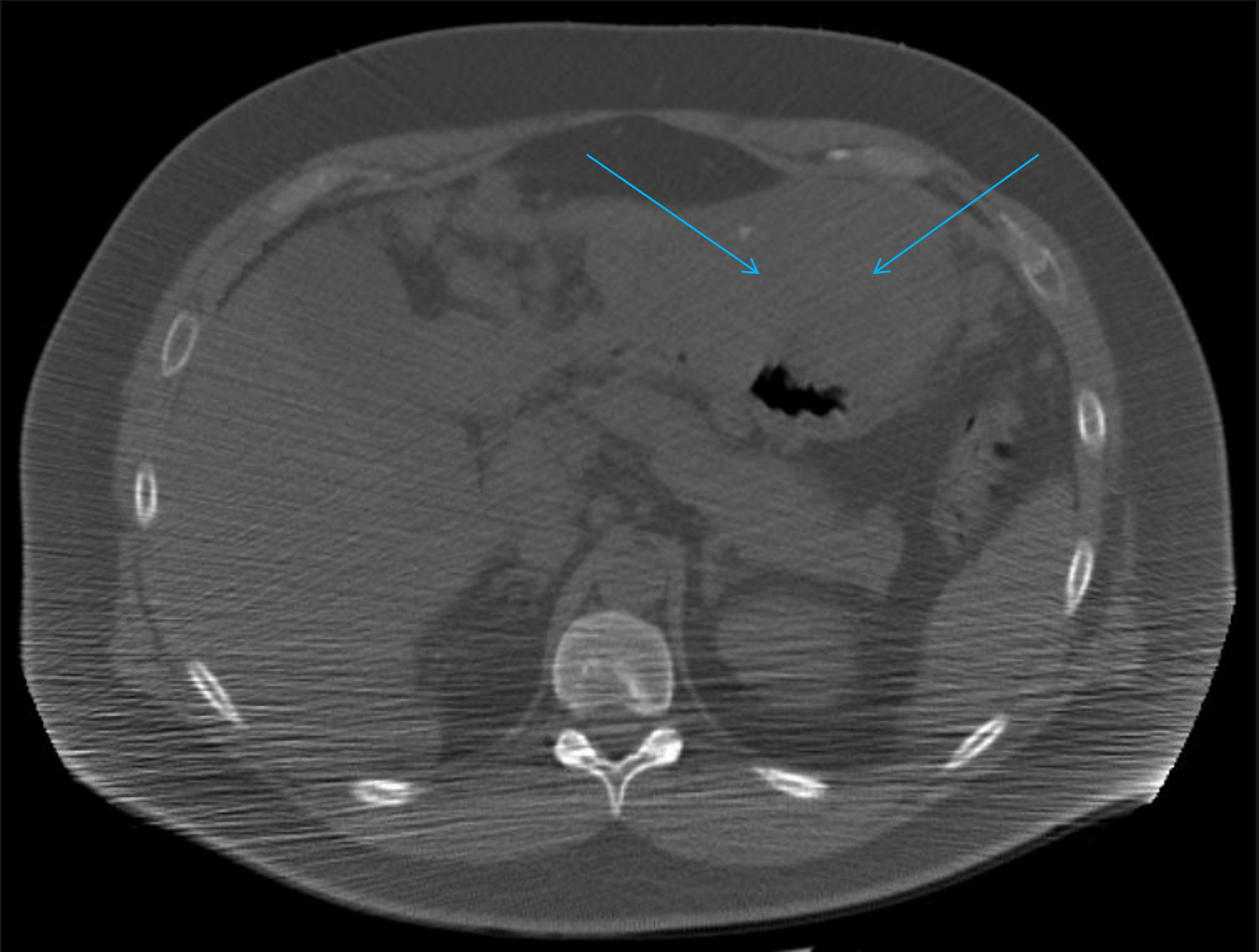
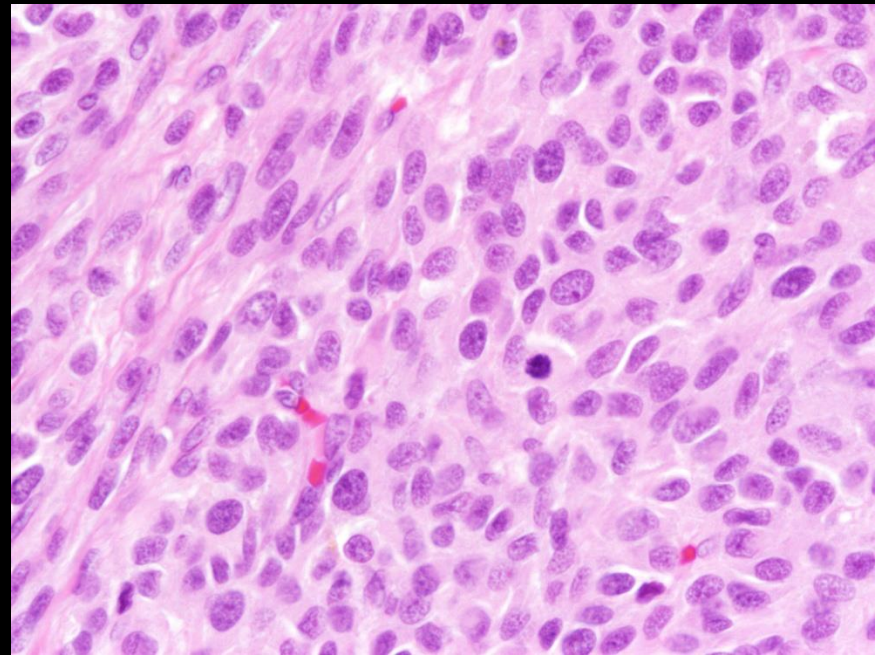
