



# Intérêts et indications de l'imagerie systématique dans la prise en charge de l'endocardite infectieuse

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# Infective endocarditis

- Rare disease : 30 cas /  $10^6$  inhabitants : 1500 cases
- Difficult diagnosis
- Poor prognosis
  - Mortality 20% in-hospital; 40% at 5 years
- High Morbidity : surgery 50 %  
50% unemployed
- **Improvement of prognosis ?**
- **Role of IMAGING ?**

# Systematic imaging ?

- No randomised clinical trial
- What sort of imaging ?
- Which region to explore ?
  
- What is the impact ?
- What could be the indications ?

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**Cerebrovascular  
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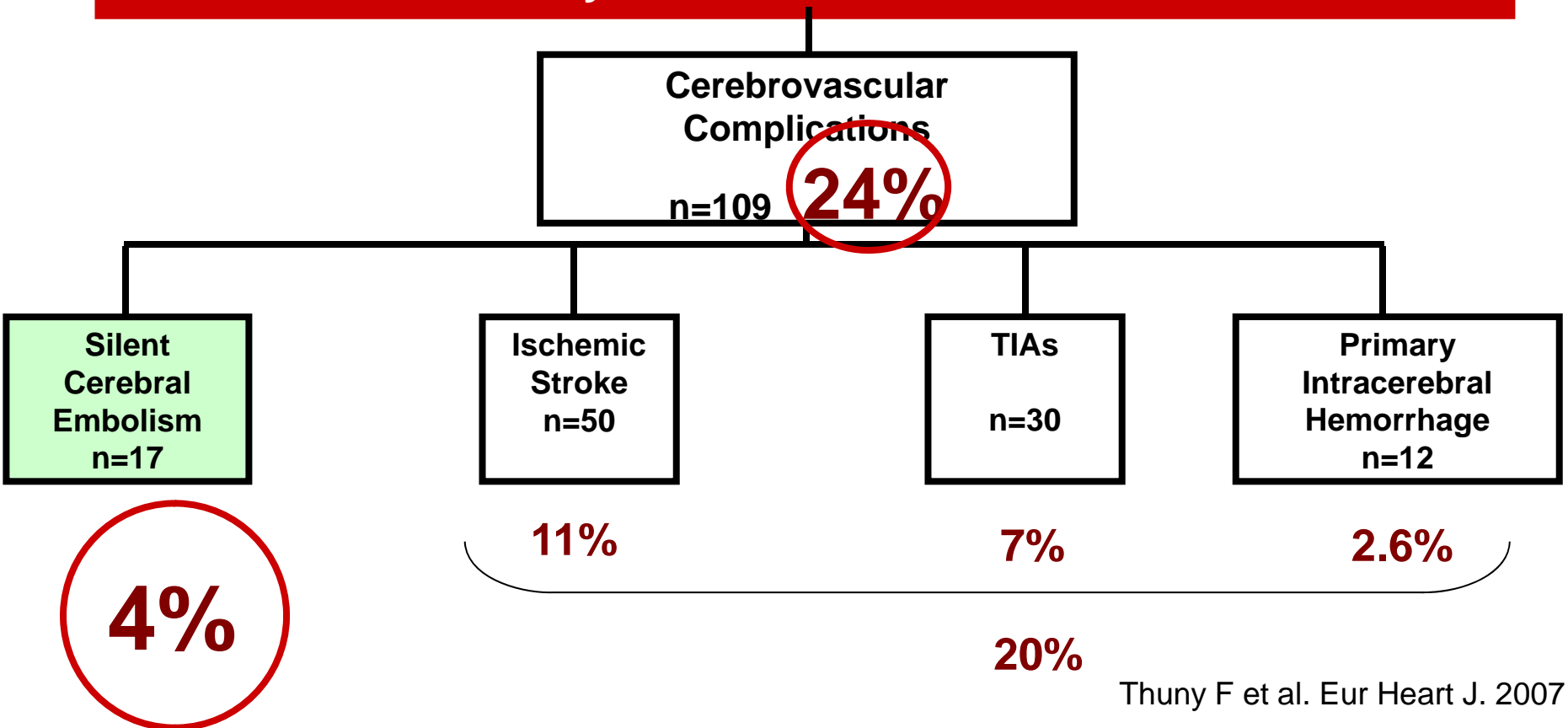
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Small  
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n=60  
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46%

Large  
Intracerebral  
Hemorrhage  
n=10  
(8 silent)

8%

Microbleed  
n=74  
(66 silent)

58%

Sub.  
Arachnoidal  
Hemorrhage  
n=11  
(11 silent)

8%

Aneurysms  
n=10  
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Abscess  
n=8  
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6%

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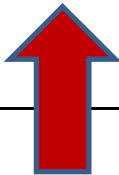
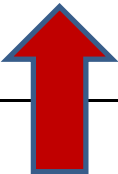

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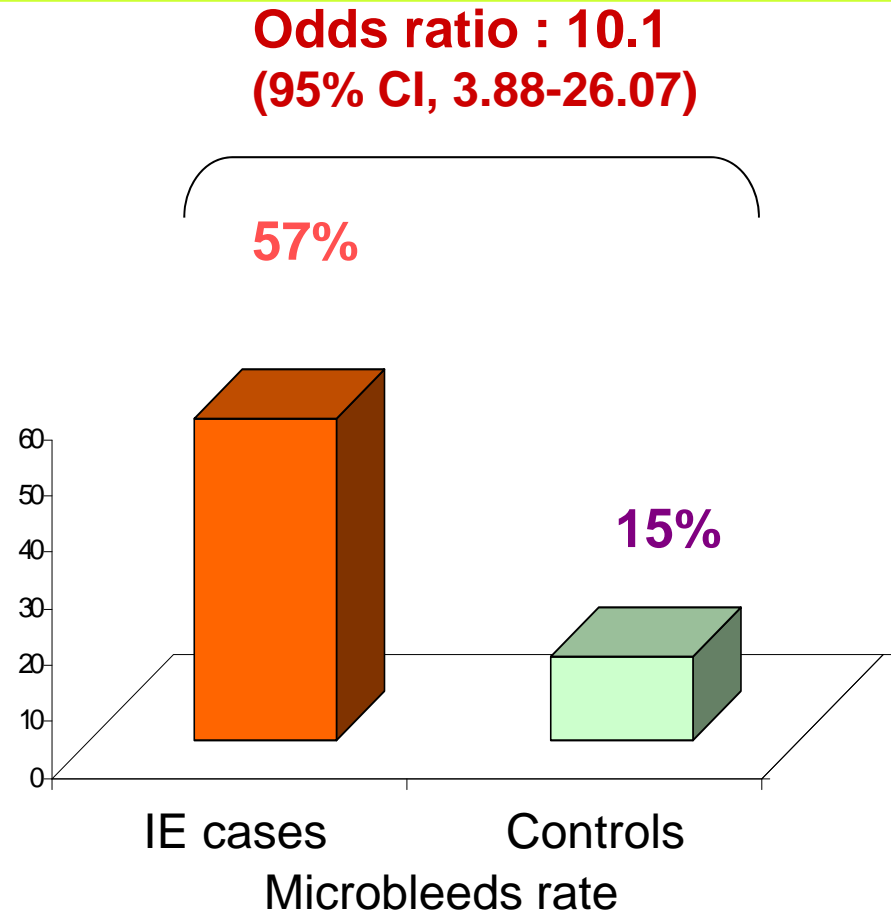
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## Case control study

