



# Place de l'iconographie cérébrale systématique dans la prise en charge de l'endocardite infectieuse

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# Neurological complications of IE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> most frequent cause of death
- Make patient management more complex
  - Raise hard-to-answer questions

## Vascular

- Ischemic events
  - Stroke
  - Transient ischemic attack (TIA)
  - Silent embolism
- Hemorrhagic events
  - H. stroke
  - Microbleeds
  - Sub arachnoidal H
- Aneurysms

## Infectious

- Meningitis
- Abscess

## Other events

- Headache
- Toxic encephalopathy
- Seizures

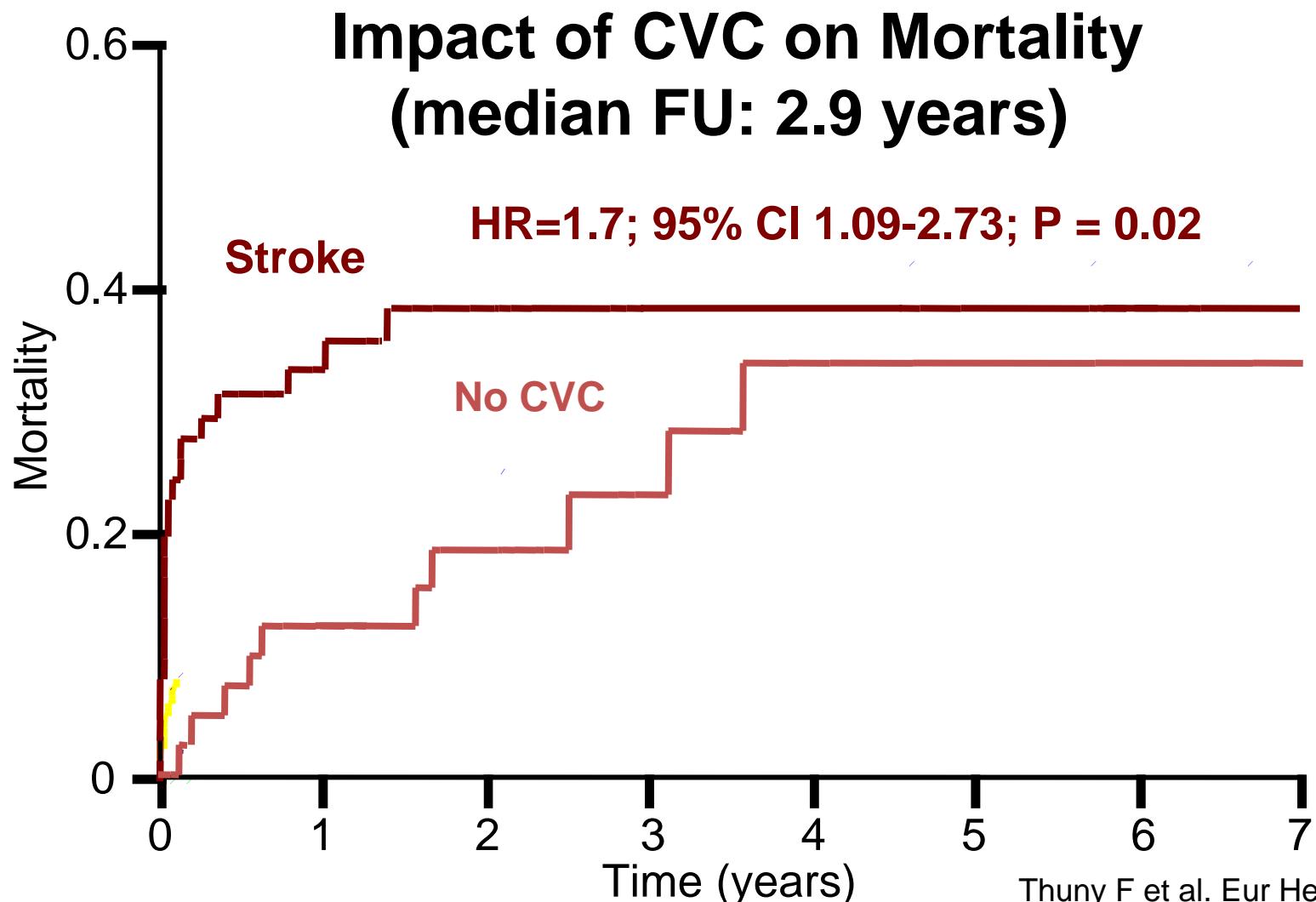
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# What is the clinical impact of NC ?



