

Table 3**Summary of NINDS-AIREN criteria for the diagnosis of vascular dementia^{8,12}**

Probable VaD	1 Dementia with impairment of memory and of two more cognitive functions severe enough to interfere with activities of daily living and 2 Cerebrovascular disease, defined by the presence of focal signs and evidence of relevant CVD by brain imaging and 3 Onset of dementia within three months following a recognised stroke or 4 Abrupt deterioration in cognitive functions; or fluctuating, stepwise progression of cognitive deficits
Unlikely to be VaD	1 Early onset and progressive worsening of memory deficit, in the absence of corresponding focal lesions on brain imaging 2 Absence of focal neurological signs other than cognitive disturbance and 3 Absence of cerebrovascular lesions on brain CT or MRI
Possible VaD	1 Focal neurological signs without brain imaging studies to confirm definite CVD 2 No clear temporal relationship between dementia and stroke 3 Subtle onset and variable course (plateau or improvement) and evidence of relevant CVD
Definite VaD = probable VaD plus:	1 Histopathological evidence of CVD from biopsy or autopsy 2 Tangles and plaques not exceeding those expected for age 3 No other clinical or pathological disorder capable of producing dementia