- First 60 IE cases
  - 120 sex- and age-matched controls without IE
- (MRI performed for clinical reasons)
- 180 MRIs were read independently by two blinded neuroradiologists (kappa 0.933)



In IE pts, Microbleeds associated with *non-Streptococci* IE  
(67% vs. 38% p=0.033)

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number

IE cases

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1-3

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(Ref)

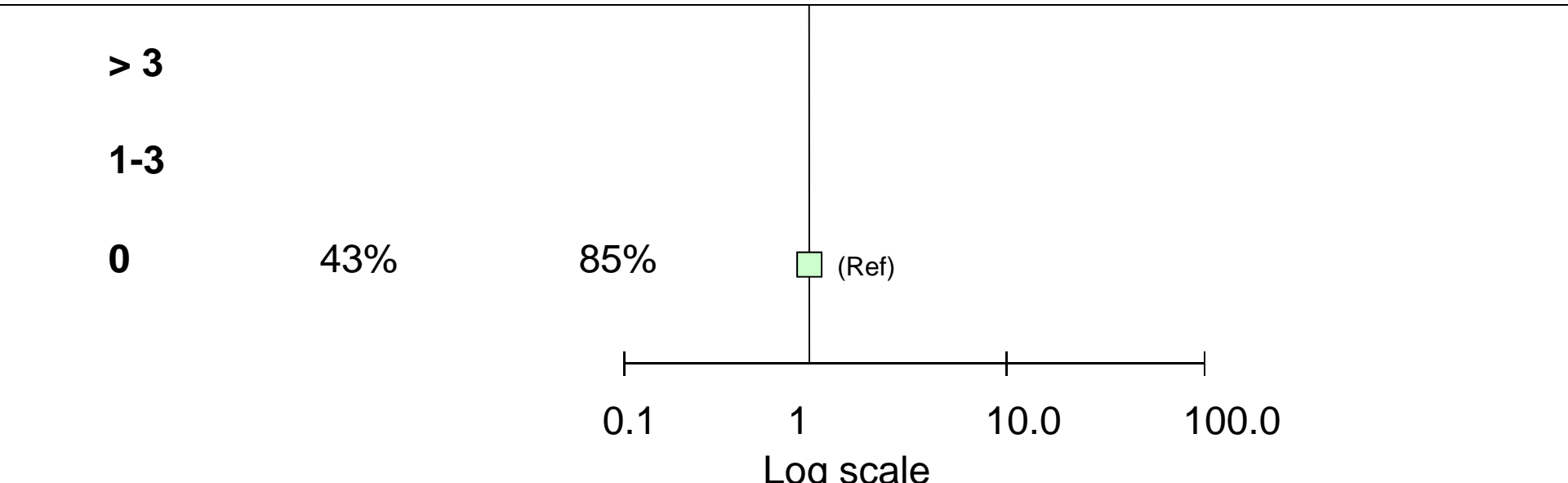
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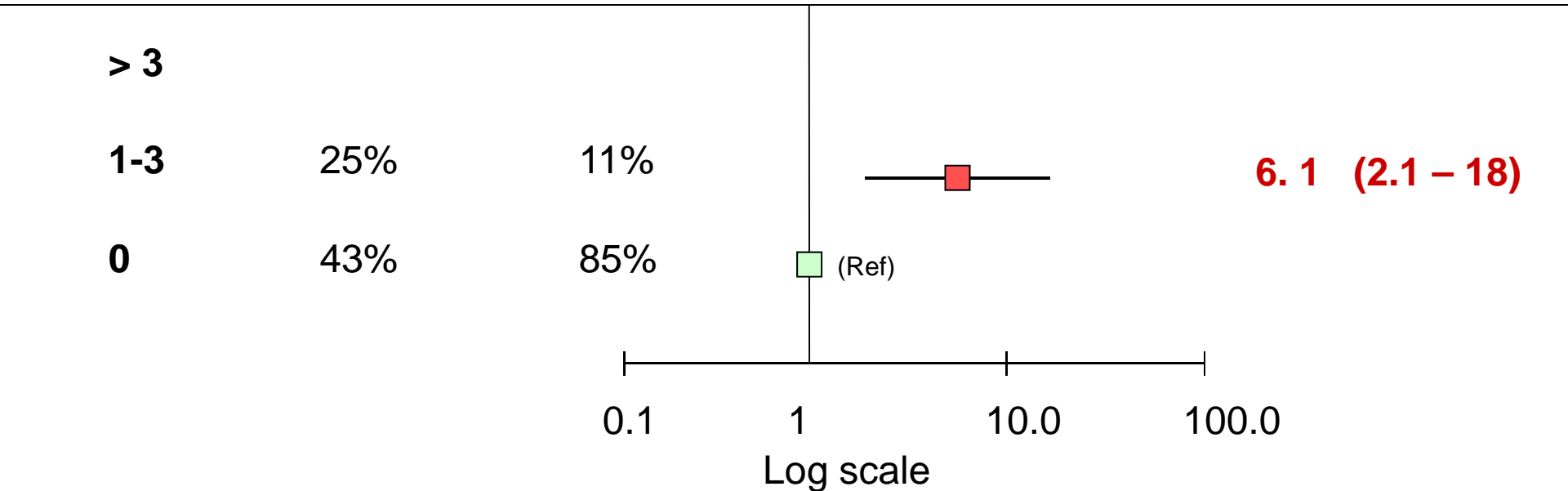
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OR increase with the increase in the number of microbleeds suggesting a causal relationship

