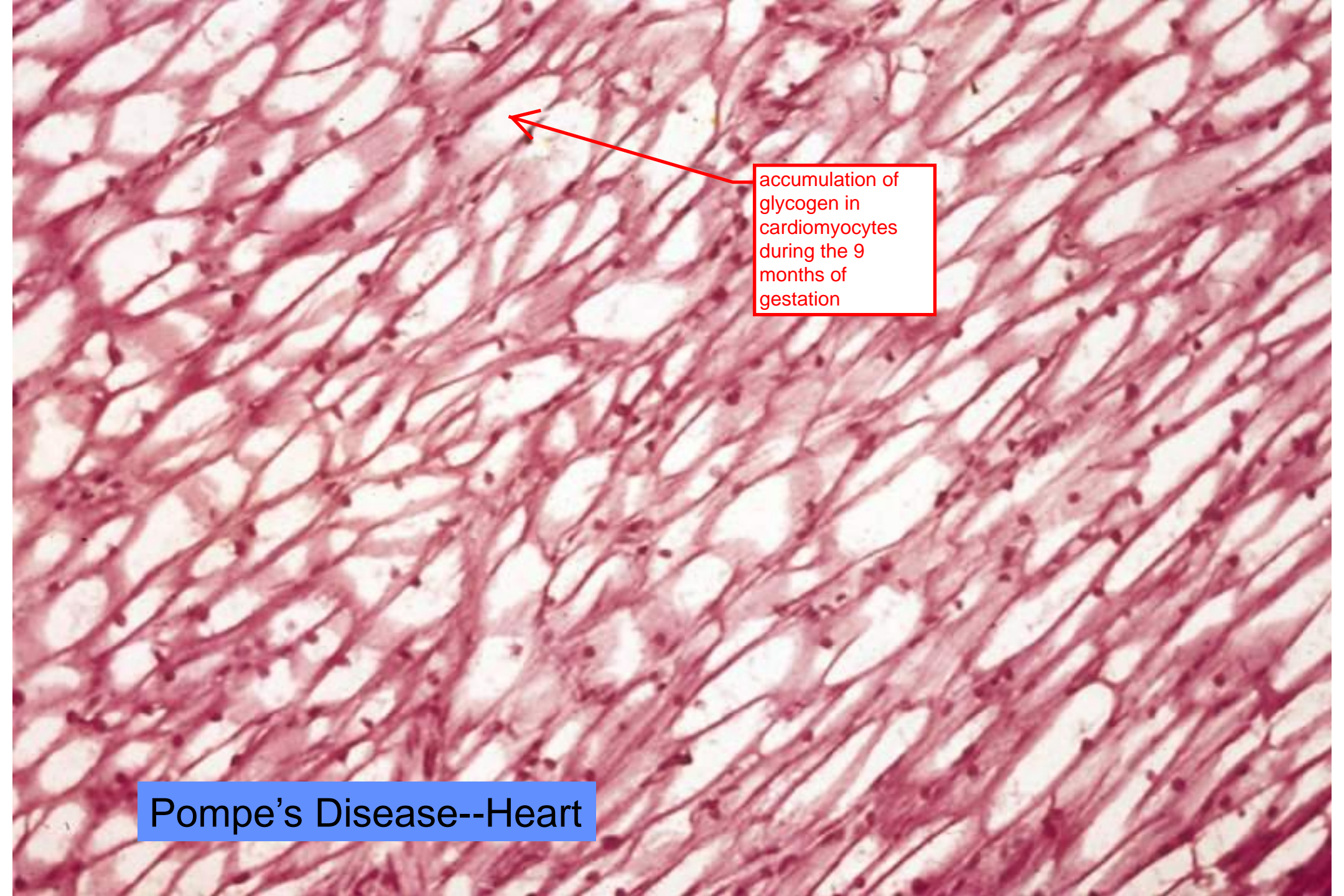
- Pompe's Disease genetic defect
- Lack of lysosomal **glucosidase** results in **glycogen accumulation**

