

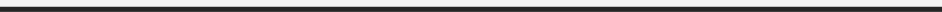
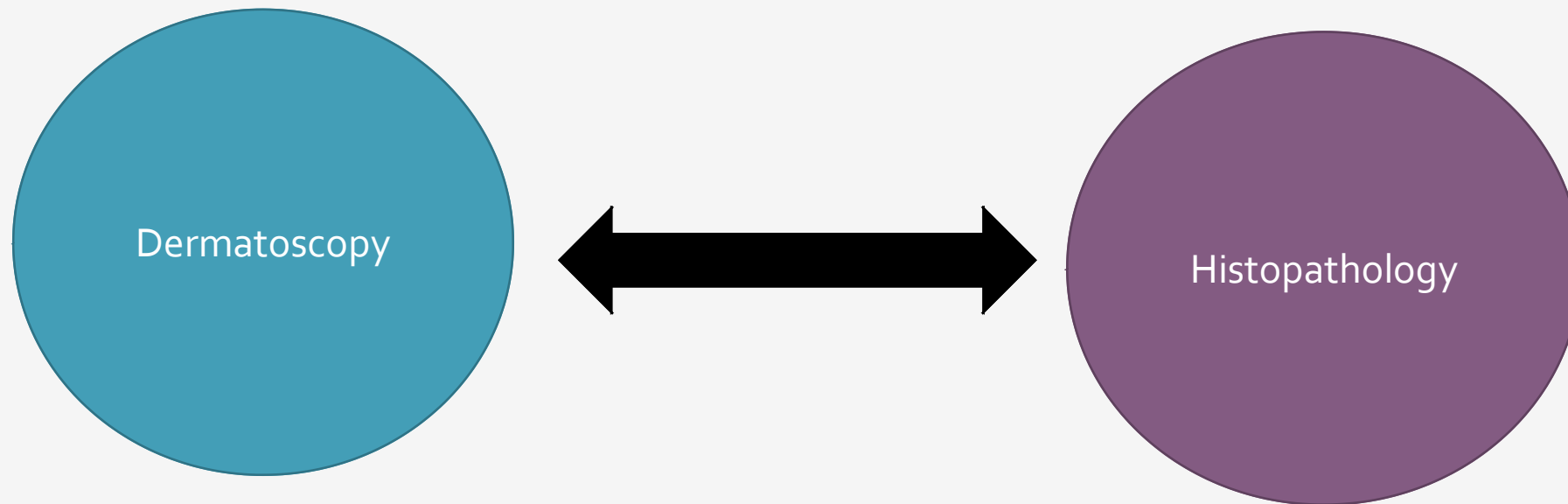
DERMOSCOPY

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Introduction



Black

Brown

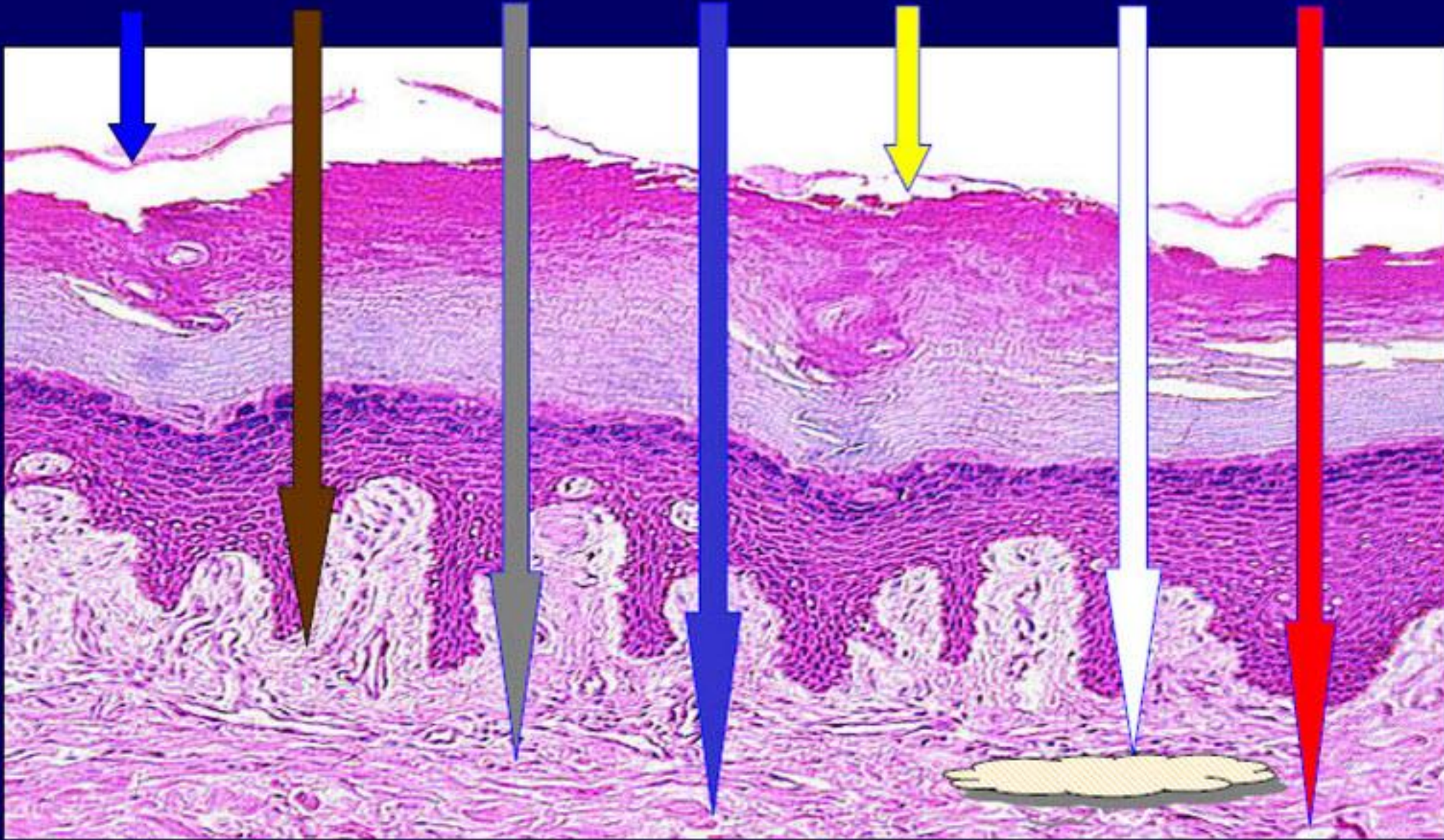
Gray

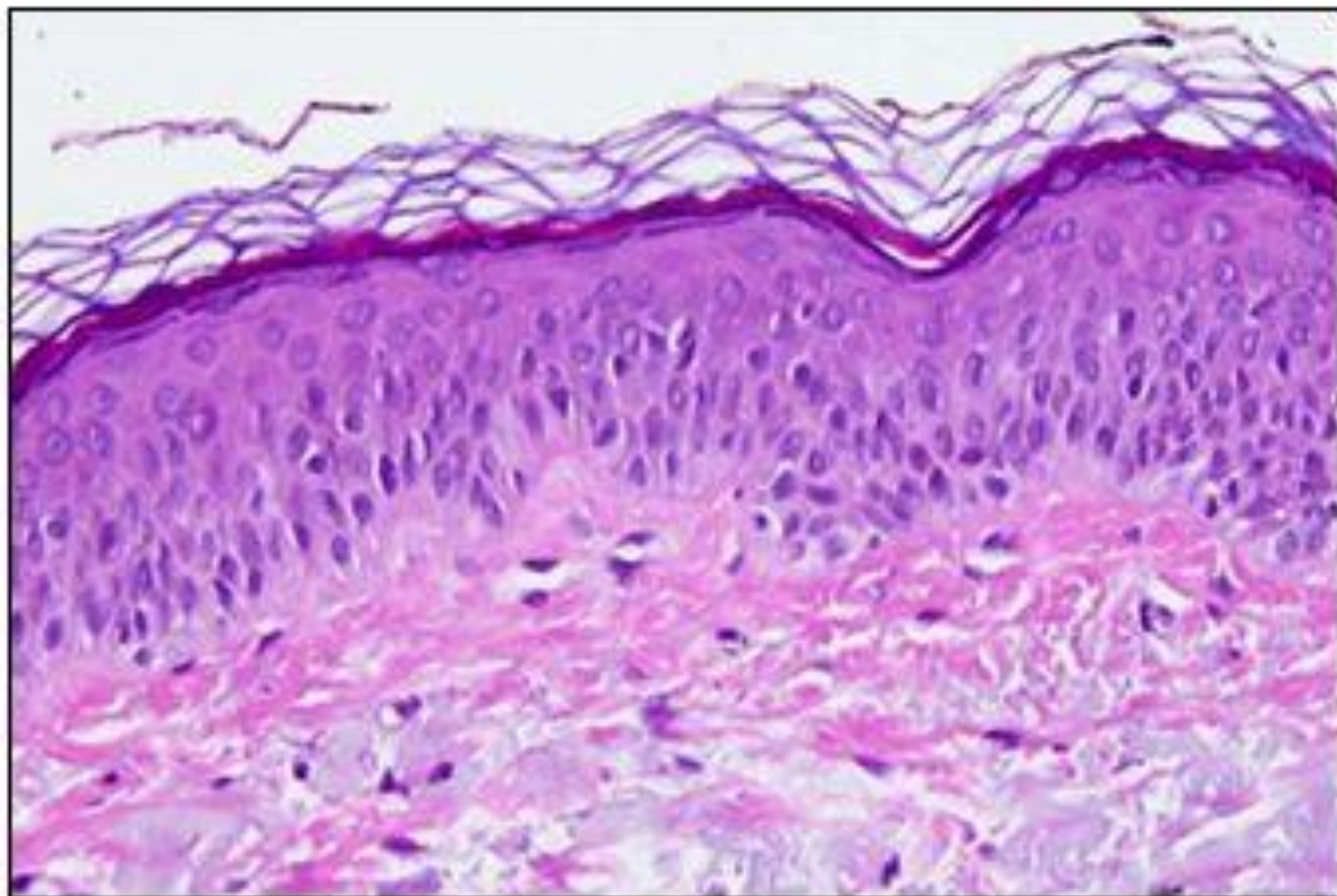
Blue

Yellow

White

Red





Yellow: Keratin.

Black: Melanin in stratum corneum, superficial layers of epidermis or throughout all layers of epidermis, with or without dermal involvement.

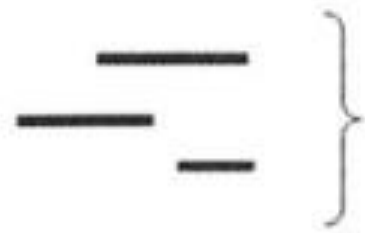
Brown: Melanin below the stratum corneum, especially if present in the dermo-epidermal junction and papillary dermis.

White: Lack of pigment (melanin), atrophy/fibrosis/collagen.

Gray: Free-melanin or melanophages in papillary dermis.

Red: Blood (thrombosed angiomas or angiokeratomas may reveal purple/black lagoons).

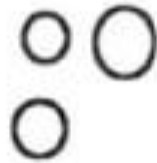
Blue: Melanin in the deep dermis (due to Tyndall effect).



Lines



Pseudopods



Circles

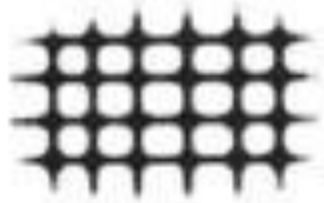


Clods



Dots

(A)



Reticular lines

(B)



Branched lines

(C)



Parallel lines

(D)



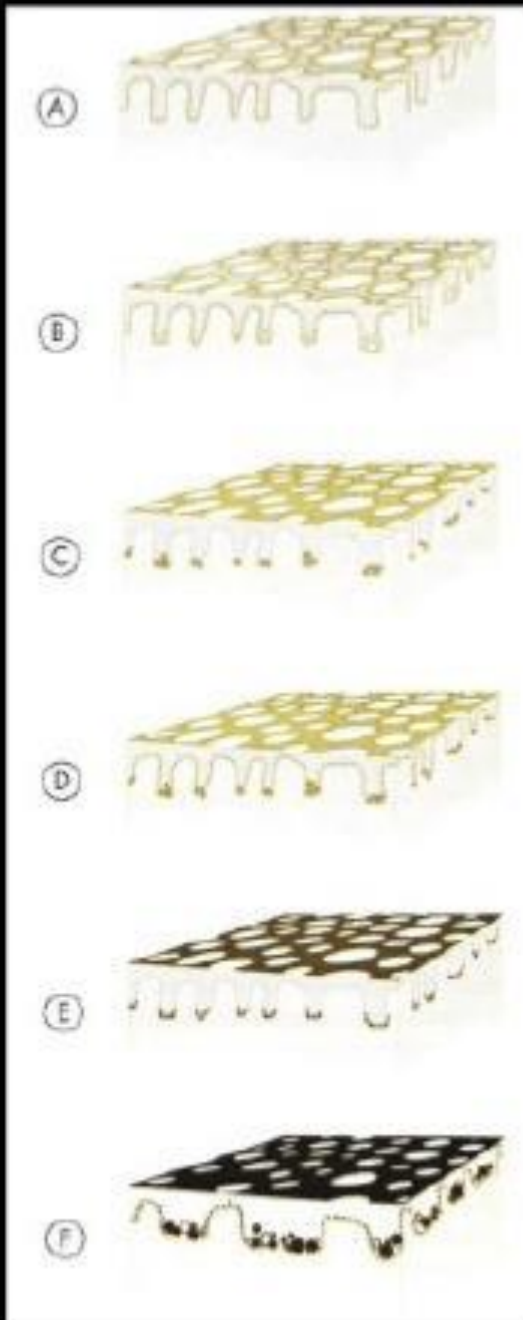
Radial lines

(E)