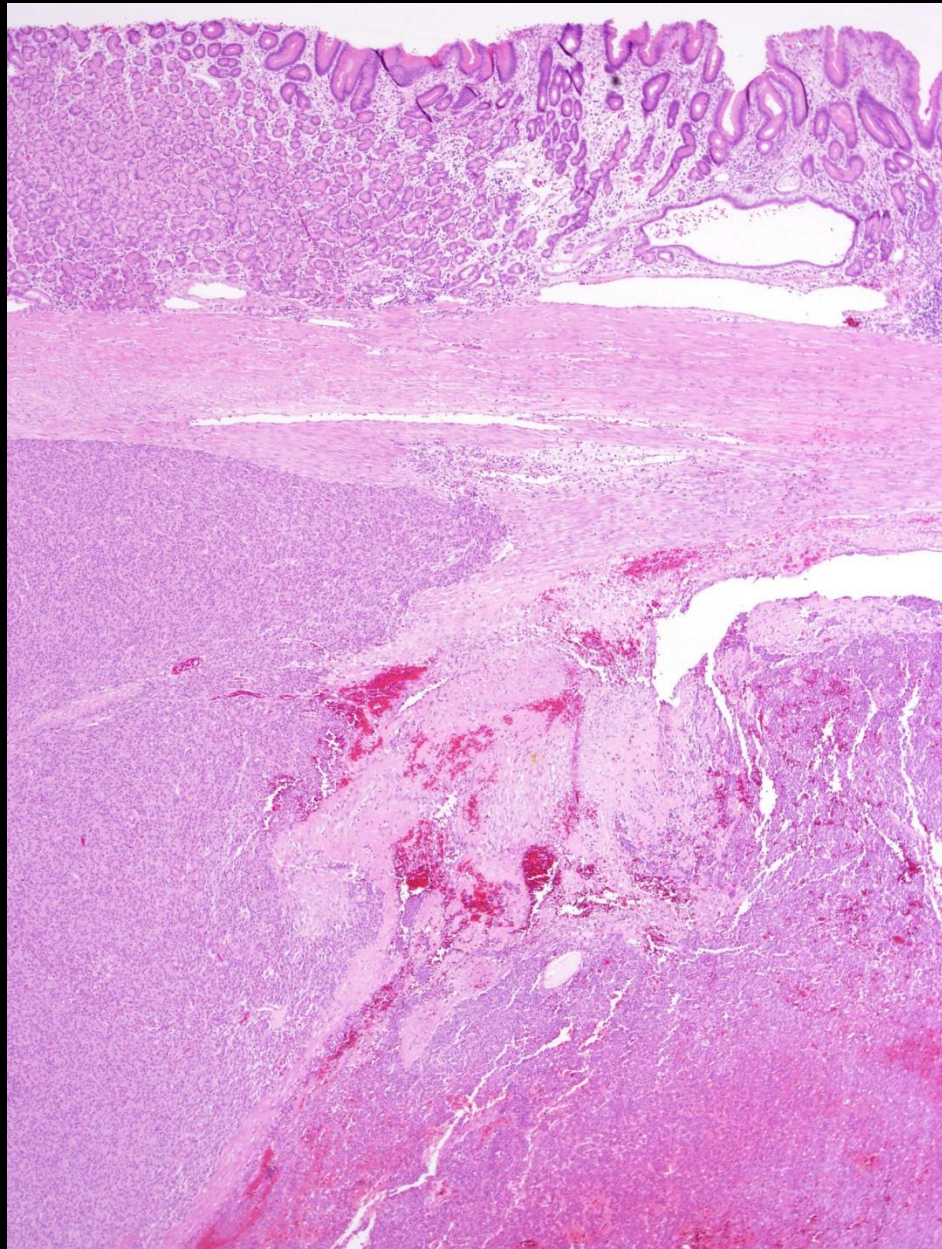
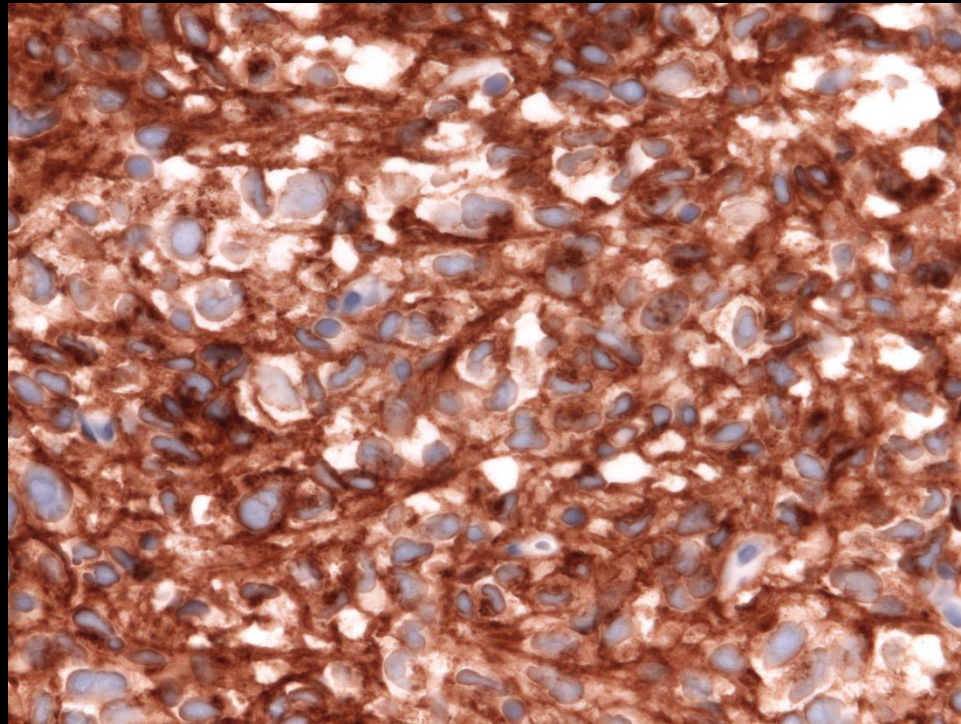


