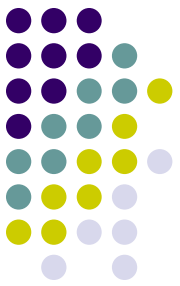


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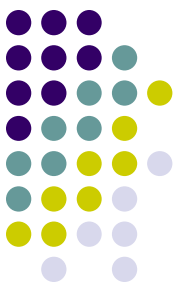
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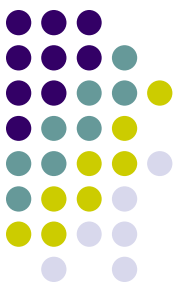
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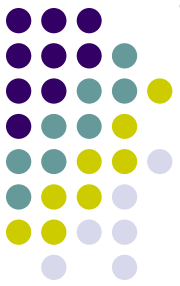
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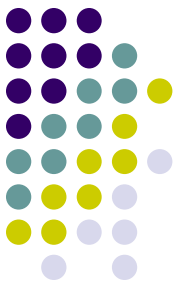
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Purtscher retinopathy: Intraretinal hemorrhage

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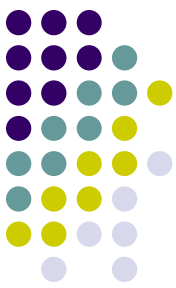
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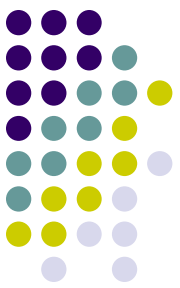
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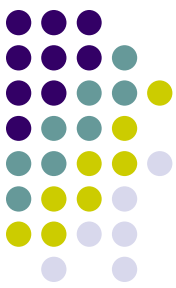
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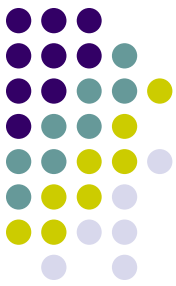
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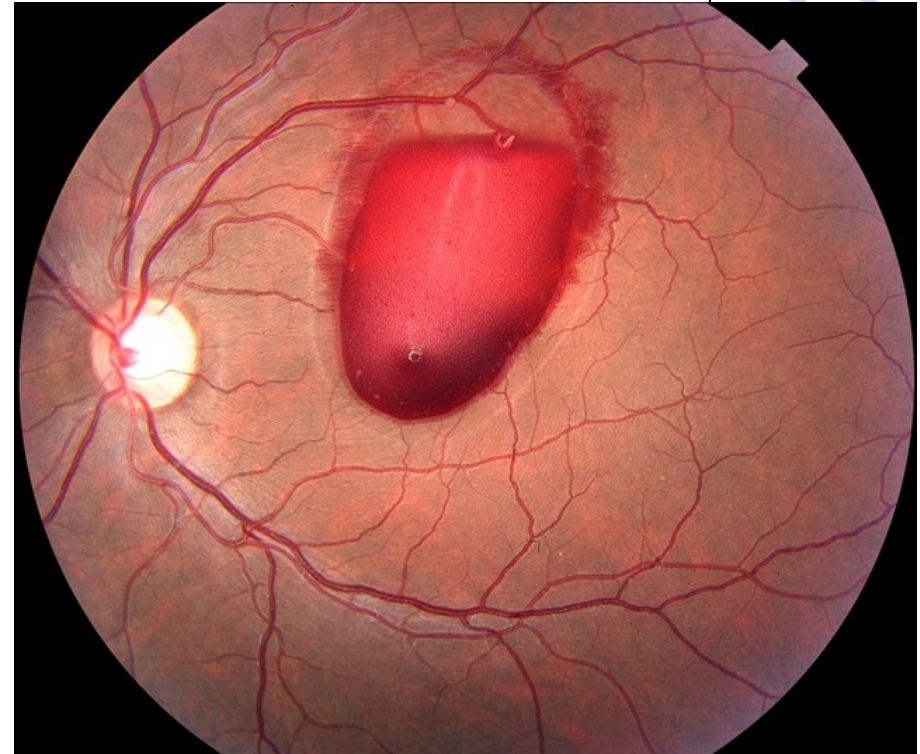
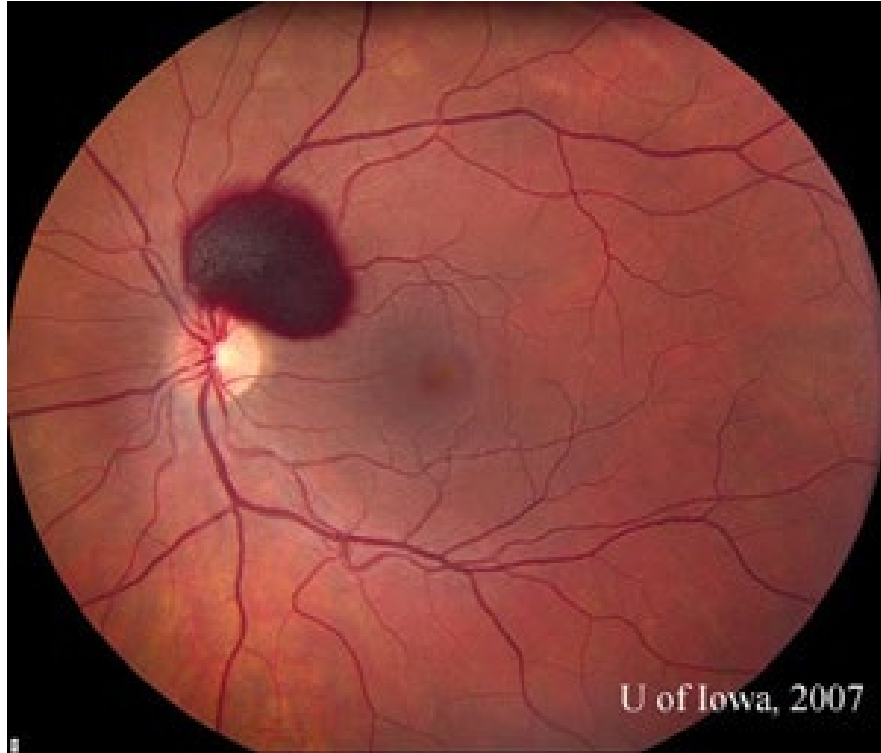
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Valsalva retinopathy: Sub-ILM hemorrhage

