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Altre etiologie di decadimento cognitivo

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Diagnosis and treatment of rapidly progressive dementias

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Although no formal definition exists for rapidly progressive dementia (RPD), generally we use the term from illness onset, but more common conditions are relatively uncommon,

what constitutes a rapidly progressive dementia when dementia occurs in less than 1–2 years only over weeks to months.¹ Because these

Malattia di Alzheimer

Demenza fronto-temporale

Malattia di Parkinson

demenza a corpi di Levy

Malattia cerebro-vascolare

Encefalopatie spongiformi

Malattie infiammatorie

Altre etiologie di decadimento cognitivo

Frequency of Clinical Diagnoses in Patients with RPD

61 RPD cases

34.4%

Undetermined

1.6 %

Prion diseases

11.5%

**Non-prion
neurodegenerative
diseases**
8.1%

65.6%

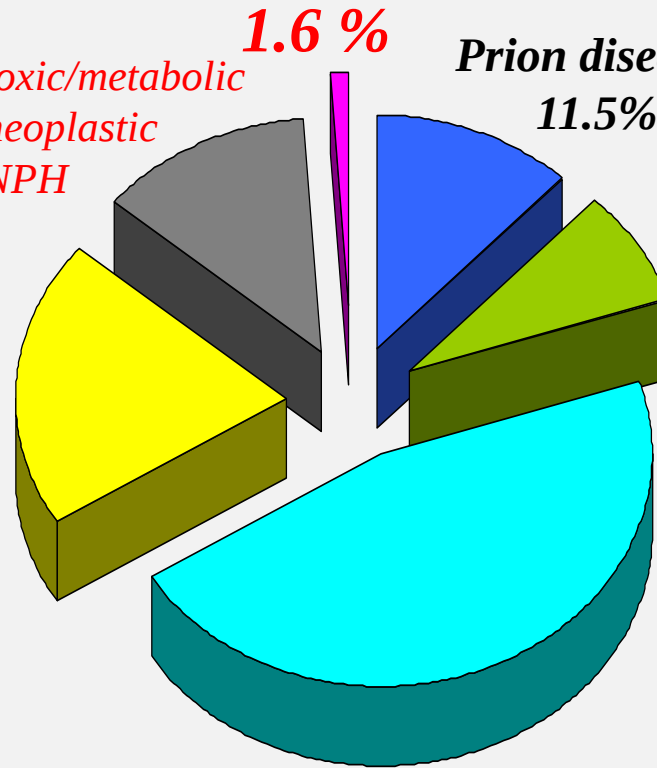
**Infectious
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19.7%

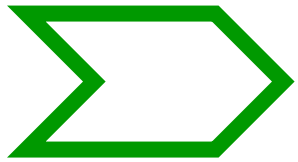
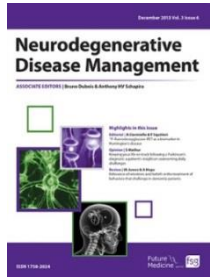
Others
13.1%

toxic/metabolic
neoplastic
NPH

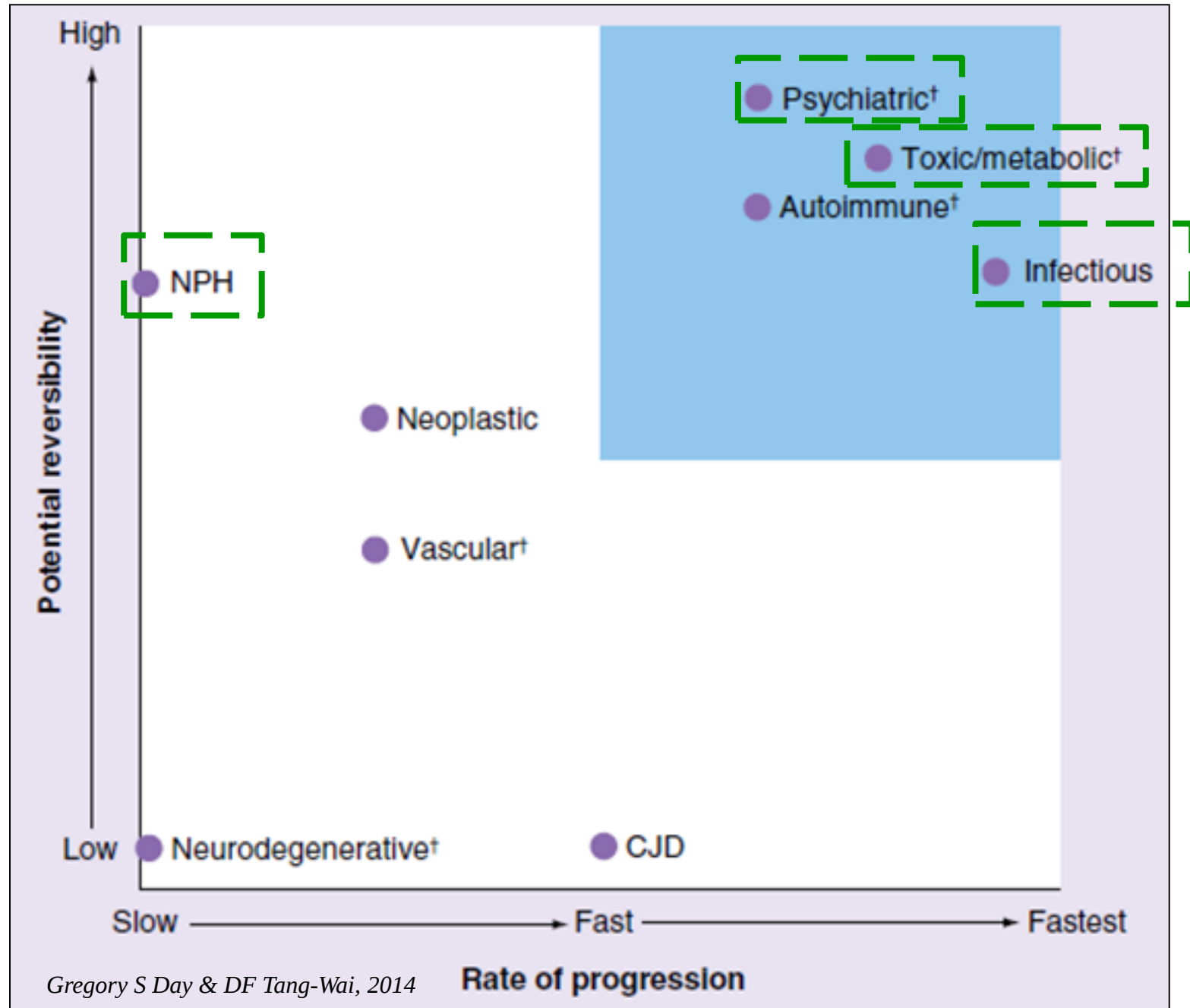
Immune-mediate encephalopathies
46%

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Potential
reversibility



Etiology of RPDs: use of the mnemonic VITAMINS



ascular (strokes, clotting of brain veins);



nfectious (HIV, encephalitis, fungal, parasites);



oxic-Metabolic (medicines, vitamin excess/deficiency, toxins);



utoimmune (Antibody-mediated, rheumatological, cancer-related);



etastases/Neoplasm (cancer);



atrogenic (brought forth by your doctor);



eurodegenerative (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Primary Progressive Aphasia, Lewy Bodies);



ystemic/Seizures/Structural.

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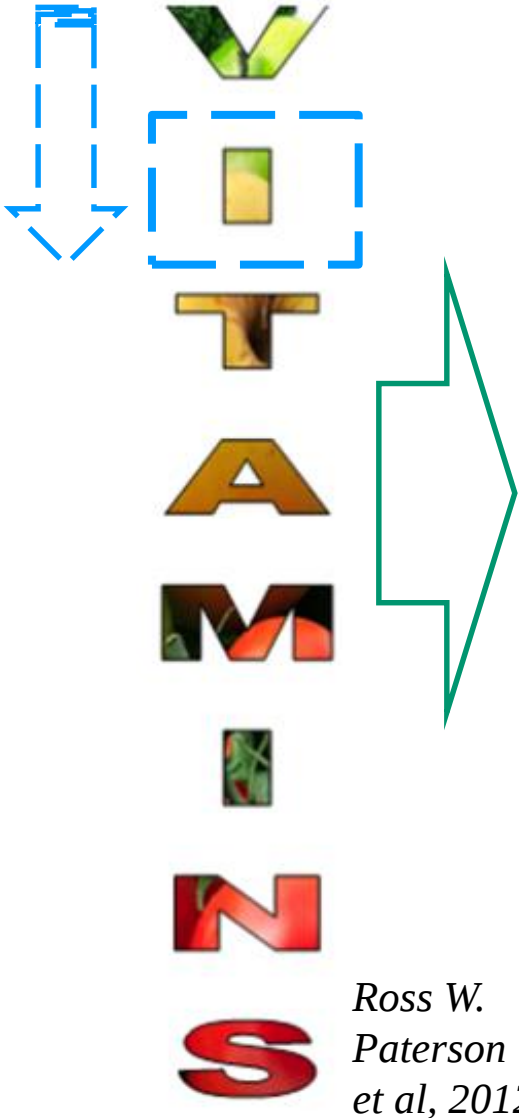
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Systemic/Seizures

Etiology of RPDs: use of the mnemonic VITAMINS



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7%

Infectious

NPH

4%

Autoimmune

31%

Psychiatric

9%

Neoplastic

11%

15%

Toxic/metabolic

23%

Vascular

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Diagnostic challenges in rapidly progressive dementia

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Table 1. Differential diagnoses of RPD reported by tertiary referral centers.

	Athens, Greece [61] (n = 68*)	Zhejiang, China [106] (n = 310**)	Sao Paulo, Brazil [14] (n = 61)	Chandigarh, India [15] (n = 187)
Infectious encephalitis (%)	5.9*	21.9	19.7	20.6
Immune-mediated disease (%)	8.8	9.0	45.9	18.2
Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (%)	13.2	7.1	11.5	7.5
Neurodegenerative diseases (%)	47.0	24.8	8.2	14.4
Alzheimer’s disease (%)	17.6	14.5	n.a.	n.a.
Others (%)	29.4	10.3	n.a.	n.a.
Vascular dementia (%)	13.2	**	n.a.	9.6
Toxic + metabolic (%)	*	10.3	n.a.	16.0
Others (%)	11.8	26.9	14.7	13.4

Infectious agents (other than prions) possibly causing RPD

Viral

HIV
JC-virus (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy)
Herpes simplex virus 1, 2 (6, 7)
Varicella zoster virus
Measles (sclerosing subacute panencephalitis)
Mumps
Epstein-Barr virus
Influenza virus
Cytomegalovirus
Japanese encephalitis virus
West Nile virus
Rabies
Parvovirus B19
Hepatitis C



Viral encephalitis – clinical symptoms

• Typical presentation

- Acute flu-like prodrome
- High fever, severe headache
- Altered consciousness (lethargy, drowsiness, confusion, coma)
- Seizures

• More subtle presentations

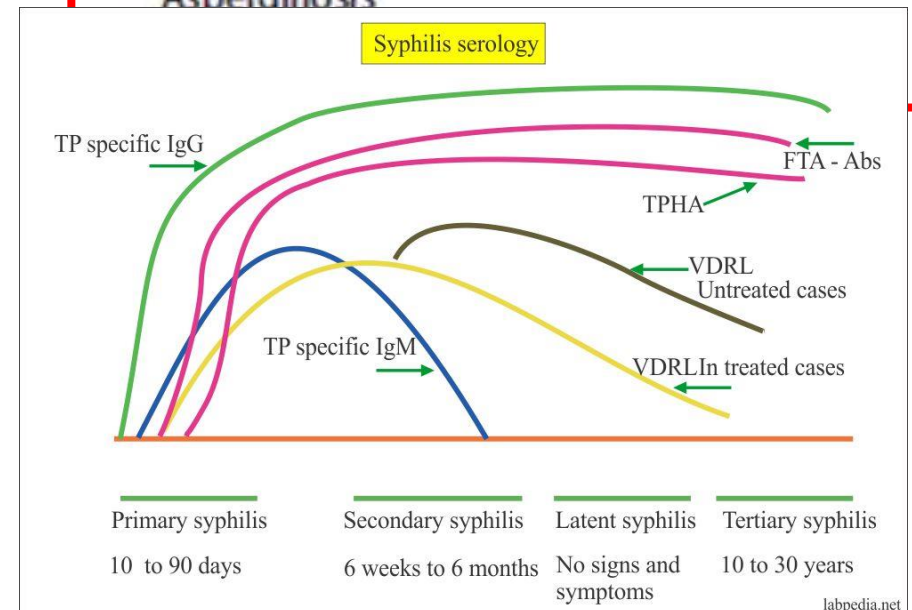
- Low grade fever
- Speech disturbances (dysphasia, aphasia)
- Behavioural changes
- Subacute and chronic presentations can be caused by CMV, VZV, HSV (immuno-compromised)

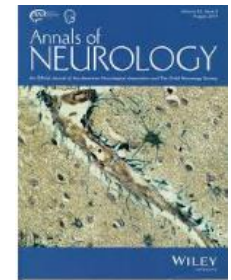
Bacterial

Treponema pallidum (Lues)
Tropheryma whipplei (Whipple's disease)
Mycobacterium tuberculosis
Listeria monocytogenes
Borrelia burgdorferi

Parasitic/Fungal

Toxoplasma gondii
Balamuthia
Cryptococcus neoformans
Aspergillosis

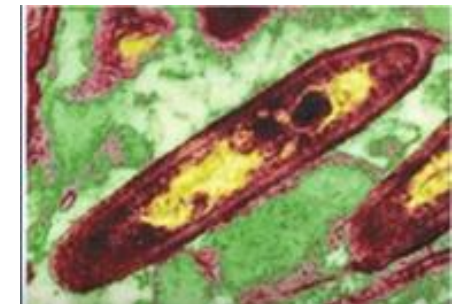




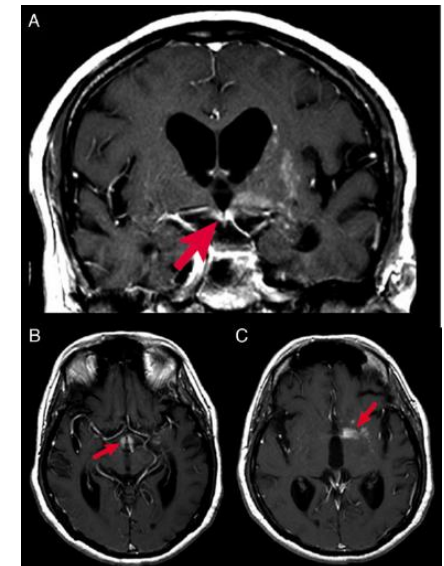
Rapidly Progressive Dementia

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Whipple's disease is a rare bacterial (*Tropheryma whippelii*) infection that often begins as a malabsorption syndrome, but 5% of cases start as a neurological syndrome with dementia, movement disorder (myorhythmia and ataxia), or psychiatric signs. The triad of dementia, ophthalmoplegia, and myoclonus occurs in only 10% of cases, but this combination strongly suggests Whipple's disease, whereas oculomasticatory myorhythmia is pathognomonic. Diagnosis is made by the demonstration of periodic acid-Schiff–positive inclusions, *T. whippelii* on jejunal biopsy, or polymerase chain reaction from jejunal biopsy or CSF.¹⁰⁶



Tropheryma whippelii
bacterio bastoncelliforme



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Pathognomonic phenomenology of Whipple disease



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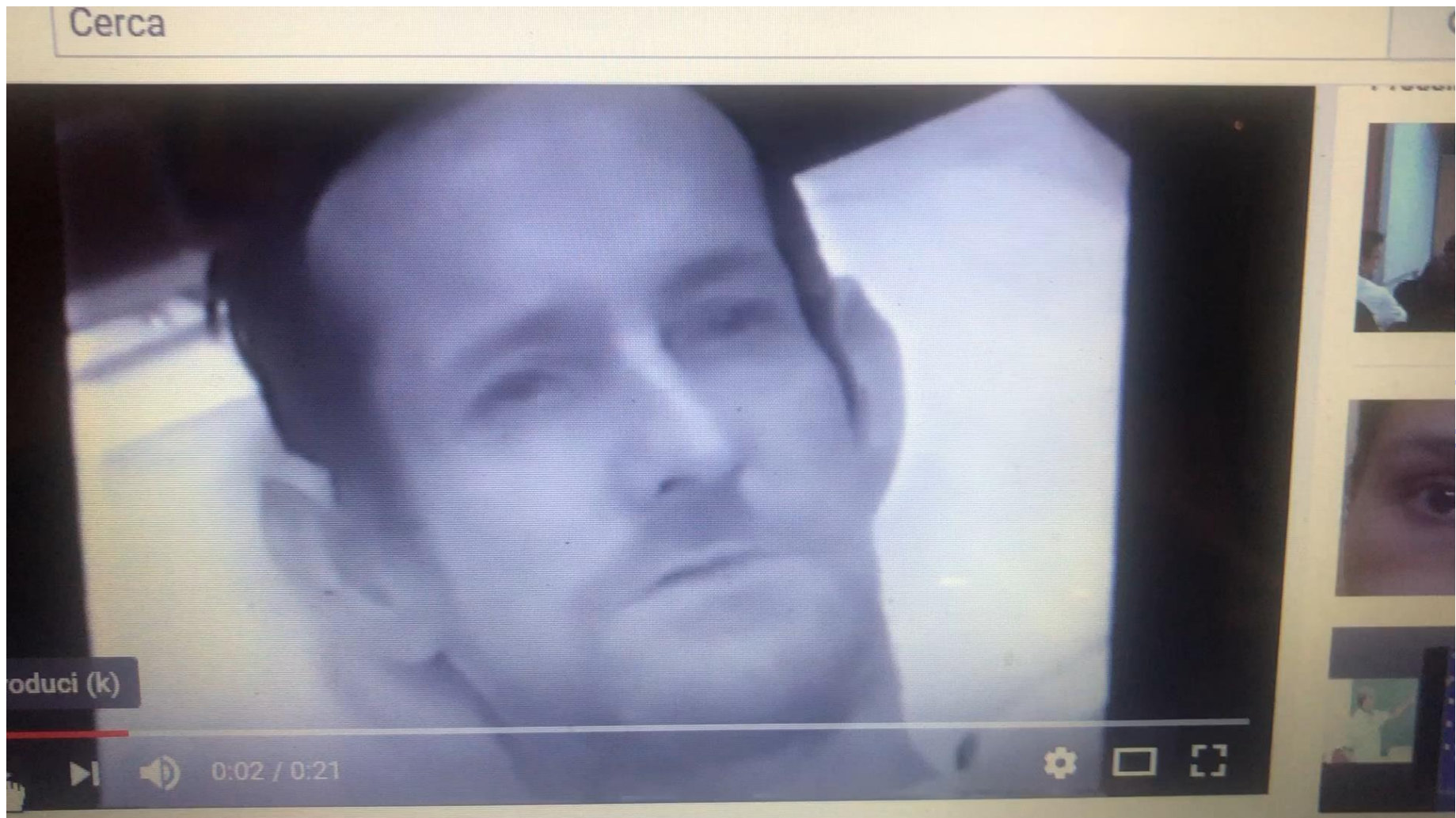
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A 41-year-old patient developed diplopia, imbalance, and weight loss. Examination showed pendular vergence oscillations of the eyes and synchronous contractions of the masticatory but not palatal muscles, i.e., oculomasticatory myorhythmia (OMM; figure). There was complete supranuclear vertical and, to a lesser extent, horizontal gaze palsy. The remainder of the examination was unremarkable. Brain MRI was normal. OMM is pathognomonic of Whipple disease.¹ In its presence, neither jejunal biopsy nor blood or CSF PCR of

Tropheryma whippelii is necessary for the initiation of trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.² This patient became symptom free after 6 months of treatment. Video footage of the typical presentation should assist clinicians in recognizing this highly treatable neurologic disorder.

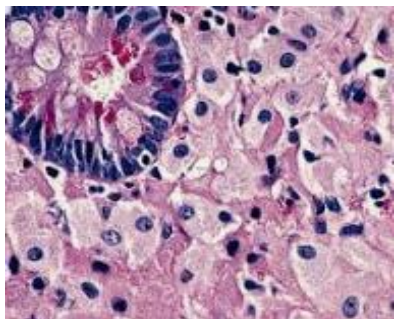
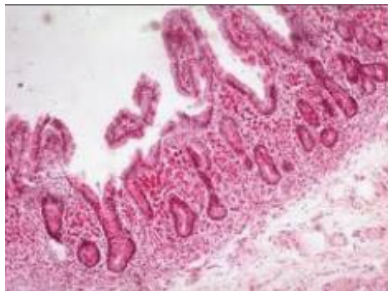
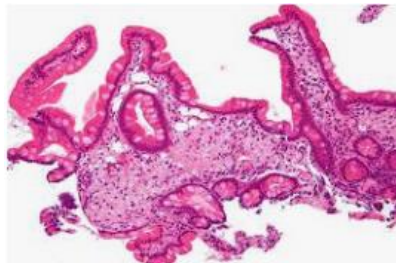
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The patient is a 46 year old man who, over a period of six months, lost the ability to read and complained of excessive somnolence, occasional urinary incontinence, and recent 6-kg weight loss. A disabling, seronegative, non-deforming migratory arthritis had developed three years earlier. Gastrointestinal symptoms and fever had not occurred.

Diagnosi: biopsia duodeno-digiunale PCR: sequenza 16SRNA

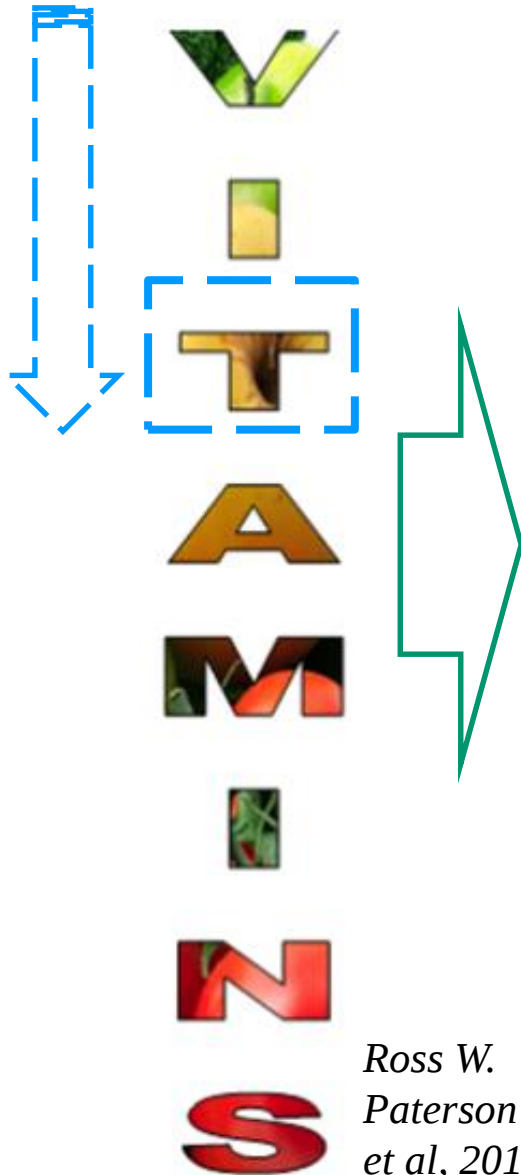


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Table 4. Antibiotic Guidelines to Treat Whipple Disease of the Brain

- A. (i) Ceftriaxone (2 g IV daily) or meropenem (1 g IV 3 times daily) for 2 weeks
- (ii) Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (trimethoprim 160 mg + sulfamethoxazole 800 mg) 2 tablets orally twice daily [indefinite]
- (iii) Folinic acid (15 mg orally daily) [indefinite to combat the antifolate effect of (ii)]
- B. If allergic or lack of response:
- (i) Streptomycin (2 g IV daily) + penicillin G (1.2 x 10⁶ units IV daily) for 2 weeks, then
- (ii) Doxycycline (100 mg orally twice daily) [indefinite] or
- (iii) Hydroxychloroquine (200mg orally twice daily) [indefinite]
- C. If allergic or lack of response:
- Consider chloramphenicol or cefepime intravenously

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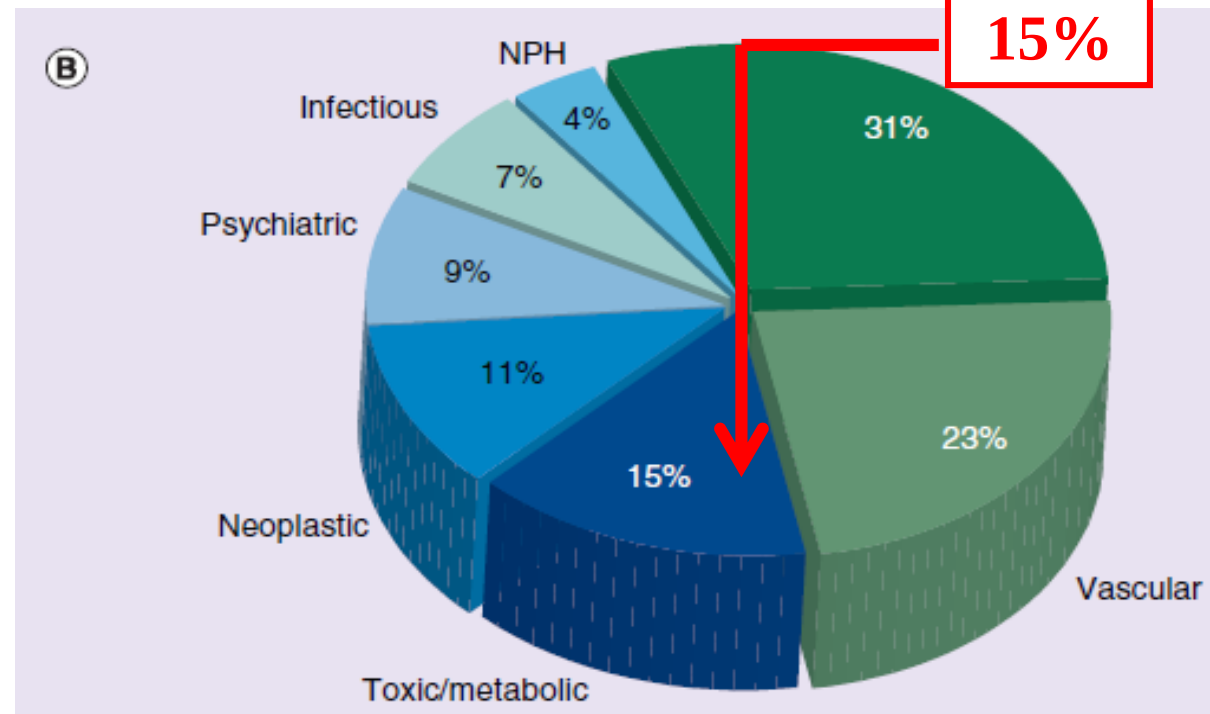


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Etiology of RPDs

Disease	Onset	Demographics ^b	Clinical features	MRI	CSF	Other tests	Treatment
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Toxic-metabolic							
Wernicke syndrome	A	Risk factors: alcoholism, malnutrition	Cognitive impairment, eye movement abnormalities, ataxia	T2 hyper in medial thalamus and mammillary bodies ^{a7}	Nondiagnostic	—	Thiamine
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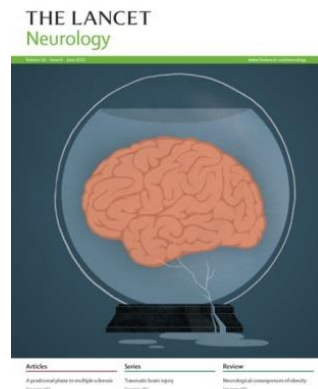
Wernicke's encephalopathy: new clinical settings and recent advances in diagnosis and management

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Panel 1: Clinical features of Wernicke's encephalopathy

Common symptoms or signs at presentation

Ocular abnormalities
Mental status changes
Incoordination of gait and trunk ataxia

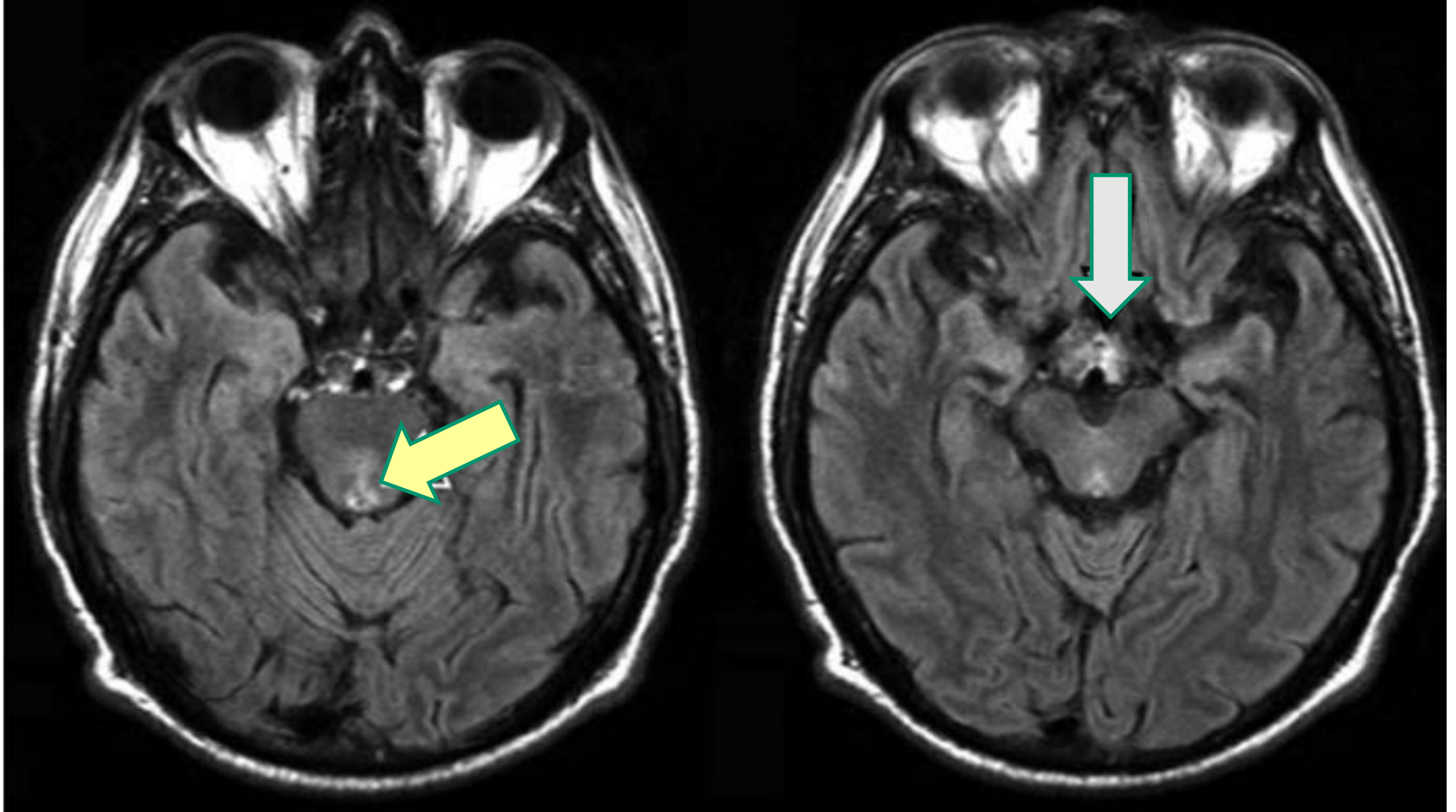
Uncommon symptoms or signs at presentation