A 43 year old male presents with abdominal complaints. An axial CT reveals ....





# Diagnosis: Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor



C-kit

Location: stomach

Size: 12 cm

Mitotic count: 10 mitoses / 50  
high power fields

Risk Assessment: High risk  
of aggressive behavior

# Definitions

## Mutation

Any change in the DNA of a cell

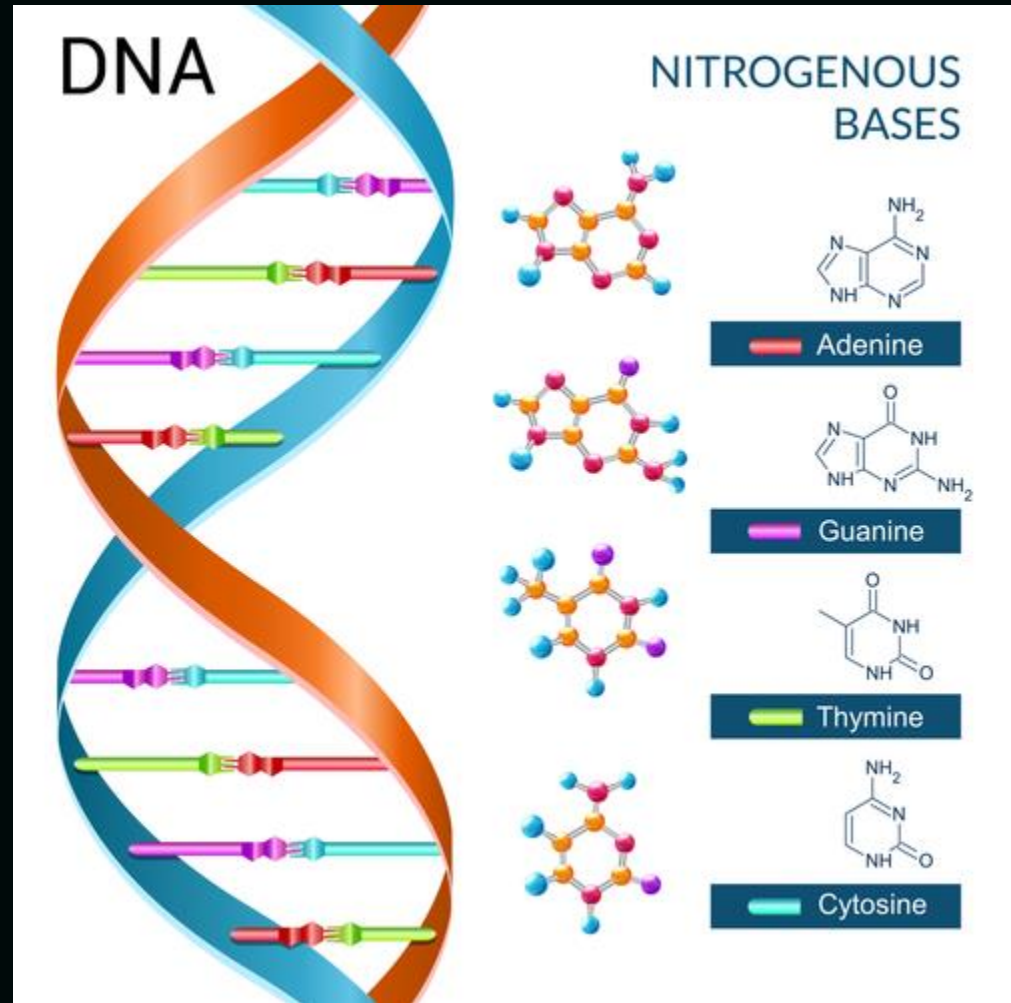
## Next Generation Sequencing

A technology that rapidly determines the sequence of molecules that compose DNA

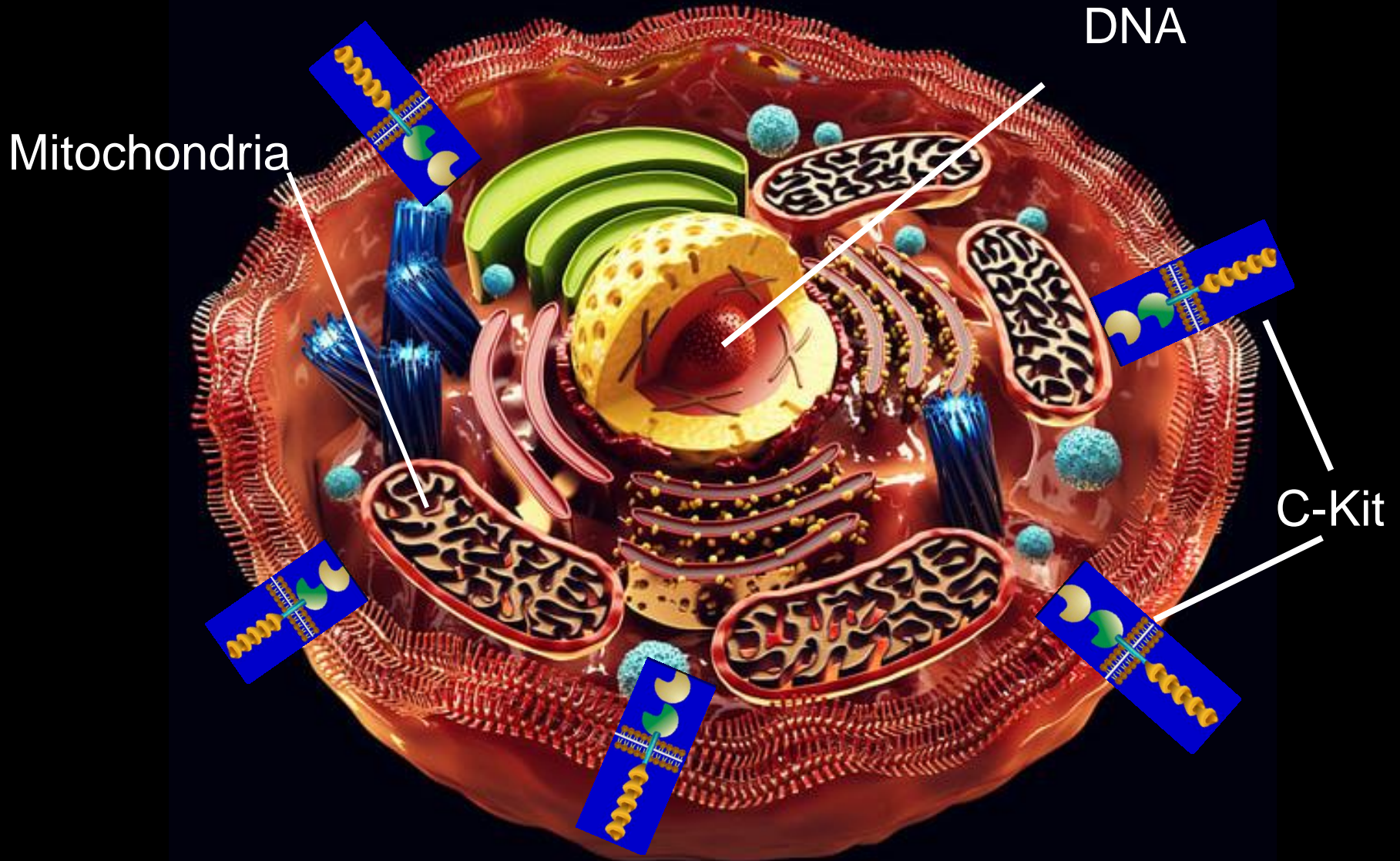


# Genetic Code

3 billion base pairs in  
each human cell  
Organized into 23 pairs  
of chromosomes  
15-70 trillion cells in  
human body  
1 billion cells in a 1cm  
GIST



