

# **cardioembolic stroke : how is it different?**

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# talk outline

- '뇌'는 '심장'과 다르다
- Cardioembolic stroke은 다른 stroke subtypes과 어떻게 다른가?
- Ischemic stroke mechanism 추정의 어려움

# 뇌졸중은?

- 腦卒中
- 中風
- Lumper
- Splitter

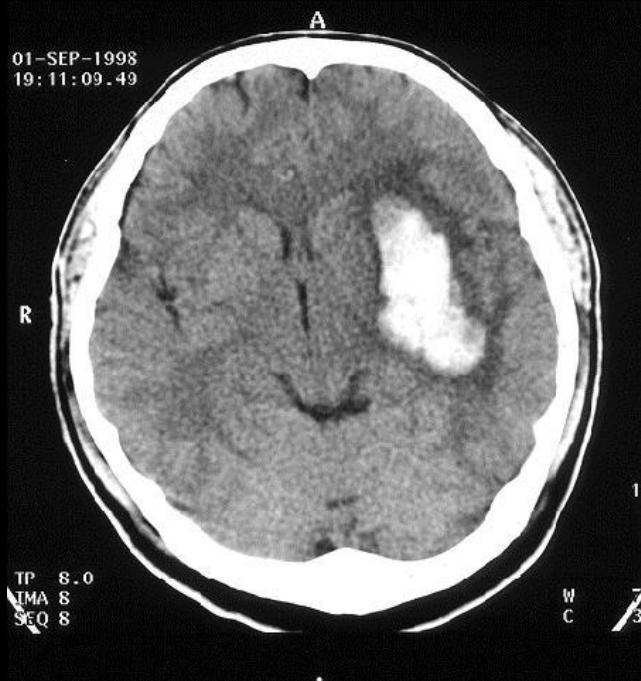
# Ischemic vs. Hemorrhagic strokes

- cerebral vessel **occlusion** → infarct, ischemic stroke
- cerebral vessel **rupture** → hemorrhage

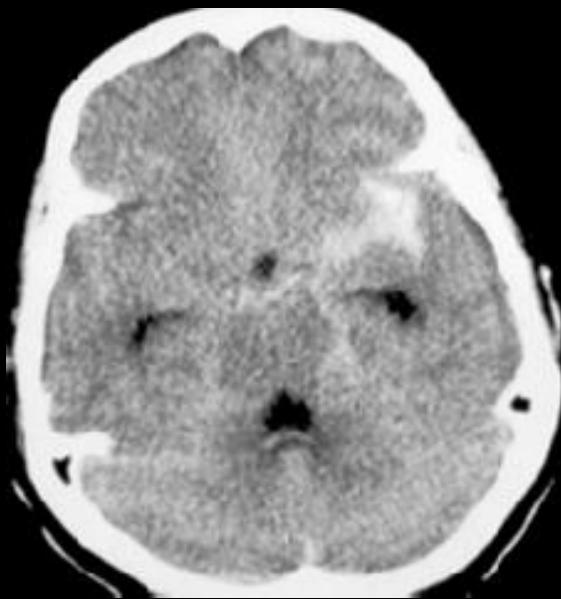
# CT 이전 시대

- 임상적으로 뇌졸중 의심
- 뇌출혈과 뇌경색을 감별하기 위해
  - 뇌척수액 검사
  - 혈관조영술
  - 부검

# 뇌출혈 진단 - CT (computed tomography)



intracerebral  
hemorrhage



subarachnoid  
hemorrhage

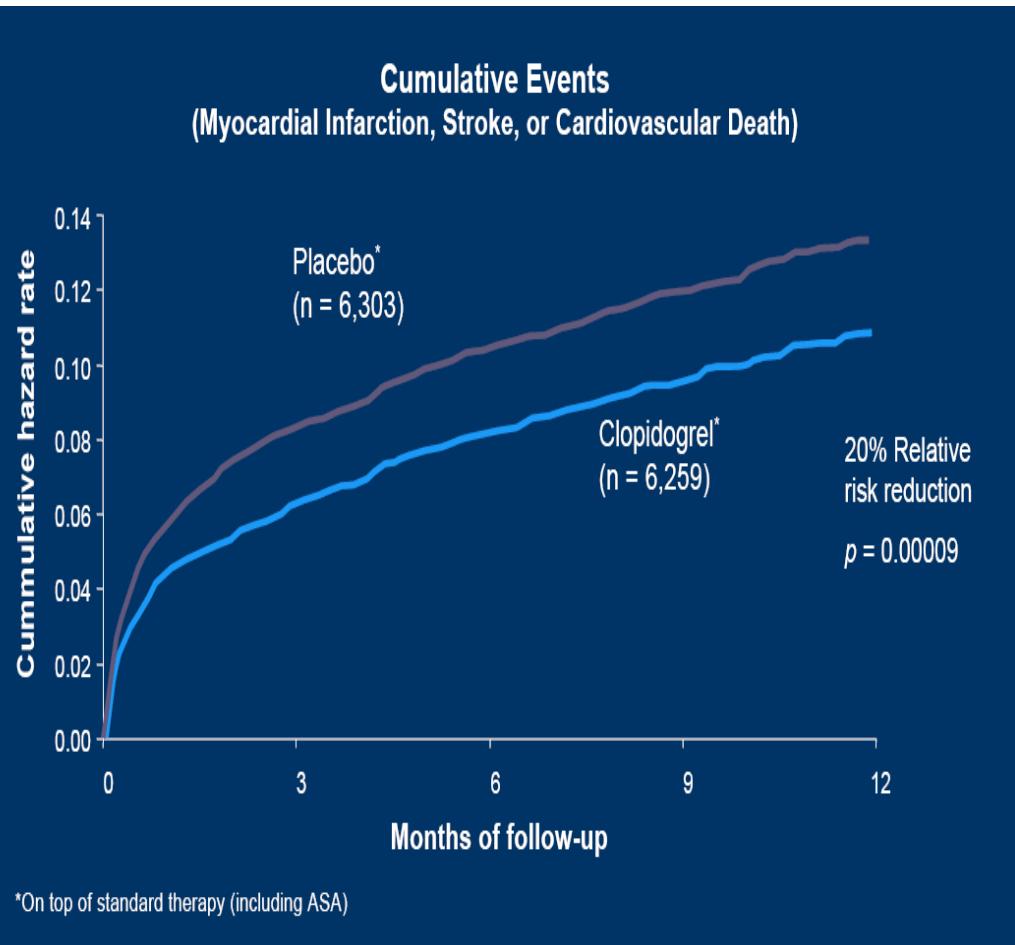


cerebral  
infarction

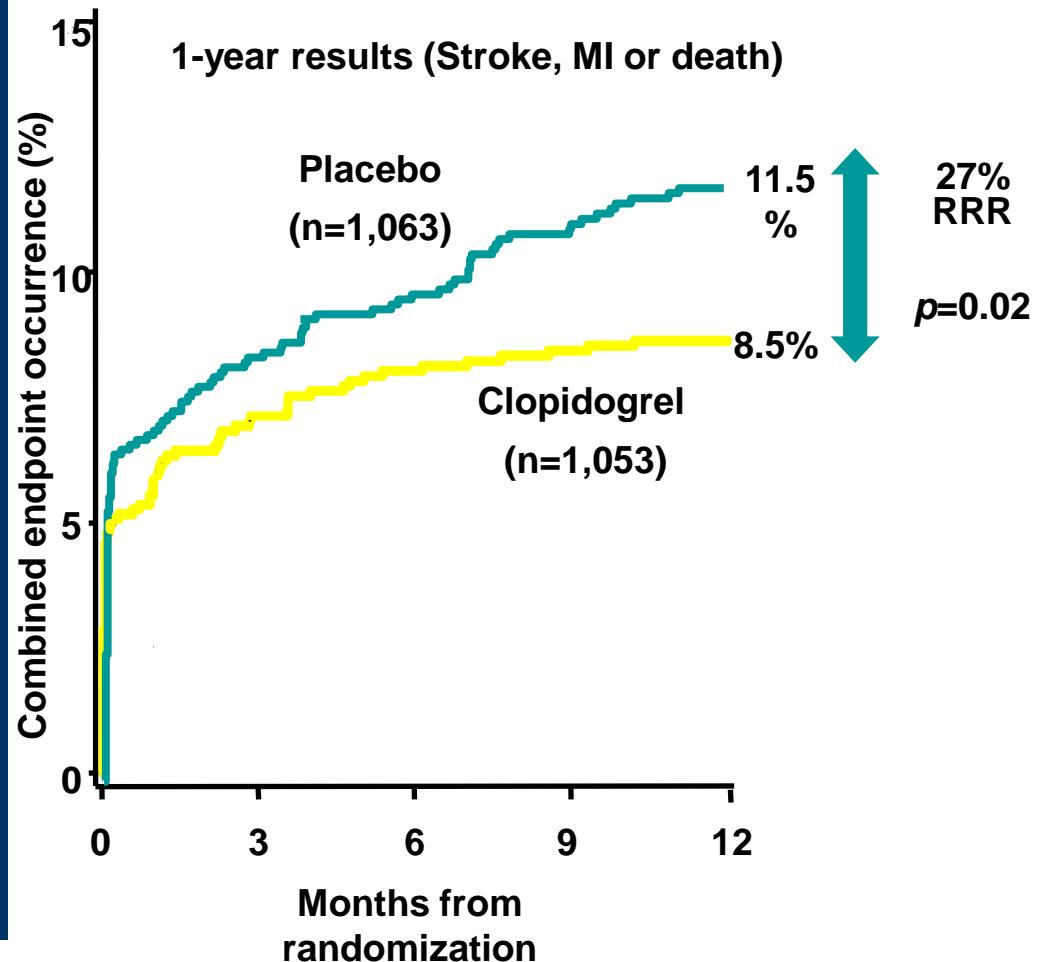
# 뇌경색의 분류는 왜 중요한가?

- stroke subtype influences outcome, recurrence, and choices for management

# CURE



# CREDO

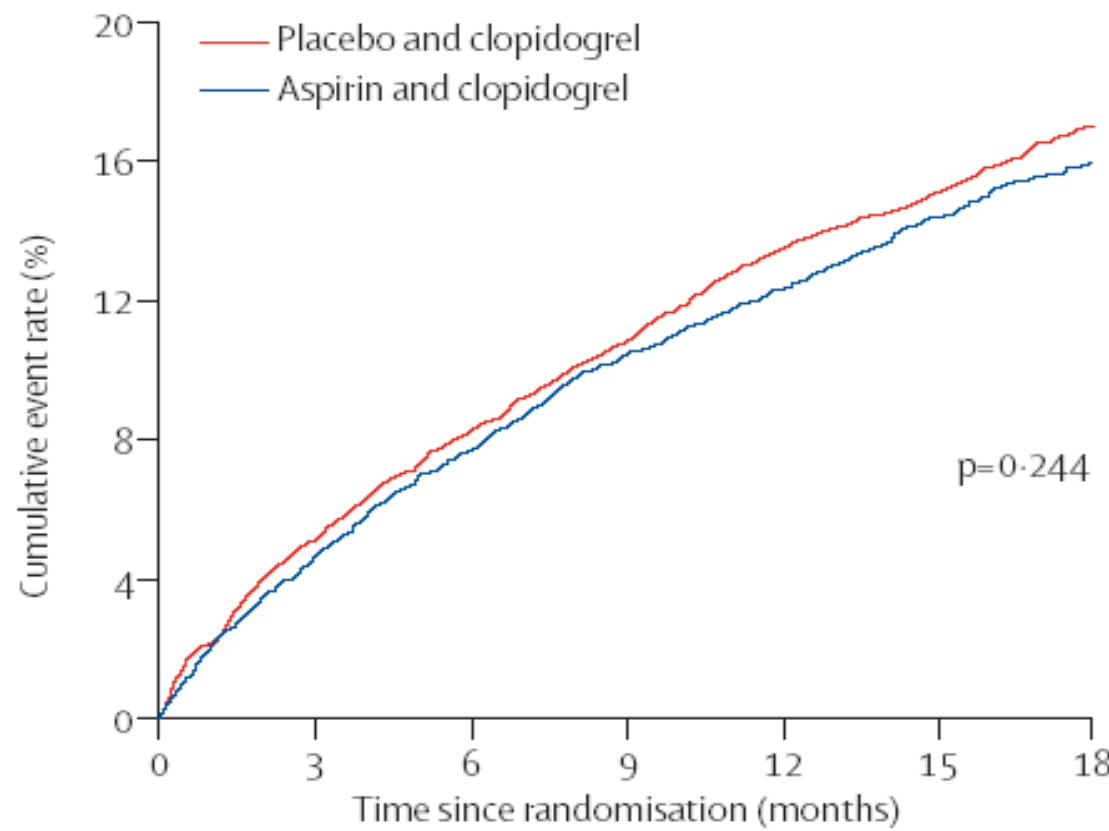


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JAMA 2002

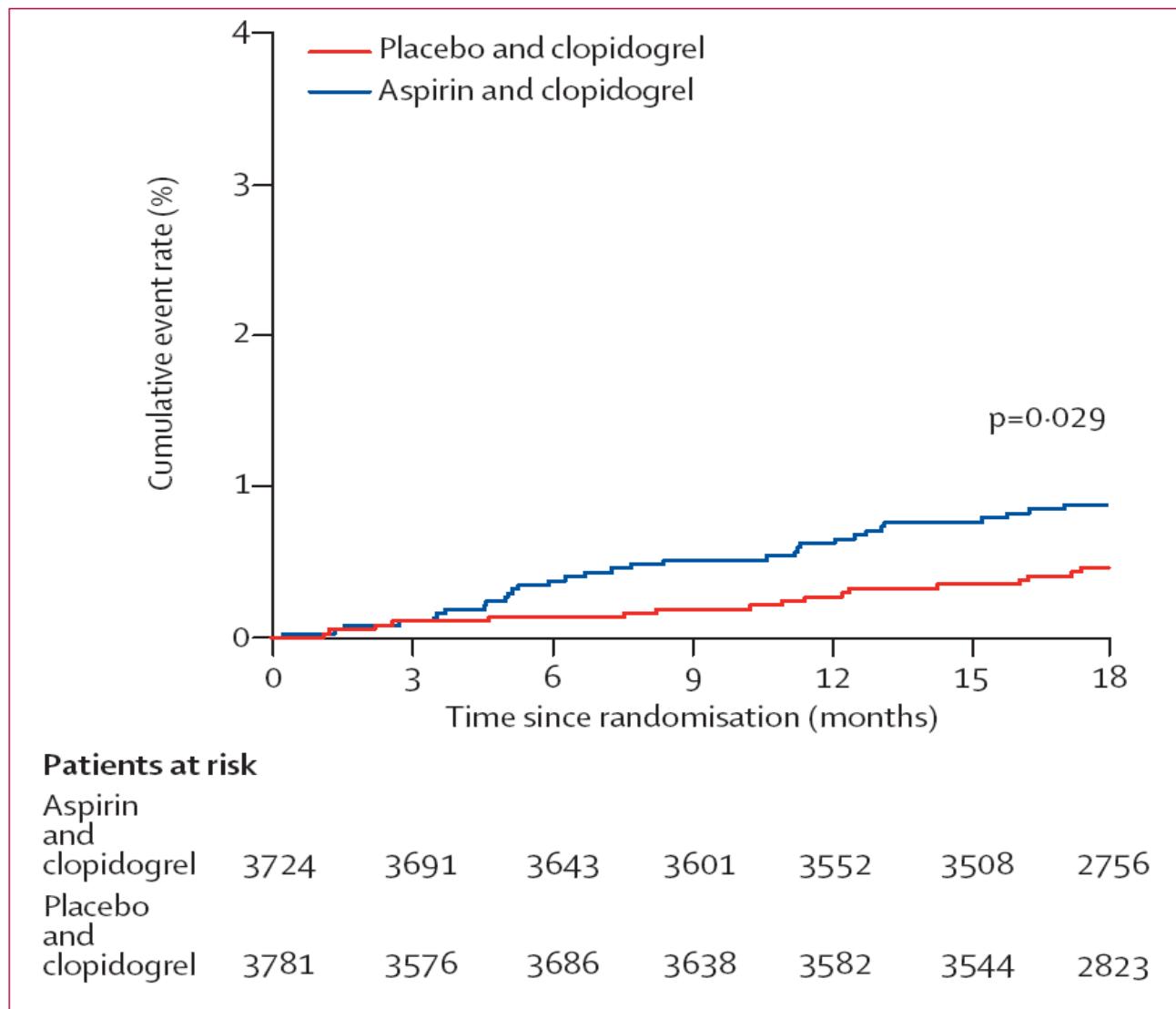
# MATCH – ASA+CPG vs. CPG

Management of Atherothrombosis with Clopidogrel in High-risk patients with recent ischemic stroke or TIA