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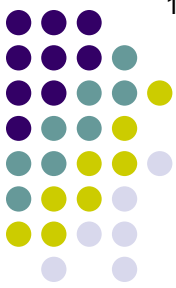
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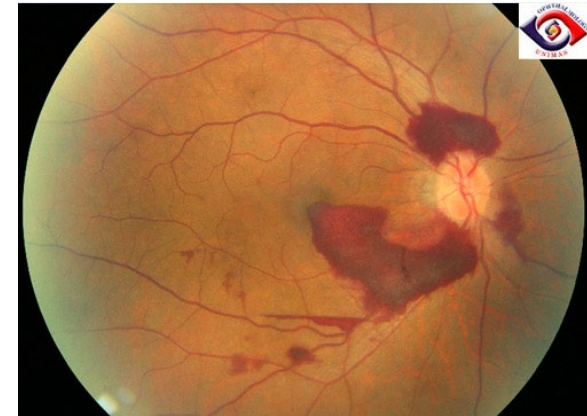
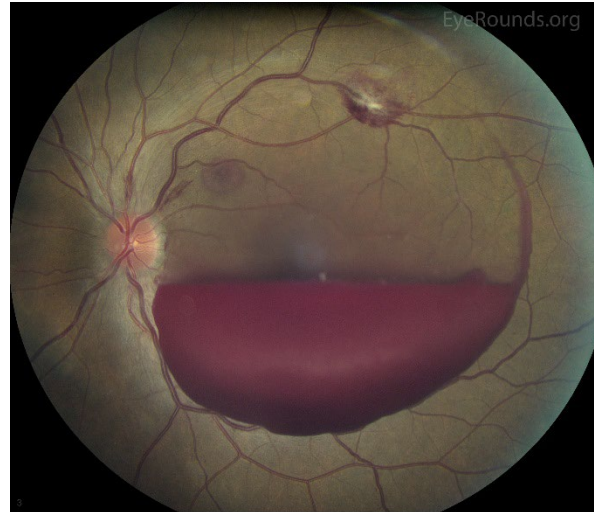
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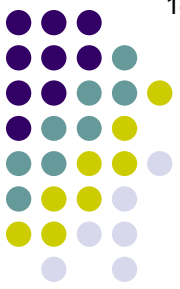


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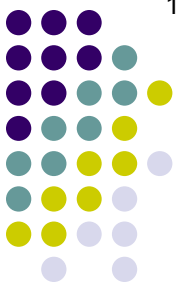
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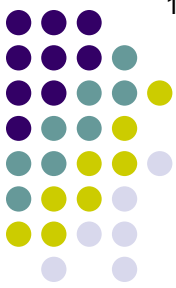


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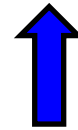
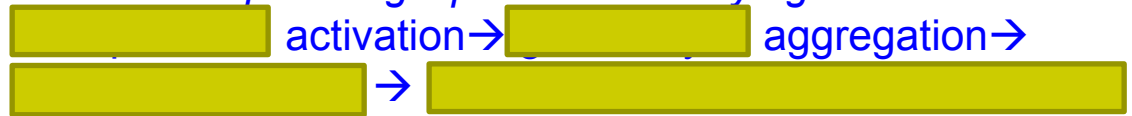