Stupor
Hypotension and tachycardia
Hypothermia
Bilateral visual disturbances and papilloedema
Epileptic seizures
Hearing loss
Hallucinations and behavioural disturbances

Late-stage symptoms

Hyperthermia
Increased muscular tone and spastic paresis
Choreic dyskinesias
Coma

Wernicke's encephalopathy: RMN sequenze assiali FLAIR



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corpi mammillari



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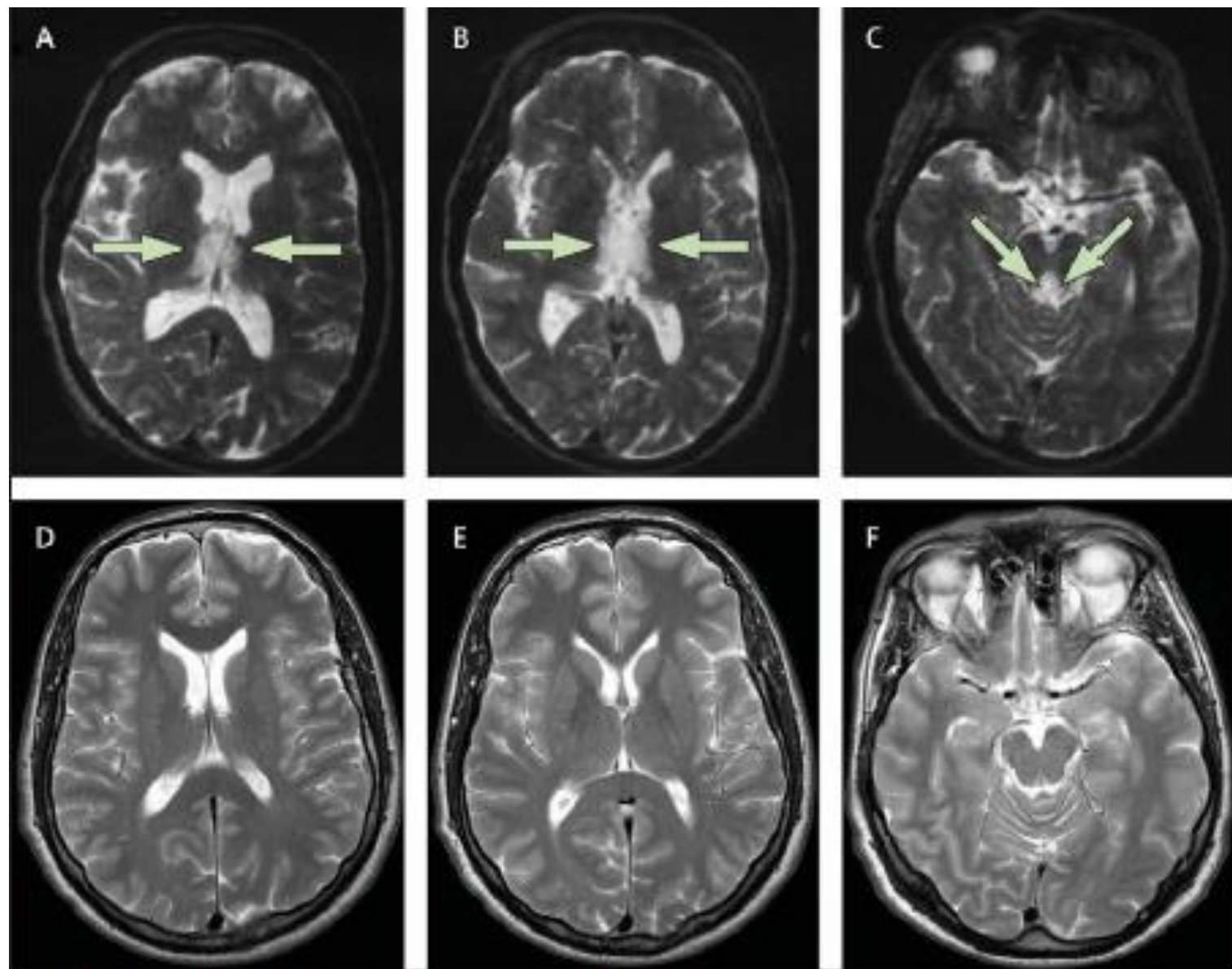


Figure 4: T2-weighted axial MRI in Wernicke's encephalopathy

Symmetrical high-intensity lesions in the medial thalami (A, B), as well as in the periaqueductal grey matter of the midbrain (C), are evident in a patient about 2 weeks after onset of neurological symptoms. MRI of a healthy person (D, E, F).

Chronic alcohol use

unemployment

poverty

isolation

Skipping meals

Cause of deficiency
of vitamins such as
thiamine

Cause Wernicke's
encephalopathy

Non-alcoholic Wernicke's encephalopathy

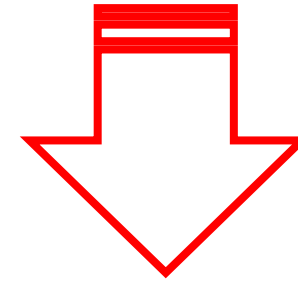
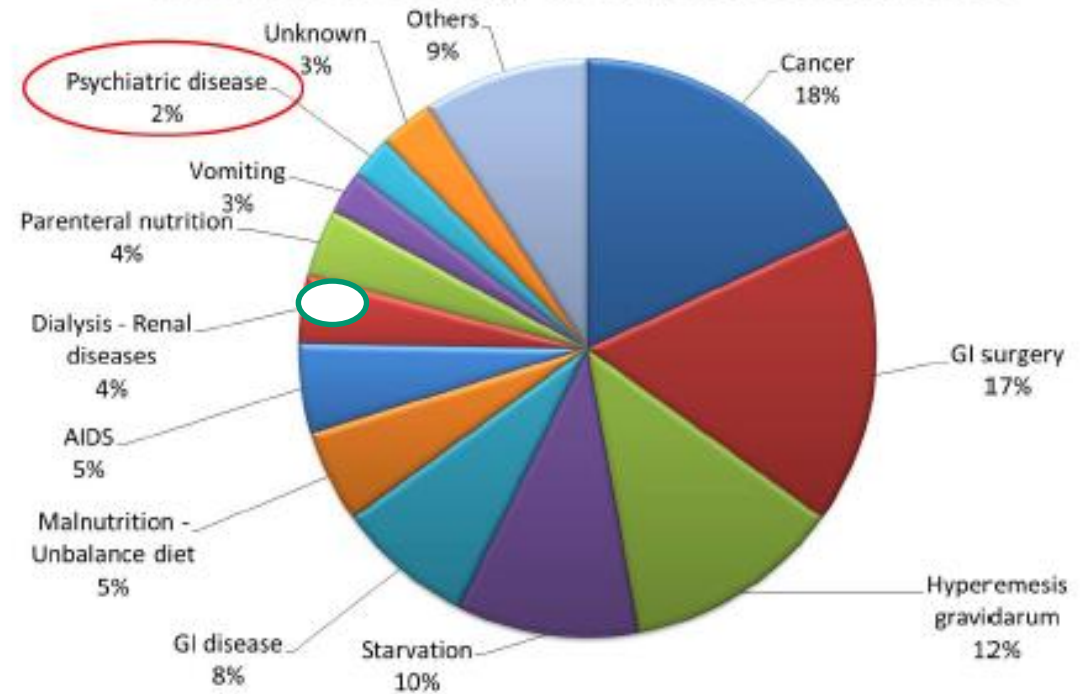


Fig. 1 Wernicke's etiology in nonalcoholic patients¹



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Alcoholic Wernicke's encephalopathy

Wernicke–Korsakoff Syndrome in End-Stage Renal Disease: A Case Report

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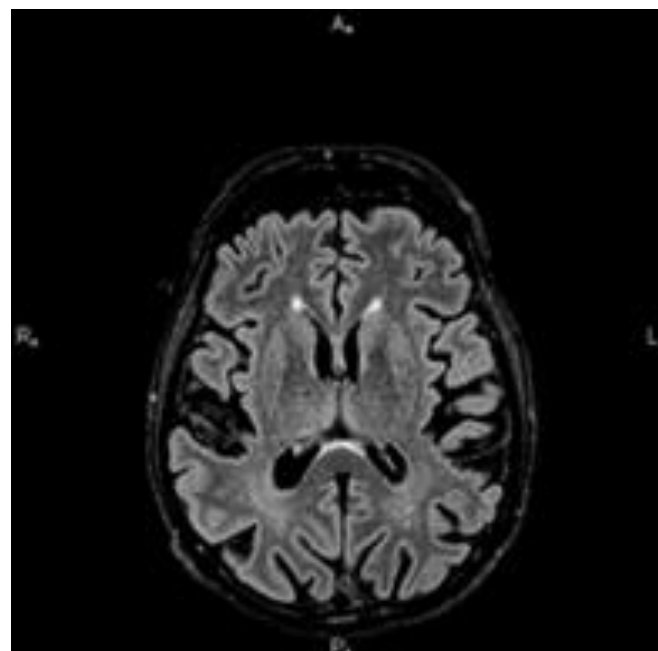
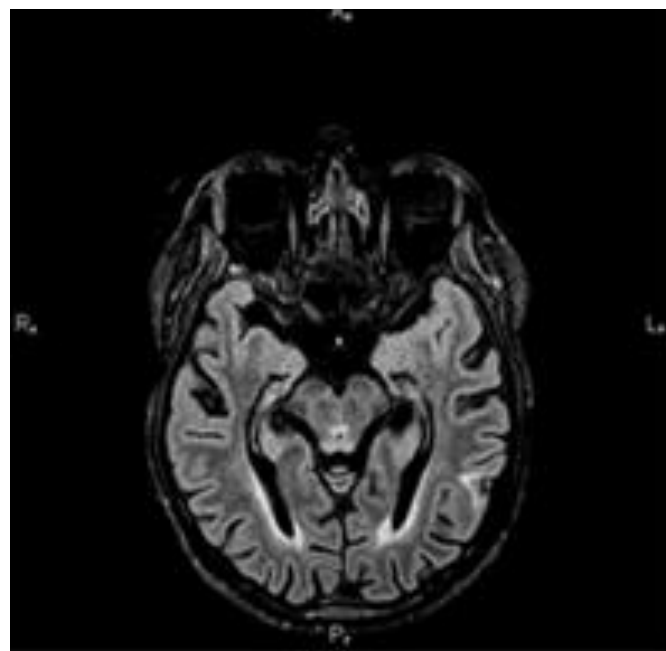
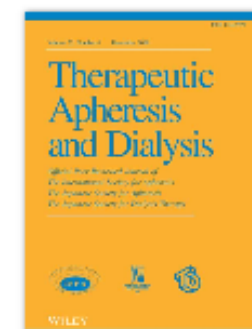


FIG. 1. MRI showing hyperintensities of back-medial thalami and periaqueductal membranes compatible with Wernicke's encephalopathy.



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WERNICKE'S ENCEPHALOPATHY AFTER ALLOGENEIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION

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Wernicke's encephalopathy is an acute neuropsychiatric condition due to thiamine deficiency frequently associated with chronic alcohol abuse. We describe 2 cases of patients who experienced acute Wernicke's encephalopathy after allogeneic stem cell transplantation associated with the use of commercial total parental nutrition. Early diagnosis with

magnetic resonance imaging and timely treatment with thiamine resulted in rapid resolution of clinical and radiological signs. In conclusion, the prolonged use of commercial total parental nutrition formulas must be supplemented with thiamine in the form of intramuscularly administered multivitamins.

Key words: allogeneic stem cell transplantation, thiamine, total parental nutrition, Wernicke's encephalopathy.



Figure 2 - Hyperintense lesions in mammillary body after gadolinium infusion in case 1.



Figure 1 - Evidence of lesions in thalamic region of case 1.

Differences Between Alcoholic and Nonalcoholic Patients With Wernicke Encephalopathy: A Multicenter Observational Study

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Results

Among the 468 patients, the most common risk factor was alcoholism ($n=434$ [92.7%]). More than one-third of patients ($n=181$ [38.7%]) had the classic WE triad of symptoms (ocular signs, cerebellar dysfunction, and confusion). Among 252 patients for whom magnetic resonance imaging data were available, 135 (53.6%) had WE-related lesions and 42 (16.7%) had cerebellar lesions. Of the 468 patients, 25 (5.3%) died during hospitalization. Alcoholic patients presented more frequently than nonalcoholic patients with cerebellar signs ($P=.01$) but less frequently with ocular signs ($P=.02$). Alcoholic patients had a significantly higher frequency of hyponatremia ($P=.04$) and decreased platelet count ($P=.005$) compared with nonalcoholics. Alcoholic patients were diagnosed earlier than nonalcoholics (median time to diagnosis, 1 vs 4 days; $P=.001$) and had shorter hospitalizations (13 vs 23 days; $P=.002$).

Conclusion

Compared with nonalcoholic patients, alcoholic patients with WE are more likely to present with cerebellar signs and less likely to have ocular signs. Diagnosis may be delayed in nonalcoholic patients. Mortality in the present series was lower than described previously.



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A commonly used thiamine replacement regimen is 100 mg intravenously every 8 hours for 3 to 5 days (Foster et al 2005; Latt and Dore 2014; Flynn et al 2015). A Cochrane review suggests that clinically significant thiamine deficiency be treated with at least 200 mg of parenteral thiamine daily for 2 days (Day et al 2004). Higher doses may be required in Wernicke encephalopathy, particularly when Wernicke encephalopathy occurs in the setting of alcoholism (Thomson and Marshall 2006b). Lower doses may suffice with predominantly nutritional thiamine deficiency. It has been suggested that patients with signs of Wernicke encephalopathy should receive 500 mg thiamine hydrochloride (diluted in 100 mL of normal saline) by infusion over 30 minutes, 3 times a day, for 2 to 3 days (Cook et al 1998; Hope et al 1999; Cook 2000; Thomson 2000; Thomson et al 2002; Thomson and Marshall 2006a; Thomson and Marshall 2006b; Sechi and Serra 2007). Subsequently, the dose may be reduced to 250 mg of thiamine given intravenously or intramuscularly daily for 3 to 5 days. Similar doses may be given prophylactically in conditions of alcohol withdrawal or severe malnutrition. The parenteral form is used when there is doubt about adequate gastrointestinal absorption. Long-term oral maintenance with 50 to 100 mg thiamine is commonly employed. Higher

1500/die



250/die



100/die

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2. Wernicke's encephalopathy (thiamine) and other vitamin deficiency syndromes (e.g. B12, folate, niacin, biotin)
3. Hepatic encephalopathy
4. Uremic encephalopathy
5. Hypothyroidism
6. Hypoparathyroidism
7. Porphyria
8. Adrenal insufficiency
9. Extrapontine myelinolysis



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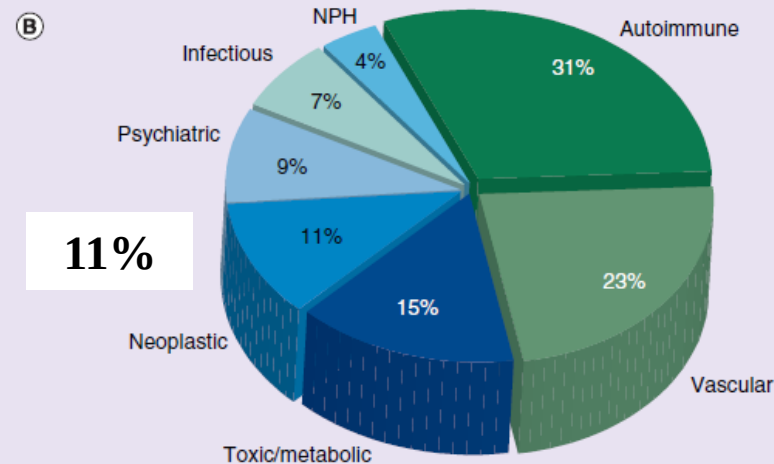
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Metastases/neoplasm



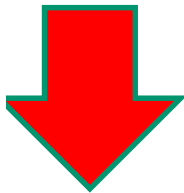
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Etiology of RPDs

Disease	Onset	Demographics ^b	Clinical features	MRI	CSF	Other tests	Treatment
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CNS neoplasia

1. CNS lymphoma
2. Solid neoplasia (primary in the CNS or metastatic)
3. Diffuse gliomatosis
4. Leptomeningeal spread of other tumors



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Metastasis/neoplasia							
Primary CNS lymphoma	S	Most 50–70 years	Neuropsychiatric symptoms, focal neurologic deficits, seizures	Focal hypo or hyper T2 lesions with CE; seldom DWI hyper ^{a15}	Lymphocytic pleocytosis; flow cytometry for lymphoma cells	High LDH, ESR; biopsy	Specific lymphoma treatment
Gliomatosis cerebri	S	Older adults	AMS, dementia, seizures, headache, focal deficits	T2/FLAIR hyper in 2+ lobes; ± mass effect; ± CE ^{a16}	—	Brain biopsy	Radiation ± chemotherapy

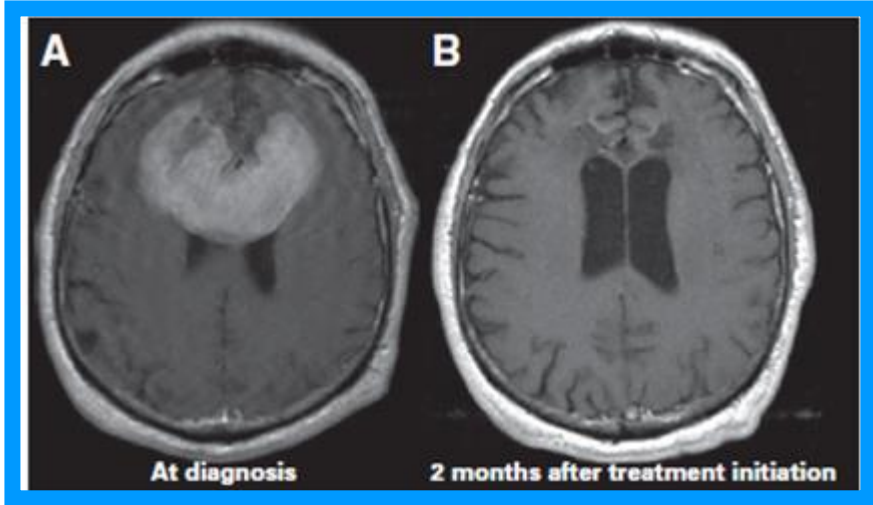
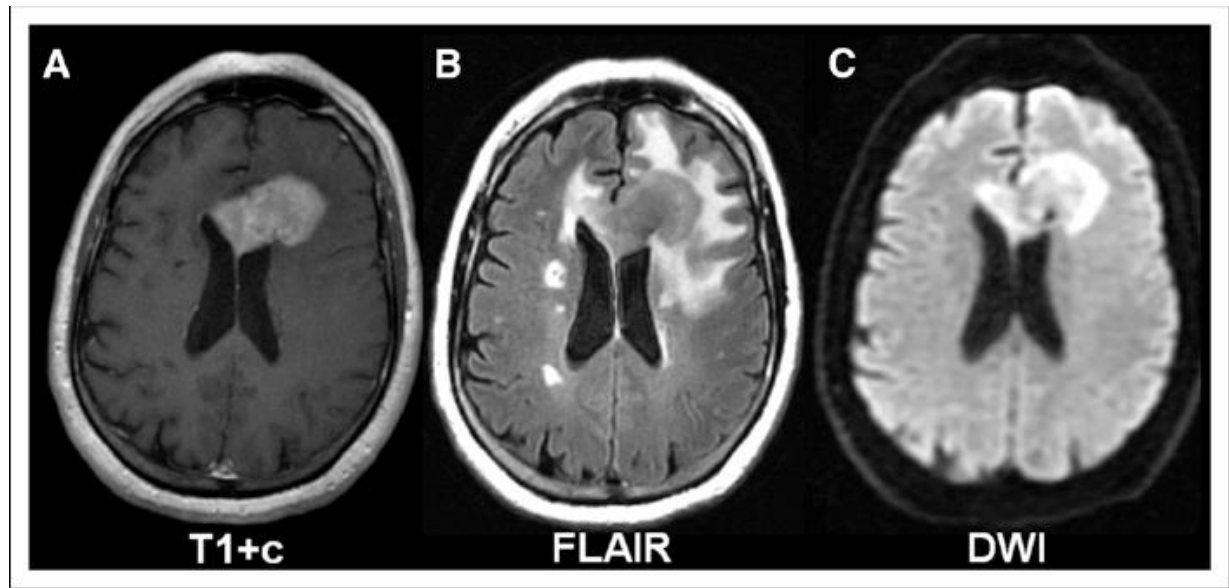


Fig 3. PCNSL is highly chemosensitive. (A) Magnetic resonance imaging (T1+ gadolinium) demonstrates a large, frontal-enhancing brain lesion. (B) Follow-up magnetic resonance imaging demonstrates resolution of the large lesion 2 months

CLINICA NPH

Disturbi della deambulazione

Cause:

- insufficiente input dalla corteccia sensitivo-motoria alla formazione reticolare
- Interessamento del tratto cortico-spinale che decorre in prossimità dei ventricoli laterali dilatati

- Primi sintomi a comparire e primi a risolversi dopo trattamento
- Il disturbo della deambulazione principale è l'"aprassia motoria": la postura eretta è instabile, con tendenza alla retropulsione. La marcia è caratterizzata da passi piccoli e strascicati (marcia magnetica)

Clinica NPH

deficit cognitivo

- Compare generalmente dopo il disturbo motorio
- Esordisce come disturbo di memoria a breve termine
- Disturbi del comportamento (abulia, apatia, disinteresse, isolamento, indifferenza, inerzia, rallentamento ideativo, depressione)
- Disturbi attentivi, difficoltà a pianificare
- Unica demenza potenzialmente reversibile dopo trattamento

Clinica NPH

disturbo urinario

- Esordio clinico con disturbi incompleti come pollachiuria, nicturia, urgenza minzionale che precedono per lungo tempo l'instaurarsi di una incontinenza vera e propria – dd ipertrofia prostatica
- Nelle fasi avanzate incontinenza urinaria e fecale
- Miglioramento significativo dopo derivazione liquorale

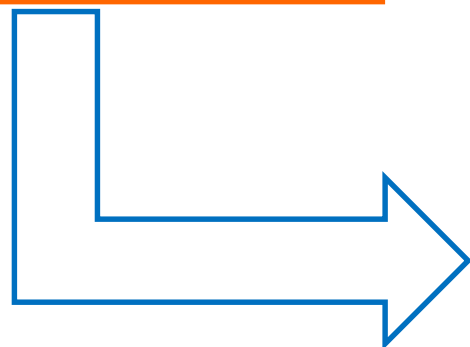
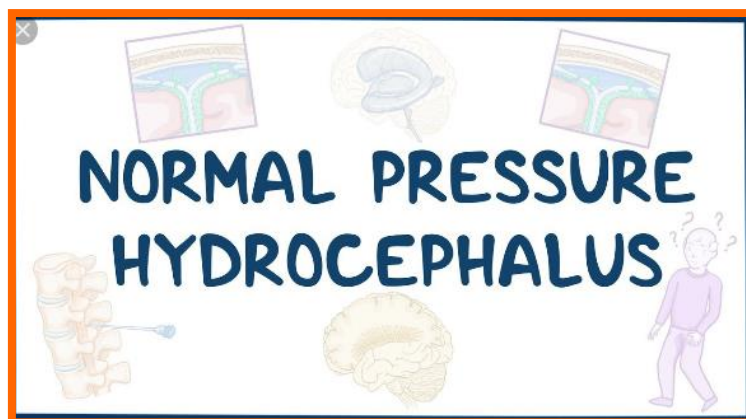


Table 3 Spectrum and frequency of secondary cognitive deterioration in current study

RPCD	Cases, n (%)	Time to cognitive deterioration (days)
Viral encephalitis	68 (41.5)	8.65±9.61
Bacterial encephalitis	2 (1.2)	3.00±1.41
Autoimmune encephalitis	28 (17.2)	29.5±48.02
Neurosyphilis	8 (4.9)	257.63±227.97
ADEM	2 (1.2)	18.50±16.26
Demyelination	4 (11.6)	71.25±72.84
Brain tumor	5 (2.4)	23.60±22.69
Toxic	19 (11.6)	30.53±66.32
Metabolic	13 (7.9)	25.38±40.48
Mitochondrial encephalopathy	6 (3.7)	10.00±10.99
Psychiatric	4 (2.4)	54.25±59.87
NPH	5 (3.0)	85.00±113.77
Total	164 (100)	33.74±81.57

Normal-pressure hydrocephalus

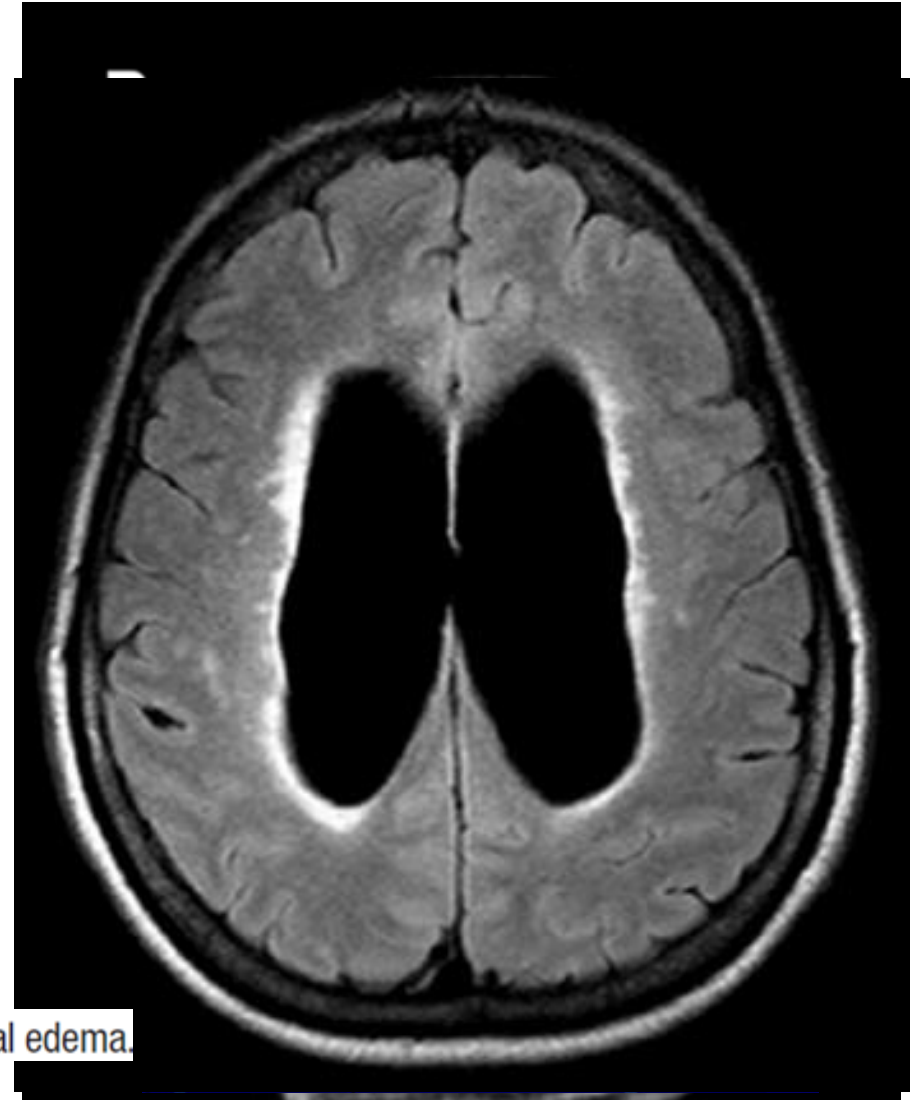
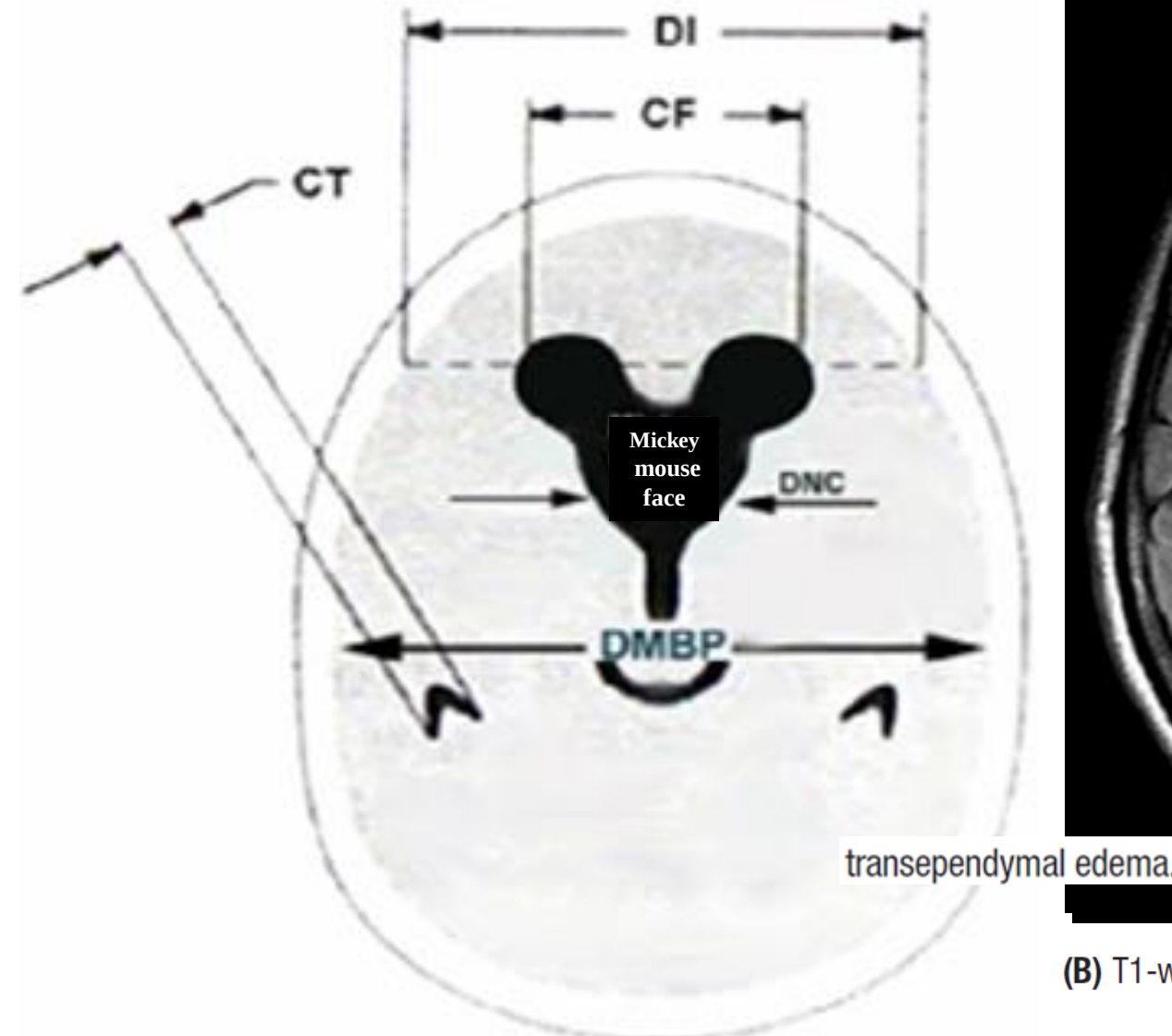
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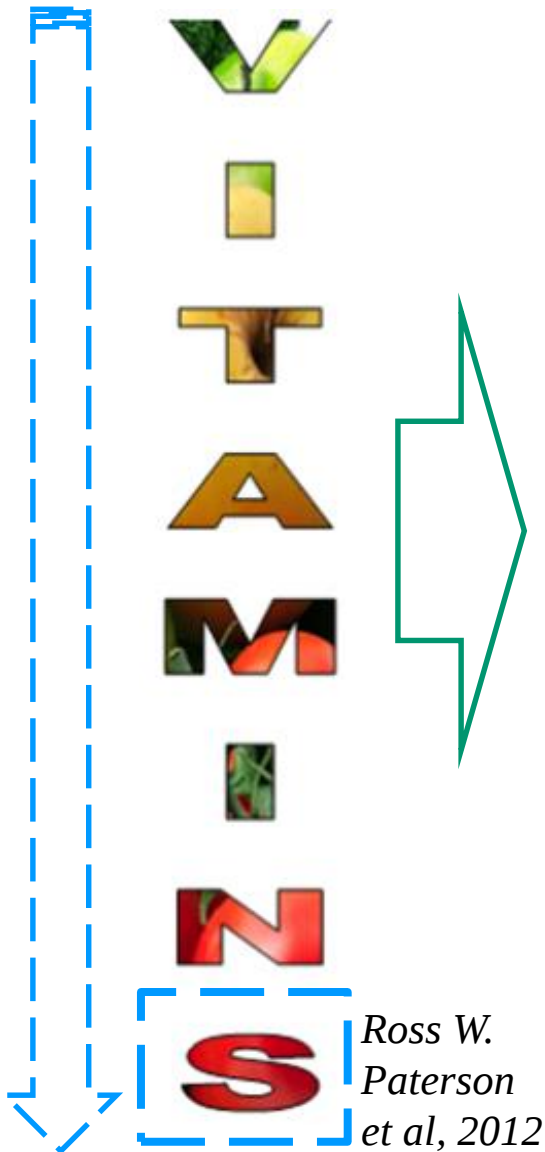
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(B) T1-weighted coronal gadolinium-enhanced MRI scan showing reduced callosal angle.

