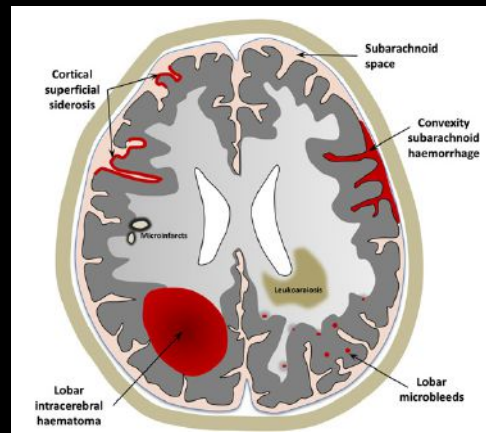


# Sporadic Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy: A Clinical Approach



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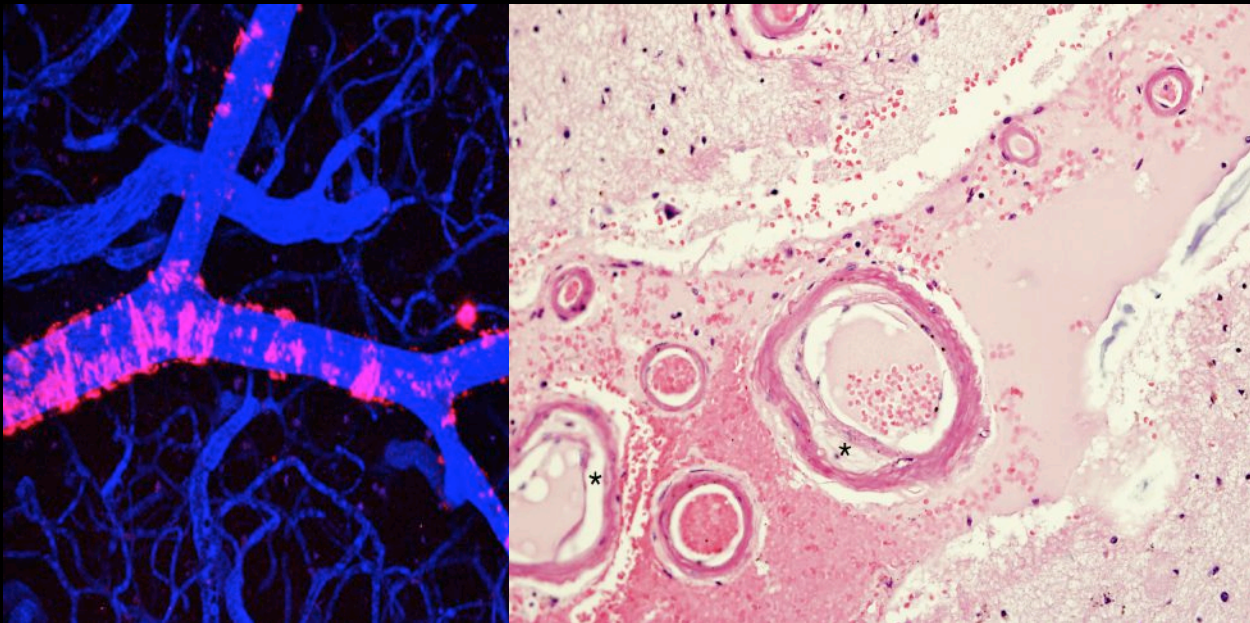
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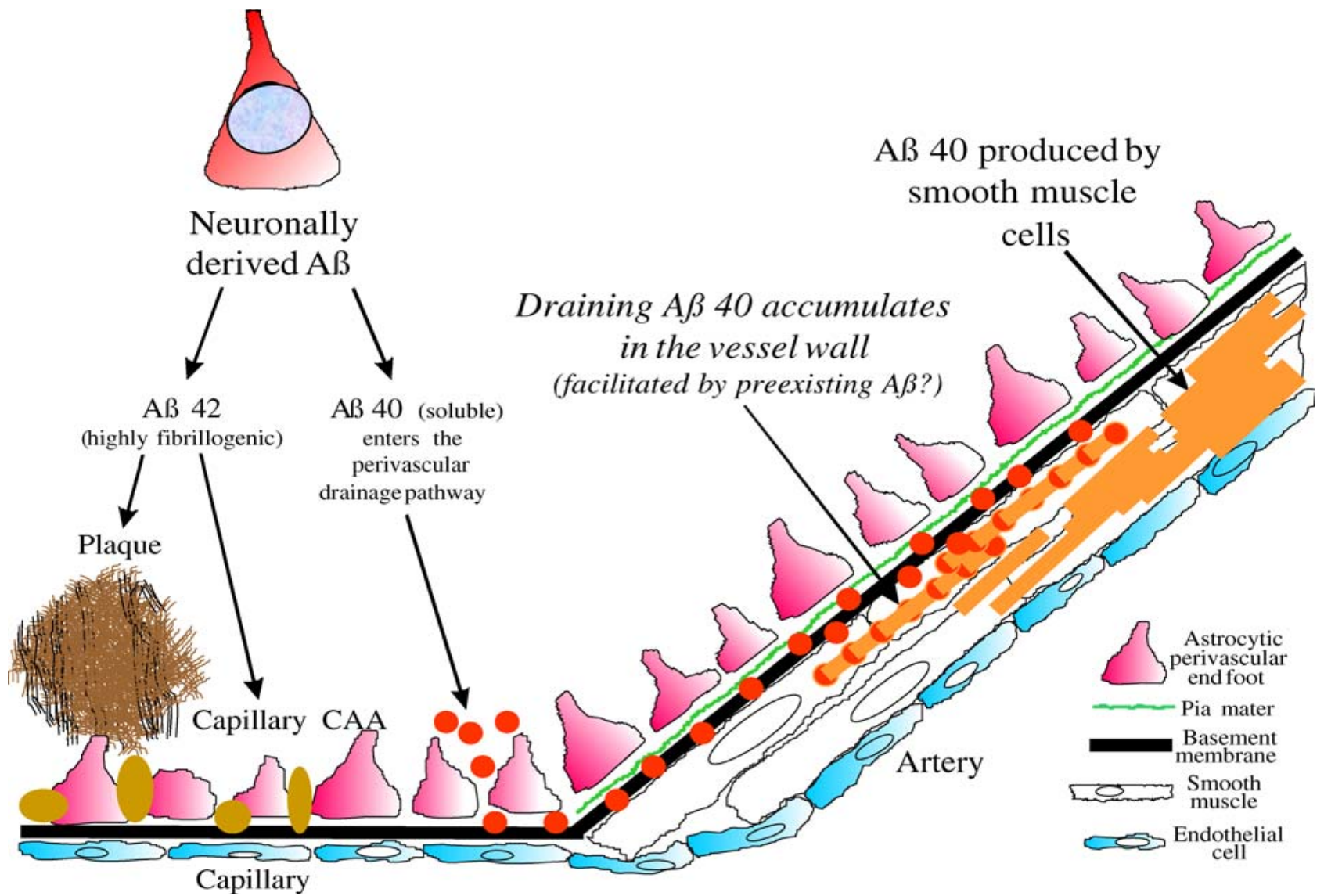
# Objectives

- Review the pathophysiology and epidemiology of cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA).
- Highlight key clinical and neuroimaging manifestations of the disease.
- Summarize optimal management of patients with CAA and ongoing clinical dilemmas

# Sporadic Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy

- A common cerebral small vessel disease (microangiopathy) characterized by progressive beta-amyloid deposition in the vessel wall of small to medium sized arterioles (max diameter: 2 mm)

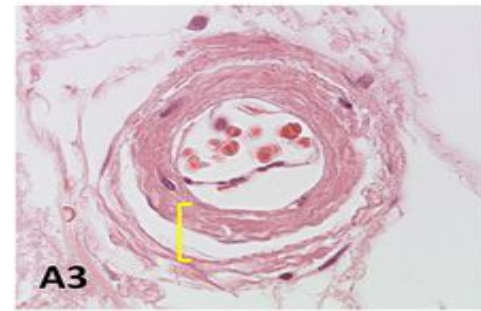
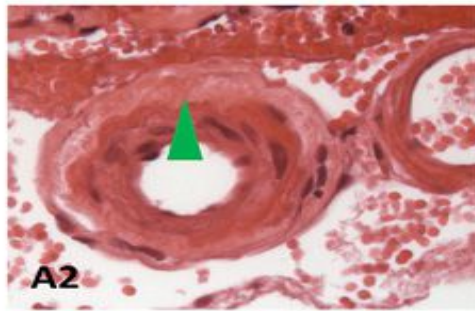
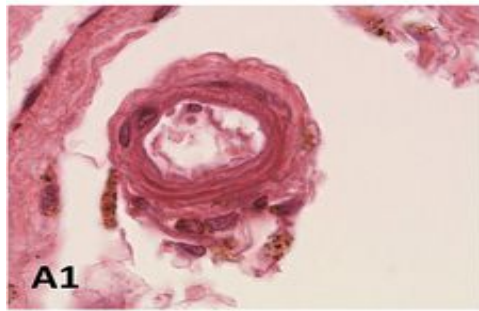




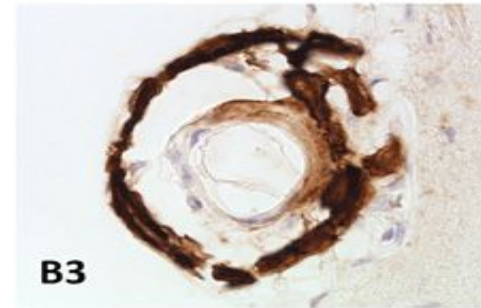
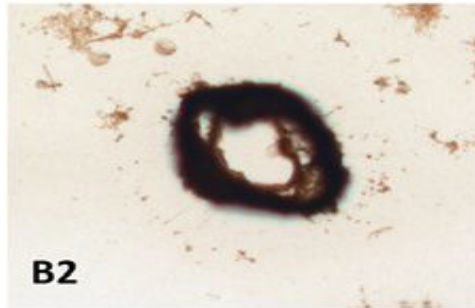
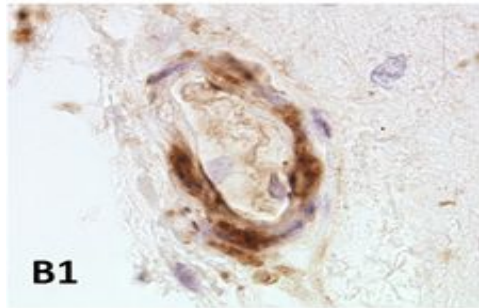
**Fig. 6** Hypothetical pathomechanism for CAA: Neuronally derived A $\beta$ 42 fibrillizes into plaques and is the major constituent of A $\beta$  in capillary CAA, while A $\beta$ 40 remains soluble and enters the perivascular drainage pathway where it accumulates in blood vessel walls in the presence of A $\beta$ 40, which is produced by smooth muscle cells



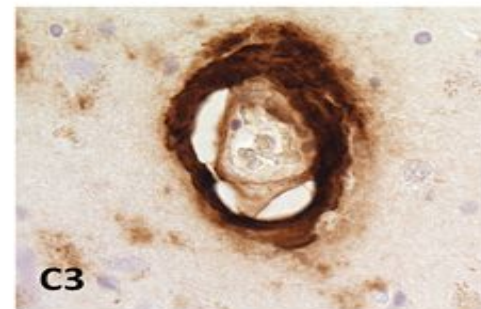
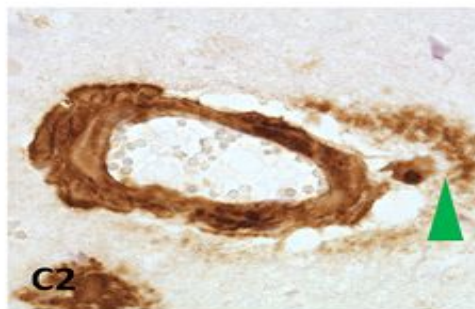
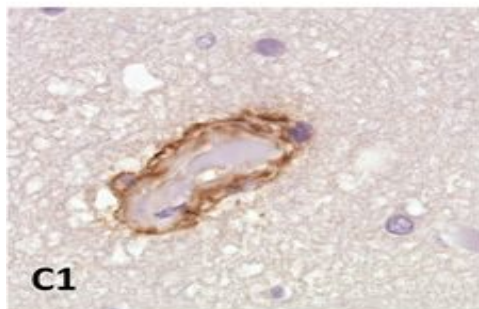
# CAA: Pathology



Leptomeningeal arterioles



Cortical arterioles



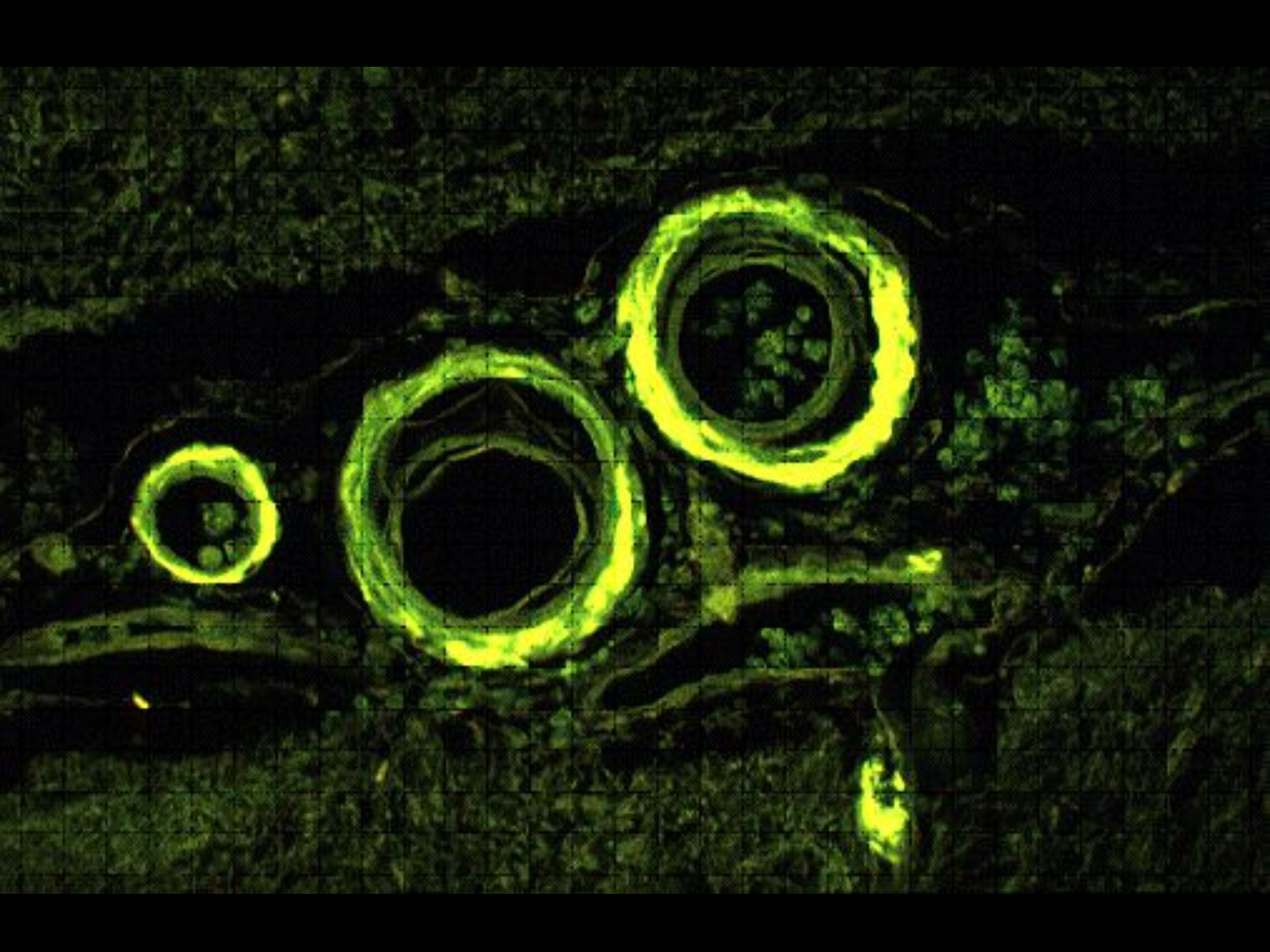
Mild

Moderate

Severe



CAA severity



# CAA: Pathology

- Predominantly affects **leptomeningeal and cortical arterioles**, capillaries and rarely venules.
- Very focal, **patchy and asymmetric process**
- **Rarely** involves **white matter, cerebellum**.
- **Almost never** involves **basal ganglia and brainstem**.



# Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy: Incidence and Complications in the Aging Brain

## II. The Distribution of Amyloid Vascular Changes

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TABLE 3 *All Areas of Cerebral Cortex with Severe Involvement (3+) by CAA*

Ages years	Cases with 3+ Number of cases	Frontal lobes		Temporal lobes		Parietal lobes		Occipital lobes		Hippocampus	
		R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L
		60-69	1/1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
70-79	6/12	1	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	0	0
80-89	6/13	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	3	0	0
90+	1/4						1	1	1		
Totals	14/30	4	5	4	4	6	9	9	8	1	1

L = left; R = right.

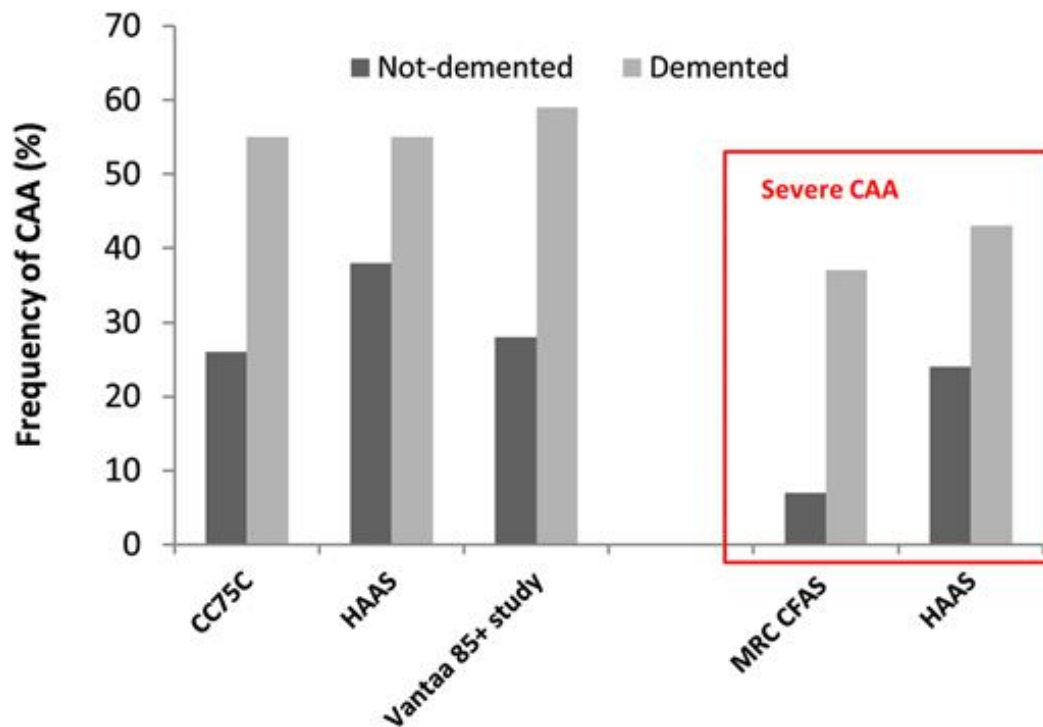
# CAA: Epidemiology

- **Advancing age** is the strongest known demographic risk factor

**Table 2** Prevalence of vascular and parenchymal A $\beta$  deposition according to age in the 100 brains in which 2 or more cortical blocks were examined

Age (years)	Vascular		Parenchymal
	Leptomeningeal	Cortical	
51–60 (n = 9)	0	0	2 (22%)
61–70 (n = 22)	4 (18%)	2 (9%)	9 (41%)
71–80 (n = 35)	8 (23%)	7 (20%)	19 (54%)
81–90 (n = 33)	13 (39%)	9 (27%)	21 (64%)
91–100 (n = 1)	0	0	1
Total (n = 100)	25 (25%)	18 (18%)	52 (52%)

# CAA: Epidemiology



**Figure 1** The frequency of cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA) in demented and non-demented elderly individuals in population based clinicopathological studies. Note the increased prevalence of CAA, even if only severe pathology is taken into account. CC75C, Cambridge City over 75 Cohort<sup>21</sup>; HAAS, Honolulu–Asia Ageing Study<sup>23</sup>; Vantaa 85+ study<sup>24</sup>; MRC–CFAS, MRC Cognitive Function and Ageing Study.<sup>22</sup>

20 – 40% in non-demented elderly.

50 – 60% in demented elderly.

Alzheimer's disease: 90% have some degree of CAA (25% severe)

# CAA: APOE $\epsilon$ 2 and $\epsilon$ 4 alleles

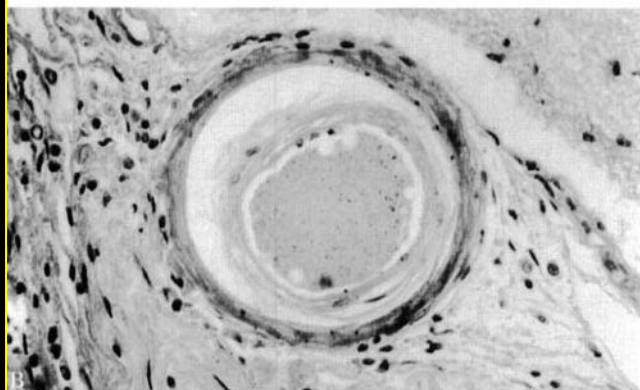
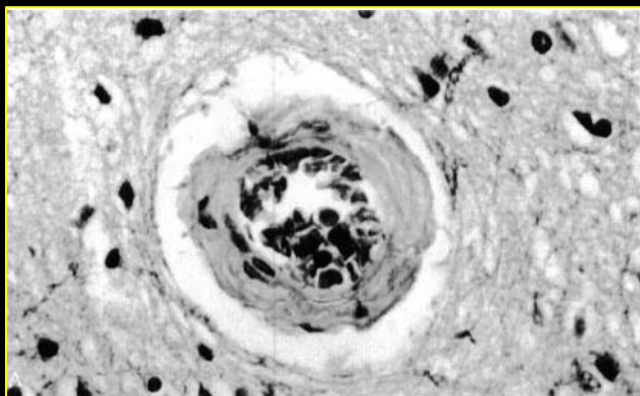
- Strong dose dependent effect on the risk of developing CAA and its clinical severity.
- **Associated with:**
  - sporadic CAA-related lobar ICH
  - younger age of first ICH
  - greater likelihood of hematoma expansion
  - poorer clinical outcome
  - a higher risk of recurrence



# Association of apolipoprotein E $\epsilon 2$ and vasculopathy in cerebral amyloid angiopathy

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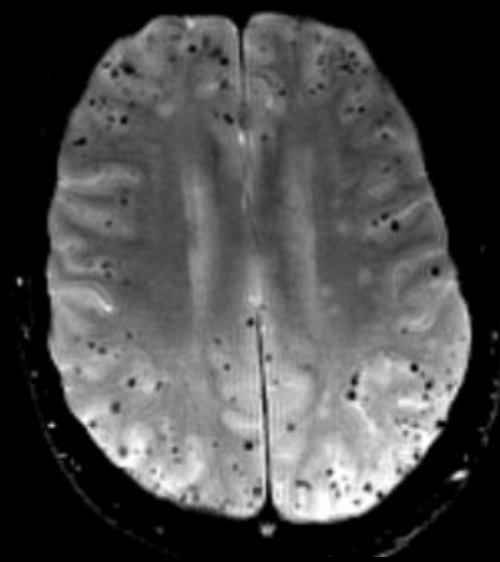


**Table 3** Association of apolipoprotein E  $\epsilon 2$  with CAA-related vasculopathic changes

CAA pathology	No. of brains	Allele frequency		
		$\epsilon 2$	$\epsilon 3$	$\epsilon 4$
Replacement of media with amyloid	52	0.01	0.55	0.44
Replacement of media with amyloid + vasculopathic changes	23	0.09*	0.45	0.46

\*  $p = 0.03$ .

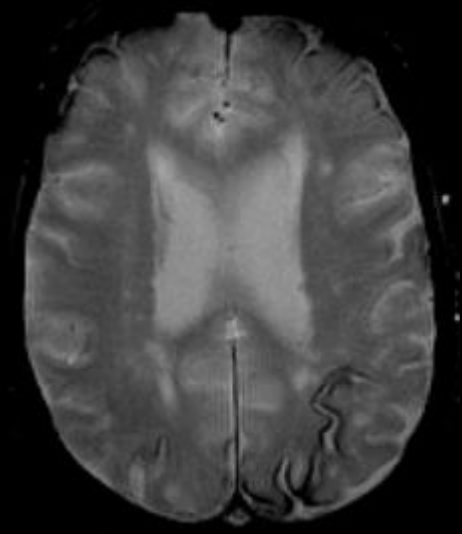
# CAA: Neuroimaging/Clinical Manifestations



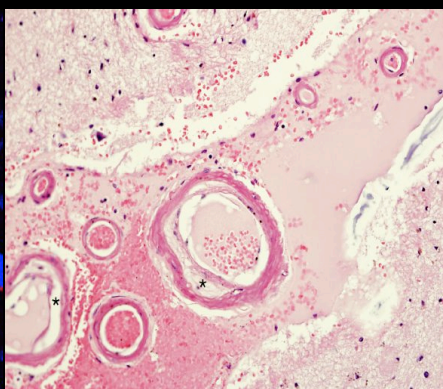
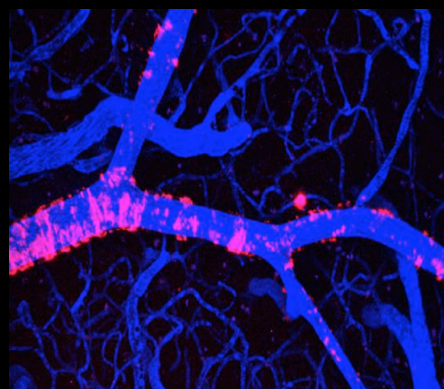
Cerebral Microbleeds



Intracerebral Hemorrhage



Cortical Superficial Siderosis



# Hemorrhagic Manifestations of CAA

# CAA: ICH

- CAA most often recognized in life by the incidence of symptomatic, spontaneous, lobar ICH.
- CAA accounts for 5-30% of all ICH



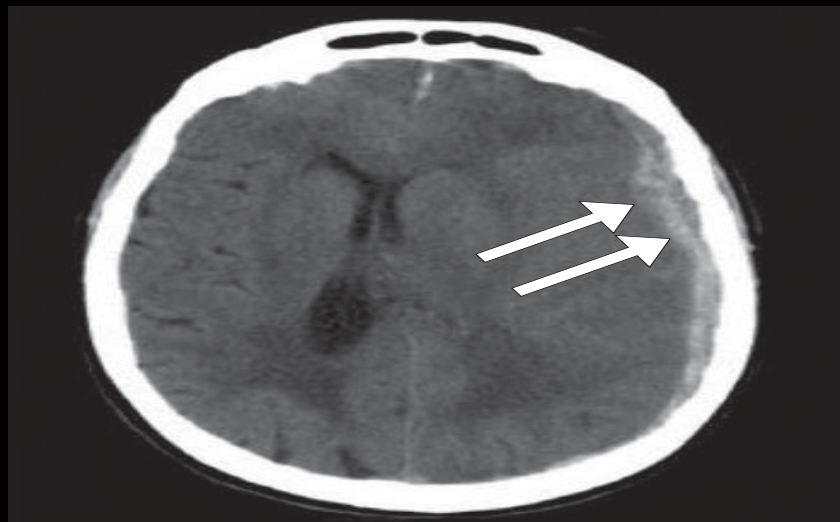
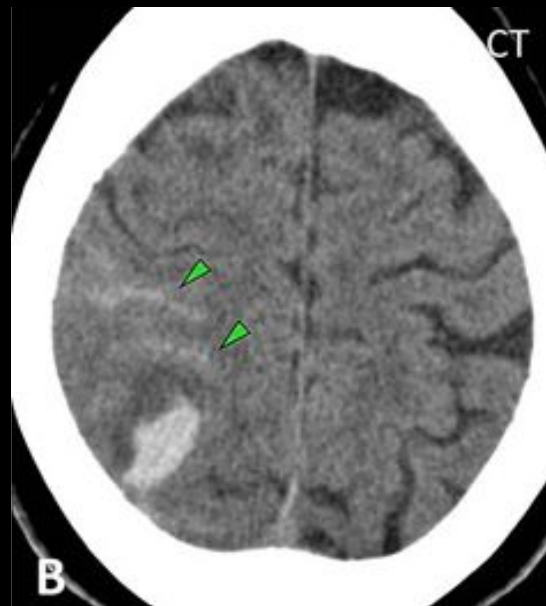
# Cerebral amyloid angiopathy: a significant cause of cerebellar as well as lobar cerebral hemorrhage in the elderly

