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A study in dissertations

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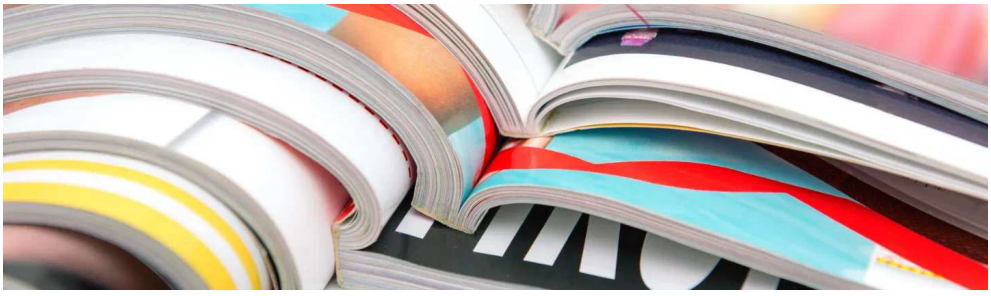


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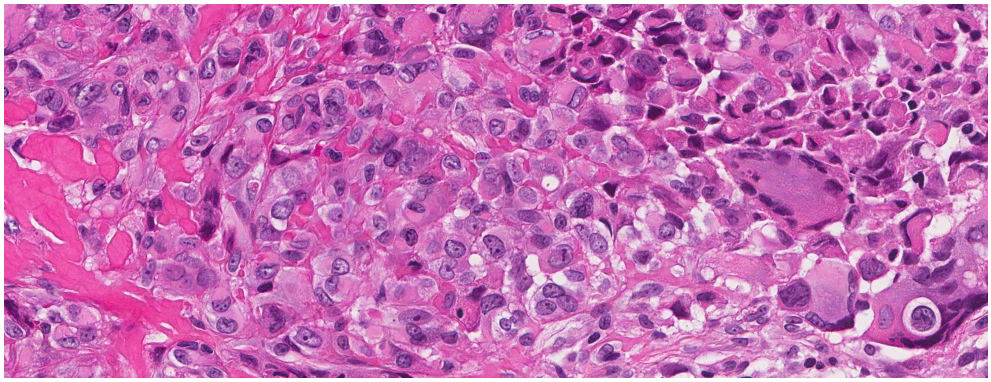


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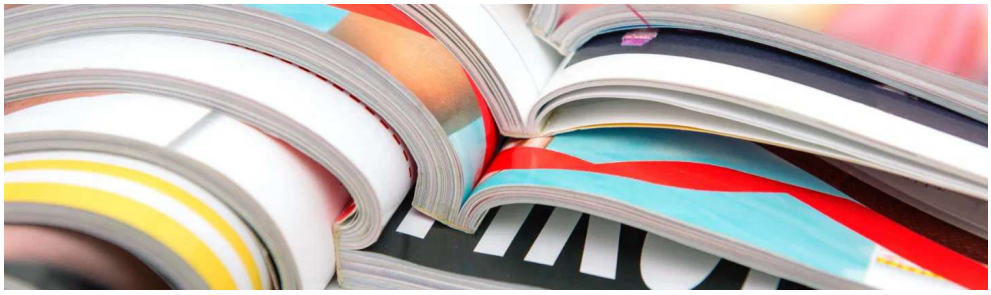


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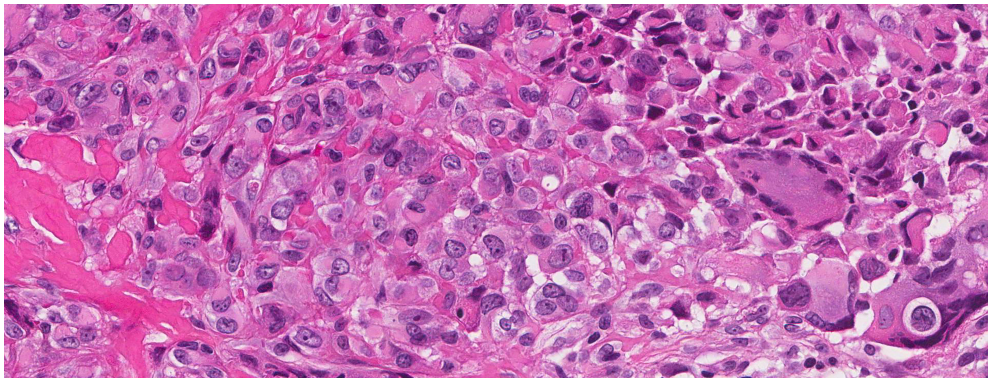