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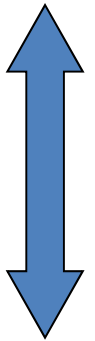
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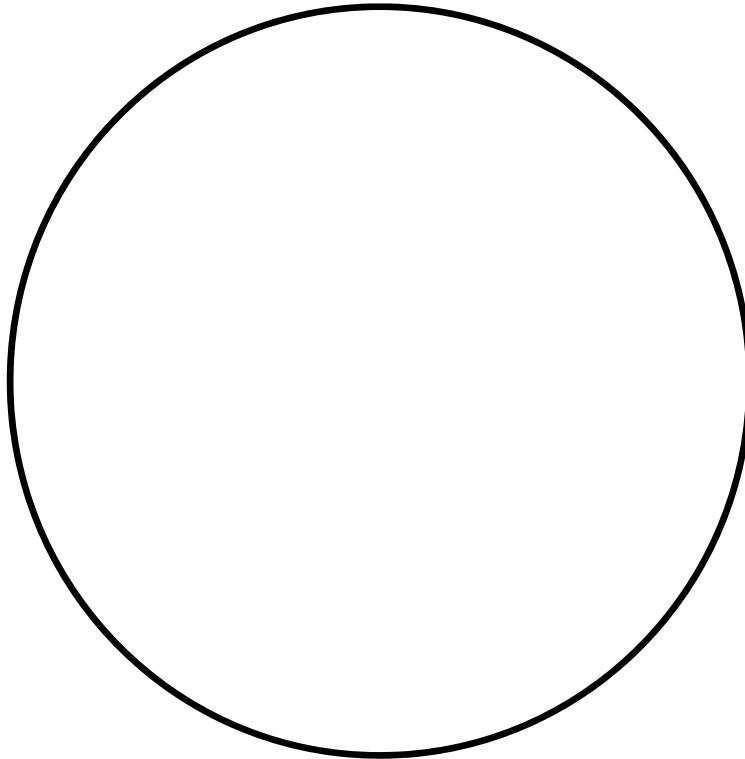
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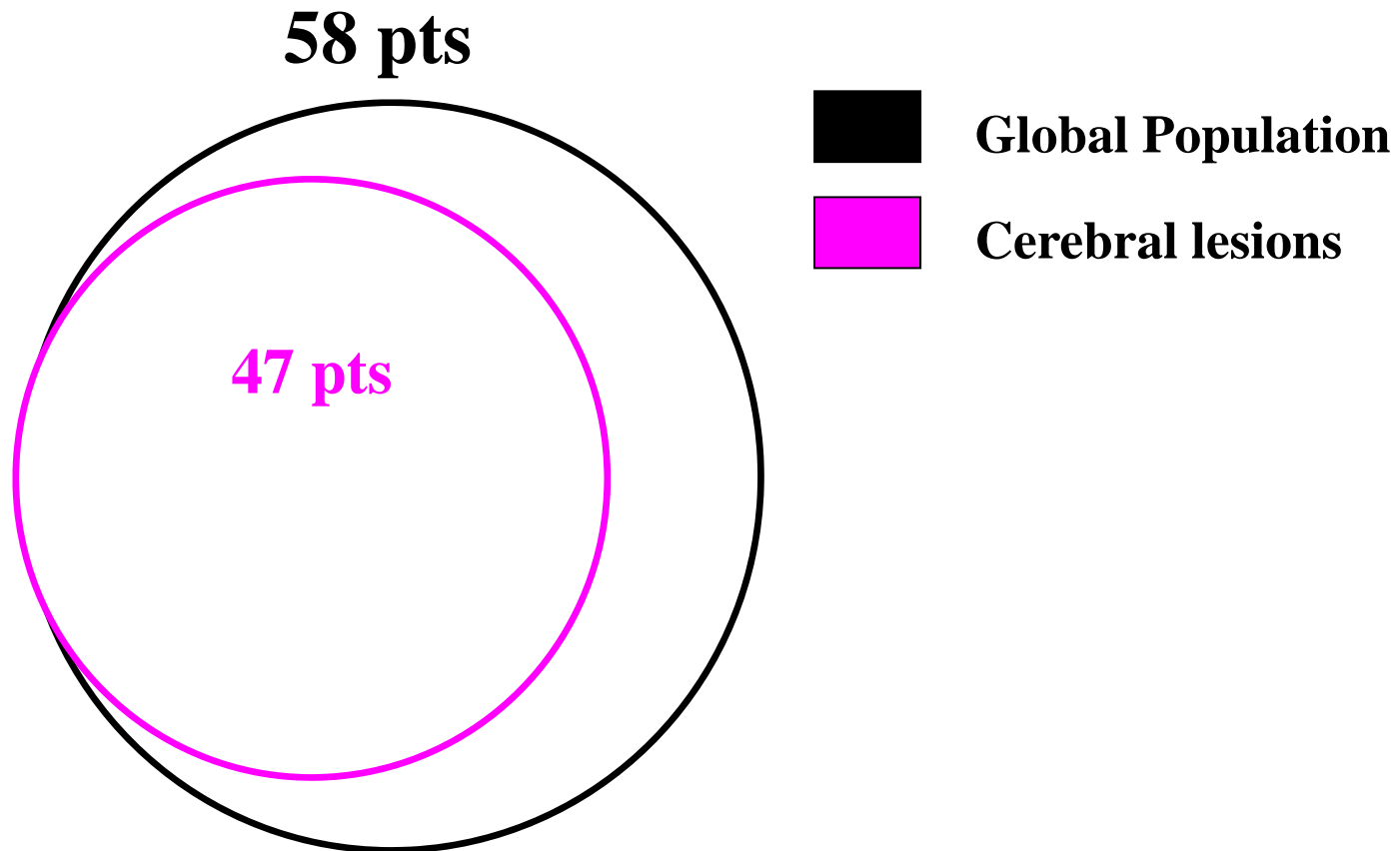
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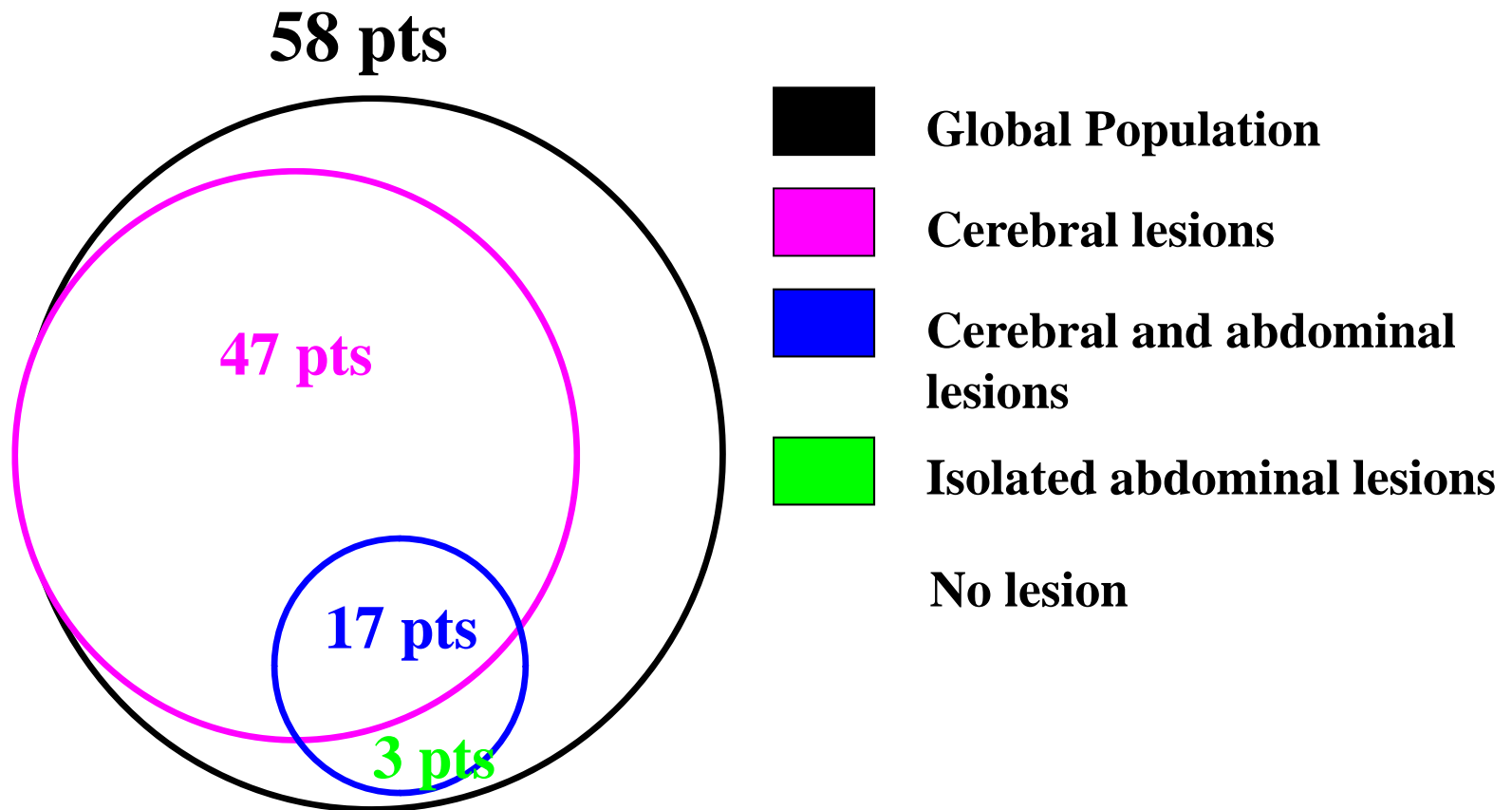


