

2021 AANP Diagnostic Slide Session Case #2

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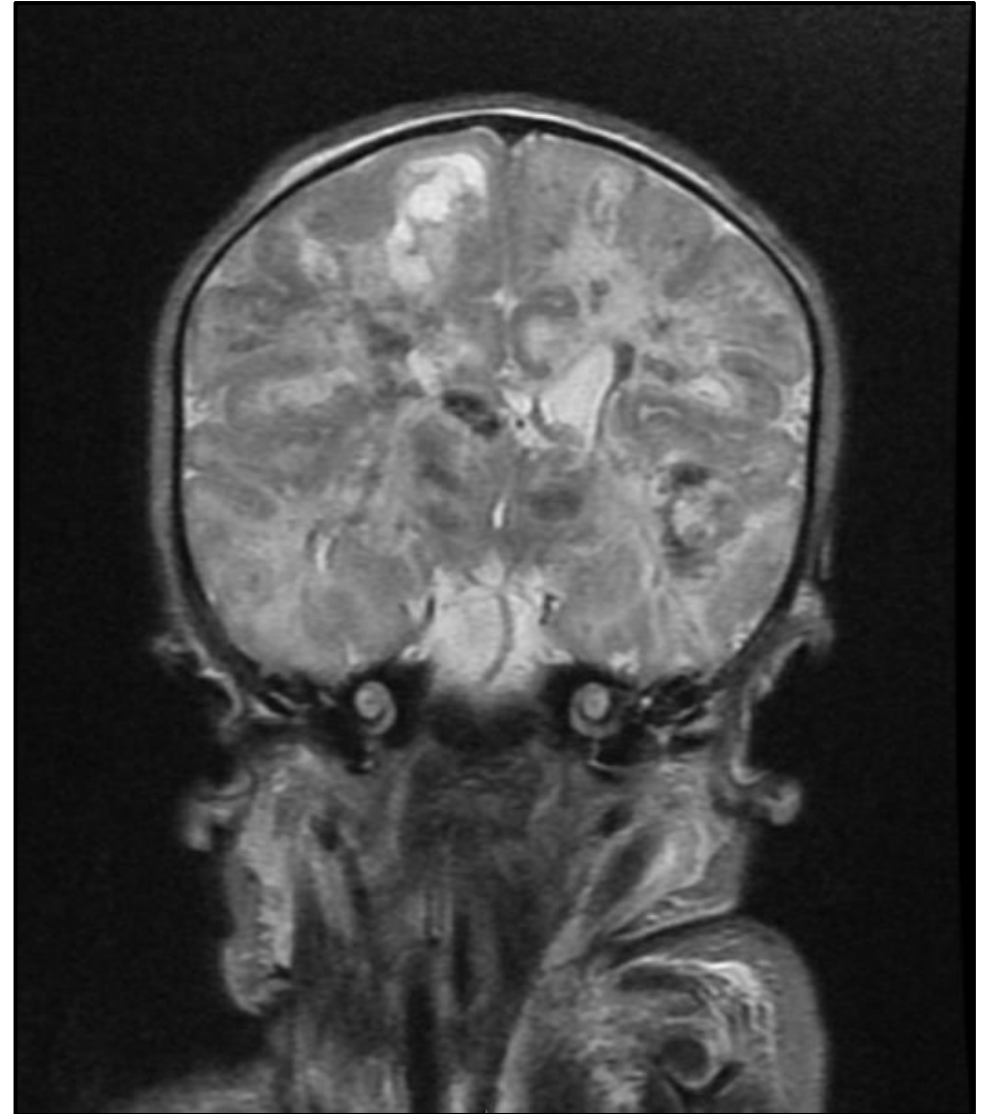
CLINICAL HISTORY WITH NEUROIMAGING

Clinical History:

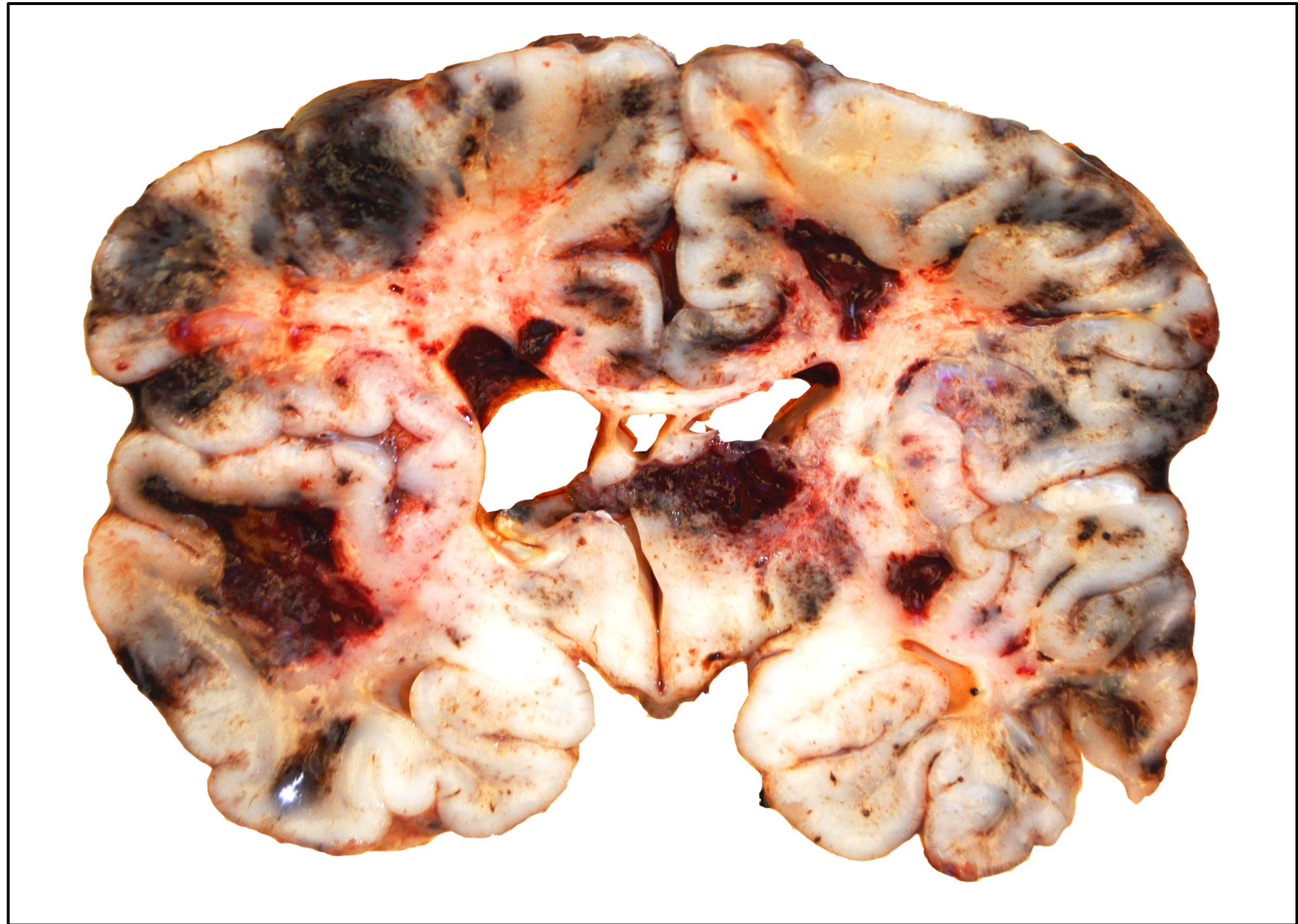
- Female neonate delivered at 39 weeks gestation via emergency Cesarean section due to non-reassuring fetal heart tones
- Routine prenatal care testing for 35-year-old G2P1 mother was unremarkable
- At birth, the infant's respiratory effort was absent, and was subsequently intubated
- Infectious work-up and newborn screening tests were all negative
- Infant died on day 3 of life shortly after being transitioned to comfort care
- Permission for unrestricted autopsy was obtained from the parents

Brain MRI:

- Extensive areas of signal abnormality, T1 type hyperintensity, and cystic lesions