# Human Cell



# Mutations



Deletion



Substitution

# Mutations

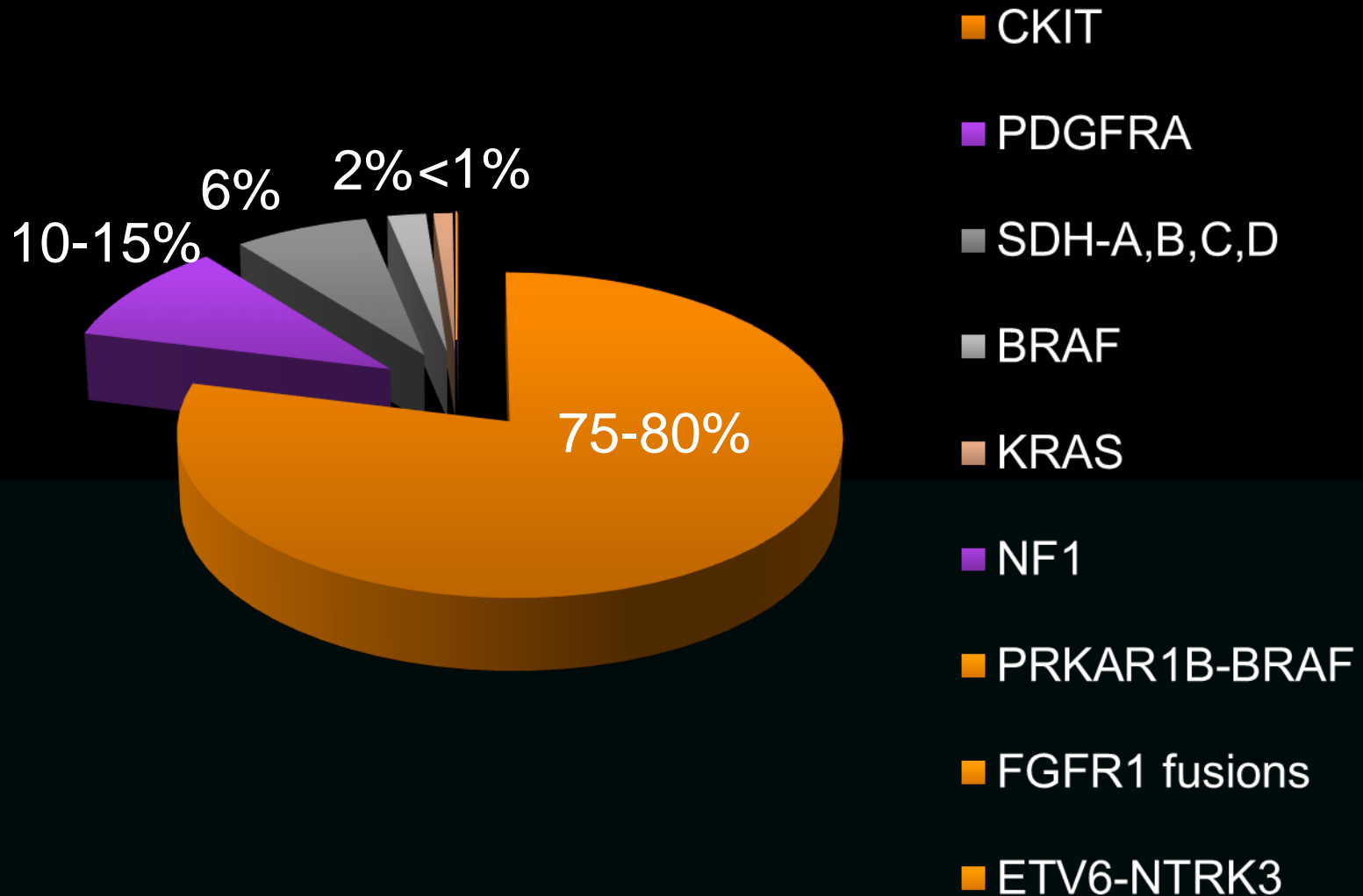




# Mutations



# Mutations in GIST



# C-KIT

Protein – cell surface receptor - tyrosine kinase

Chromosome 4