**Global Population**

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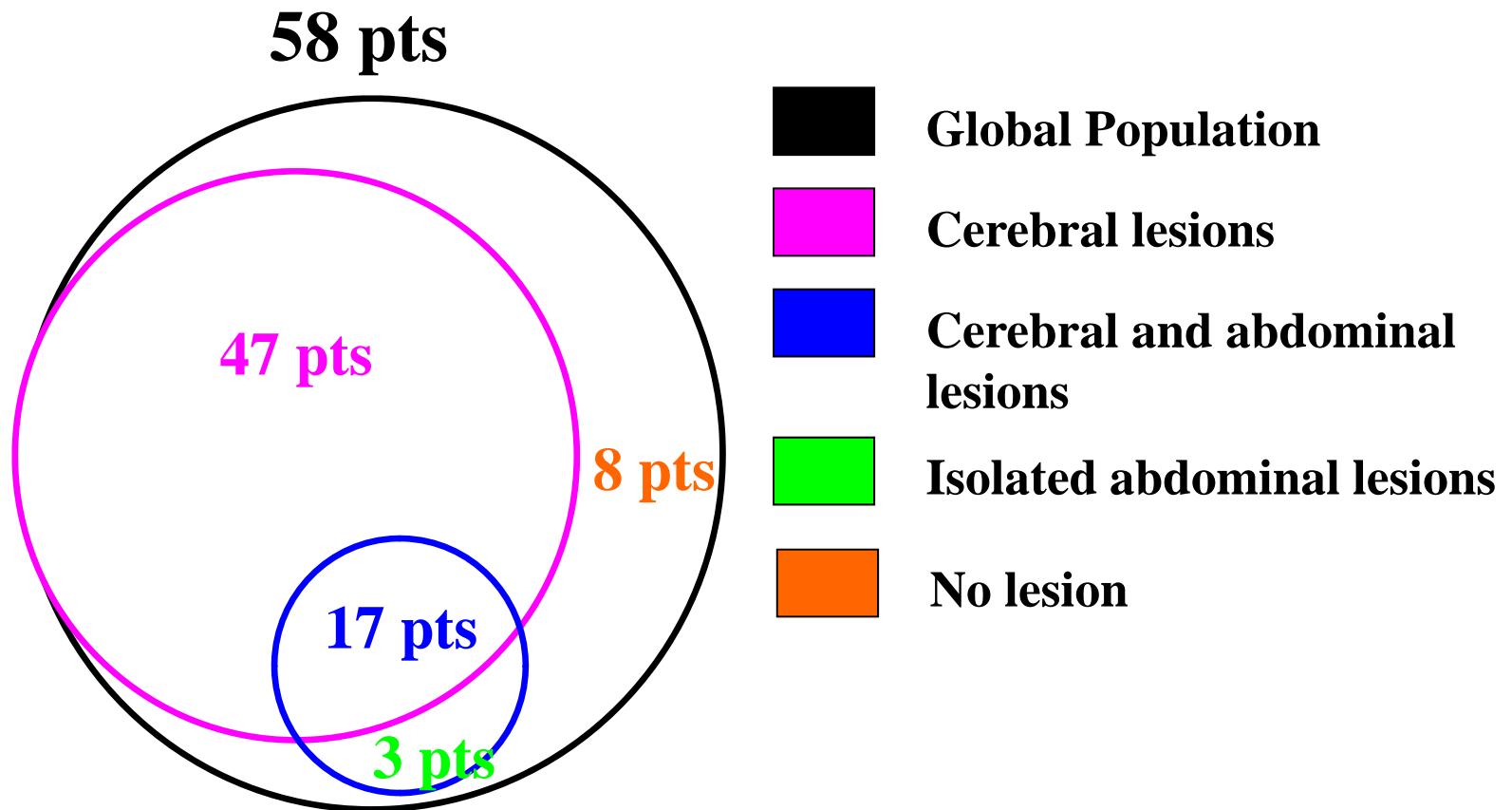
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- Neurological symptoms:
  - Stroke n=18
  - Meningitis n= 5
  - Seizures: n=1
  - Confusion n=12