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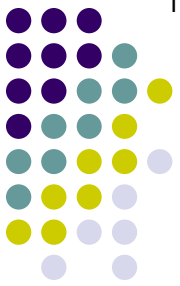


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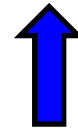
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activation → aggregation →
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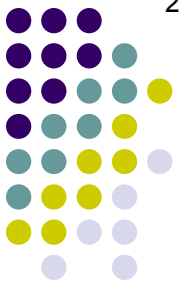


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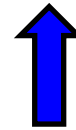
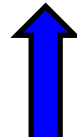
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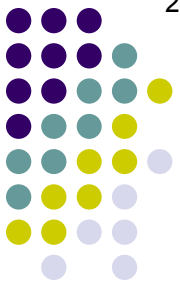


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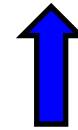
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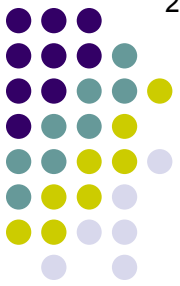


Aggregates of what sort of immune cells form the emboli?

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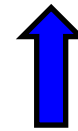
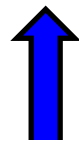
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Leukocyte activation → granulocyte aggregation →
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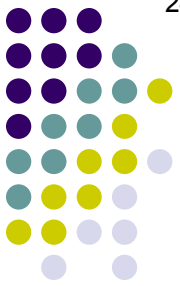
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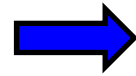
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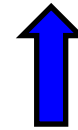


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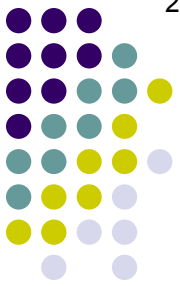


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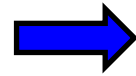
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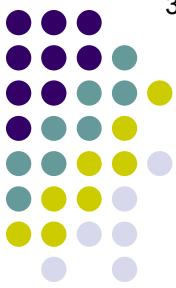
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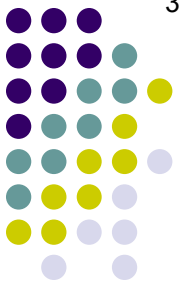
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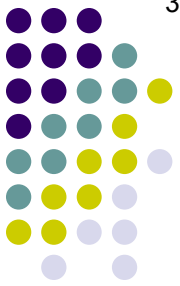


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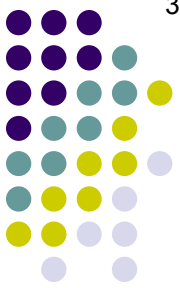
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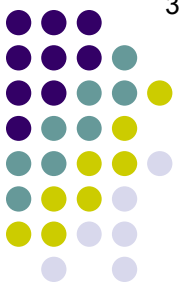


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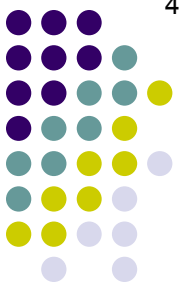
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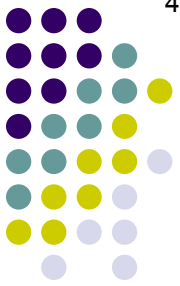
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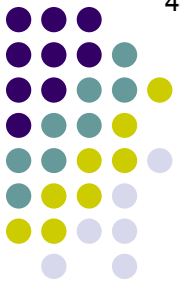
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*How many blood supplies does the retina receive? **Two***