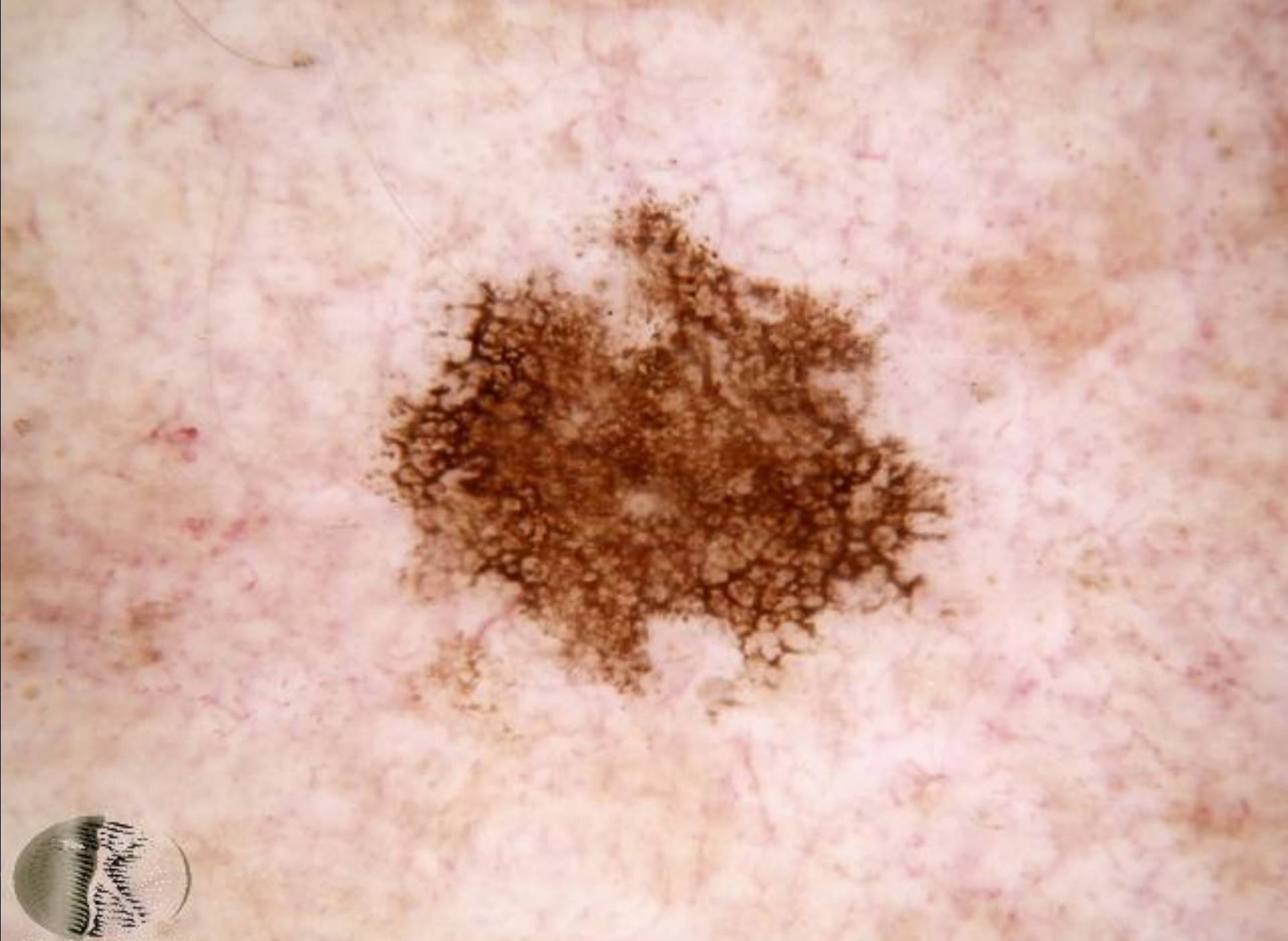
Curved lines

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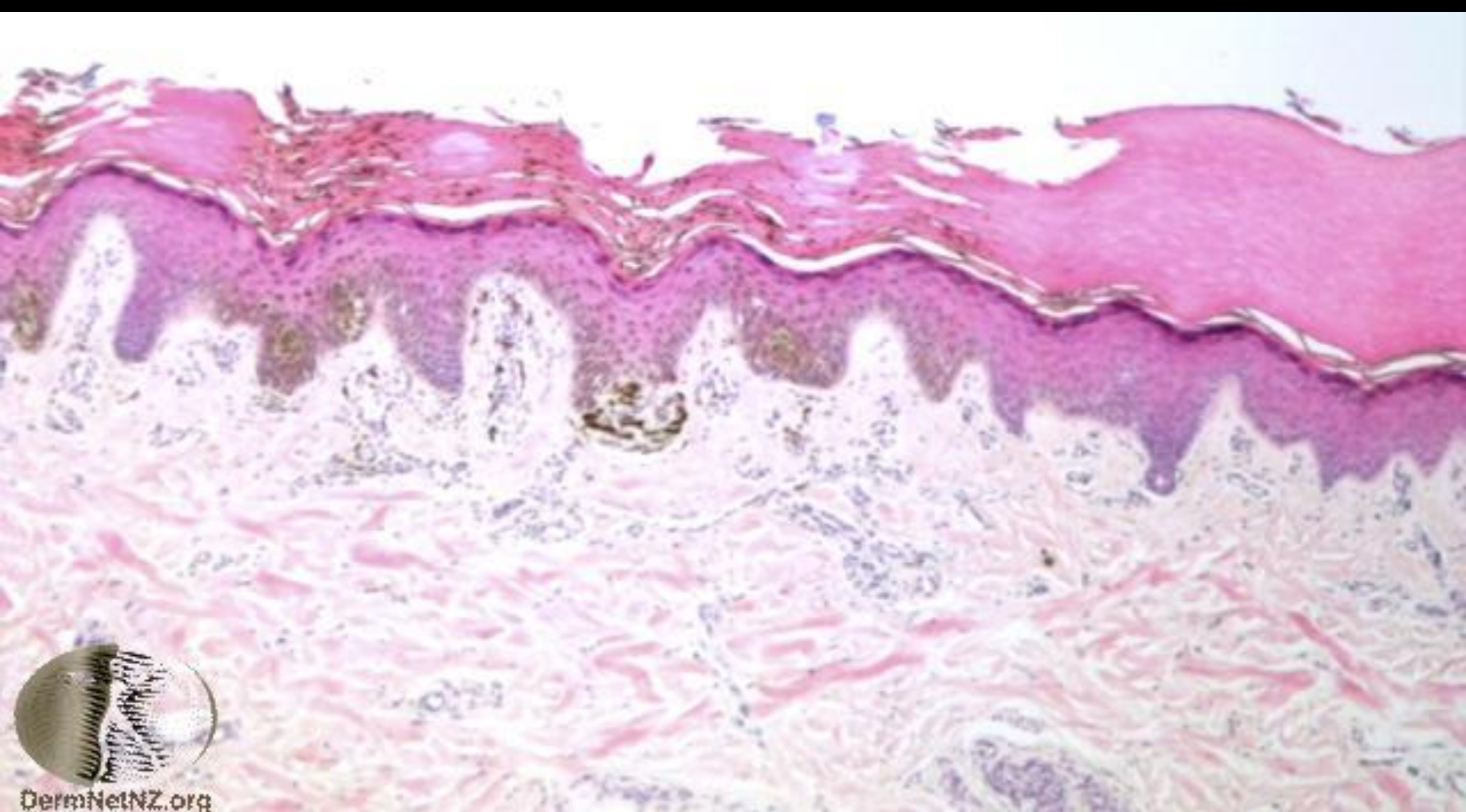
Basal epidermal hyperpigmentation that is diffuse (A) or confined to the tips of the rete (E), proliferations of non-pigmented (B) or pigmented (C) melanocytes within rete and combinations of these (D) produce a pattern of reticular lines.

A more exuberant proliferation of pigmented melanocytes that expands the epidermal rete produces thick reticular lines (F).



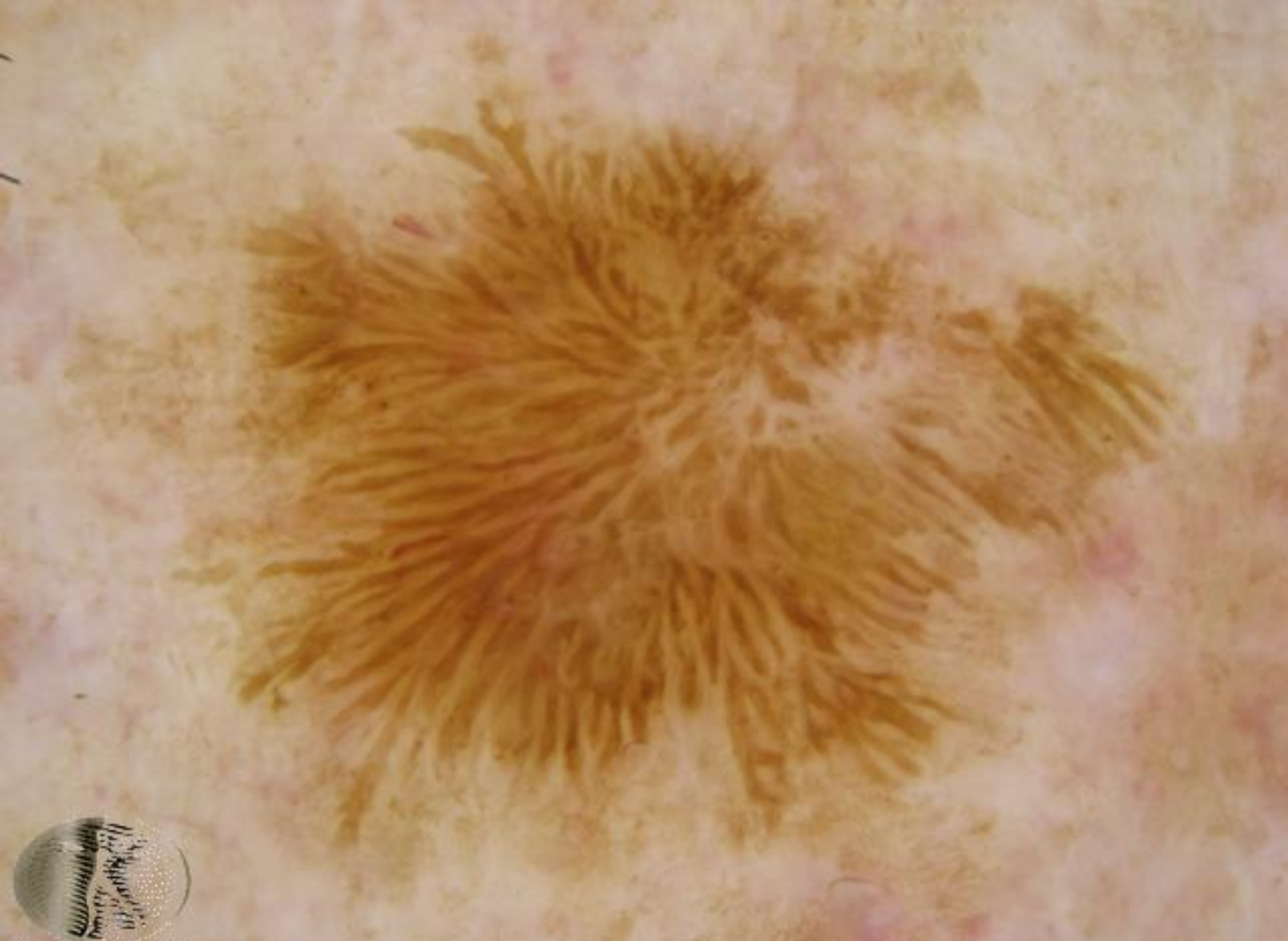
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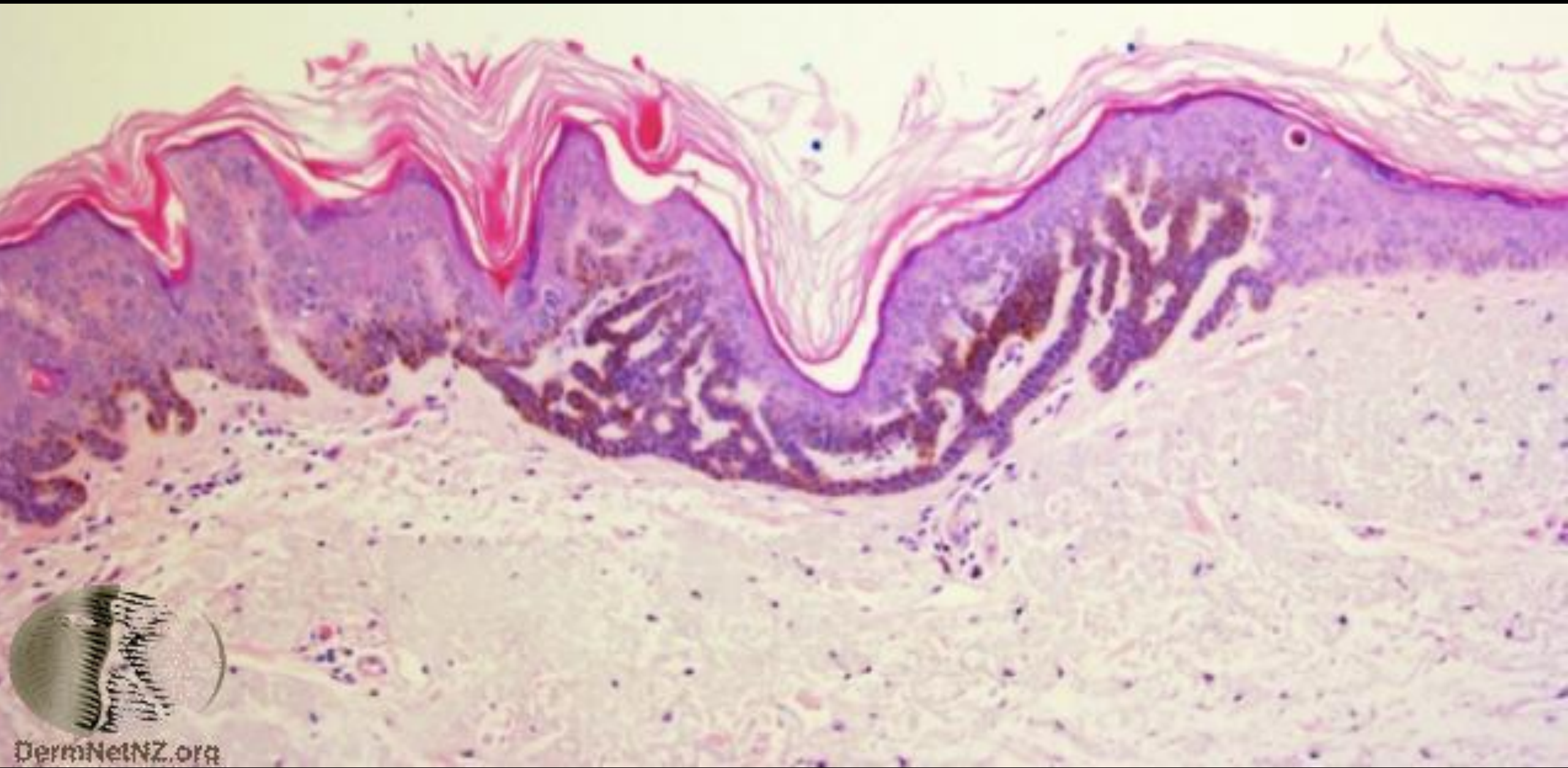




