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### A ghost among the micro-organisms an overlooked cause for cerebral abscesses after thoracotomy

Many micro-organisms in pathology are known to be visible in standard histology. Many fungi, yeast and bacteria can be determined by histochemical methods like PAS, Gram or Silver staining. We would like to present the case of a 71 years old man. He was found dead in his apartment with clear signs of burglary. He recently was operated for an aorta stenosis for which he received prosthesis. At autopsy a strange abscess like process was found in the brain, a process that appeared to be a routine diagnosis. Nothing appears to be less true.

#### Biography

Frank van de Goot is a registered Anatomical Pathologist and an expert witness in the field of forensic pathology. He studied Medicine and Anatomical Pathology at the VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Rechtsmedizin at the Zentrum für Rechtsmedizin in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The first seven years of his career he worked both as a Forensic Pathologist at the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI) in The Hague, The Netherlands and as an Anatomical Pathologist at the VU University Medical Center. He now works at Symbiant Pathology Expert Centre, where he is on a mission to improve forensic and autopsy education for both medical and non-medical students.

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