Childhood arterial ischaemic stroke is rare, with an incidence of 1.6 per 100,000. As demonstrated in our patient, early recognition is key for thrombolysis to be effective. The publication of the Stroke in Childhood: Clinical guideline for diagnosis, management and rehabilitation (2017) advocates the importance of FAST (Face, Arms, Legs and Time) which has already proved to be successful for early diagnosis in adult patients. Effective collaboration with our adult counterparts is vital to share resources and implement guidance locally.

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Limping is a common presentation in children. It has many aetiologies, from trauma, infection, haematological conditions and malignancies. We would like to present a rare cause of limping. Syringomyelia describes a longitudinal fluid cavity of the spinal cord, whether a dilatation of the central canal or cavitation of the grey matter. There is a paucity of data, particularly of paediatric cases. Clinical manifestations depend on the location and size of the syrinx. They typically involve segmental signs, with wasting of the small muscles of the hand, sensory deficits and absence of tendon reflexes. It can also cause lower limb spasticity, and a loss of pain and temperature sensation.

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Background
Anti-phospholipid antibody associated chorea is a rare cause of this movement disorder, with a higher incidence in females and children. Other causes include Wilson’s disease, Sydenham’s chorea and ataxia-telangiectasia. Aetiology is uncertain, but may involve anti-phospholipid mediated dysfunction of the basal ganglia. We report an unusual case of anticardiolipin antibody related chorea in an adolescent male presenting to secondary care services.

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Our patient is a 14 year old male who became unwell in December 2016 with gradual onset of uncontrolled movements in his arms, and behavioural changes. There was a notable history of minor head injury, preceding sore throat and recurrent tonsillitis. Over the next six months, he reported worsening of choreoathetoid movements affecting his gait and upper limb function.

He presented in April 2017 with acute slurring of speech three weeks after starting baclofen. He was then referred to tertiary paediatric neurology services. No features of Lupus were present on examination. His functioning was monitored after baclofen was stopped, and he progressed to treatment with high dose steroids, penicillin V and sodium valproate. He improved following significant rehabilitation with multidisciplinary involvement from occupational therapy, physiotherapy and the school team. His final diagnosis was revised to anticardiolipin antibody related chorea following results of immunological tests and consideration of the chronic progressive history. He was treated successfully with aspirin and mycophenolate mofetil, and has been discharged home with ongoing clinic review.

Results
12 lead ECG, echocardiogram and MRI brain normal. ASO Titre: 400 units/ml (50–200) Anti-DNase B: 100 units/ml (<240 units/ml) Anti-Mitochondrial Ab: positive Anti-Nuclear Ab titre: 1:320 (Positive) Anti-cardiolipin IgG Ab 1184.2 units/ml (0–19.9) Anti-B2-GP-I IgG 4269.7 units/ml (<20)

Conclusion
As a patient’s disease continues to evolve, so should our diagnostic approach. Atypical progression of disease should prompt review. Generally, treatment of anticardiolipin related chorea falls into 2 pathways; anticoagulation and immunosuppression, with evidence limited to case reports and small case series.

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