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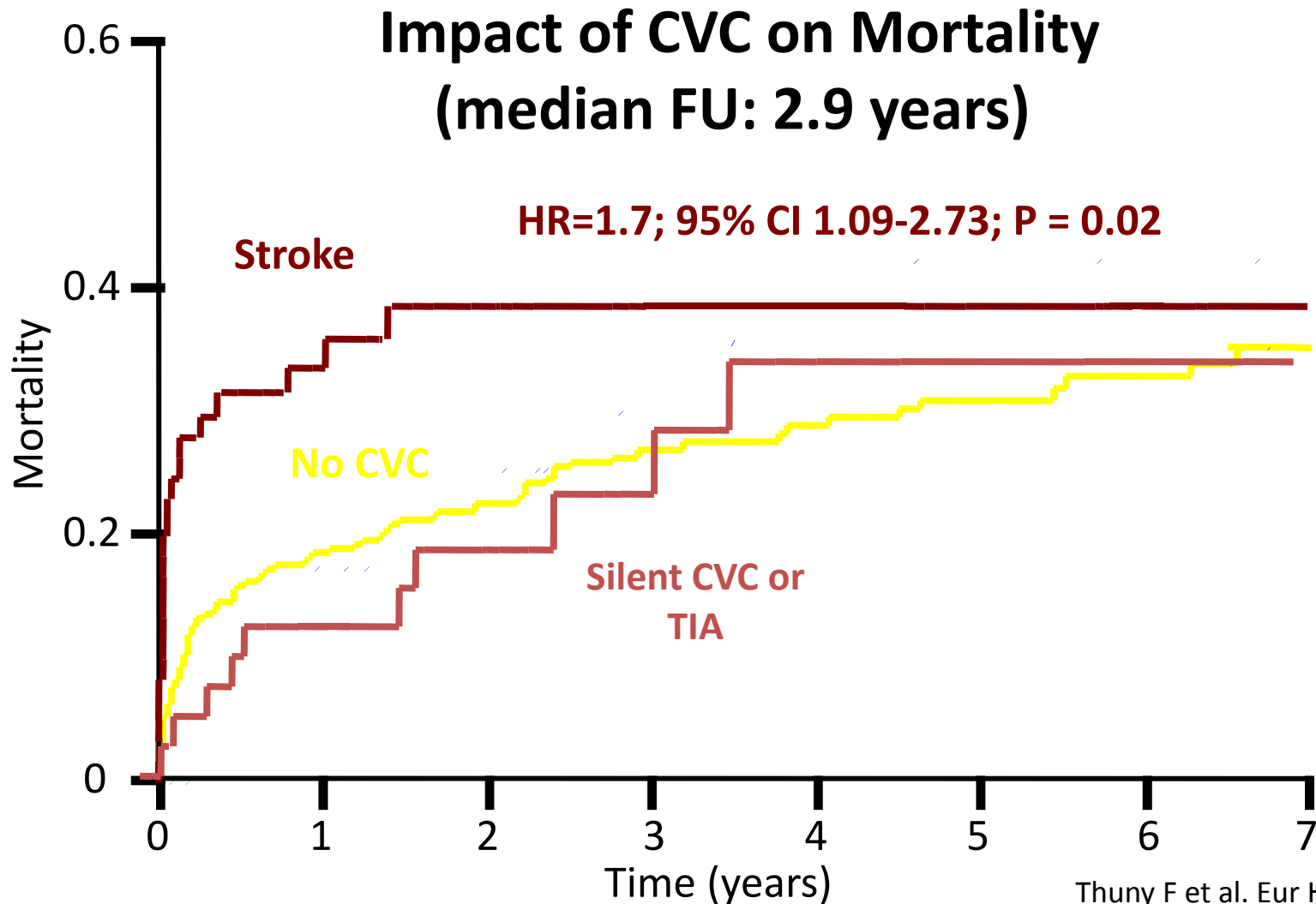
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# Impact of silent complications detection on therapeutic plans?

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
- Embolisation of aneurysm n = 4

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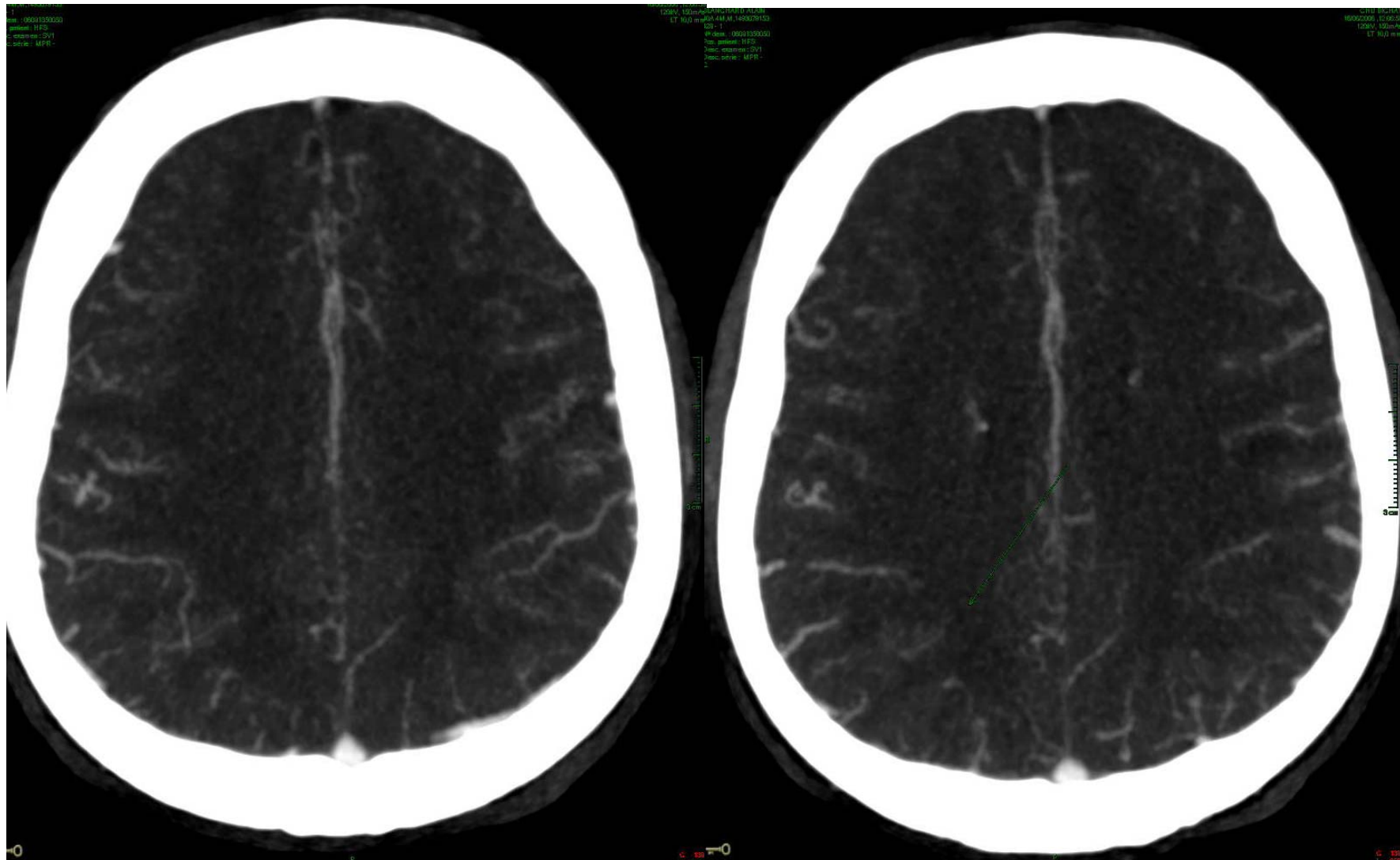
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- Modification of cardiac surgical decision in **20%** of patients due to MRI
- **None of the 51% of the operated on pts died.**