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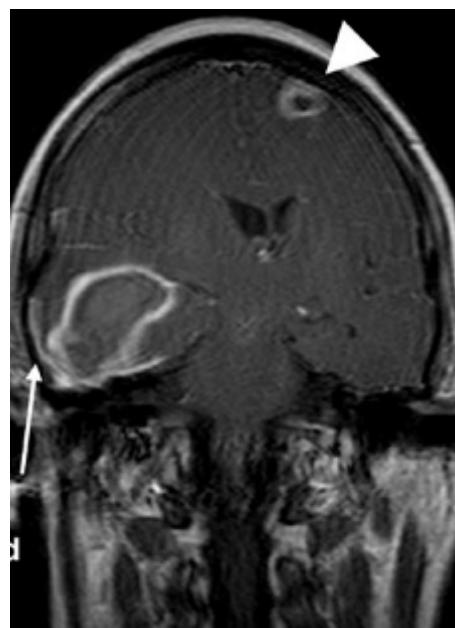
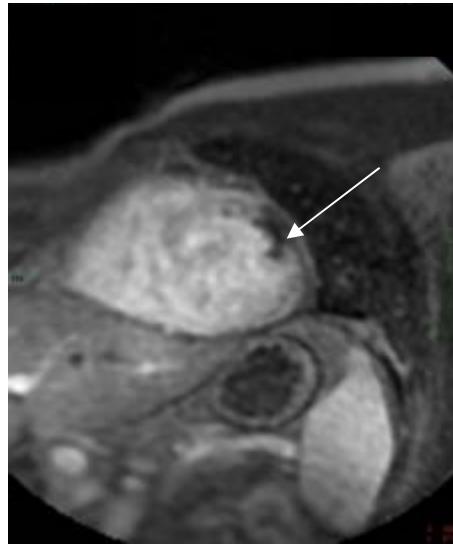
- Predisposition: predisposing heart condition, injection drug use
- Fever: temperature  $> 38^\circ\text{C}$
- Vascular phenomena: major arterial emboli, septic pulmonary infarcts, mycotic aneurysm, intracranial haemorrhages, conjunctival haemorrhages, Janeway lesions
- Immunologic phenomena: glomerulonephritis, Osler's nodes, Roth's spots, rheumatoid factor
- Microbiological evidence: positive blood culture but does not meet a major criterion or serological evidence of active infection with organism consistent with IE

