**Supplementary Table 1. Clinical characteristics of stroke patients and autopsy controls**

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| **Patient no.** | **Age** | **Gender** | **Location** | **Cause of dead** | **Stroke-death interval** |
| 1 | 84 | f | Parietal-occipital cortex | Stroke | 1w |
| 2 | 72 | f | Parietal cortex | Stroke | 24h |
| 3 | 56 | m | Basal nuclei | Stroke | 10d |
| 4 | 75 | m | Primary motor cortex | pneumonia | - |
| 5 | 48 | m | Primary motor cortex | myocard infarct | - |
| 6 | 81 | m | Temporal pole | myocard infarct | - |
| 7 | 71 | f | Temporal pole | kidney insufficiency | - |
| *m, male; f, female* | | | | | |