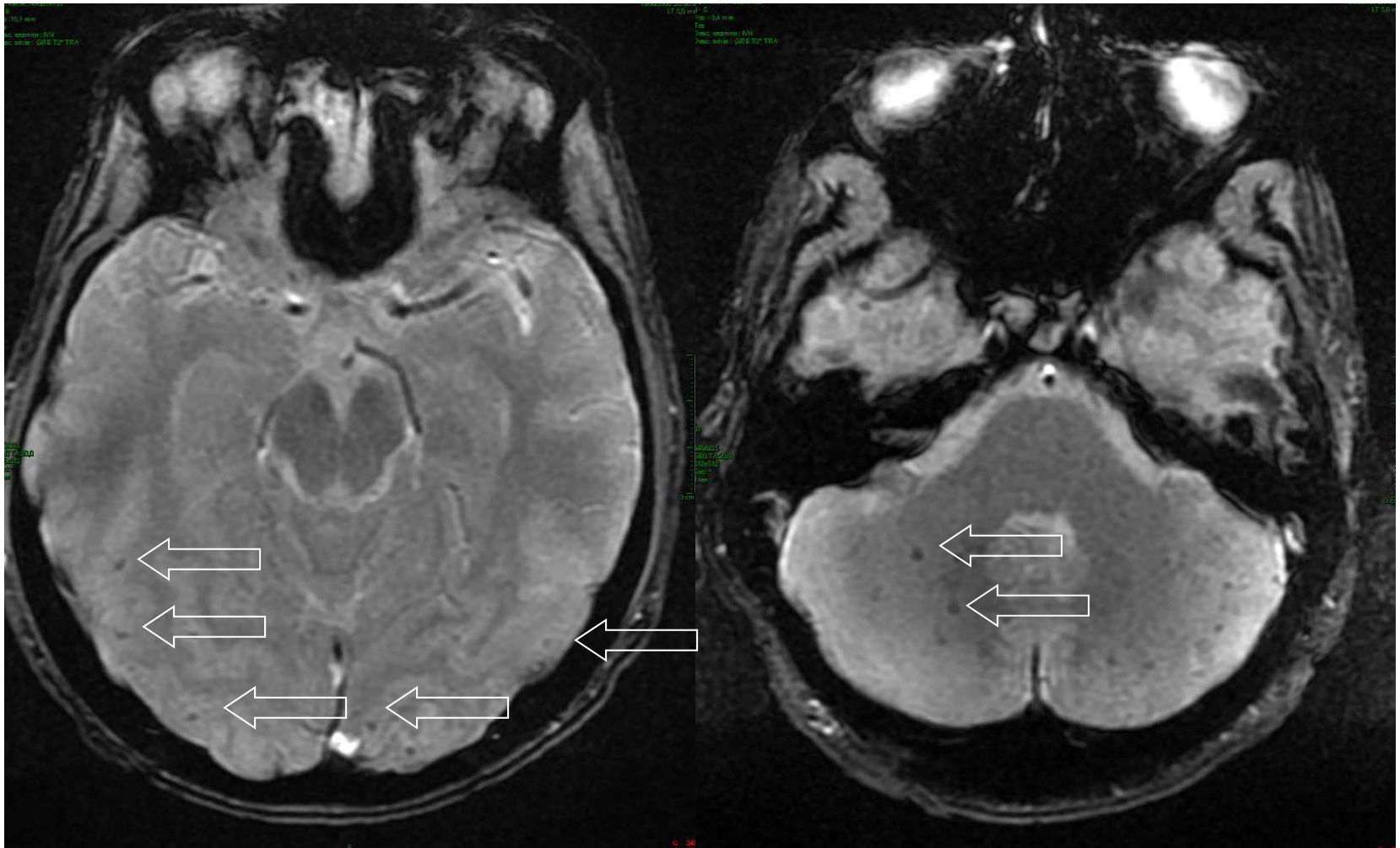
# Conclusions

- Systematic cerebral imaging: No recommendation
- Diagnosis impact (IE diagnosis and extension)
- Leads to
  - Find asymptomatic lesions
  - Modify therapeutic plan
  - Better evaluation of neurological risk
  - Increase cost, perform unnecessary procedures?
- Prognostic impact unknown: RCT?