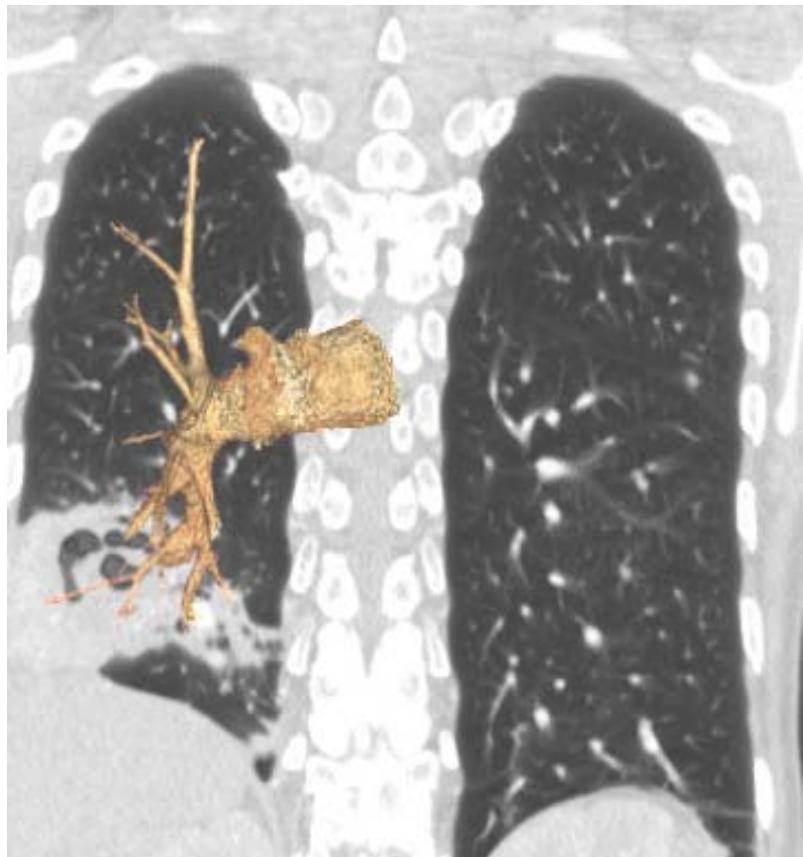
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2 major criteria, or  
1 major and 3 minor criteria, or  
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1 major and 1 minor criteria, or  
3 minor criteria

Vascular phenomena (emboli, aneurysm, infarcts )