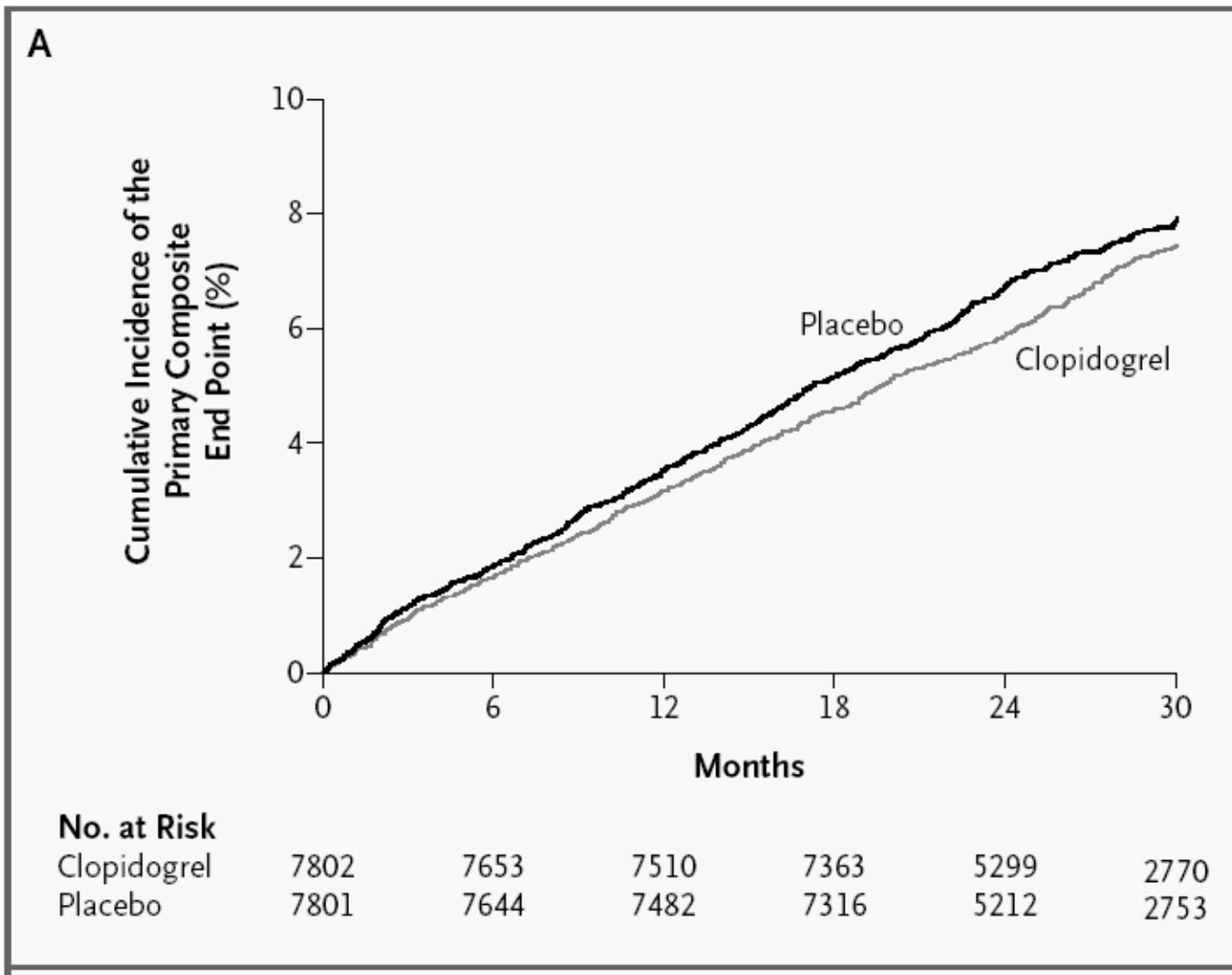


Lancet 2004

# Dual antiplatelets increases bleeding in stroke!



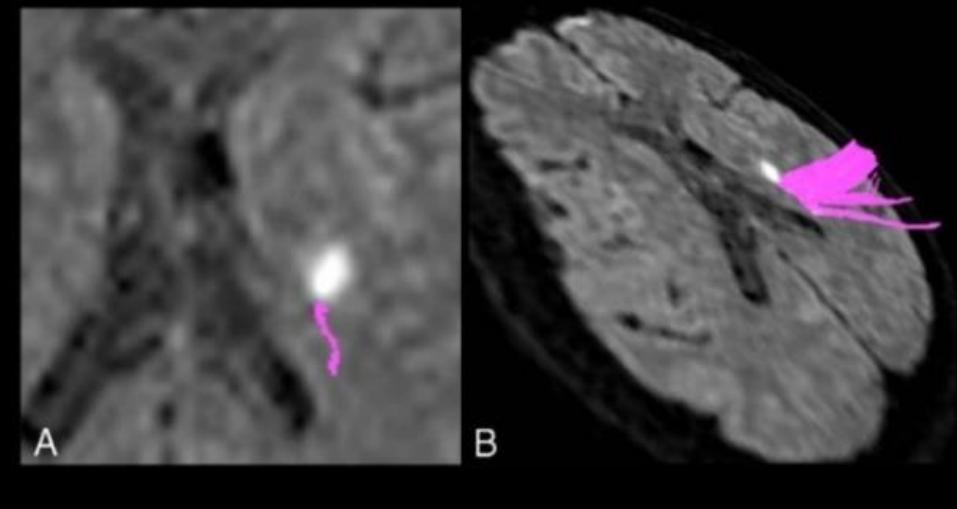
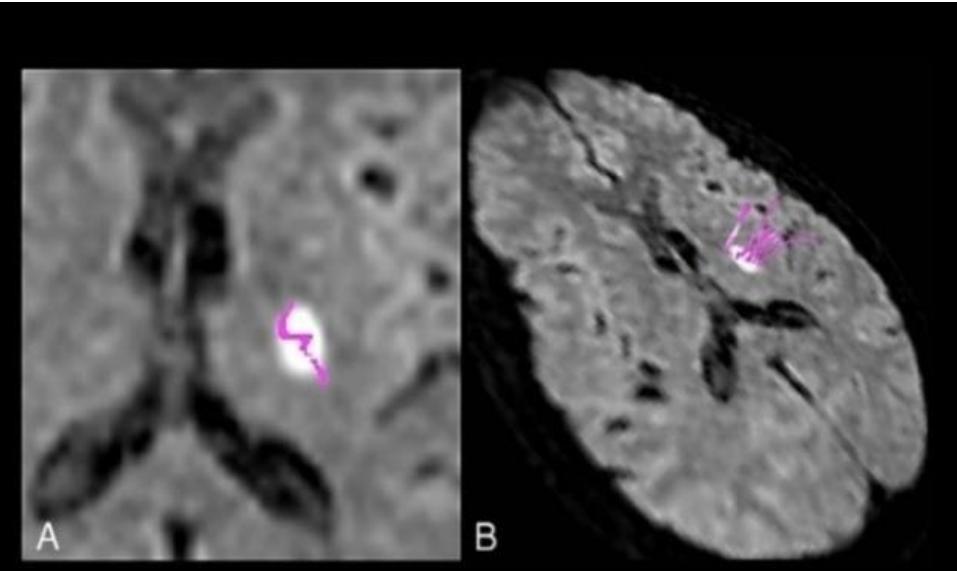
# CHARISMA – ASA+CPG vs. ASA



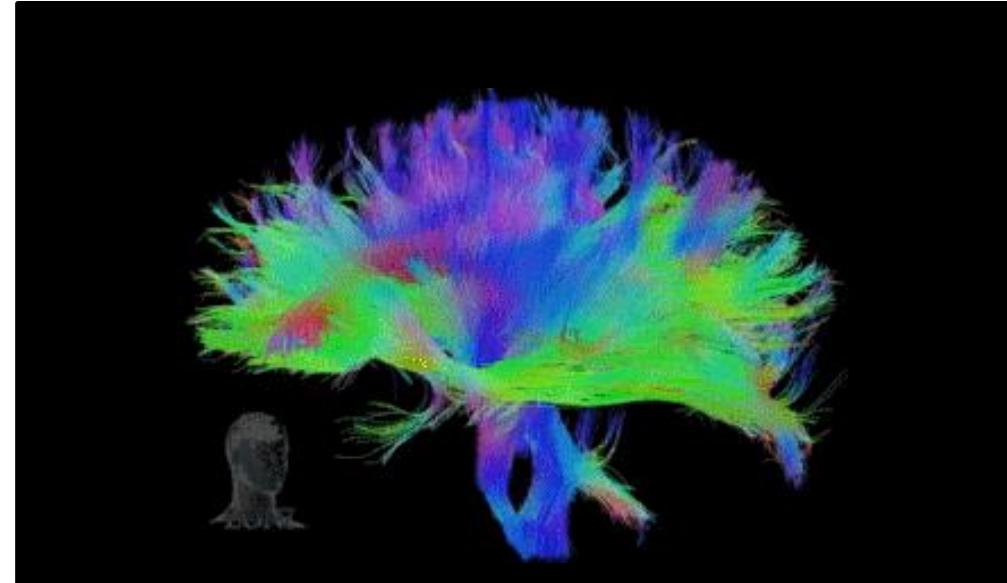
# Stroke mechanism is heterogeneous!

- Cardioembolism (**CE**)
- Large-artery atherosclerosis (**LAA**)
  - Intracranial LAA
  - Extracranial LAA
- Small-vessel occlusion (**SVO**)
- **Other** determined etiology
- **Undetermined** etiology
  - two or more causes
  - cryptogenic
- Thrombotic
- Embolic
  - Cardioembolic
  - Artery-to-artery
- Hemodynamic
- Lacunar (small-vessel)
- Mixed

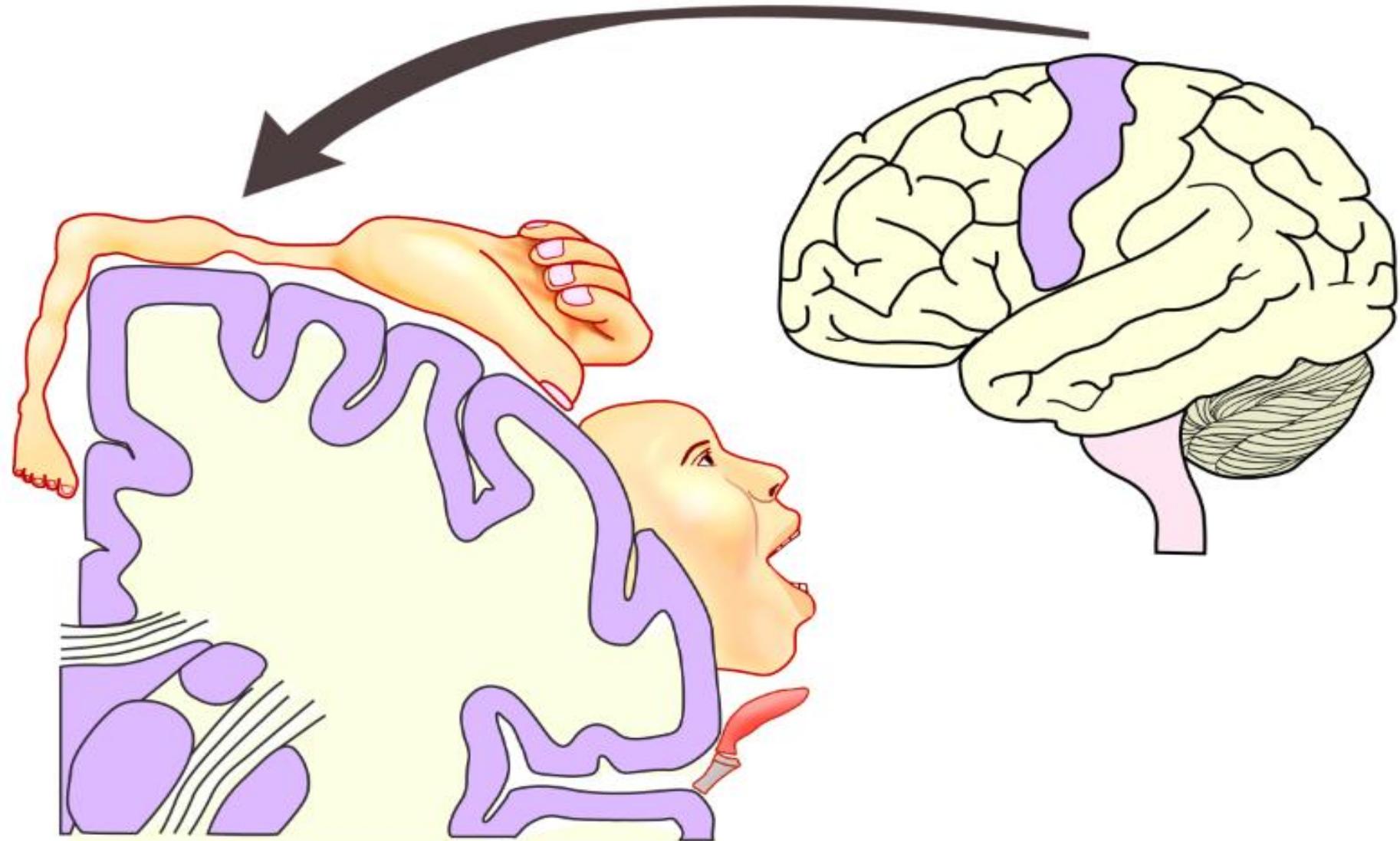
# Stroke outcome is location dependent!



- 뇌신경 경로에 따라 예후도 개인마다 다르다



# cortical homunculus

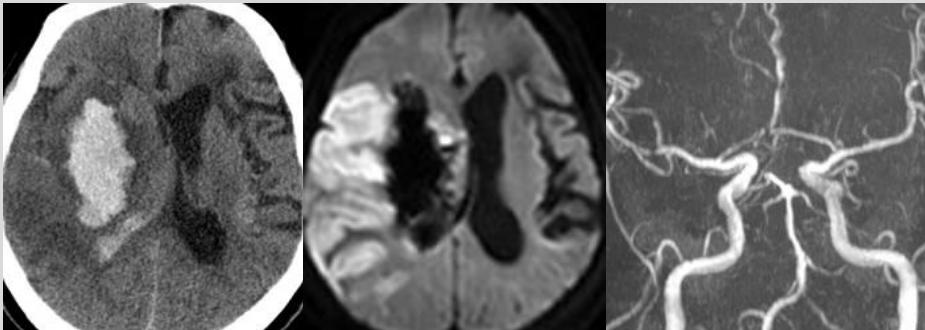
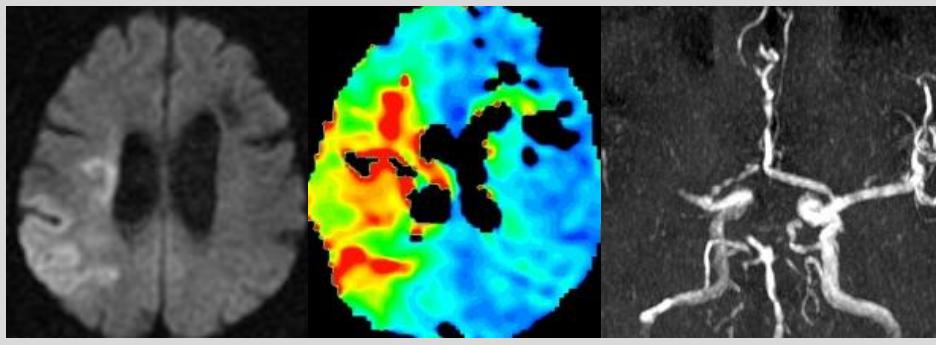


# sometimes unpredictable!

## 혈전용해술

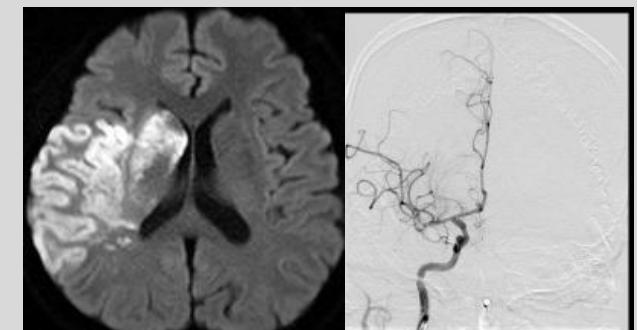
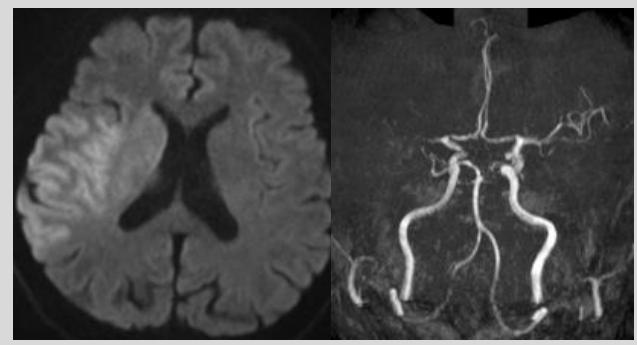
- 소수의 기준만으로는 예후 예측 어렵다

Case I

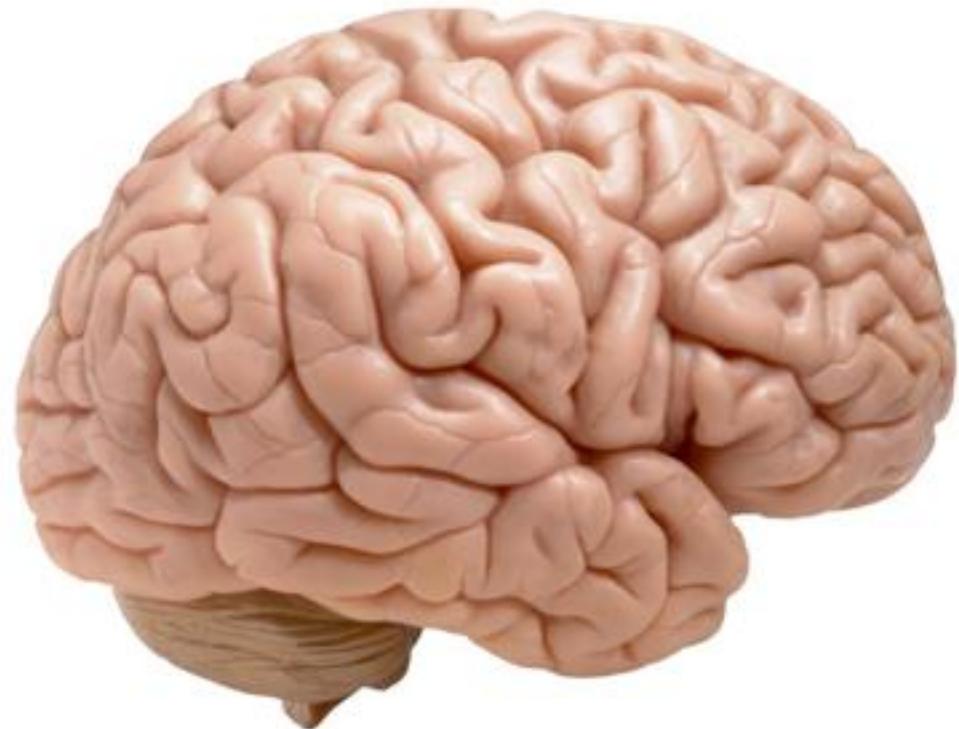
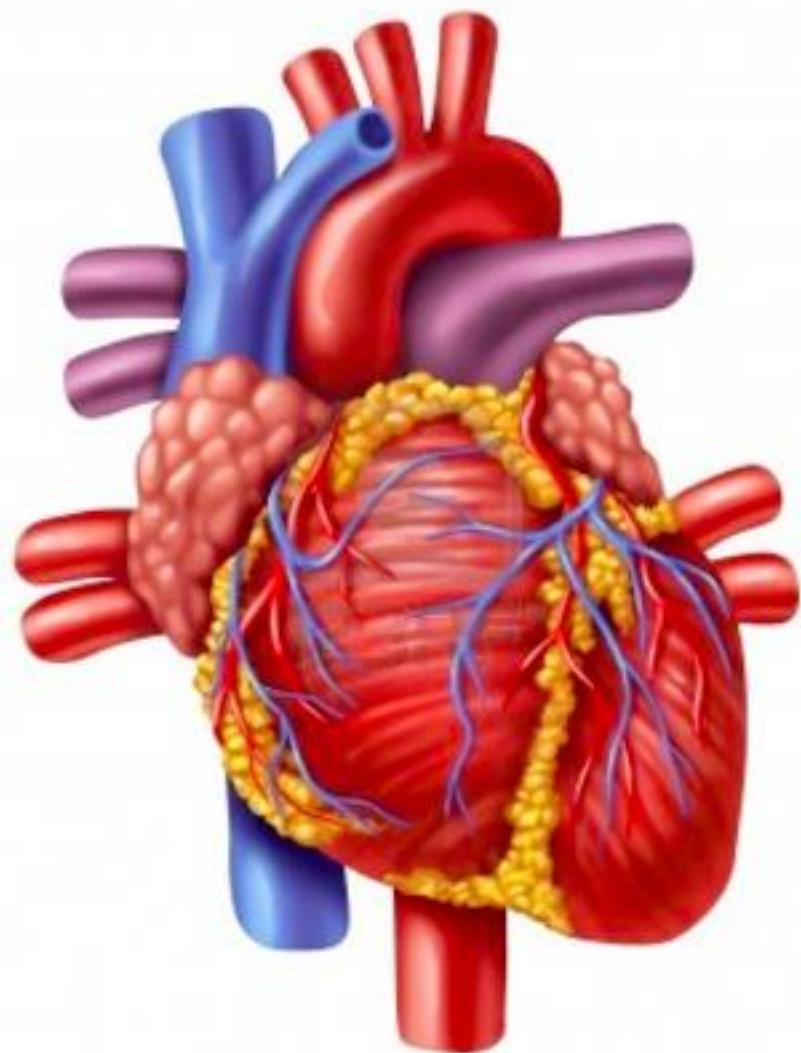


