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Clinical History: 25 year old Quarter Horse gelding with a history of poor nutritional condition and circling aimlessly for the past 3 days. On post-mortem examination there was serous atrophy of the peri-renal and pericardial fat and mild but generalized muscle atrophy. The liver was approximately 30% smaller than normal, but otherwise unremarkable. No other significant gross abnormalities were observed.

Gross and/or microscopic image: HE, 20X and 40X respectively.

Figure 1
Follow-up questions:

1. Histopathologic description (figures 1 and 2)

2. Morphologic diagnosis (figures 1 and 2)

3. Pathogenesis

4. Possible etiology

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