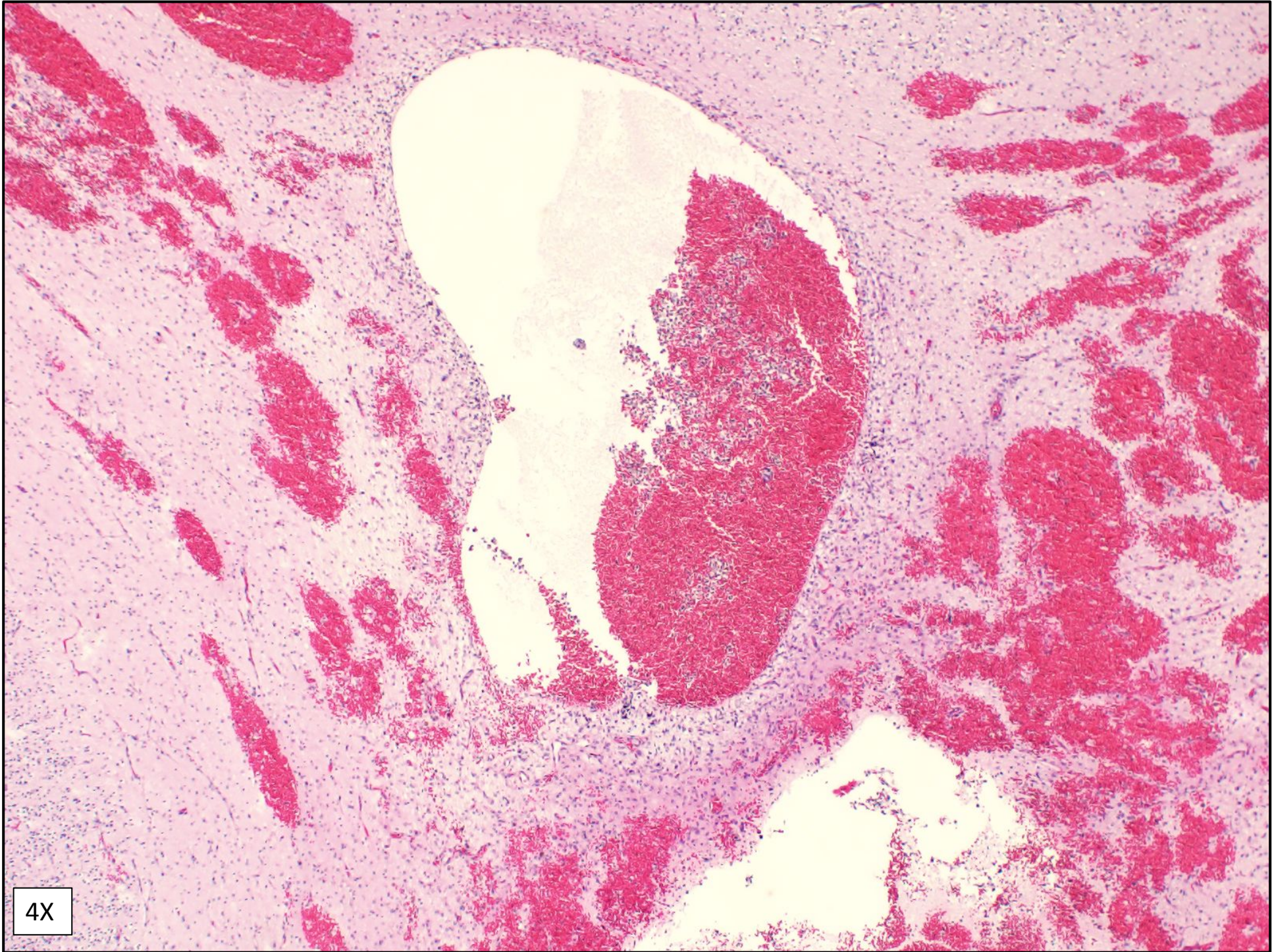


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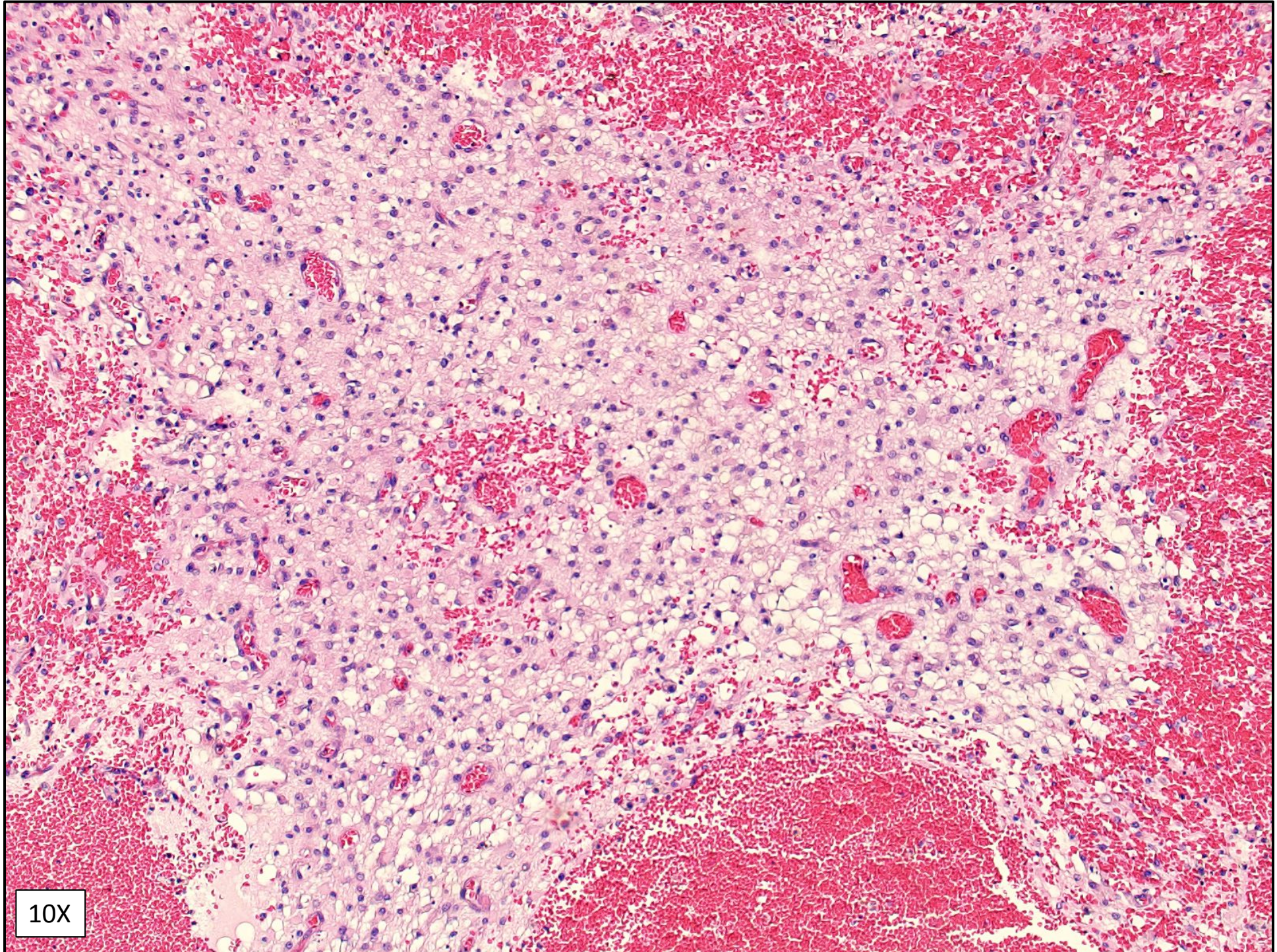
- Brain weight 299.67 g (expected 355+/-49 g for 39 weeks gestational age)
- Diffuse hemorrhagic lesions of chronological heterogeneity and cystic lesions