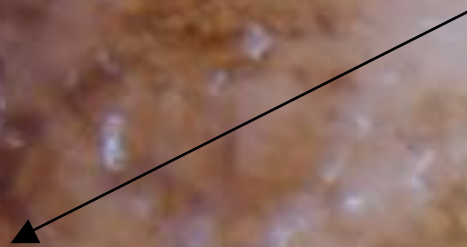




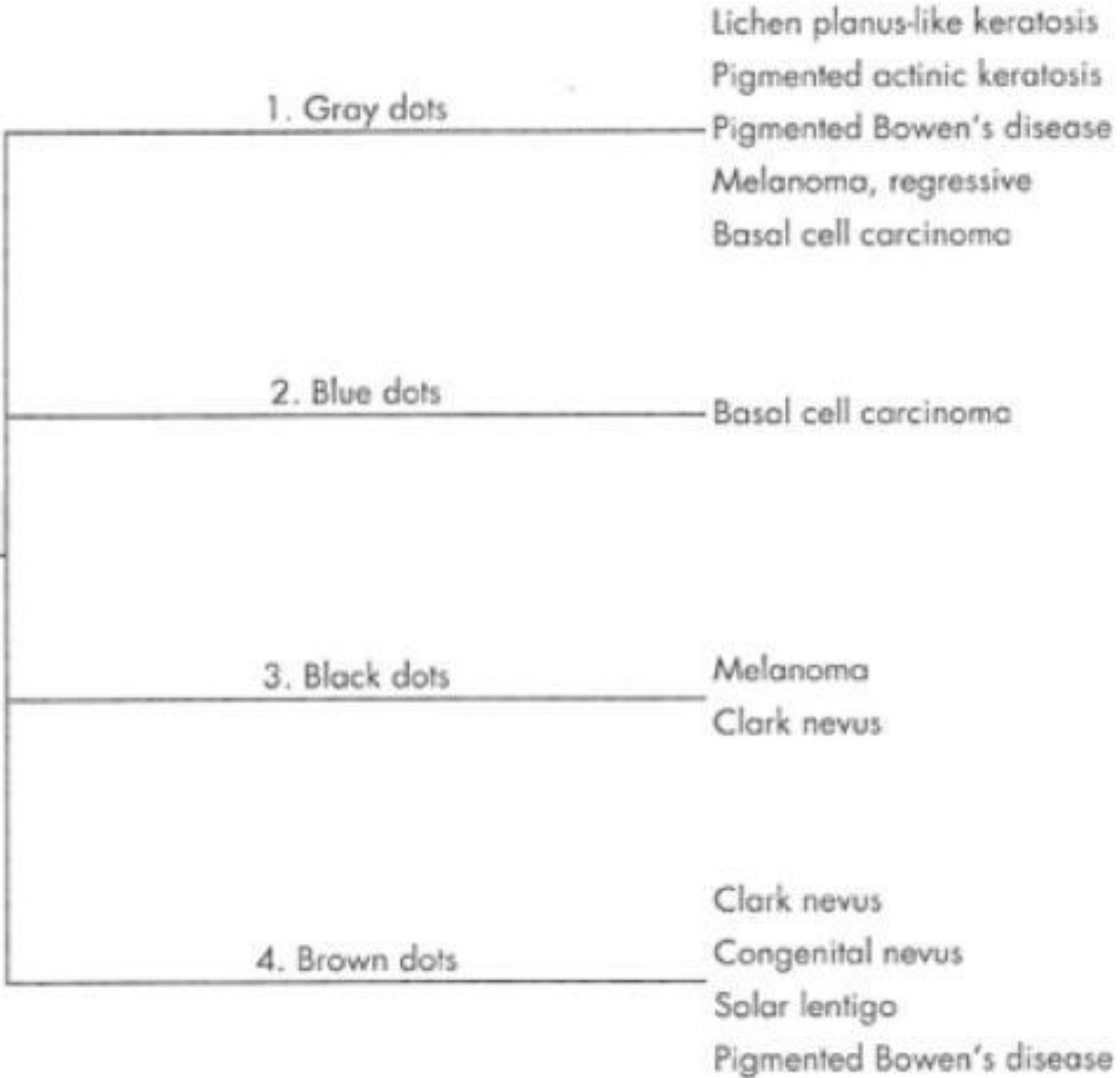
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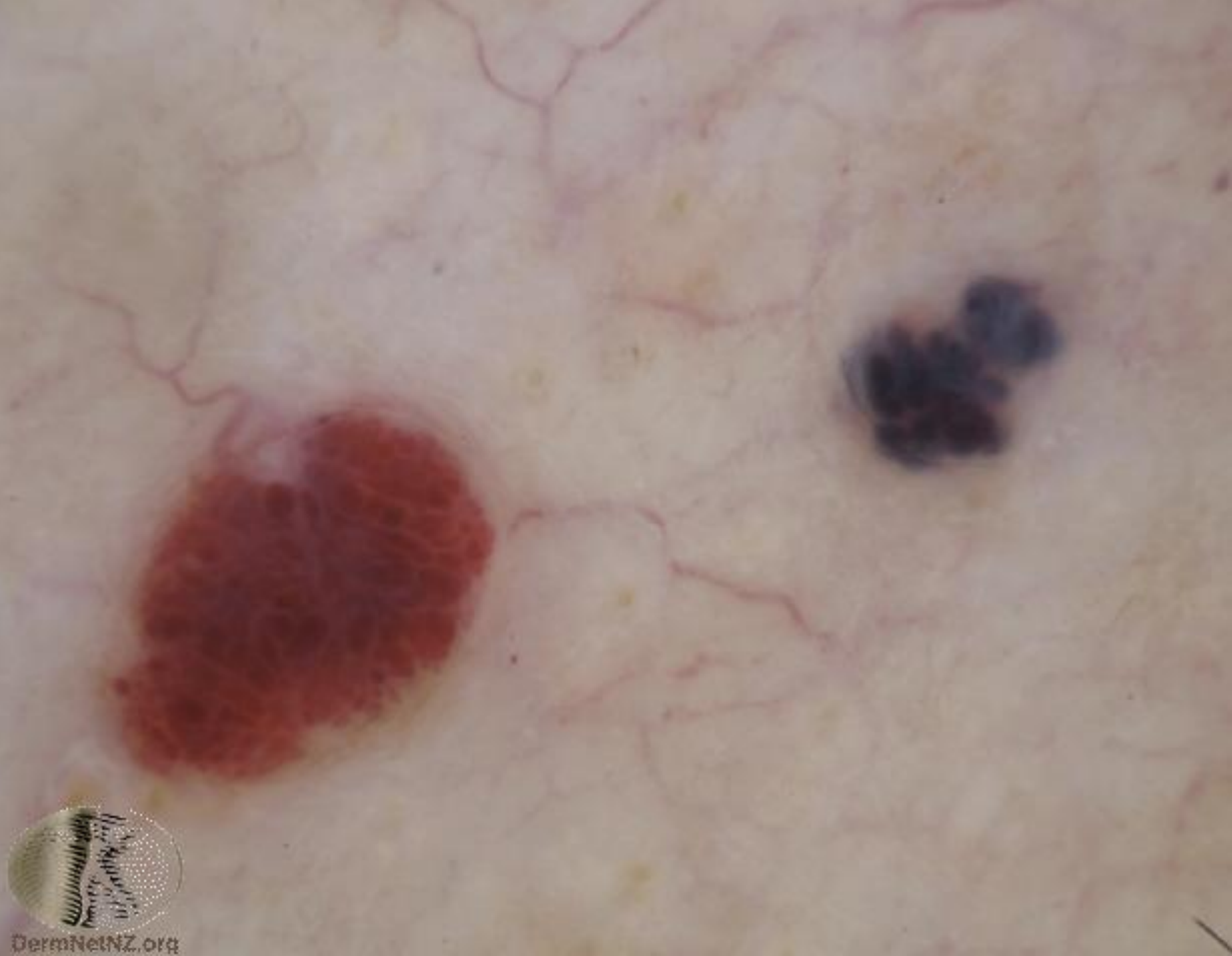
Thick lines

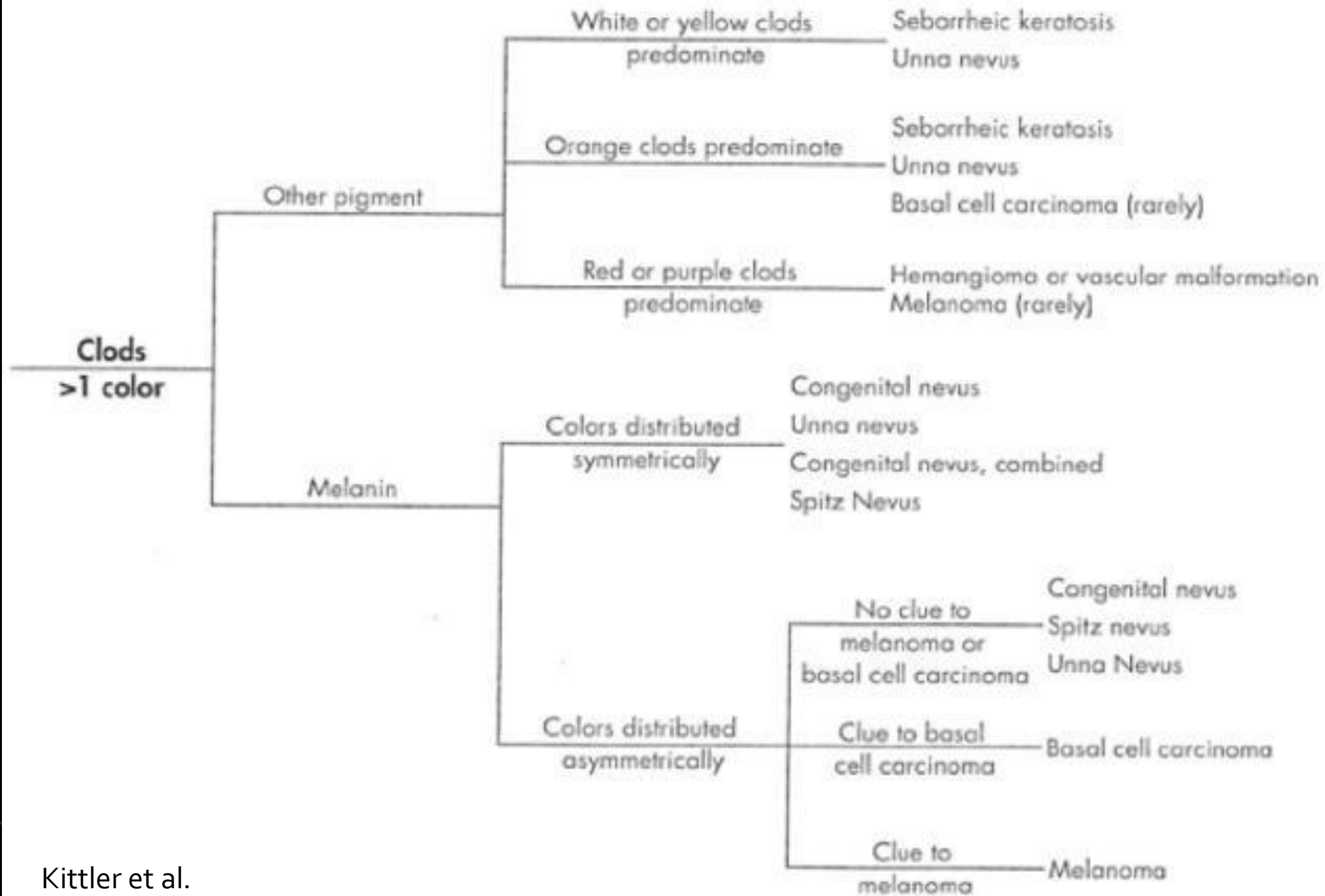


Dots+



Clods 1 color	Red	Hemangioma/vascular malformation Hemorrhage
	Purple	Hemangioma/vascular malformation
	Orange	Seborrheic keratosis Basal cell carcinoma
	Yellow/white	Seborrheic keratosis, Sebaceous gland hyperplasia
	Skin colored	Congenital nevus (Unna or Miescher nevus) Seborrheic keratosis
	Brown	Congenital nevus, "superficial" or "superficial and deep" Spitz nevus, Congenital nevus (Unna or Miescher nevus)
	Black	Hemangioma, thrombosed, Hemorrhage
	Blue	Basal cell carcinoma