neonatal heart of patient with pompe's disease



normal



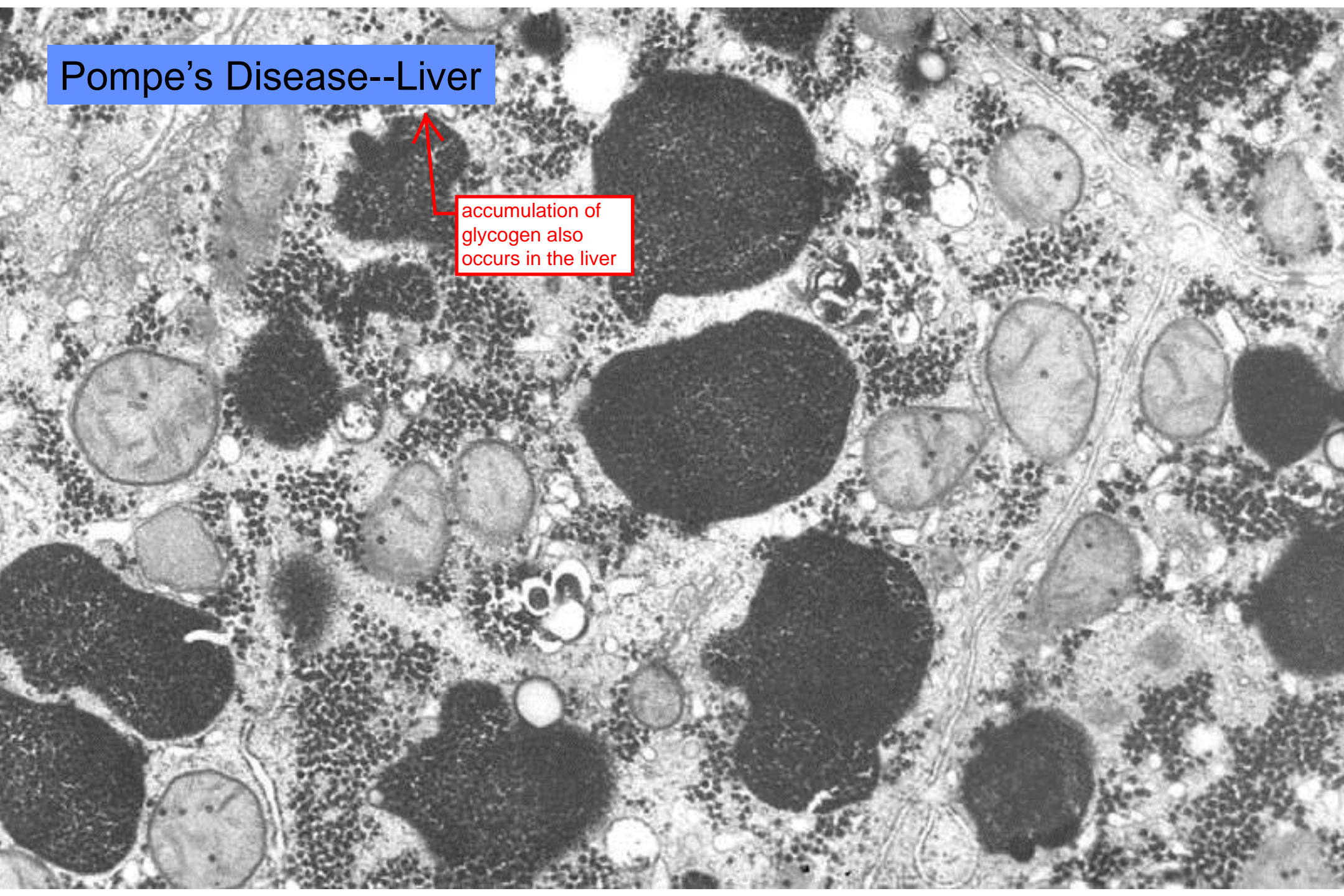


accumulation of glycogen in cardiomyocytes during the 9 months of gestation

Pompe's Disease--Heart

Pompe's Disease--Liver


accumulation of glycogen also occurs in the liver



Lysosomal Storage Diseases

- Gaucher's Disease
- Lack of lysosomal glucocerebrosidase
- Cerebroside accumulation
- Slide 404 – 5,050 gm spleen

normal is only a couple hundred grams



Gaucher's Disease

- 35 yo male presented for inguinal hernia repair
- Hx of fatigue, bone pain
- W/U - anemia, leukopenia
- Imaging - enlarged spleen, liver

