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- 85. Liquor folliculi
- 86. Tertiary (= dominant, vesicular, mature or Graafian) follicle
- 87. Follicular phase
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