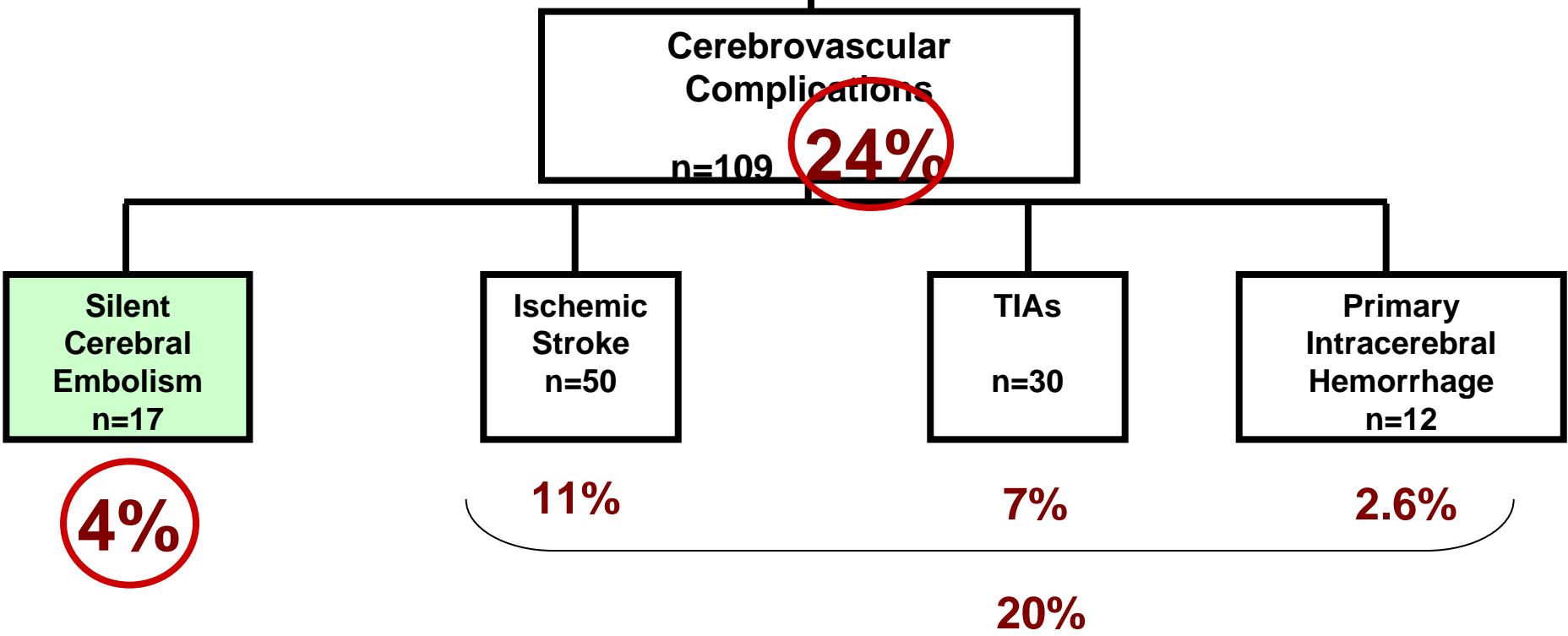


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453 consecutive definite IE patients; 2 French referral centers;  
January 1990 to March 2005