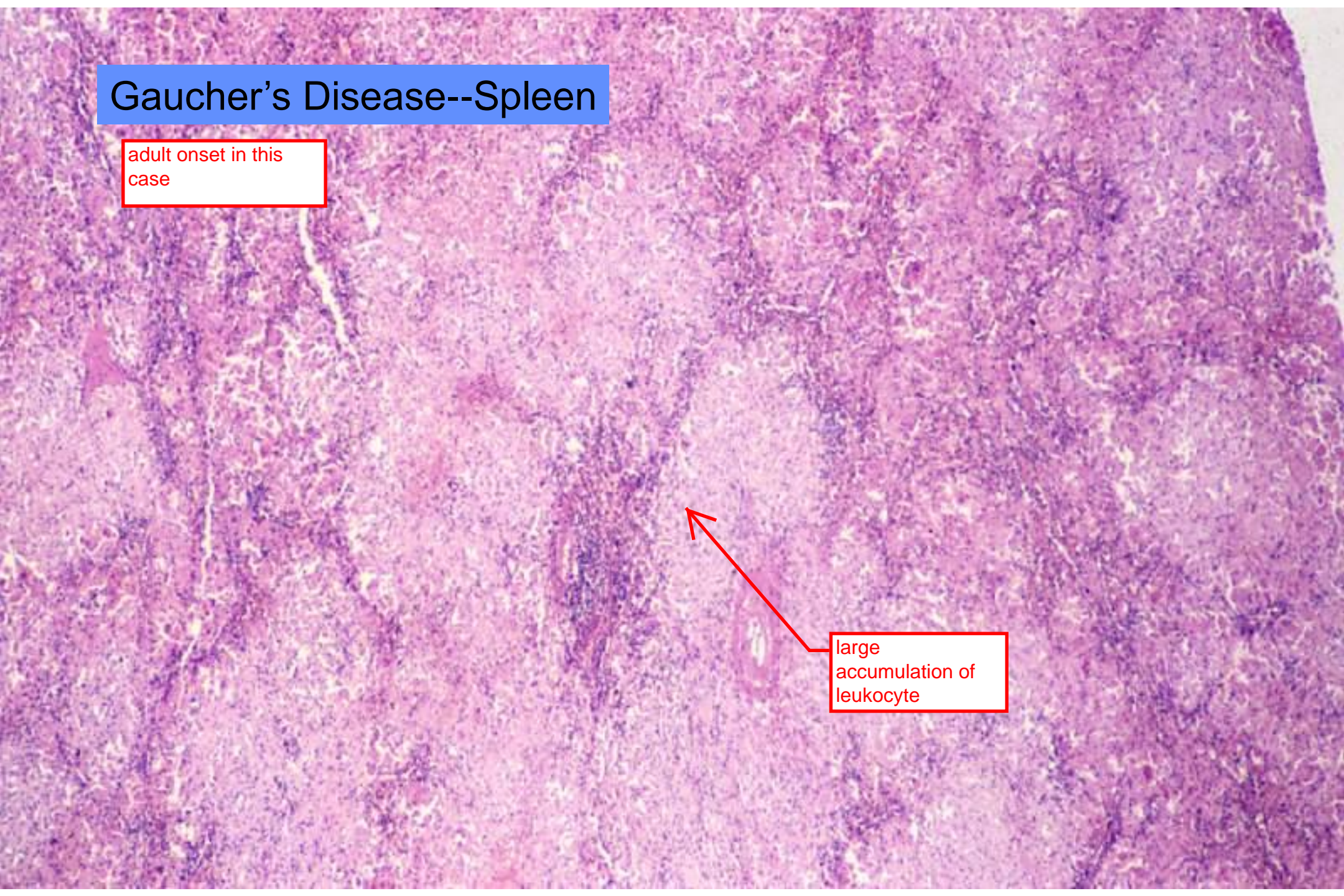
low WBC count



Gaucher's Disease--Spleen

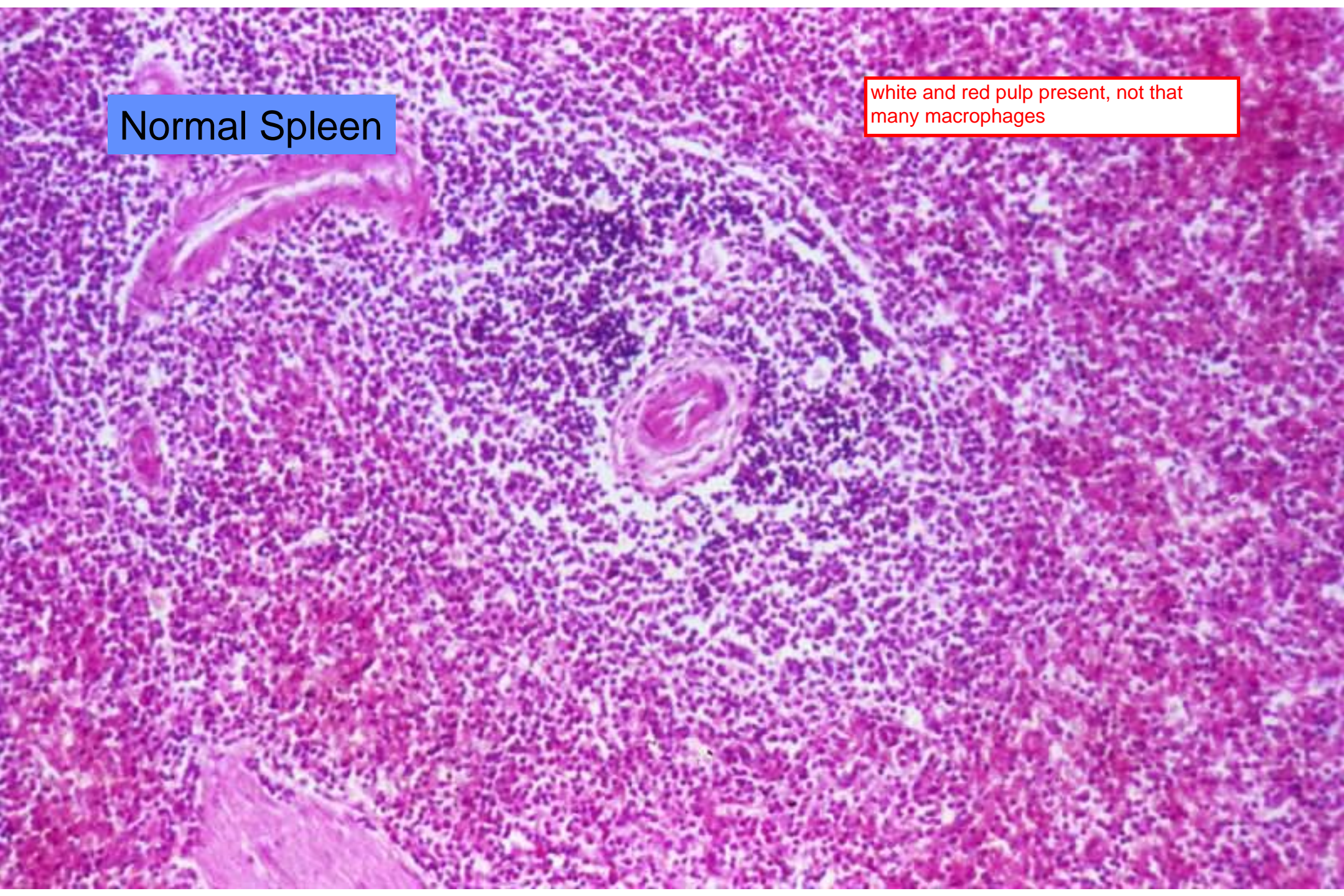
adult onset in this case

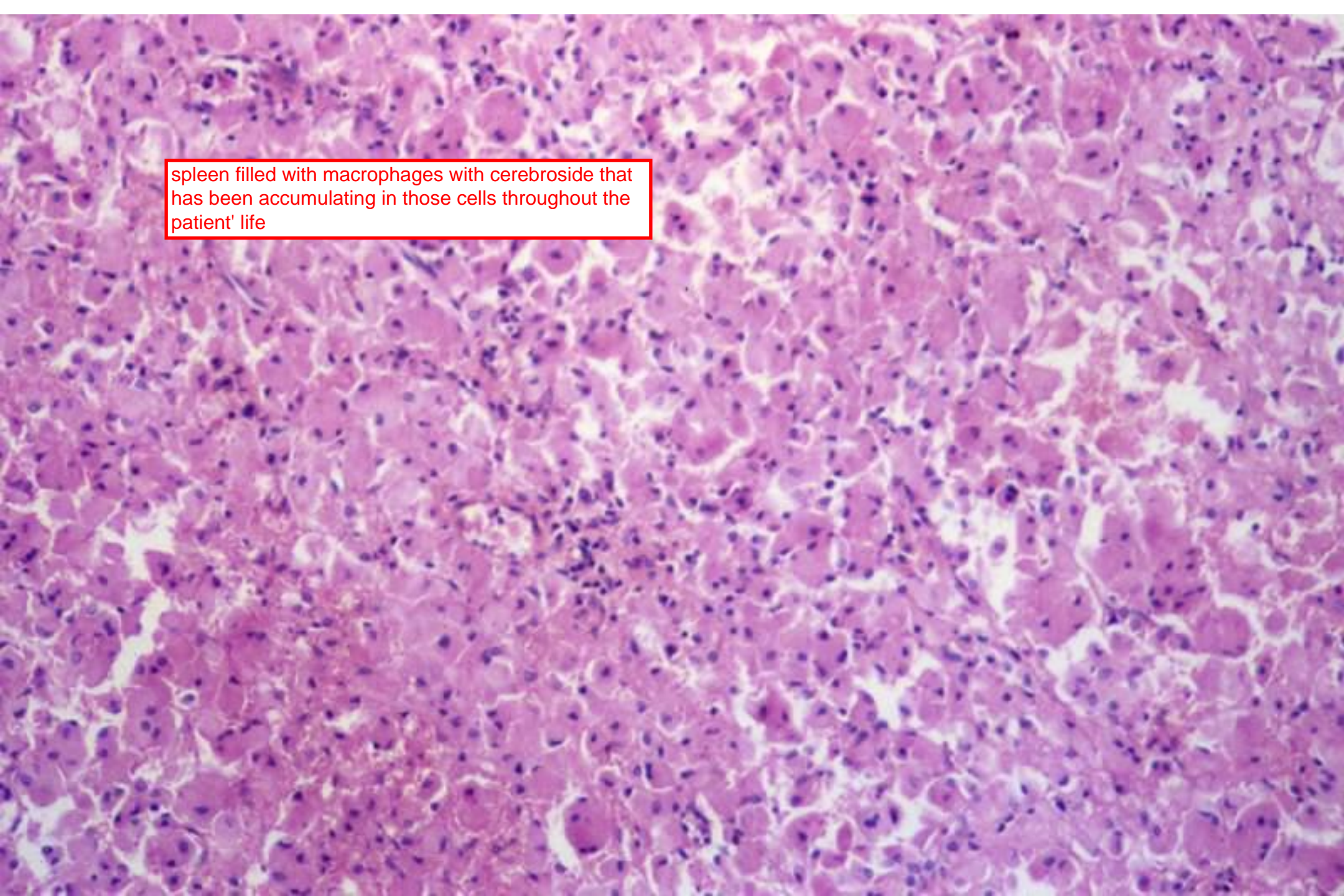
large accumulation of leukocyte

A histological slide of spleen tissue stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). The image shows a dense population of cells, characteristic of the spleen's