

## ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



## **Marie Curie Training Courses**

## **Summer School 2008 – Gastrointestinal Cytology**

Cytology	Points
	20
Anamnesis:	
dog, 4 yrs, female castrated, anorexia, palpable mass in the duodenal area	
imprint of the cut-surface of the mass	
Description:	
There is high cellularity. Pale-purple material and a moderate number of	
erythrocytes are seen in the background. There is a <u>marked predominance of slender</u>	-1
to plump, spindly to roundish cells forming no coherent groups, these exhibit sharp	1
cell outlines, a moderate amount of intensely homogeneously blue cytoplasm and	1
round to ovoid to elliptic, sometimes indented <u>nuclei (diameter up to 25µm)</u> with	2
one to five round or ovoid or angulate or bizarre-shaped <u>nucleoli (diameter up to</u>	2
10μm). A moderate to high degree of anisocytosis, anisokaryosis and	2
anisonucleoliosis and a variable nuclear/cytoplasmic ratio is present. A low number	2
of cells exhibiting two to three nuclei and occasional mitotic figures can be seen.	2
Small foci of structureless, intensely purple-stained <u>extracellular matrix</u> are present.	2
In addition, there is a low number of well-differentiated, not pleomorphic mast cells	1
(<5%).	
<u>Diagnosis</u>	1
spindle-cell sarcoma (intermediate or high degree)	
Histological diagnosis (H03-1489)	2
gastrointestinal stromal tumour (Vet. Pathol. 40, 42-54, 2003)	2
DD: leiomyosarcoma	
immunohistochemical reaction	
sm-actin: neoplastic cells positive	