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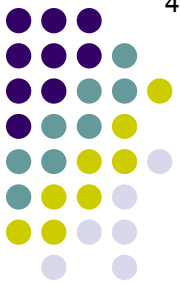
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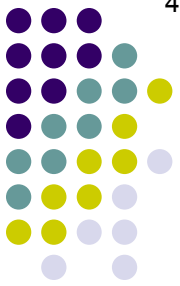
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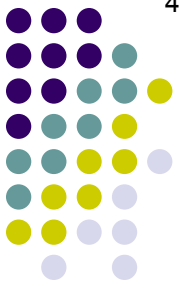
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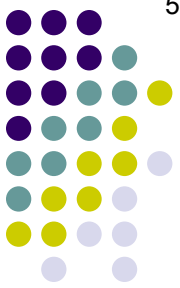
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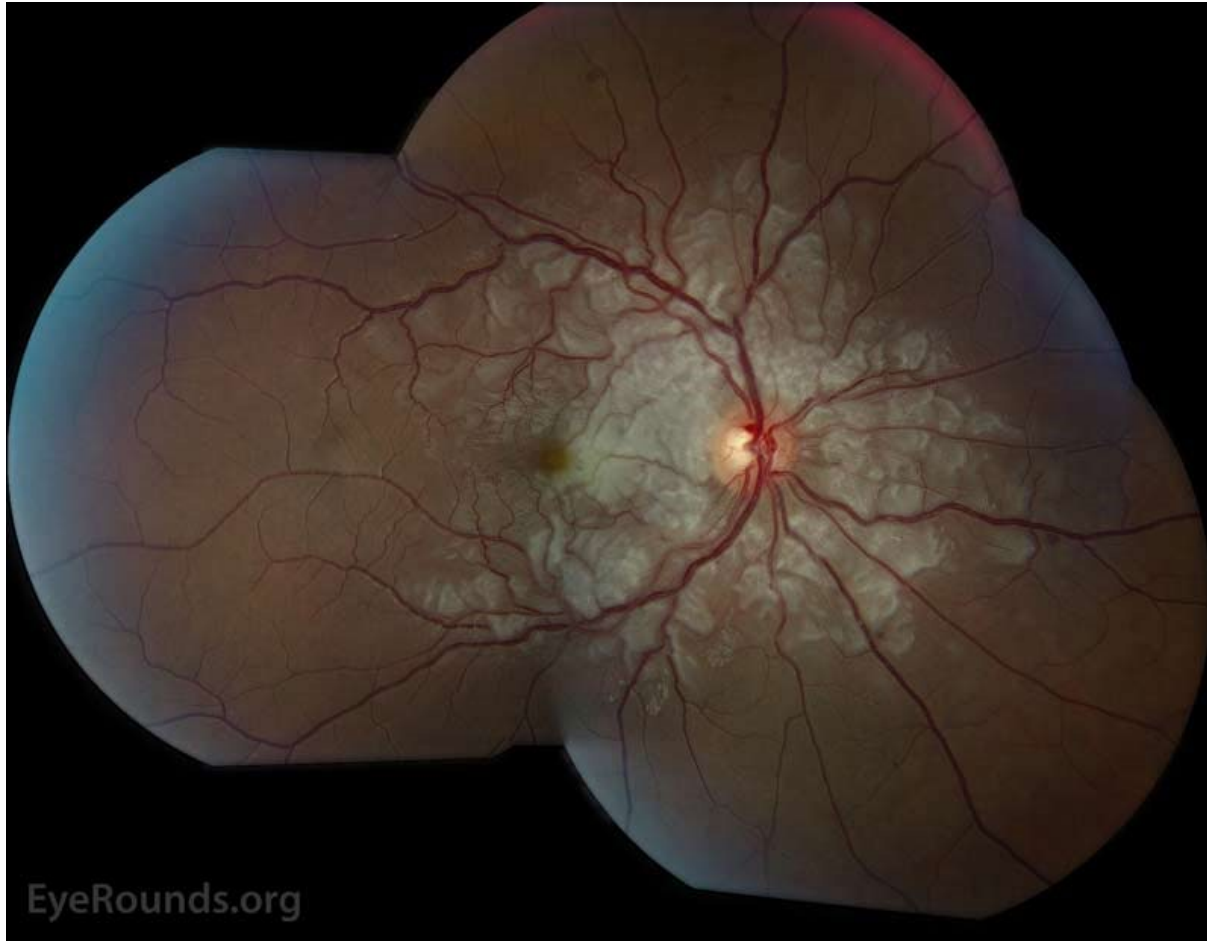
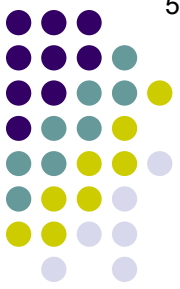
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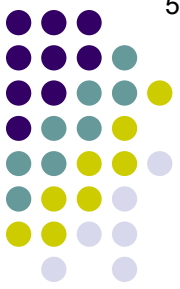
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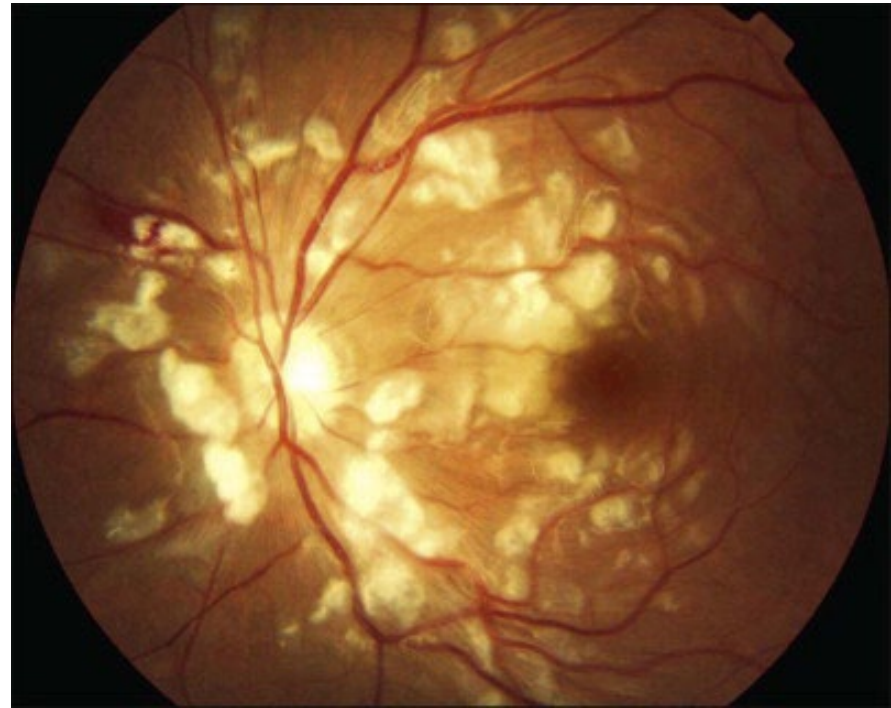