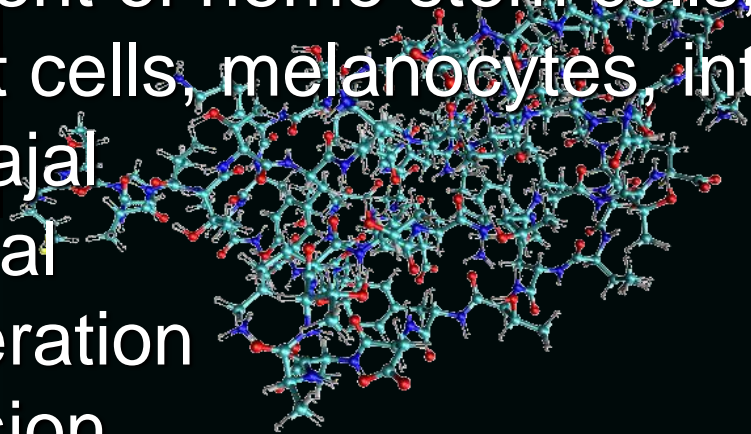
Development of heme stem cells, germ cells,  
mast cells, melanocytes, interstitial cells  
of Cajal

Cell survival

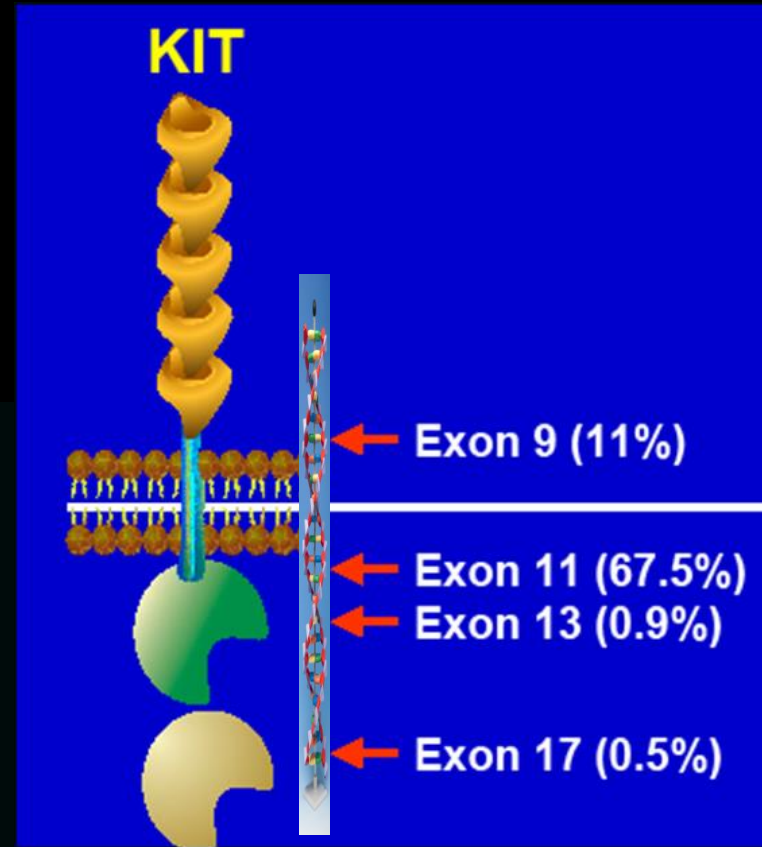
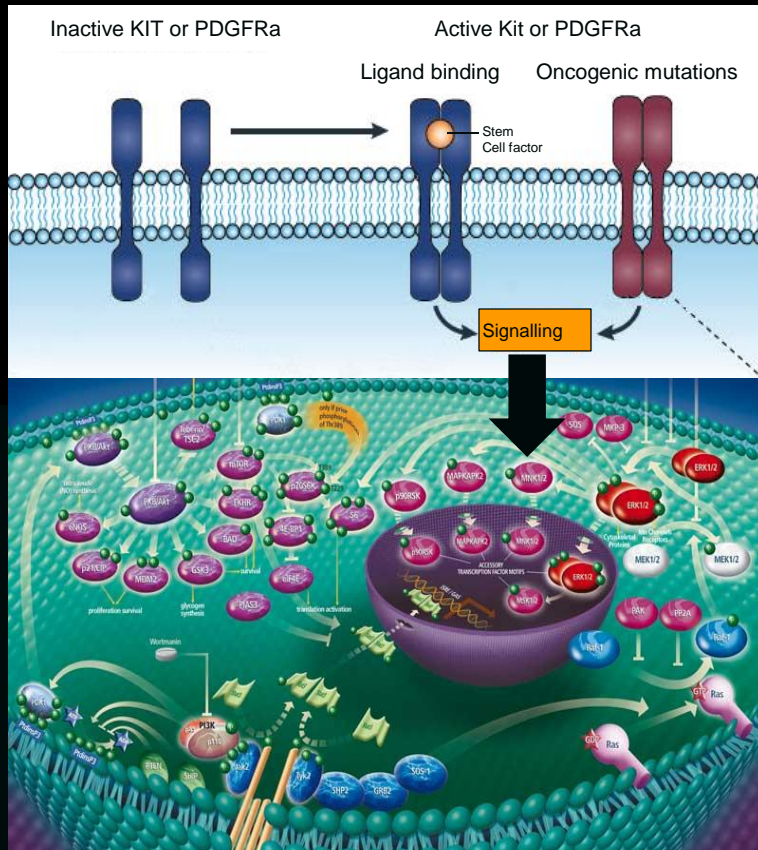
Cell proliferation