Etiology of RPDs: use of the mnemonic VITAMINS



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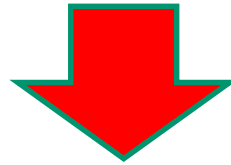
Neurodegenerative

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Systemic/Seizures

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Systemic/seizures							
Hypertensive encephalopathy	A	Uncontrolled hypertension, eclampsia, chemotherapy	Headaches, confusion, visual changes, seizures, coma	FLAIR hyper in occipitoparietal WM	Nondiagnostic	—	Treatment of hypertension

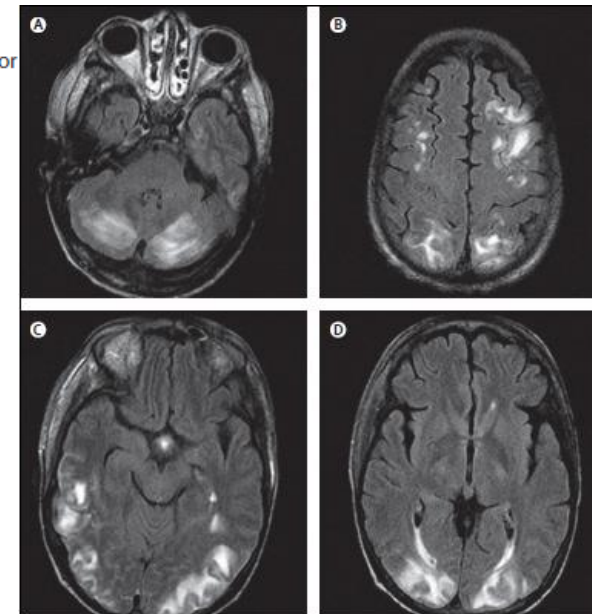
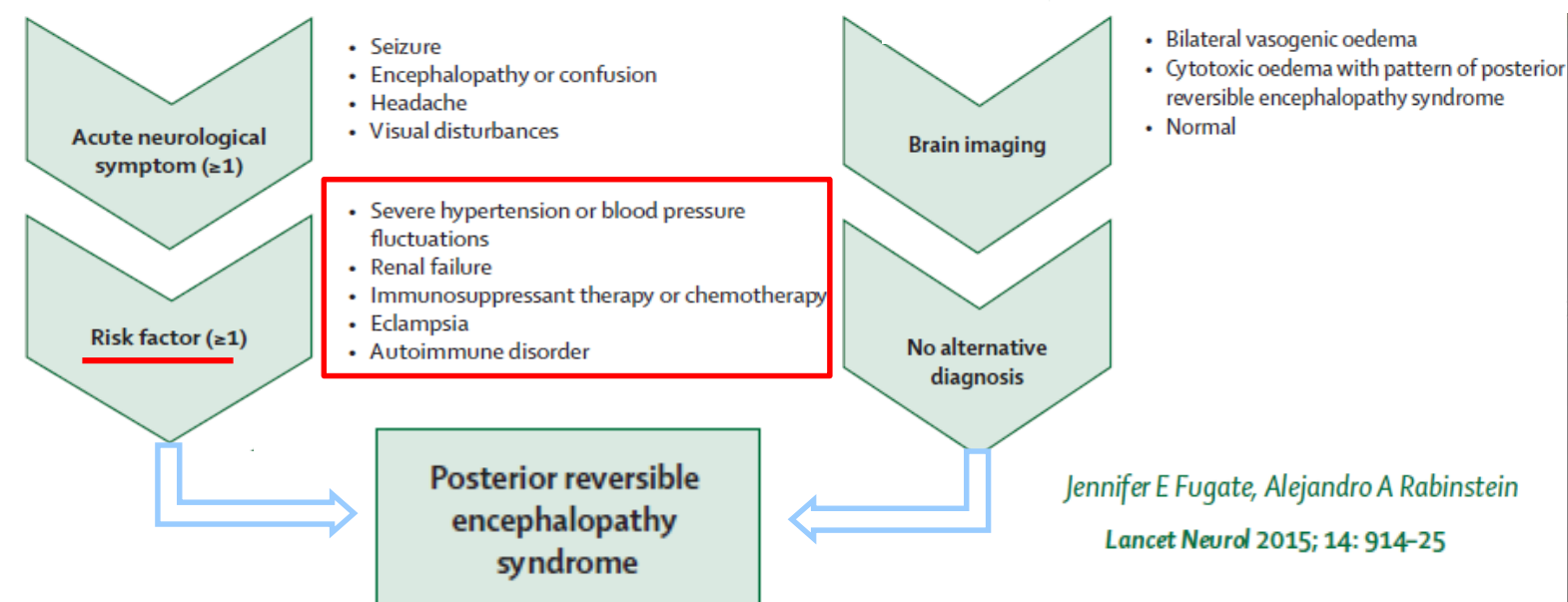
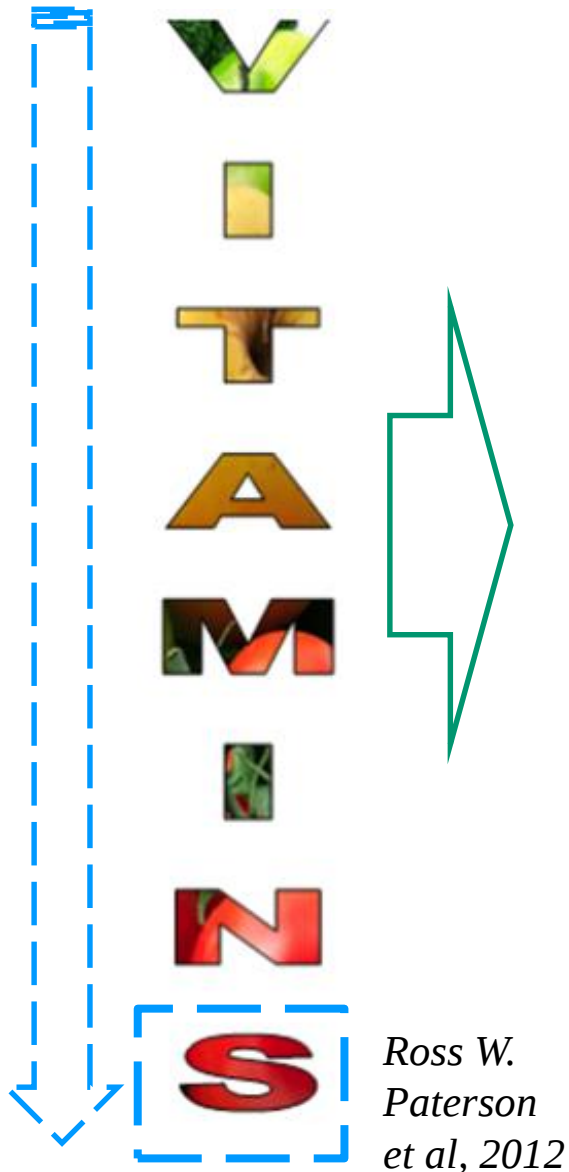


Figure 7: Proposed algorithm for the diagnosis of posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome

RMN sequenze assiali FLAIR

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Systemic/ Seizures (NCSE)

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Seizures/NCSE

A	Older adults	Cognitive dysfunction, fluctuations in alertness	DWI hyper in cortical or	Might have mild pleocytosis	EEG	AEDs
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Nonconvulsive status epilepticus in adults — insights into the invisible

Raoul Sutter^{1,2}, Saskia Semmlack¹ and Peter W. Kaplan³

Major symptoms of NCSE



Altered mental status 82%

Speech disturbance 15%

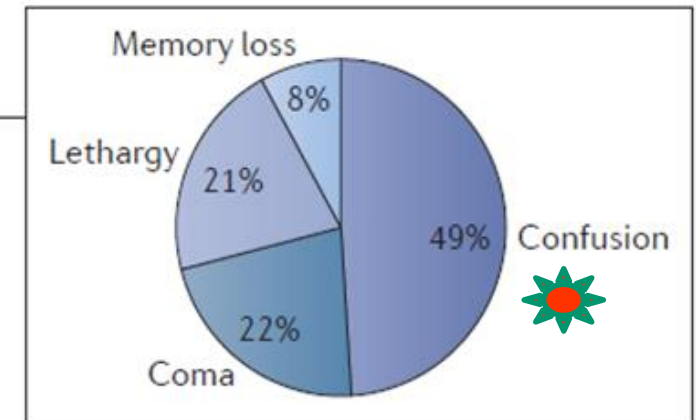
Myoclonus 13%

Unusual behaviour 11%

Anxiety, agitation and/or delirium 8%

Extrapyramidal signs 7%

Hallucinations 6%



Sutter R et al, 2016

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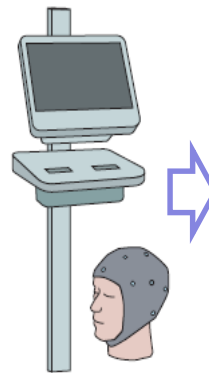
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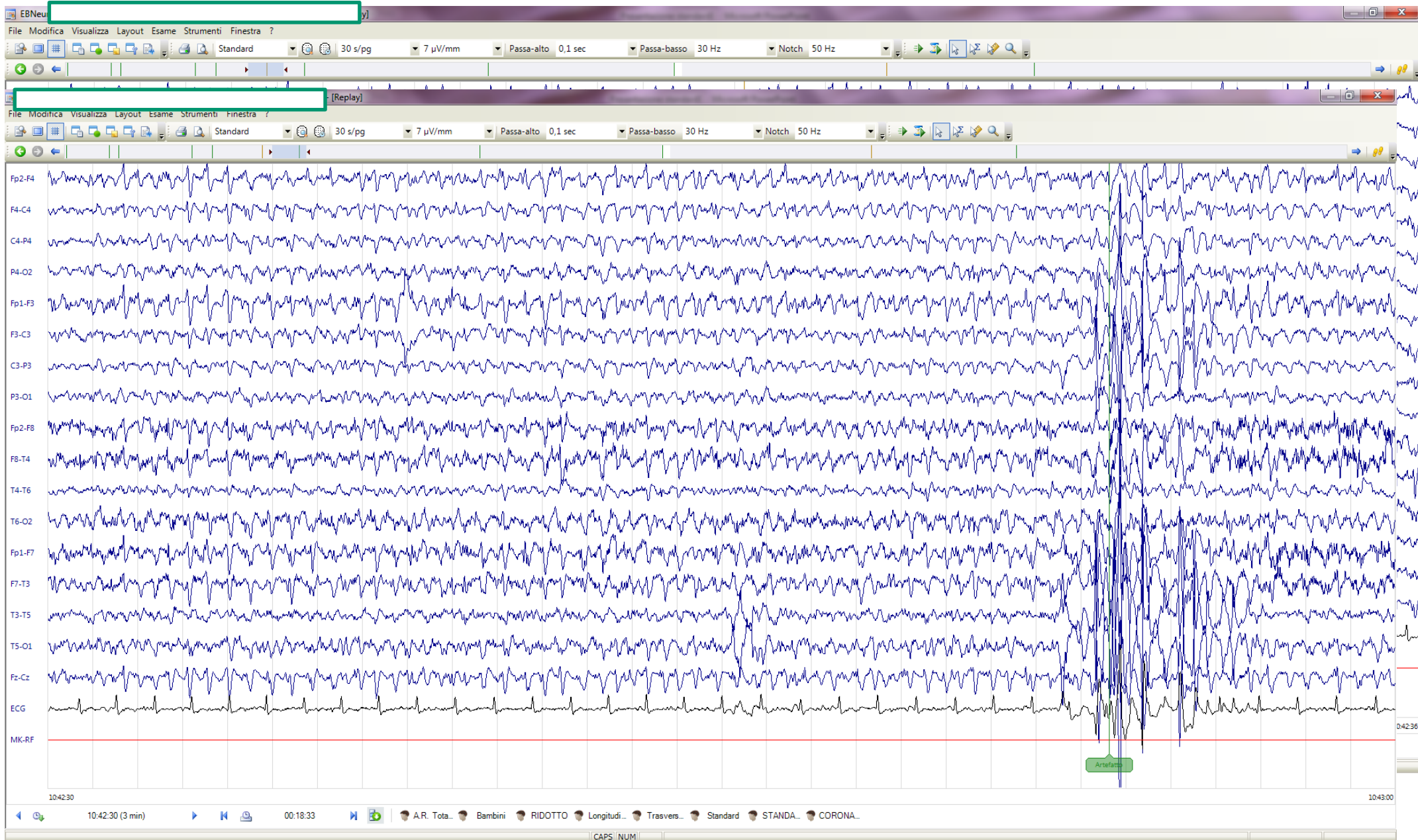
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Diagnosis of Status Epilepticus

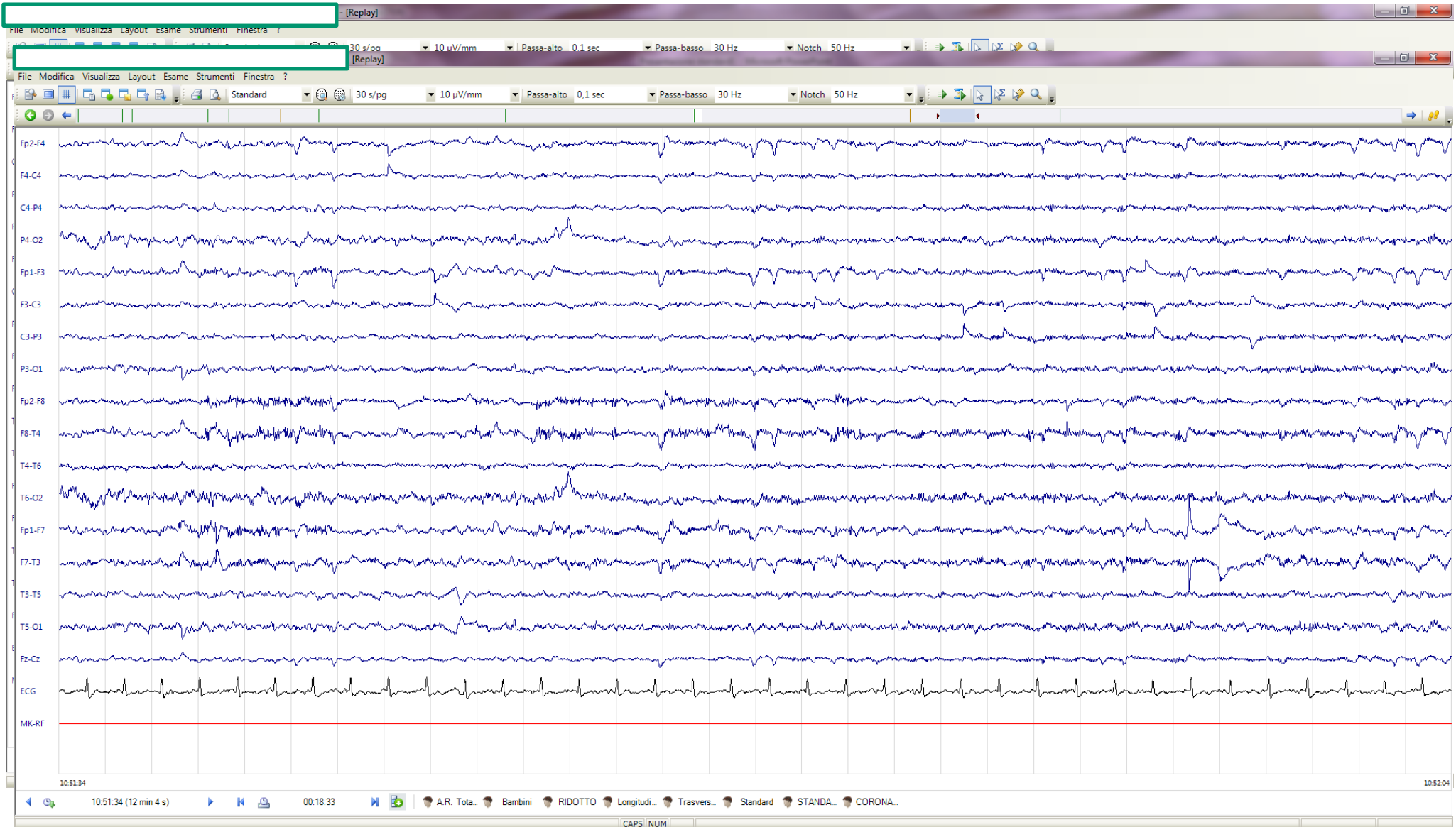
- Convulsive SE
 - Easy to diagnose clinically
 - Obvious motor signs
- NCSE
 - Difficult to diagnose clinically
 - No obvious motor manifestations
 - Altered consciousness
 - EEG-confirmed (electroclinical) diagnosis



EEG critico: etiologia iponatriemia



EEG critico: risposta alla BdZ (lorazepam)



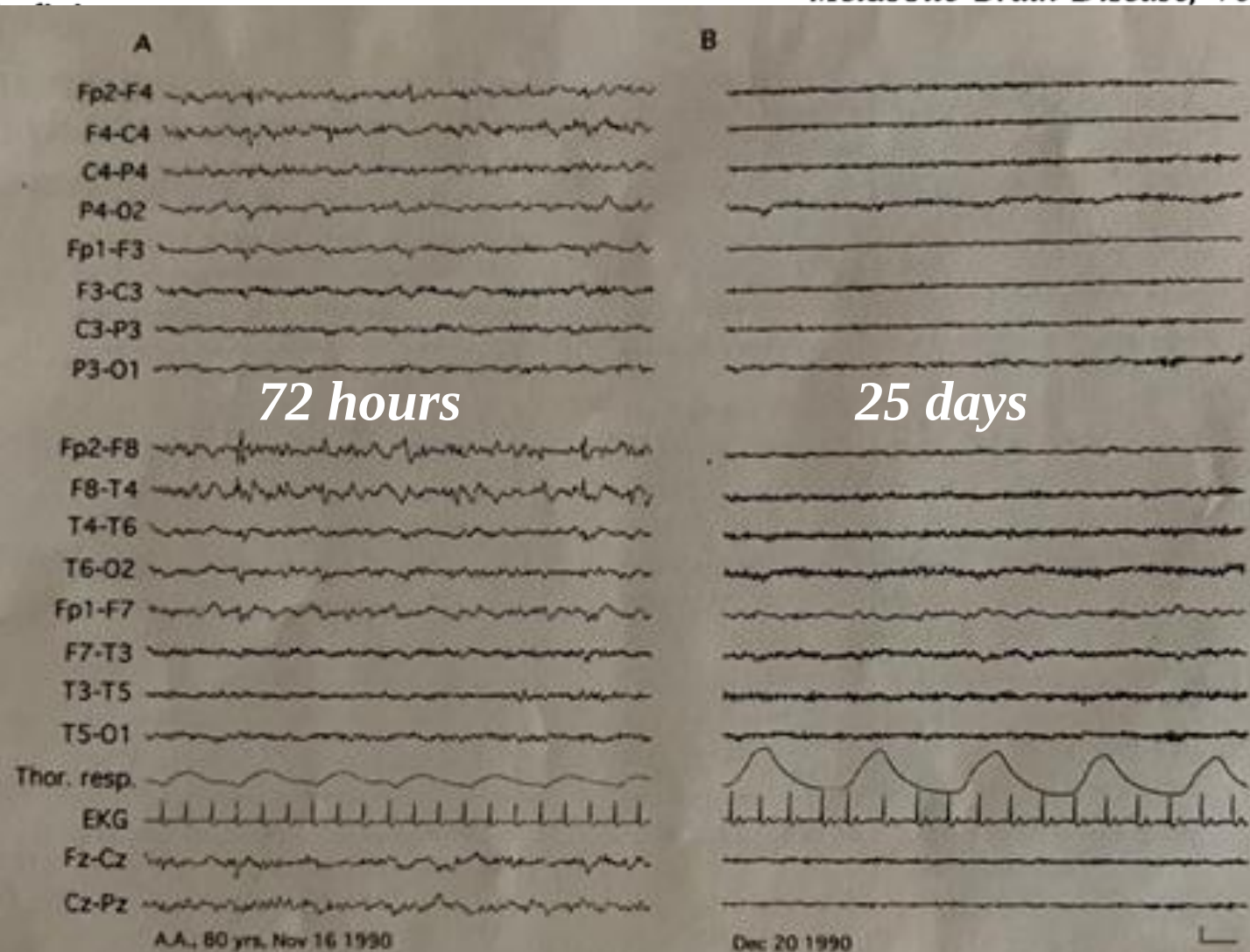


Figure 2: EEG recording. A) 72 hours after beginning of replacement therapy. Normal background activity and sporadic interictal spike-waves over the right frontal region at F8 and F4 phase reversal. B) 25 days after beginning replacement therapy. Normal posterior background and lack of any abnormal activity over the right frontal region. Calibration: 1 sec, 50 μ V.

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malattie responsabili di decadimento cognitivo



ascular (strokes, clotting of brain veins);



nfectious (HIV, encephalitis, fungal, parasites);



oxic-Metabolic (medicines, vitamin excess/deficiency, toxins);



utoimmune (Antibody-mediated, rheumatological, cancer-related);



etastases/Neoplasm (cancer);



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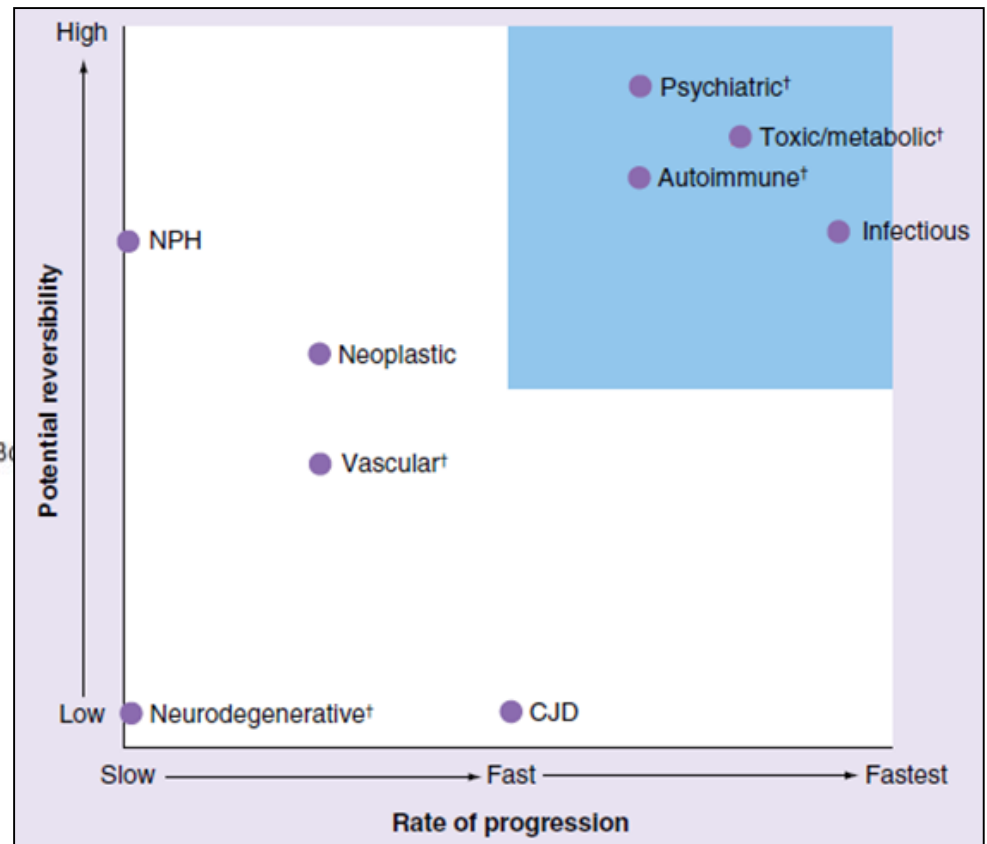
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Diagnosis and treatment of rapidly progressive dementias

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Michael D. Geschwind, MD, PhD



Maria C. 51 anni

Anamnesi familiare:

padre di 93 affetto da FA; madre di 84 anni, 2 sorelle ed 1 fratello in a.b.s.; 1 fratello è stato sottoposto all'età di 42 anni a trapianto di midollo osseo per «*mielodisplasia*»; 1 fratello di 42 anni è affetto da «*valvulopatia cardiogena*» in attesa di intervento cardiocirurgico.

Anamnesi fisiologica:

nulla da segnalate; impiegata comunale

Anamnesi patologica remota:

vitiligine; fibromioma uterino; allergia al nichel ed ad alcuni alimenti (pomodori, fragole, etc).

Anamnesi patologica prossima:

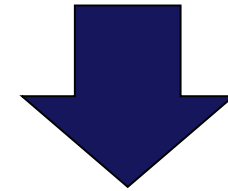
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dimissione: riferiti disturbi della memoria;
test neuropsicologici ambulatoriali.