Poor outcome

Case II

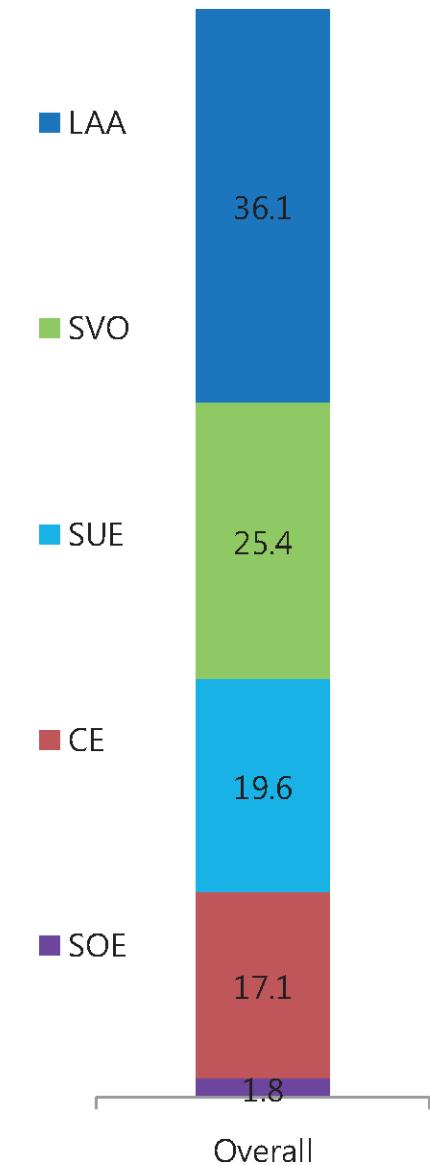
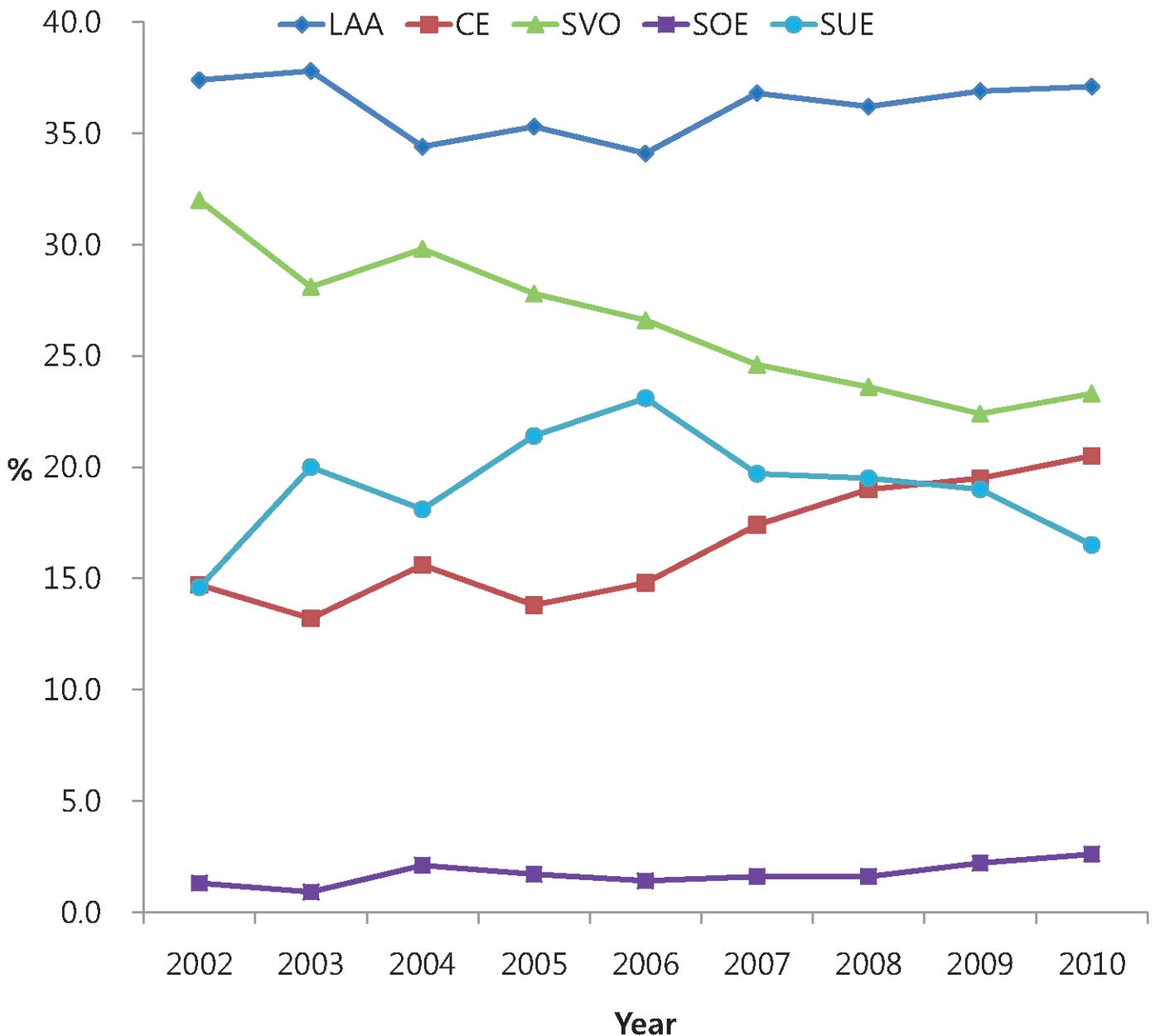


Favorable outcome



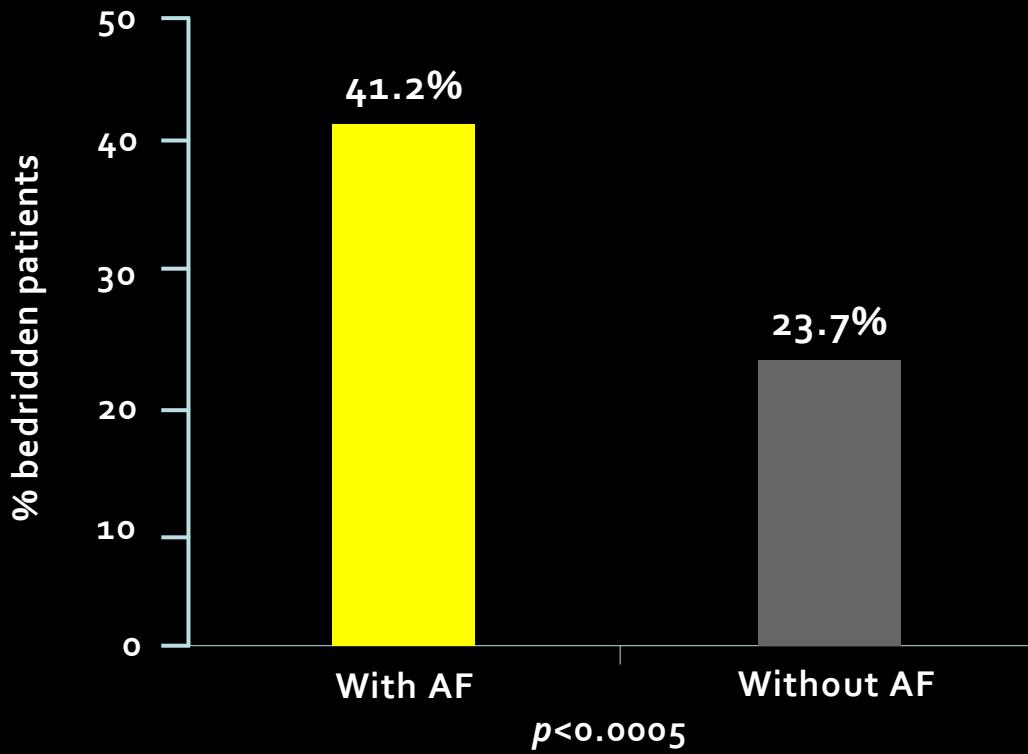
# Characteristics of Cardioembolic Stroke