cellular composition. A prominent feature is a large, dark-staining area in the lower right quadrant, which is identified as a large accumulation of leukocytes. The overall architecture of the spleen, including the trabeculae and the distribution of various cell types, is visible.

Normal Spleen

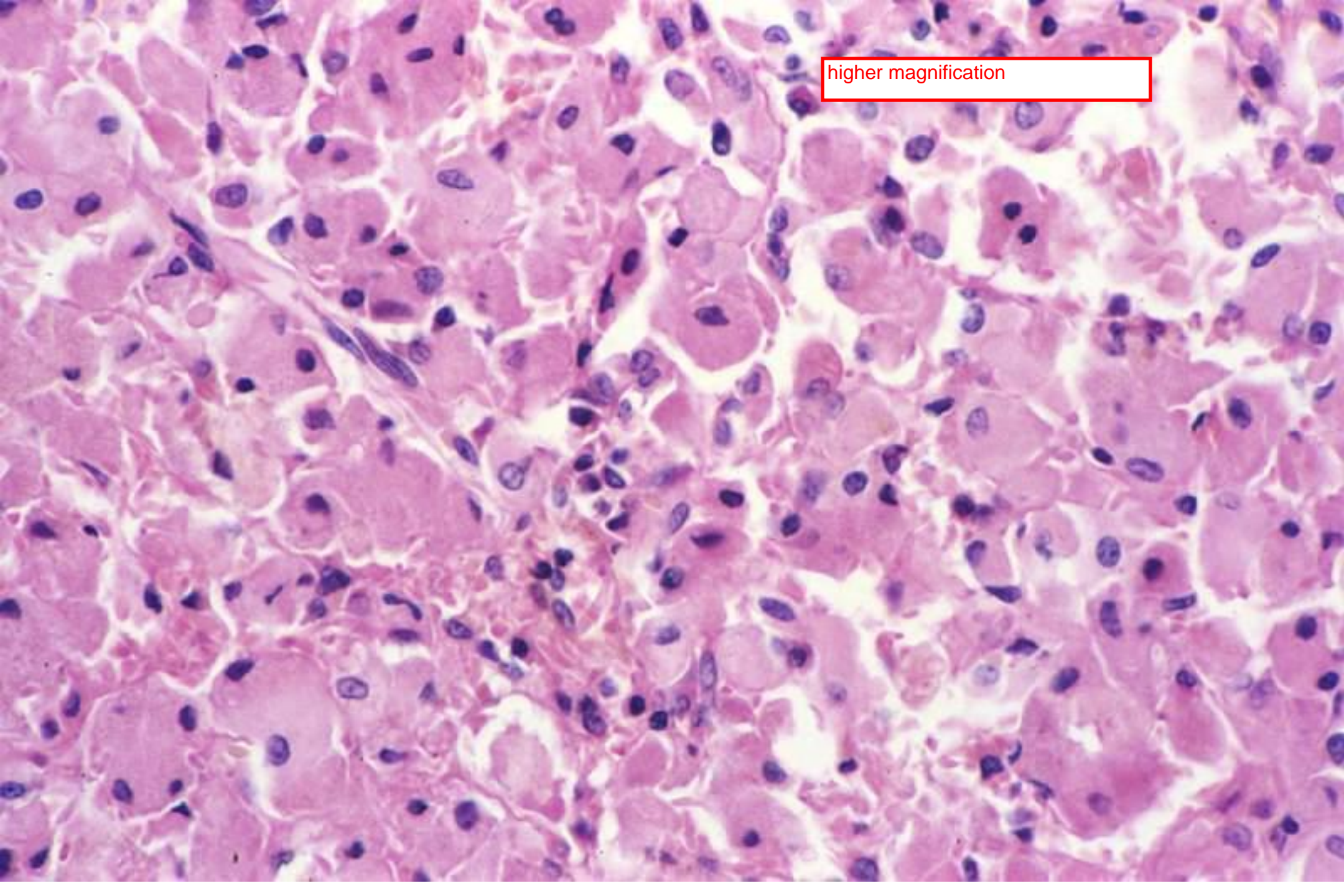
white and red pulp present, not that many macrophages