28 ottobre 2019 P.S. AO Pugliese



valutazione neurologica:
disorientata/confusa



TC encefalo



*TC encefalo urgente
(28 ottobre)*



*Ricovero per 2 giorni in OBI
(consulenza psichiatrica/talofen)*

31.10 ricovero: laboratorio

Routine ematochimica: nella norma

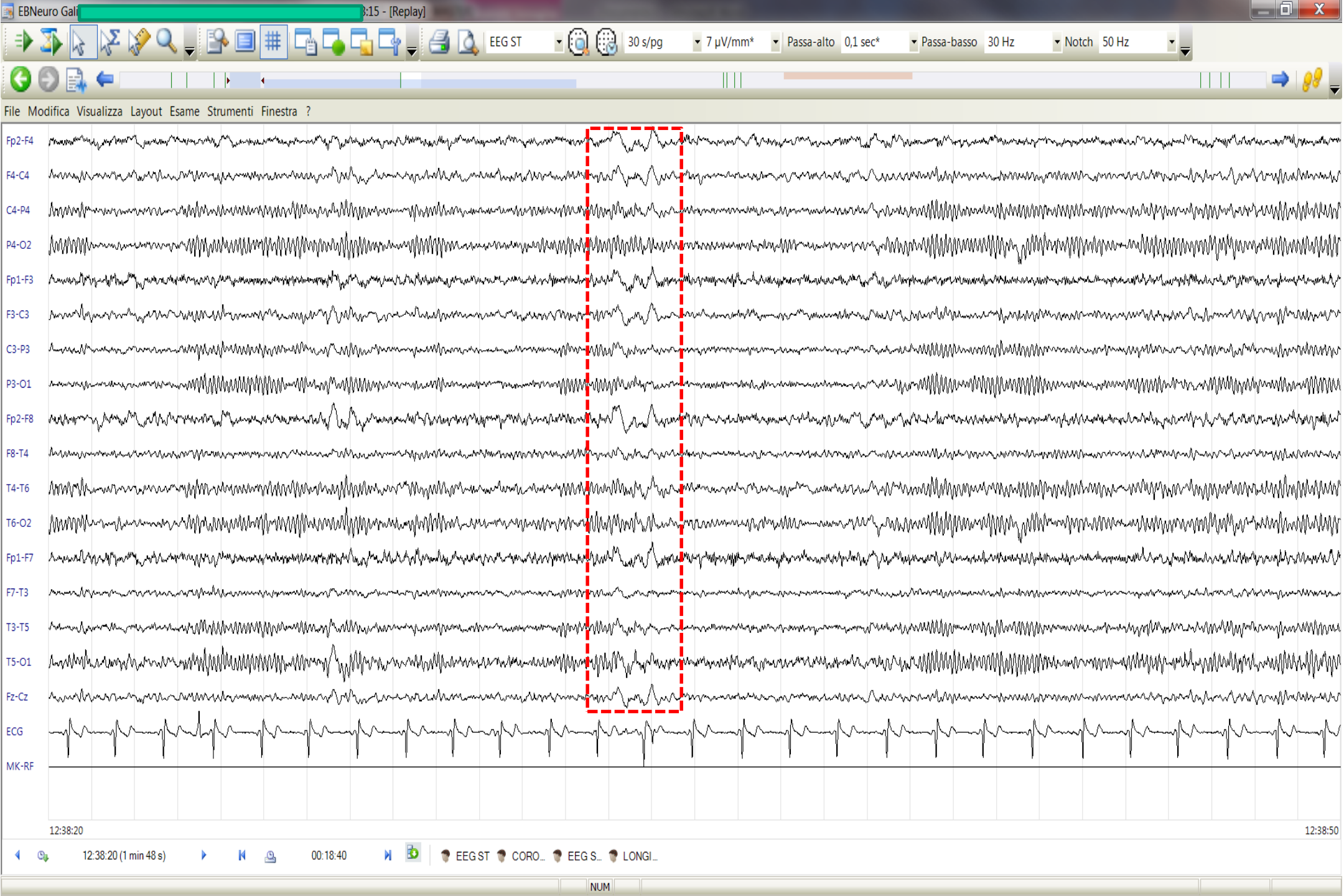
Studio trombofilico: nella norma. Assenza di mutazioni Leiden e protrombina

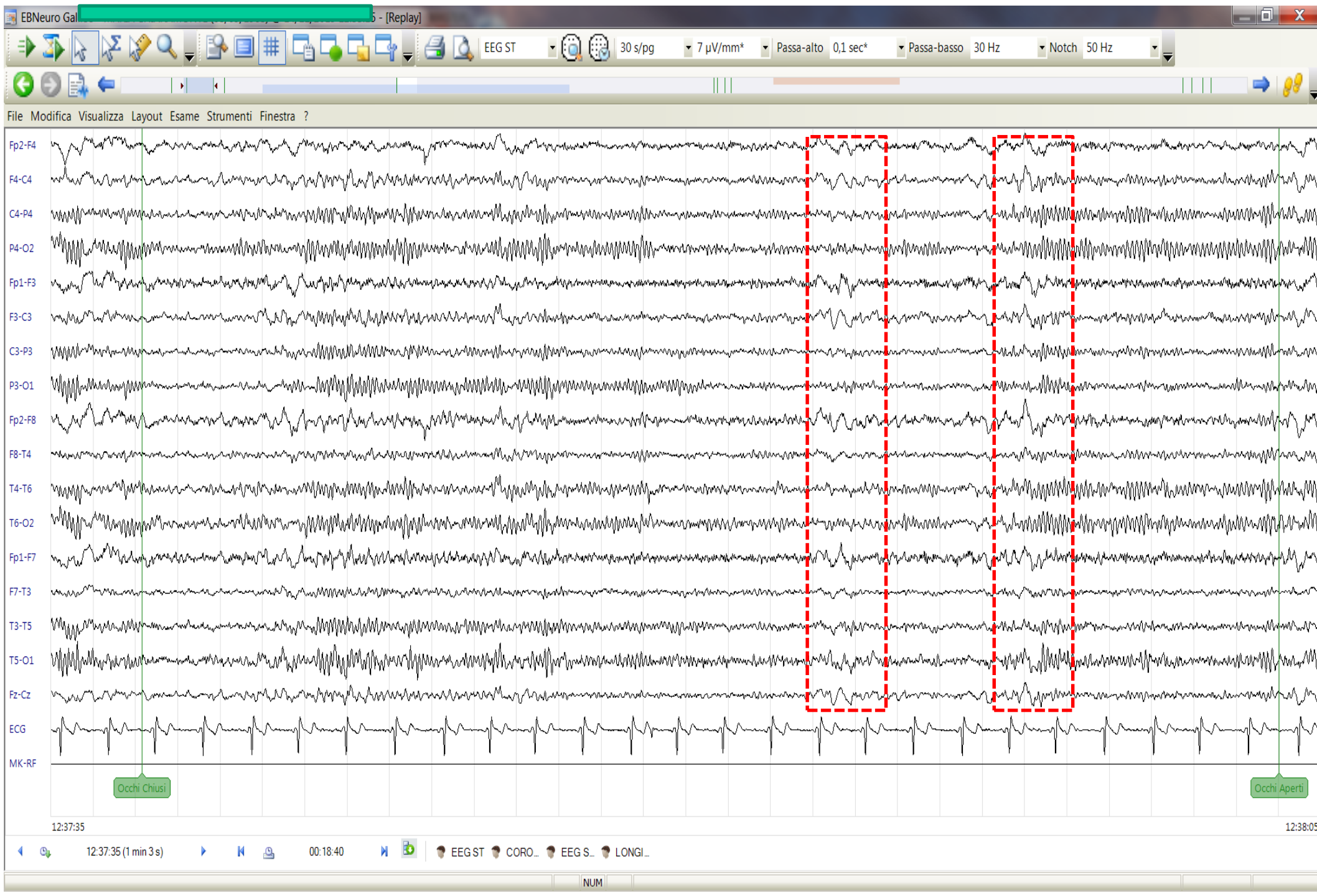
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Screening autoimmune: nella norma

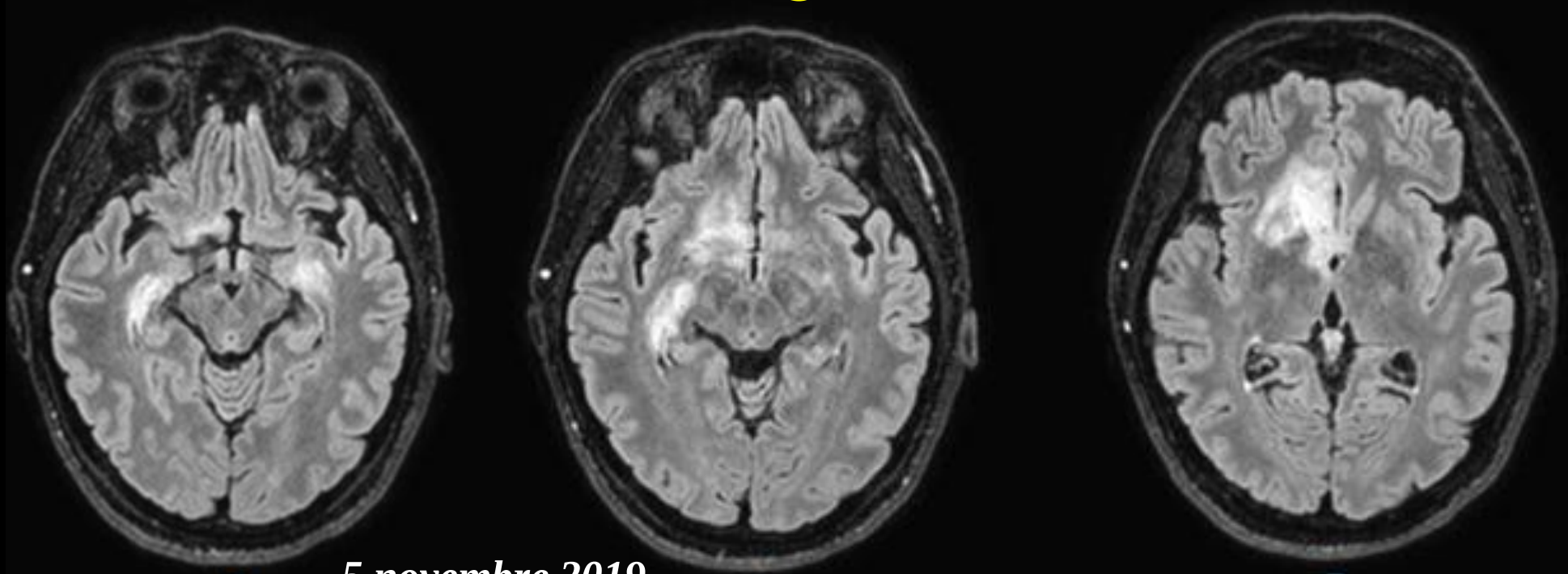
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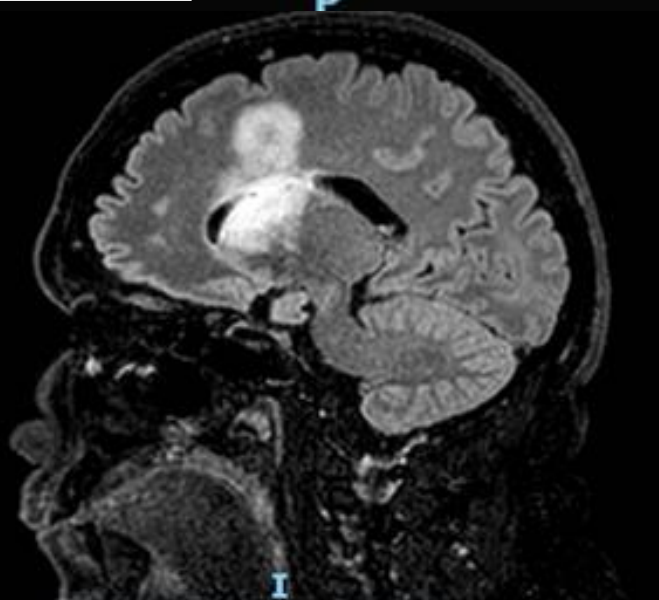
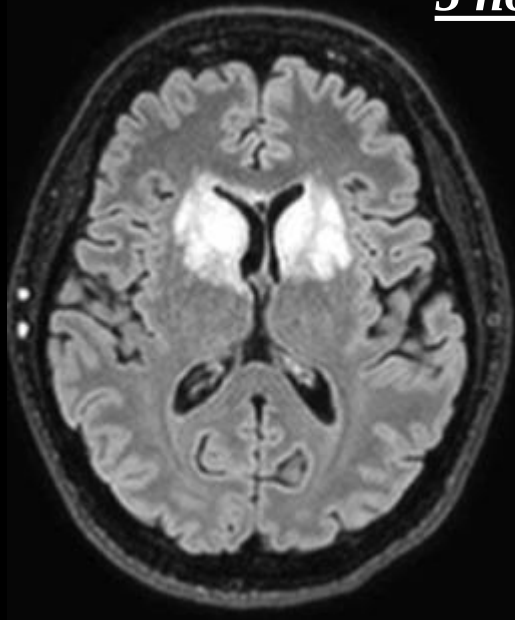
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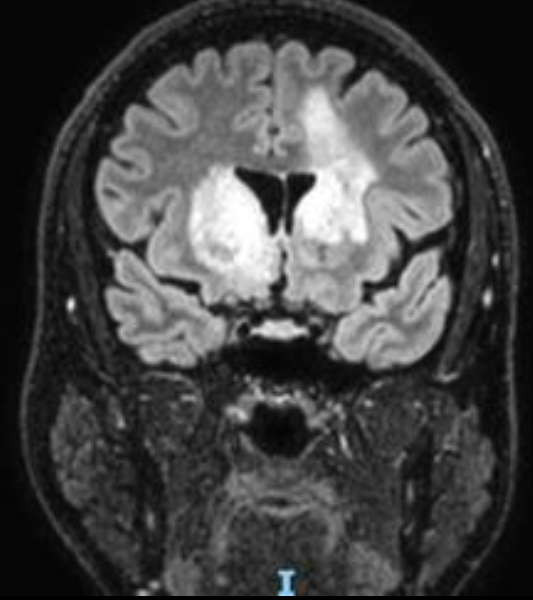
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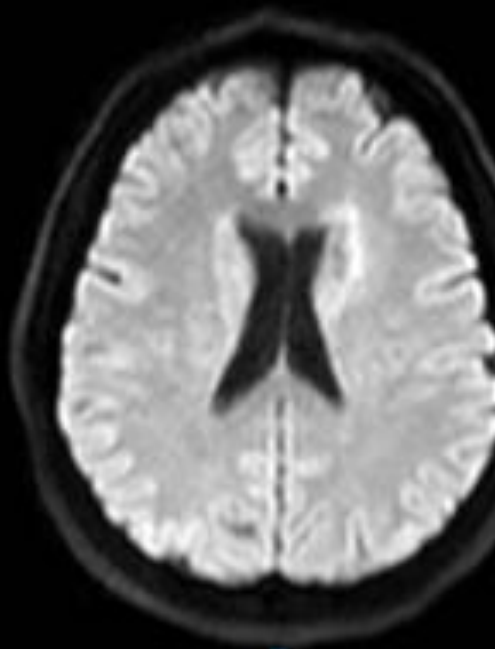
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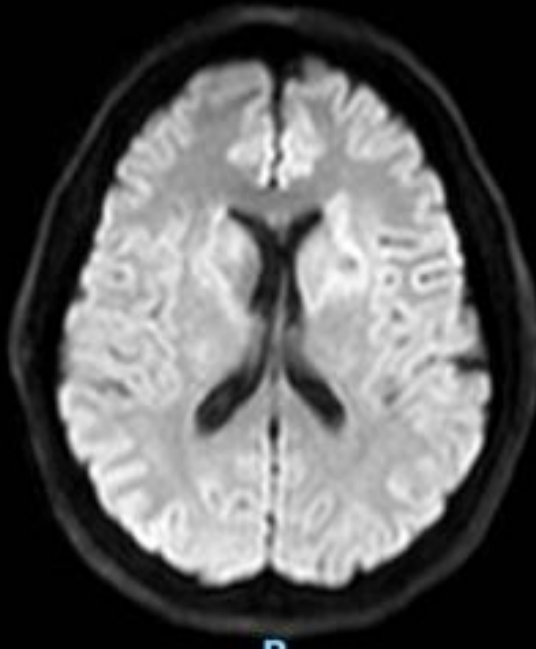
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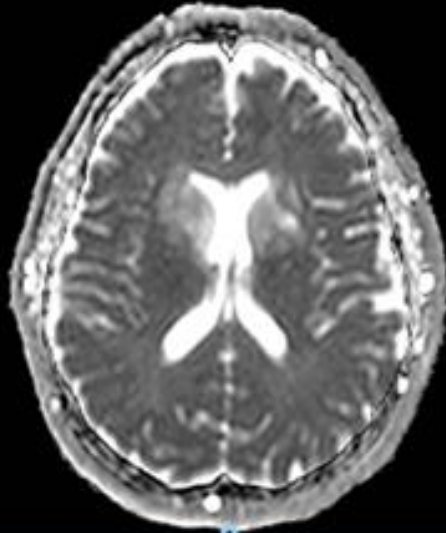
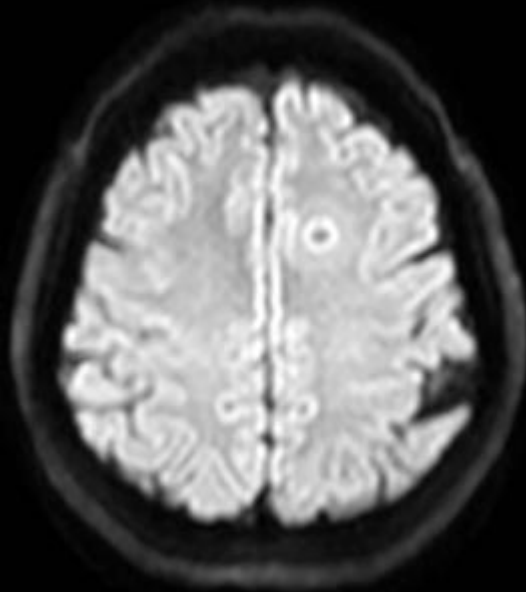
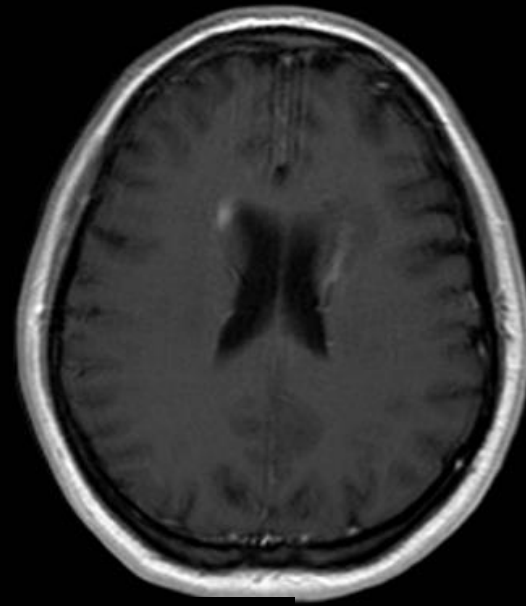
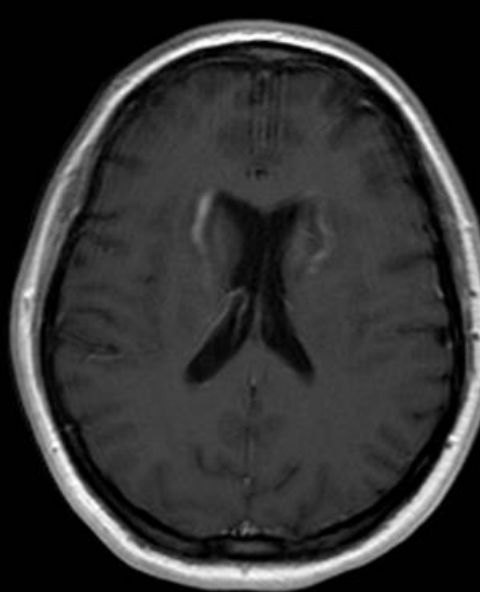
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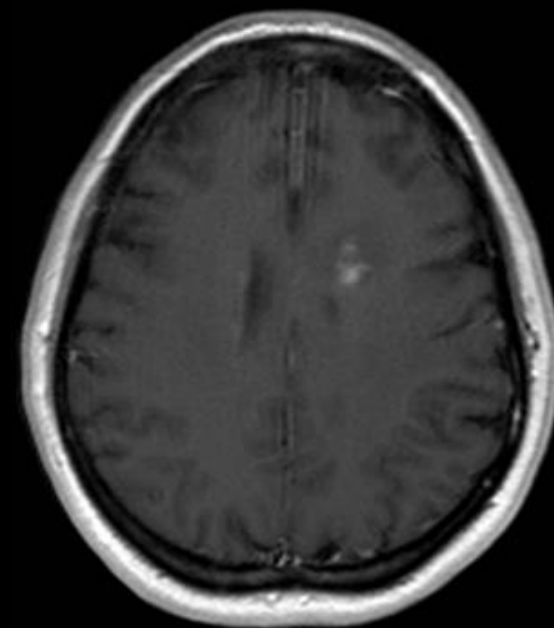
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RMN spettroscopica



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BIOLOGIA MOLECOLARE

Identificazione genomica su

(Met. Nested multiplex PCR Sy

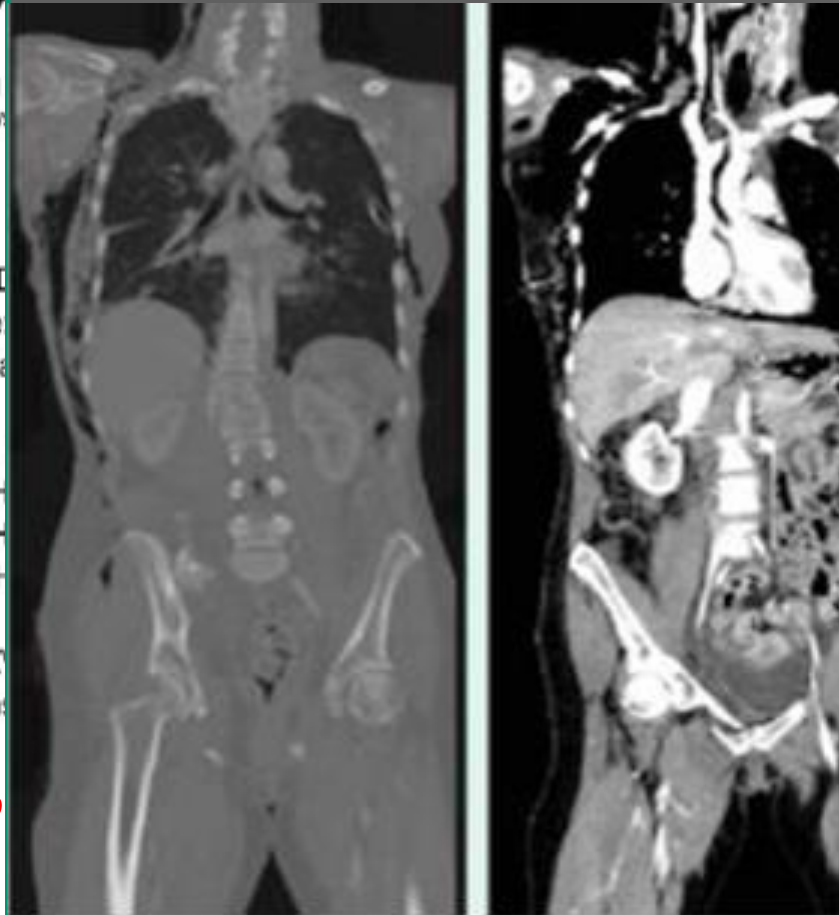
- E. coli K1:
- Haemophilus influenzae:
- Listeria monocytogenes:
- N. meningitidis (A, B, C, D)
- Streptococcus agalactiae
- Streptococcus pneumoniae
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV):
- Enterovirus (specie A, B,
- Herpes simplex virus 1 (H
- Herpes simplex virus 2 (H
- Human herpesvirus 6 (HH
- Human parechovirus:
- Varicella zoster virus (VZ
- Cryptococcus neoformans

citologico: negativo

MICROBIOLOGIA

INQUADRAMENTO DIAGNOS

- ES. FISICO:
(Met. ottico)
- GLUCOSIO su LIQUOR:
(Met. enzimatico)
- ALBUMINA su LIQUOR:
(Met. nefelometrico)
- IgG su LIQUOR:
(Met. nefelometrico)
- CONTA CELLULE AL CO
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**TC total body
negativa**

Sensibilità: 1000 CFU/mL
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Sensibilità: 1300 copie/ml
Sensibilità: 10000 copie/ml
Sensibilità: 500 TCID50/ml
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ligoclonali: presenti

(40 - 70)

(0 - 350)

(0 - 34)

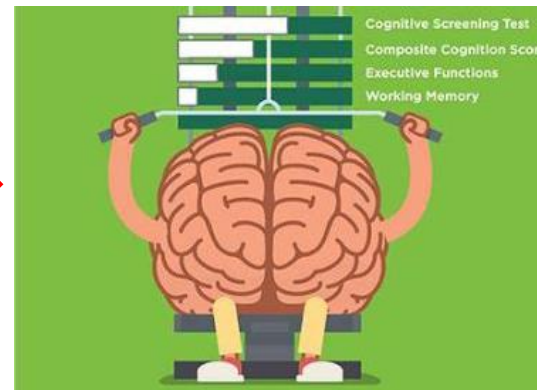
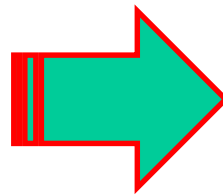
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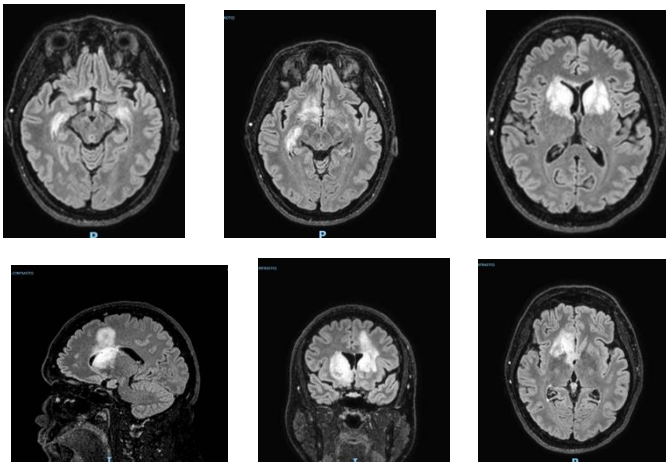
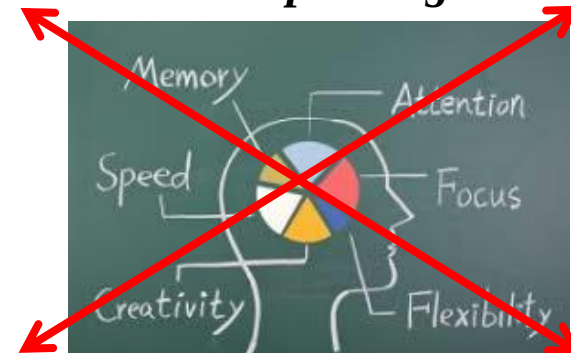
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migliora cognitivamente

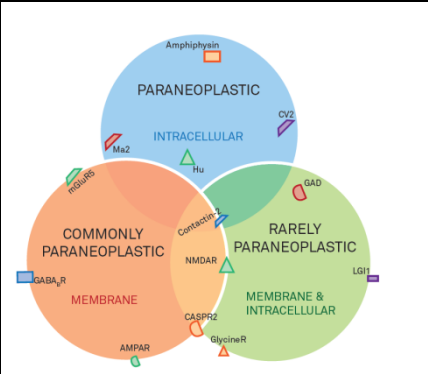


test neuropsicologici



in corso dosaggio.....

*anticorpi
onconeurali/
anti-LGI1,
NMDAr, etc)
(Reggio C/Milano)*



bande oligoclonali: presenti

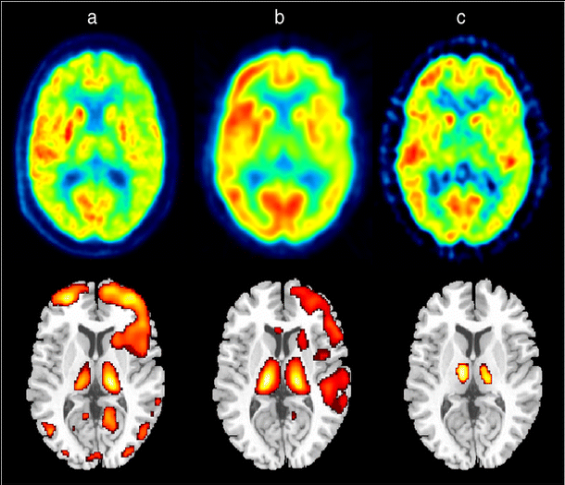
Table 2. CSF abnormalities in different causes of RPD.

Etiology	Cell count	Oligoclonal bands	CSF markers of neuronal damage or other surrogates
Prion diseases	↔	Not present	14-3-3: ↑ – ↑ ↑ ↑ Tau: ↑ – ↑ ↑ ↑
(rp)AD	↔	Not present	14-3-3: ↔ – ↑ Tau: ↔ – ↑ ↑
Other neurodegenerative diseases	↔	Not present	14-3-3: ↔ – (↑) Tau: ↔ – (↑)
Cerebrovascular disease	↔ (except for vasculitis)	Not present (except for vasculitis)	14-3-3: ↔ – (↑ ↑)* Tau: ↔ – (↑)*
Immune-mediated encephalitis	↔ – ↑ ↑	Present in most cases	14-3-3: ↔ – ↑ ↑ ↑ Tau: ↔ – ↑ ↑ ↑
Infectious encephalitis	↑ – ↑ ↑ ↑	Present	14-3-3: ↔ – ↑ ↑ ↑ Tau: ↔ – ↑ ↑ ↑

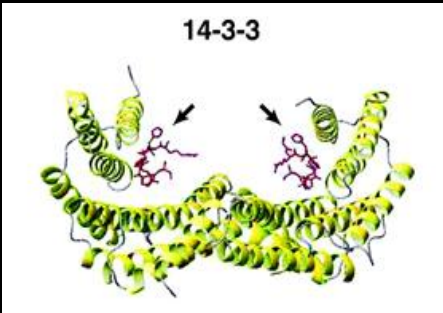
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da eseguire al Policlinico.....