# TOAST classification



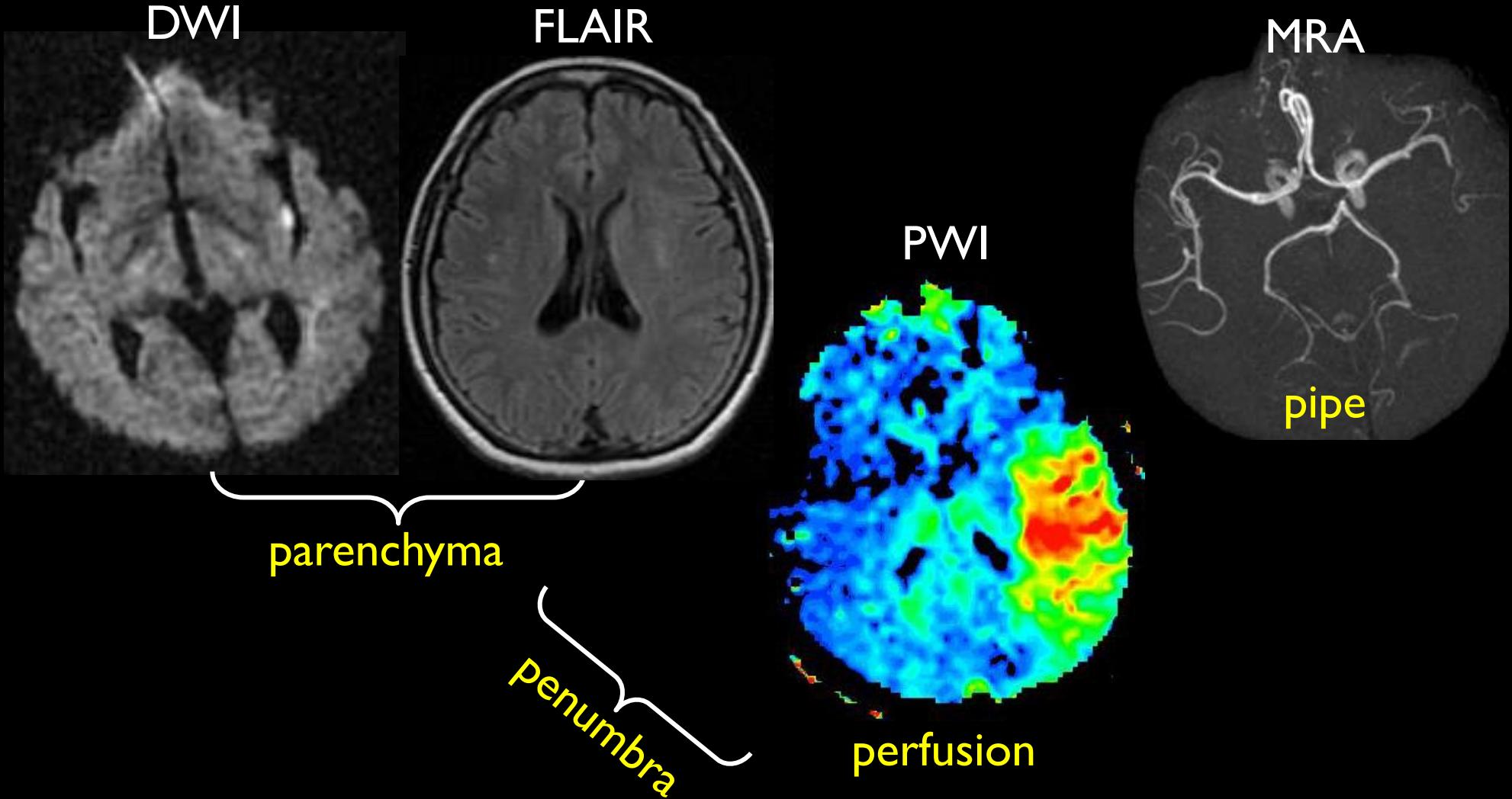
# Clinical features

- Maximal deficits at onset
- More severe clinical presentation
- Poorer outcome

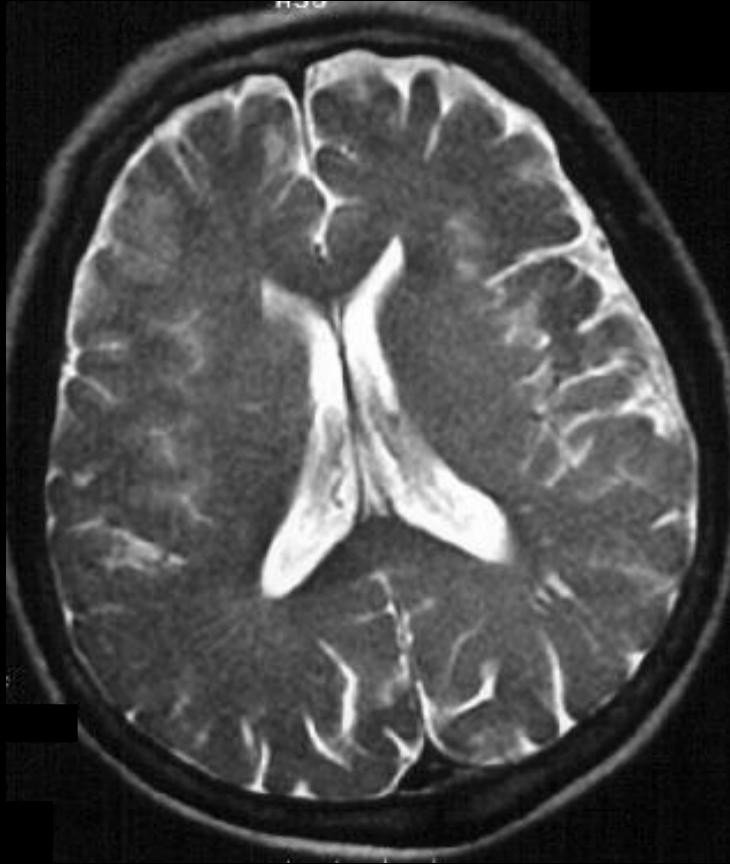


*Neuroepidemiology 2003*

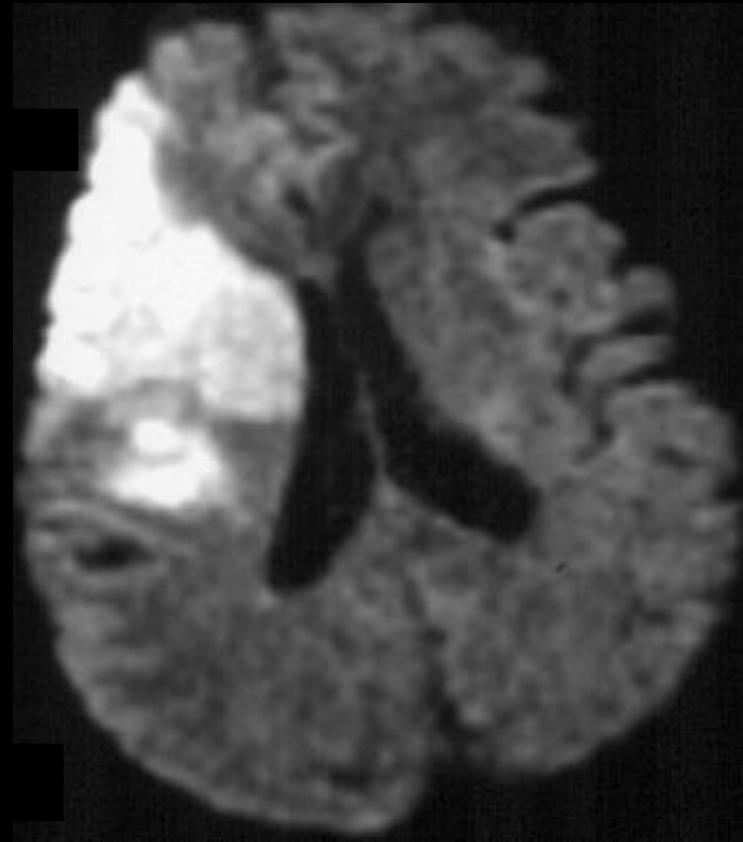
# 뇌경색의 구성요소 – 4P



# 급성 뇌경색, 어디 있을까?

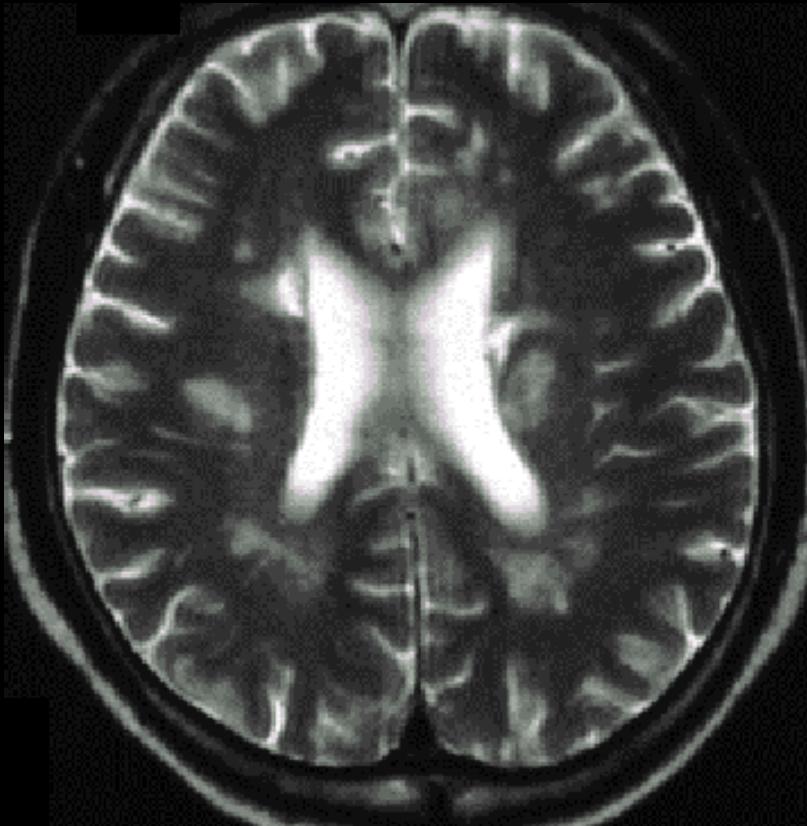


T2-weighted image

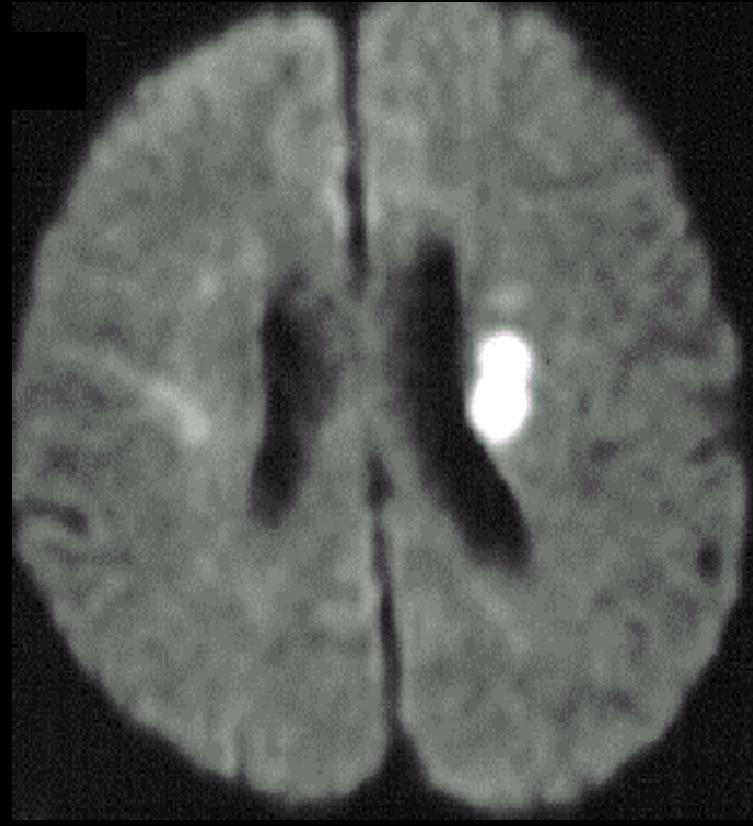


diffusion-weighted image (DWI)  
확산강조 MR 영상

# 급성 뇌경색, 어느 것일까?

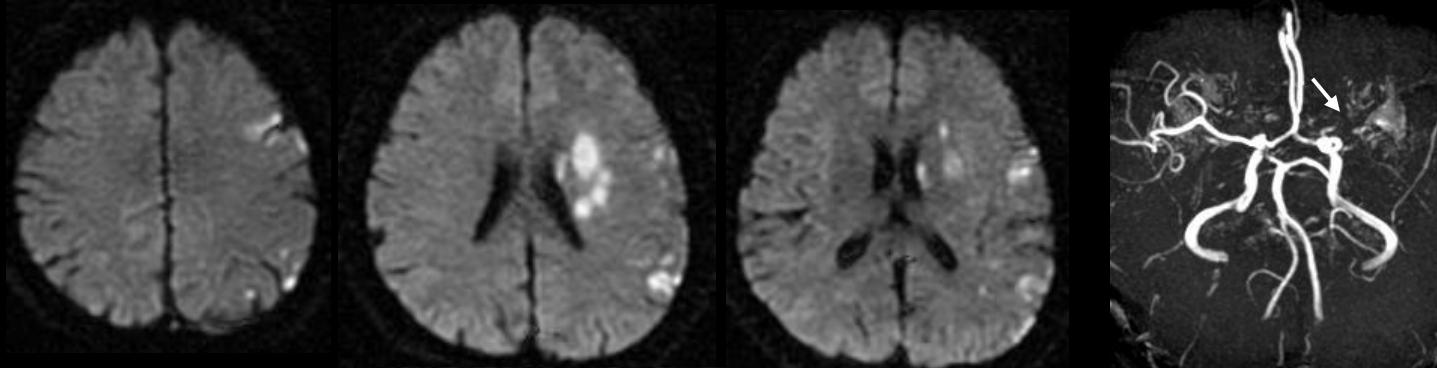


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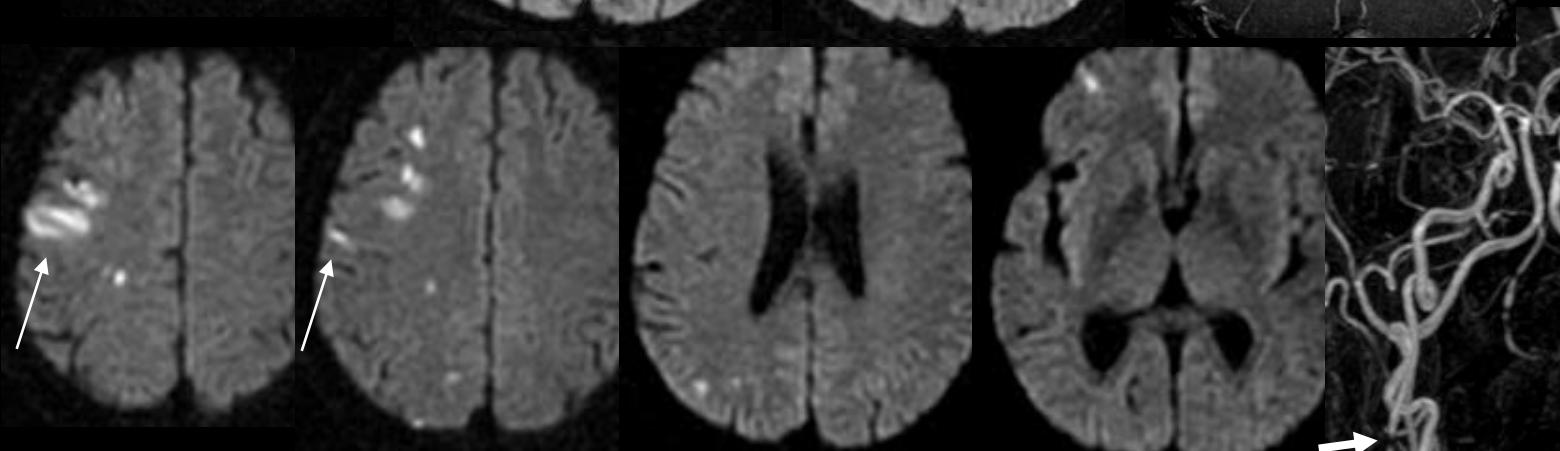


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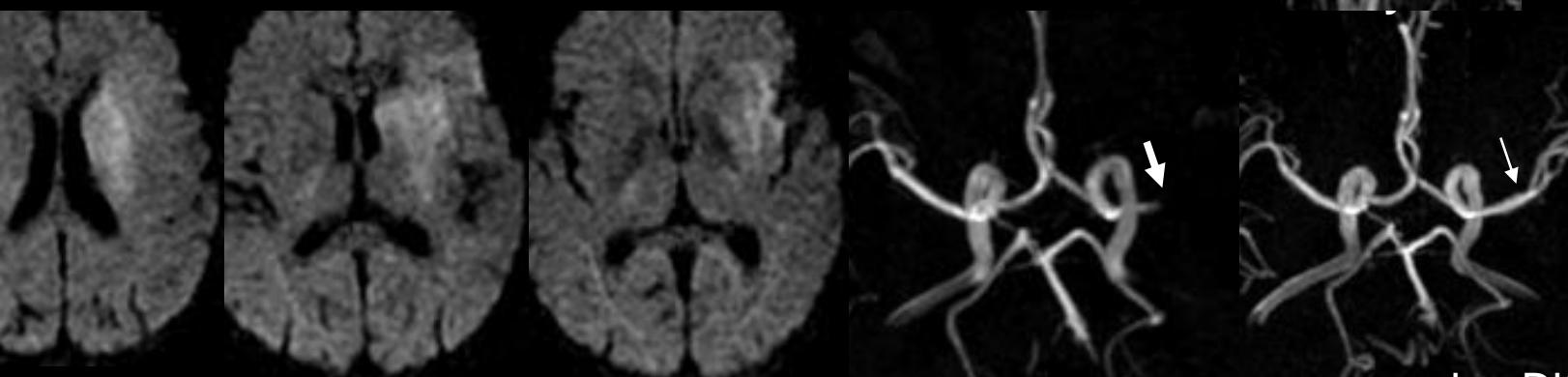
뇌경색 패턴을 보면 원인을 가늠할 수 있다



가까운 혈관탓  
middle cerebral a

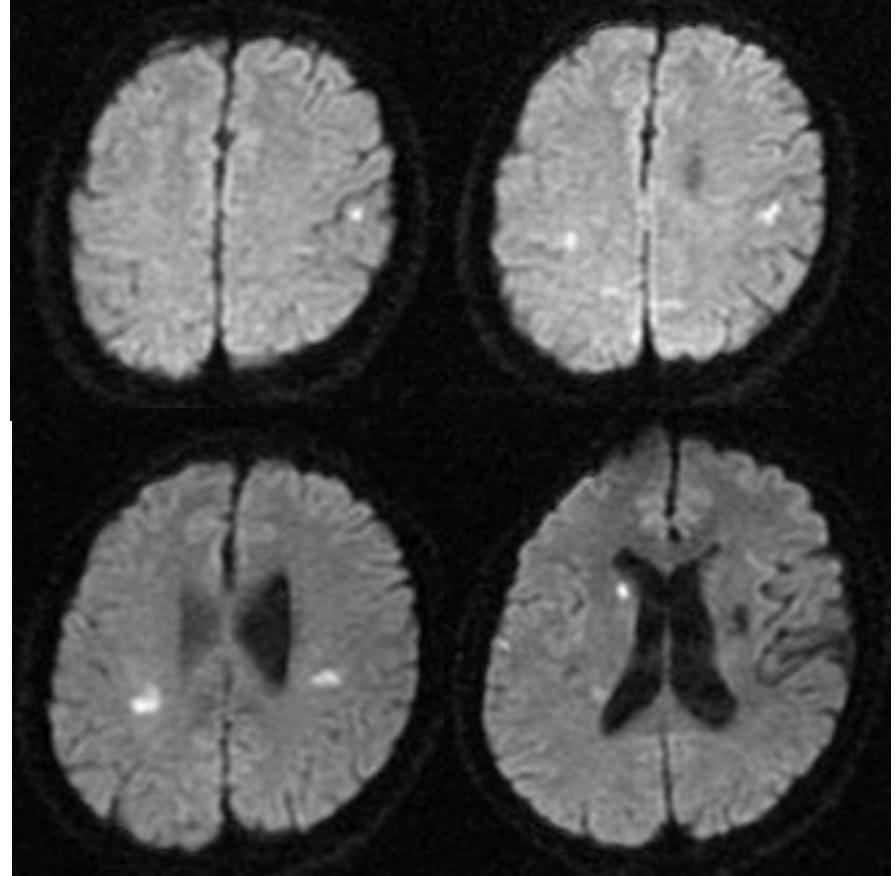
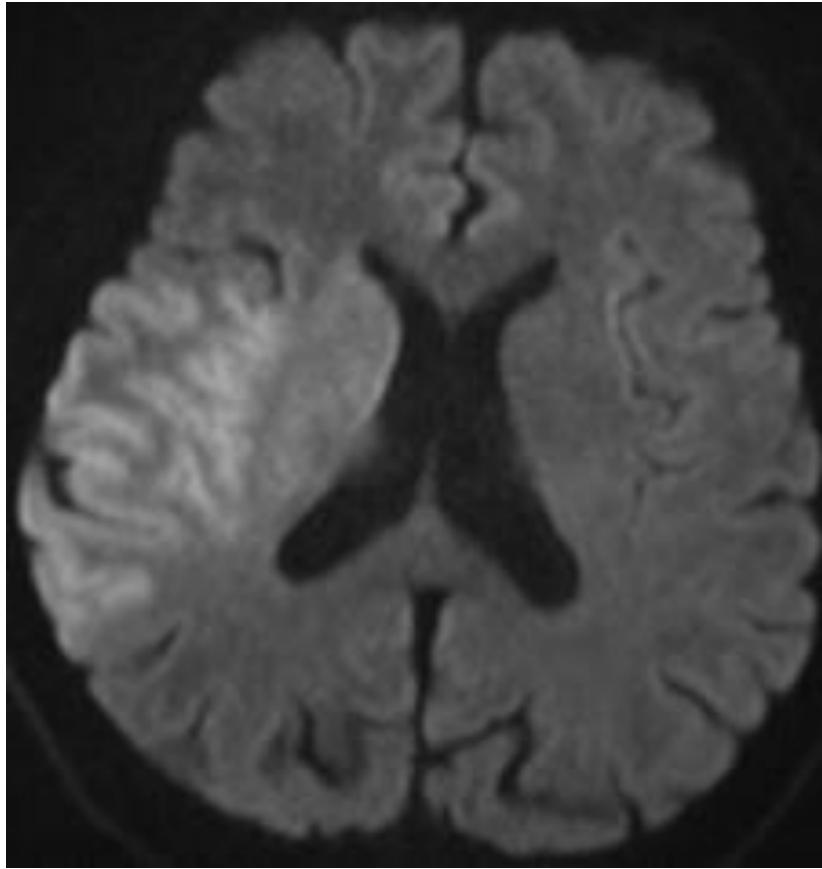


먼 혈관탓  
internal carotid a

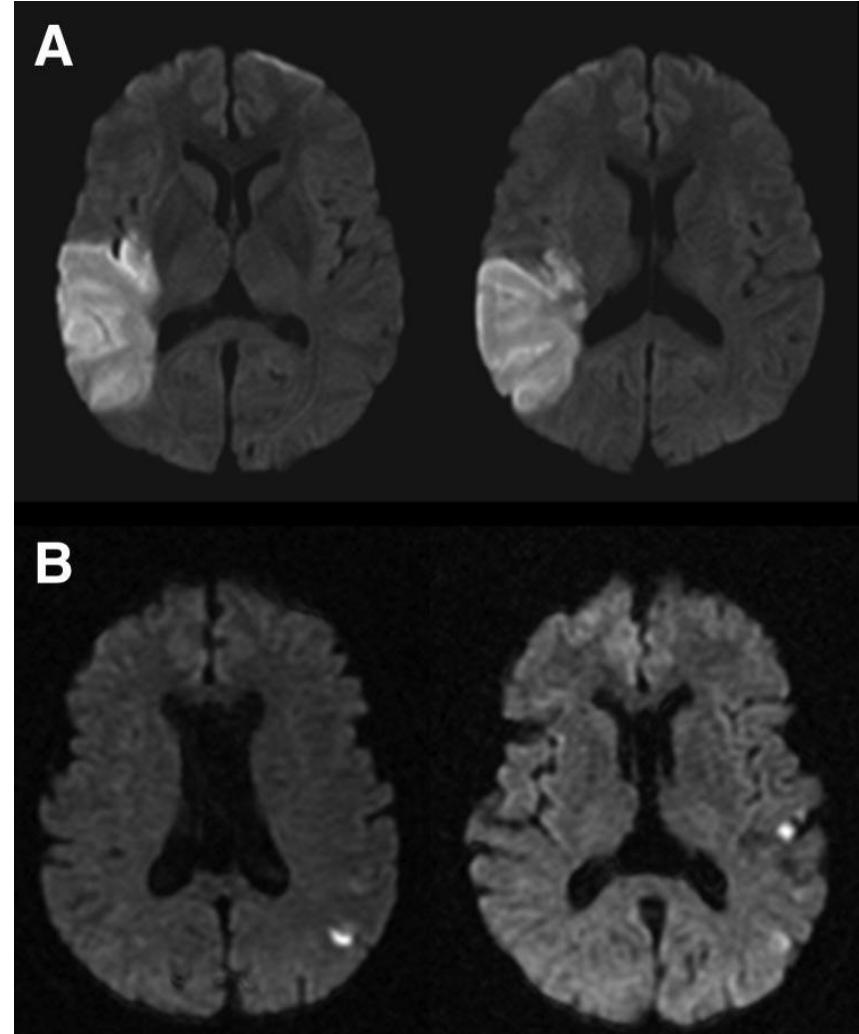
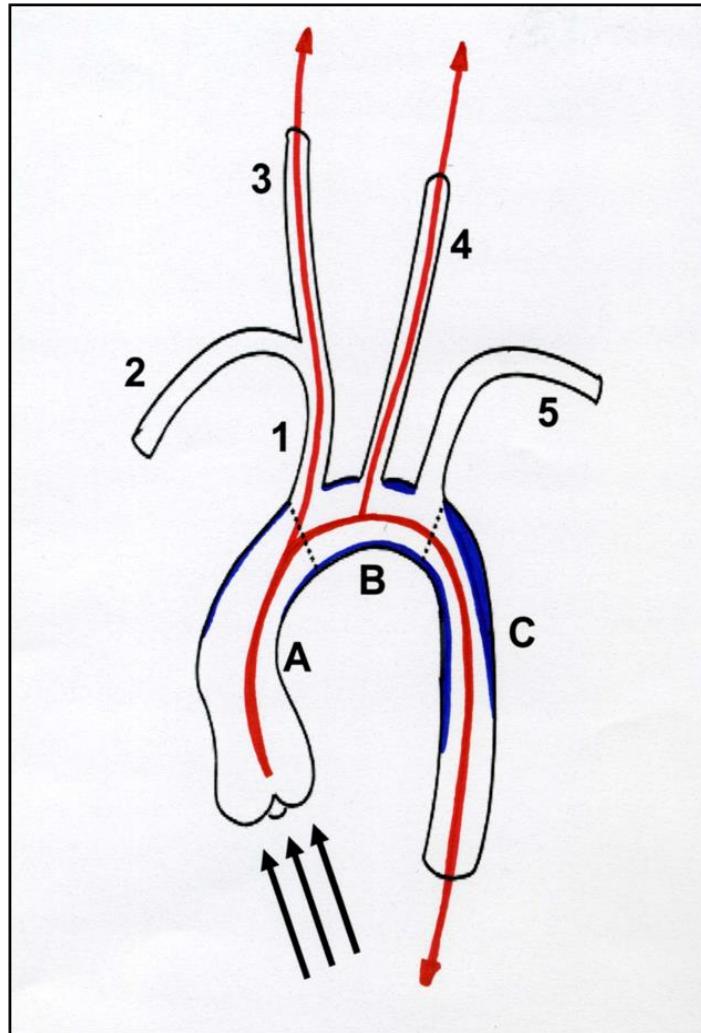


심장탓  
cardioembolism

# CE stroke – Large or Multiple



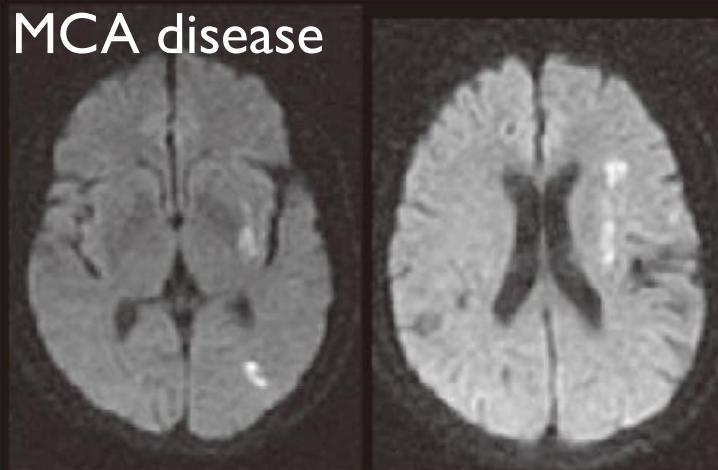
# Right-brain propensity of cardioembolism