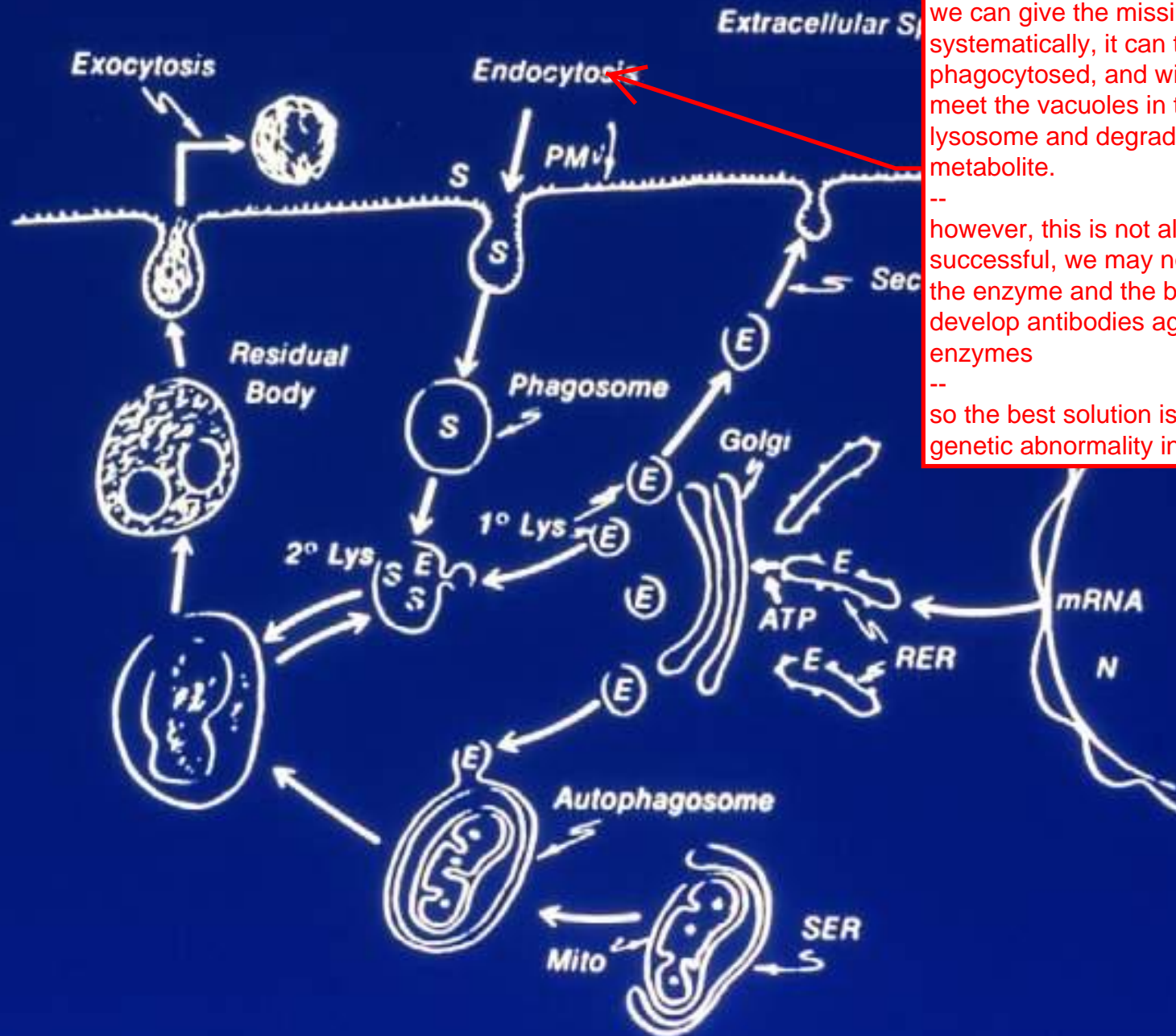




spleen filled with macrophages with cerebroside that has been accumulating in those cells throughout the patient's life