FDG-PET



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*altri suggerimenti
diagnostici??*



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Diagnostic challenges in rapidly progressive dementia



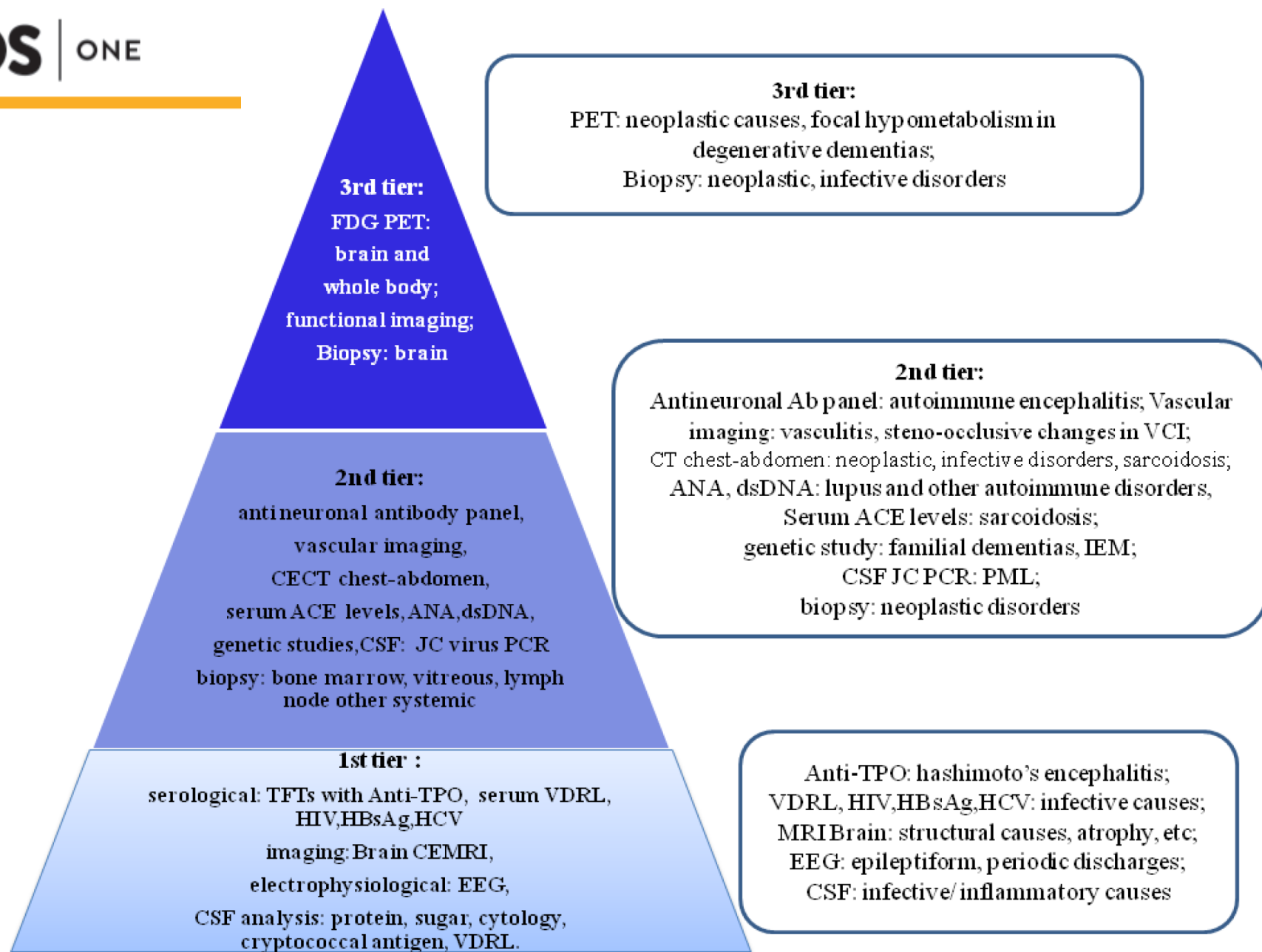
Table 5. Summary of various other diseases and conditions that may lead to or mimic RPD.

Other diseases and conditions that may lead to or mimic RPD			
CNS neoplasia	Storage diseases and other genetic causes for RPD		Toxic
1. CNS lymphoma 2. Solid neoplasia (primary in the CNS or metastatic) 3. Diffuse gliomatosis 4. Leptomeningeal spread of other tumors			1. Alcohol-related dementia 2. Benzodiazepine-related dementia 3. Methyl intoxication 4. Metal intoxications (e.g. lithium, mercury) 5. Side effects of chemotherapeutics or neuroleptic drugs
Metabolic			Psychiatric
1. Hyponatremia and other electrolyte disturbances 2. Wernicke's encephalopathy (thiamine) and other vitamin deficiency syndromes (e.g. B12, folate, niacin, biotin) 3. Hepatic encephalopathy 4. Uremic encephalopathy 5. Hypothyroidism 6. Hypoparathyroidism 7. Porphyria 8. Adrenal insufficiency 9. Extrapontine myelinolysis	1. Wilson's disease 2. NBIA 3. Lysosomal storage diseases (selected): mucopolysaccharidoses, sphingolipidoses, and neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses 4. Huntington's disease 5. CADASIL resp. CARASIL 6. Mitochondrial diseases (selected): MELAS, Leigh disease 7. PME: Lafora disease, ULD 8. Porphyria 9. Methylmalonic academia 10. DRPLA		1. Severe depression 2. Schizophrenic disorders 3. Hypochondriac delusions
			Others and secondary conditions
			1. Hypoxic brain damage 2. Epilepsy and secondary seizures 3. Systemic inflammation (e.g. systemic immune-mediated diseases, septic encephalopathy) 4. NPH

NBIA: Neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation; CADASIL: cerebral autosomal dominant arteriopathy with subcortical infarcts and leukoencephalopathy; MELAS: mitochondrial encephalopathy, lactic acidosis and stroke-like episodes; PME: progressive myoclonic epilepsies; ULD: Unverricht–Lundborg disease; DRPLA: dentatorubral-pallidolysial atrophy; NPH: normal pressure hydrocephalus.

Rapidly progressive dementia: An eight year (2008–2016) retrospective study

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Storage diseases and other genetic causes for RPD

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RAPPORTO TRA DIAMETRO DEI CORNI FRONTALI E BIPARIETALE
(d1/d2)
Se >0.3 = idrocefalo

Toxic

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4. Metal intoxications (e.g. lithium, mercury)
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Etiology of RPDs: use of the mnemonic VITAMINS



ascular (strokes, clotting of brain veins);



nfectious (HIV, encephalitis, fungal, parasites);



oxic-Metabolic (medicines, vitamin excess/deficiency, toxins);



utoimmune (Antibody-mediated, rheumatological, cancer-related);



etastases/Neoplasm (cancer);



atrogenic (brought forth by your doctor);



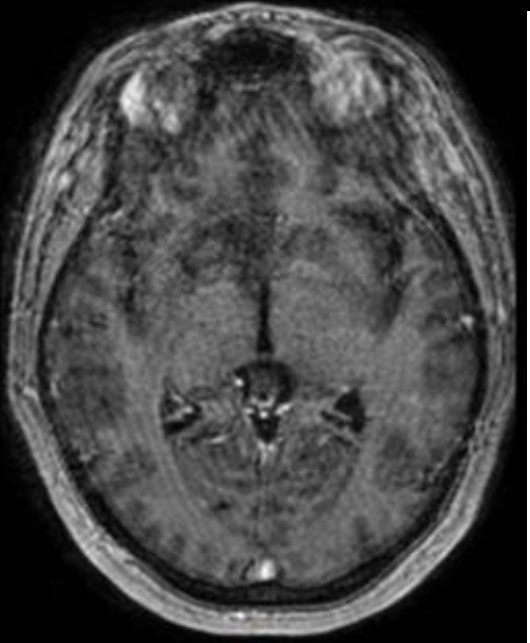
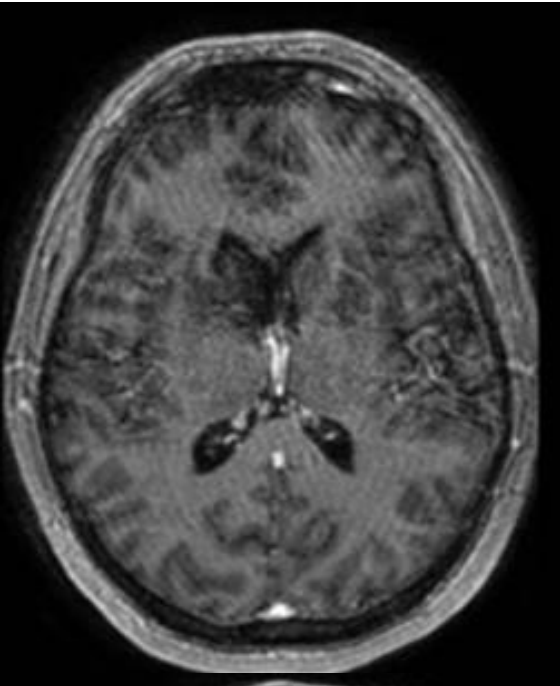
eurodegenerative (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Primary Progressive Aphasia, Lewy Bodies);



ystemic/Seizures/Structural.

Ross W. Paterson et al, 2012





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BIOLOGIA MOLECOLARE

Identificazione genomica su liquor di patogeni (pannello 14 target)

(Met. Nested multiplex PCR System FilmArray)

- E. coli K1:	NON RILEVATO
- Haemophilus influenzae:	NON RILEVATO
- Listeria monocytogenes:	NON RILEVATO
- N. meningitidis (A, B, C, D, Y, W-135)	NON RILEVATO
- Streptococcus agalactiae:	NON RILEVATO
- Streptococcus pneumoniae:	NON RILEVATO
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV):	NON RILEVATO
- Enterovirus (specie A, B, C, D)	NON RILEVATO
- Herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV1):	NON RILEVATO
- Herpes simplex virus 2 (HSV2):	NON RILEVATO
- Human herpesvirus 6 (HHV6):	NON RILEVATO
- Human parechovirus:	NON RILEVATO
- Varicella zoster virus (VZV):	NON RILEVATO
- Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii:	NON RILEVATO

MICROBIOLOGIA

INQUADRAMENTO DIAGNOSTICO LIQUOR

- ES. FISICO:	Limpido, incolore
(Met. ottico)	
- GLUCOSIO su LIQUOR:	73 mg/dl
(Met. enzimatico)	
- ALBUMINA su LIQUOR:	343 mg/l
(Met. nefelometrico)	
- IgG su LIQUOR:	47 mg/l
(Met. nefelometrico)	
- CONTA CELLULE AL CONTAGLOBULI:	4 cellule/ul
(Contaglobuli: citofluorimetria in fluorescenza)	

Liquor: limpido, incolore, trasparente; cellularità, glucosio, albumina, indice di Link: *nella norma*. IgG liquor 7.35 (0.48-5.86). Esame colturale negativo. **Bande oligoclonali: presenti.** Identificazione genomica su liquor di patogeni (pannello 14 target): *negativo*

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(Immunofluorescenza multiparametrica)

PR3 (cANCA)
(Immunofluorescenza multiparametrica)

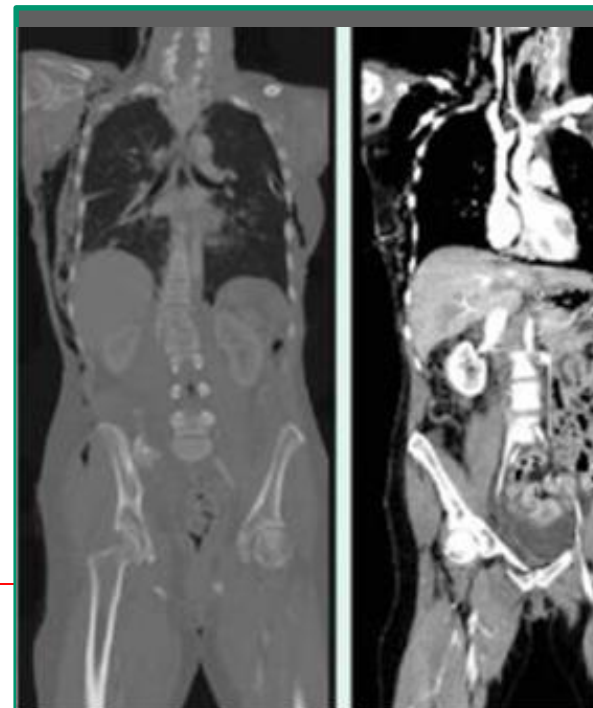
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Beta2-Glicoproteina IgM
(Immunofluorescenza multiparametrica)

Cardiolipina IgG
(Immunofluorescenza multiparametrica)



MARKERS EPATITE / HIV

Anti HIV 1/2 - Ag p24
(Chemiluminescenza)

DIAGNOSTICA TREPONEMICA

VDRL
(Flocculazione)

TPHA QUANTITATIVO
(Emoagglutinazione)

FTA-Abs IgG
(IFI)

FTA-Abs IgM
(IFI)

Screening Sifilide TPA (Ab anti-Treponema p. IgG ed IgM)
(Chemiluminescenza)

**TC total body
negativa**

NEGATIVO

NEGATIVO
0,01

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Negativo <0.80

Normal-pressure hydrocephalus

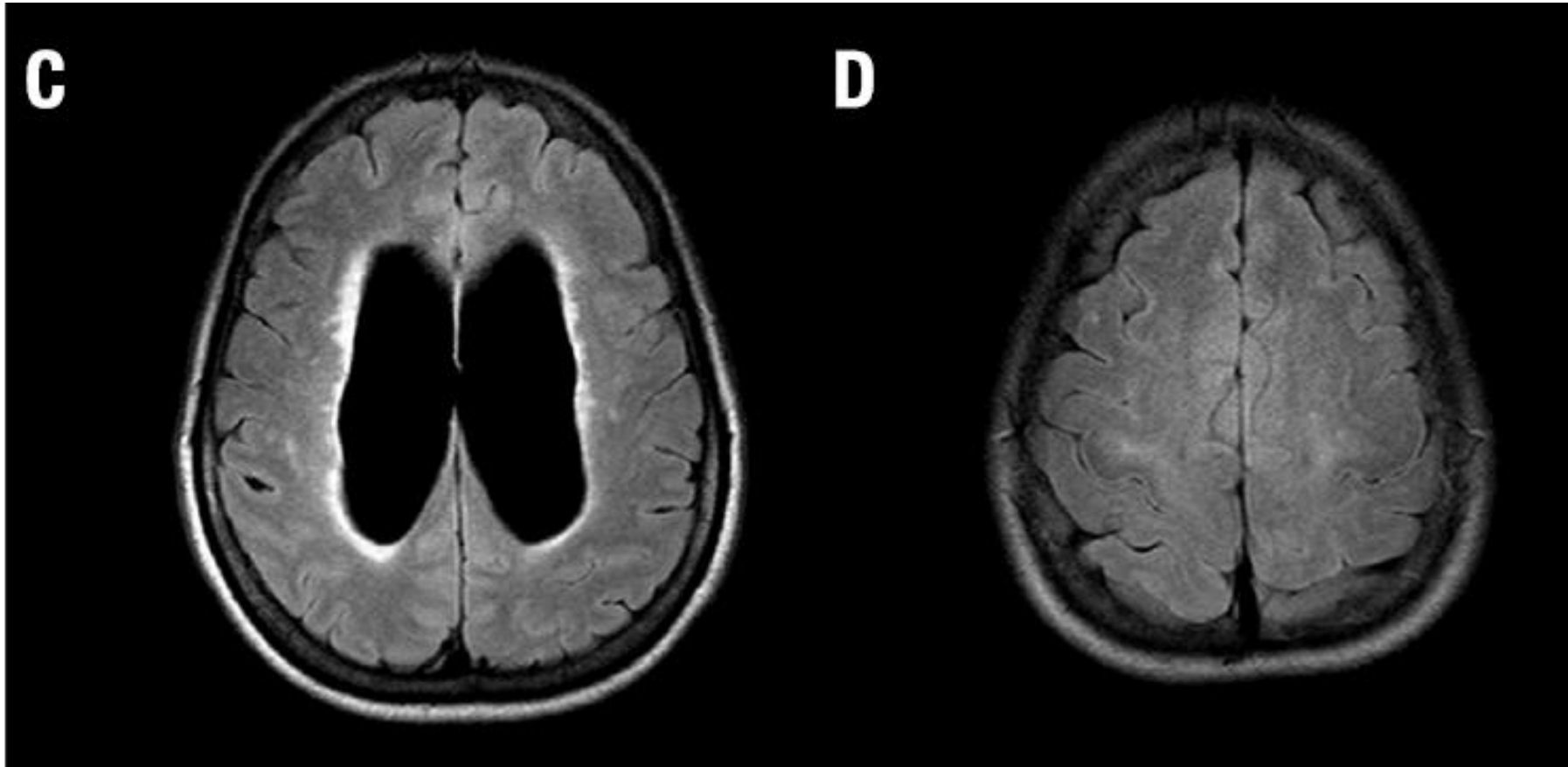
A critical review

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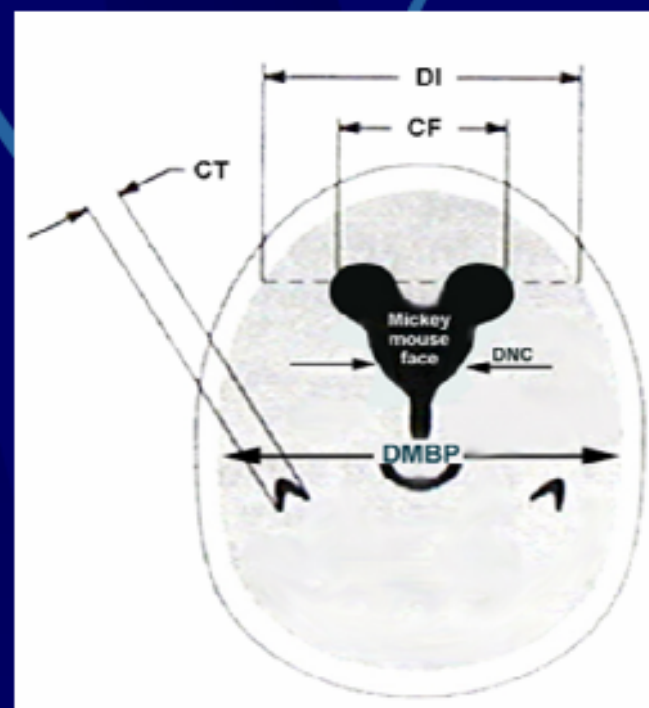
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(C) Axial FLAIR MRI scan revealing enlarged lateral ventricles with bright signal in the surrounding white matter, suggestive of transependymal edema. **(D)** Axial FLAIR MRI showing narrowing of the sulci and subarachnoid spaces over the high convexity and midline surface in the frontoparietal regions.

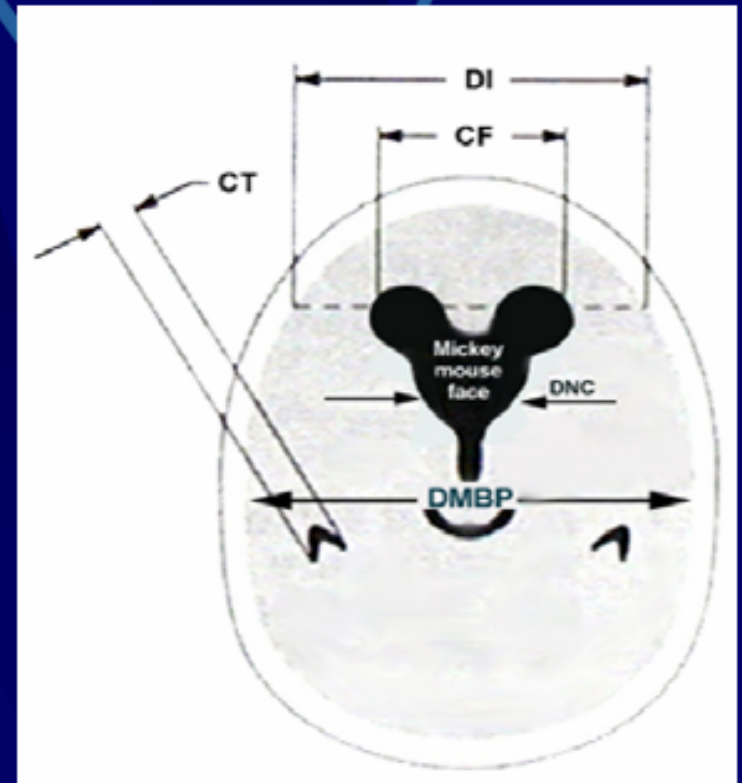
Nell'adulto normale, il rapporto della massima ampiezza dei corni frontali diviso per il diametro trasversale interno del cranio allo stesso livello (indice di Evans) è in genere il 30%.

Nell'idrocefalo i ventricoli dilatati hanno profilo arrotondato e pareti stirate e i corni frontali assumono un aspetto "globoso" fino a costituire, nei tagli assiali, quella che viene definita " Mickey Mouse Face", causata dallo scomparso della fisiologica impronta della testa del nucleo caudato sui ventricoli laterali.



DI = Diametro Interparietale CF = Corno Frontale CT = Corno Temporale
DMBP = Diametro Medio Biparietale DNC = Distanza Nuclei Caudati

Indice di Evans	$CF/DMBP > 30\%$
Mickey mouse face	Ballooning dei corni frontali dei ventricoli laterali
Indice bicaudato	Rapporto tra la distanza tra i profili mediali dei nuclei caudati e la distanza trasversale tra due punti della teca interna misurati allo stesso livello. Patologico se $> 0,15$
Angolo calloso	Diminuzione dell'angolo compreso tra i due corni frontali. Valore normale 120°
Rapporto CF/DI	Patologico se $> 50\%$
Dimensione CT	Patologica se entrambi i corni sono $> 2mm$



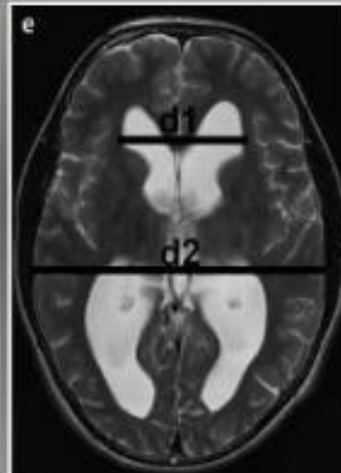
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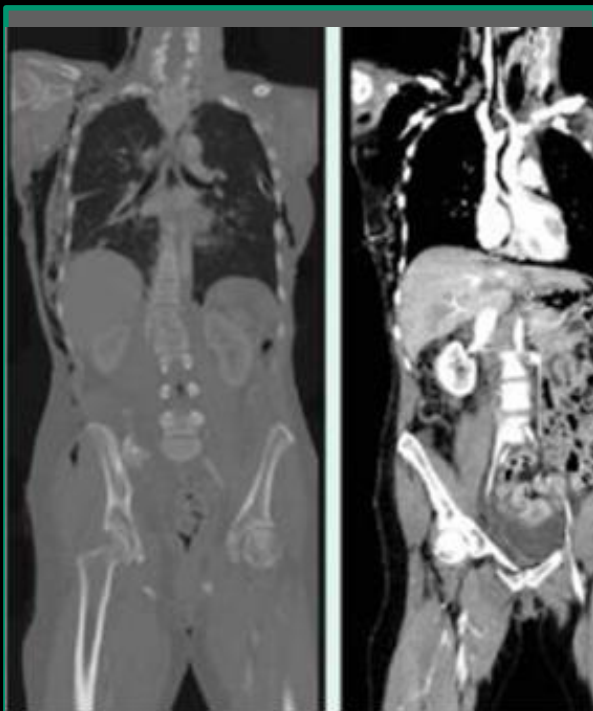


RAPPORTO TRA DIAMETRO DEI CORNI FRONTALI E BIPARIETALE
(d1/d2)

Se >0.3 = idrocefalo

Evans, W.A., Jr.: An encephalographic ratio for estimating ventricular enlargement and cerebral atrophy. Arch. Neurol. Psychiat. 47, 931-937 (1942)





**TC total body
negativa**

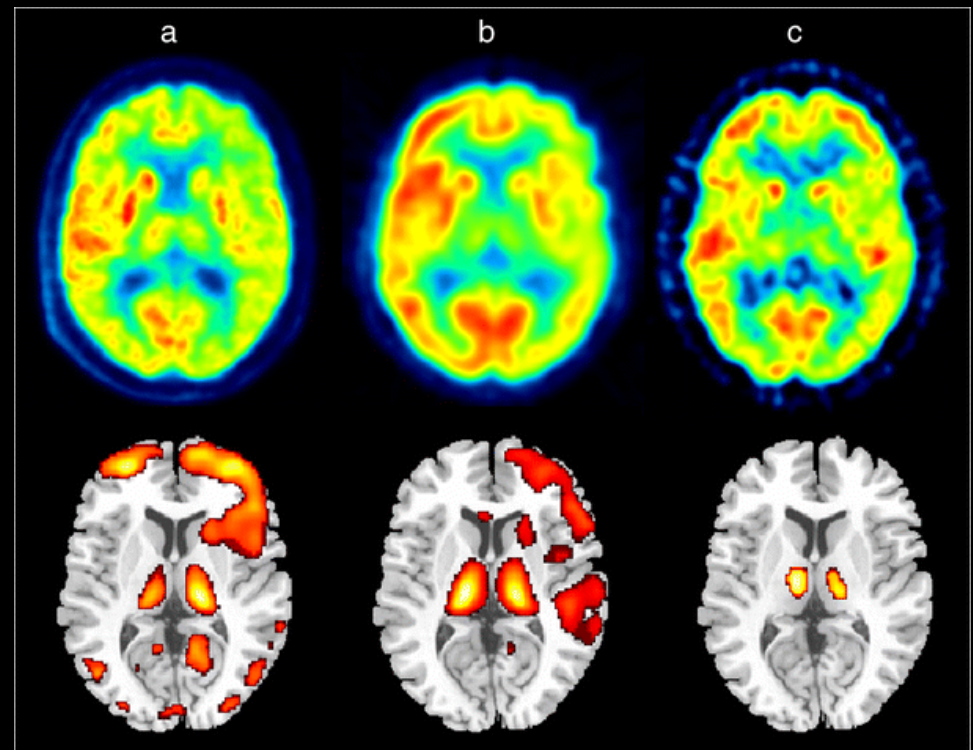
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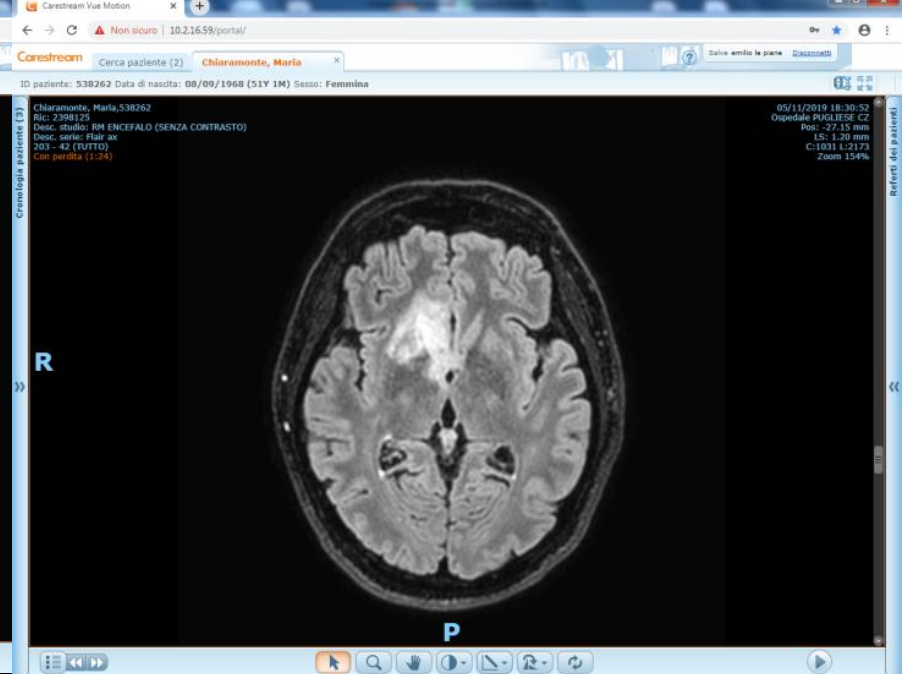
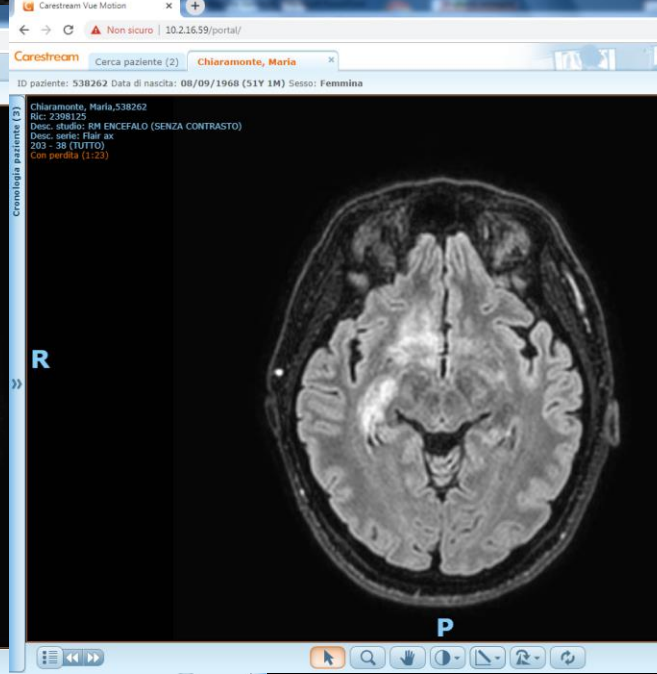
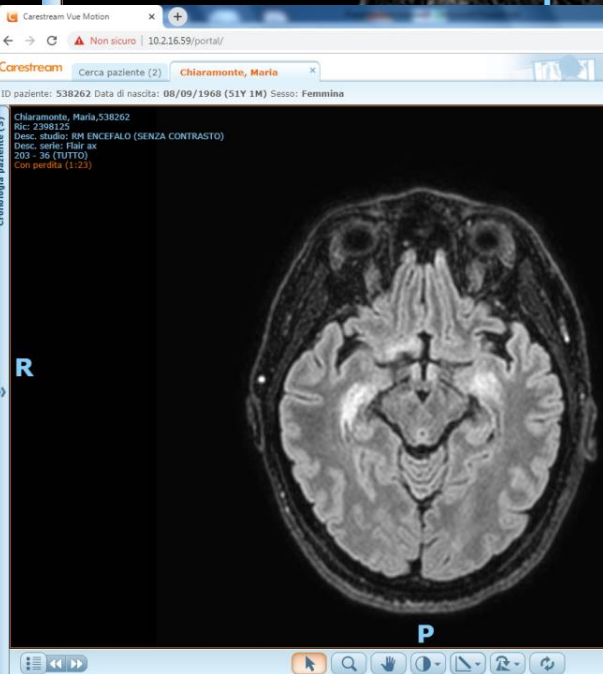
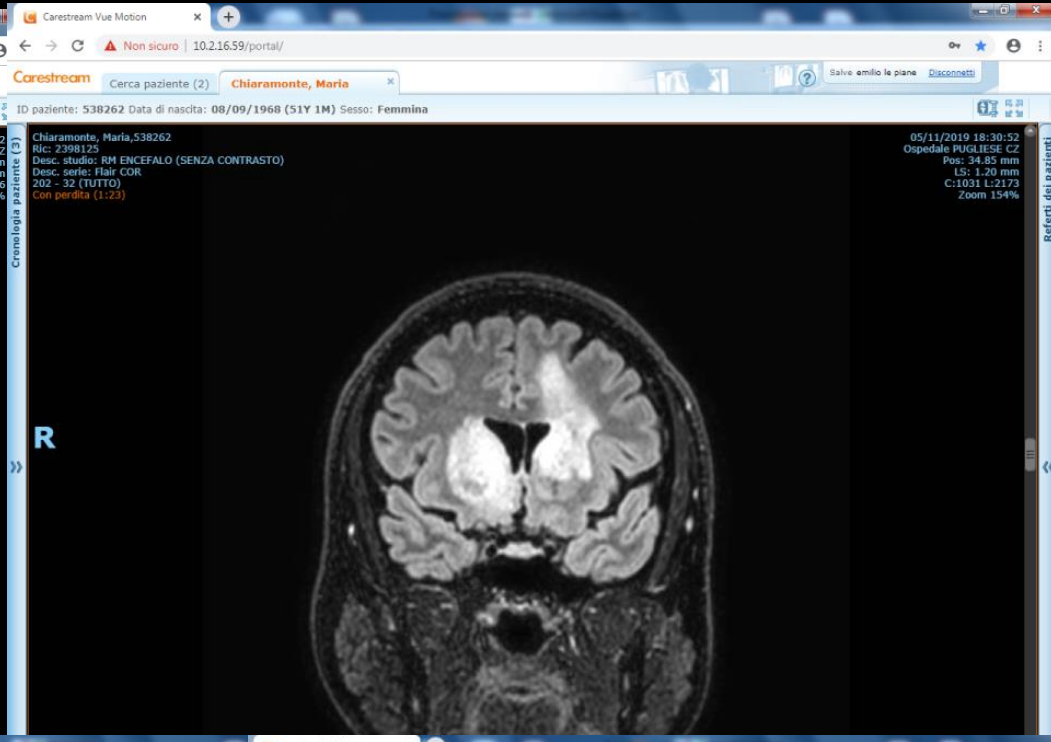
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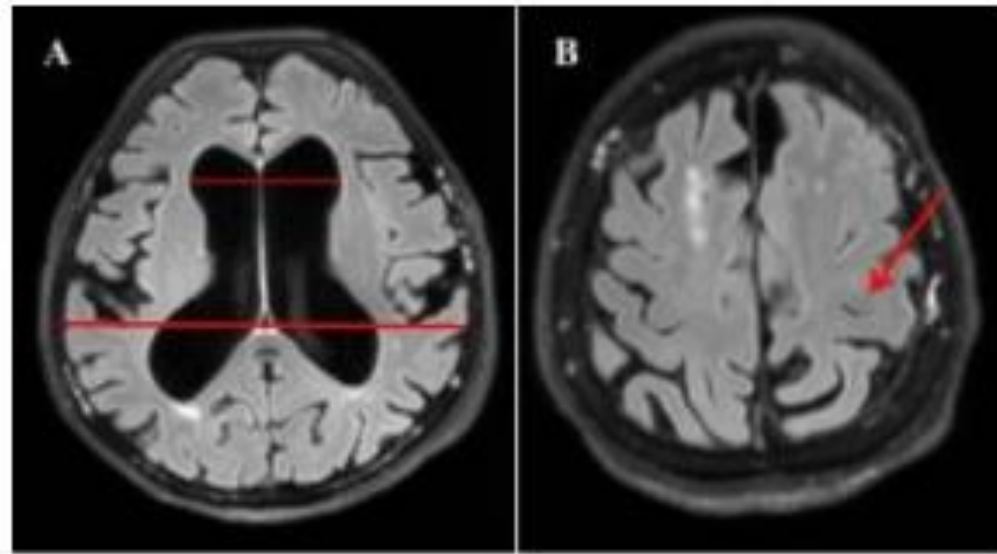
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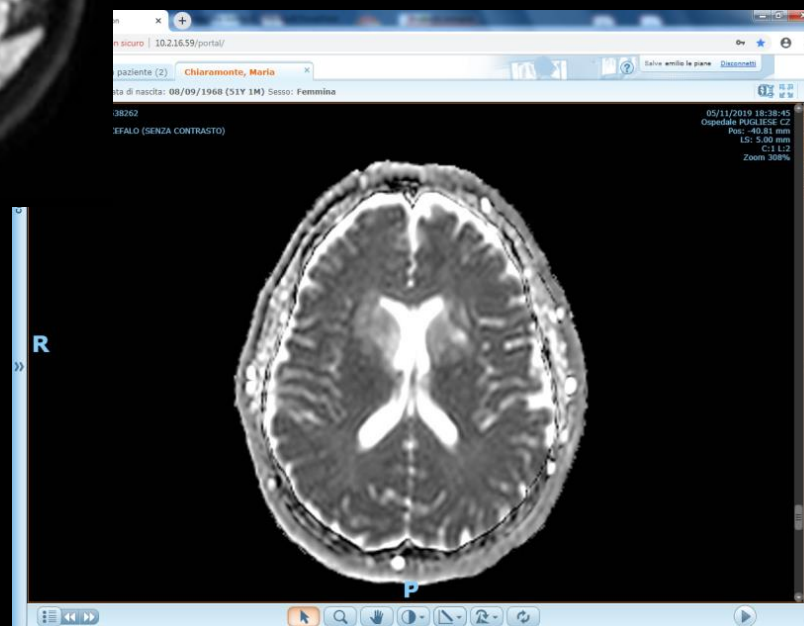
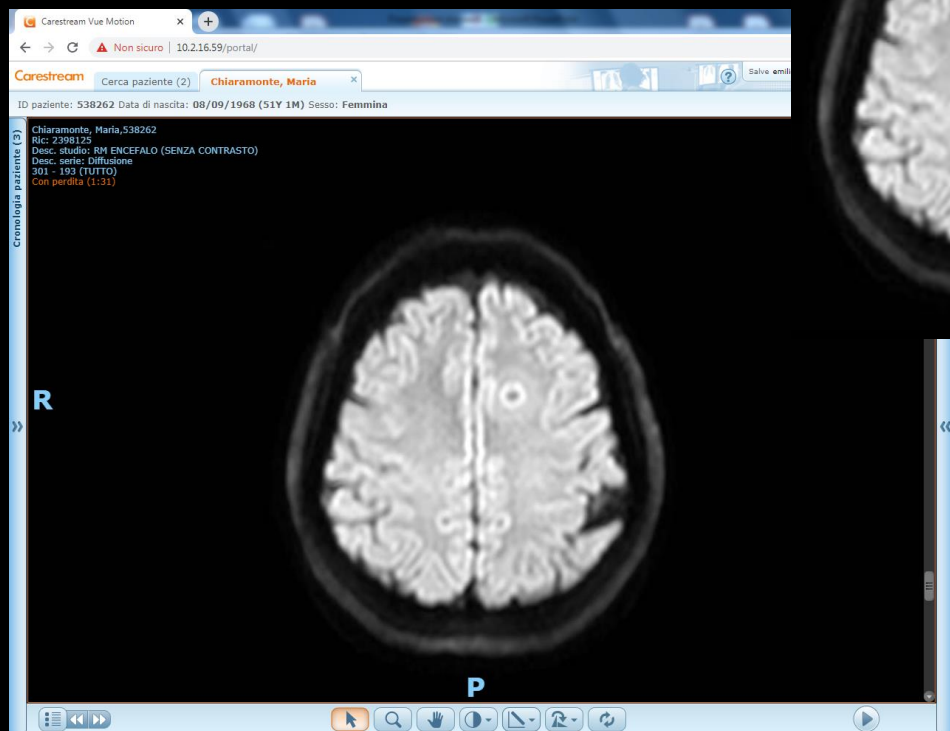
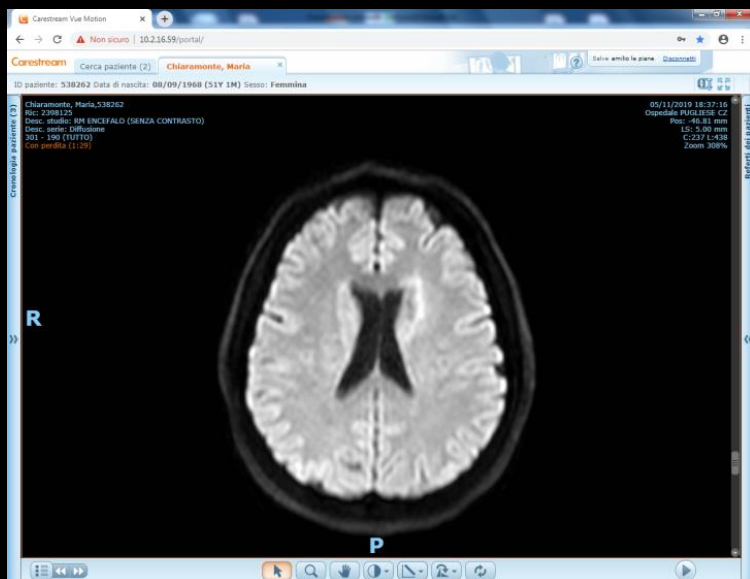
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antiNMDAR