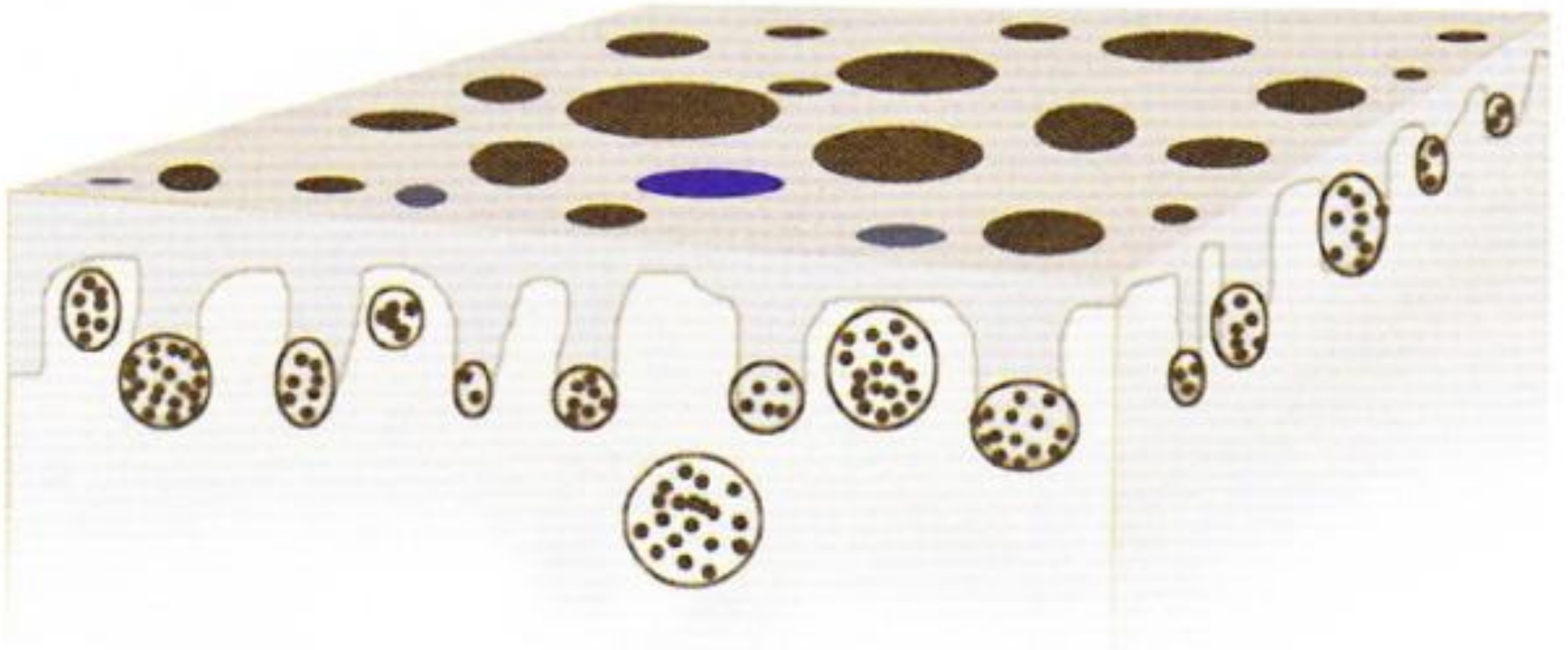


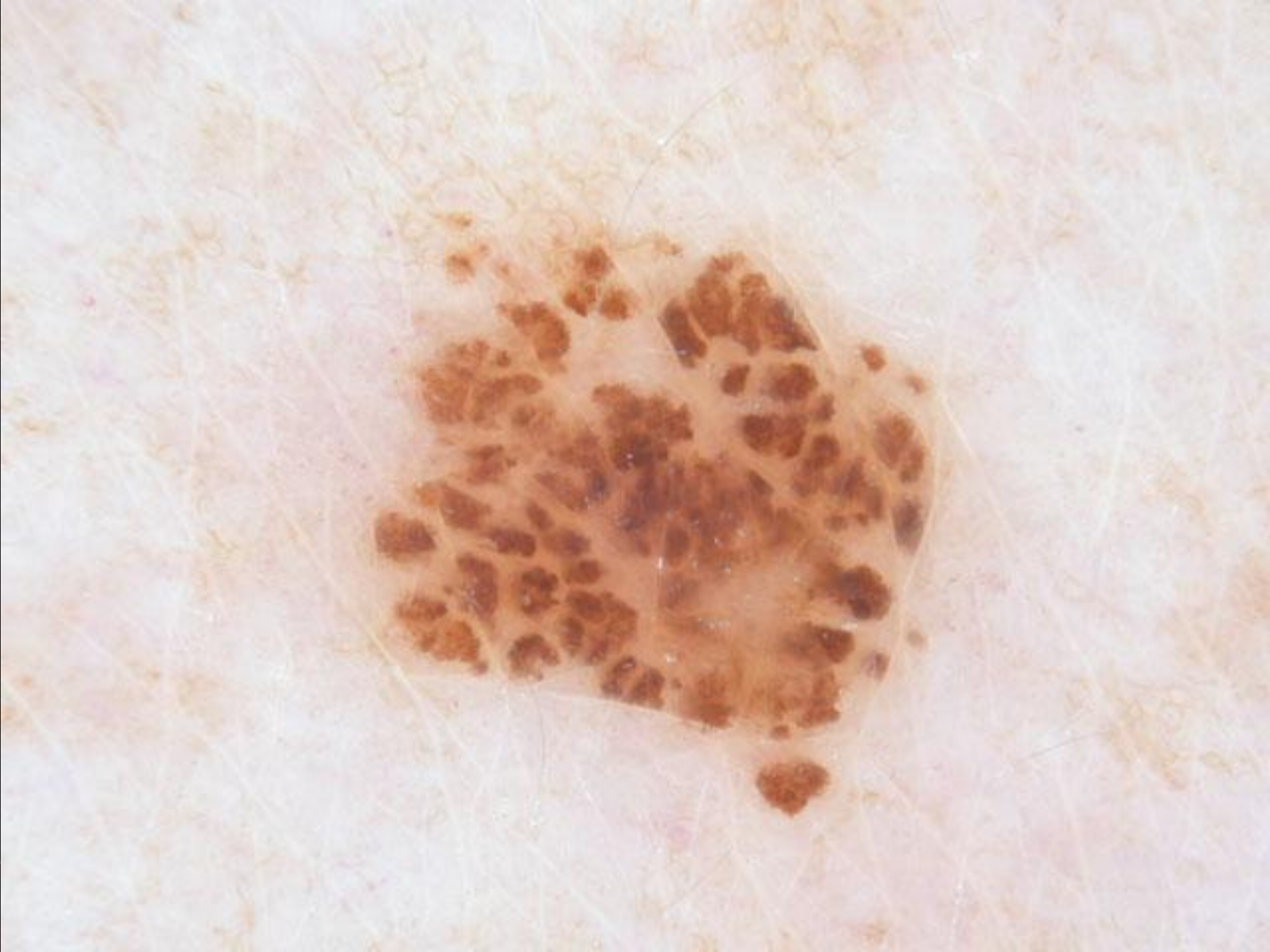




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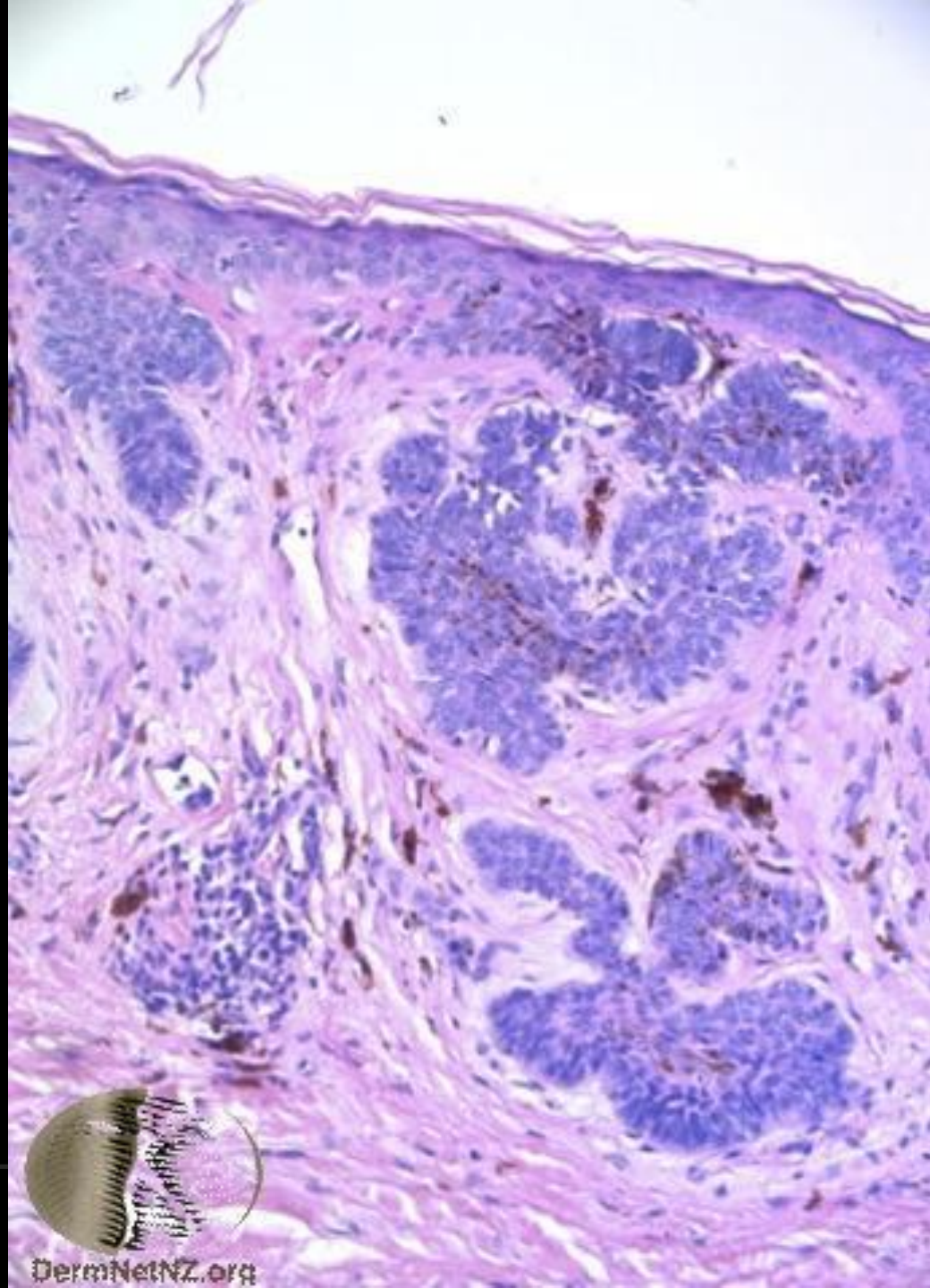