Yoshinori Itoh <sup>a</sup>, Masahito Yamada <sup>c</sup>, Michio Hayakawa <sup>b</sup>, Eiichi Otomo <sup>a</sup>  
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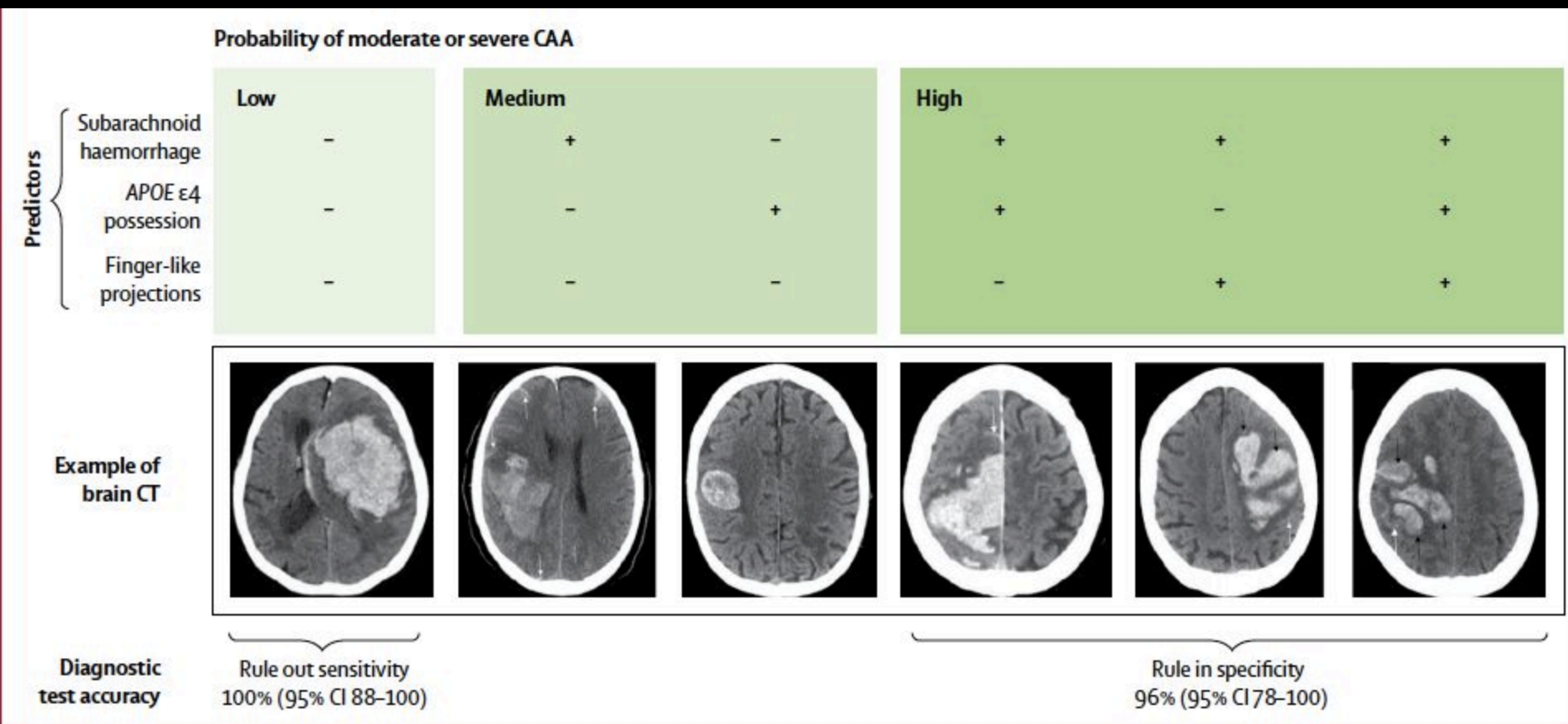
## CAUSES OF LOBAR, CEREBELLAR AND BRAINSTEM HEMORRHAGES

Site	Cause	No. of cases (rate, %)
Lobar type	Hypertension	14 (48.3)
	CAA	9 (31.0)
	Trauma	5 (17.2)
	Unknown	1 (3.4)
Cerebellum	Hypertension	11 (78.6)
	CAA	2 (14.3)
	Unknown	1 (7.1)
Brainstem	Hypertension	5 (100)



# The Edinburgh CT and genetic diagnostic criteria for lobar intracerebral haemorrhage associated with cerebral amyloid angiopathy: model development and diagnostic test accuracy study

*Lancet Neurol* 2018; 17: 232-40



**Figure 3:** Categorisation of probability of lobar intracerebral haemorrhage associated with moderate or severe cerebral amyloid angiopathy according to the three predictor variables, with example CT images

CAA=cerebral amyloid angiopathy. Adapted from Salman and Rodrigues (Creative Commons 4.0).<sup>23</sup>

# Recurrent brain hemorrhage is more frequent than ischemic stroke after intracranial hemorrhage

Renee D. Bailey, MD; Robert G. Hart, MD; Oscar Benavente, MD; and Lesly A. Pearce, MS

Neurology 2001

**Table 3** Site of initial bleed versus recurrent ICH

Location	Participants, n	Total follow-up, y	Recurrent ICH, n (% per patient-year)
Lobar ICH			
South Korea <sup>6</sup>	77	235	10 (4.3)
Portugal <sup>8</sup>	60	109	4 (3.7)
Siena, Italy <sup>9</sup>	42	294	16 (5.4)
Jackson, MS, USA <sup>11</sup>	13	31	0 (0.0)
Boston, MA, USA <sup>12</sup>	71	141	19 (13.5)
Aggregate	263	810	49*

5.5% recurrence rate

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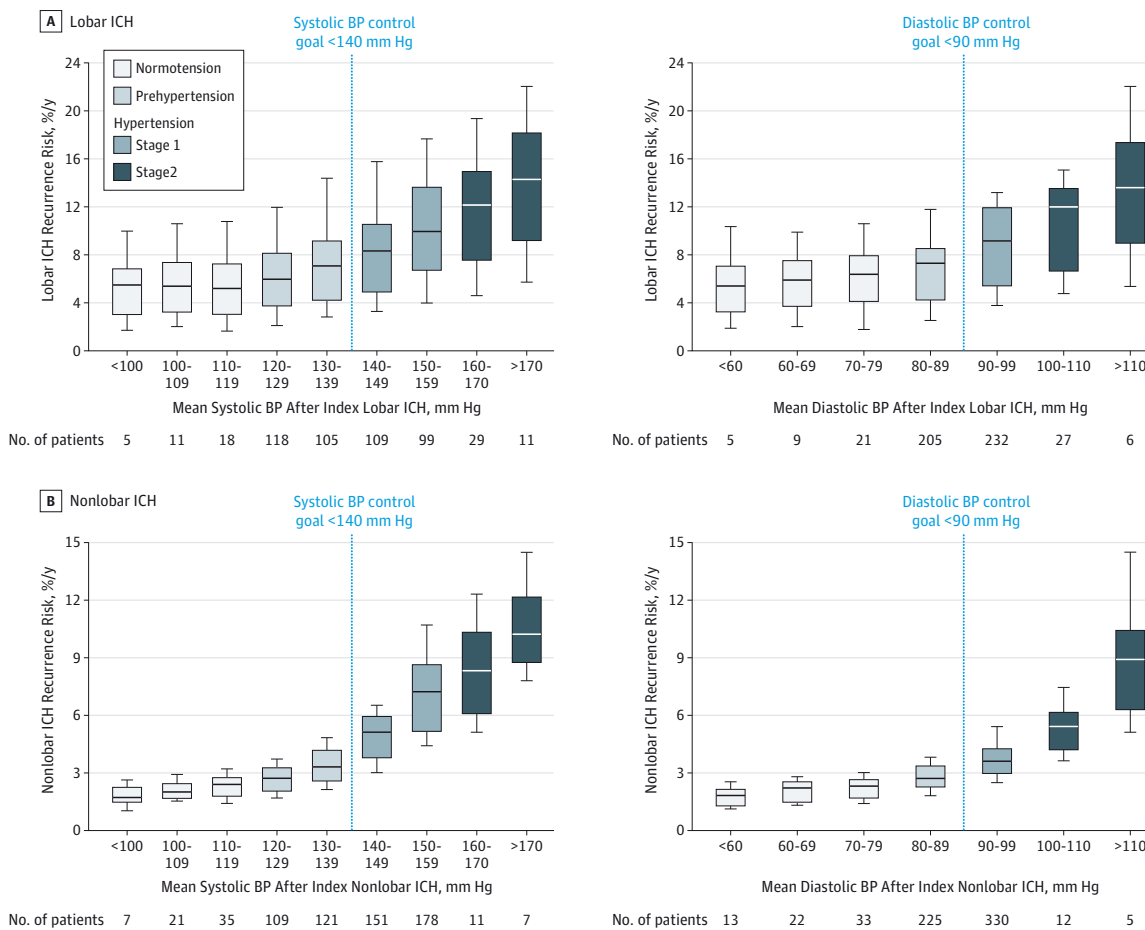
2% following deep ICH



# Association Between Blood Pressure Control and Risk of Recurrent Intracerebral Hemorrhage

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Figure 2. Estimated Yearly Risk of Recurrent ICH Based on Mean Blood Pressure Measurements During Follow-up



N=1145

# Risk Factors for Primary ICH

N= 3059 first ever ICH from 32 countries

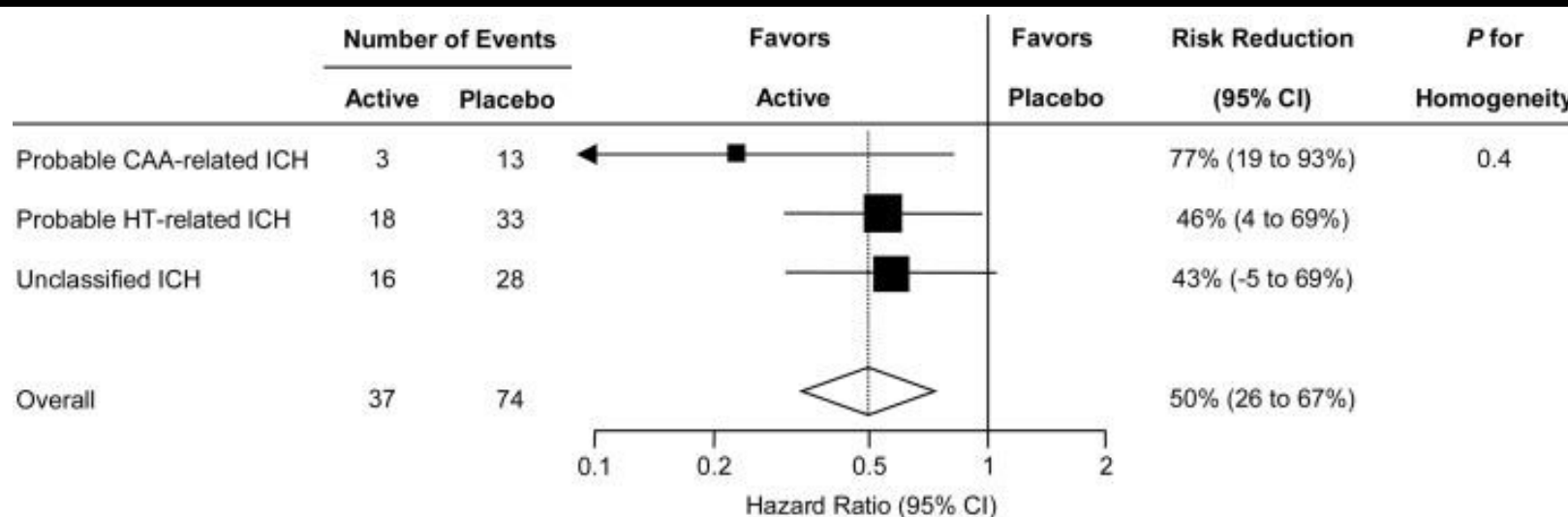
<b>Risk Factor</b>	<b>PAR</b>
History of hypertension or BP $\geq$ 140/90	56%
Lack of regular physical activity	35%
Unhealthy diet	25%
Psychosocial stress	25%
Elevated waist-to-hip ratio	13%
Current alcohol intake	10%
Current smoking	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>87%</b>

# Effects of Perindopril-Based Lowering of Blood Pressure on Intracerebral Hemorrhage Related to Amyloid Angiopathy

## The PROGRESS Trial

Hisatomi Arima, MD; Christophe Tzourio, MD; Craig Anderson, MD; Mark Woodward, PhD; Marie-Germaine Bousser, MD; Stephen MacMahon, PhD; Bruce Neal, MD; John Chalmers, MD; for the PROGRESS Collaborative Group

(*Stroke*. 2010;41:394-396.)