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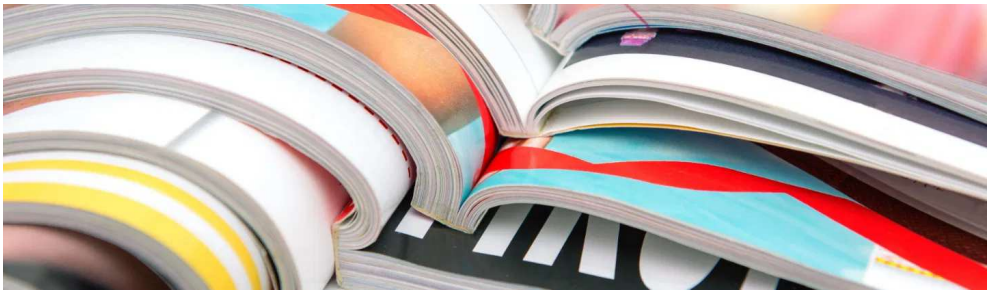


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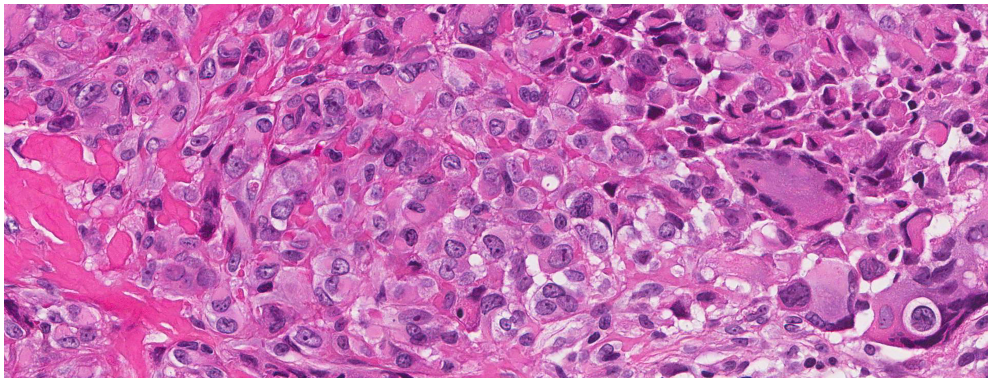


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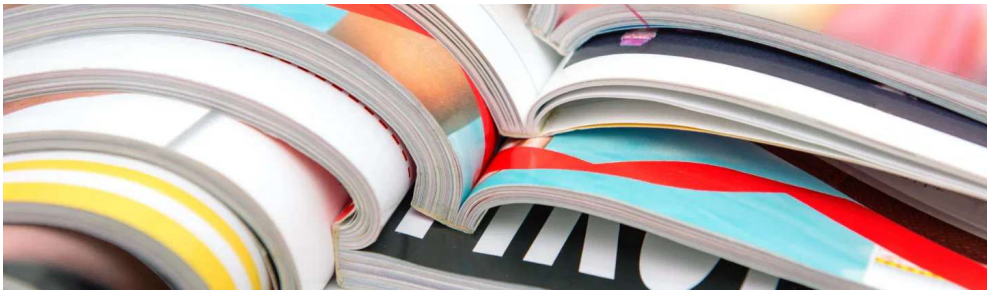