higher magnification



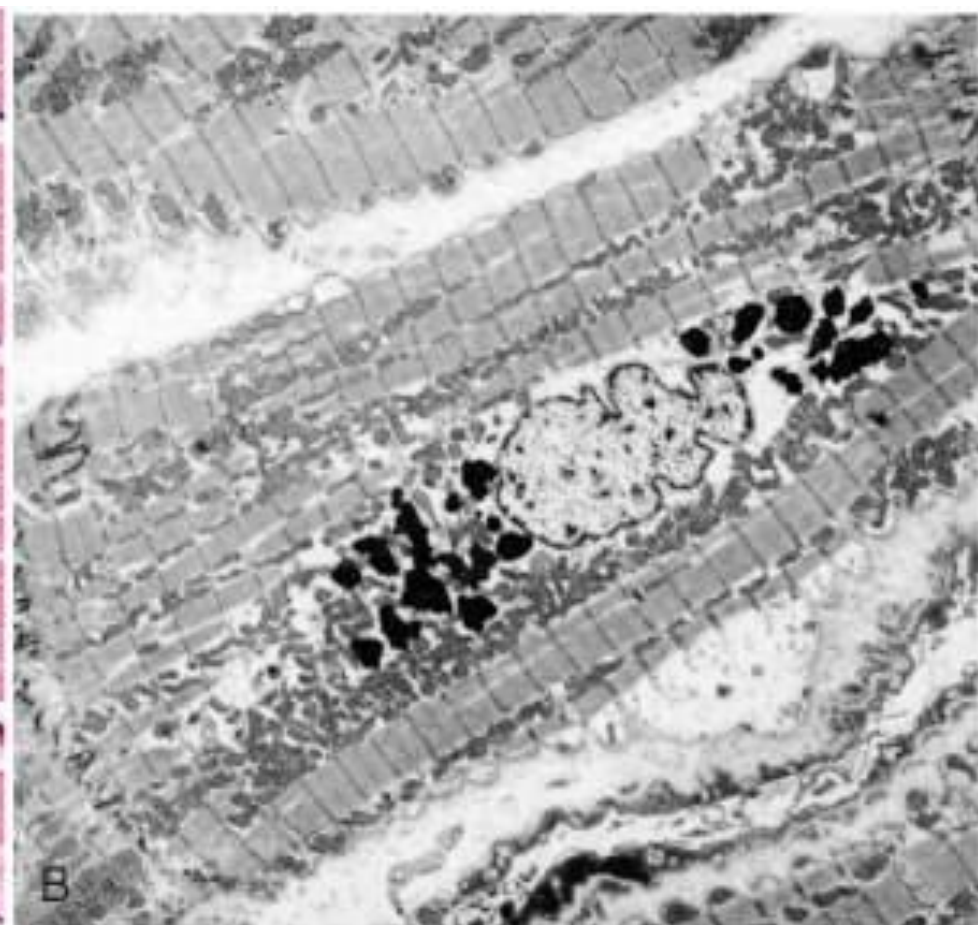
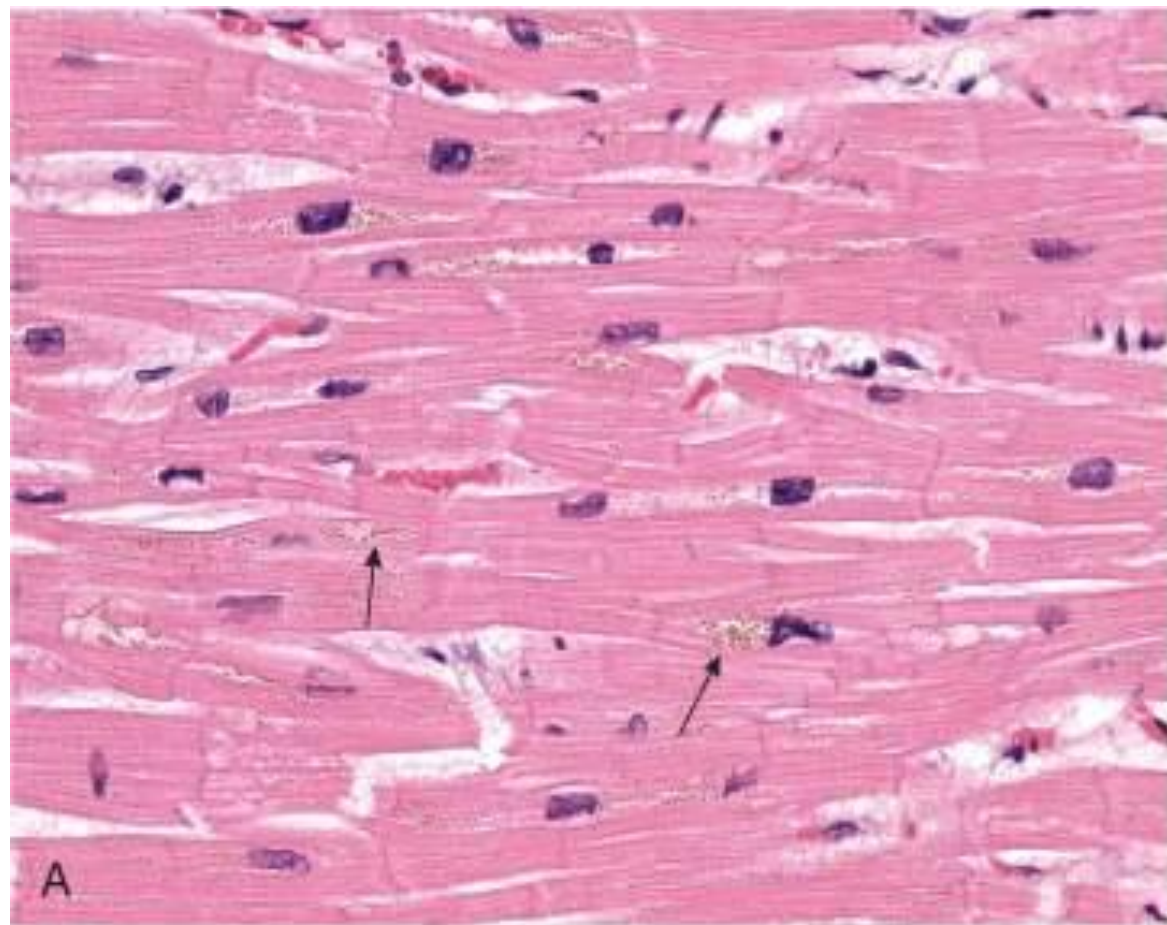