MICROSCOPIC FINDINGS



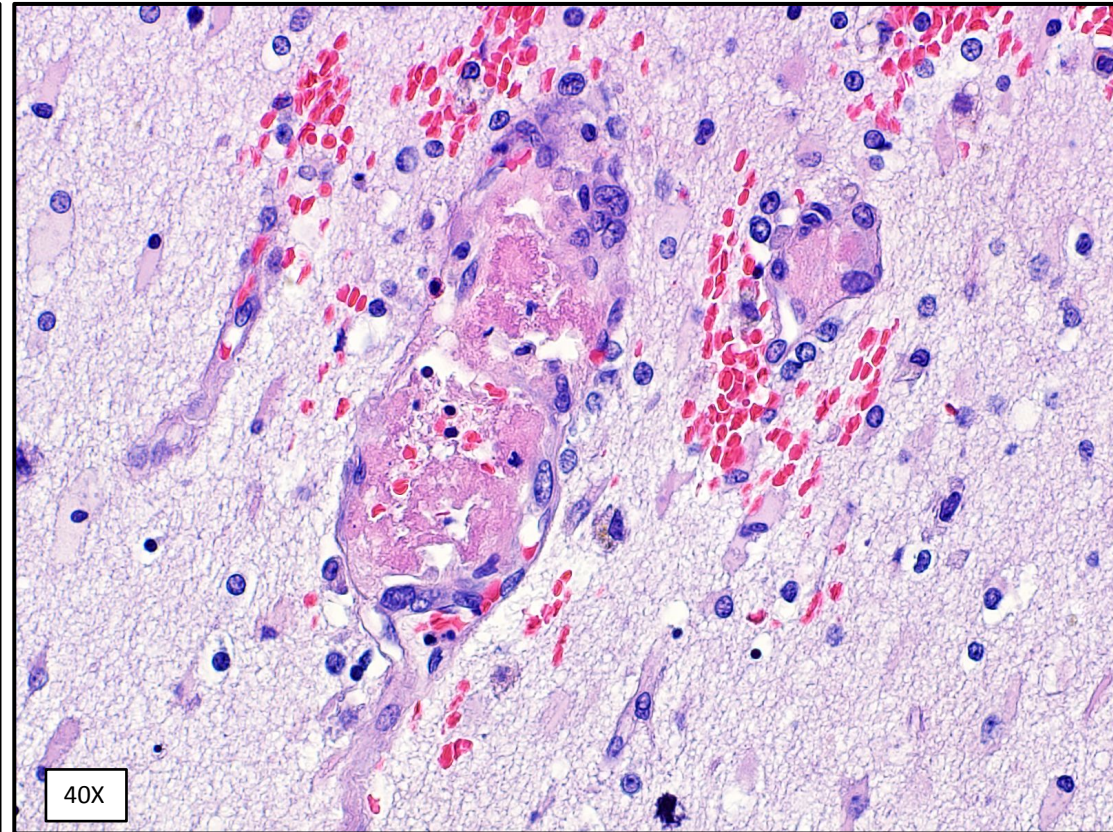
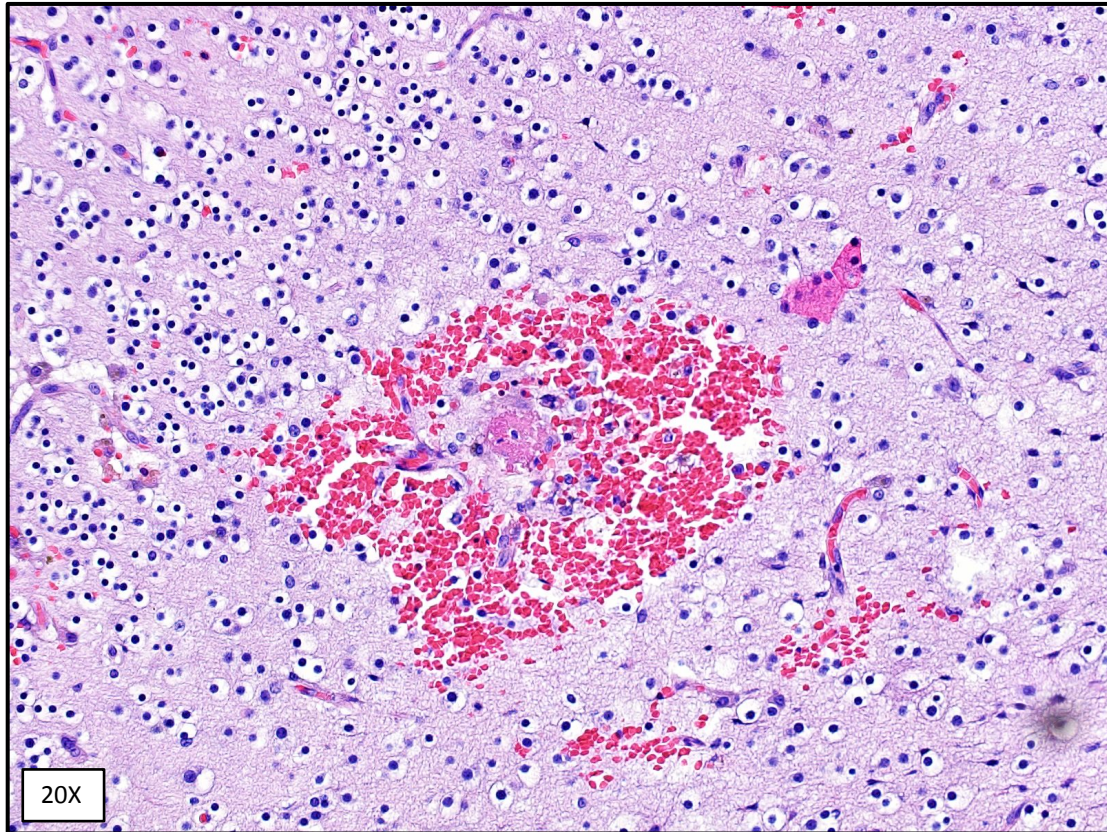
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