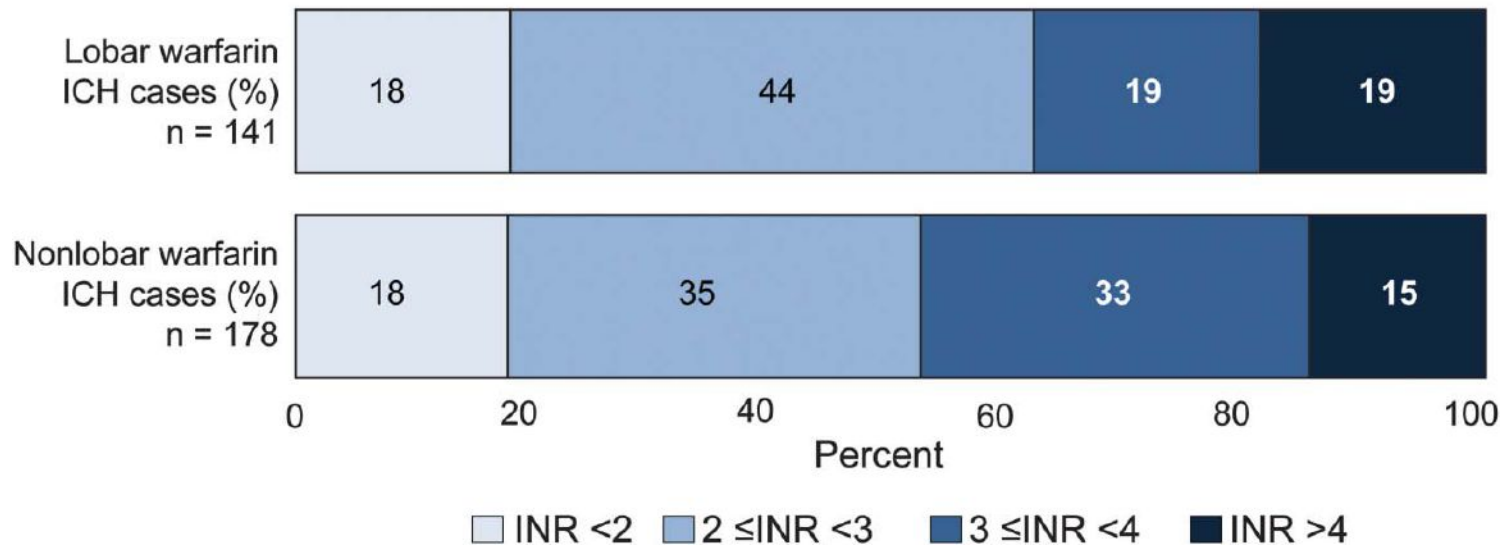


Mean BP levels were lower in CAA-related ICH 137/81 vs. 157/88 mmHG

Mean reduction of 9/4 mm Hg

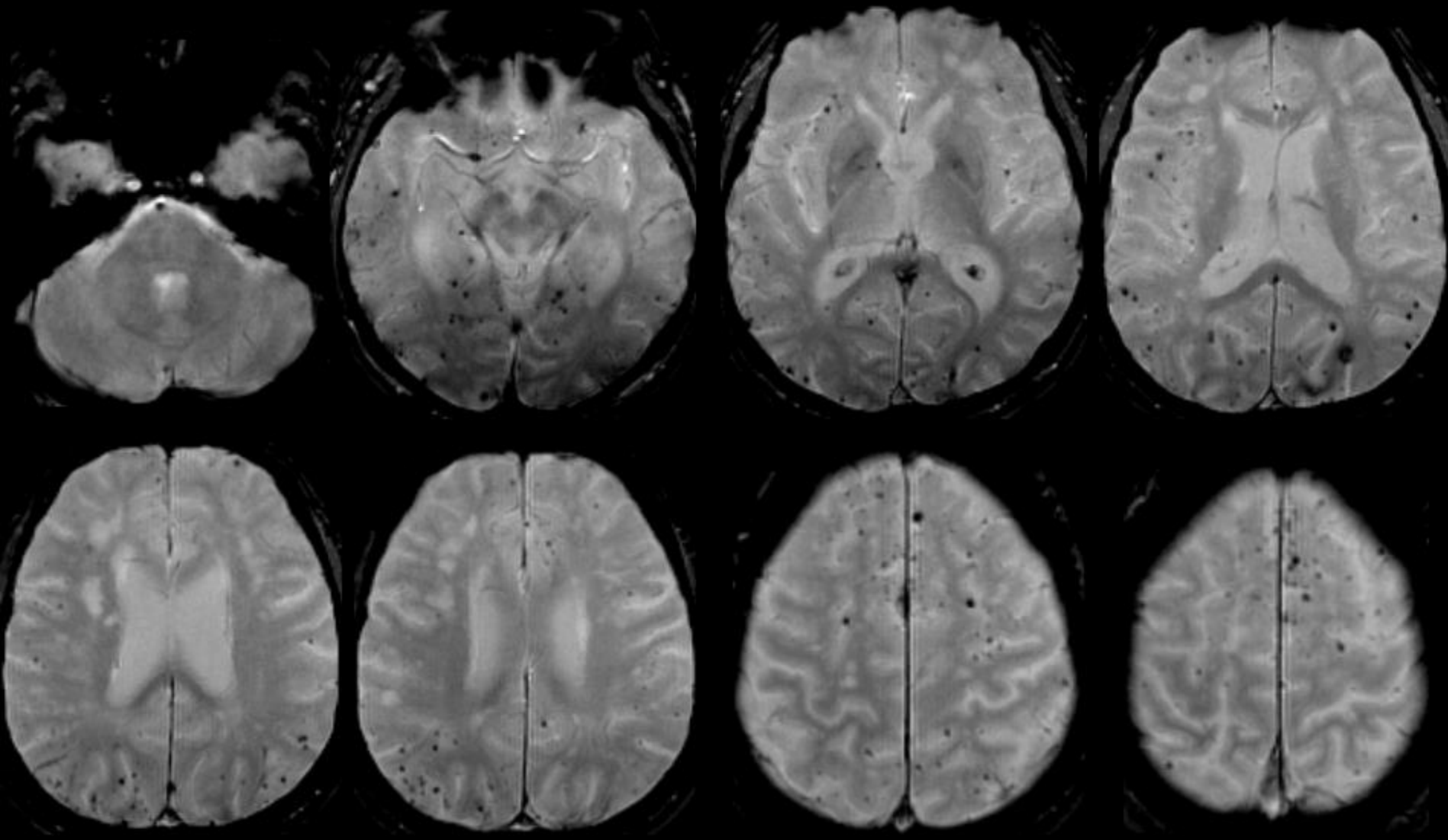
# *APOE* $\epsilon$ variants increase risk of warfarin-related intracerebral hemorrhage

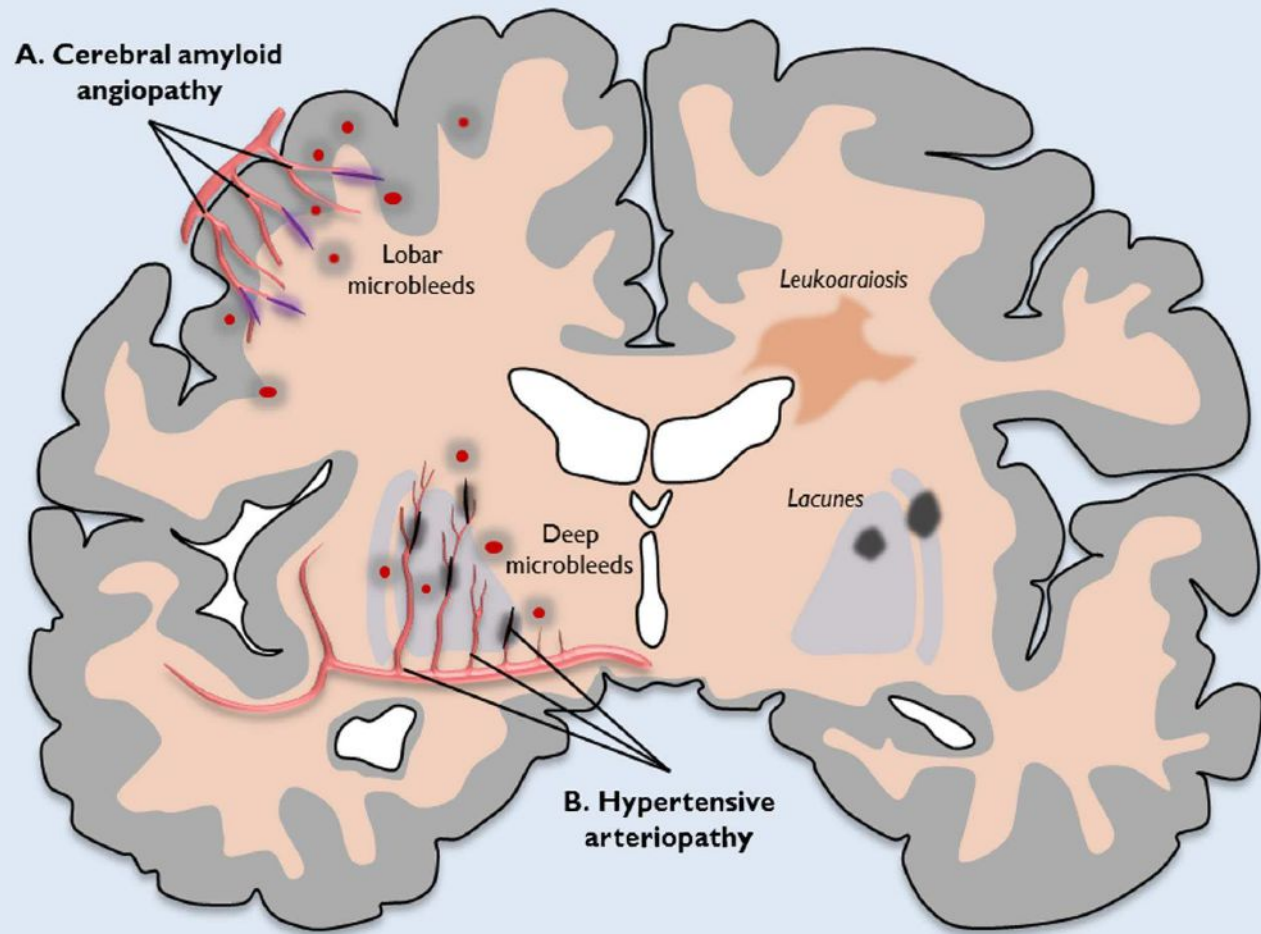
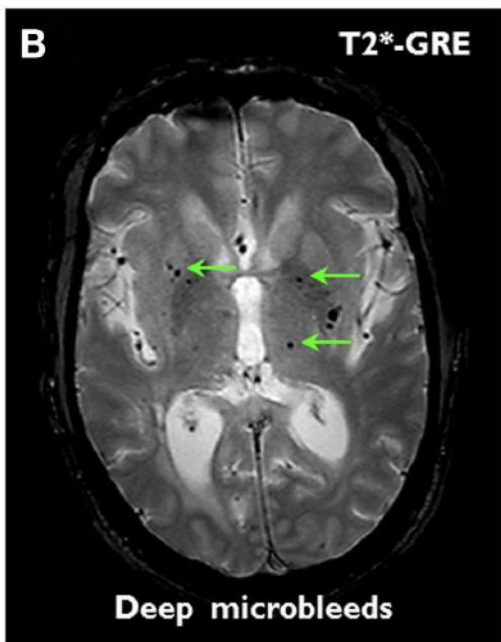
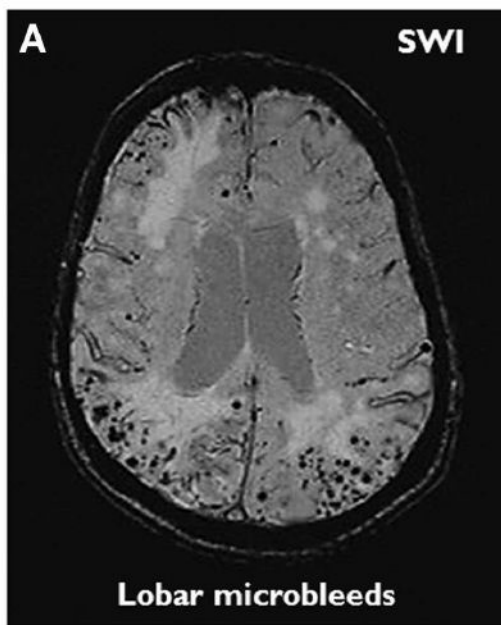
2014;83:1139-1146



ICH = intracerebral hemorrhage; INR = international normalized ratio.

# CAA: Cerebral Microbleeds







# Clinical diagnosis of cerebral amyloid angiopathy: Validation of the Boston Criteria

Katherine A. Knudsen, BA; Jonathan Rosand, MD; Diane Karluk, MD; and Steven M. Greenberg, MD, PhD

## Appendix

### Boston Criteria for Diagnosis of CAA-Related Hemorrhage\*

#### 1. Definite CAA

Full postmortem examination demonstrating:

- Lobar, cortical, or corticosubcortical hemorrhage
- Severe CAA with vasculopathy<sup>†</sup>
- Absence of other diagnostic lesion

#### 2. Probable CAA with supporting pathology

Clinical data and pathologic tissue (evacuated hematoma or cortical biopsy) demonstrating:

- Lobar, cortical, or corticosubcortical hemorrhage
- Some degree of CAA in specimen
- Absence of other diagnostic lesion

#### 3. Probable CAA

Clinical data and MRI or CT demonstrating:

- Multiple hemorrhages restricted to lobar, cortical, or corticosubcortical regions (cerebellar hemorrhage allowed)
- Age  $\geq 55$  years
- Absence of other cause of hemorrhage<sup>‡</sup>

#### 4. Possible CAA

Clinical data and MRI or CT demonstrating:

- Single lobar, cortical, or corticosubcortical hemorrhage
- Age  $\geq 55$  years
- Absence of other cause of hemorrhage<sup>‡</sup>

## Diagnostic value of lobar microbleeds in individuals without intracerebral hemorrhage

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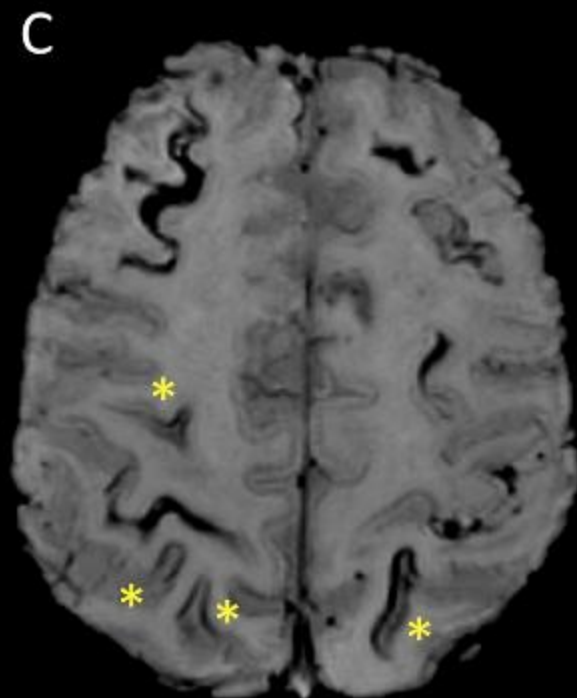
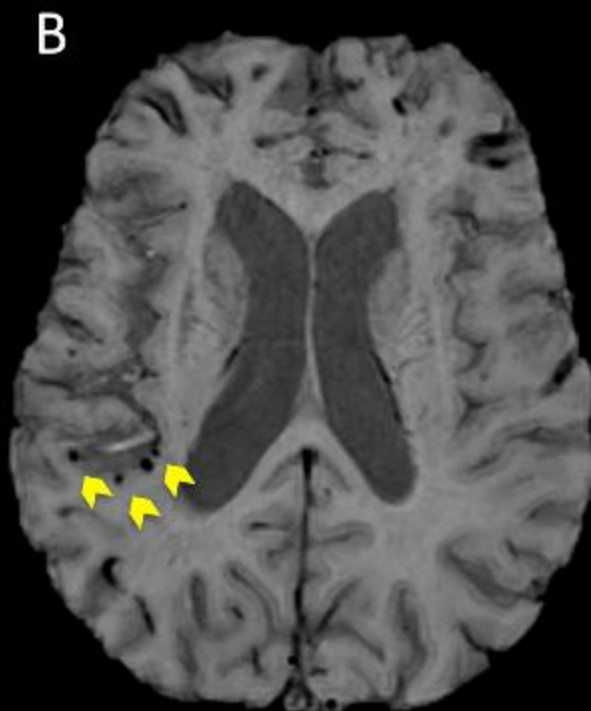
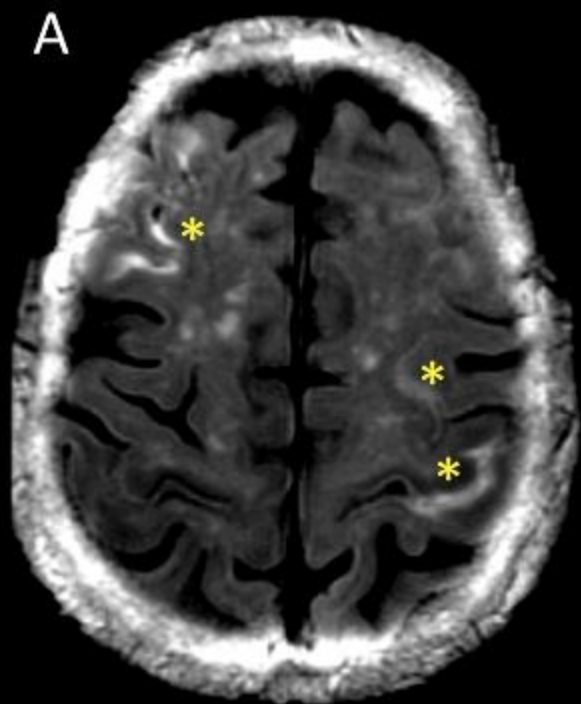
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# CAA: Cortical Superficial Siderosis (cSS)