Cell adhesion

Cell differentiation and maturation



# Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors



# Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

Kit mutations - worse prognosis than PDGFRa mutations

- deletions in exon 11 most aggressive

- exon 9 mutations associated with intestinal location and more aggressive course

PDGFRa exon 14 and 18 mutations - gastric origin, epithelioid morphology and favorable outcome

# C-Kit and PDGFRa Negative GIST

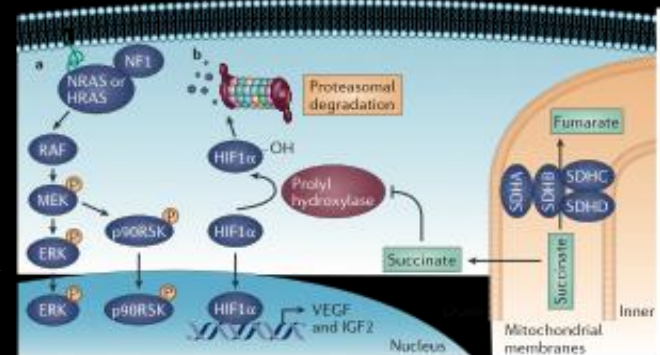
Account for 12% of GIST

epithelioid/stomach

BRAF  
NRAS  
KRAS  
ETV6-NTRK3  
FGFR1 fusions

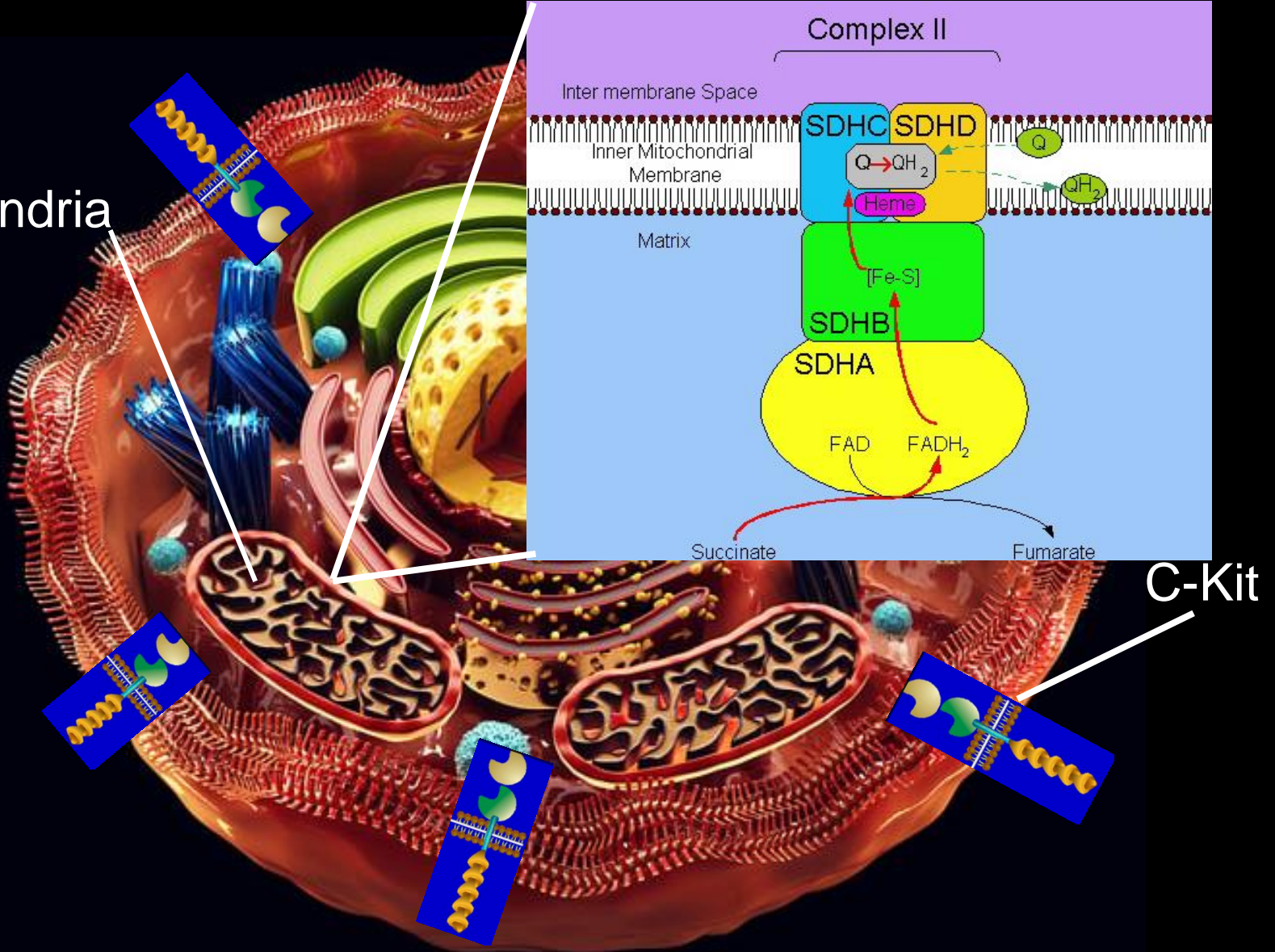
NF1

loss of function mutation  
– succinate dehydrogenase &  
IGFR amplification



# Human Cell

Mitochondria



C-Kit

# Succinate Dehydrogenase Deficient GIST

Most frequent wild type *KIT/PDGFR*- GIST

Mutation results in buildup of succinate