A) Indice di Evans: rapporto tra la massima ampiezza dei corni frontali (prima linea orizzontale rossa) e il massimo diametro interno del cranio allo stesso livello (seconda linea orizzontale rossa); nell'idrocefalo normoteso il rapporto è patologico ($> 0,3$). B) I solchi corticali al vertice nell'idrocefalo normoteso possono essere assottigliati (freccia rossa).



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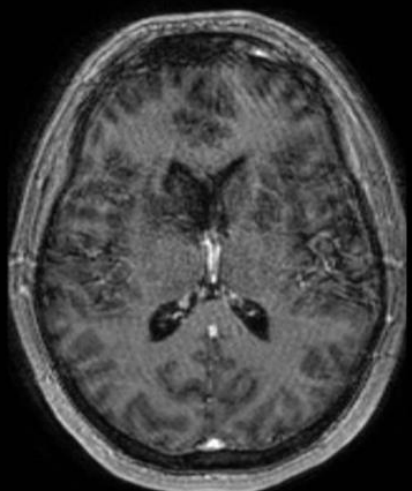
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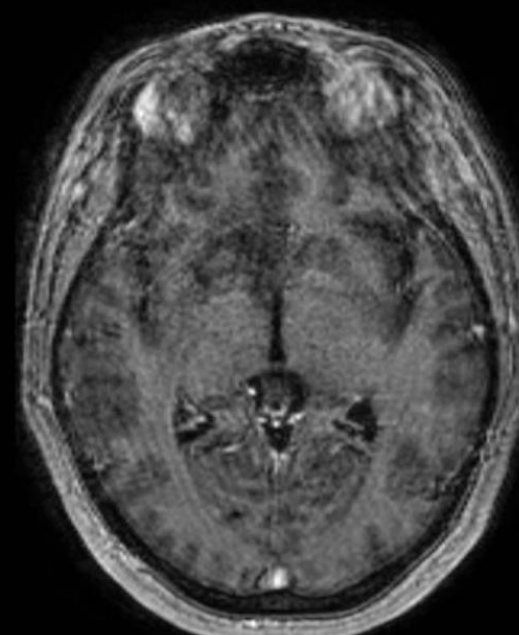
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De Novo Epilepsy Cobalamin Def

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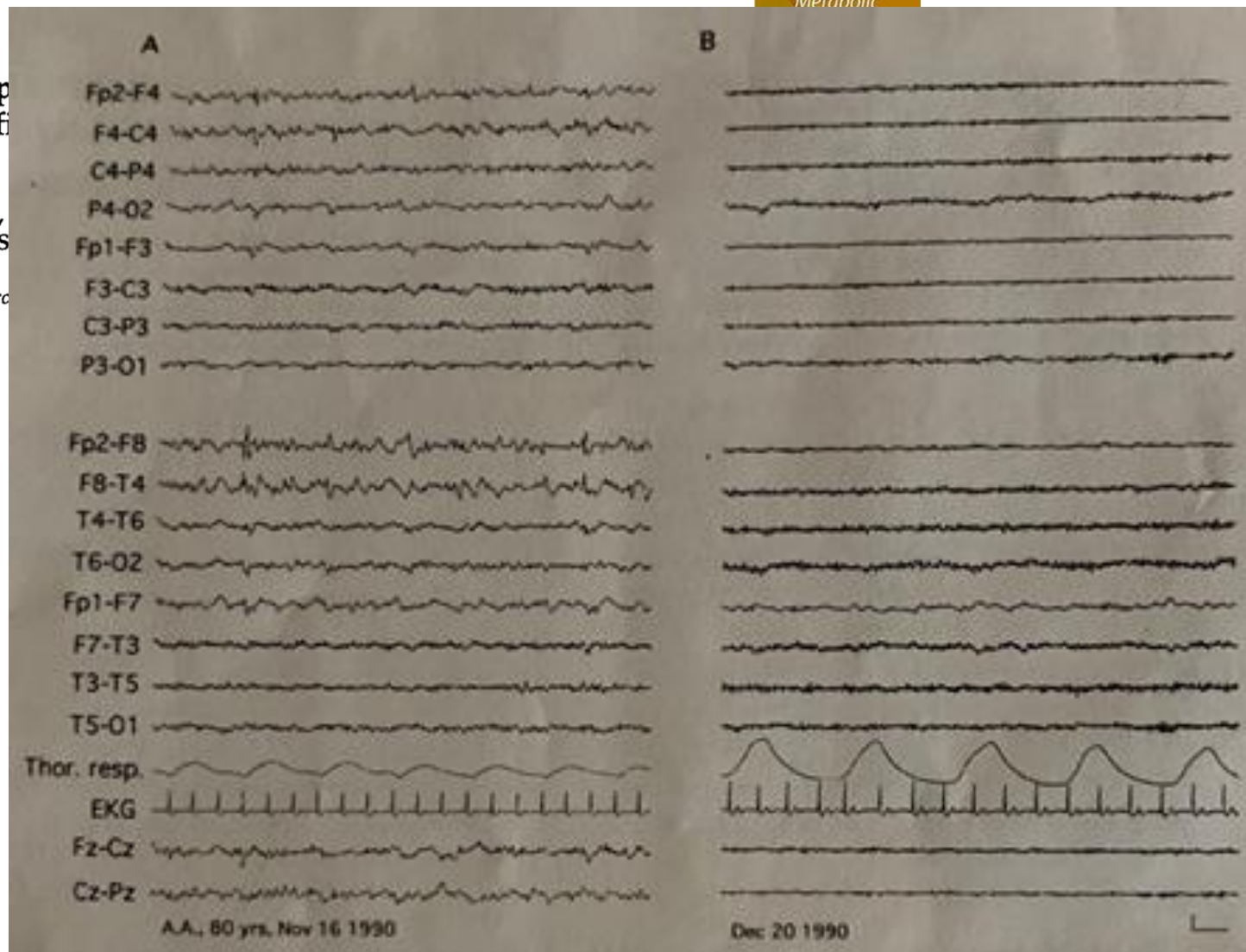


Figure 2: EEG recording. A) 72 hours after beginning of replacement therapy. Normal background activity and sporadic interictal spike-waves over the right frontal region at F8 and F4 phase reversal. B) 25 days after beginning replacement therapy. Normal posterior background and lack of any abnormal activity over the right frontal region. Calibration: 1 sec, 50 µV.

Storage diseases and other genetic causes for RPD

1. Wilson's disease
2. NBIA
3. Lysosomal storage diseases (selected):
mucopolysaccharidoses, sphingolipidoses, and neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses
4. Huntington's disease
5. CADASIL resp. CARASIL
6. Mitochondrial diseases (selected): MELAS, Leigh disease
7. PME: Lafora disease, ULD
8. Porphyria
9. Methylmalonic academia
10. DRPLA

Psychiatric

1. Severe depression
2. Schizophrenic disorders
3. Hypochondriac delusions

Toxic

1. Alcohol-related dementia
2. Benzodiazepine-related dementia
3. Methyl intoxication
4. Metal intoxications (e.g. lithium, mercury)
5. Side effects of chemotherapeutics or neuroleptic drugs



Others and secondary conditions

1. Hypoxic brain damage
2. Epilepsy and secondary seizures
3. Systemic inflammation (e.g. systemic immune-mediated diseases, septic encephalopathy)
4. NPH

Figure 1 Suggested diagnostic tests for initial rapidly progressive dementia evaluation

Blood tests	CSF	Imaging	Urine/Other
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Tests to consider in selected cases			
- Lyme disease (in endemic areas) - Cancer screen - Blood smear - Coagulation profile - Hypercoagulability testing - Copper and ceruloplasmin - Additional rheumatologic tests (complement, dsDNA, anti-Sm, anti-RNP, anticardiolipin, anti-SCL 70, Anti-Jo, anti-centromere antibodies)	- Bacterial, fungal, acid-fast bacilli stains and cultures - Cytology - Flow cytometry - Whipple PCR - Cryptococcal antigen - Viral PCRs and cultures	- Cancer screen (CT chest, abdomen, and pelvis with and without contrast; mammogram; body PET scan) - MR angiography or brain angiogram - MR spectroscopy - Carotid ultrasound - Echocardiogram	- Heavy metal screen (24h urine) - Copper (24h urine) - Porphobilinogen (PBG)/delta-aminolevulinic acid (ALA) in urine (24h) - EMG/nerve conduction study - Brain biopsy



Short communication

Seizures with Migraine-like Attacks after Radiation Therapy (SMART): A new meaning of an old acronym

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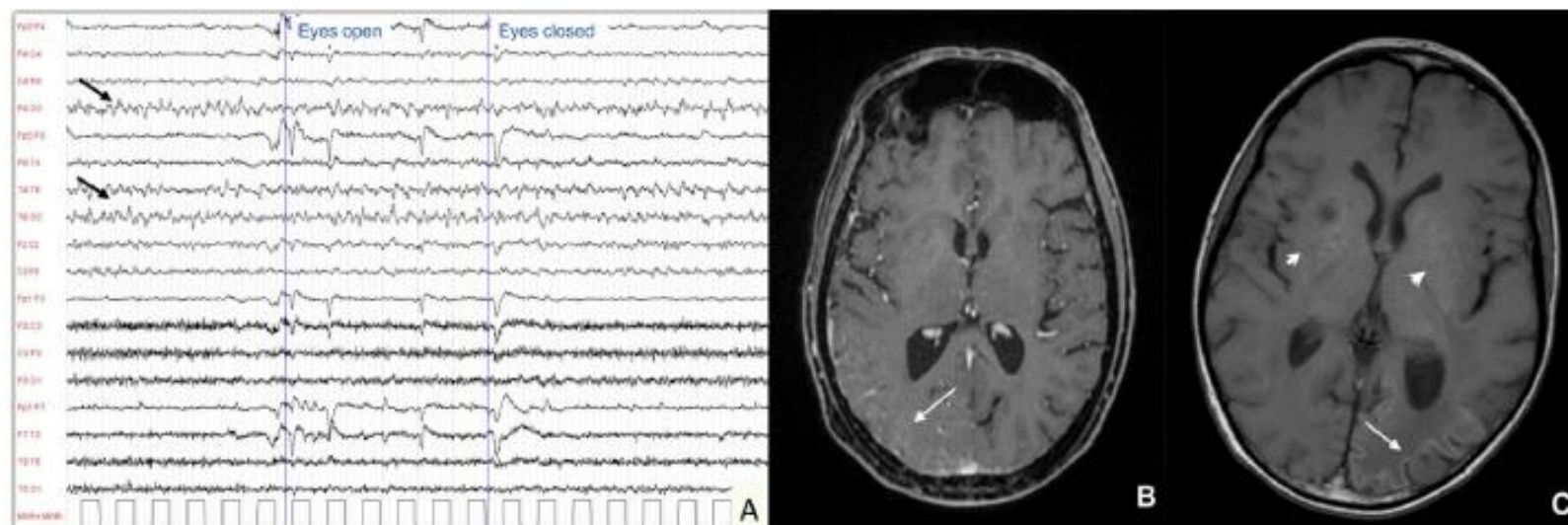
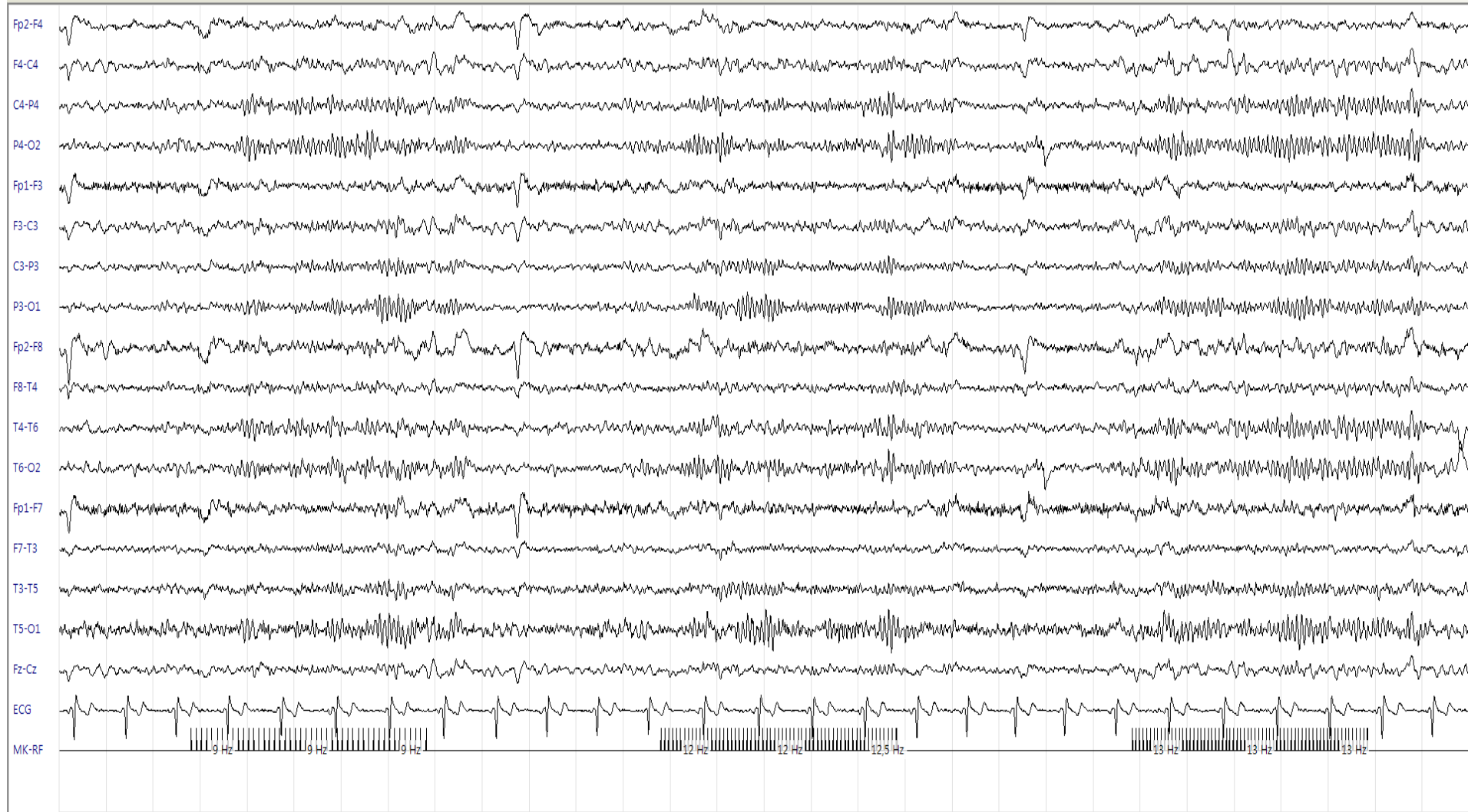


Fig. 1. a: Patient 1. Rhythmic spikes evident over the right occipital region (black arrows). b: patient 1. Axial T1-weighted image with gadolinium showing gyral enhancement over the right parieto-occipital regions (white arrow). c: Patient 2. Axial T1-weighted image. Note linear gray matter hyperintensity on the left occipital lobe (laminar necrosis: white arrow), and post-radiation leukoencephalopathy with well-evident bilateral calcifications of the basal ganglia (arrowheads).

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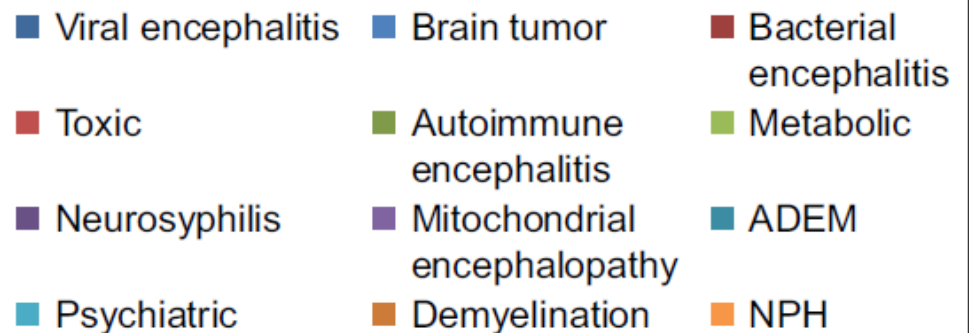
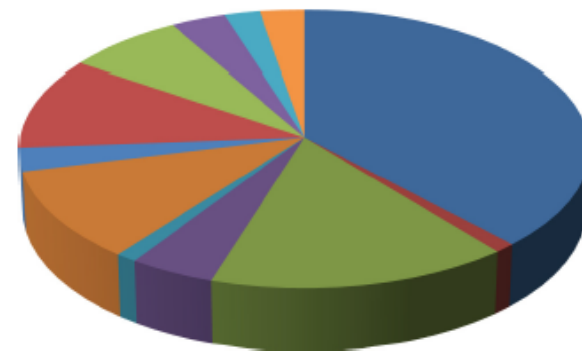
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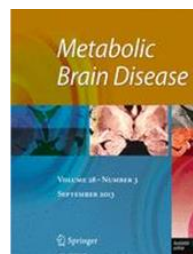
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Spectrum of noncerebrovascular rapidly progressive cognitive deterioration: a 2-year retrospective study

Secondary RPCD



Zhang et al, 2017



***De Novo* Epileptic Confusional Status in a Patient with Cobalamin Deficiency**

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A 80-year-old man with cobalamin deficiency and no history of epilepsy developed a partial complex epileptic confusional status (ECS) unresponsive to acute i.v. diazepam. Brain CT scan and MRI investigation ruled out a focal cerebral lesion. Therapy with high doses (10,000 μ g i.m. daily) of cobalamin alone was started, and the patient fully recovered in the following 72-hour. Control EEGs repeatedly performed days and weeks later showed progressive disappearance of the frontal interictal spiking, while the patient was on monotherapy with cobalamin (5,000 μ g i.m. weekly). A month later the patient unfortunately discontinued replacement therapy and 13 weeks later he developed a fatal convulsive epileptic status. To our knowledge the association of ECS and cobalamin-deficiency has not been previously reported.

Box 1. Primary and secondary causes of rapidly progressive dementia, divided by etiology.

Neurodegenerative

- Alzheimer's disease
- Corticobasal degeneration
- Dementia with Lewy bodies
- Familial spastic paraparesis
- Frontotemporal lobar degeneration
- Motor neuron disease
- Progressive supranuclear palsy
- Prion disease (i.e., Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease)
- Progressive subcortical gliosis

Autoimmune/inflammatory[†]

- Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis
- Antibody-mediated brain disease
- Anti-GAD65 autoimmunity
- Behçet's disease
- Celiac sprue
- Limbic encephalitis
- Multiple sclerosis
- Neuropsychiatric lupus
- Sarcoidosis
- Sjögren's syndrome
- Steroid-responsive encephalopathy

Vascular[†]

- CADASIL
- Cerebral amyloid angiopathy
- CNS vasculitis[†]
- MELAS
- Strategic infarction
- Subdural hematoma
- Vascular dementia

Metabolic[†]

- Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis
- Extrapontine myelinolysis
- Liver failure
- MELAS
- NBIA
- Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis
- Nutritional deficiency (i.e., vitamin B1, B3 or B12)
- Porphyrria
- Renal failure

Box 1. Primary and secondary causes of rapidly progressive dementia, divided by etiology (cont.).

Metabolic[†] (cont.)

- Thyroid/parathyroid dysfunction
- Wilson's disease

Toxic[†]

- Bismuth
- Heavy metal (lead, arsenic and mercury)
- Manganese
- Medication-induced
- PRES
- Radiation-induced leukoencephalopathy
- Neoplastic
- Brain metastases
- Lymphomatoid granulomatosis
- Paraneoplastic limbic encephalitis
- Primary CNS neoplasms

Infectious^{†,§}

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Parasites
- Viral
- Other
- Bipolar affective disorder
- Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy
- Normal pressure hydrocephalus
- Other psychiatric illnesses
- Schizophrenia

Box 5 Chameleon presentations of non-convulsive status epilepticus (NCSE presentations that might be overlooked)

Disorders of consciousness

- ▶ Alert and unresponsive
- ▶ Coma

Disturbances of speech/language

- ▶ Aphasia
- ▶ Reduced verbal fluency to mute
- ▶ Echolalia
- ▶ Stuttering

Psychiatric/behavioural disturbance

- ▶ Psychosis
- ▶ Mood disturbance
- ▶ Fear/agitation

Cognitive dysfunction

- ▶ Amnesia
- ▶ Confusion
- ▶ Alexia
- ▶ Confabulation

Movement/motor disorders

- ▶ Catatonia
- ▶ Myoclonus
- ▶ Gaze deviation
- ▶ Limb paralysis

Perceptual/sensory disturbances

- ▶ Hallucinations (olfactory, gustatory, auditory, visual)
- ▶ Blindness
- ▶ Sensory disturbance and pain (including headache)

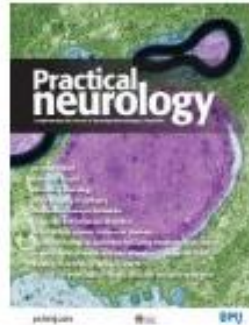
Box 7 Mimics of NCSE

Common disorders

- ▶ **Postictal state**
- ▶ **Toxic/metabolic encephalopathy**
- ▶ Non-epileptic attack disorder (psychogenic non-epileptic status)

Less common disorders

- ▶ **Autoimmune encephalitis**
- ▶ **Cerebral infarction**
- ▶ Persistent vegetative state
- ▶ **Drug withdrawal**
- ▶ Primary psychiatric presentation, for example, psychosis in schizophrenia
- ▶ Malingering
- ▶ Migraine with aura
- ▶ Transient global amnesia
- ▶ Neuroleptic malignant syndrome
- ▶ Serotonin syndrome
- ▶ **Mitochondrial disorder such as mitochondrial encephalomyopathy, lactic acidosis and stroke-like episodes**
- ▶ **Stroke-like migraine attacks after radiation therapy (SMART syndrome)**



Panel 2: Clinical settings related to Wernicke's encephalopathy

Staple diet of polished rice

Chronic alcohol abuse and malnutrition

Gastrointestinal surgical procedures

Surgical procedures: gastrectomy; gastrojejunostomy; partial or subtotal colectomy; gastric bypass surgery; vertical banded gastroplasty; therapy with an intragastric balloon
Disorders: peptic ulcer; gastric cancer; colon cancer; ulcerative colitis with megacolon; severe obesity

Recurrent vomiting or chronic diarrhoea

Pyloric stenosis; peptic ulcer; drug-induced gastritis; biliary colics; Crohn's disease; intestinal obstruction or perforation; lithium-induced diarrhoea; migraine attacks; anorexia nervosa; pancreatitis; hyperemesis gravidarum

Cancer and chemotherapeutic treatments

Cancer and related conditions: gastric carcinoma; non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; myelomonocytic leukaemia; large B-cell lymphoma; myeloid leukaemia; allogenic bone marrow transplantation
Chemotherapeutics: erbulozole; ifosfamide

Systemic diseases

Renal diseases; AIDS; chronic infectious febrile diseases; thyrotoxicosis

Magnesium depletion

Secondary to chronic diuretic therapy; intestinal tract resection; Crohn's disease

Use of chemical compounds and drugs

Intravenous infusion of high-dose nitroglycerin; tolazamide

Unbalanced nutrition

Absolute deficiency of food/thiamine: dietary restrictions owing to economic reasons or political trade embargoes; psychogenic food refusal; fasting for religious-philosophical reasons; starvation for treatment of obesity; hunger strike; neglect in old age or Alzheimer's disease

Relative deficiency of thiamine: unbalanced total parenteral nutrition; unbalanced intravenous hyperalimentation; re-feeding syndrome; use of dietary commercial formulae; slimming diets; excessive cooking of food; chronic use of food containing thiaminases or antithiamine factors; chronic use of sulphites as food additives (dogs)

Table 1. Findings on history and physical examination supportive of an etiologic diagnosis.