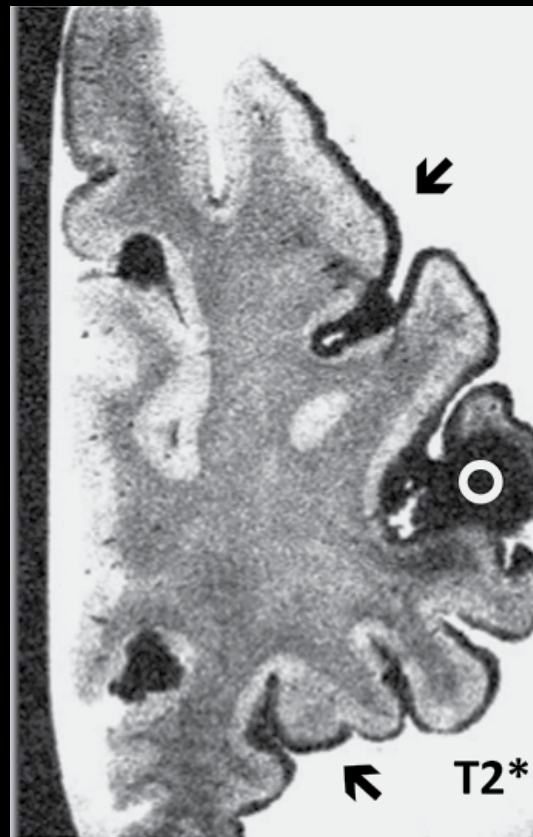
# Superficial Siderosis of the Central Nervous System: A Post-Mortem 7.0-Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study with Neuropathological Correlates

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# High Prevalence of cSS in CAA (40-70%)

Prevalence of superficial siderosis in patients with cerebral amyloid angiopathy



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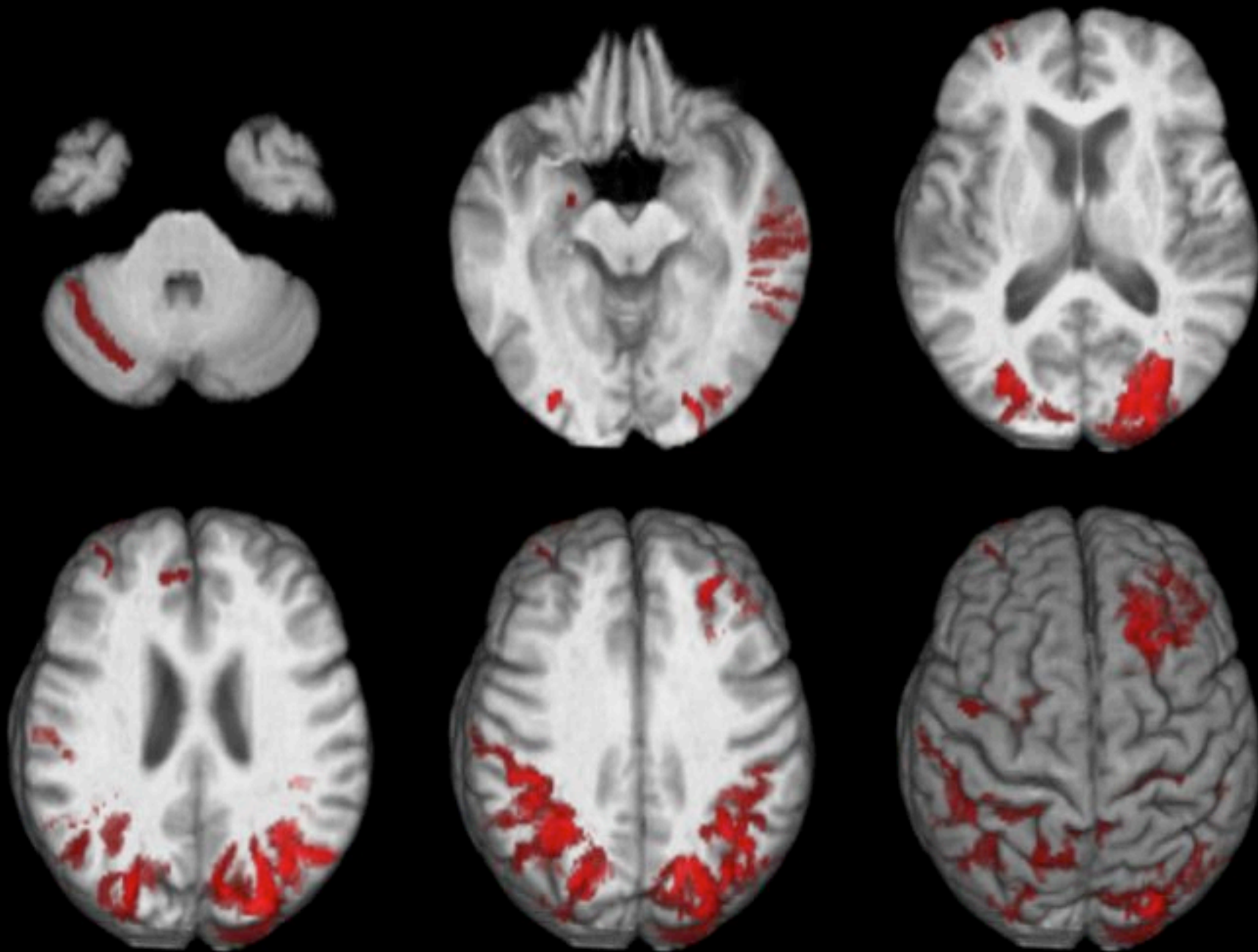
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Overlapping topographic map of superficial siderosis in 26 participants

Unpublished data

# Superficial Siderosis: Predictor of Future Symptomatic ICH

Cortical superficial siderosis and  
intracerebral hemorrhage risk in cerebral  
amyloid angiopathy

*Neurology*<sup>®</sup> 2013;81:1666-1673

**Risk of ICH at 4 years (n=118):** 25% without SS, 30% with focal and 74% with disseminated SS. **HR (disseminated SS):** 3.2 (95% CI 1.4 – 7.4, p = 0.008)

# Prevalence of superficial siderosis in patients with cerebral amyloid angiopathy



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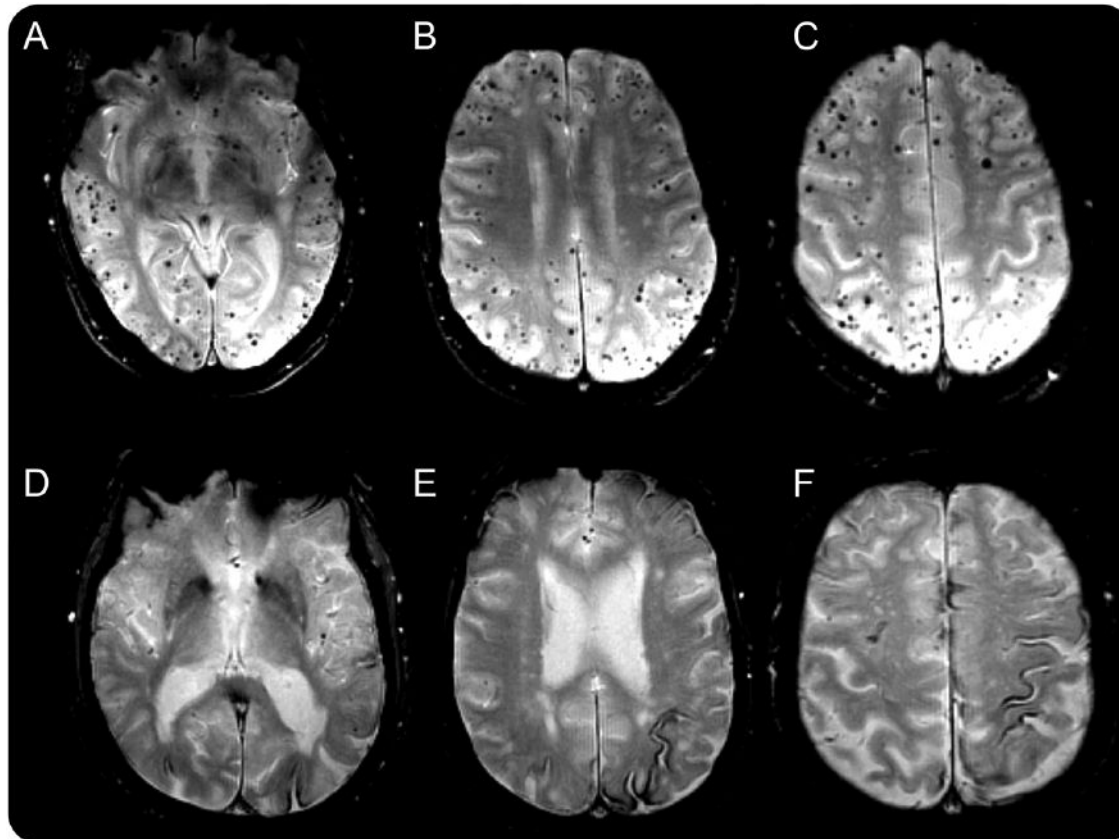
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Including superficial siderosis in the Boston Criteria improves its sensitivity by 5% (modified Boston Criteria).

# Interrelationship of superficial siderosis and microbleeds in cerebral amyloid angiopathy

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**Figure** Representative cases of cerebral microbleed and cortical superficial siderosis predominant cerebral amyloid angiopathy phenotypes



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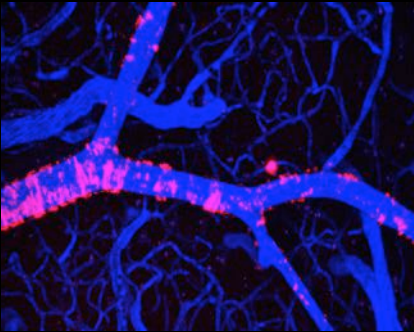
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# Pathological steps leading to CAA-related hemorrhage

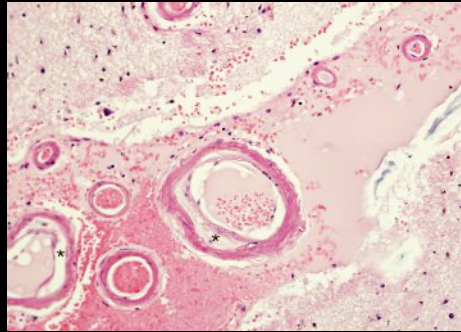
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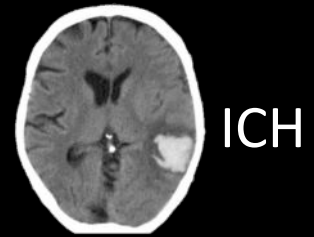
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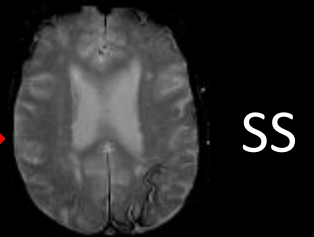
Cortical and leptomeningeal vessel amyloid deposition



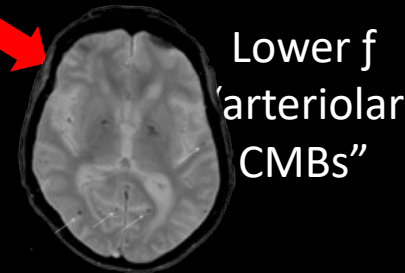
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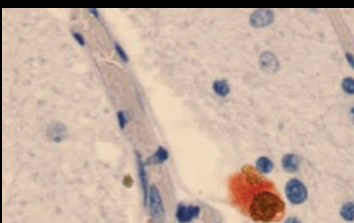


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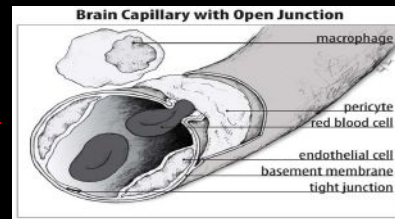
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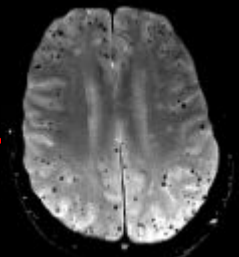
CAA 1: Propensity for capillaries

Inflammation?