Leads to aberrant DNA methylation and dysfunction

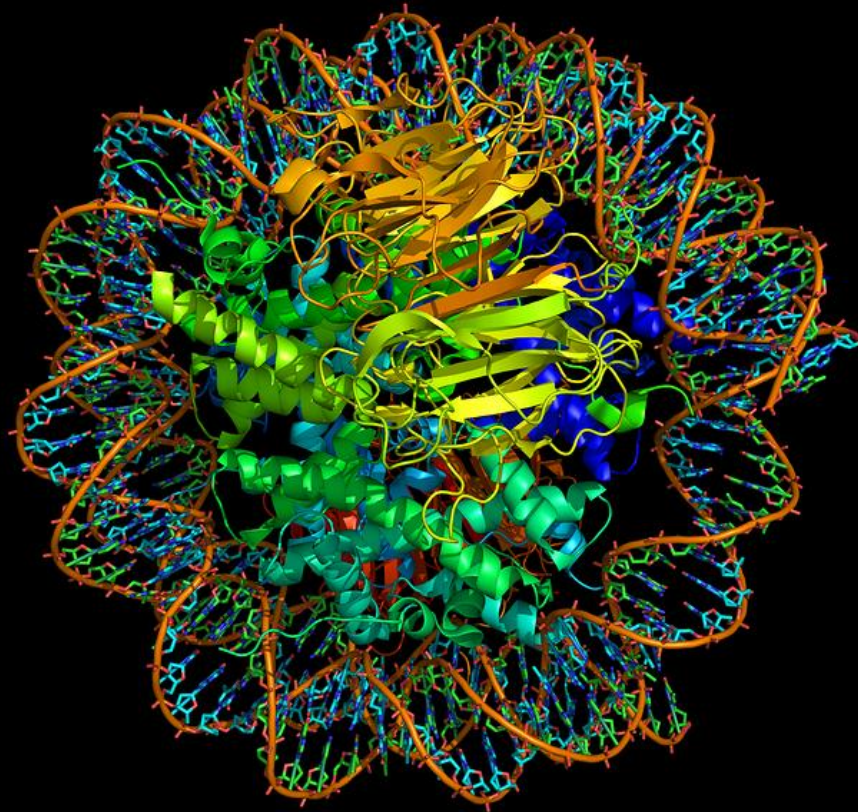
Component of Carney Stratakis syndrome (gastric GIST and paraganglioma) and Carney triad (gastric GIST, paraganglioma, pulmonary chondroma)

Affects young females (<20yrs), multiple, plexiform architecture, high rate of metastases, long survival

Not responsive to tyrosine kinase inhibitors



# Succinate Dehydrogenase Deficient GIST - Epimutant



# Progression of Molecular Aberrations in GIST

Benign

Malignant

Additional CKIT and PDGFRa mutations  
Resistance to Drugs

CKIT

PDGFRa

BRAF

SDH

Chromosome 14, 14q  
Loss or monosomy

Chromosome 8q  
17q Gains

Chromosome 1p,9p,11p  
10, 13q,15q, 22q Loss

# Mutational Analysis in Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor

All tumors that are intermediate or high risk should  
be tested

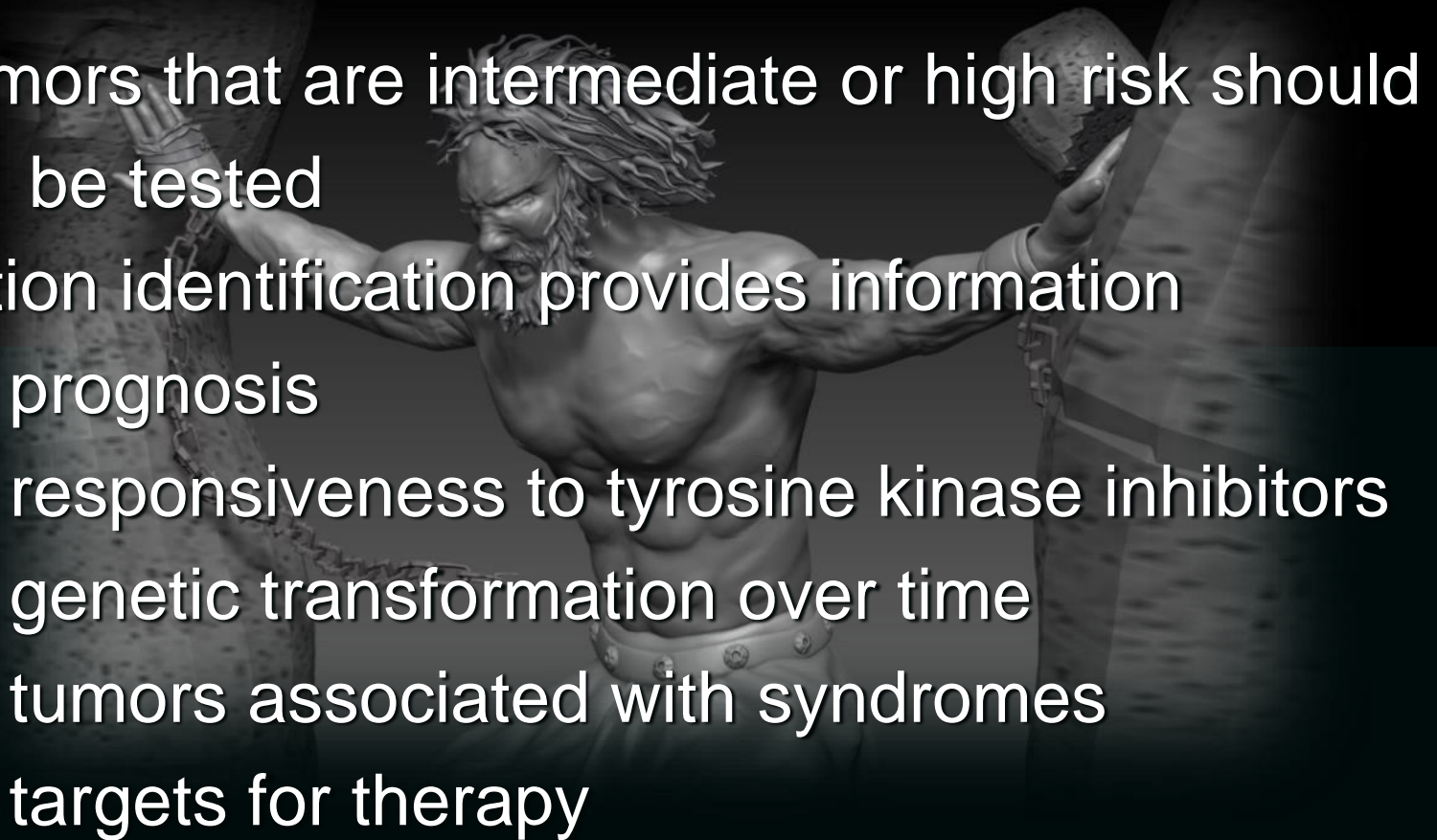
Mutation identification provides information  
prognosis