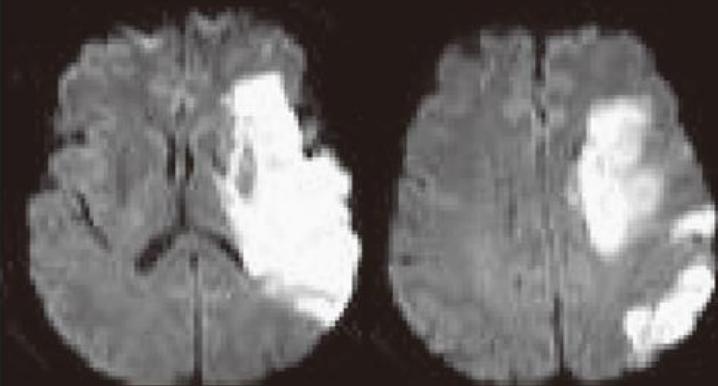
Kim HJ, Kang DW. Stroke 2011

# Pipe – Evaluation of early recanalization is useful

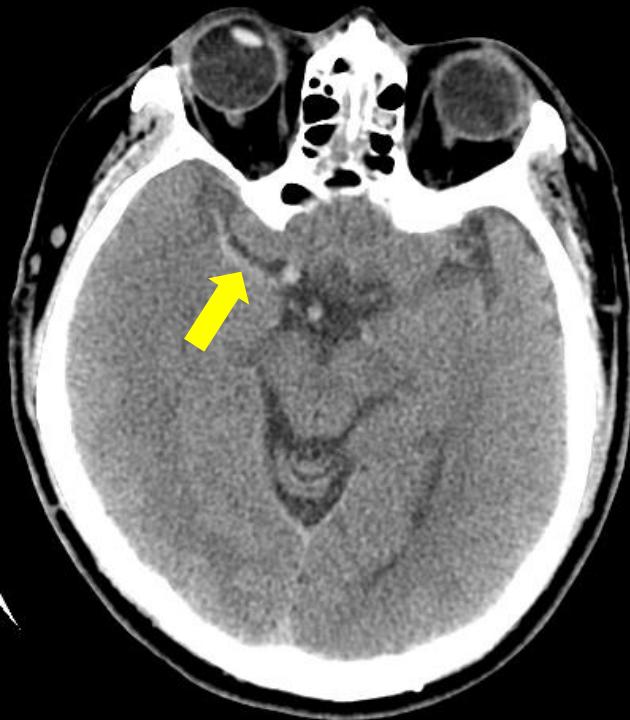
MCA disease



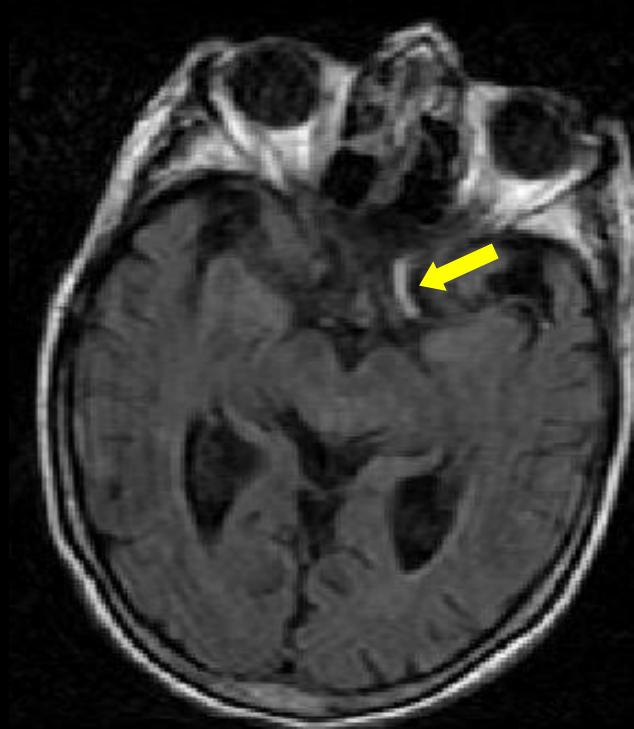
Cardioembolism



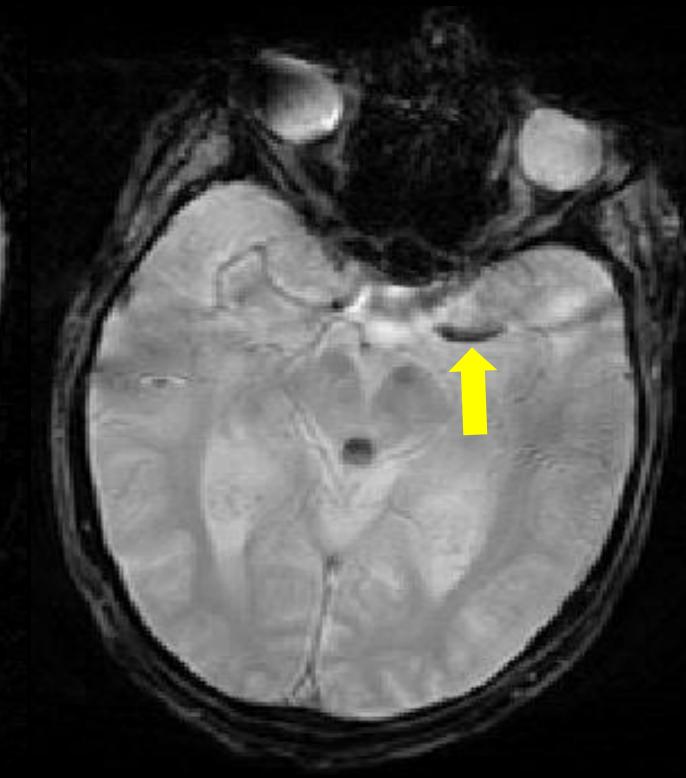
막힌 혈관은 CT, MRI에서도 보일 수 있다



CT

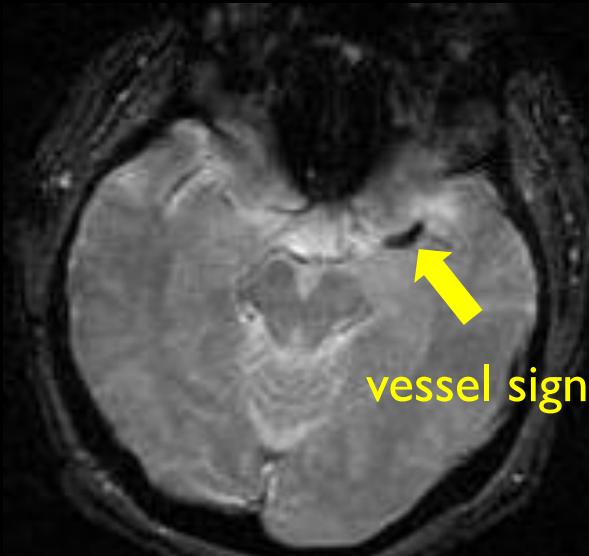
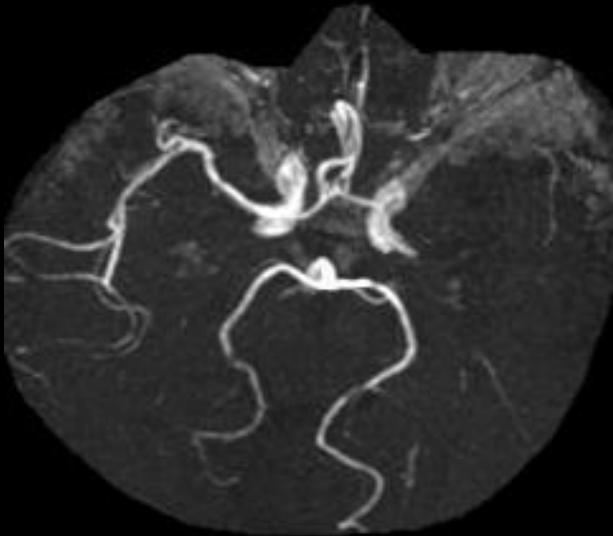


FLAIR

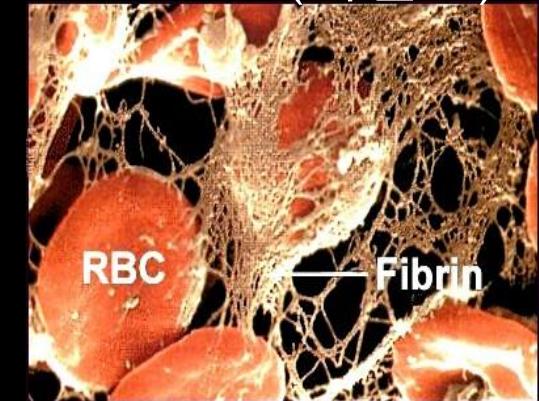


Gradient echo T2\*

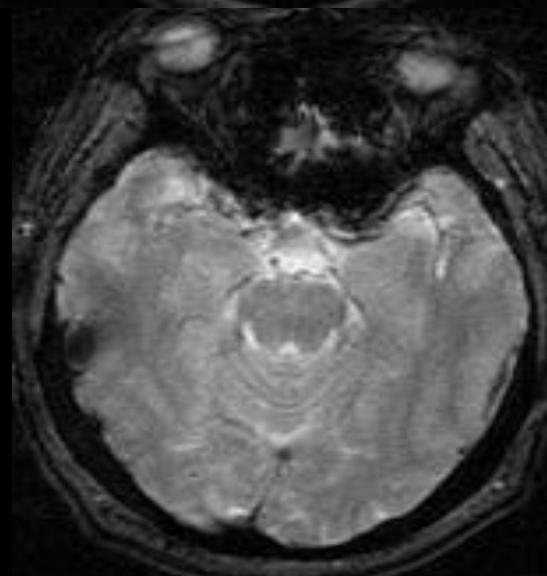
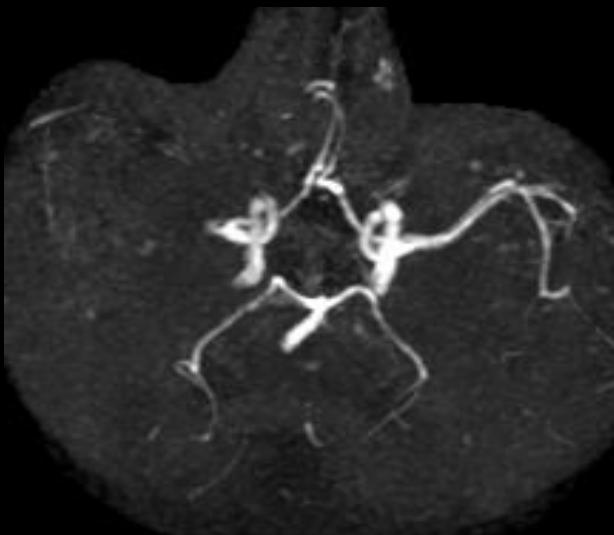
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vessel sign



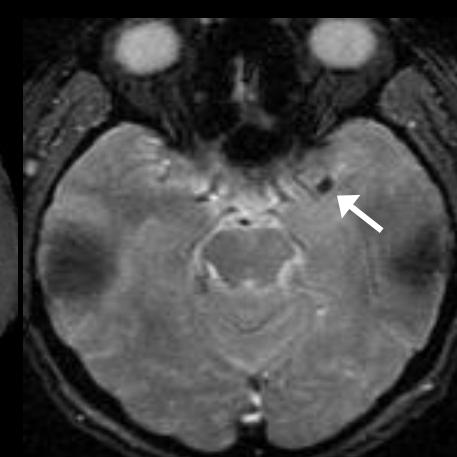
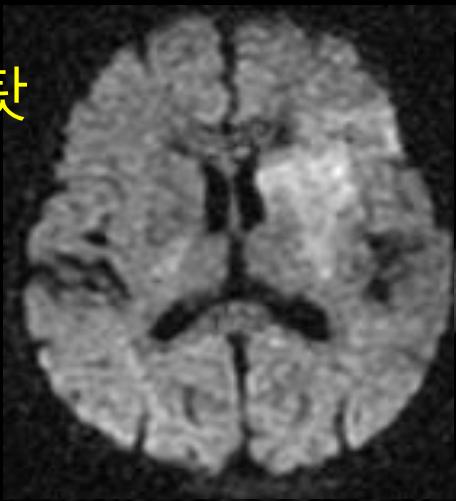
red clot (적혈전)



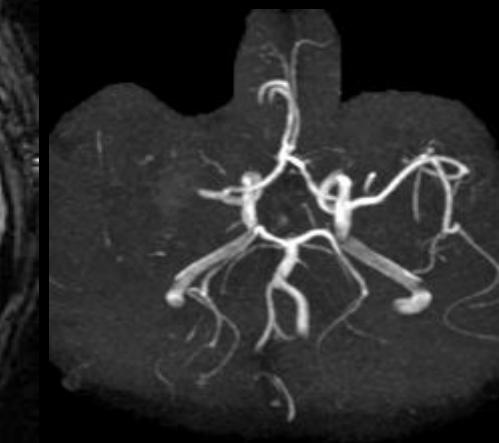
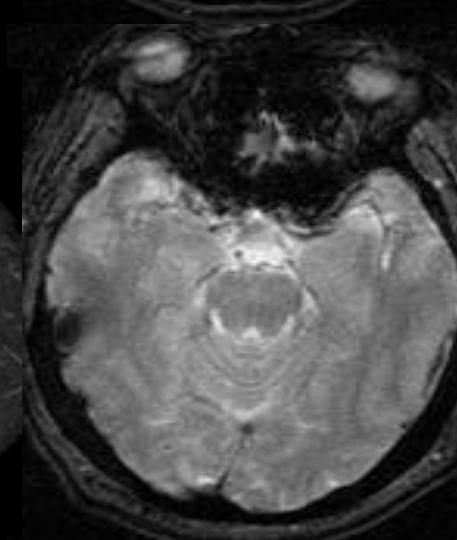
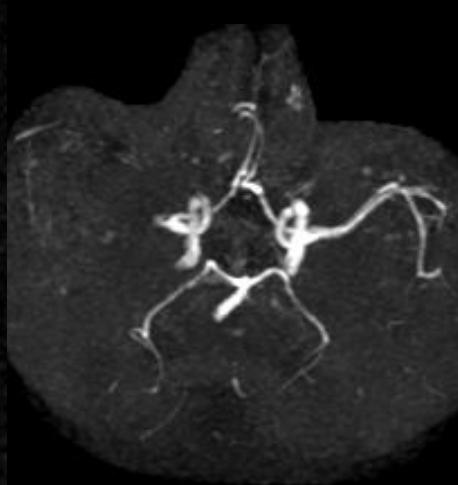
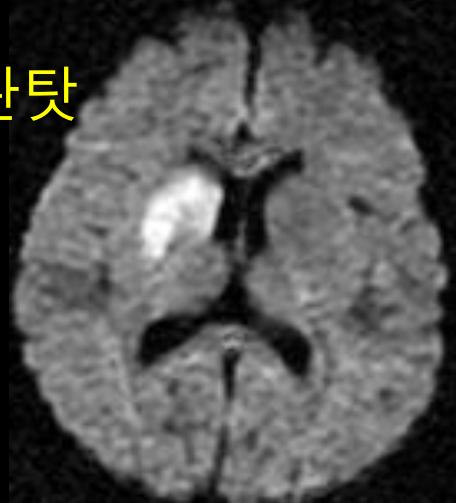
white clot (백혈전)