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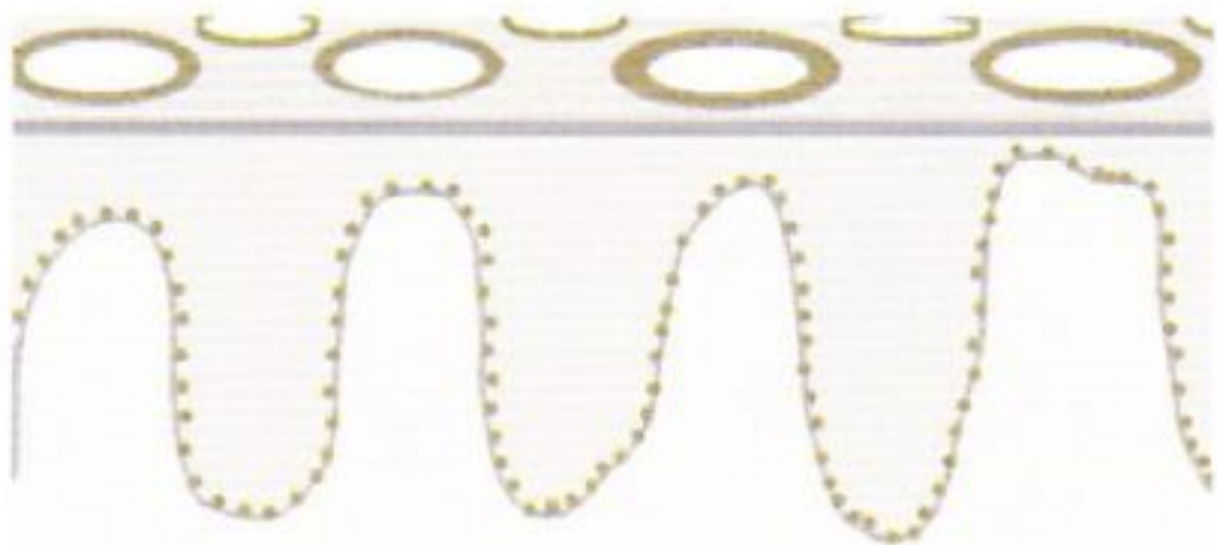


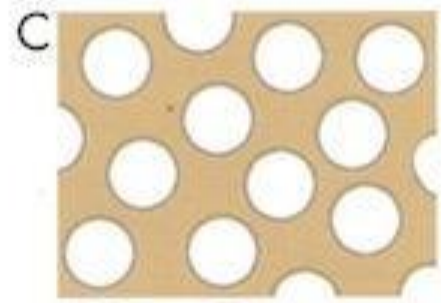
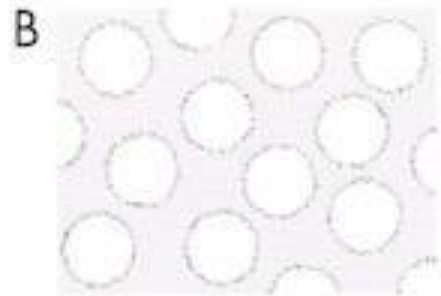
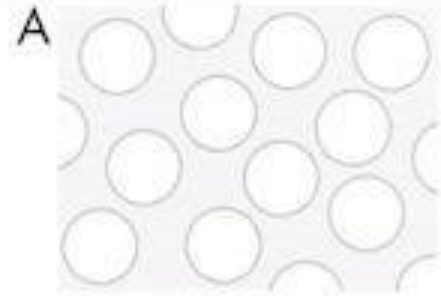
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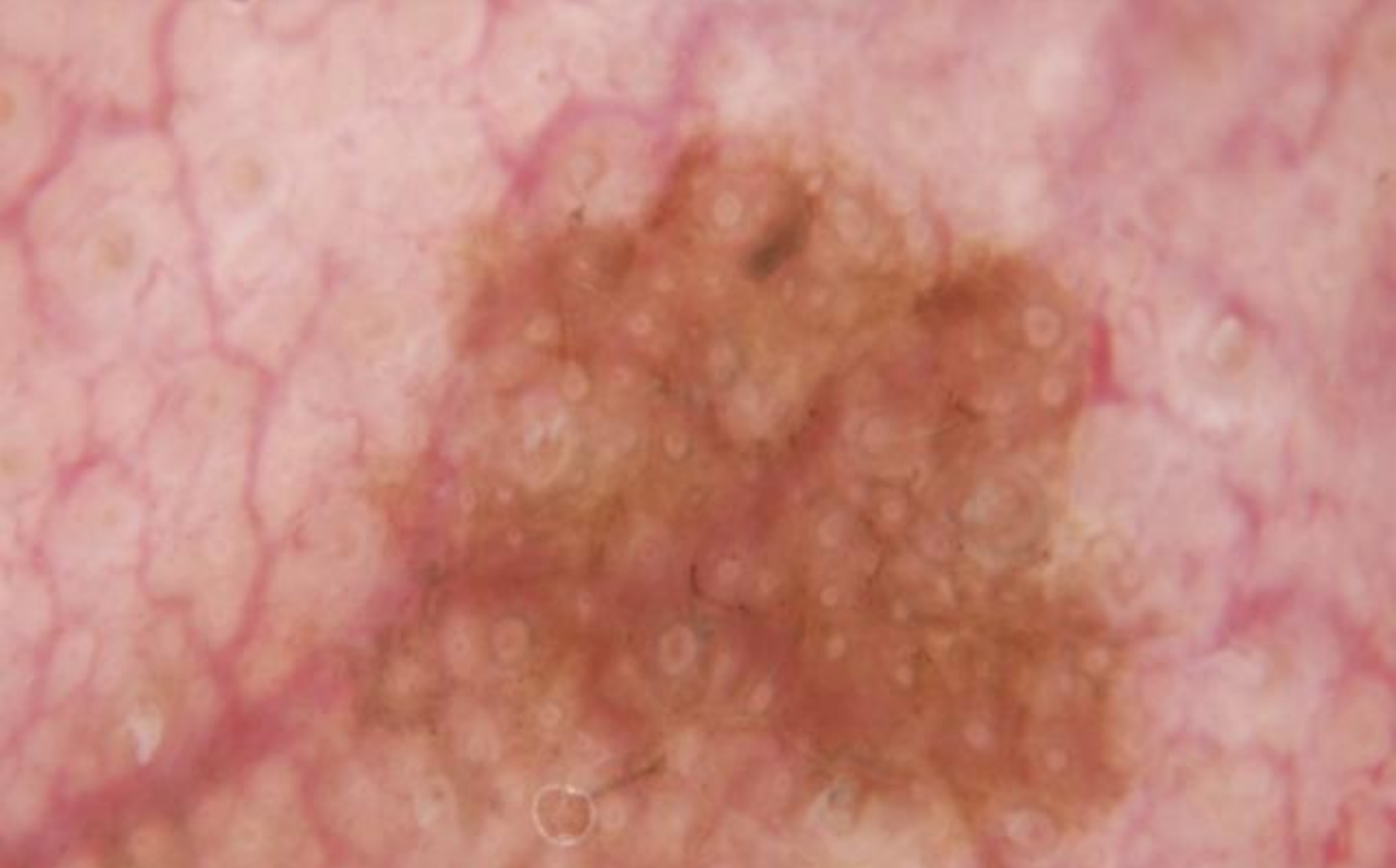
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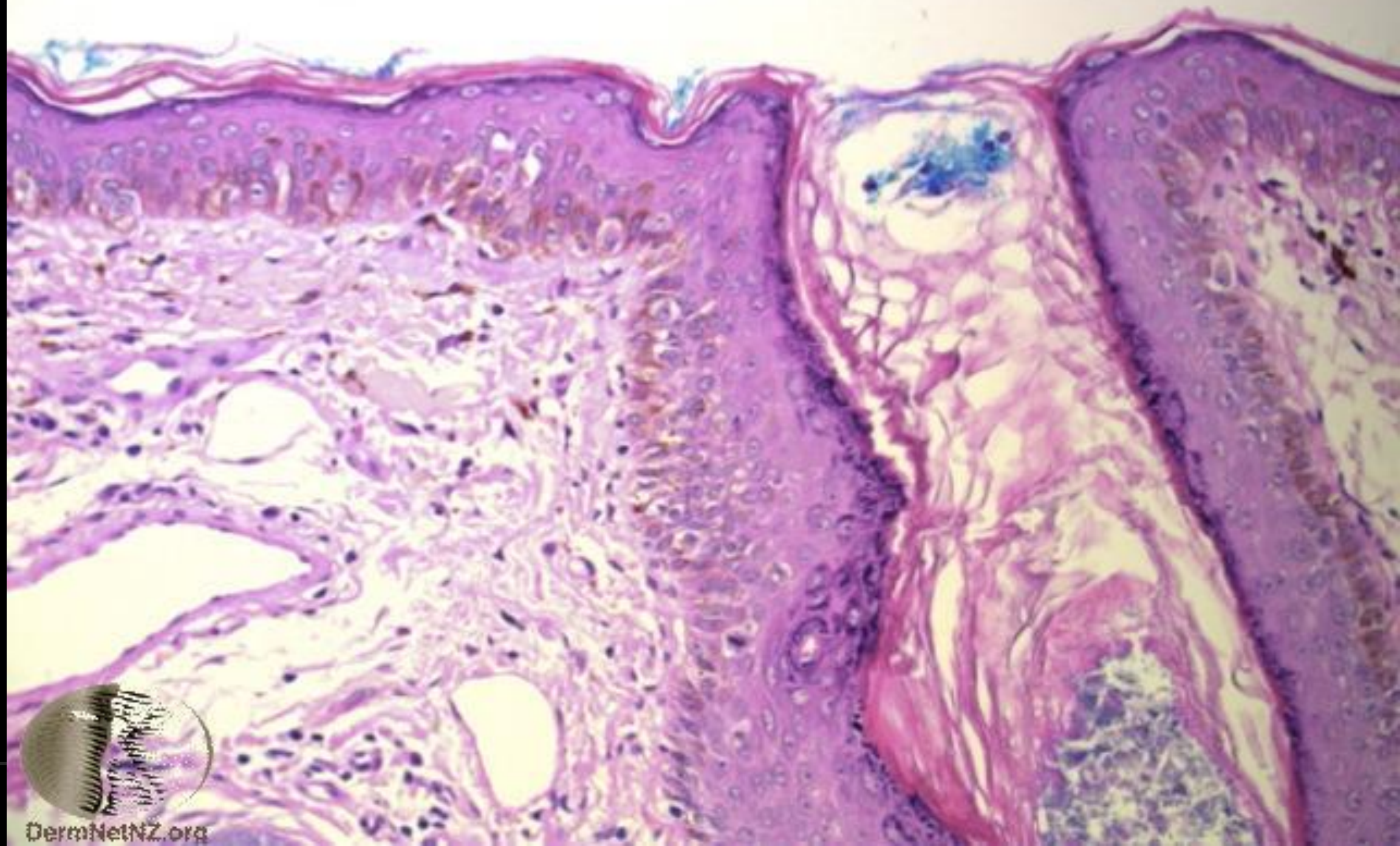


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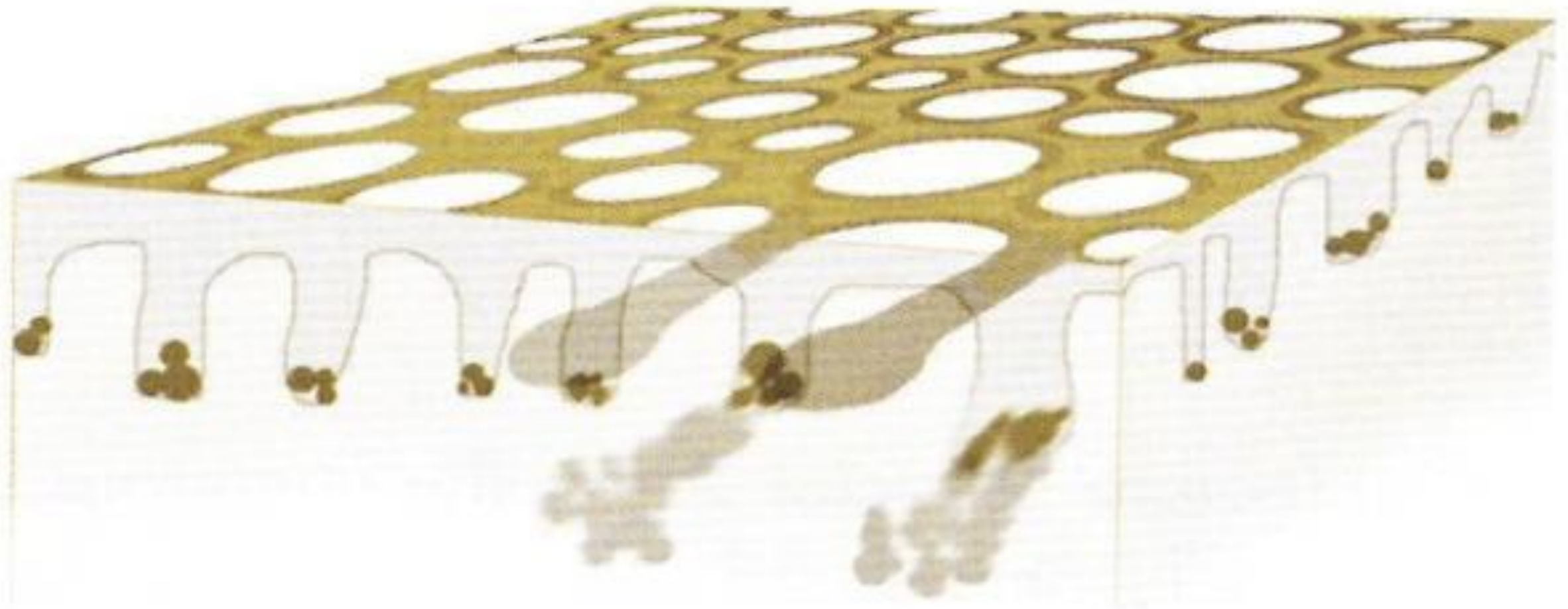