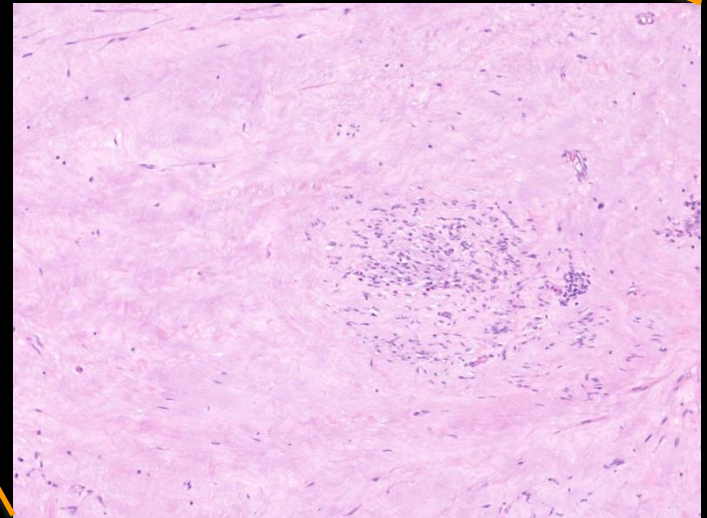
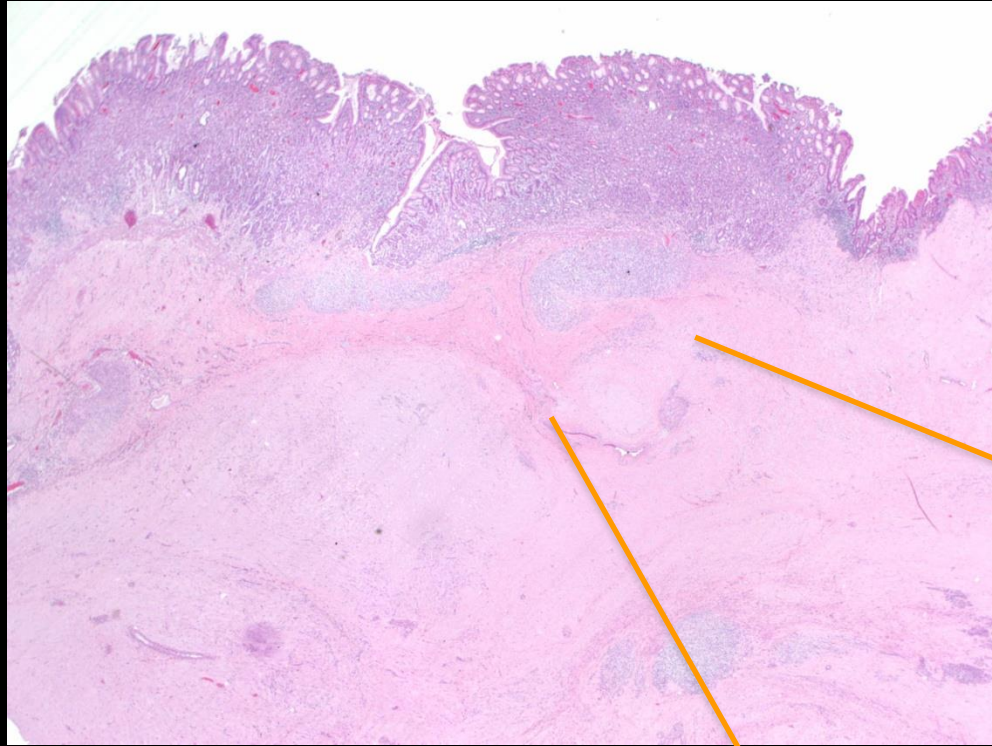
responsiveness to tyrosine kinase inhibitors

genetic transformation over time

tumors associated with syndromes

targets for therapy





**GIST – Treatment Effect**