# 혈전 성분이 중요한 이유 - 혈관재개통 여부

심장탓



뇌혈관탓



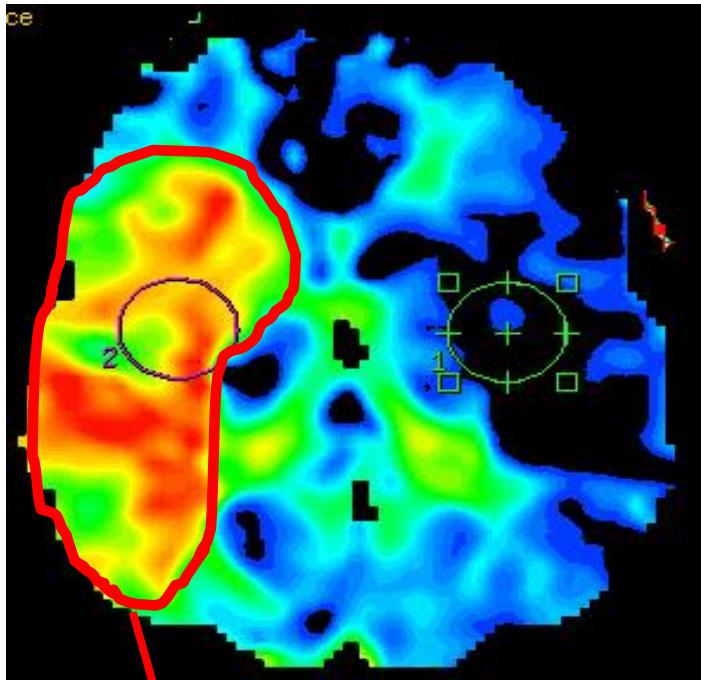
DWI

MRA

GRE

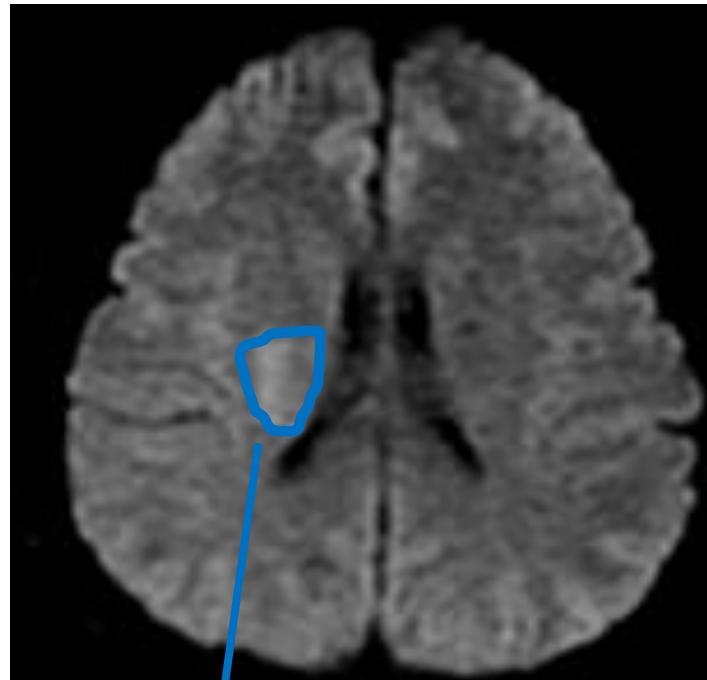
follow-up  
MRA

## Perfusion MRI

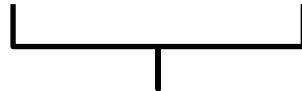


Perfusion defect

## Diffusion MRI

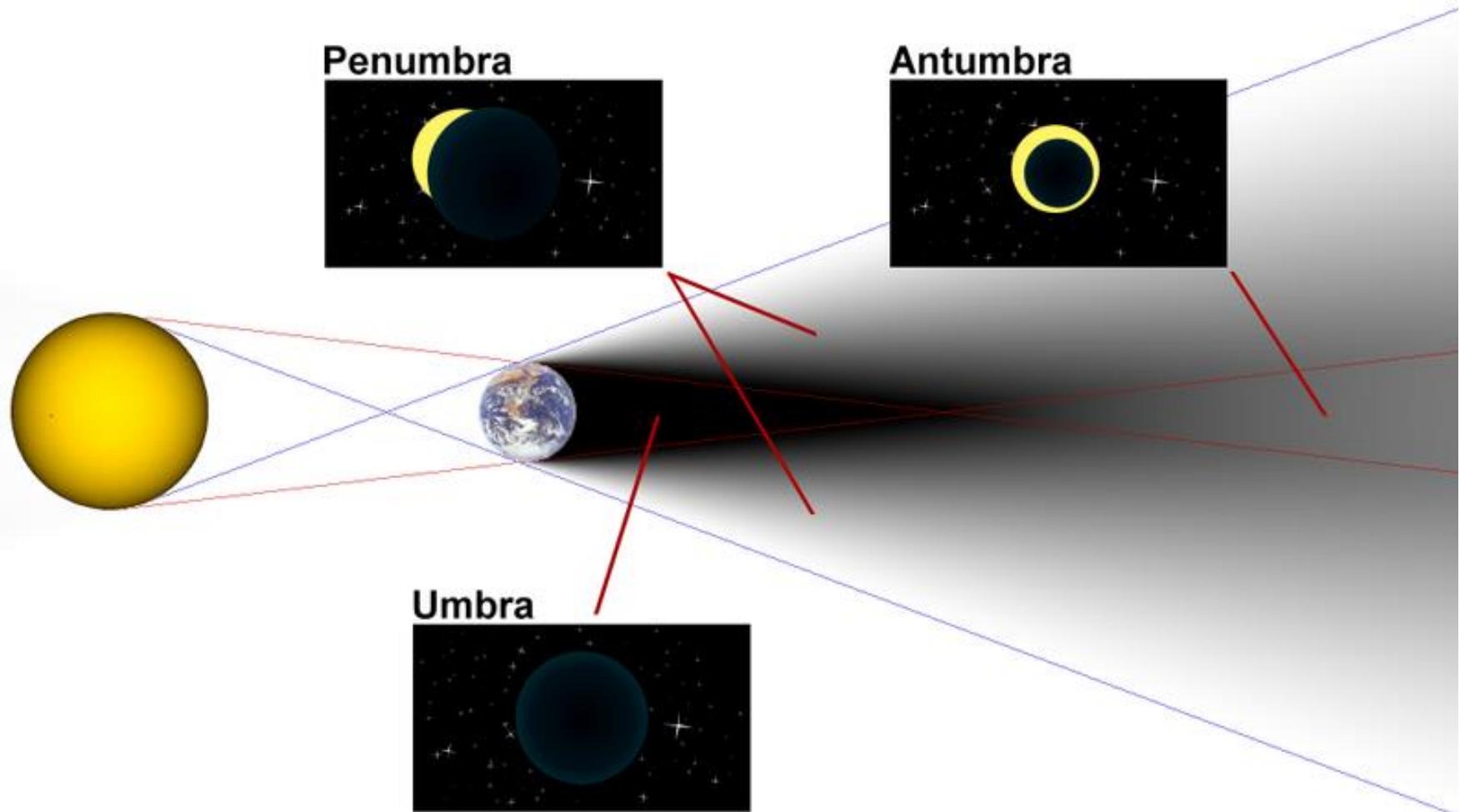


Infarct core – game over!



Mismatch (penumbra) – salvageable!

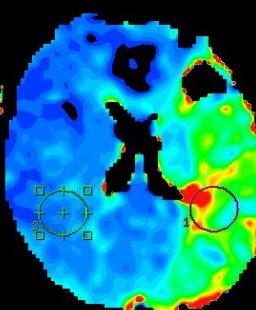
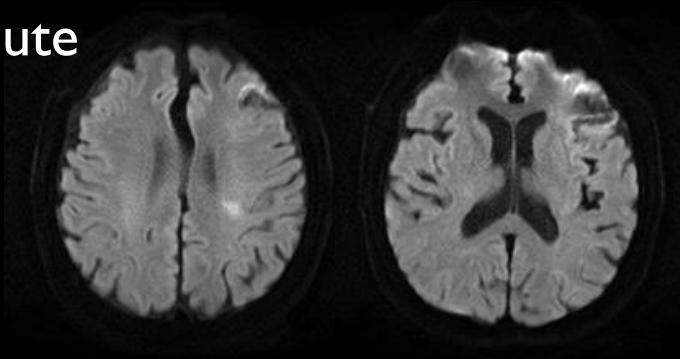
# penumbra (pen + umbra) 반음영



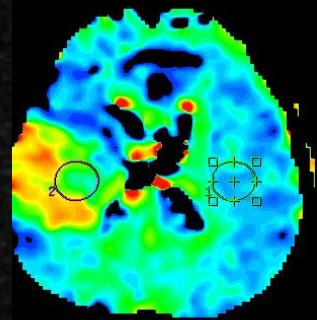
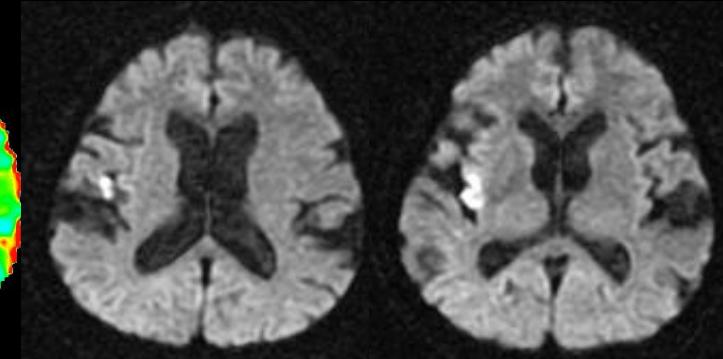
# Stroke is dynamic! – infarct growth

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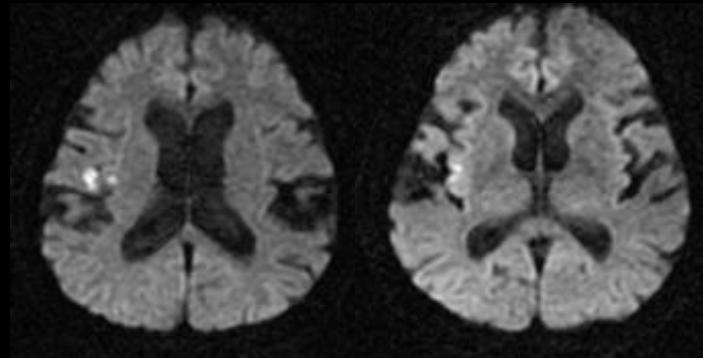
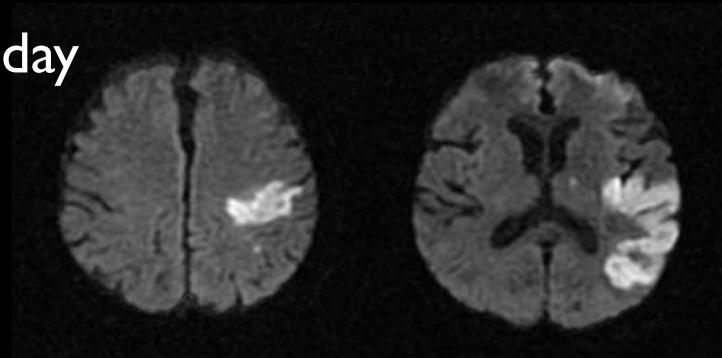
acute



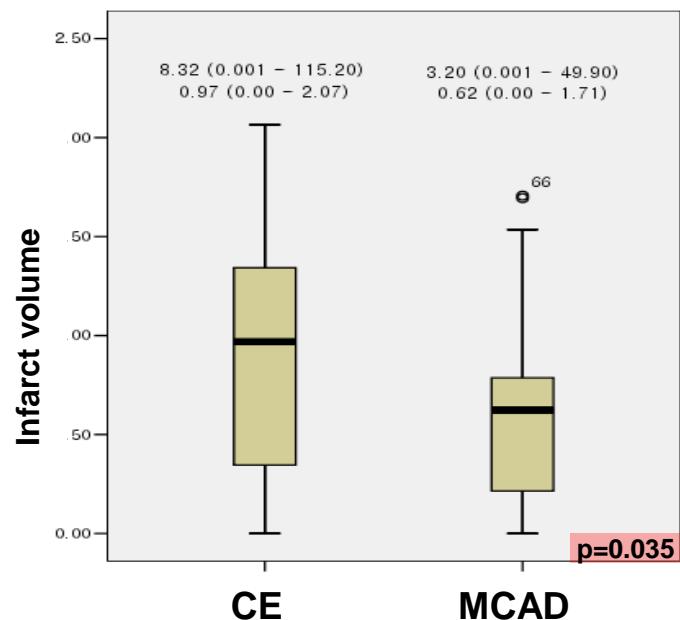
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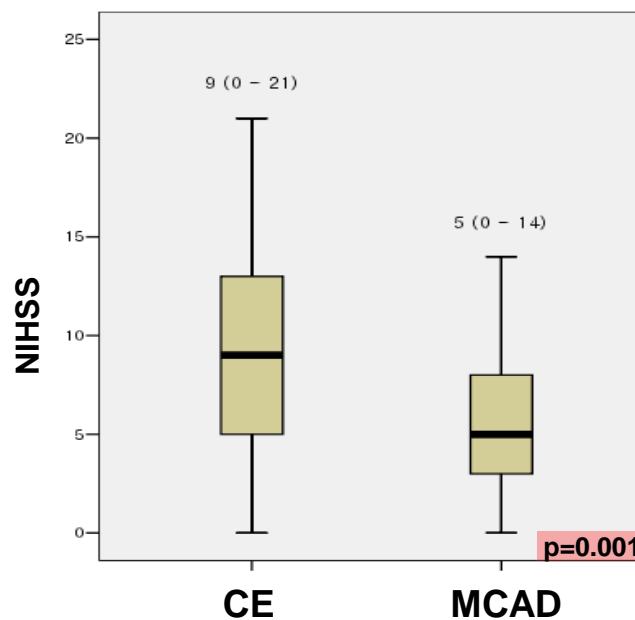
5-day



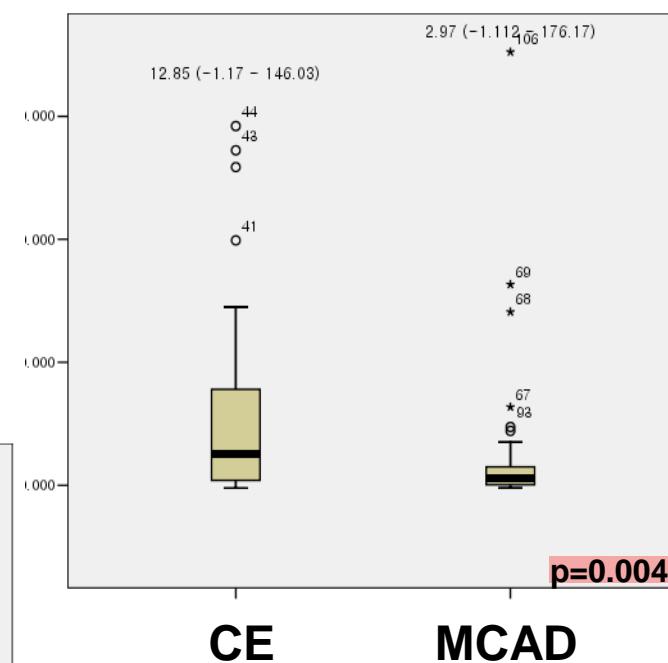
### Baseline infarct volume



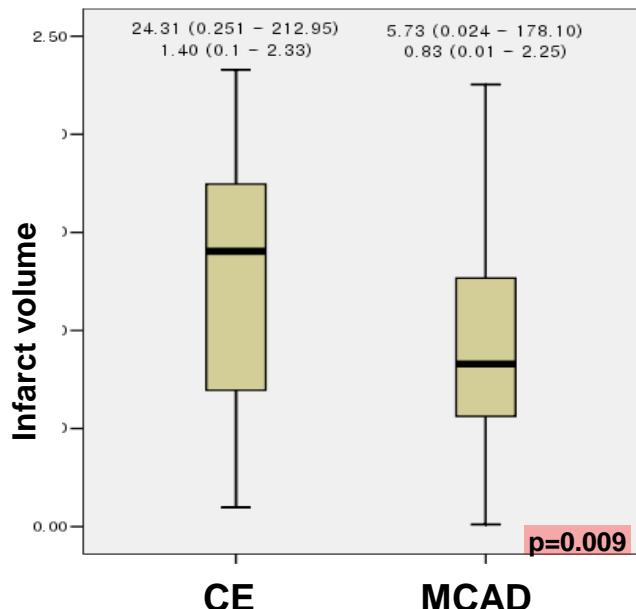
### Baseline NIHSS



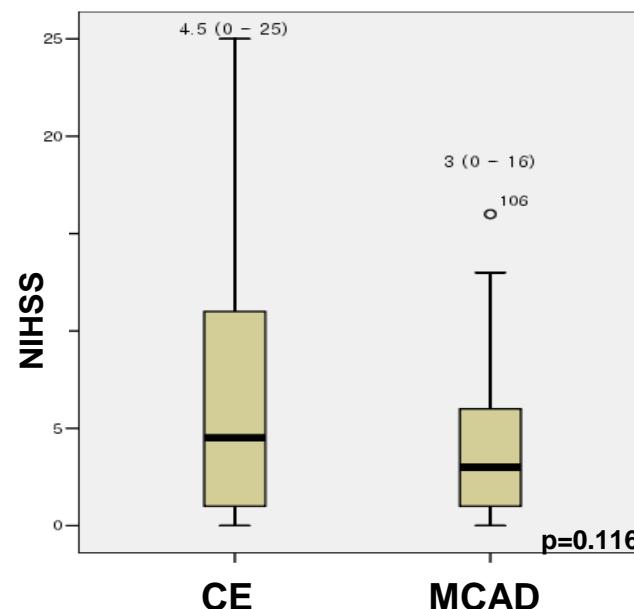
### infarct growth



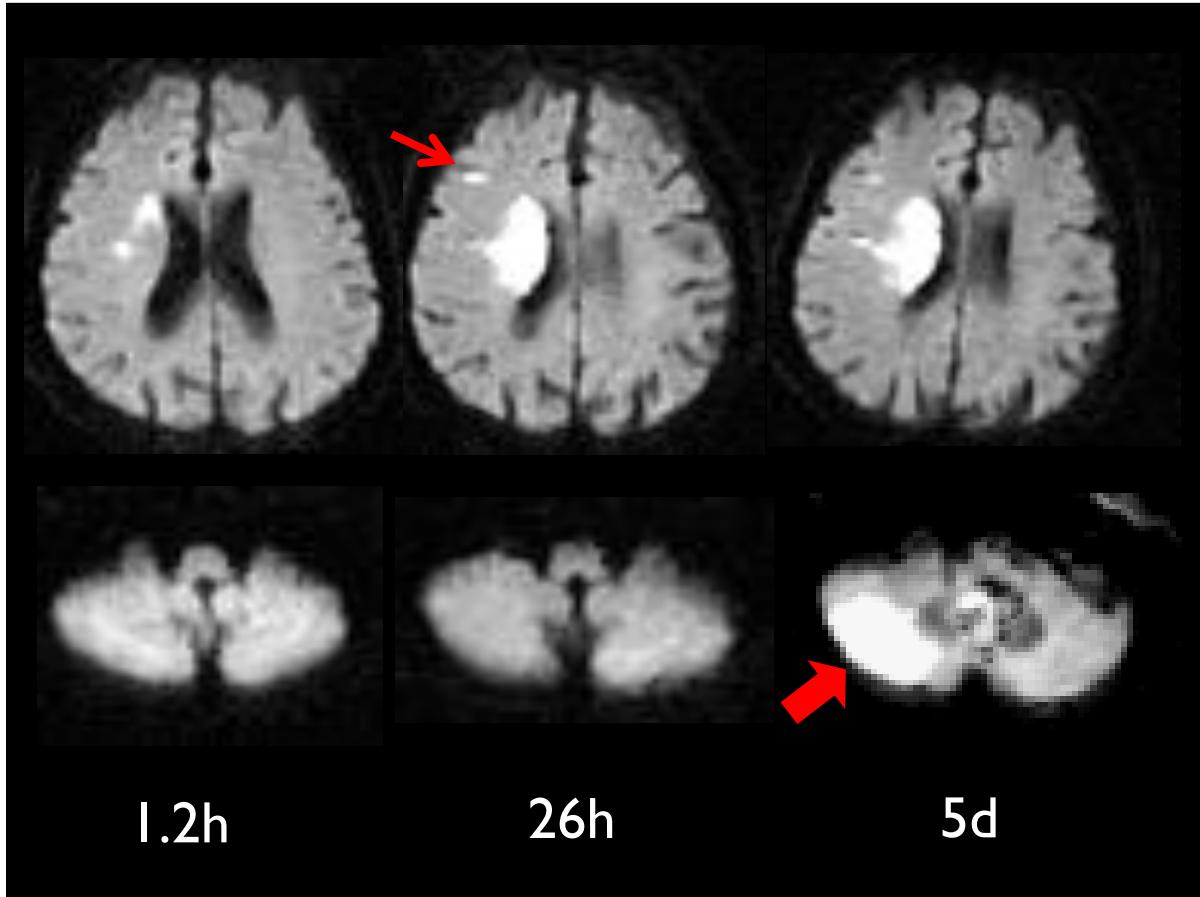
### 5 day infarct volume



### 5 day NIHSS



# Stroke is dynamic! – new infarcts

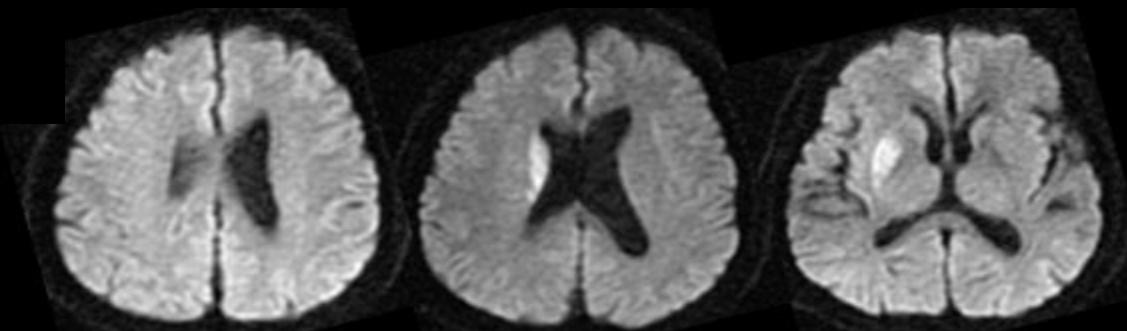


- lesion recurrence  
**34%**
- clinical recurrence  
**2%**

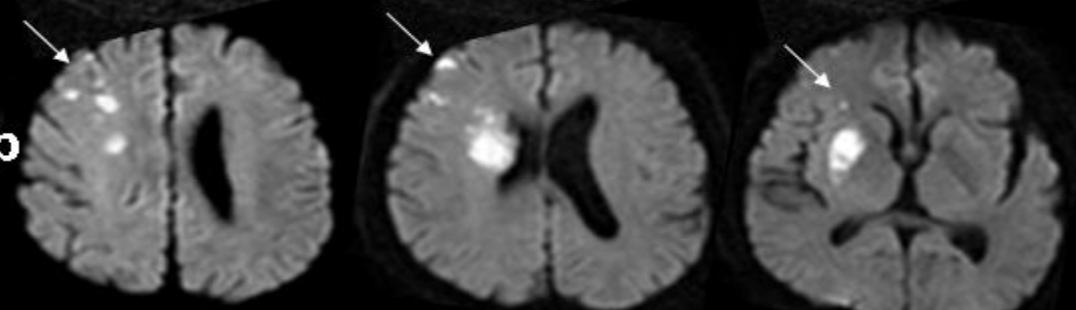
Kang DW et al. *Ann Neurol* 2003,  
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## MCA탓

