









Additional file 2

Characteristics and management of the three patients who underwent decompressive craniectomy

	Patient A	Patient B	Patient C	
Age	56	31	58	
Initial symptoms	influenza-like syndrome, disorientation and agitation, fever	Headache, fever	Headache, left hemiparesis, fever	
Initial radiologic findings	hypodensities of right temporal lobe, right insulae, right frontotemporal region, and frontal lobe	bilateral temporal hypodensities	bilateral temporal and frontal hypodensities with moderate mass effect	
Date of occurrence of cranial hypertension	Day 4	Day 11	Day 5	
Intracranial pressure monitoring	No	Yes	No	
Date of decompressive craniectomy	Day 6	Day 12	Day 5	
One year outcome	GOS 1	GOS 5	GOS 3 (frontal syndrome)	
CT Scan	Pre surgery			
	Post surgery			
	One year	Non available (death)		

GOS: Glasgow Outcome Scale ; CT: computed tomography.

Dates are given in days after the onset of symptoms.