

NTP Nonneoplastic Lesion Atlas

Liver – Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule

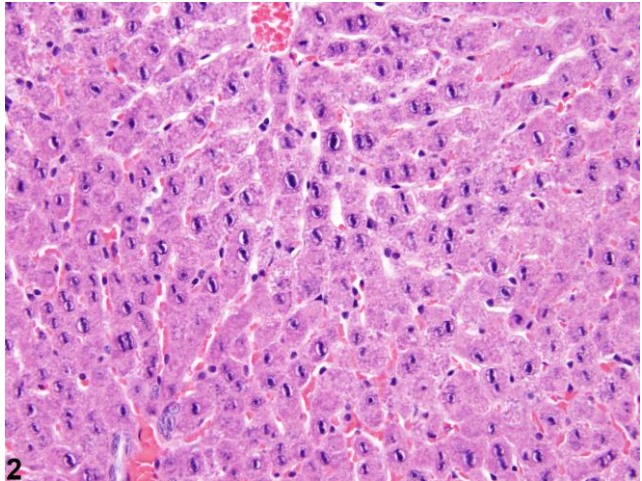
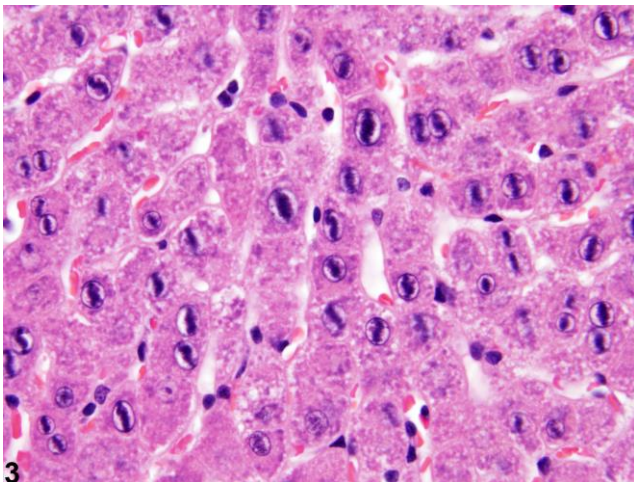
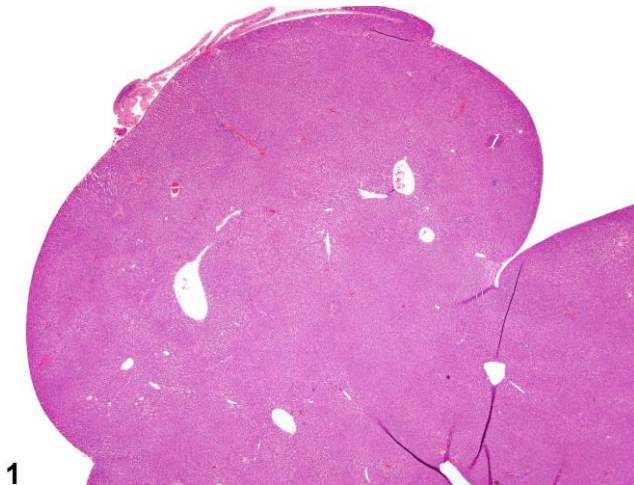
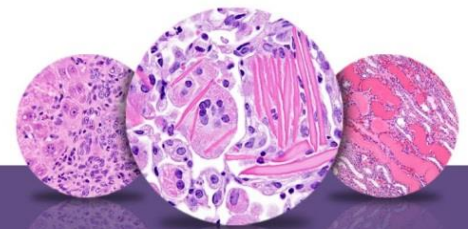


Figure Legend: **Figure 1** Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule in a female F344/N rat from a subchronic study. **Figure 2** Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule in a female F344/N rat from a subchronic study. Note the linear chromatin arrangement in the nuclei. **Figure 3** Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule in a female F344/N rat from a subchronic study. Note the linear chromatin arrangement in the nuclei (higher magnification of Figure 2).

Comment: Protrusion of a portion of the median lobe into the diaphragm represents a congenital lesion in rats of any age and is occasionally seen in mice. This anomaly involves



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both the liver and the diaphragm. The protrusion of the liver does not penetrate the diaphragm but is covered by the thin fibrous tendon of the diaphragm. These nodules typically are not well demarcated and have normal hepatic architecture (Figure 1). Hepatocyte nuclei within the nodule may contain linear chromatin arrangements resembling nuclear profiles seen in Anitschkow myocytes (Figure 2 and Figure 3).

Recommendation: Although this is a background lesion that occurs sporadically and is not affected by treatment, it is a congenital lesion and should be diagnosed whenever present. These lesions should not be graded.

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