Finding	CJD	Neurodegenerative	Autoimmune/ inflammatory	Vascular	Metabolic	Toxic	Neoplastic/ paraneoplastic	Infectious
History								
Age (years):								
Young (<50)	vCJD		X	X	X	X		X
Old (≥50)	sCJD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Onset:								
Acute [†]	X		X	X	X	X		X
Subacute [‡]	X	X					X	
Relapsing–remitting		X (DLB)	X	X	X	X		
Symptoms of limbic encephalitis			X				X	
Systemic signs			X				X	X
Neurological examination								
Upper motor neuron signs	X		X	X	X		X	X
Parkinsonism	X	X		X	X	X		X (SSPE)
Myoclonus	X	X			X	X		X
Asterixis	X	X			X			
Peripheral neuropathy					X	X		

[†]Acute onset occurs over days to weeks.

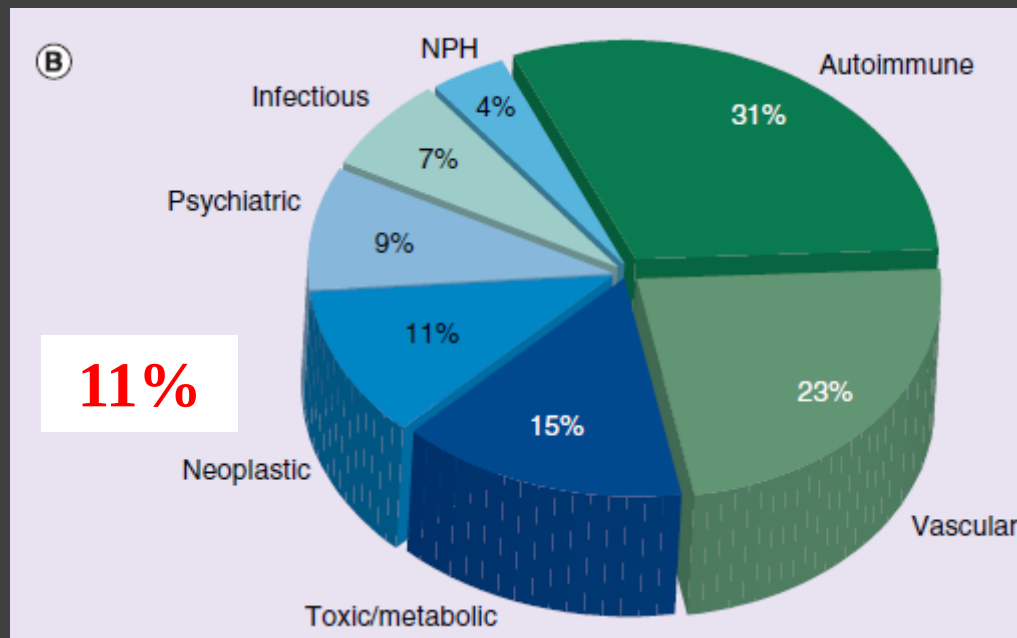
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CJD: Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease; DLB: Dementia with Lewy bodies; sCJD: Sporadic Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease; SSPE: Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis; vCJD: Variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease; X: Expected findings.

Table 4. EEG patterns of interest in rapidly progressive dementia.

EEG finding	Definition	Potential etiologies
Periodic complexes	Generalized discharges of synchronous high-voltage spikes or sharp waves	CJD [93] SSPE [94] Rarely Alzheimer’s disease [93] or DLB [95]
Extreme δ -brush	Rhythmic δ activity (1–3 Hz) with superimposed bursts of 20–30 Hz β -frequency activity riding on each δ -wave	Anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis [15,96]
Triphasic waves	Synchronous, frontally predominant, rhythmic triphasic waves, usually with background slowing	Metabolic disorders (i.e., hepatic encephalopathy) [97], nonconvulsive status epilepticus
PLEDs	High-voltage sharp potentials over one or both lobes, occurring every few seconds	Herpes simplex encephalitis (temporal PLED) [80], other focal lesions
Frontal intermittent rhythmic δ -activity	Rhythmic, discontinuous high-voltage δ -frequency (1–3 Hz) activity that predominates in frontal regions	Processes involving deep midline structures (i.e., hydrocephalus), other focal lesions [63]

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Rapidly progressive dementia: An eight year (2008–2016) retrospective study

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Table 3. Associated neurological deficits in patients with rapidly progressive dementia.

Sr.no	Category:	No of patients: n (%)
1	Vision loss	17 (9.09)
2	Other cranial nerve deficits	8 (4.2)
3	Pyramidal signs	37 (19.7)
4	Extrapyramidal signs and/or gait	54 (28.8)
5	Cerebellar signs	26 (13.9)
6	Small fiber neuropathy	8 (4.2)
7	Visual hallucinations	9 (4.8)
8	Generalized and/or focal seizures	40 (21.3)
9	Sleep disturbances	REM disorders
		9 (4.8)
10	Hyperkinetic movement disorders:	Hypersomnolence
		5 (2.6)
		Myoclonus
		32 (17.1)
		Opsoclonus
		4 (2.1)
		Choreo-athetosis
		6 (3.1)
		Dystonia
		12 (6.4)
		Dyskinesia
		6 (3.1)

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ascular (strokes, clotting of brain veins);



nfectious (HIV, encephalitis, fungal, parasites);



oxic-Metabolic (medicines, vitamin excess/deficiency, toxins);



utoimmune (Antibody-mediated, rheumatological, cancer-related);



etastases/Neoplasm (cancer);



atrogenic (brought forth by your doctor);



eurodegenerative (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Primary Progressive Aphasia, Lewy Bodies);



ystemic/Seizures/Structural.

Practical way of creating differential diagnoses through an expanded *VITAMINSABCDEK* mnemonic

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Abstract : Having an organized, structured thinking process is critical in medicine. It is through this thinking process that enables one to go through the method of history-taking, which will eventually lead to making a definitive diagnosis and all other processes that follow. The use of mnemonic has been found to be useful for this purpose. The mnemonic *VITAMINSABCDEK*, is a convenient and practical way to assist in expanding the differential diagnoses and covers all possible causes of an illness. It is also easy to remember, as the vitamins whose letters are represented in this mnemonic cover the entire range of vitamins known.

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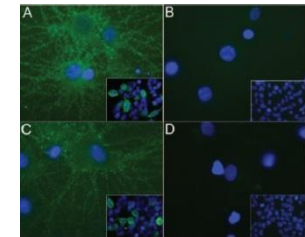
“V” stands for “vascular”, where the disease can be caused by “vessel” (bleed or blocked), or anything related to hematology. “I” is for “infective” or “post infective” causes. “T” is for “trauma” or anything caused by mechanical factors such as obstructions or pressure. “A” is for causes of “autoimmune”-related illnesses or “allergy”. “M” is for “metabolic” causes affecting lipids, proteins, carbohydrates, or micronutrients. “I” is for “idiopathic” or “iatrogenic” causes. “N” is for “neoplasia”. “S” is for diseases caused by “social” reasons, such as child abuse and social deprivation. “A” is for diseases caused by “alcohol”-related issues. “B” is for diseases caused by “behavioral” or psychosomatic disorders. “C” is for diseases caused by “congenital” problems (the entire VITAMINSABCDEK could be applied again in the congenital causes). “D” is for diseases caused by “degenerative” disor-



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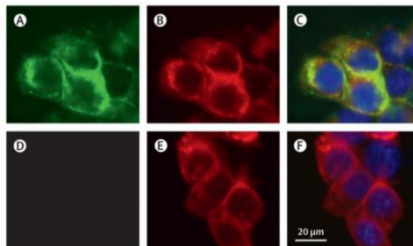
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Encephalitis is a severe inflammatory disorder of the brain with many possible causes and a complex differential diagnosis. Advances in autoimmune encephalitis research in the past 10 years have led to the identification of new syndromes and biomarkers that have transformed the diagnostic approach to these disorders. However, existing criteria for autoimmune encephalitis are too reliant on antibody testing and response to immunotherapy, which might delay the diagnosis. We reviewed the literature and gathered the experience of a team of experts with the aims of developing a practical, syndrome-based diagnostic approach to autoimmune encephalitis and providing guidelines to navigate through the differential diagnosis. Because autoantibody test results and response to therapy are not available at disease onset, we based the initial diagnostic approach on neurological assessment and conventional tests that are accessible to most clinicians. Through logical differential diagnosis, levels of evidence for autoimmune encephalitis (possible, probable, or definite) are achieved, which can lead to prompt immunotherapy.

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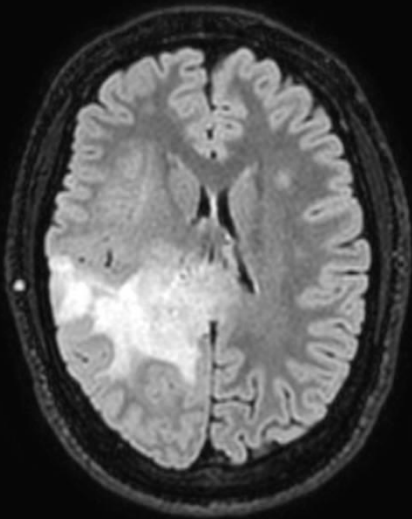
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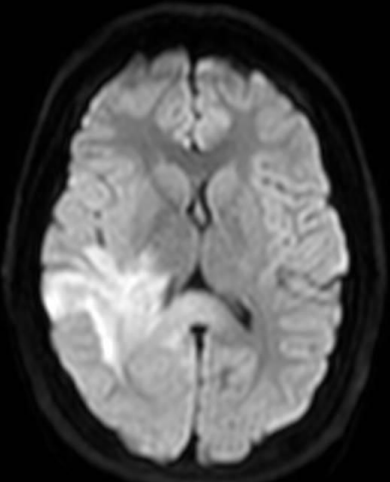


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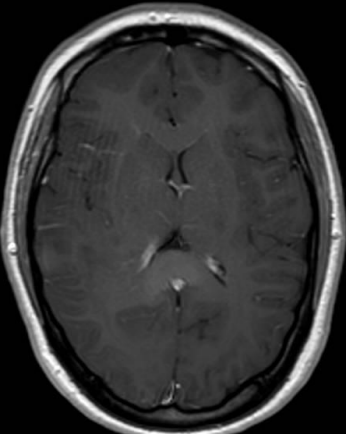


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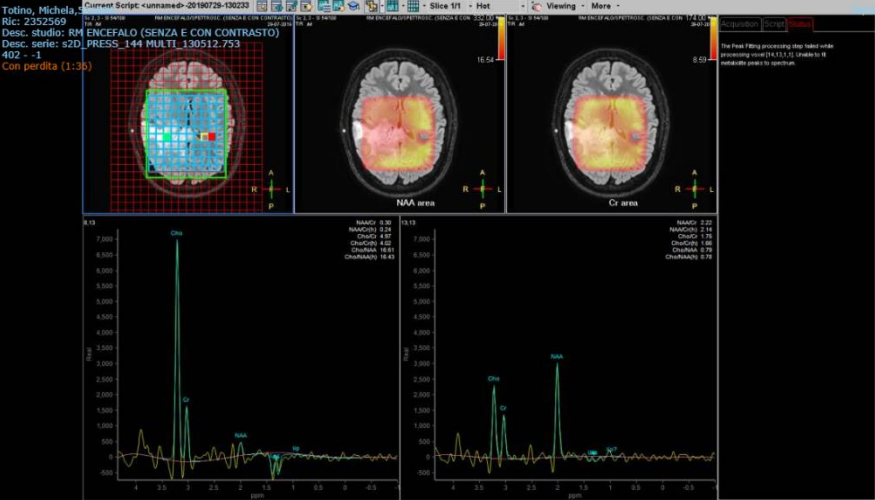
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Reversible dementia, psychotic symptoms and epilepsy in a patient with vitamin B₁₂ deficiency.

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Abstract

Vitamin B₁₂ deficiency is a common condition, typically associated with megaloblastic anaemia, glossitis and neuropsychiatric symptoms. We report the case of a patient presenting with progressive cognitive and functional deterioration, psychosis and seizures, later found to be secondary to pernicious anaemia. Importantly, the diagnosis of pernicious anaemia was only established 5 years after symptom onset and was overlooked even when the patient was under medical care, in part due to the lack of classic neurological and haematological signs associated with the condition. The patient had a remarkable neuropsychiatric recovery after vitamin replacement and psychopharmacological management. We discuss similar presentations of vitamin B₁₂ deficiency found in the literature, symptom reversibility and the importance of its early recognition and treatment.

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS – VITAMIN CDE

Organizing principle for differential diagnoses based on etiology:

- **V**ascular
- **I**nfectious / **I**nflammatory
- **T**raumatic / **T**oxic
- **A**utoimmune
- **M**etabolic
- **I**atrogenic / **I**diopathic
- **N**eoplastic
- **S**ocial
- **A**lcohol
- **B**ehavioral
- **C**ongenital
- **D**egenerative
- **E**ndocrine
- **K**aryotype

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V	Vascular	
I	Infectious	Inflammatory
T	Traumatic	
A	Autoimmune	Allergy
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Panel 1: Diagnostic criteria for possible autoimmune encephalitis

Diagnosis can be made when all three of the following criteria have been met:

- 1 Subacute onset (rapid progression of less than 3 months) of working memory deficits (short-term memory loss), altered mental status*, or psychiatric symptoms
- 2 At least one of the following:
 - New focal CNS findings
 - Seizures not explained by a previously known seizure disorder
 - CSF pleocytosis (white blood cell count of more than five cells per mm³)
 - MRI features suggestive of encephalitis†
- 3 Reasonable exclusion of alternative causes (appendix)

*Altered mental status defined as decreased or altered level of consciousness, lethargy, or personality change. †Brain MRI hyperintense signal on T2-weighted fluid-attenuated inversion recovery sequences highly restricted to one or both medial temporal lobes (limbic encephalitis), or in multifocal areas involving grey matter, white matter, or both compatible with demyelination or inflammation.

Panel 2: Diagnostic criteria for definite autoimmune limbic encephalitis

Diagnosis can be made when all four* of the following criteria have been met:

- 1 Subacute onset (rapid progression of less than 3 months) of working memory deficits, seizures, or psychiatric symptoms suggesting involvement of the limbic system
- 2 Bilateral brain abnormalities on T2-weighted fluid-attenuated inversion recovery MRI highly restricted to the medial temporal lobes†
- 3 At least one of the following:
 - CSF pleocytosis (white blood cell count of more than five cells per mm³)
 - EEG with epileptic or slow-wave activity involving the temporal lobes
- 4 Reasonable exclusion of alternative causes (appendix)

*If one of the first three criteria is not met, a diagnosis of definite limbic encephalitis can be made only with the detection of antibodies against cell-surface, synaptic, or onconeural proteins. †¹⁸F-fluorodeoxyglucose (¹⁸F-FDG) PET can be used to fulfil this criterion. Results from studies from the past 5 years suggest that ¹⁸F-FDG-PET imaging might be more sensitive than MRI to show an increase in FDG uptake in normal-appearing medial temporal lobes.⁴⁶

Wernicke–Korsakoff Syndrome in End-Stage Renal Disease: A Case Report

The patient was started on therapy with intravenous (IV) high-dose thiamine immediately: 500 mg thrice a day for 5 days, continuing with 250 mg thrice a day for seven days and modulating the dose based on response. Considering the higher loss of water-soluble vitamins in peritoneal dialysis patients, we decided to position a temporary central venous catheter in the right jugular vein and start HD treatment in order to reach a better metabolic balance.

There was a noticeable recovery in the patient in the next 24 h, with improvement of the state of consciousness; the agitation was attenuated and the speech became more articulated. However, only during the following week did complete recovery occur, with continued dose of thiamine at 100 mg thrice a day.





Original article

Hashimoto encephalopathy in pediatric patients: Homogeneity in clinical presentation and heterogeneity in antibody titers

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Abstract

Objective: Hashimoto encephalopathy is an autoimmune encephalopathy characterized by elevated antithyroid antibodies and a favorable response to corticosteroid. This study delineated the clinical characteristics of pediatric Hashimoto encephalopathy and the significance of low antithyroid antibody titers in diagnosis and treatment.

Subjects and methods: Clinical manifestations, antibody titers, and treatment responses were retrospectively reviewed in six consecutive children diagnosed with Hashimoto encephalopathy between August 2008 and July 2016.

Results: Age at diagnosis was 10–17 years. Presenting symptoms were seizures, altered consciousness, behavioral changes, psychosis, tremor, and dystonia. Thyroid function was normal in five patients, and one had hypothyroidism prior to the encephalopathy. Antithyroid antibody titer was increased at presentation in five patients and one week later in the other. Antibody levels were extremely varied (anti-thyroglobulin, 20.5–2318.0 U/ml; anti-thyroid peroxidase, 12.5–2231.0 U/ml; reference range, <60 U/ml) and <180 U/ml in two patients. Electroencephalogram was abnormal in five patients. Brain magnetic resonance imaging was unremarkable. Four patients responded to high-dose corticosteroid and one improved with additional intravenous immunoglobulin. The remaining patient did not respond to both treatments and normalized after plasmapheresis. Autoantibody titers decreased with treatment response in the acute stage. Two patients with low antibody titers showed similar clinical presentations and responses.

Conclusions: The clinical presentations and treatment responses in Hashimoto encephalopathy were similar, irrespective of antithyroid antibody titer. Because the initial antithyroid antibody titers can be normal or mildly-elevated, follow-up testing of antithyroid antibodies is required in patients who are clinically suspect for Hashimoto encephalopathy.

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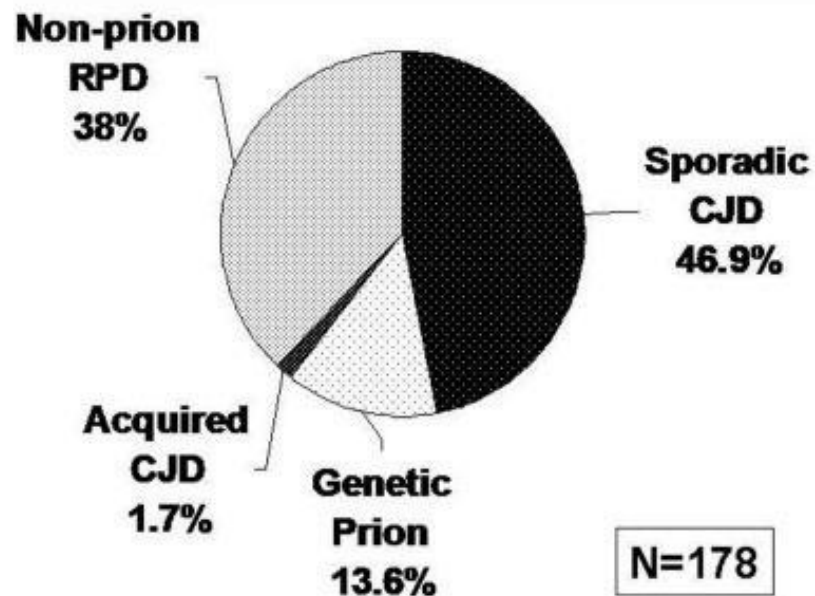
Clinical characteristics and laboratory findings.

Total patients	n = 6
Female: male	5:1
Age at diagnosis, years (range)	14.1 ± 3.2 (10–17.6)
Duration of admission, days (range)	38.0 ± 31.6 (9–86)
Response to treatment, days (range)	6.3 ± 4.5 (1–14)
Relapse, n (%)	1 (16.7)
<i>Neurologic symptoms, n (%)</i>	
Seizures	4 (66.7)
Alteration of consciousness	6 (100)
Behavioral changes	5 (83.3)
Psychosis	4 (66.7)
Abnormal movements	2 (33.3)
Transient amnesia	1 (16.7)
<i>Thyroid function, n (%)</i>	
Euthyroid, subclinical hypothyroid	5 (83.3)
Hypothyroid	1 (16.7)
<i>Elevated antithyroid antibodies initially, n (%)</i>	
Anti-thyroglobulin antibody	5 (83.3)
Anti-thyroid peroxidase antibody	2 (33.3)
Anti-TSH receptor antibody	1 (16.7)
<i>Treatment to encephalopathy, n (%)</i>	
Corticosteroid	6 (100)
Immunoglobulin	3 (50)
Plasmapheresis	1 (16.7)

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Table 2. Initial Clinical Diagnoses in 20 Patients With Steroid-Responsive Encephalopathy Associated With Autoimmune Thyroiditis

Initial Clinical Diagnosis	No. (%) of Patients
Viral encephalitis	5 (25)
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	3 (15)
Stroke or transient ischemic attack	3 (15)
Alzheimer disease	3 (15)
Migraine	2 (10)
Lewy body dementia	1 (5)
Psychosis	1 (5)
Metabolic encephalopathy	1 (5)
Delirium	1 (5)

Table 3. Serologic and Other Laboratory Abnormalities in 20 Patients With Steroid-Responsive Encephalopathy Associated With Autoimmune Thyroiditis

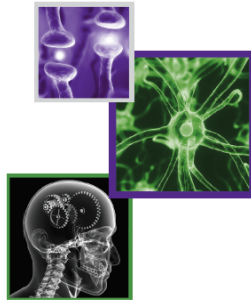
Serologic or Laboratory Test	No. of Patients*
Thyroperoxidase antibody positive	13/13
Thyroid microsomal antibody positive	7/7
Thyroglobulin antibody positive	6/10
Antinuclear antibody positive	6/20
Extractable nuclear antigen antibody positive	1/20
Rheumatoid factor positive	1/17
Gliadin antibody positive	1/11
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate elevated	5/19
C-reactive protein level elevated	3/9
Liver aminotransferase levels (AST/ALT) elevated	11/20

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When dementia progresses quickly: a practical approach to the diagnosis and management of rapidly progressive dementia

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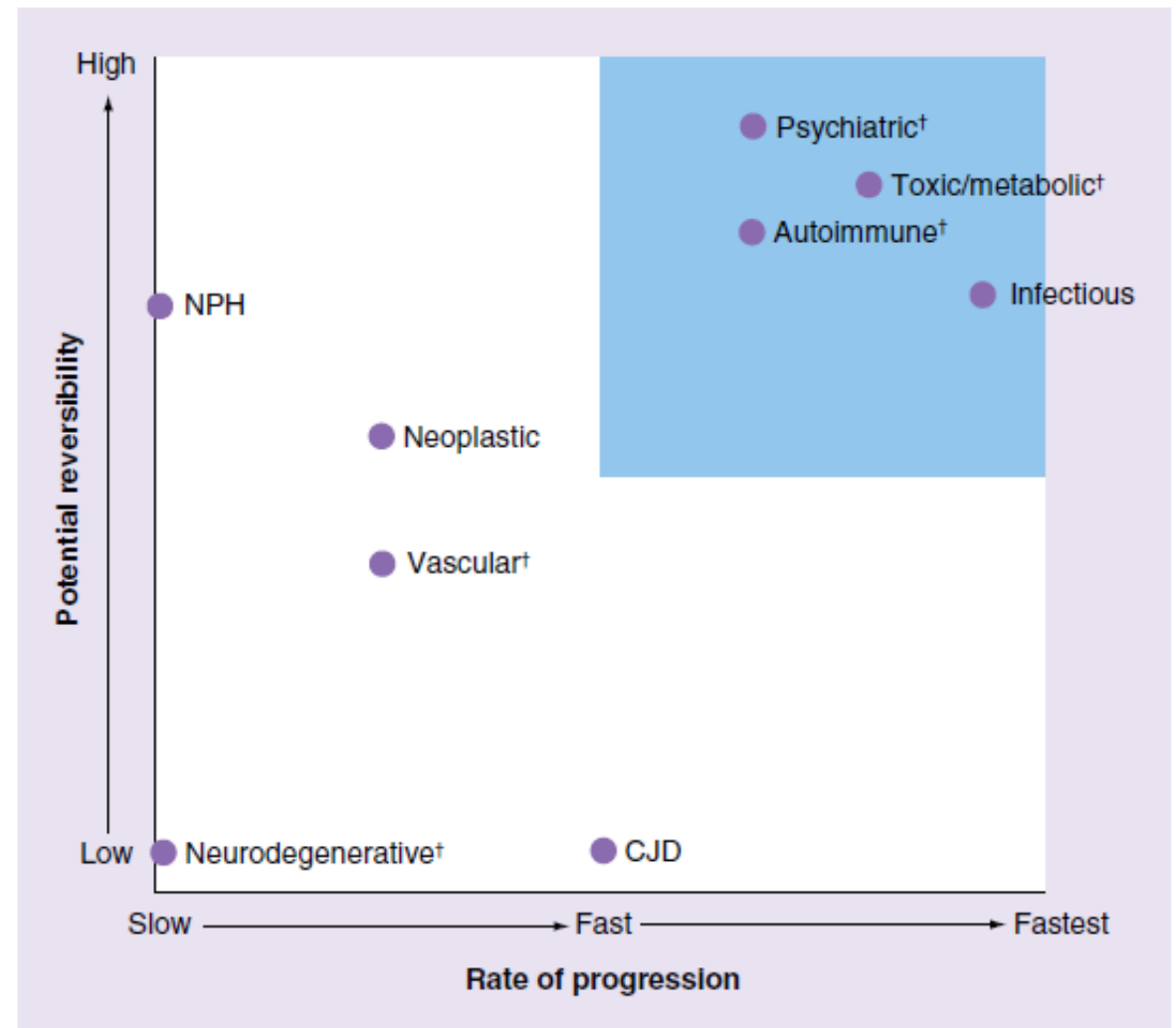


Figure 2. Causes of rapidly progressive dementia stratified by rate of progression and potential reversibility. Disease etiologies in the top right quadrant (shaded) are typically associated with the most rapidly progressive presentations and the greatest potential for response to treatment with appropriate treatments.

Diagnostic guidelines for CNS Whipple's disease*

Definite CNS WD

Must have 1 of the following 3 criteria:

- Oculomasticatory myorhythmia (OMM) or oculofacial skeletal myorhythmia (OFSM)
- Positive tissue biopsy
- Positive PCR analysis

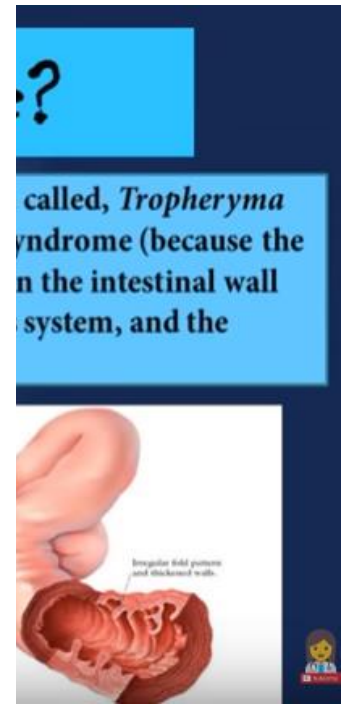
Possible CNS WD

Must have 1 of 4 systemic symptoms, including:

- Fever of unknown origin
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (steatorrhea, chronic diarrhea, abdominal distention, pain)
- Chronic migratory arthralgias or polyarthralgias
- Unexplained lymphadenopathy, night sweats, or malaise

Must also have 1 of 4 unexplained neurological signs, including:

- Supranuclear vertical gaze palsy
- Rhythmic myoclonus
- Dementia with psychiatric symptoms
- Hypothalamic manifestations



A 63-Year-Old Man With Rapidly Progressive Dementia

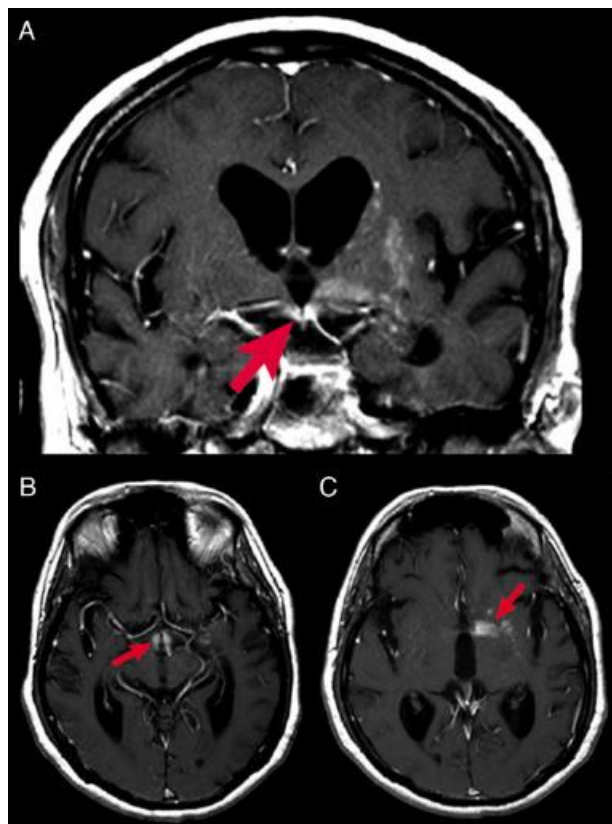


Figure 1. A, T1-weighted, coronal magnetic resonance imaging reveals contrast-enhancing lesions bilaterally in the ventral hypothalamus (red arrow). Additional contrast-enhancing lesions extend from the left hypothalamus into the basal forebrain, striatum, and temporal lobe. B, Axial views of this contrast-enhancing lesion in the bilateral hypothalamus (red arrow) extending superior-laterally (C) into the left basal forebrain and striatum (red arrow).