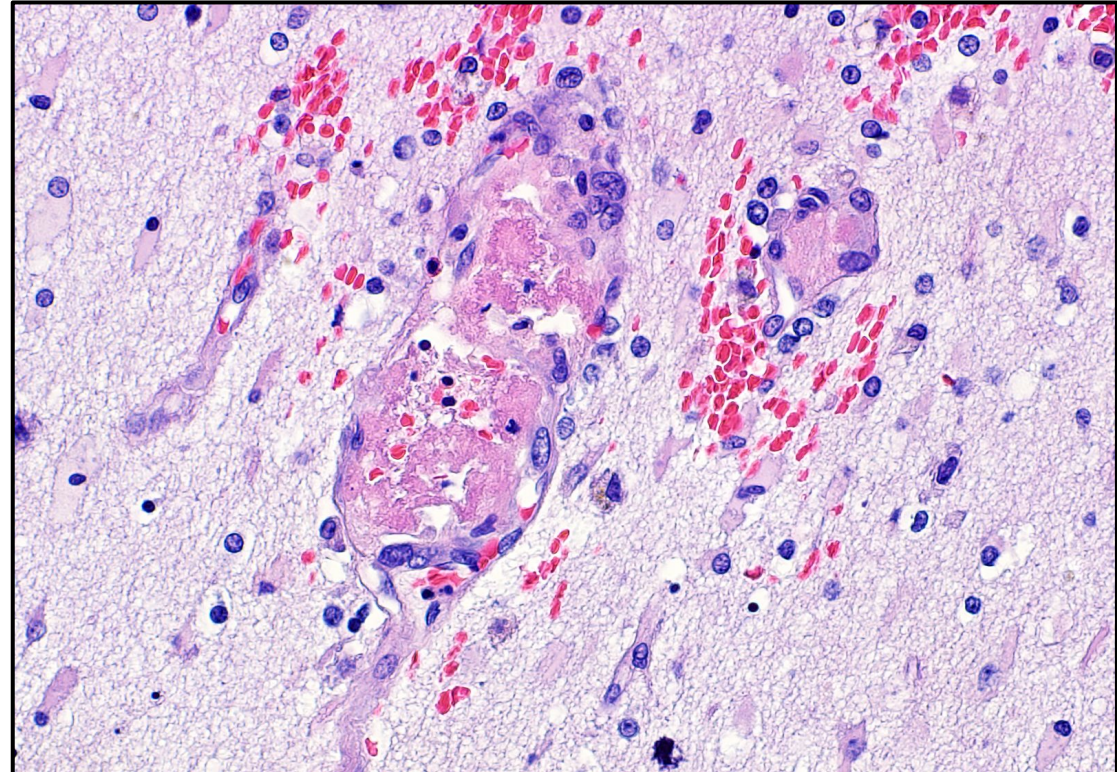
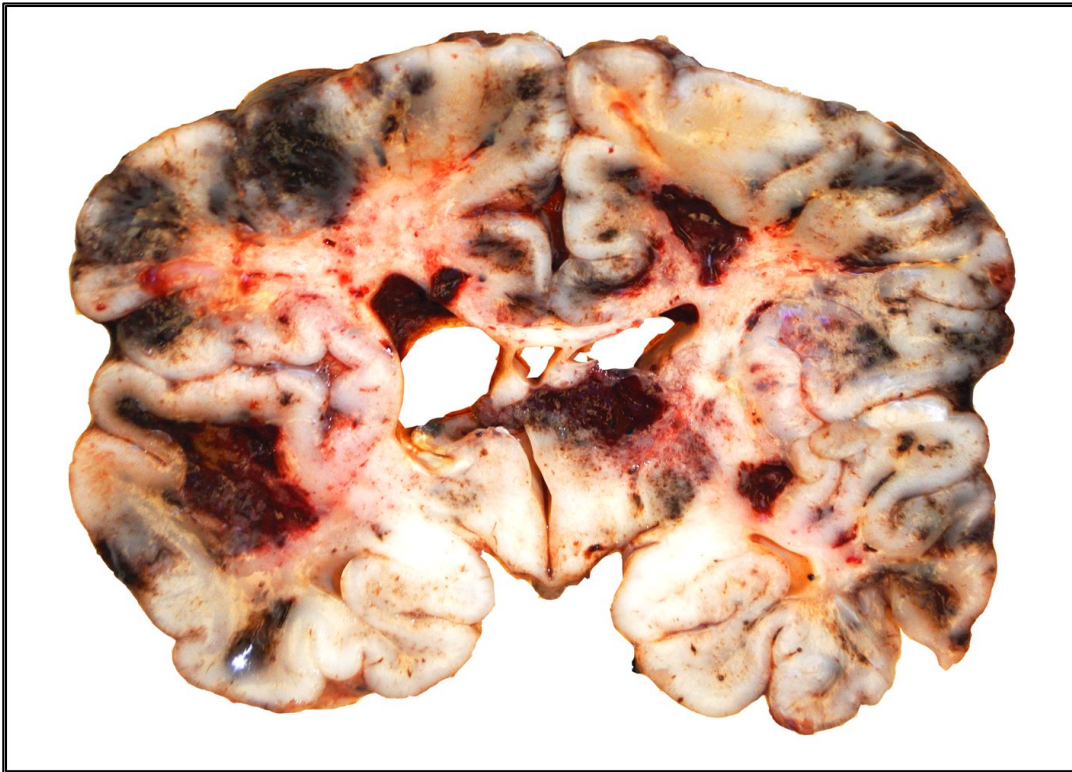
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MICROSCOPIC FINDINGS



DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS & DISCUSSION?

(Audience Discussion)



DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS (CONTINUED)

- Congenital Vascular Malformations
- Congenital Coagulopathies
- Infection
- Connective Tissue Disorders
- Cancer

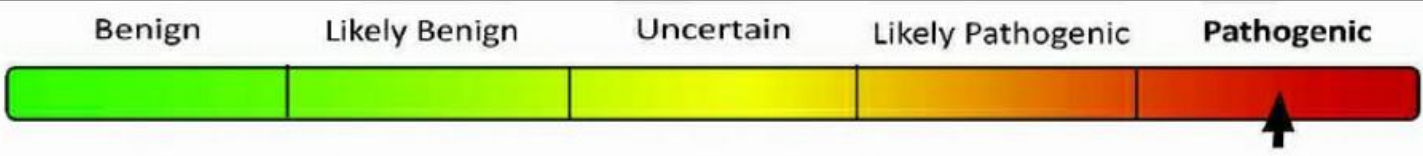
ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

- Genetic testing and results

Gene/Test	Technical Result	Variant Type	Clinical Relevance
COL4A1	c.2870G>A; p.Gly957Glu	Heterozygous Missense	Pathogenic

Athena Insight pathogenicity assessment

COL4A1 c.2870 G>A is a missense variant classified as pathogenic based on the following information:




Benign Likely Benign Uncertain Likely Pathogenic Pathogenic

Variant: | COL4A1 c.2870 G>A (p.Gly957Glu)

- This variant has not been reported in large, multi-ethnic general populations.
- The current individual with this variant presents with clinical features associated with this gene.
- Majority of the pathogenic variants in this gene involve the substitution of a glycine residue in the triple-helix domain, resulting in disruption of protein function (PMID: 29632050, 21421911, 19344236).
- To the best of our knowledge, this variant has not been reported previously.
- Computational tools yielded predictions that this variant may interfere with normal RNA splicing.

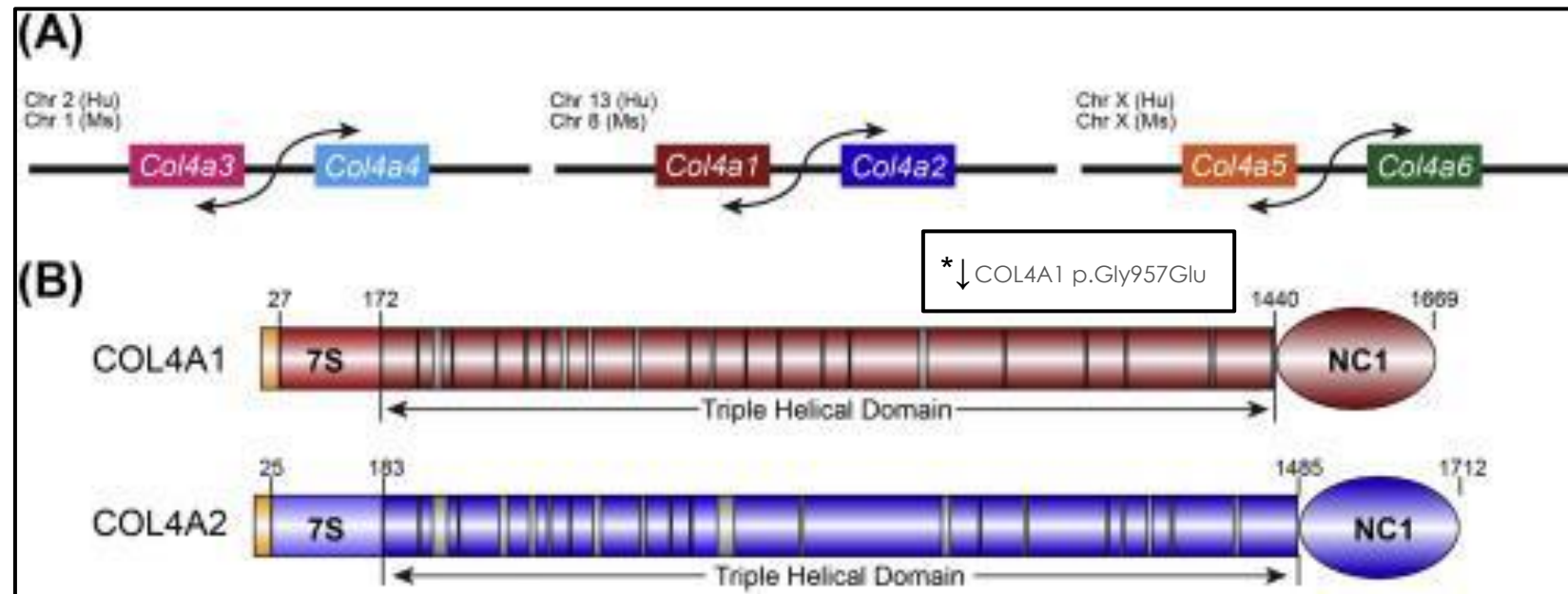
References:
Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD), Cambridge, MA (URL: <http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org>)