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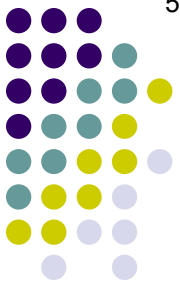
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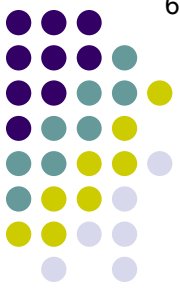
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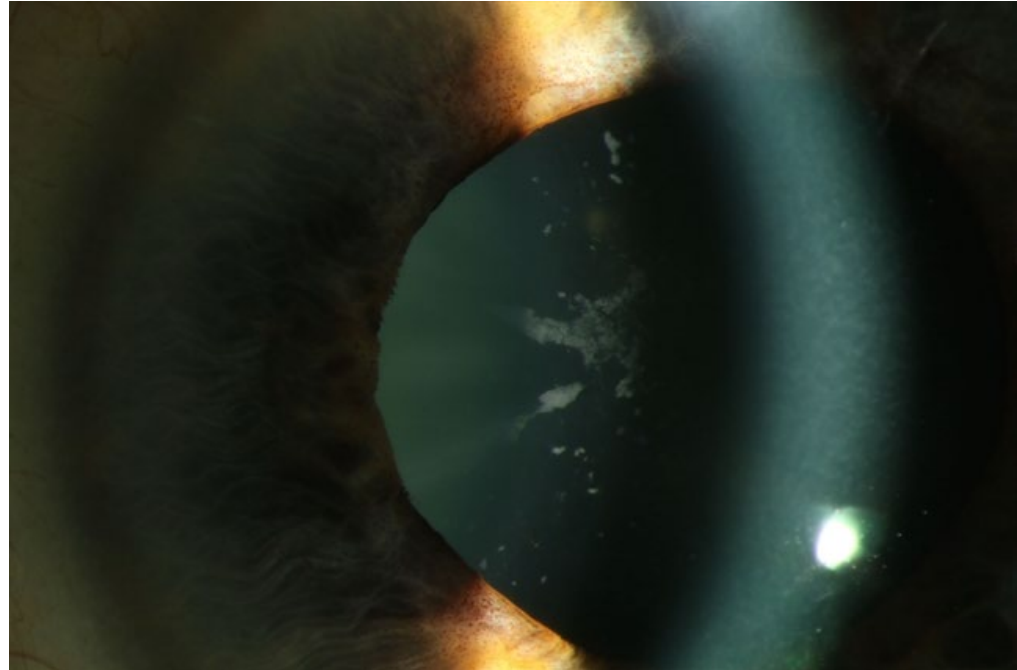
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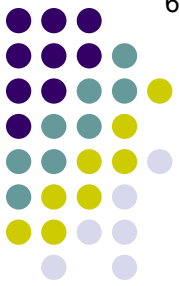
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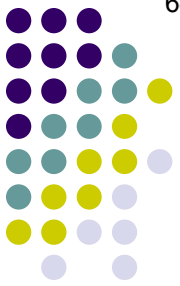
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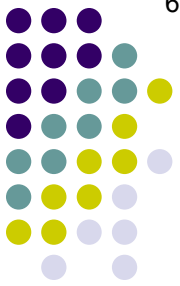
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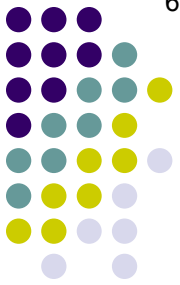
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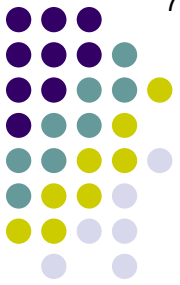
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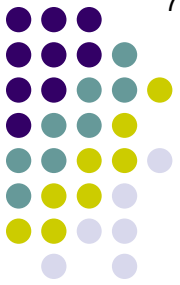
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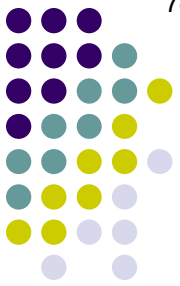