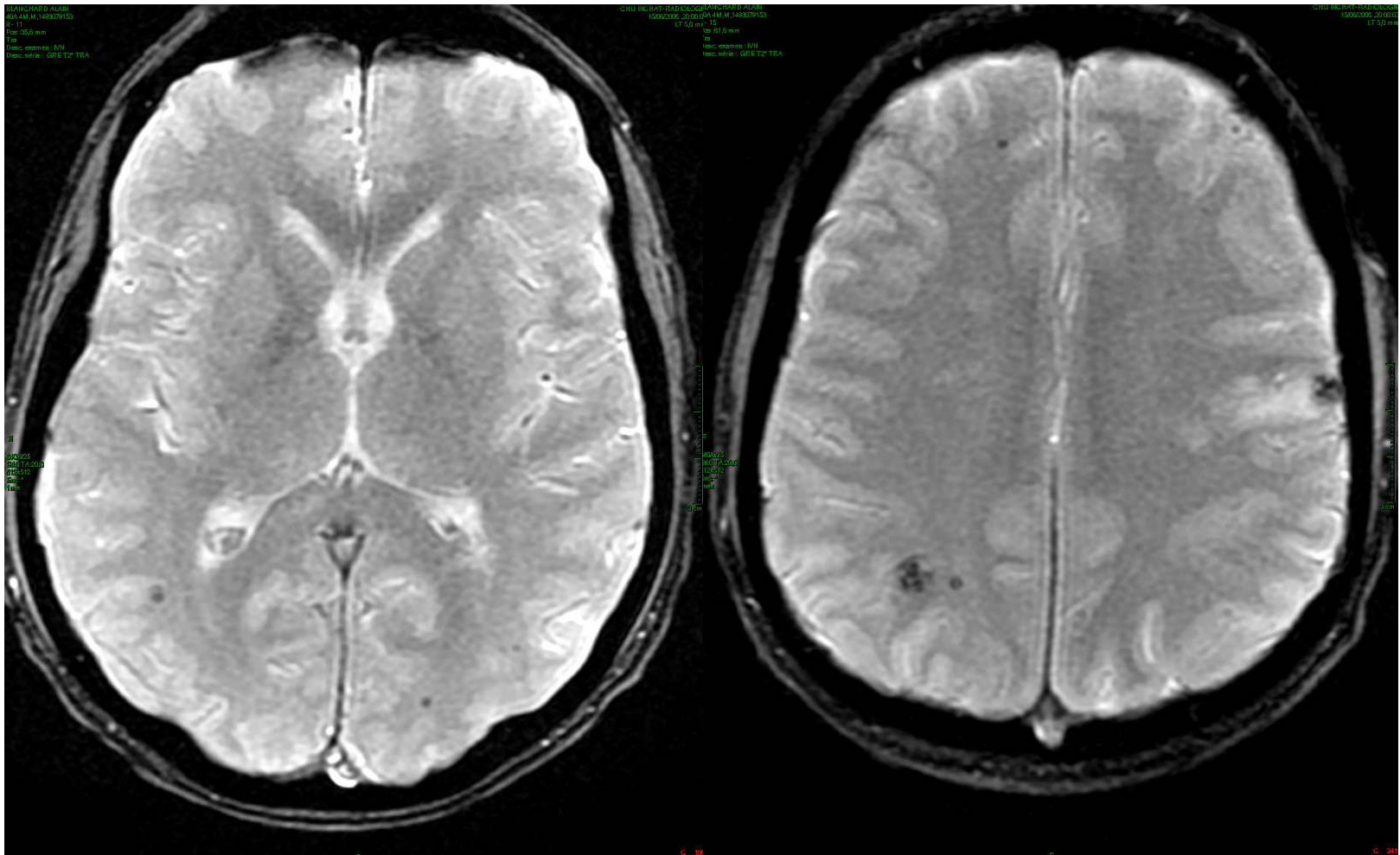
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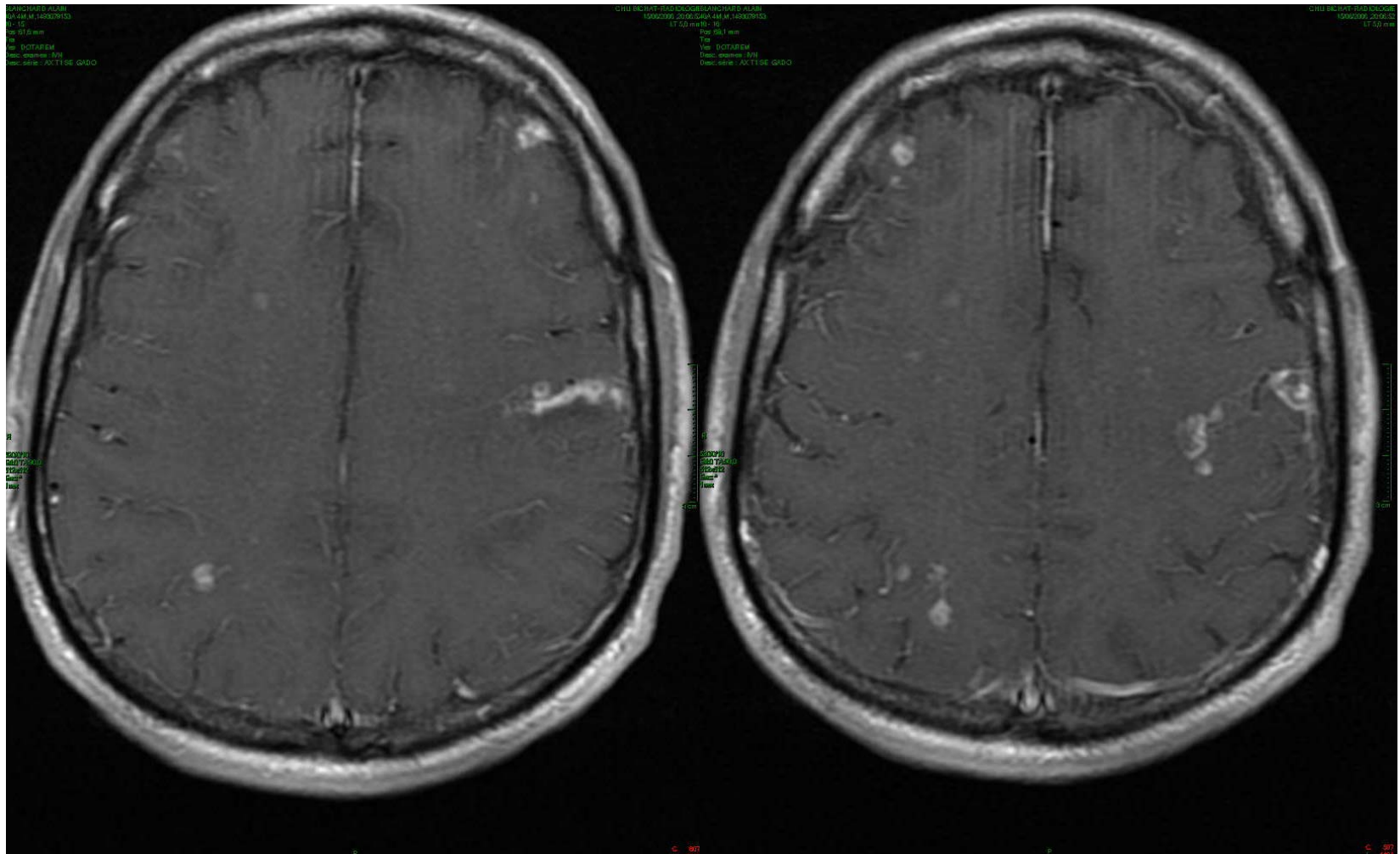