NEUROPATHOLOGICAL
DIAGNOSIS:

**Microangiopathic
Leukoencephalopathy
Associated With COL4A1
Mutation**

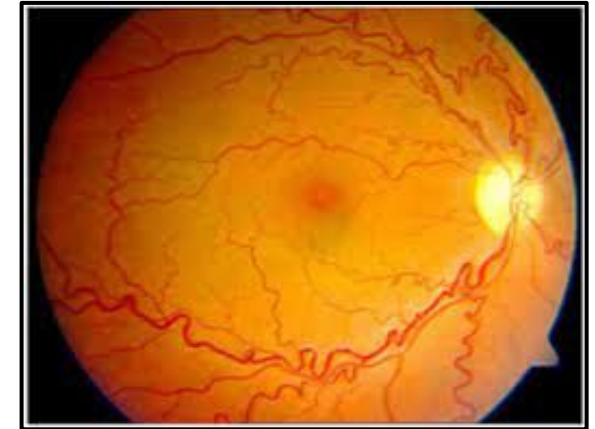
COL4A1 MUTATION



- Type IV collagens comprise a major component to all basement membranes throughout the body
- COL4A1 gene is associated with autosomal dominant cerebral small vessel disease
- Almost all COL4A1 mutations reported have been missense mutations involving highly conserved glycine residues in a triple helical domain of the gene
- Clinical onset and symptoms widely vary among patients
 - 4 main phenotypes

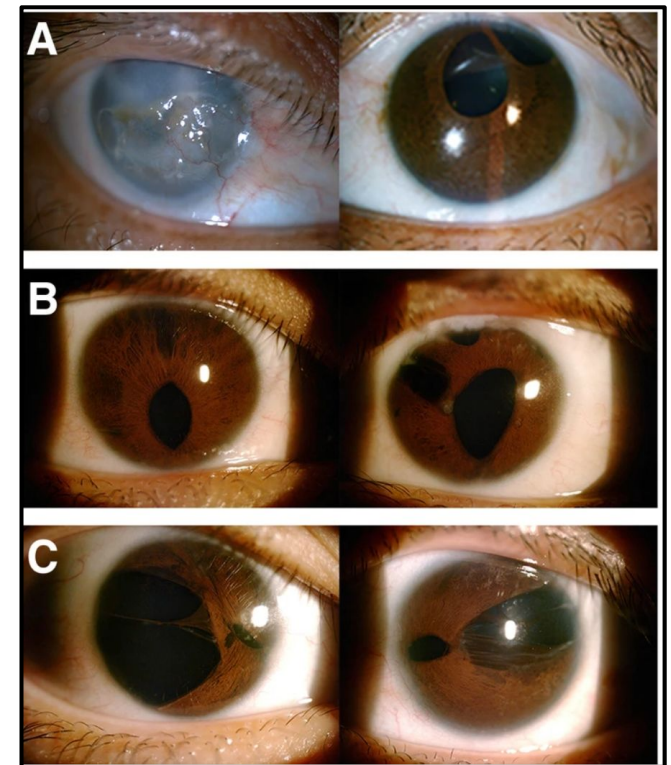
COL4A1 MUTATION PHENOTYPES

1. Perinatal hemorrhage with proencephalopathy in survivors
2. Hereditary infantile hemiparesis, retinal arteriolar tortuosity and leukoencephalopathy (HIHRATL) →
3. Small vascular disease with Axenfeld-Rieger anomaly (anterior segment dysgenesis of the eye) →
4. Hereditary angiopathy with nephropathy, aneurysms (typically of the internal carotid artery), and muscle cramps (HANAC)



Retinal Arteriolar Tortuosity

(Villanueva, 2020)



Axenfeld-Rieger Anomaly

(Zhang et al, 2019)

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