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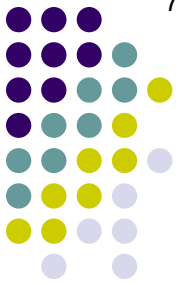
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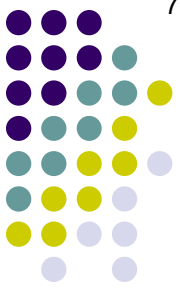


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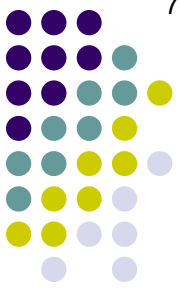
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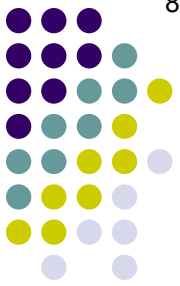
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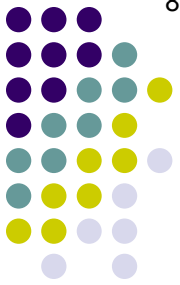
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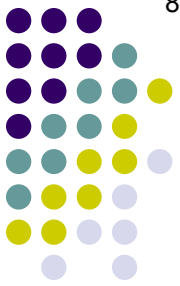
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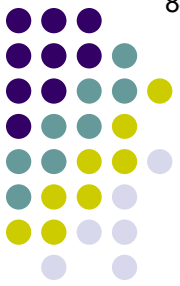
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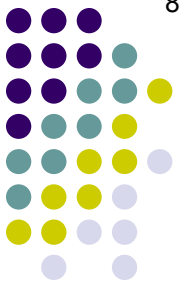


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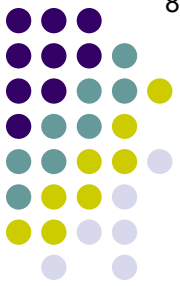
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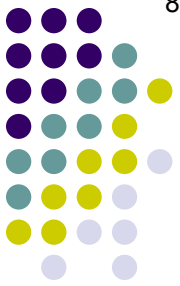
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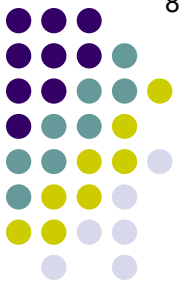
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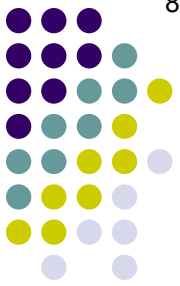


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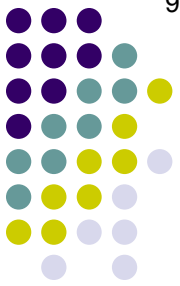
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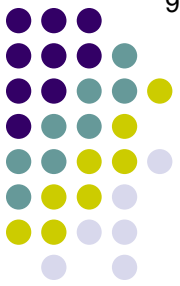
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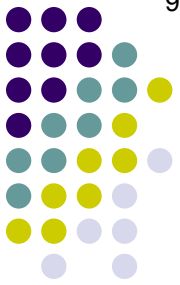
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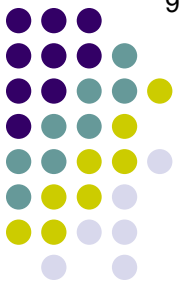