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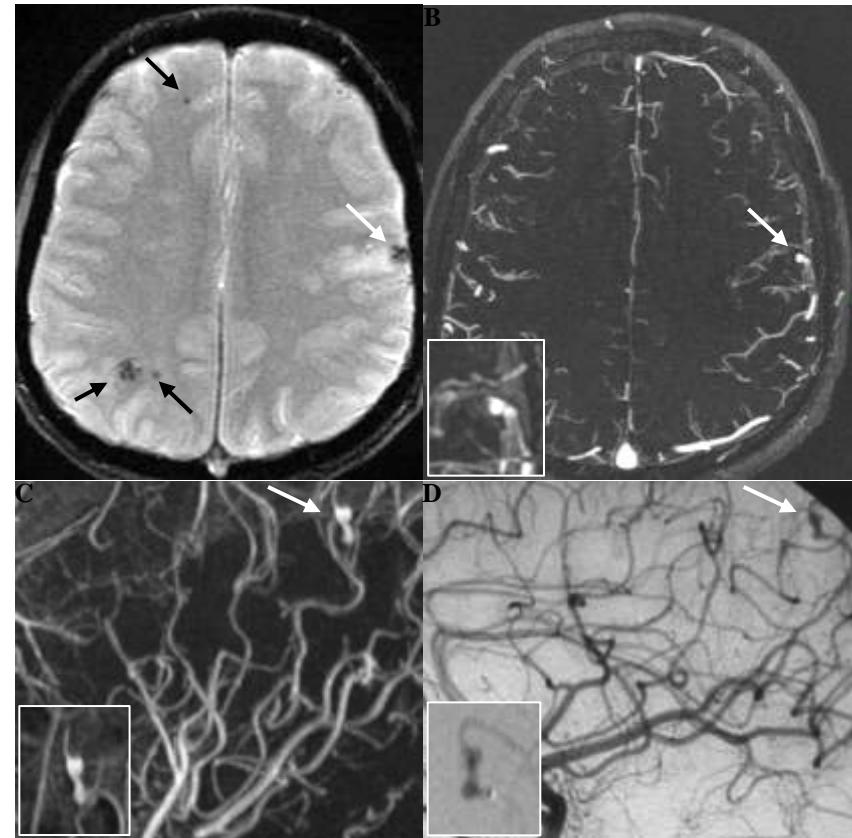
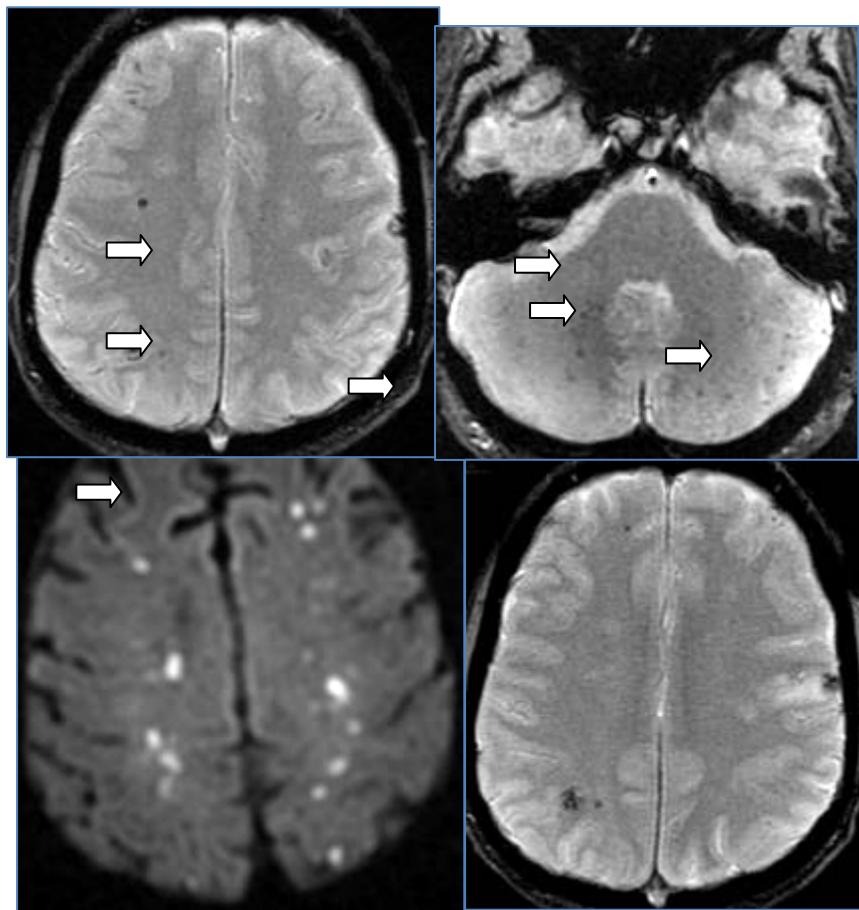
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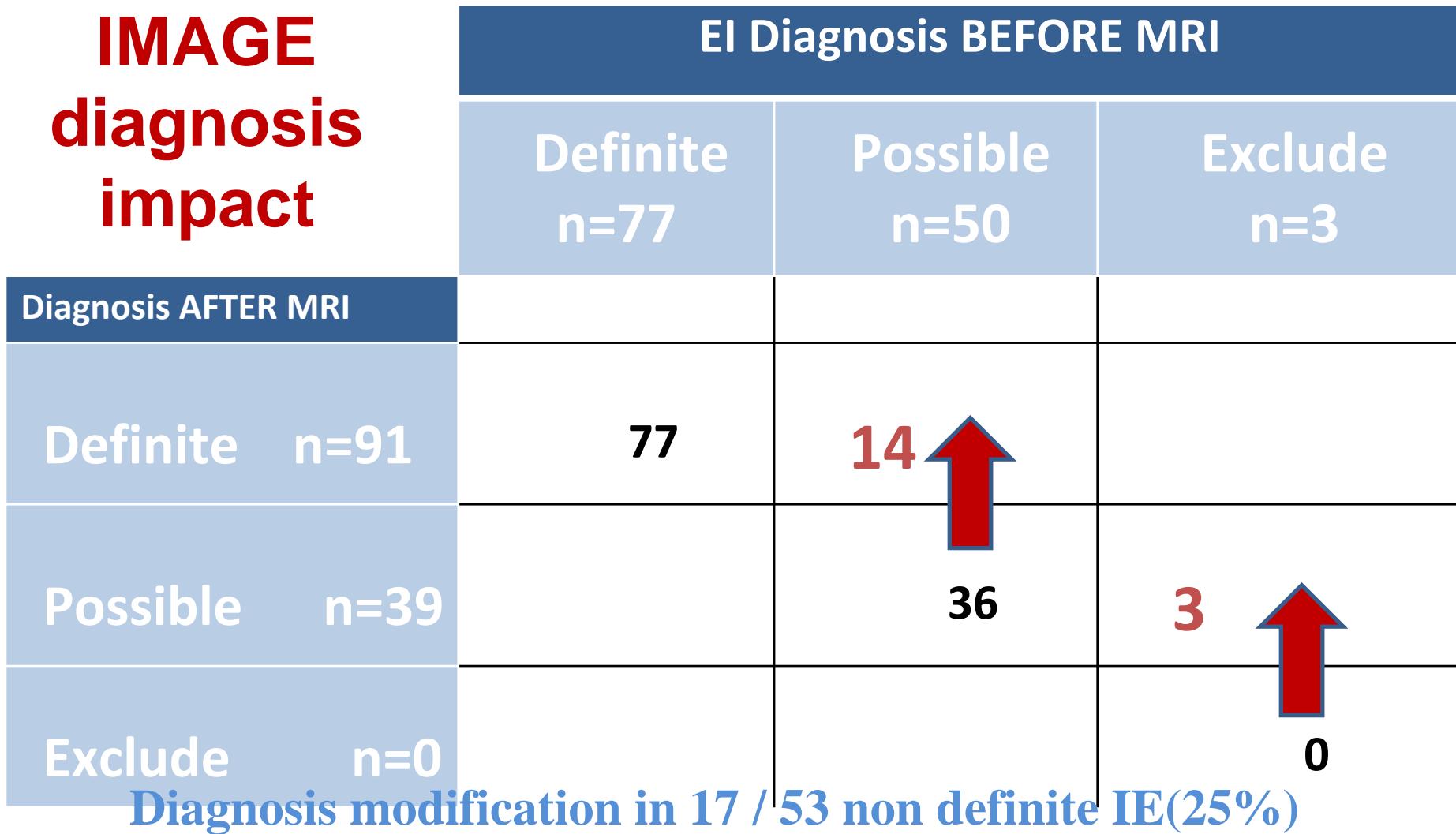
MRI in a definite mitral native valve *Staphylococcus aureus* IE  
showing multiple cerebral microbleeds (white arrows) in a 40 year-old patient