Opening of tight junctions

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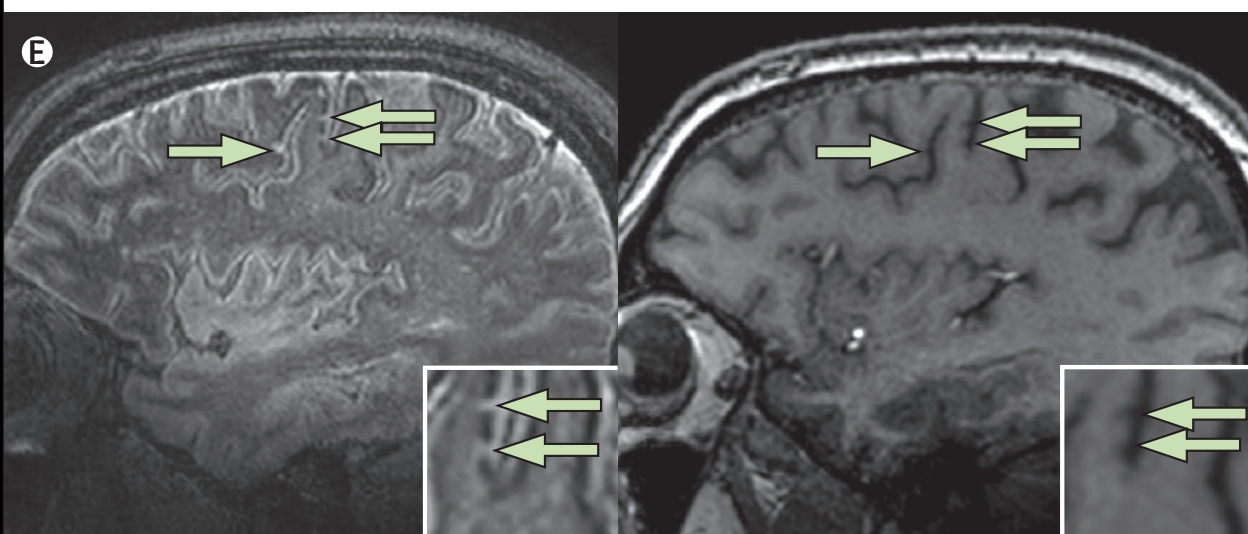
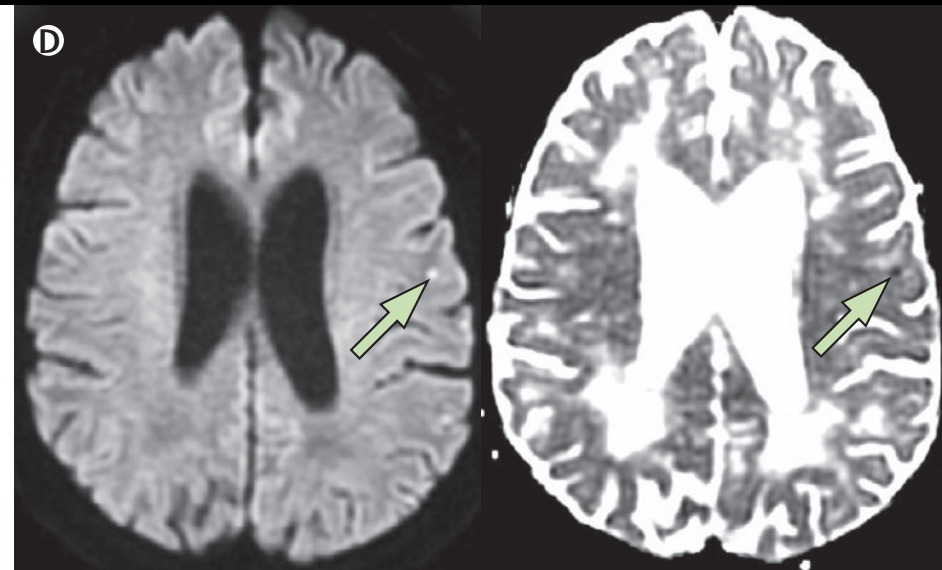
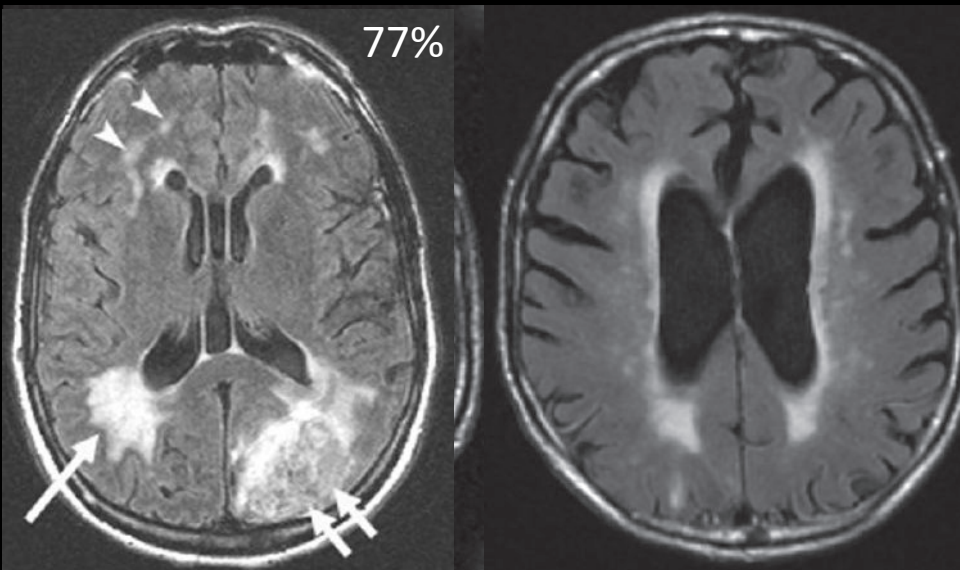


Higher f  
"capillary CMBs"



# CAA: Ischemic Markers

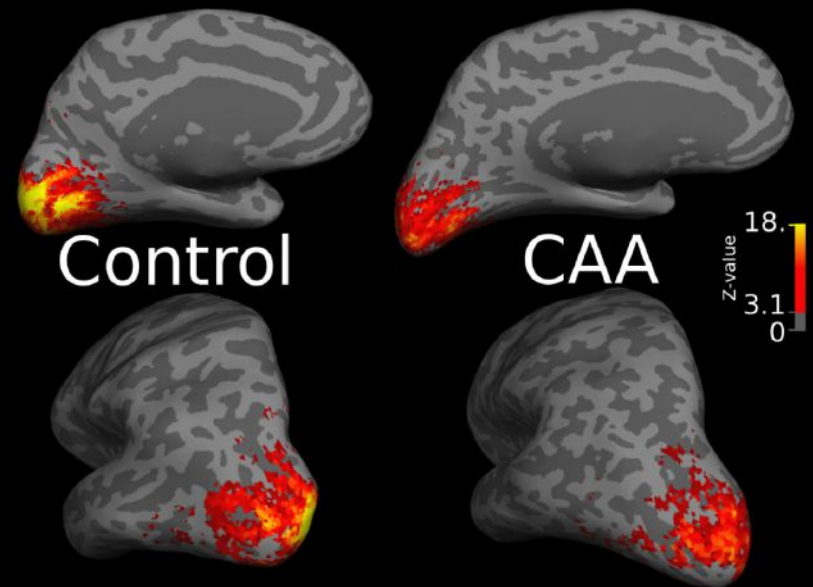
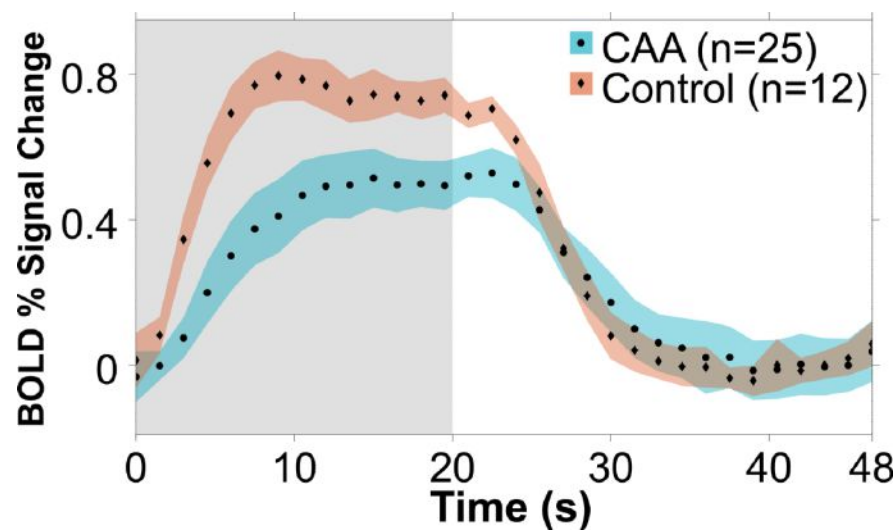
13% beyond 2 weeks  
post ICH  
Average of 8/year





# Functional MRI Detection of Vascular Reactivity in Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy

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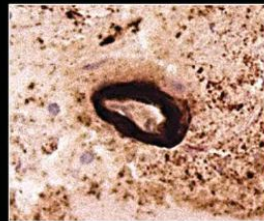
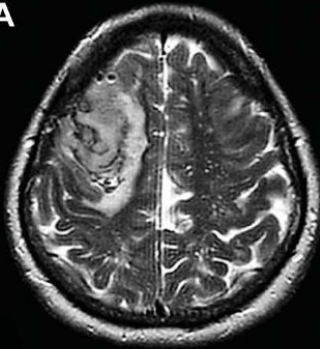
# CAA: Additional Markers

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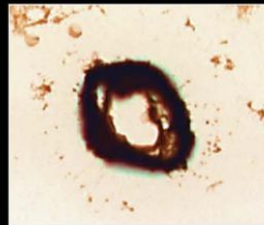
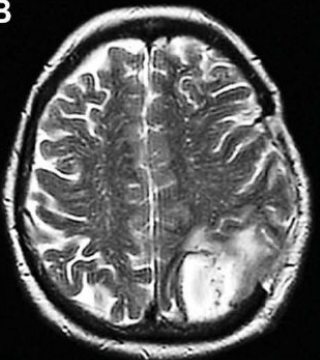
An MRI marker in pathology-proven cerebral amyloid angiopathy?

Histopathologically confirmed CAA

A



B



60% high burden

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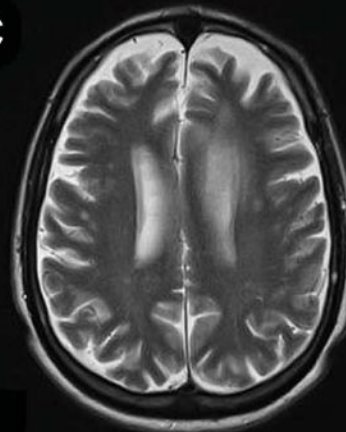
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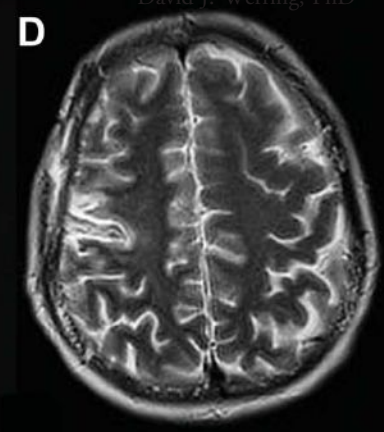
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Histopathologically confirmed non-CAA-related ICH

C



D



# CAA: Pittsburgh compound B PET imaging

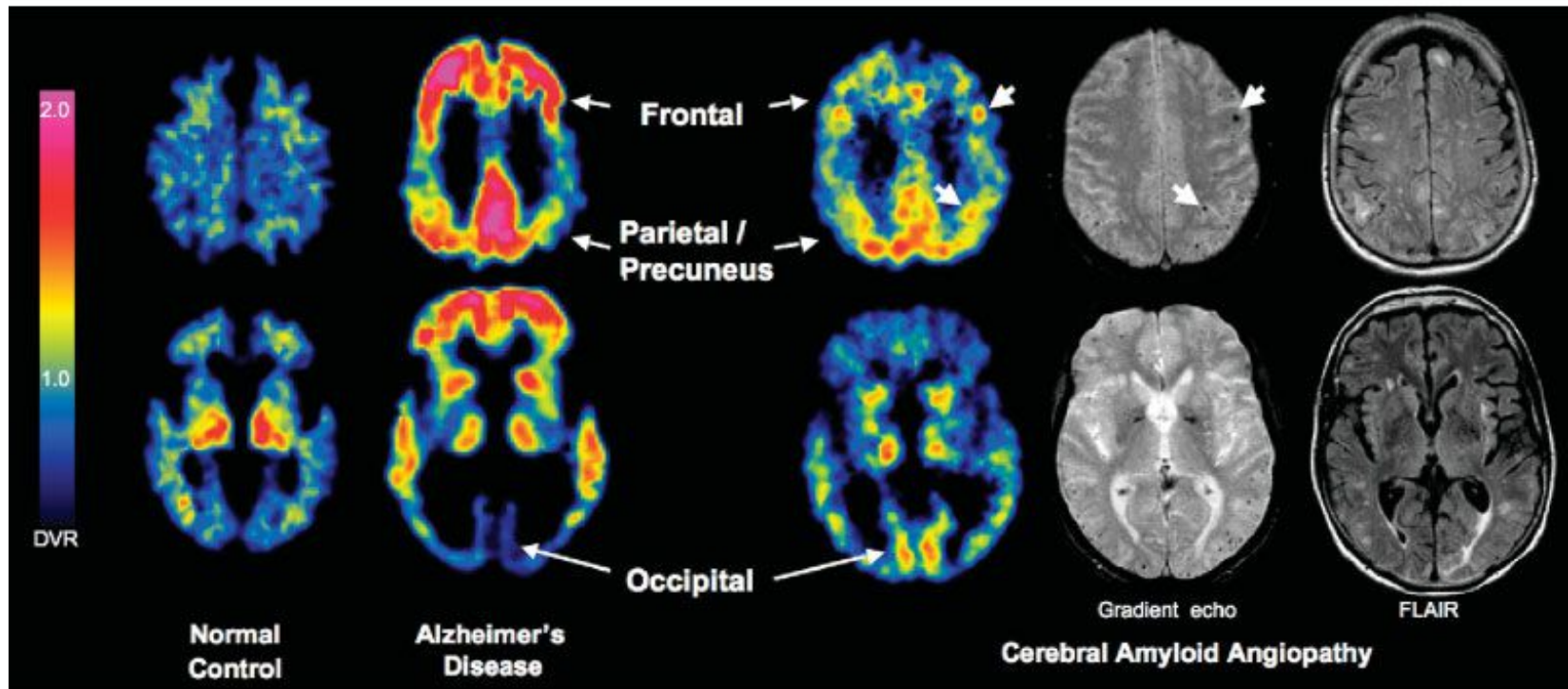


Fig 1. Representative Pittsburgh Compound B (PiB)-positron emission tomographic (PET) images at two transaxial levels from normal control (NC) (PiB-negative), Alzheimer's disease (AD), and cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA; Subject 4; see Table 2) subjects. Compared with AD and NC, CAA subjects had an intermediate level of global PiB retention (shown quantitatively in Fig 2), but compared with AD, had relatively increased occipital retention (see Fig 3). Microbleeds seen in this patient, shown in coregistered gradient echo magnetic resonance images, at times appear proximal to foci of amyloid deposition (small arrows).

# CAA: Management

- **Secondary CAA-related ICH prevention**
  - Blood pressure control (target SBP < 130 mmHg)
  - Lifestyle modification (exercise, smoking, alcohol, stress management)
- **Cognitive dysfunction**
  - Screen and follow for cognitive decline and depression
  - Treatment with cognitive enhancing rx (donepezil, galantamine or memantine) and antidepressants as indicated.

