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- Based on our embolic canine model, rDWI increased gradually in the acute period, while the rADC kept stable, which might explain why rDWI is helpful to identify the status of FLAIR imaging, while rADC is not.

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