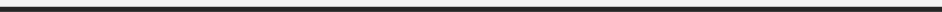






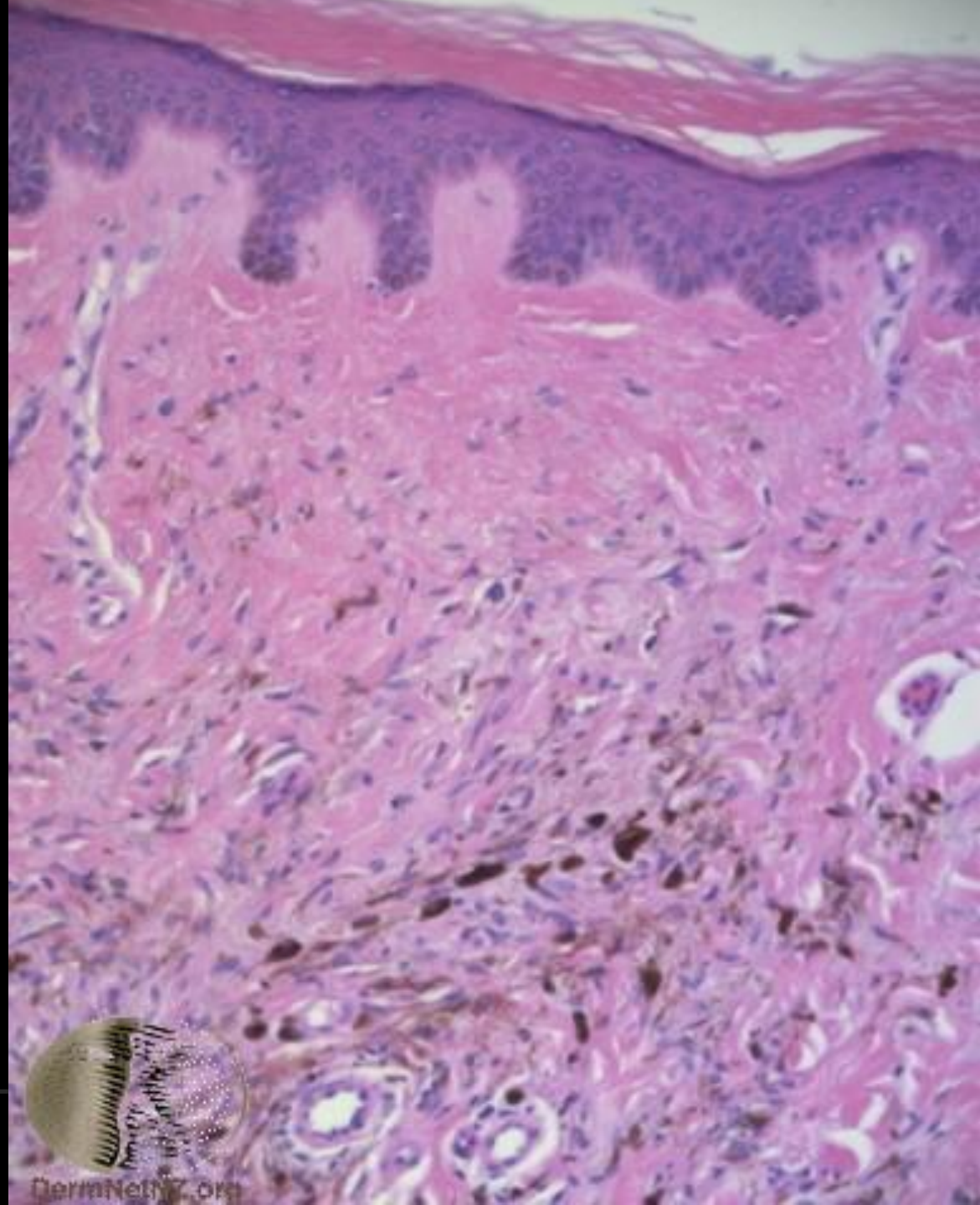
Structureless areas

- Pigment has no relationship to the normal epidermal architecture
- When epidermis is effaced or rete are absent




Structureless 1 color	Black	Hemorrhage Hemangioma, thrombosed (Reed nevus) (Melanoma)
	Blue	Blue nevus (Melanoma metastasis)
	Brown	Solar lentigo/seborrheic keratosis Bowen's disease, pigmented Congenital nevus (Clark nevus)
	Red	Hemorrhage





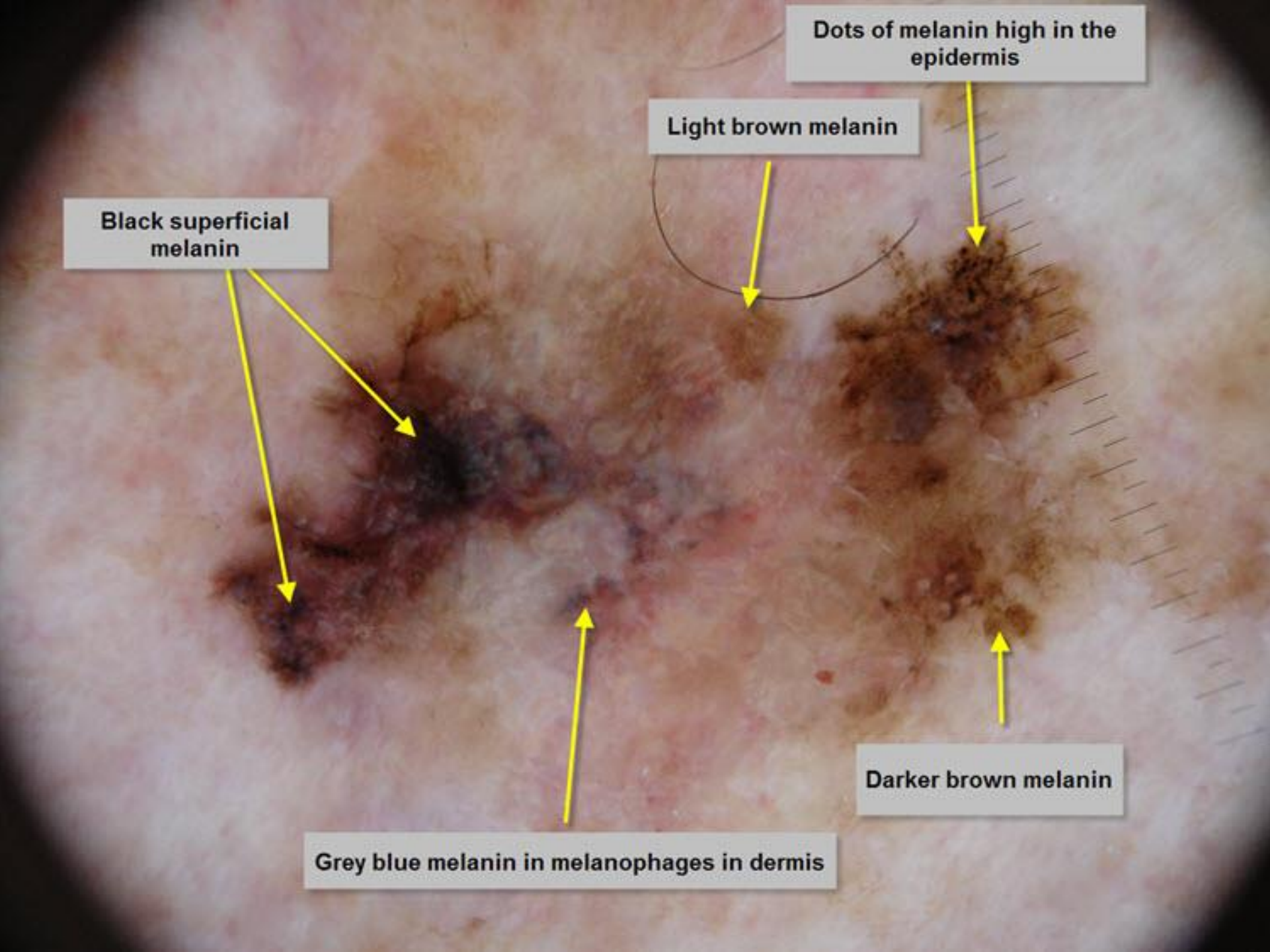
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Clues to diagnosis in dermatoscopy

- Analysis of pattern and colour to arrive at a differential diagnosis
 - Pattern recognition
 - Pattern,
 - Arrangement of a pattern/colour,
 - A feature too localised to form a pattern,
 - Absence of a feature,
 - Vascular pattern
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What colours do you see?





Black superficial melanin

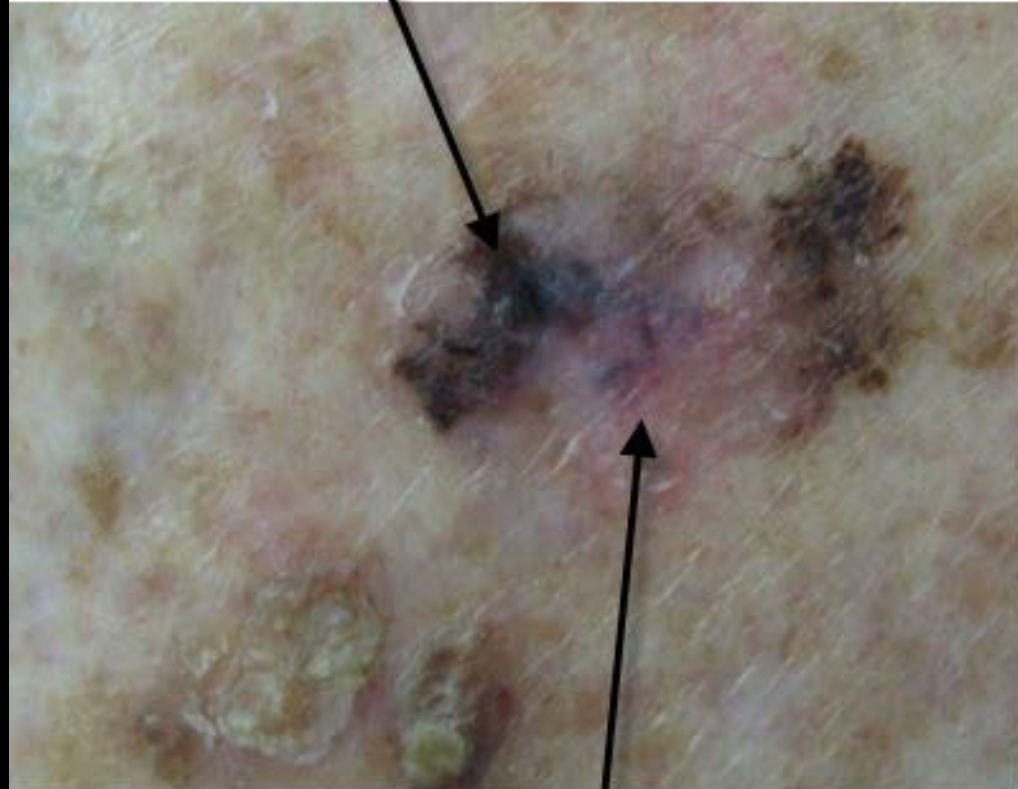
Light brown melanin

Dots of melanin high in the epidermis

Darker brown melanin

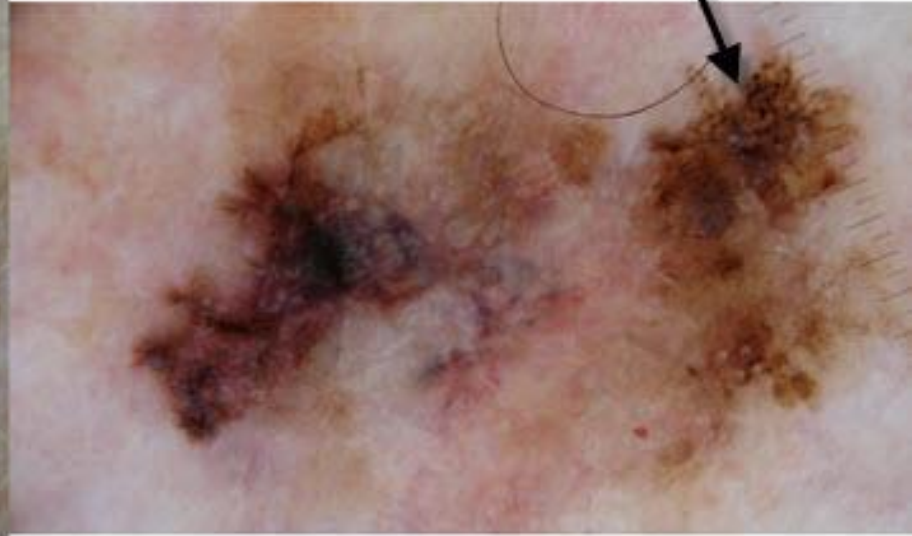
Grey blue melanin in melanophages in dermis