Concomitant indications for antithrombotic and statin therapy?



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# Effects of antiplatelet therapy on stroke risk by brain imaging features of intracerebral haemorrhage and cerebral small vessel diseases: subgroup analyses of the RESTART randomised, open-label trial



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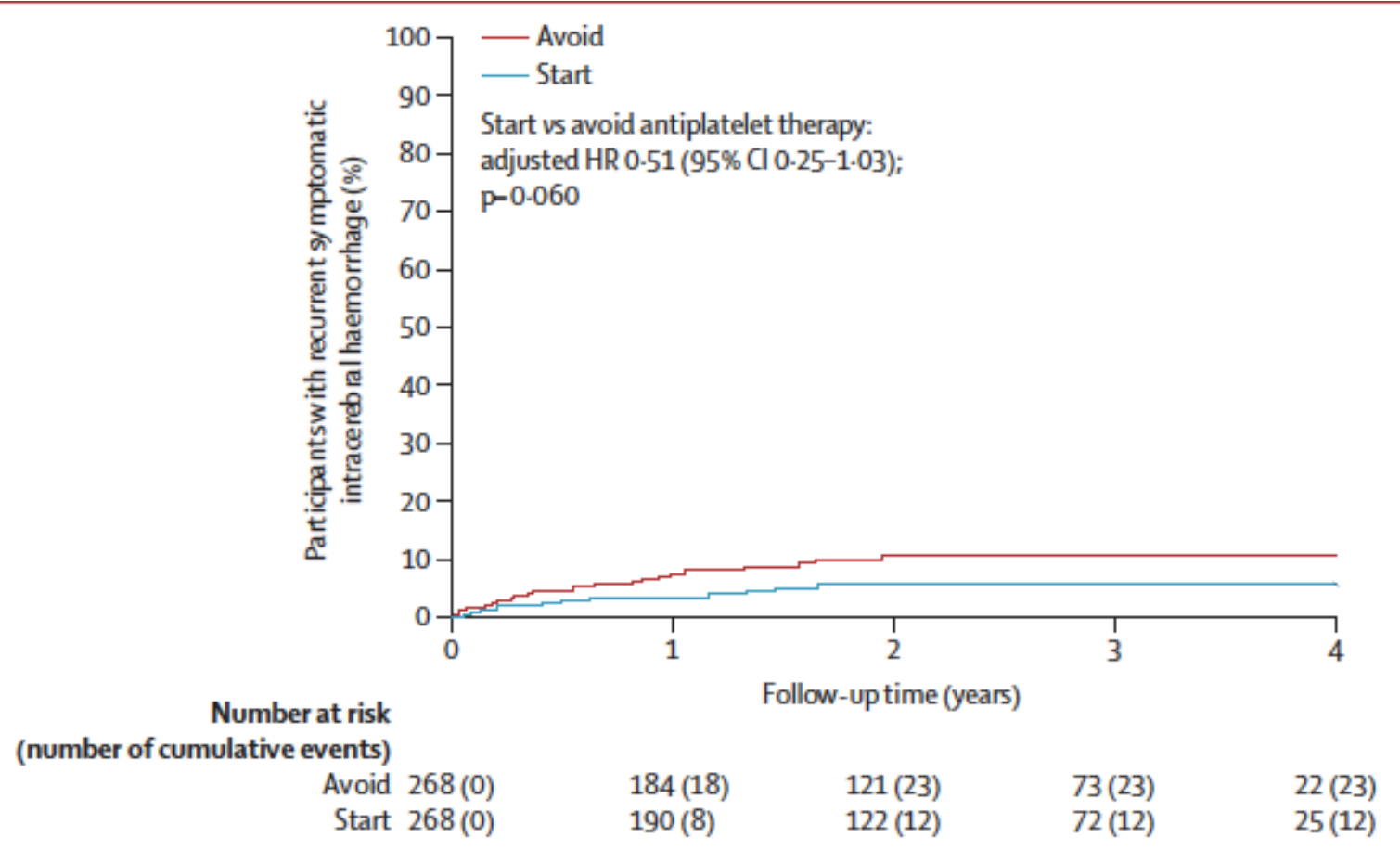




	Start antiplatelet therapy (n=268)		Avoid antiplatelet therapy (n=268)		Log-rank test p value	Unadjusted analysis		Adjusted analysis	
						HR (95% CI)	p value	HR (95% CI)	p value
<b>Primary outcome</b>									
Recurrent symptomatic spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage	12	4%	23	9%	0.057	0.51 (0.26-1.03)	0.062	0.51 (0.25-1.03)	0.060
<b>Sensitivity analyses of the primary outcome</b>									
Recurrent symptomatic spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage or symptomatic stroke of uncertain subtype	12		24		0.041	0.49 (0.25-0.99)	0.046	0.49 (0.24-0.98)	0.044
Recurrent symptomatic spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage or death of undetermined cause	13		25		0.047	0.51 (0.26-1.00)	0.051	0.51 (0.26-0.99)	0.048
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>									
All major haemorrhagic events (all types of symptomatic spontaneous or traumatic intracranial haemorrhage, or symptomatic major extracranial haemorrhage)	18		25		0.27	0.71 (0.39-1.30)	0.27	0.71 (0.39-1.30)	0.27
All major occlusive vascular events (ischaemic stroke; myocardial infarction; mesenteric ischaemia; peripheral arterial occlusion; deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolism; or carotid, coronary, or peripheral arterial revascularisation procedures)	39		38		0.97	1.01 (0.65-1.58)	0.97	1.02 (0.65-1.60)	0.92
All major haemorrhagic or occlusive vascular events	54		61		0.42	0.86 (0.60-1.24)	0.42	0.86 (0.60-1.24)	0.43
Major occlusive vascular events*	45		52		0.39	0.84 (0.56-1.25)	0.39	0.84 (0.56-1.25)	0.39
Major vascular events (as defined by the Antithrombotic Trialists' Collaboration)	45		65		0.026	0.65 (0.45-0.95)	0.027	0.65 (0.44-0.95)	0.025

HR-hazard ratio. \*As defined in the trial protocol.

**Table 3: Risks of first occurrence of primary and secondary outcome events during follow-up**



**Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier plot of the first occurrence of recurrent symptomatic Intracerebral haemorrhage**  
 Numbers at risk refer to survivors under follow-up at the start of each year according to treatment allocation.  
 Cumulative events indicate the participants in follow-up with a first event. HR=hazard ratio.

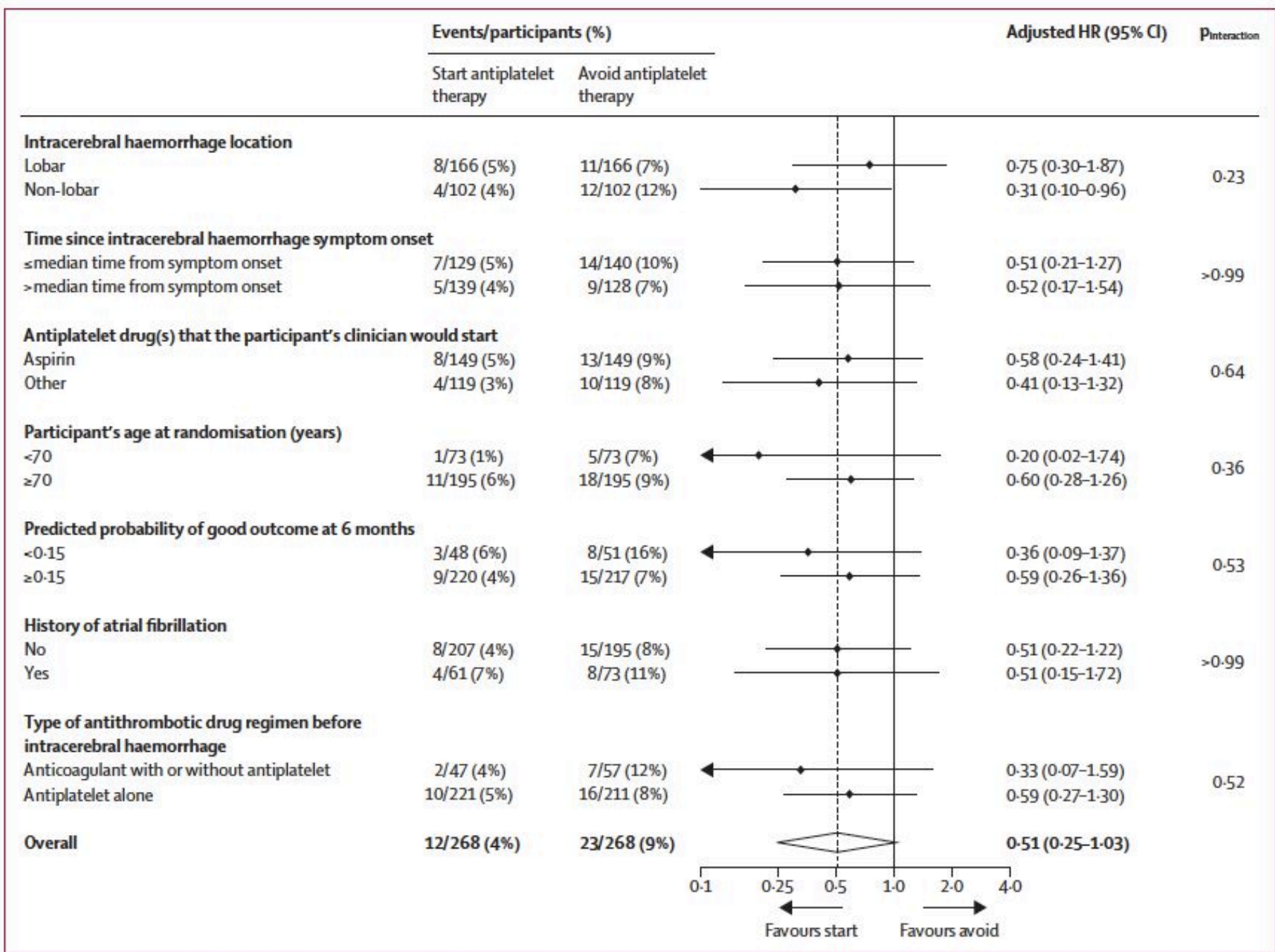


Figure 3: Prespecified exploratory subgroup analyses of the risk of first recurrent symptomatic Intracerebral haemorrhage

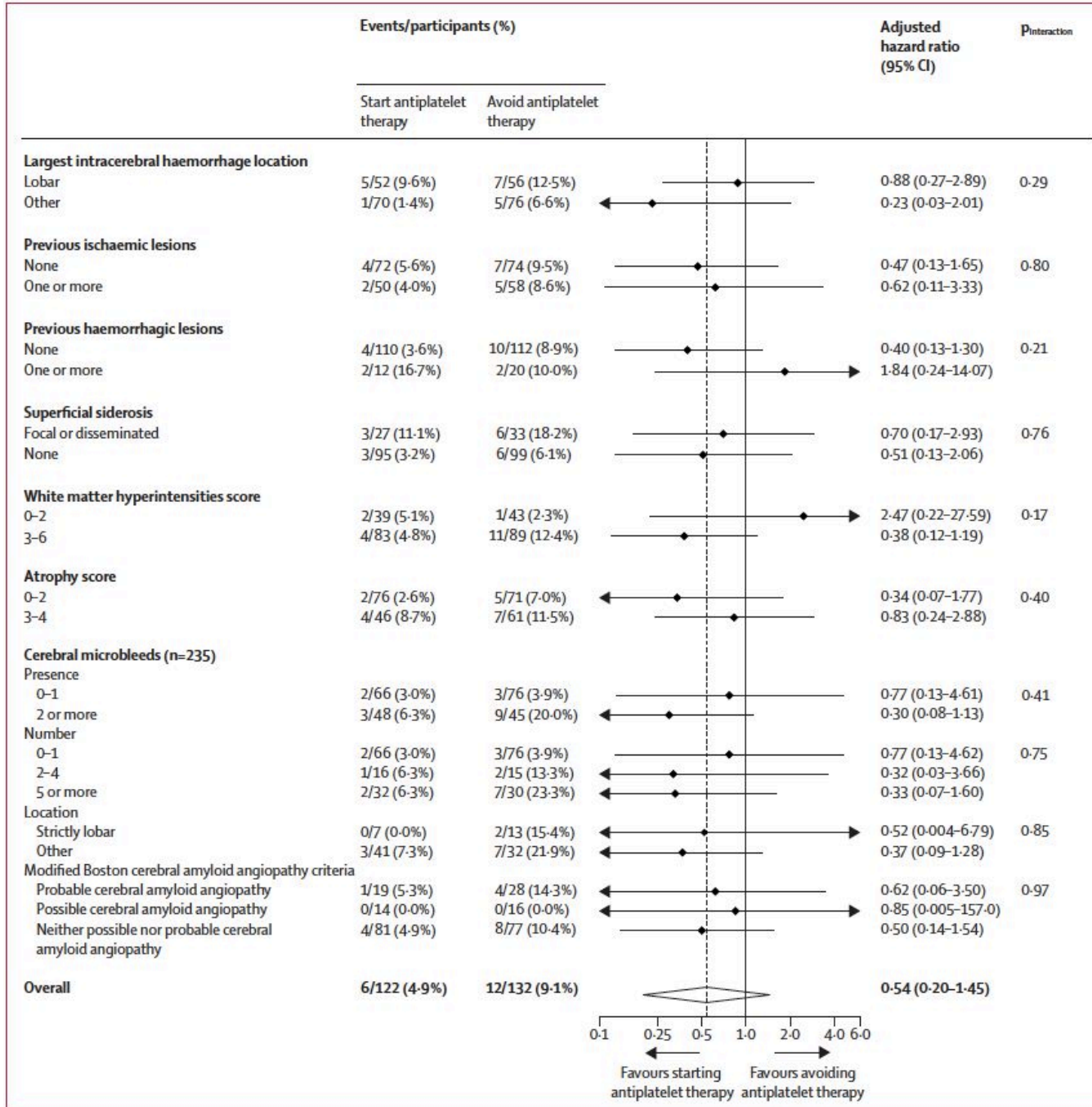


Figure 3: Prespecified primary and exploratory subgroup analyses of the risk of first recurrent symptomatic intracerebral haemorrhage (the primary outcome) by brain MRI features

# Comorbid Atrial Fibrillation in Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy-related Intracerebral Hemorrhage: Between a Rock and a Hard Place

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~20-25% of CAA-lobar ICH patients have AF