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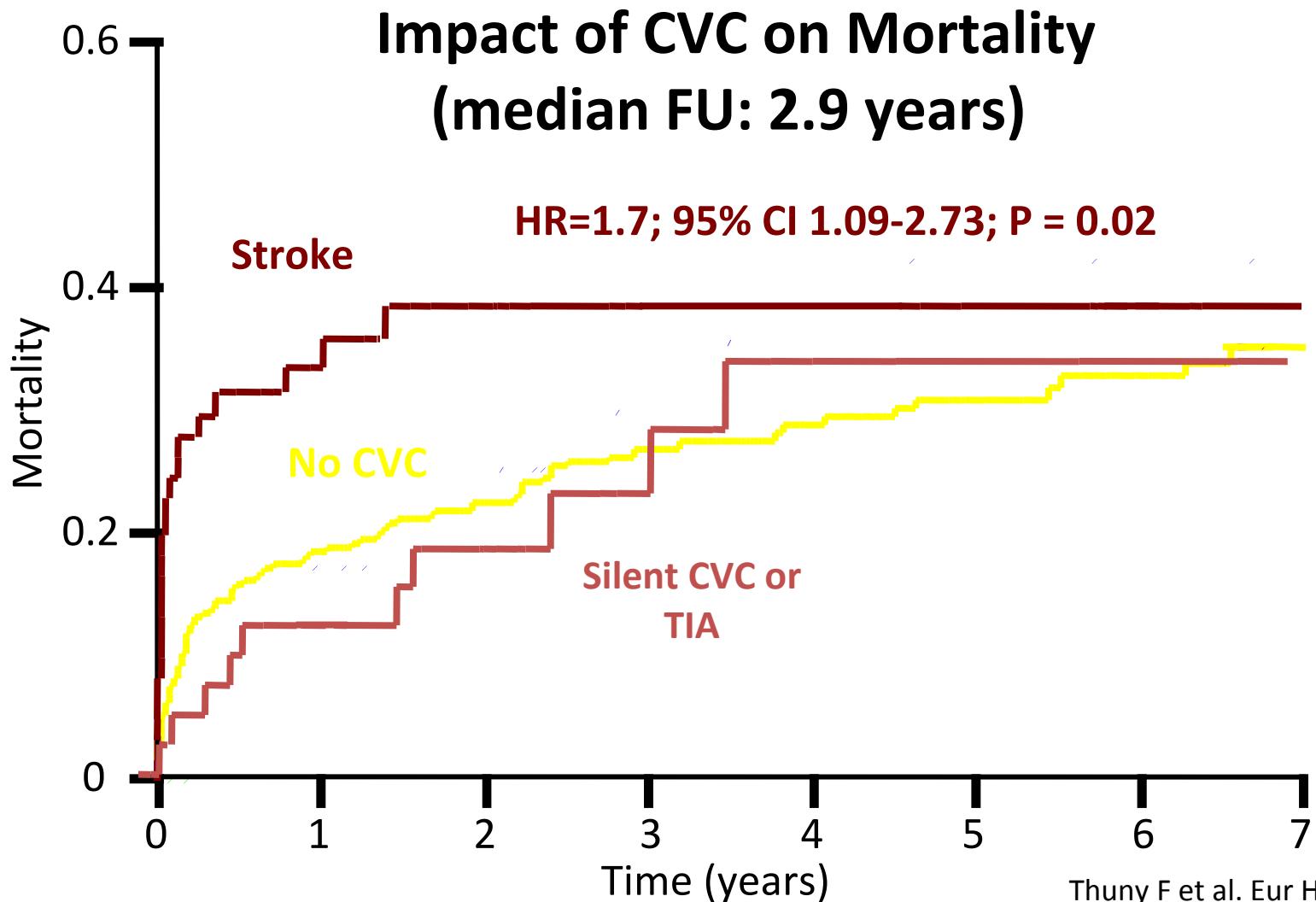
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# **Subclinical Brain Embolization in Left-Sided Infective Endocarditis**