**Melanocytes
invading the
epidermis = black**

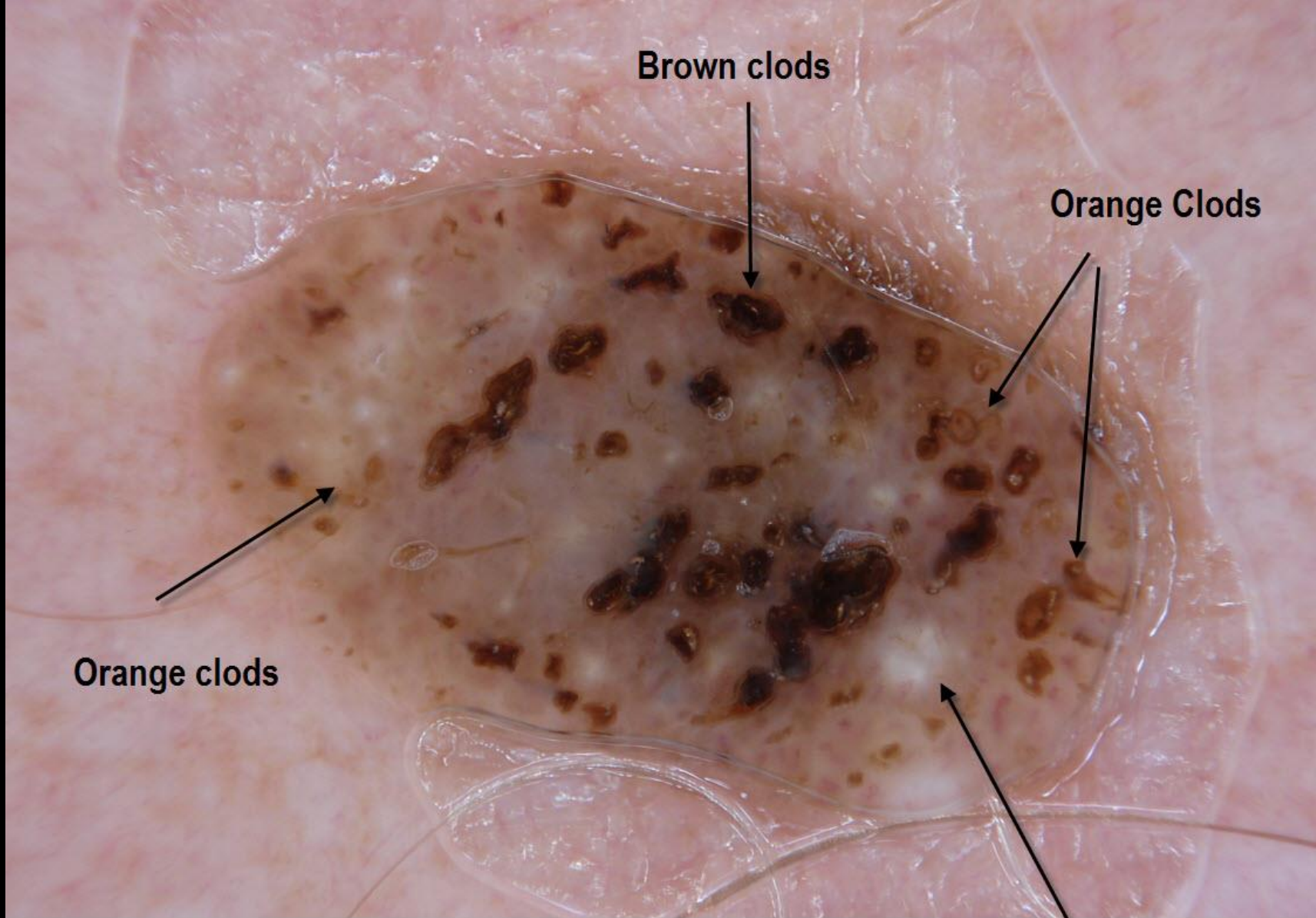


**Regression
clinically = Grey
dots**

**Nests of melanocytes on the
rete ridges = brown**



**Invasive melanoma 0.4 mm
thick with regression**



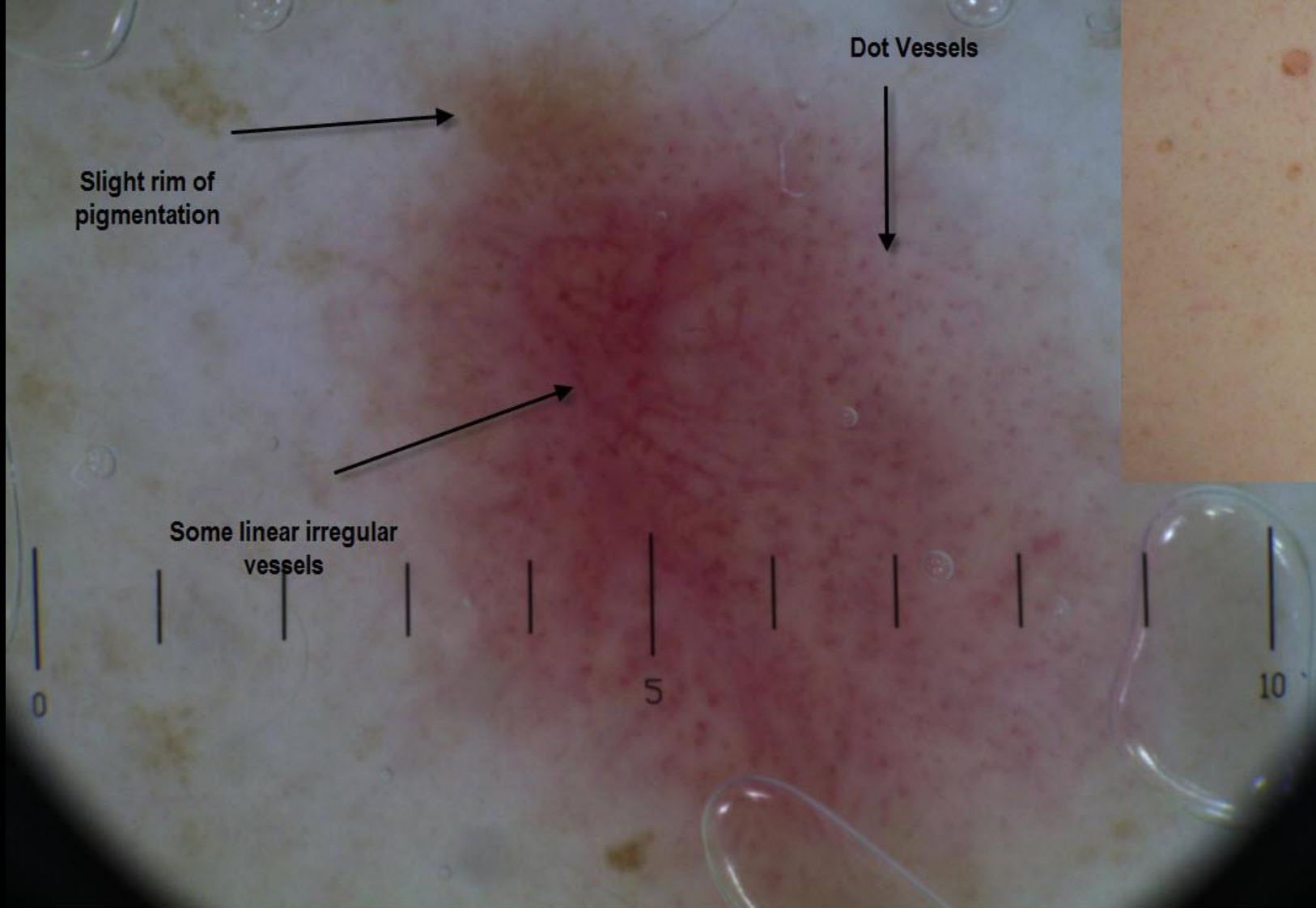
Brown clods

Orange Clods

Orange clods

Seborrheic Keratosis

White clods

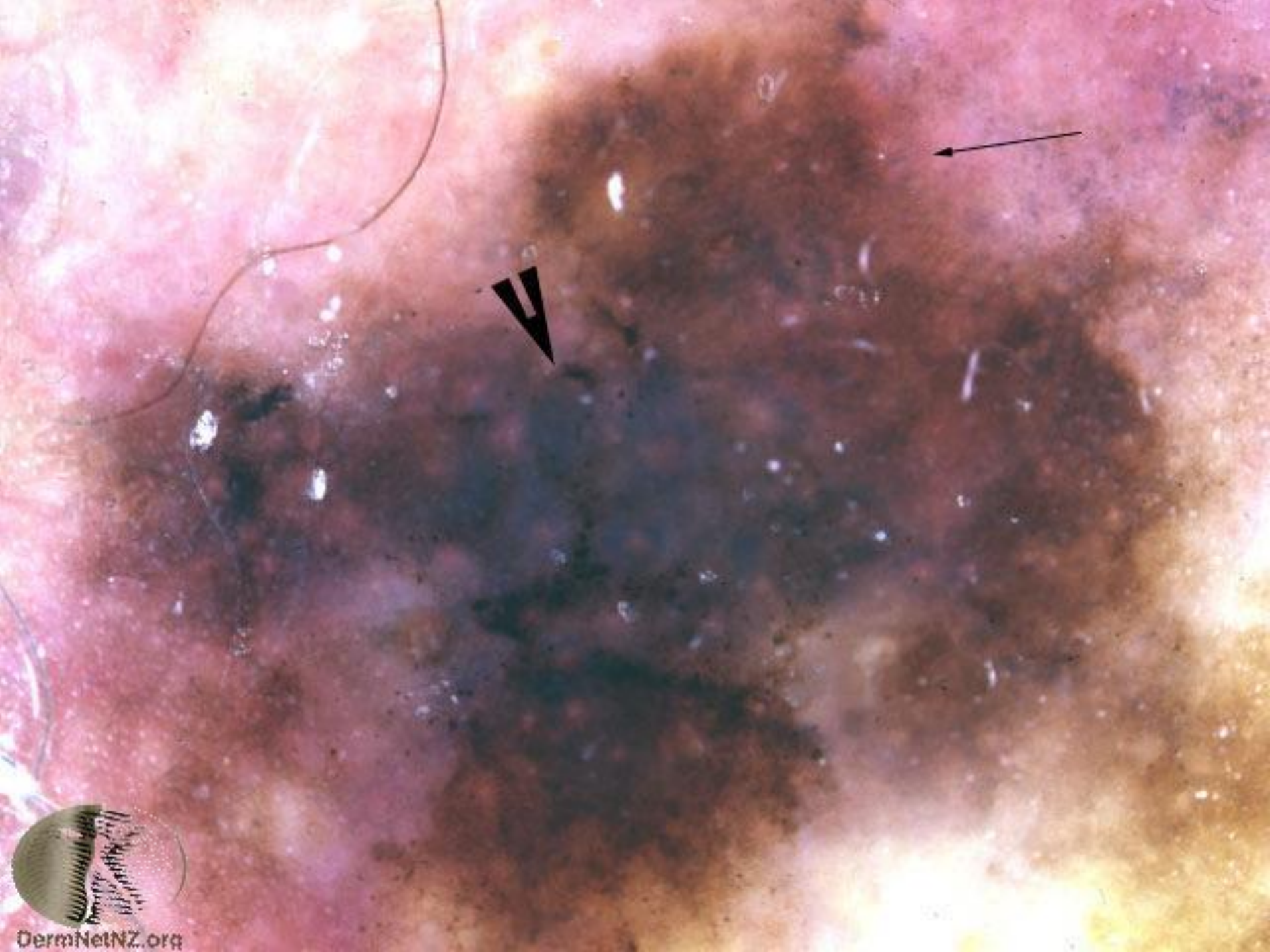


New pink lesion on the back