Acute

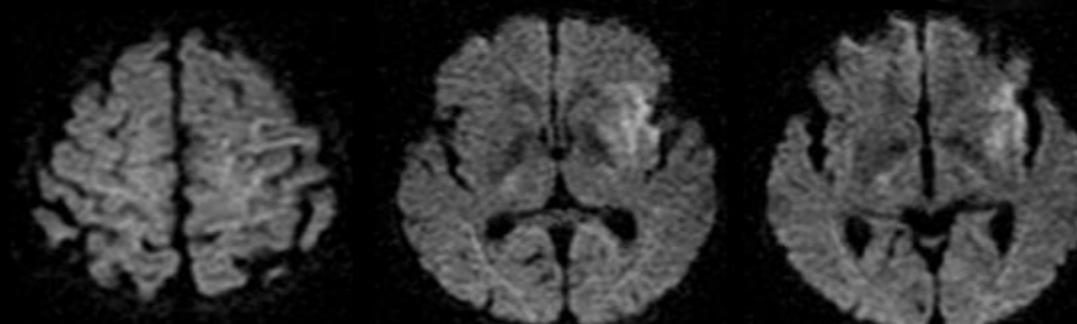


5-day  
Follow-up

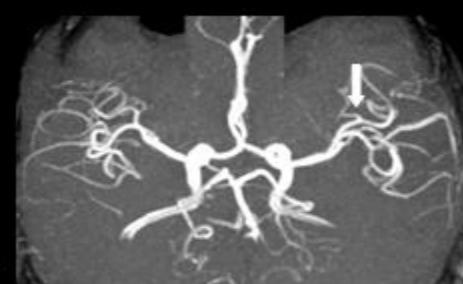
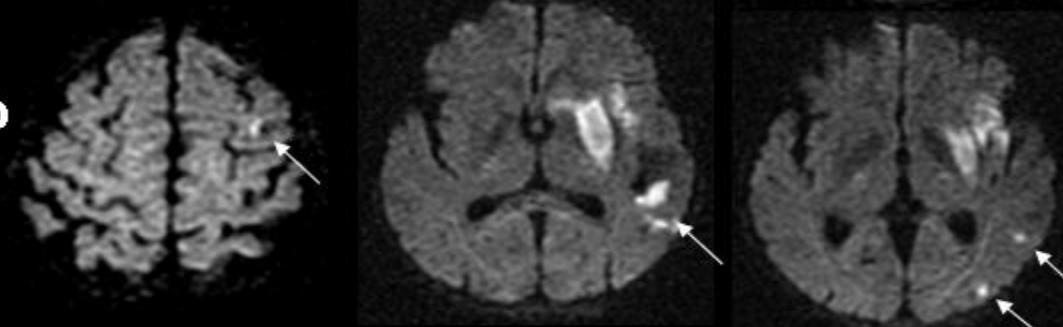


## 심장탓

Acute



5-day  
Follow-up



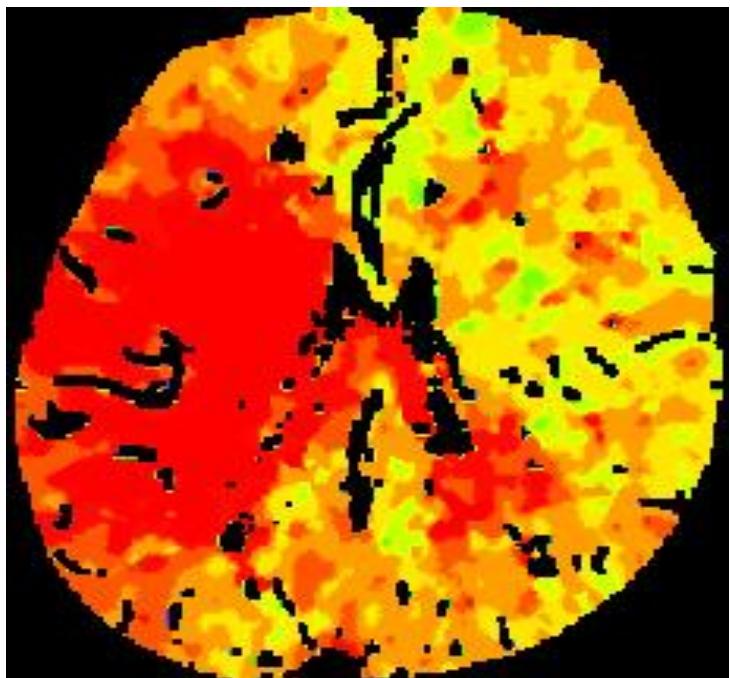
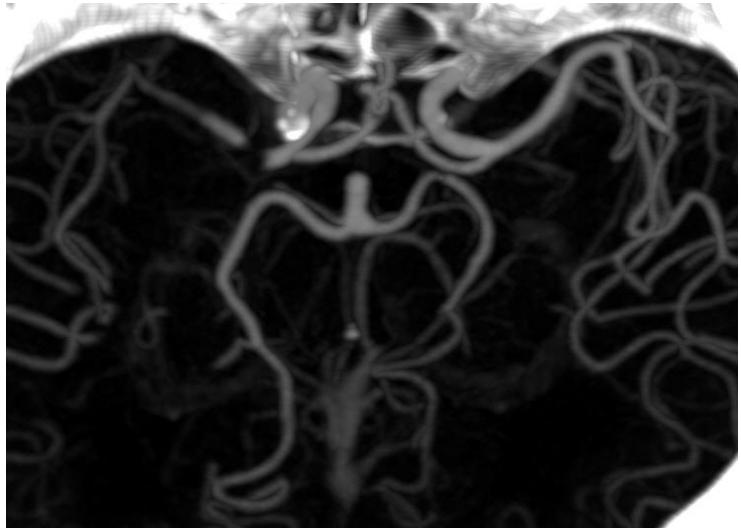
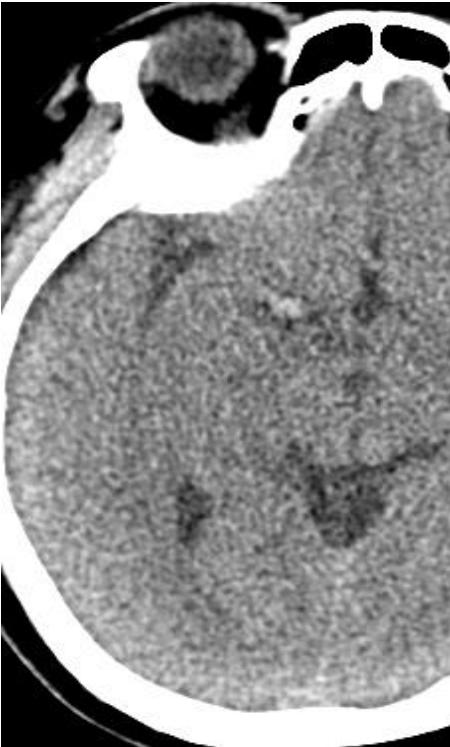
# Summary – features of CE stroke

- Prevalence is increasing
- Maximal deficits at onset
- More severe, poorer outcome
- Larger or multiple infarcts at baseline
- More infarct growth
- Recanalize shortly
- Red (fibrin-rich) clot, responsive to fibrinolytic Rx

# Stroke mechanism 추정의 어려움

- puzzle 인가? mystery 인가? -

F/71yr, pAfib, SSS, HT, HL  
TIA (dysarthria, left mild weakness)



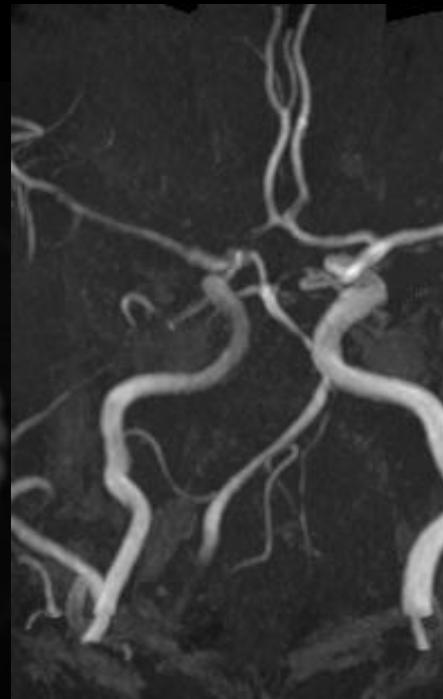
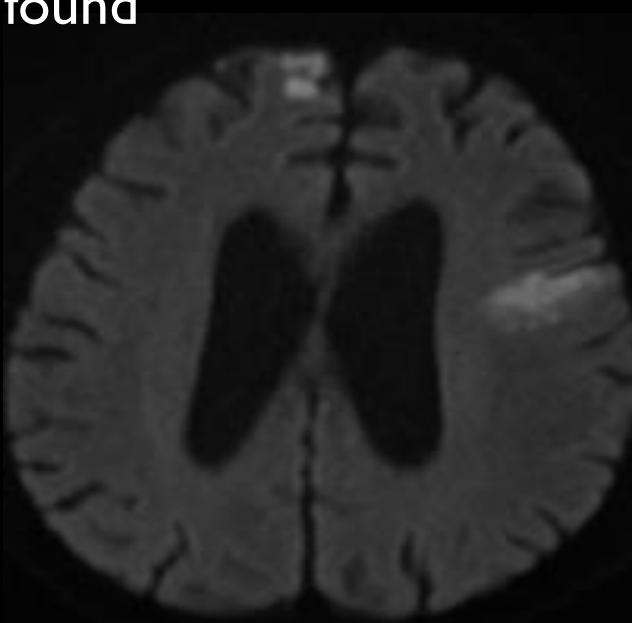


M/75

CC: aphasia

HT, DM, HL, smoker

Afib newly found



Right carotid



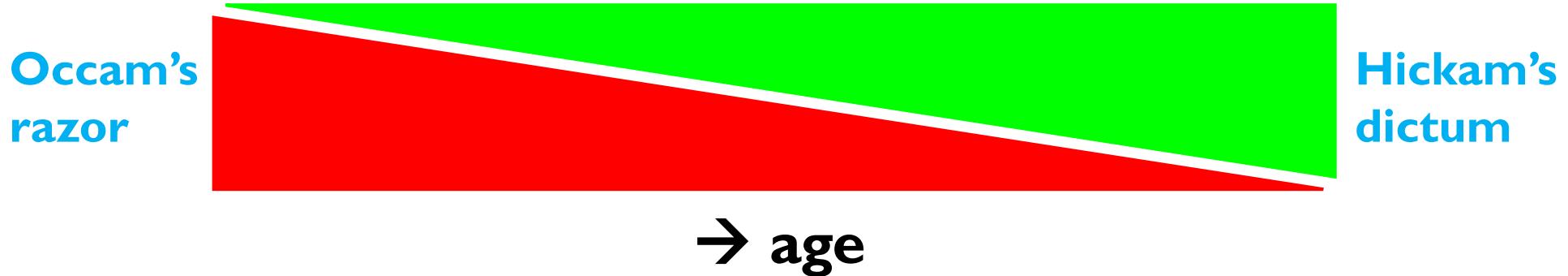
Left carotid

# Occam's razor



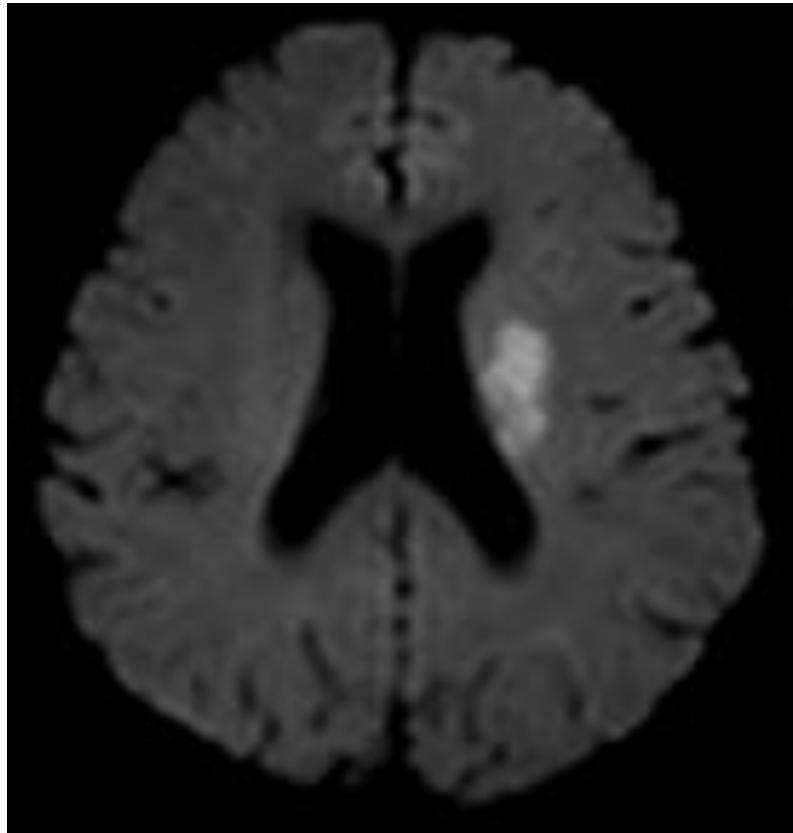
- William of Ockham (Occam)
  - 14th-century English logician, theologian
- The **simplest** explanation or strategy tends to be the **best** one
  - Among competing hypotheses, favor the simplest one

# Occam's razor vs. Hickam's dictum

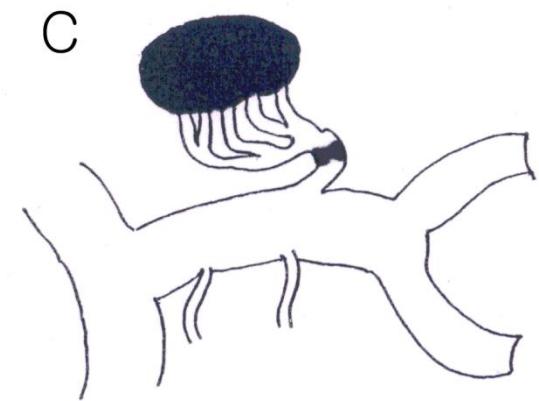
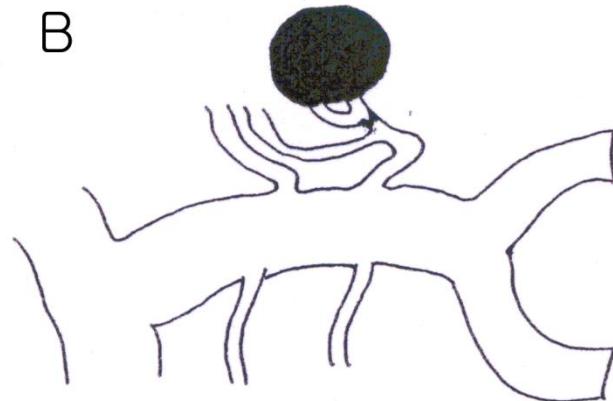
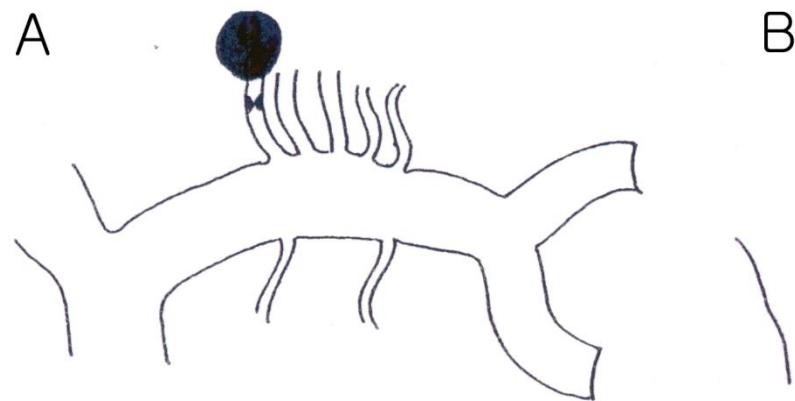


- fever, anemia, retinal embolus, cardiac murmur
- Infective endocarditis in **young** patients
- Aspirin-induced blood loss, cholesterol embolus, insignificant aortic sclerosis, viral illness in **older** pts