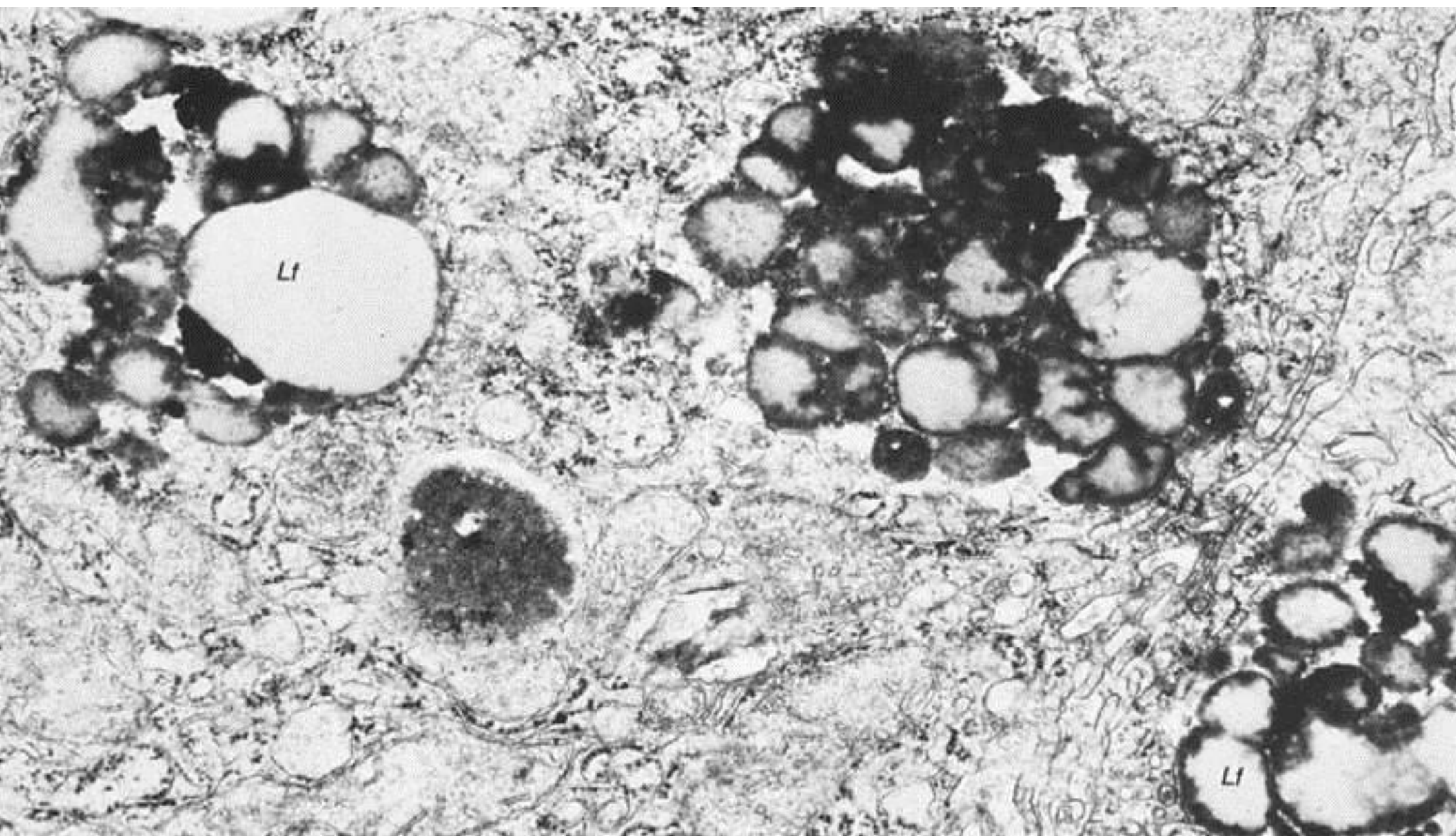
how to you treat storage disease?
 we can give the missing enzyme systematically, it can then be phagocytosed, and will eventually meet the vacuoles in the 2ndary lysosome and degrade the metabolite.
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 however, this is not always successful, we may not always have the enzyme and the body may develop antibodies against those enzymes
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 so the best solution is still to fix the genetic abnormality in the DNA.

Lipofuscin

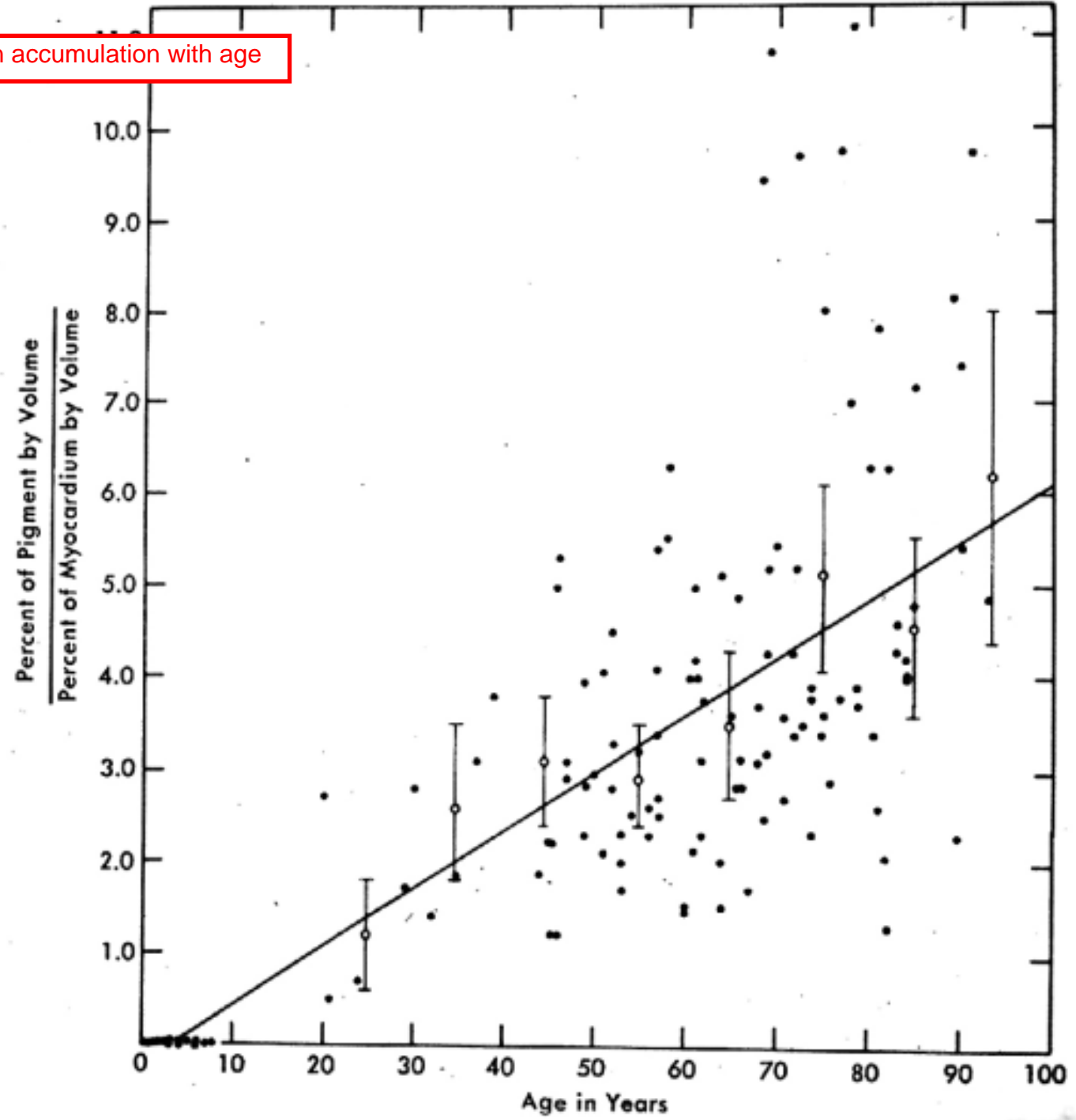
- Insoluble, brownish-yellow intracellular pigment
- Accumulates with age
- Complexes of lipid and protein derived from peroxidation of polyunsaturated lipids of subcellular membranes

