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The pictured patient (figure 3) gave informed written consent to use the picture for educational and publication purposes. Previous publication in the PhD thesis “Cerebral infarction and inflammation” by Ulrike Waje-Andreassen (University of Bergen, Norway, 2007). A comment was added to the figure legend.

Figures 2, 4 and 5 were all sourced during the course of our study and have not been published previously. They are not obtained from clinical records.