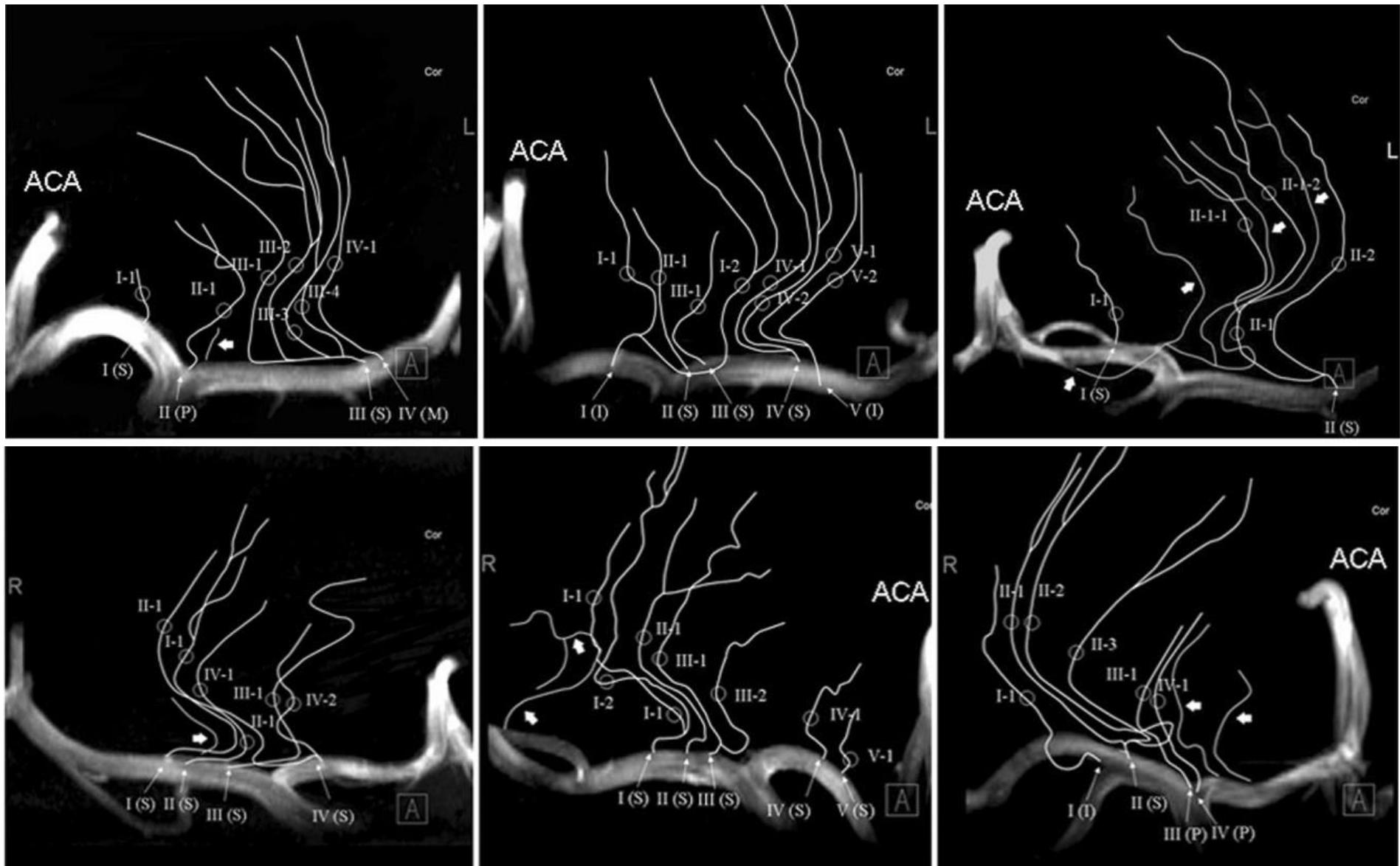
# Small-vessel occlusion (lacunar infarct)



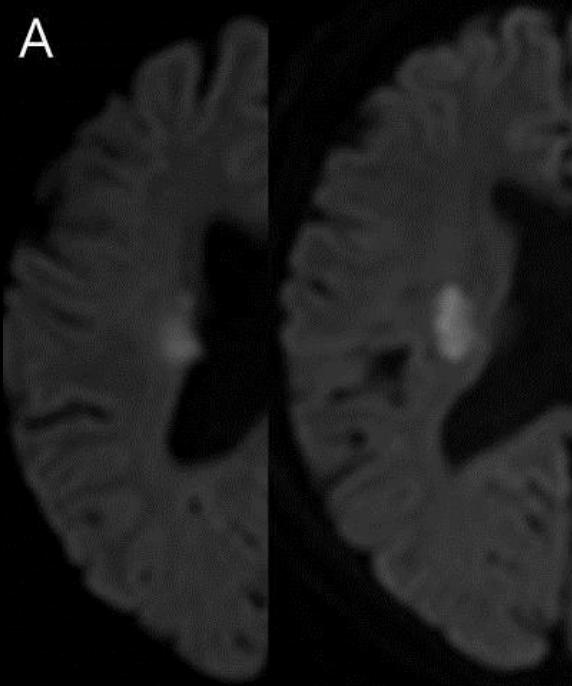
# variable branch patterns, variable size



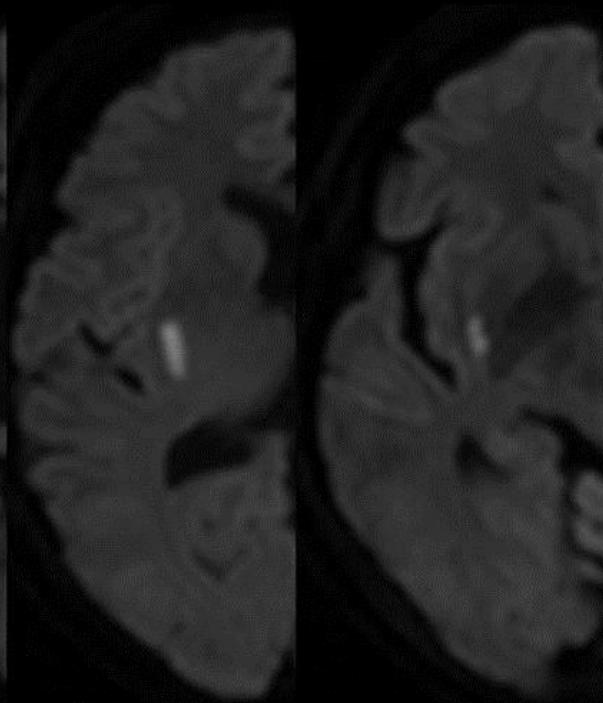
# Variations in perforating arteries – 7T MRI



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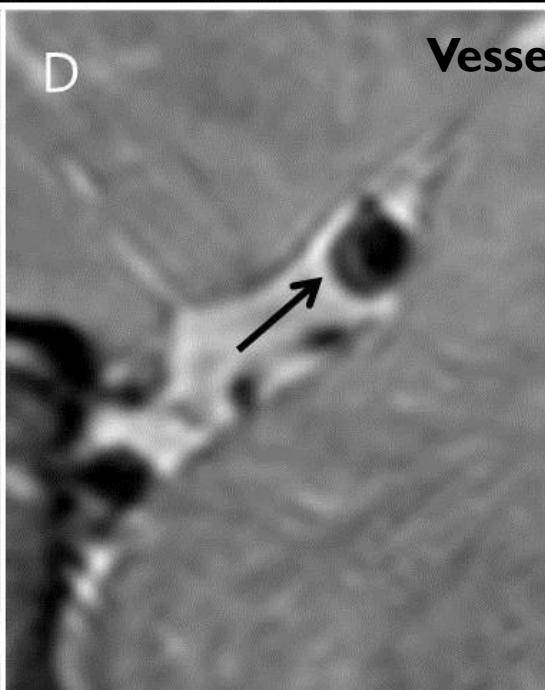
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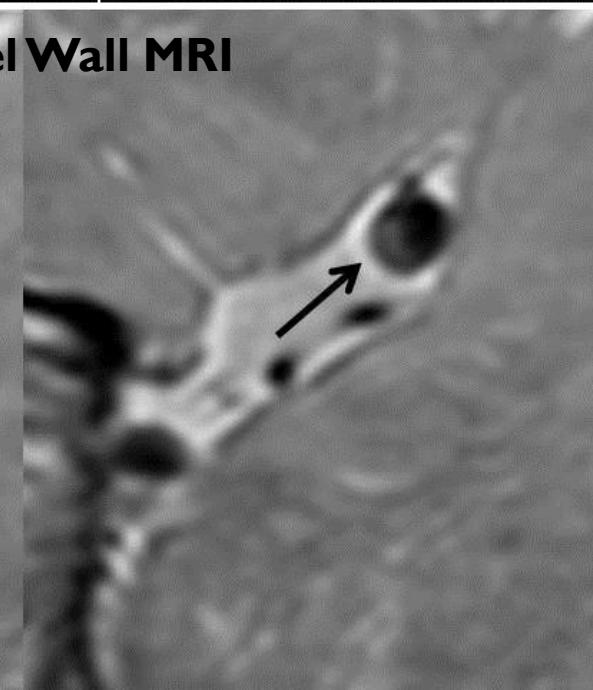
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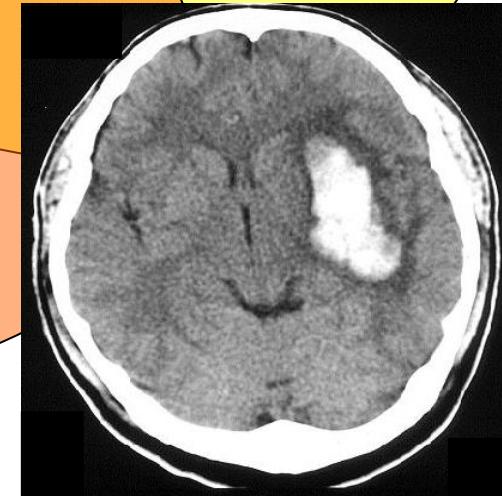
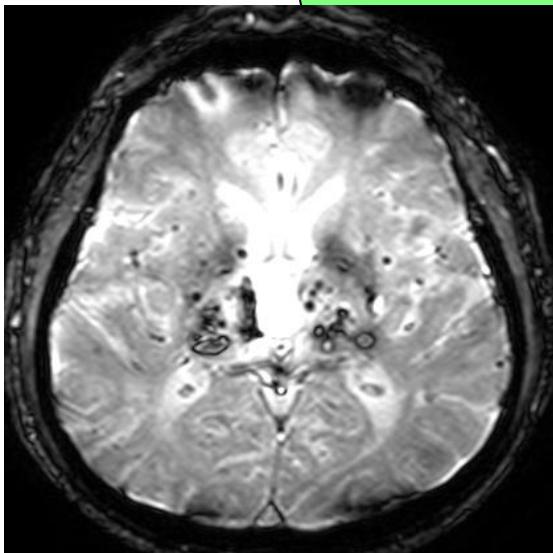
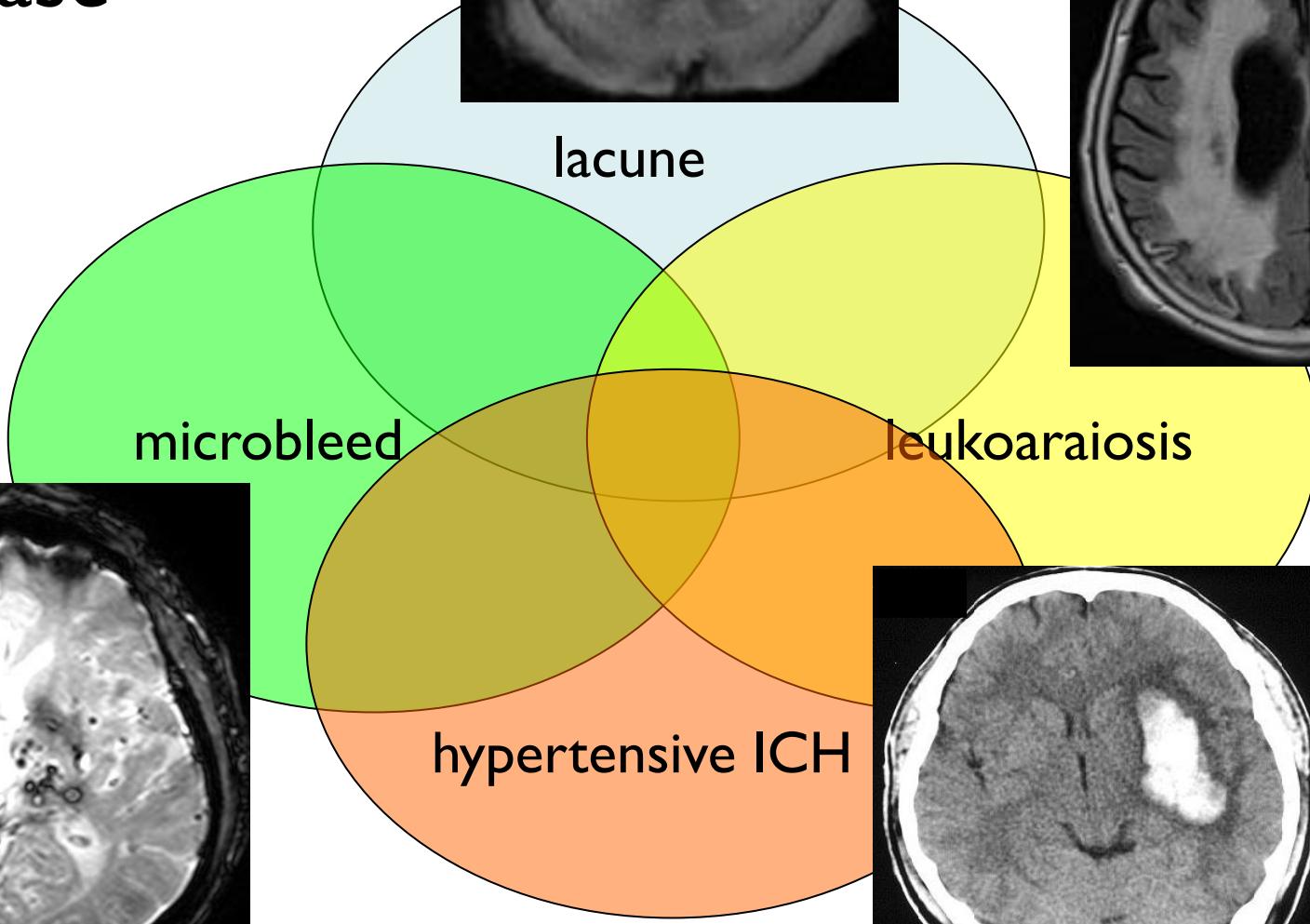
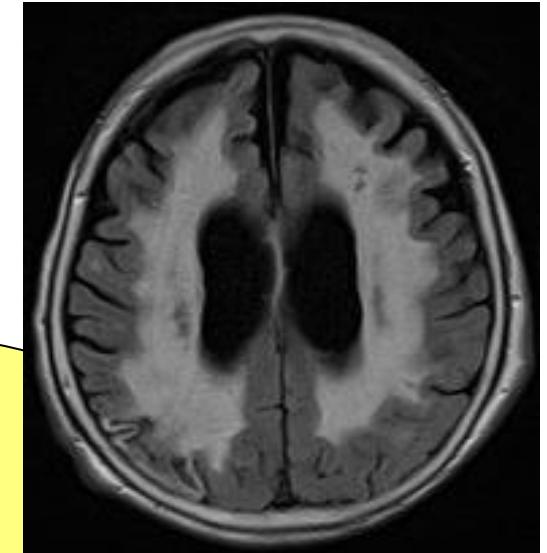
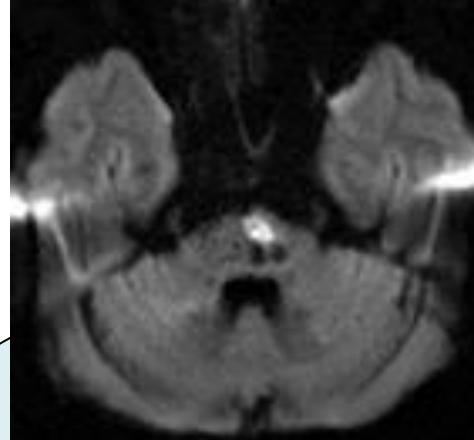
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Vessel Wall MRI

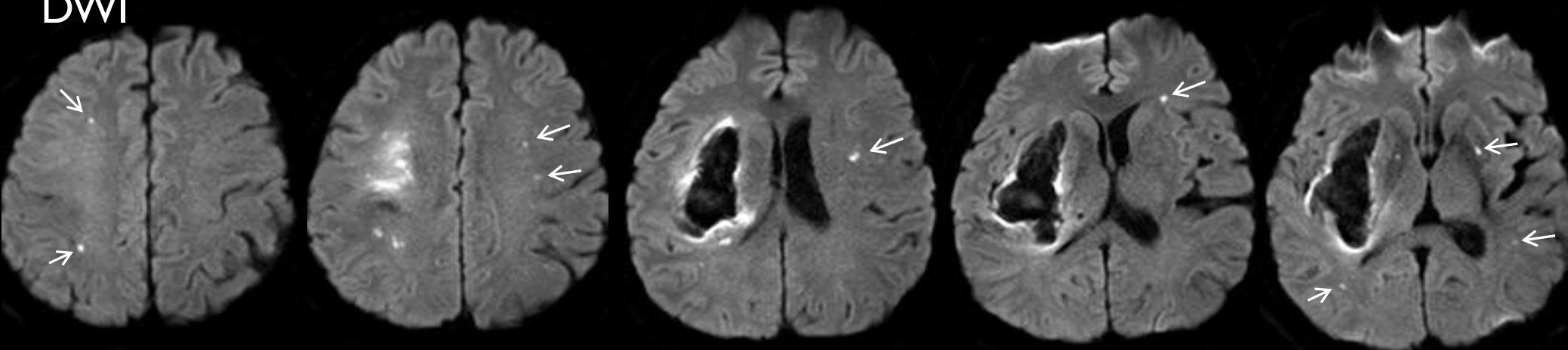


# Small-Vessel Disease

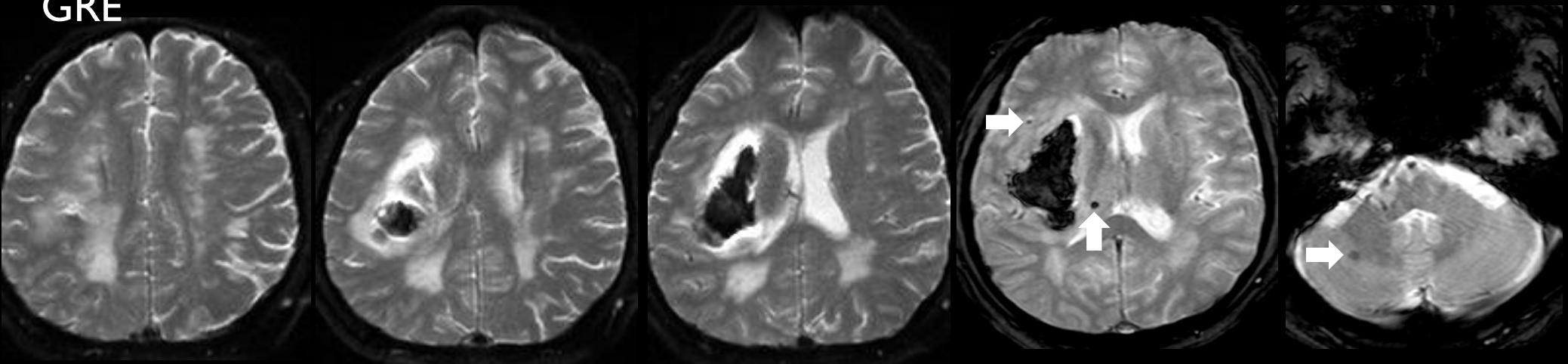


# 급성 뇌출혈과 급성 뇌경색의 공존

DWI



GRE



**Puzzle?**



**Mystery?**



**thanks!**