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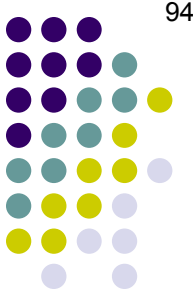
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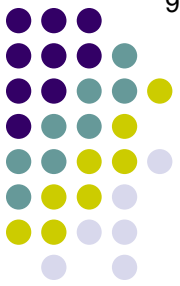
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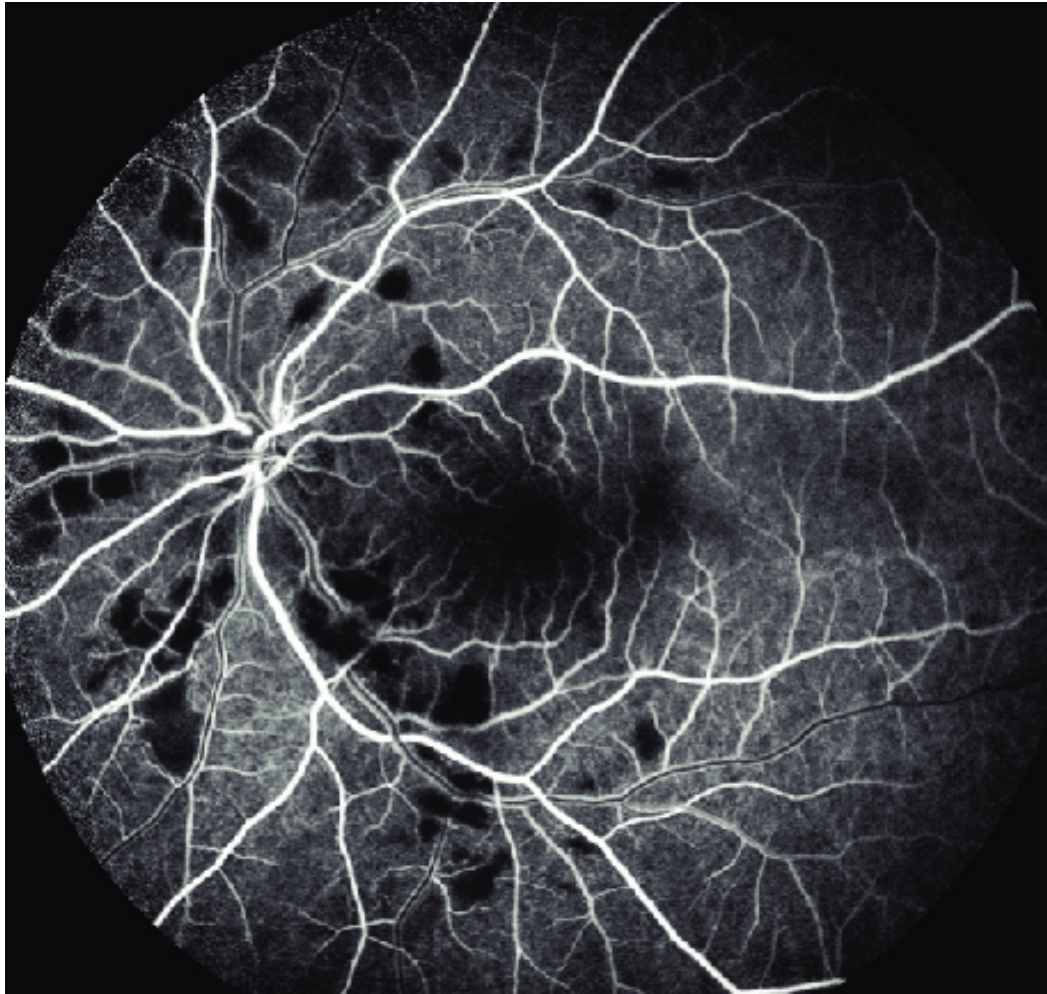
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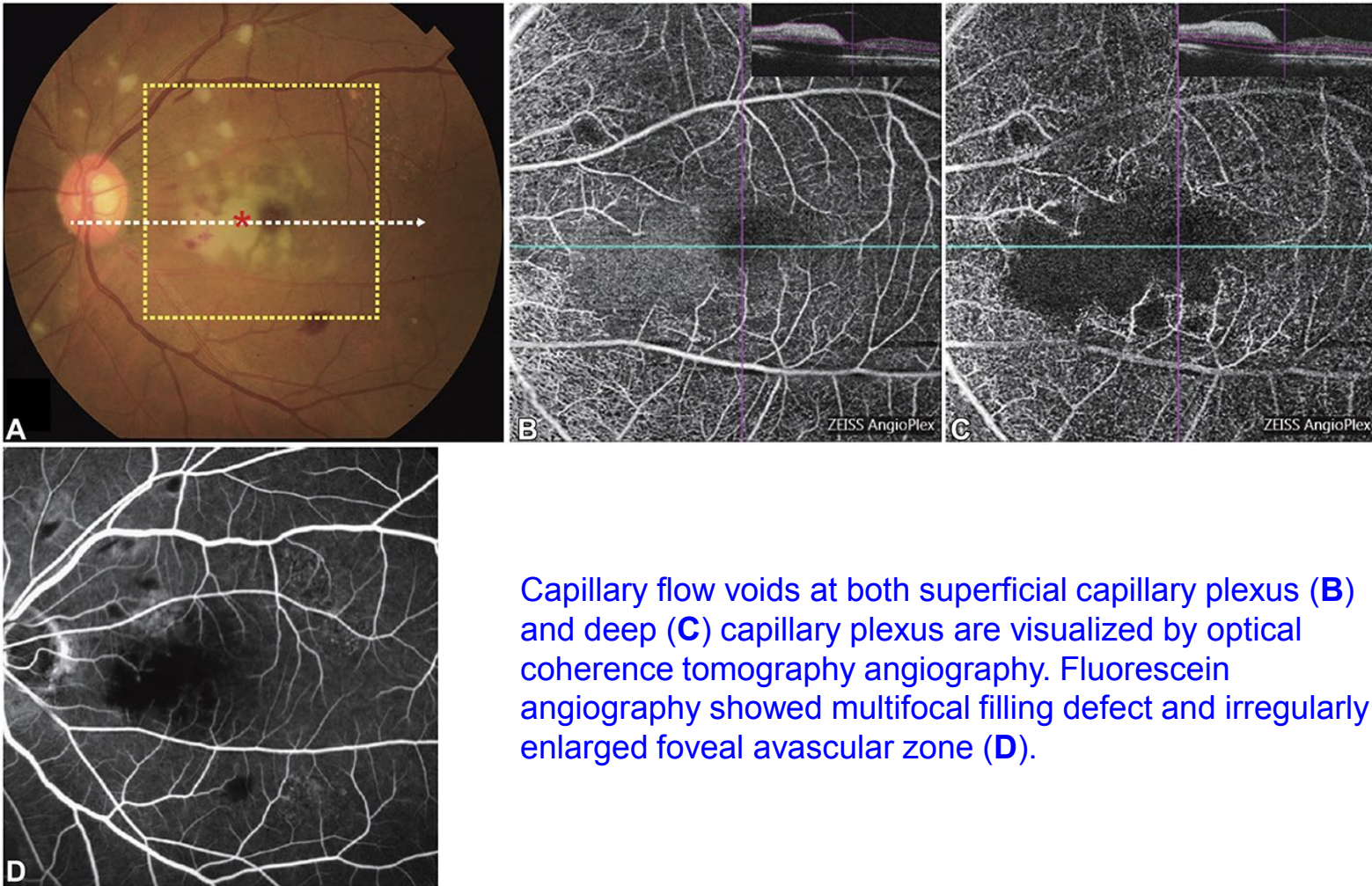
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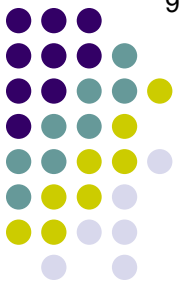