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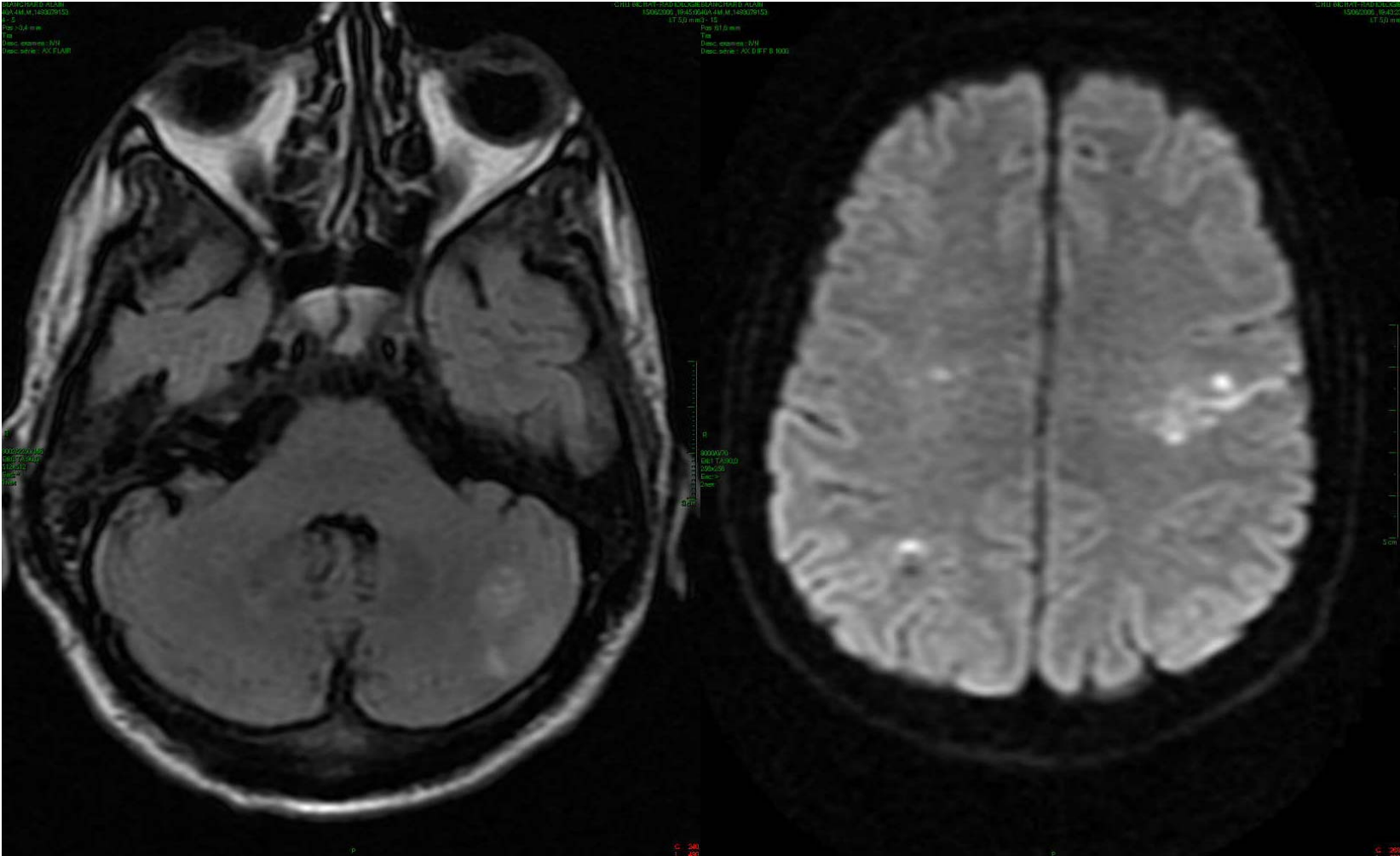




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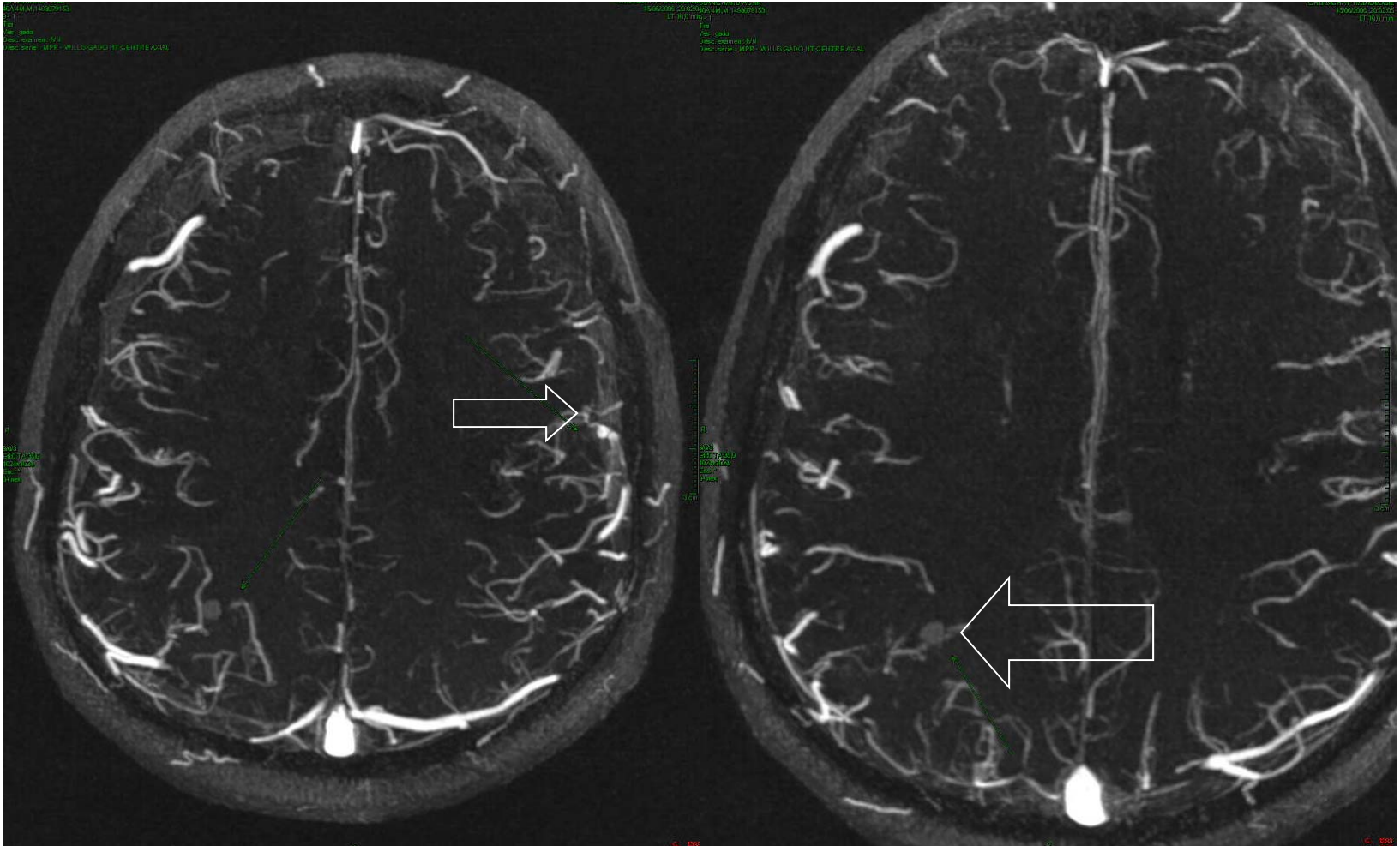


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- Predisposition: predisposing heart condition, injection drug use
- Fever: temperature  $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Vascular phenomena: major arterial emboli, septic pulmonary infarcts, mycotic aneurysm, intracranial haemorrhages, conjunctival haemorrhages, 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

30-40% des cas

### Diagnosis of IE is definite in the presence of

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

### Diagnosis of IE is possible in the presence of

1 major and 1 minor criteria, or  
3 minor criteria

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