those lipofuscin bodies look yellow in H & E.
They are usually not harmful.

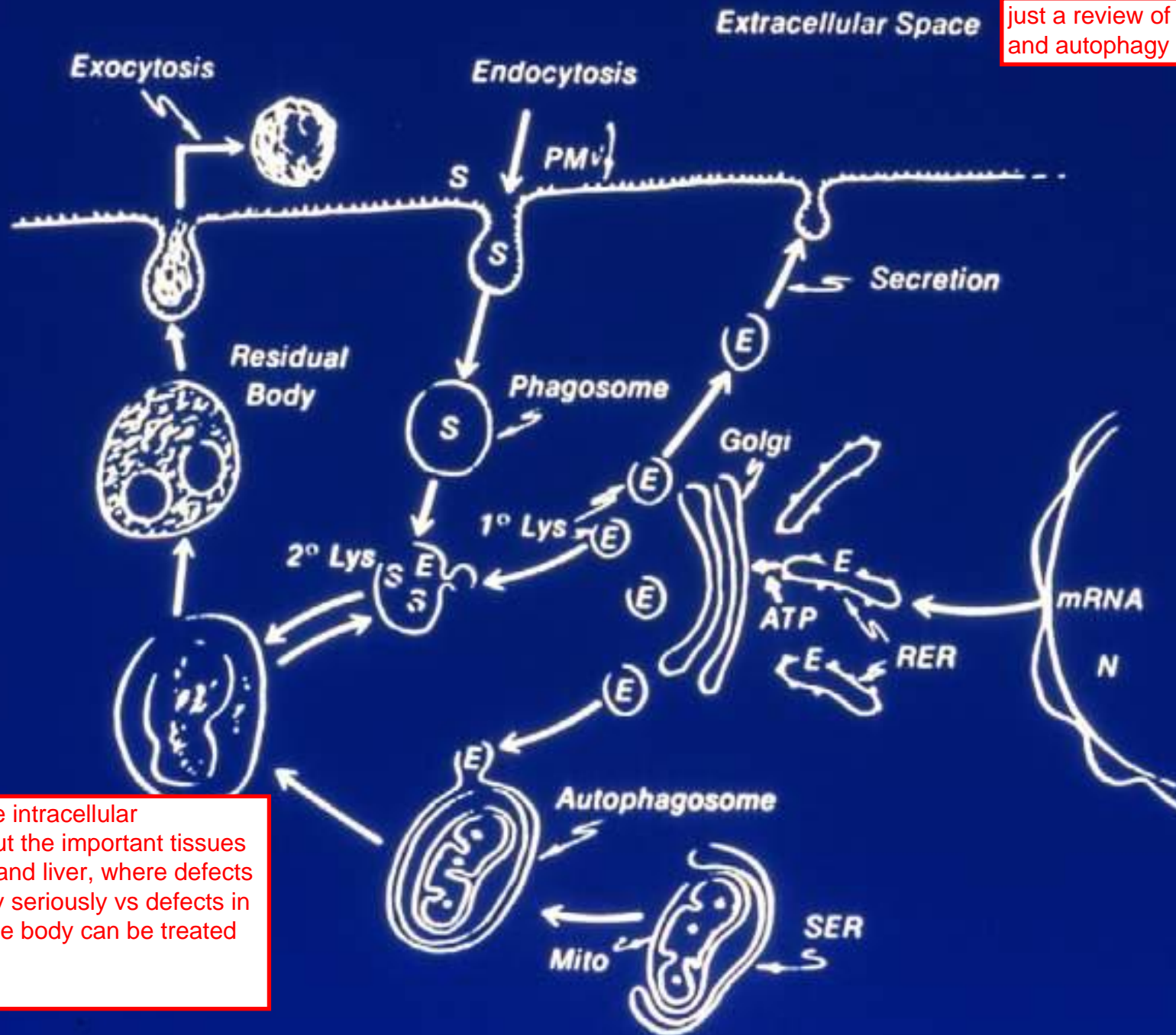




trend: more lipofuscin accumulation with age



just a review of the heterophagy and autophagy processes



most tissue have intracellular accumulation, but the important tissues are heart, brain and liver, where defects can be medically seriously vs defects in other areas of the body can be treated or fixed.