This was a Clark level 2 , 0.3mm thick virtually amelanotic melanoma





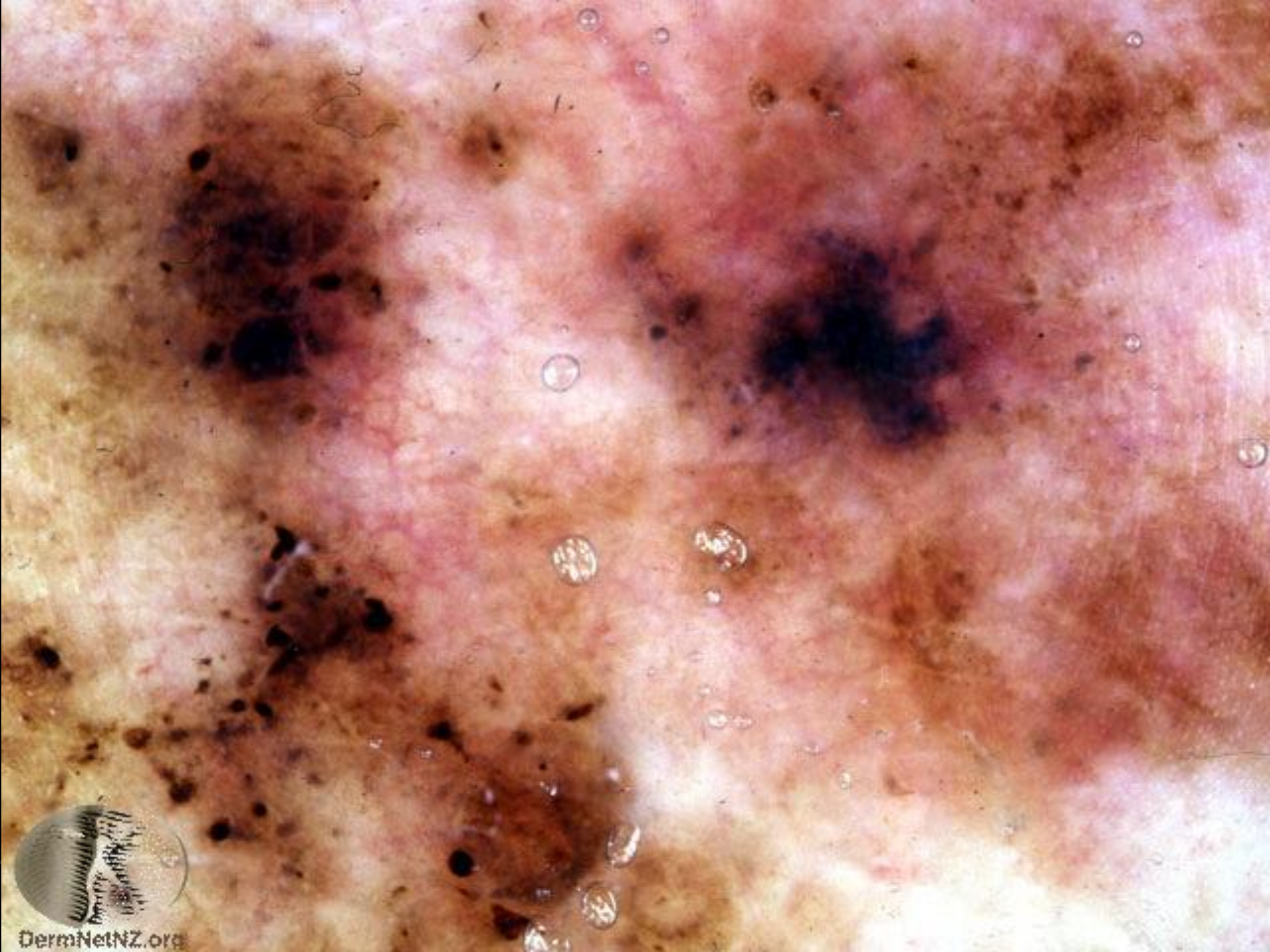


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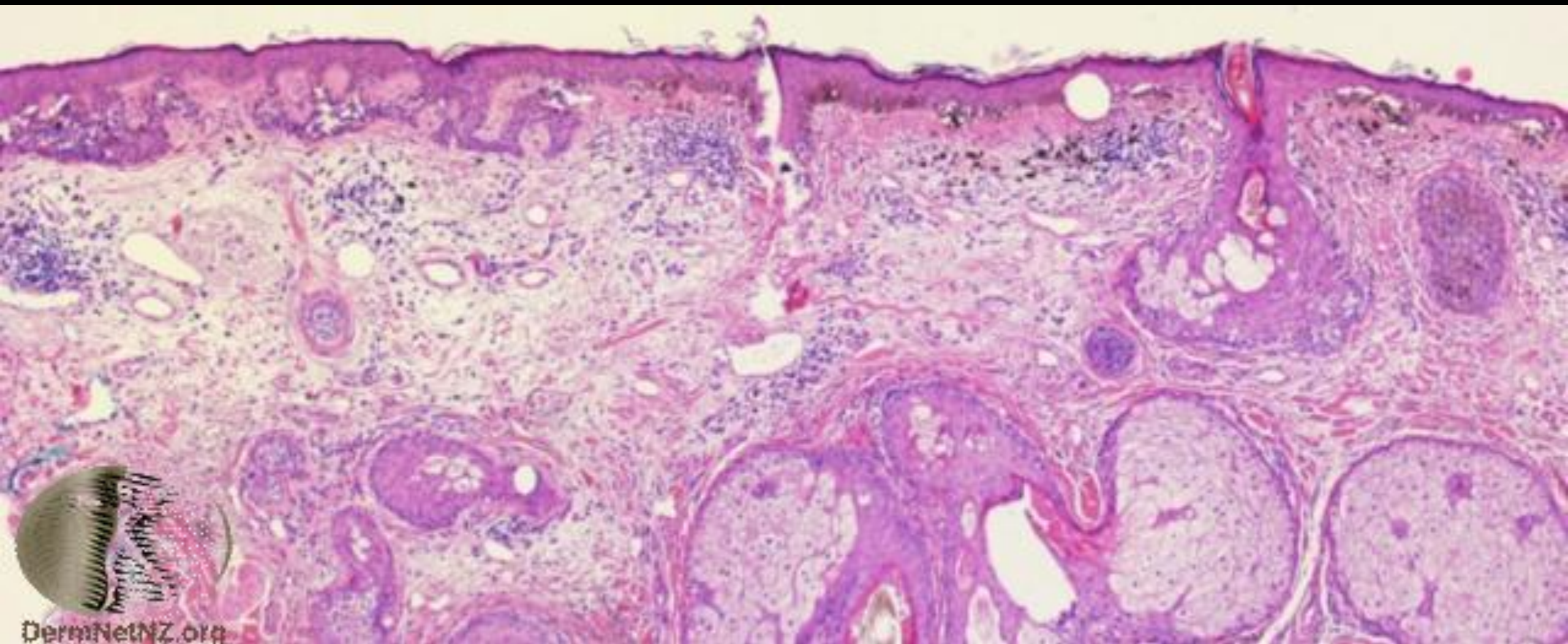


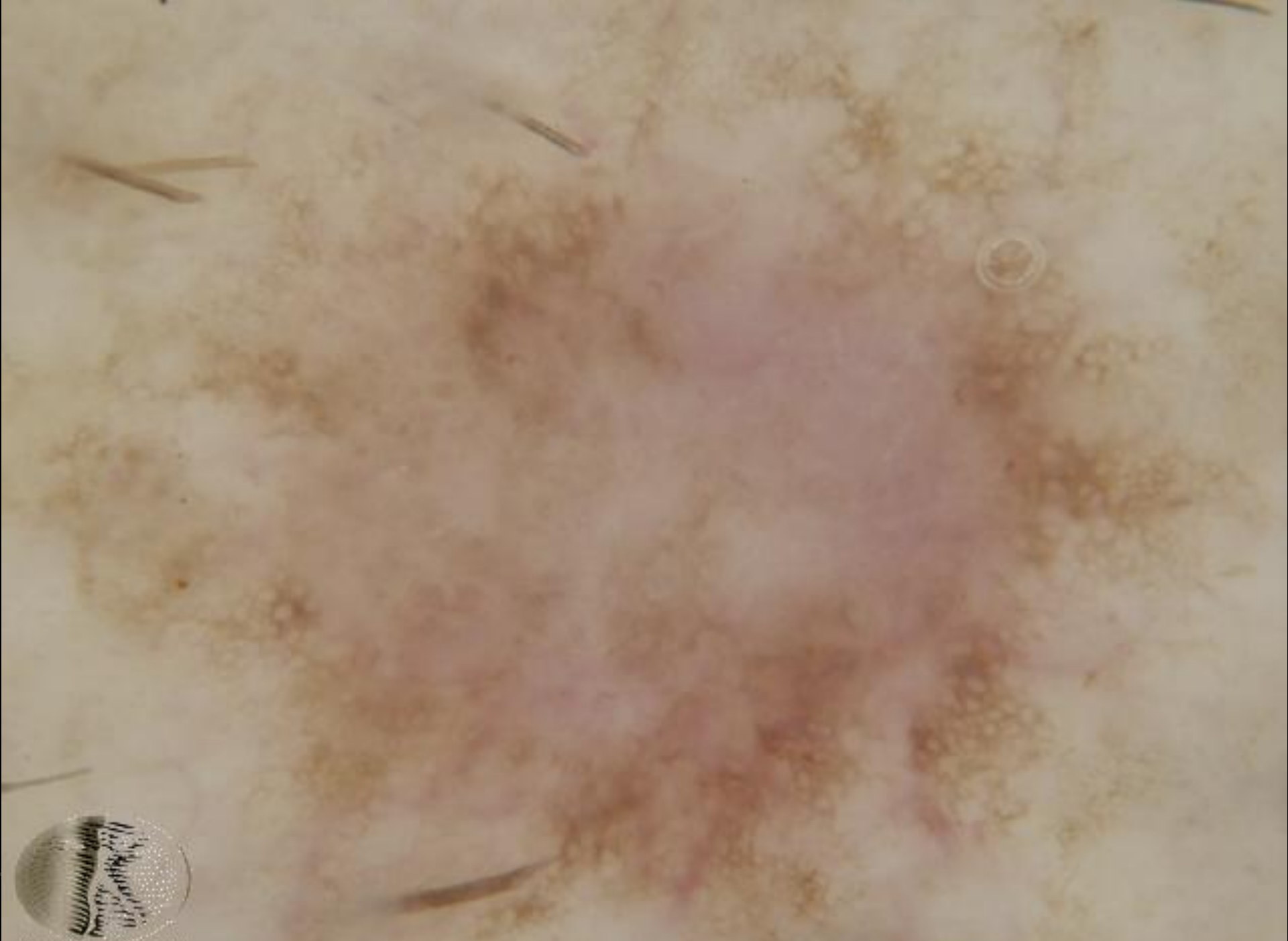
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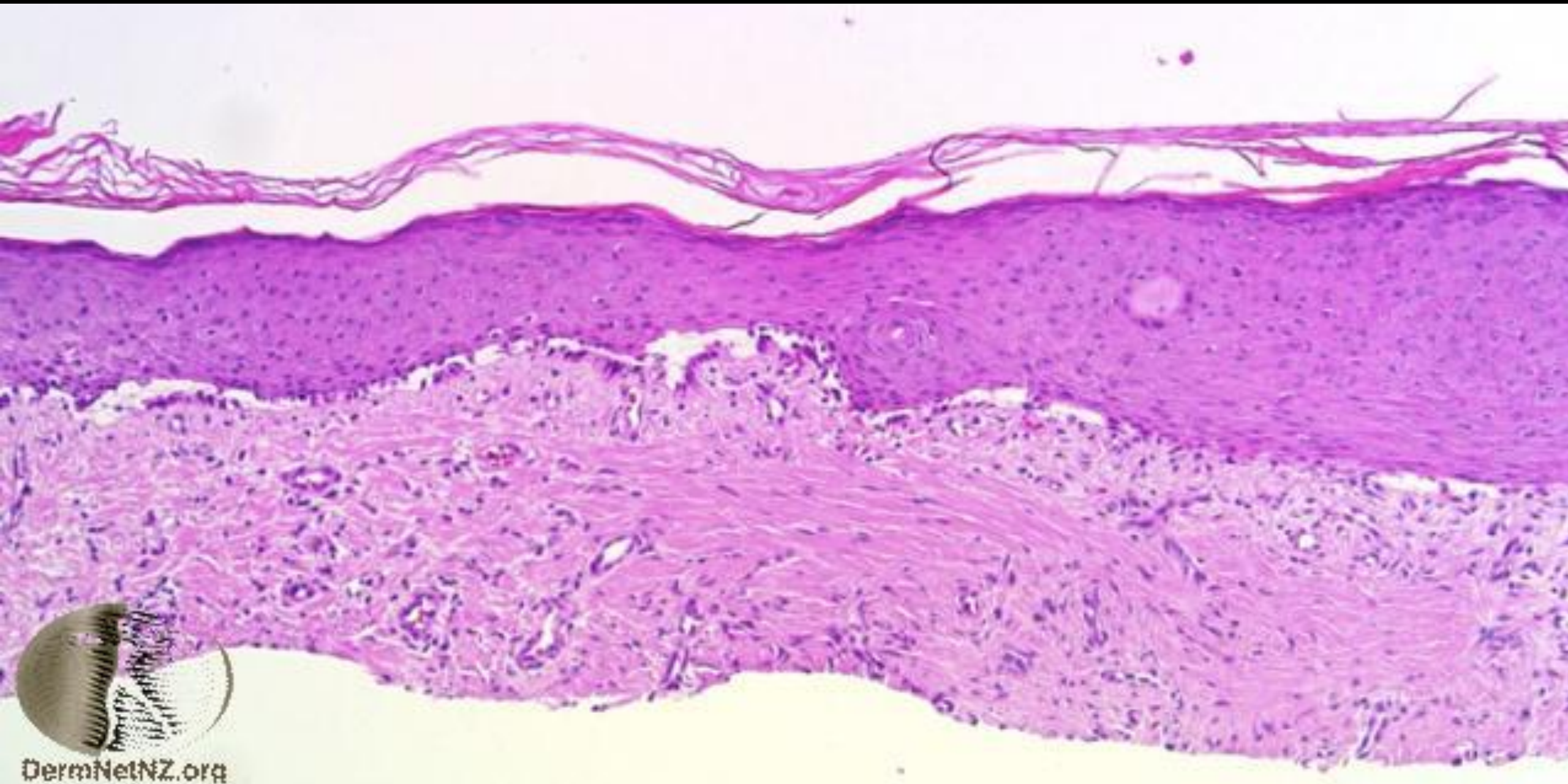


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**"I don't know what these dots are ...
but ya mind if I connect 'em?"**