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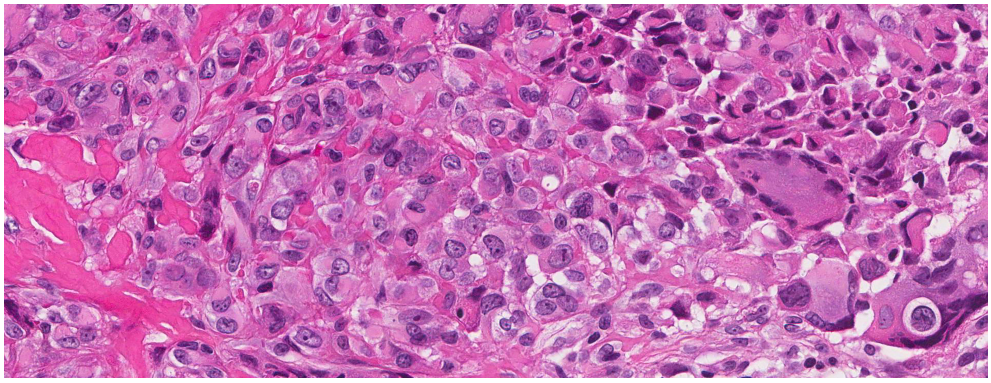


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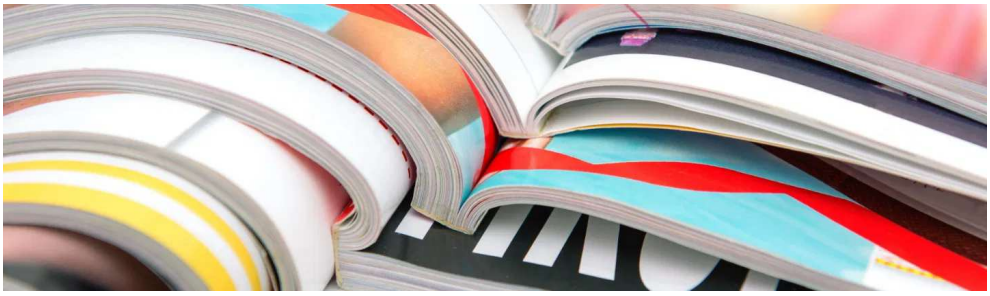


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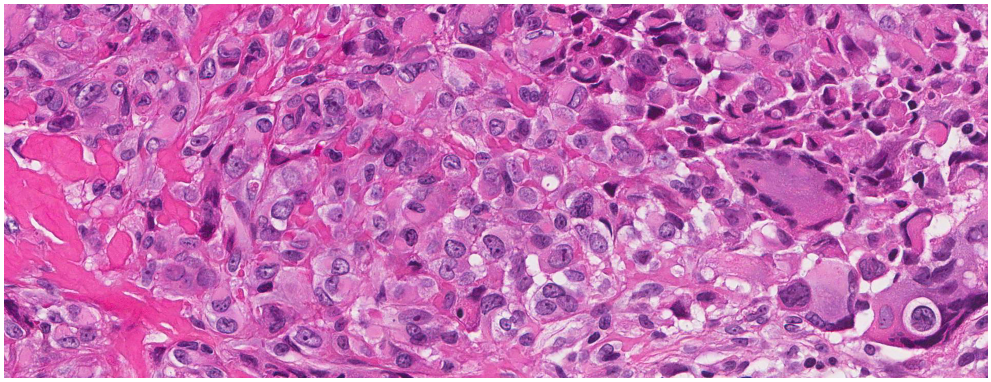


Figure 2. Example illustration used to demonstrate print resolution, paper texture, and colour consistency across dissertation paper samples.

DISCUSSION

The persistence of printed dissertations in the Netherlands reflects a broader national appreciation for design, ritual, and permanence [10]. The public defense transforms the dissertation from a document into an event, linking academic rigor with cultural identity.

At the same time, sustainability and digital openness challenge this long-standing tradition. Universities are experimenting with smaller print runs, recycled materials, and digital-first approaches [11]. Hybrid models demonstrate how the Dutch academic system continues to adapt.

Ultimately, the dissertation remains a fusion of intellect and craft, embodying both research excellence and design integrity. Its evolution mirrors that of Dutch academia itself: pragmatic, elegant, and deeply conscious of form as much as content [12].

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