## **Results From the Evaluation by MRI of the Brains of Patients With Left-Sided Intracardiac Solid Masses (EMBOLISM) Pilot Study**

Howard A. Cooper, MD; Elissa C. Thompson, MD; Robert Laureno, MD; Anthon Fuisz, MD;  
Alexander S. Mark, MD; Mark Lin, MD; Steven A. Goldstein, MD

Circulation 2009

- Prognosis 40 pts: 48% death at M3

		<b>Ischemic event (n=32)</b>	<b>NO Isch E<sup>vnt</sup></b>	
		Symptomatic N=13	Asympto N=19	N=8
Death	M1	46%	32%	0%
	M3	62%	53%	12%
		<b>56%*</b>		<b>12%</b>

\* p=0.046

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# Impact of silent complications detection on therapeutic plans?

Could have an impact in several ways:

- **Silent ischemic stroke:** consider surgery in case of large vegetation?
- **Abscess:** use of AB with high CNS diffusion?
- **Hemorrhagic events:**
  - Modify anticoagulation level ?
  - Modify surgery timing ?
  - Cancel surgery ?

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## IMAGE therapeutic impact

- In 29/130 pts (**22%**): experts modified IE treatment plans based on MRI results

– Modification of anticoagulation level	n= 6
– Modification of antibiotics	n= 5
– Modification of surgery plan	n=18
• Surgery date postponed	6
• Surgery date advanced	6
• Type of valvular prosthesis	1
• Reasons for surgery	1
• Cancellation of surgery	2
• Indication for surgery	2
– Embolisation of aneurysm	n = 4

# Conclusions

- Systematic cerebral imaging: No recommendation
- Diagnosis impact
- Leads to
  - Find asymptomatic lesions
  - Modify therapeutic plan
  - Better evaluation of neurological risk
  - Increase cost, perform unnecessary procedures?
- Pronostic impact unknown: RCT?