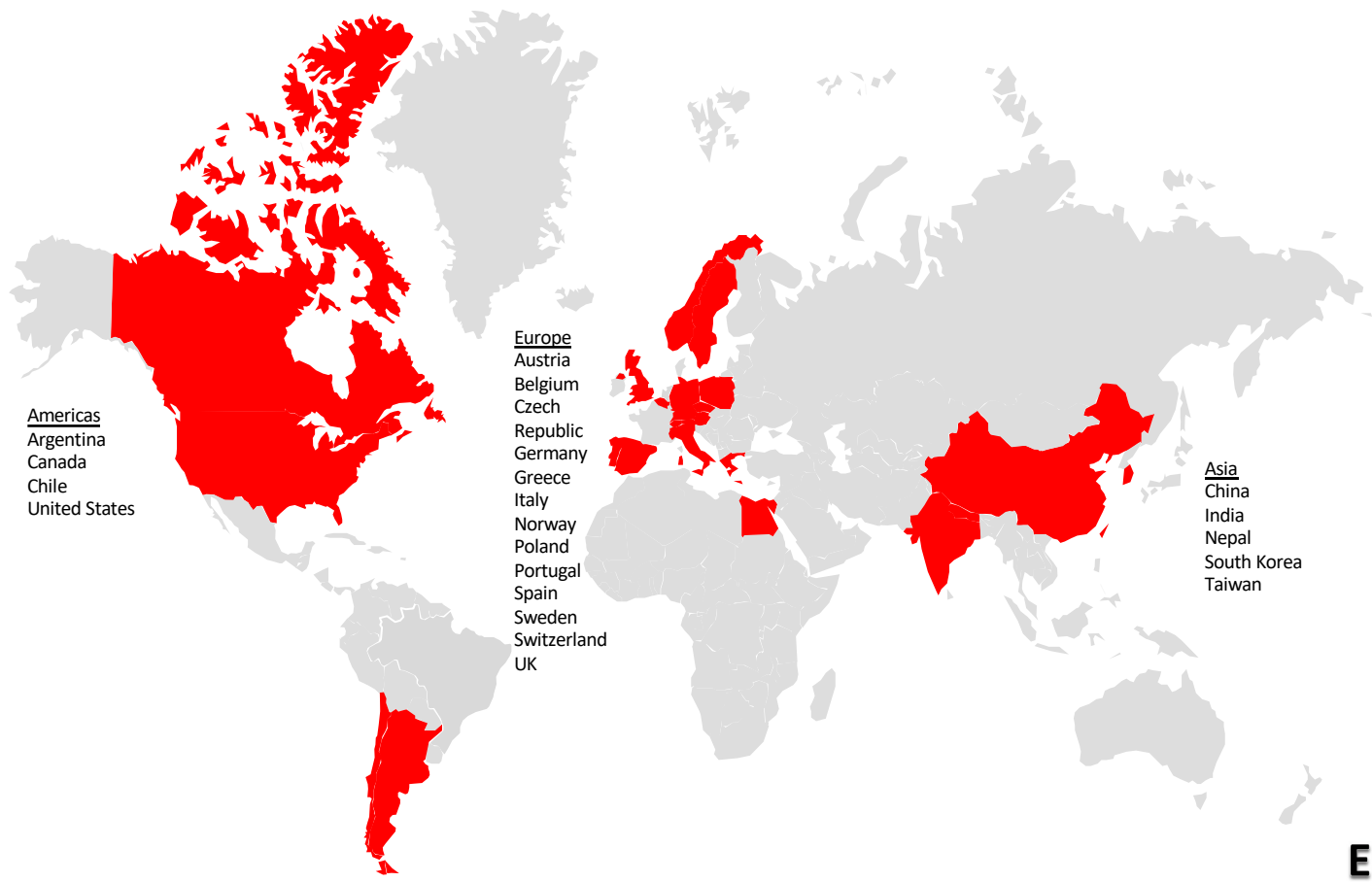
# ENRICH-AF



EdoxabaN foR IntraCranial Hemorrhage  
survivors with Atrial Fibrillation

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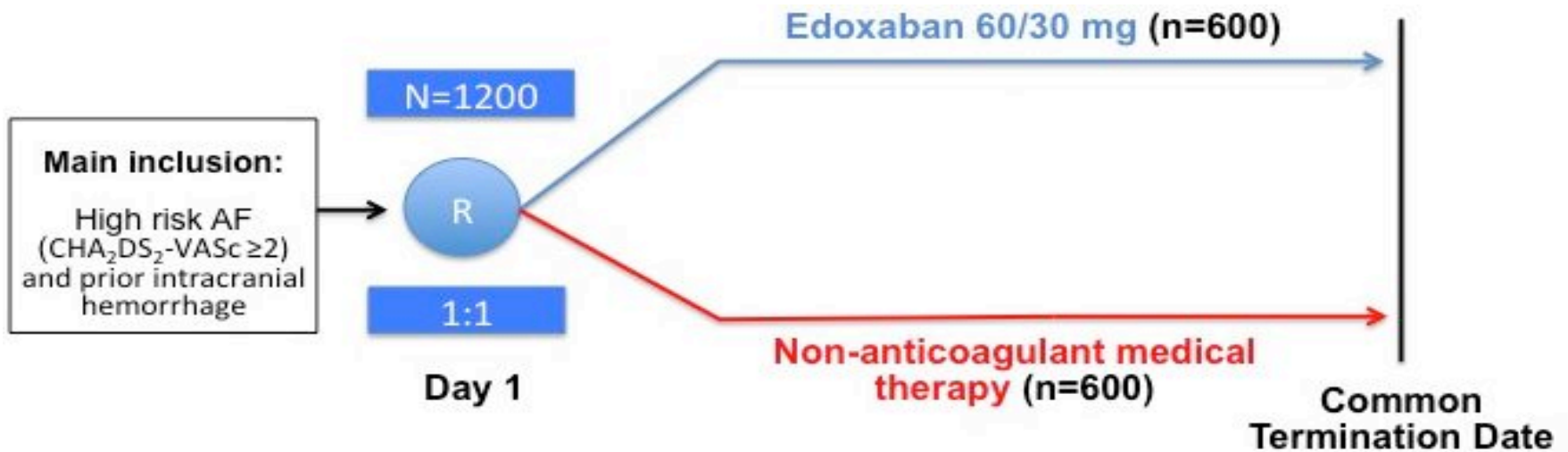


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# Design



**Recruitment period:** 24 months

**Last participant followed:** common study termination once 123 primary events have accrued; estimated to occur 12 months following end of recruitment

**Total study duration:** ~ 36 months

**Mean follow-up per participant:** 24 months (range 12 – 36 months)



# Spectrum of Transient Focal Neurological Episodes in Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy

## Multicentre Magnetic Resonance Imaging Cohort Study and Meta-Analysis

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- 25 of 172 CAA patients (15%) had TFNE
- 70% multiple stereotyped episodes lasting 10 – 30 mins duration
- 50% positive symptoms/50% negative symptoms (TIA-like)
  - 32% marching parasthesias
  - 28% dysphasia
  - 16% focal weakness
  - 16% limb jerking
  - 16% visual (mostly positive)

(*Stroke*. 2012;43:2324-2330.)

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- **Superficial siderosis:** 50% of CAA patients with TFNE vs. 19% in patients without ( $p=0.001$ )

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- **2 month risk of ICH: 38%**
- Risk equal between positive and negative symptoms.
- Only 1 patient had an ischemic stroke over mean follow up of 14 months.



# TFNE: Management

- AED effective for cortical spreading depression (Topamax, valproic acid, gabapentin)
- Taper off after 3 months

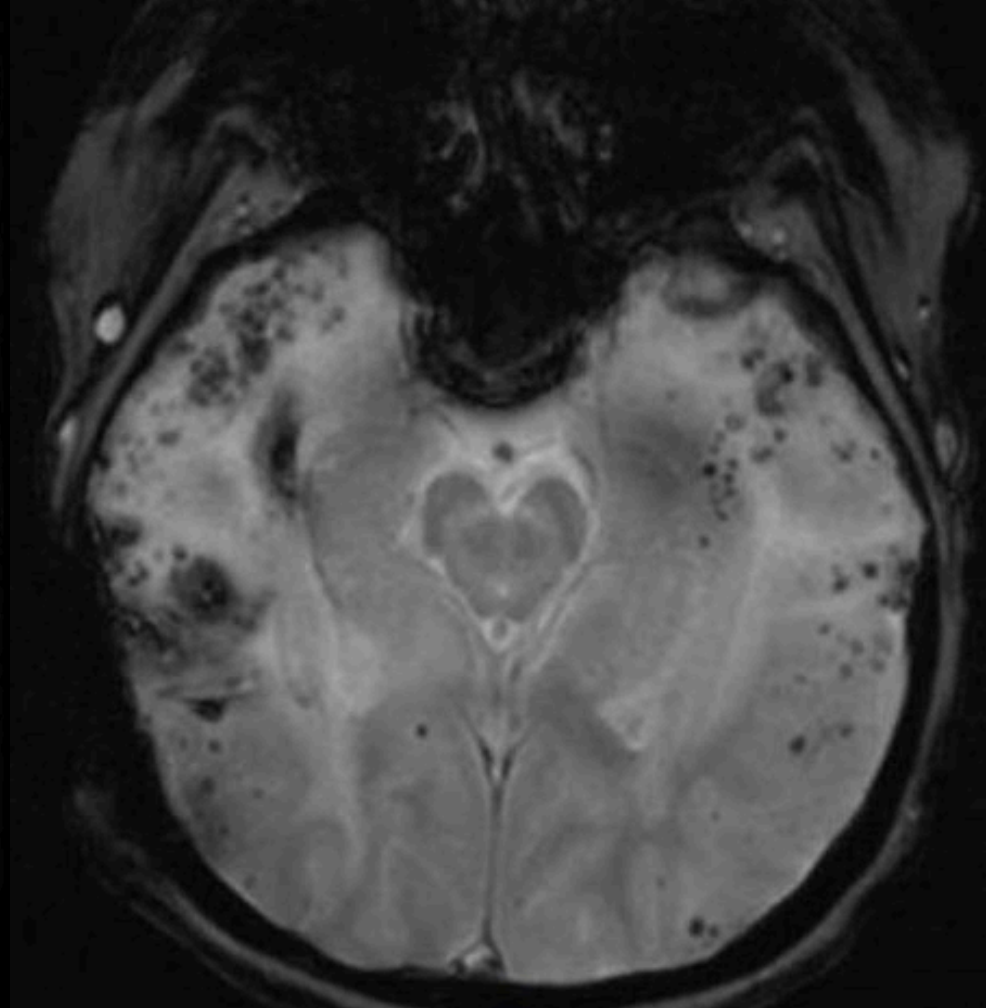
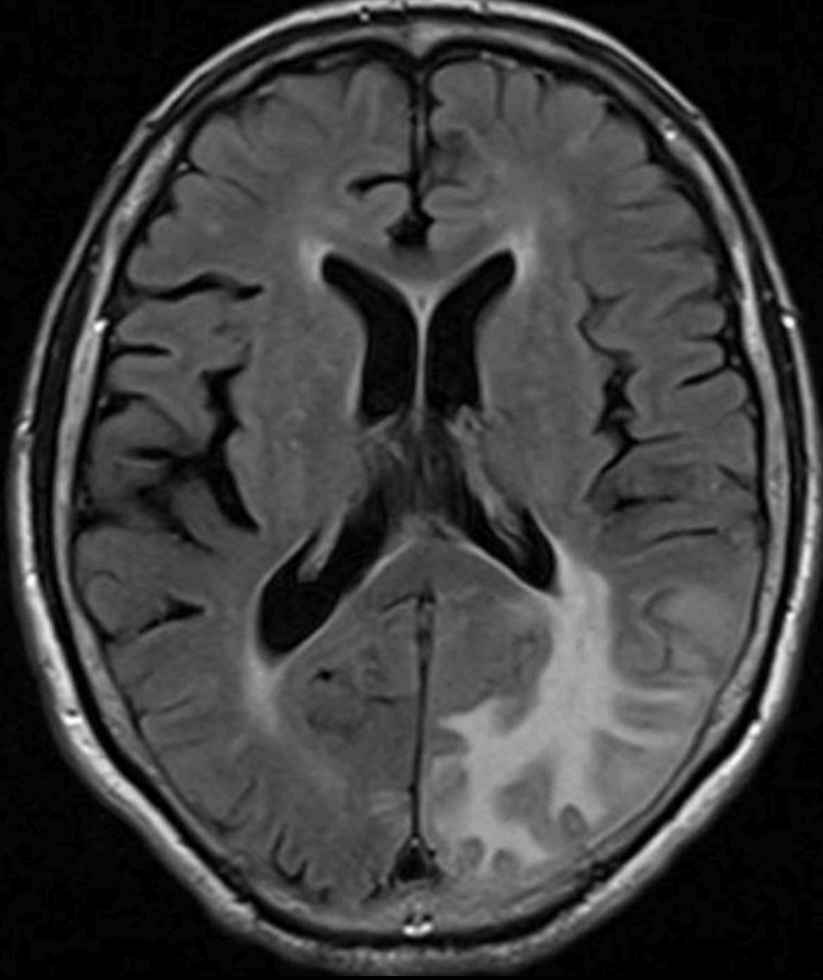
# Validation of Clinikoradiological Criteria for the Diagnosis of Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy–Related Inflammation

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97% Specificity  
82% Sensitivity

**Table 1. Criteria for the Diagnosis of CAA-ri** JAMA Neurology February 2016 Volume 73, Number 2

Diagnosis	Criteria
Probable CAA-ri	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Age <math>\geq 40</math> y</li> <li>2. Presence of <math>\geq 1</math> of the following clinical features: headache, decrease in consciousness, behavioral change, or focal neurological signs and seizures; the presentation is not directly attributable to an acute ICH</li> <li>3. MRI shows unifocal or multifocal WMH lesions (corticosubcortical or deep) that are asymmetric and extend to the immediately subcortical white matter; the asymmetry is not due to past ICH</li> <li>4. Presence of <math>\geq 1</math> of the following corticosubcortical hemorrhagic lesions: cerebral macrobleed, cerebral microbleed, or cortical superficial siderosis<sup>B</sup></li> <li>5. Absence of neoplastic, infectious, or other cause</li> </ol>
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**CTA:** negative  
**MRI post Gad:** negative/mild leptomeningeal enhancement  
**LP:** elevated protein  
**APOE genotyping:** APOE  $\epsilon$ 4

**Rx:** IV methylprednisolone x 3-5 days followed by rapid prednisone taper  
**Full remission:** 2/3  
**Relapse:** 1/3

# Conclusions

- Sporadic CAA is a common age-related disease that will be an increasingly important health care challenge as our population ages further
- CAA is an important contributor to neurologic functional decline in the elderly and lobar ICH
- In vivo diagnostic criteria for CAA are continually evolving and will likely expand to include other biomarkers of disease.
- Evidence-based treatment is lacking, highlighting need to include CAA patients in targeted randomized trials.

# Questions?

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