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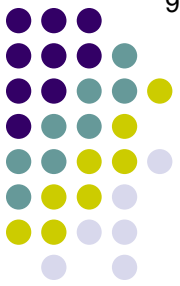
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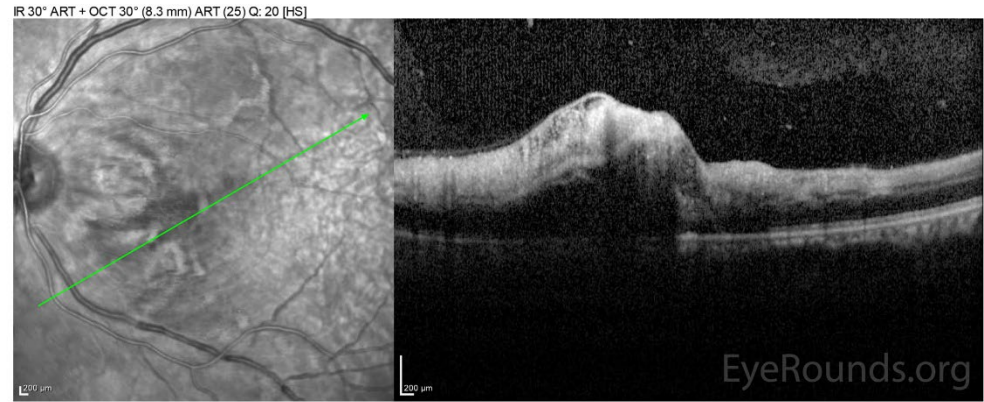
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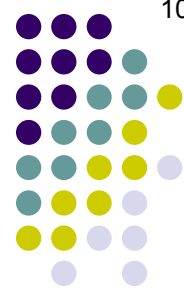
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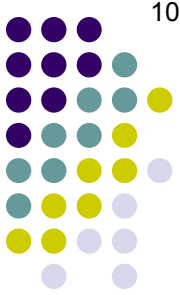
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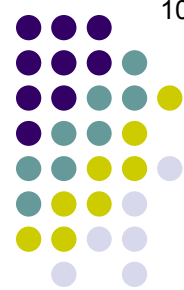
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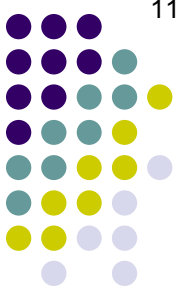
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