# Are there (non-trivial) matroidal Galois invariants of dessins? 

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Evidence? Brute force (Adrianov et al, Catalog Of Dessins d'Enfants With No More Than 4 Edges, J. of Math. Sci. 158(1)).

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