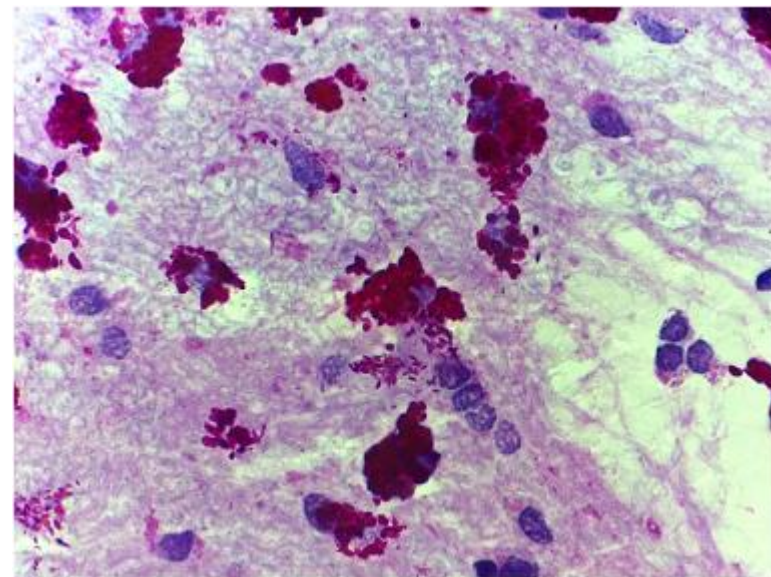


Figure 2. Histological examination of brain biopsy specimen (periodic acid-Schiff stain).

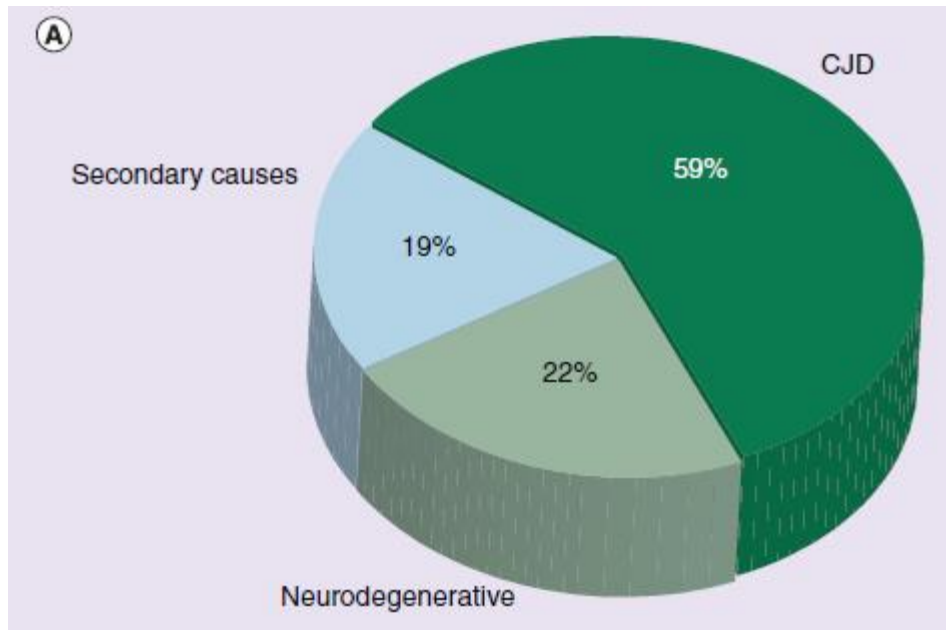
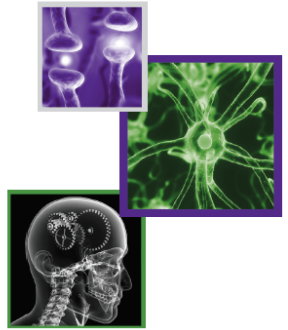
A 63-year-old man presented with 7 months of progressive cognitive decline, personality change, gait instability, and abdominal pain. Recently unemployed, he started to exhibit odd behaviors and became dependent on a wheelchair and personal care assistant. His history included diabetes, alcoholism, and tobacco use. He was originally from the Dominican Republic. There was no family history of dementia or movement disorders. On initial examination, he demonstrated abulia, with minimal speech and movement, and was unable to count backwards

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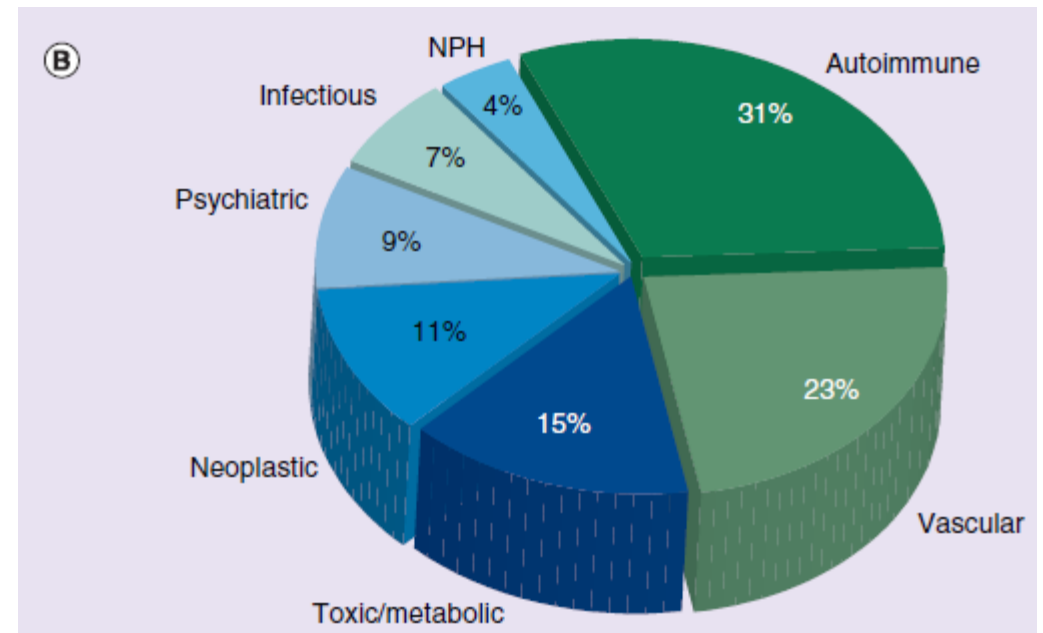
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Learning from history: Lord Brain and Hashimoto's encephalopathy

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Key points

- ▶ Thyroid dysfunction, both hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism, can cause neurological disorders.
- ▶ Hashimoto's encephalopathy is a poorly defined entity, first described in 1966 by Lord Brain of Eynsham.
- ▶ Hashimoto's encephalopathy is a diagnosis of exclusion, requiring exclusion of infections, toxins, metabolic, neoplastic and other neuronal antibody syndromes.
- ▶ Giving a corticosteroid trial in unexplained encephalopathy is reasonable while awaiting antibody results or more definitive testing.



Lord Brain¹

Box 1 Diagnostic criteria for Hashimoto's encephalopathy: diagnosis made when all six criteria present: (modified from Graus *et al*¹⁸)

1. Encephalopathy with seizures, myoclonus, hallucinations or stroke-like episodes.
2. Thyroid disease (subclinical or mild overt).
3. MR scan of brain—normal or with nonspecific abnormalities.
4. Serum thyroid antibodies present (no specific disease—cut-off value).
5. Absence of other neuronal antibodies in serum or CSF.
6. Exclusion of alternative causes.

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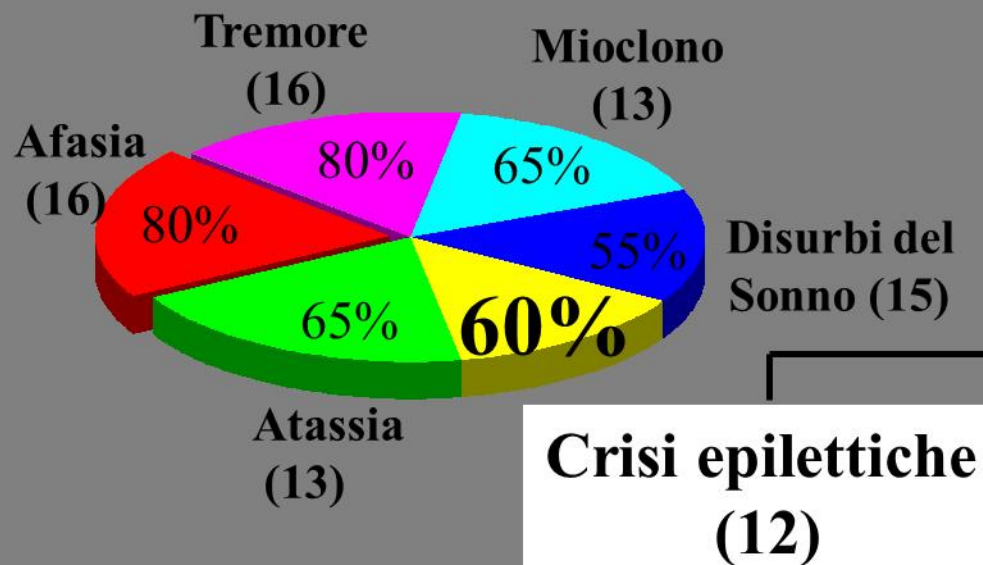


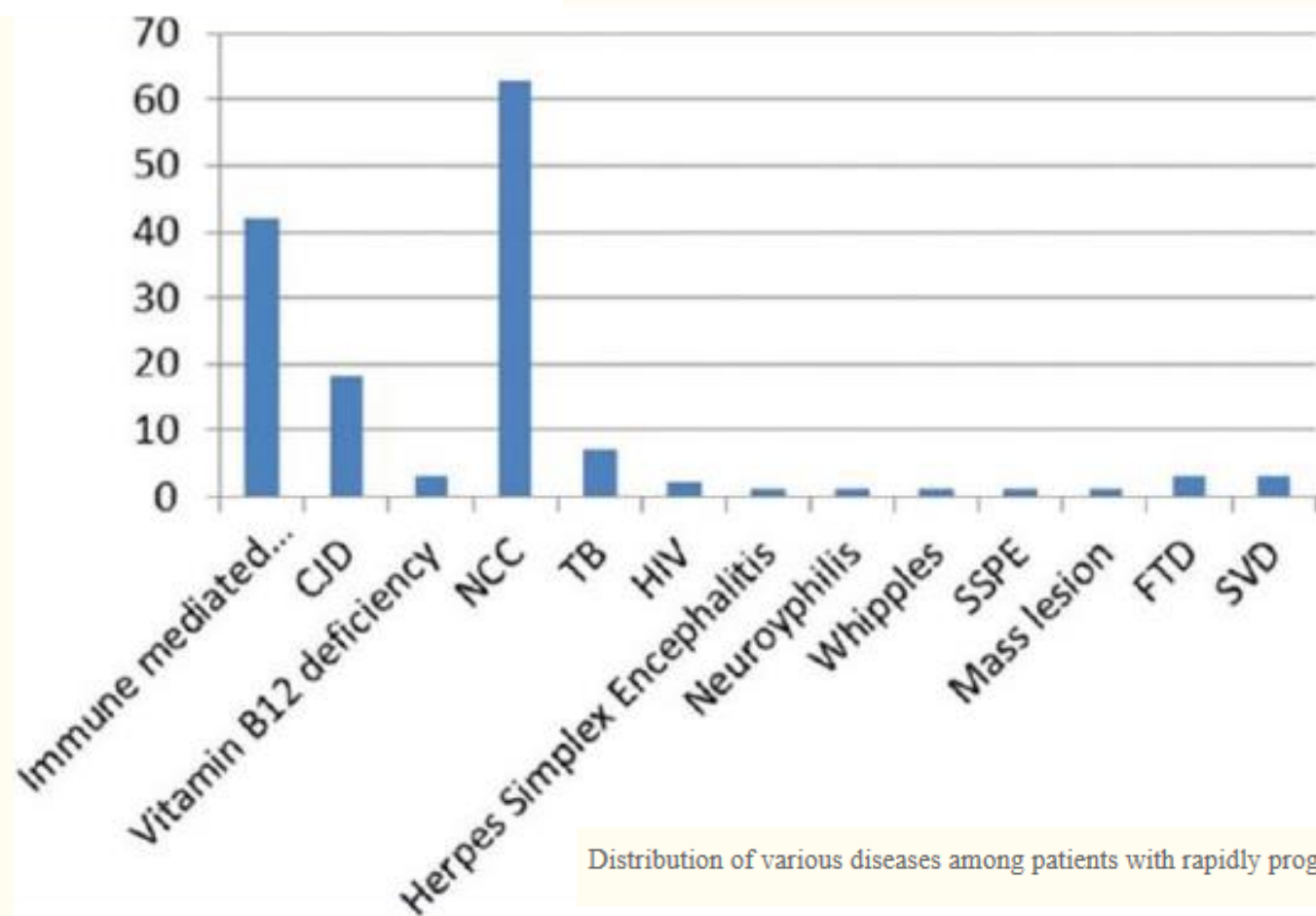
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Abnormal Clinical Finding	No. (%) of Patients
Cognitive impairment and behavioral changes	20 (100)
Fluctuating symptoms	19 (95)
Transient aphasia	16 (80)
Tremor	16 (80)
Myoclonus	13 (65)
Ataxia or gait disorder	13 (65)
Seizures	12 (60)
Generalized	10 (50)
Partial	7 (35)
Both	5 (25)
Sleep disturbance	11 (55)
Hypersomnolence	8 (40)
Insomnia	3 (15)
Headache	10 (50)
Lateralized motor or sensory deficits	5 (25)
Psychosis or paranoia	5 (25)

Syndromes of Rapidly Progressive Cognitive Decline-Our Experience

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A B S T R A C T

Primary CNS lymphoma (PCNSL) is a rare form of extranodal non-Hodgkin lymphoma that is typically confined to the brain, eyes, and cerebrospinal fluid without evidence of systemic spread. The prognosis of patients with PCNSL has improved during the last decades with the introduction of high-dose methotrexate. However, despite recent progress, results after treatment are durable in half of patients, and therapy can be associated with late neurotoxicity. PCNSL is an uncommon tumor, and only four randomized trials and one phase III trial have been completed so far, all in the first-line setting. To our knowledge, no randomized trial has been conducted for recurrent/refractory disease, leaving many questions unanswered about optimal first-line and salvage treatments. This review will give an overview of the presentation, evaluation, and treatment of immunocompetent patients with PCNSL.

Primary CNS Lymphoma

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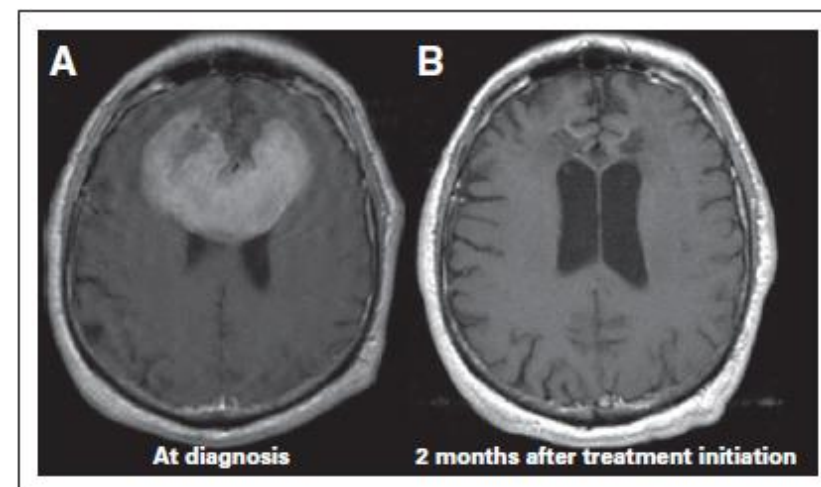
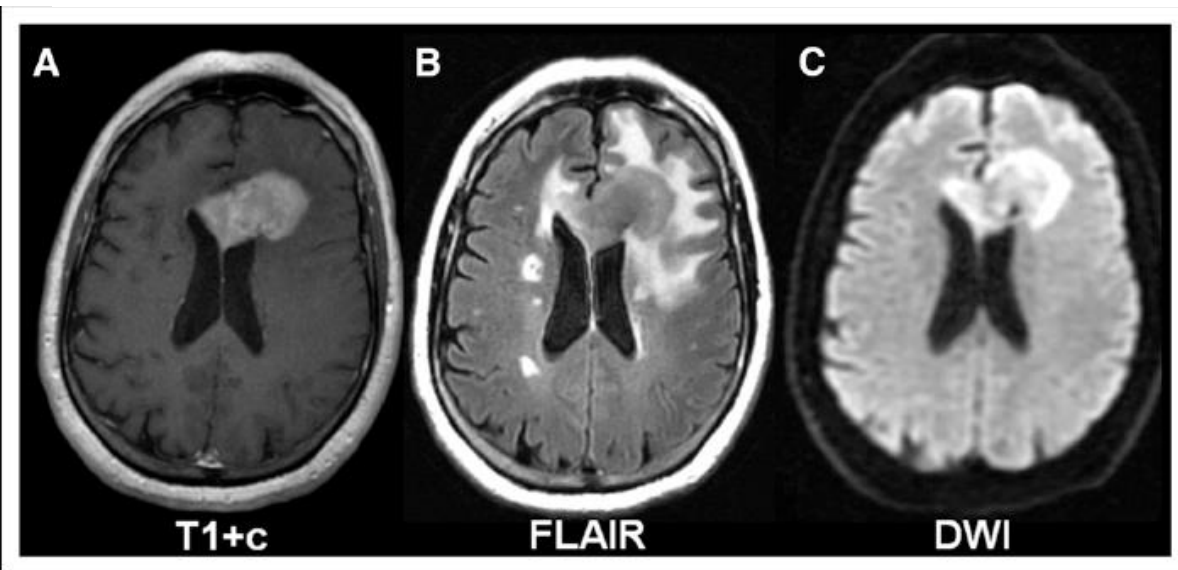
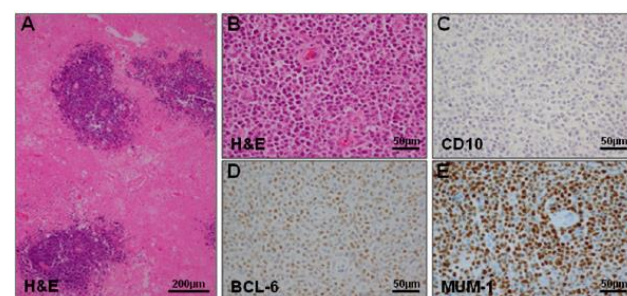
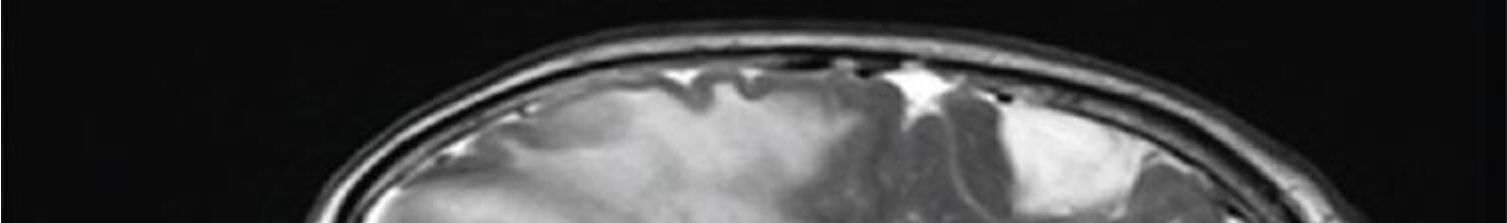


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Diagnosis of Status Epilepticus

- Convulsive SE
 - Easy to diagnose clinically
 - Obvious motor signs
 - NCSE
 - Difficult to diagnose clinically
 - No obvious motor manifestations
 - Altered consciousness
 - EEG-confirmed (electroclinical) diagnosis
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Sagittal brain section showing a large frontal mixed density lesion with frontoparietal region

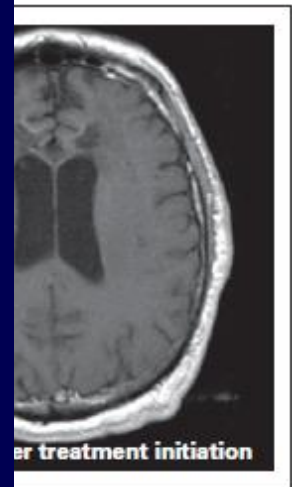
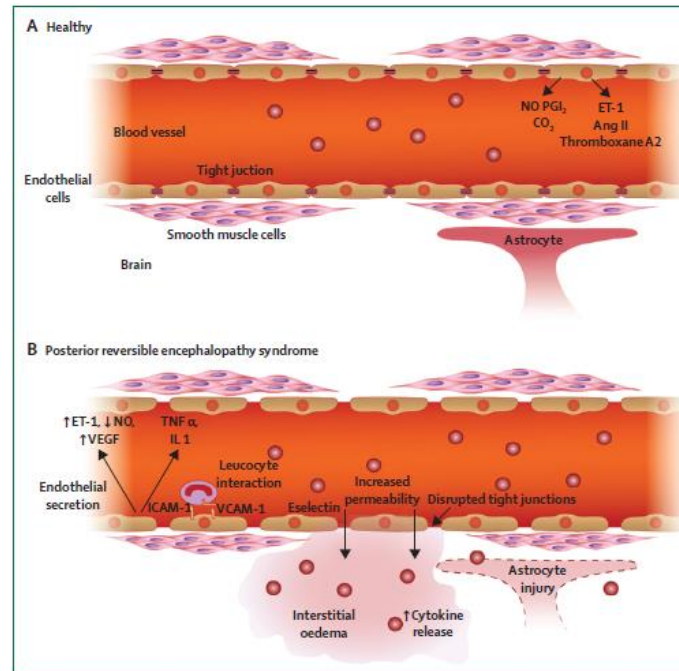
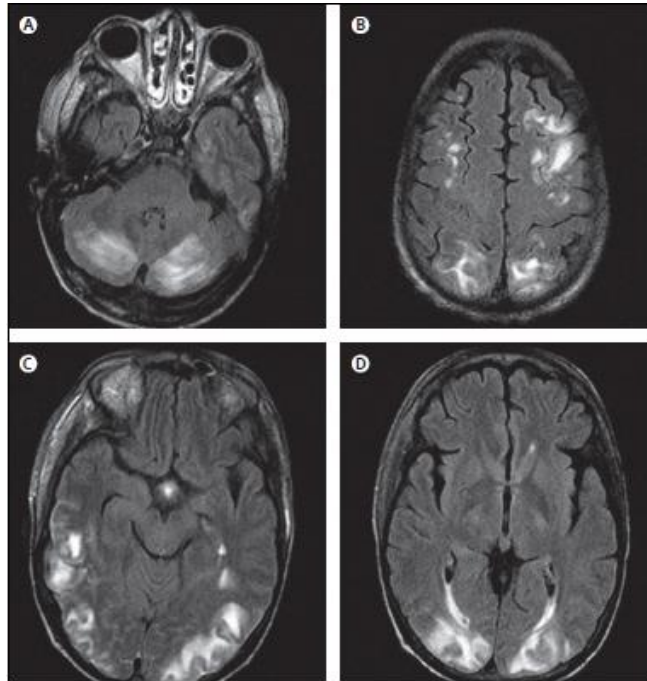


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Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome: clinical and radiological manifestations, pathophysiology, and outstanding questions

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Panel 2: Differential diagnoses of posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES)

Infectious encephalitis

- CSF pleocytosis
- Positive CSF Gram stain or culture
- Positive CSF microbial serology or PCR
- Fever
- Peripheral leucocytosis
- Can be unilateral in brain imaging

Autoimmune or paraneoplastic encephalitis

- History of malignancy or tumour
- Antigen-specific antibody in serum or CSF
- Can be unilateral in brain imaging

Malignancy or tumour (lymphoma, gliomatosis cerebri, metastatic disease)

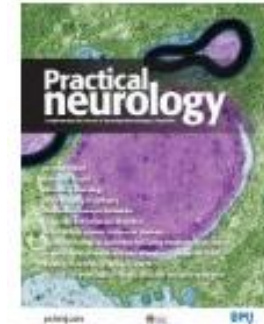
- Subacute-to-chronic clinical presentation
- History of malignant tumour
- History of unintentional weight loss
- Abnormal CSF cytology
- Absence of clinical and radiological resolution
- Can be unilateral in brain imaging

Subcortical leucoaraiosis

- No acute clinical presentation
- Radiographical signal abnormality is particularly confluent and periventricular

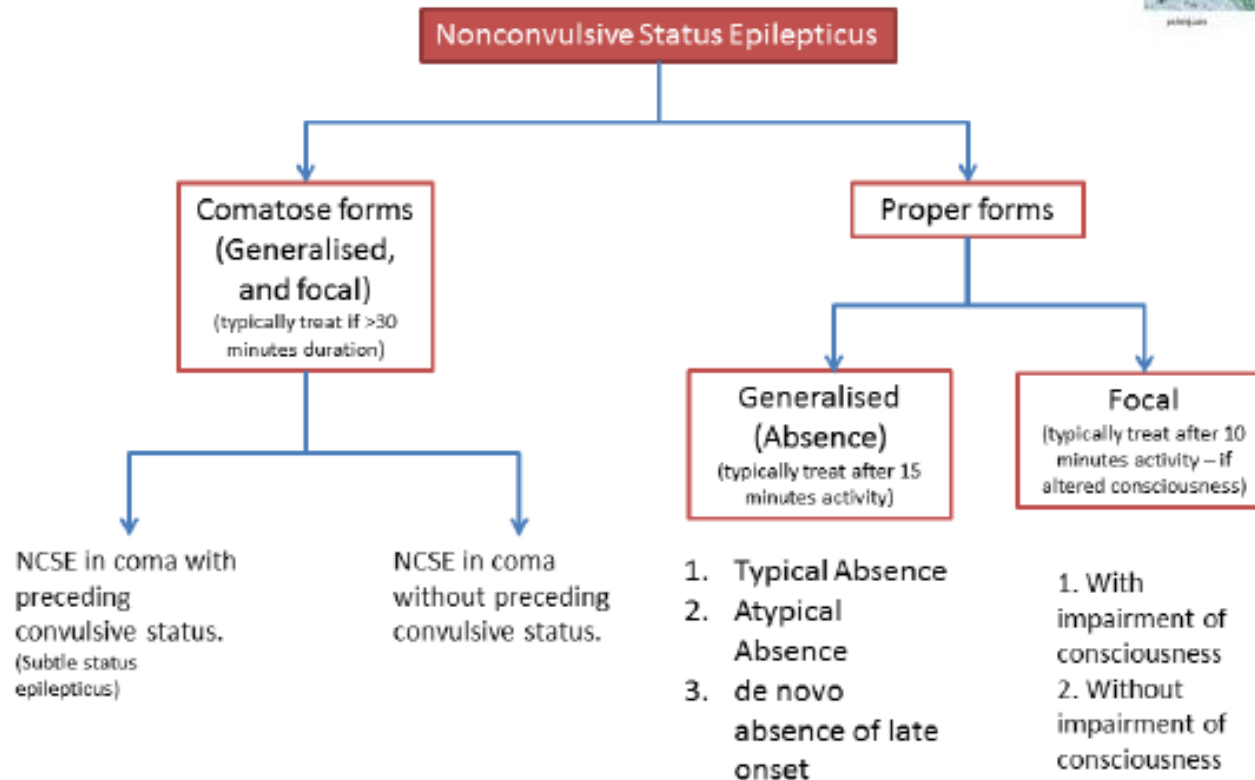
CNS vasculitis

- Often subacute clinical presentation
- CSF pleocytosis
- Cytotoxic oedema in non-PRES-like pattern



Non-convulsive status epilepticus: mimics and chameleons

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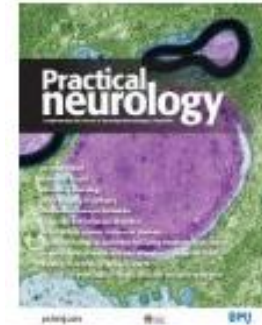


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Time points taken from ILAE Task Force on Status Epilepticus-A definition and classification of status epilepticus

Figure 1 Classification of non-convulsive status epilepticus (NCSE); Based on the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) Task Force classification¹.

Box 3 Working diagnostic criteria for EEG diagnosis of NCSE¹⁸



Patients without epileptic encephalopathy (either criteria 1 or 2)

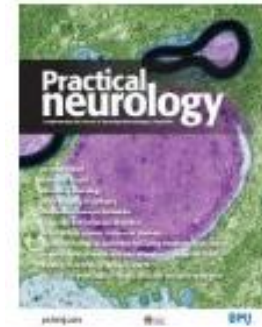
1. Repetitive epileptiform discharges at >2.5 Hz (focal or generalised spikes, polyspike, sharp waves, spike-and-wave or sharp-and-slow wave complexes).
2. Epileptiform discharges ≤ 2.5 Hz or rhythmic delta/theta activity (>0.5 Hz) including one of the additional criteria: 2a, 2b or 2c.
 - a. Clinical improvement after intravenous benzodiazepines, with improved EEG reactivity, and appearance of EEG background. If the EEG improves without clinical improvement, then this is considered possible NCSE.
 - b. Focal ictal symptoms during the observed EEG pattern (eg, facial twitching, nystagmus, myoclonus).
 - c. Spatiotemporal evolution: incrementing onset (increase in voltage, with increase or decrease in frequency), pattern evolution (increase or decrease in frequency >1 Hz or location), decrementing termination (voltage or frequency) or post-periodic epileptiform discharges with background slowing or attenuation.

Patients with epileptic encephalopathy

1. Frequent or continuous generalised spike–wave discharges that increase in profusion or frequency when compared with baseline EEG with observed change in clinical state.
2. Improved clinical or EEG features with intravenous benzodiazepines. If the EEG improves without clinical improvement, this is again best considered as possible NCSE.

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Box 4 Trial of benzodiazepine or other antiepileptic medications



- ▶ Use an intravenous benzodiazepine trial under appropriate ventilator precautions, when the diagnosis
- ▶ If the EEG improves without clinical change, this may reflect possible NCSE, but note that benzodiazepines can suppress many interictal EEG patterns.
- ▶ If benzodiazepines are contraindicated (hypotension or concern about reducing consciousness), consider an alternative non-sedating antiepileptic drug (levetiracetam, lacosamide, valproate, phenytoin).
- ▶ The effects from an intravenous drug can be delayed.

lorazepam, or until there is a secure diagnosis of NCSE with clinical and EEG improvement.

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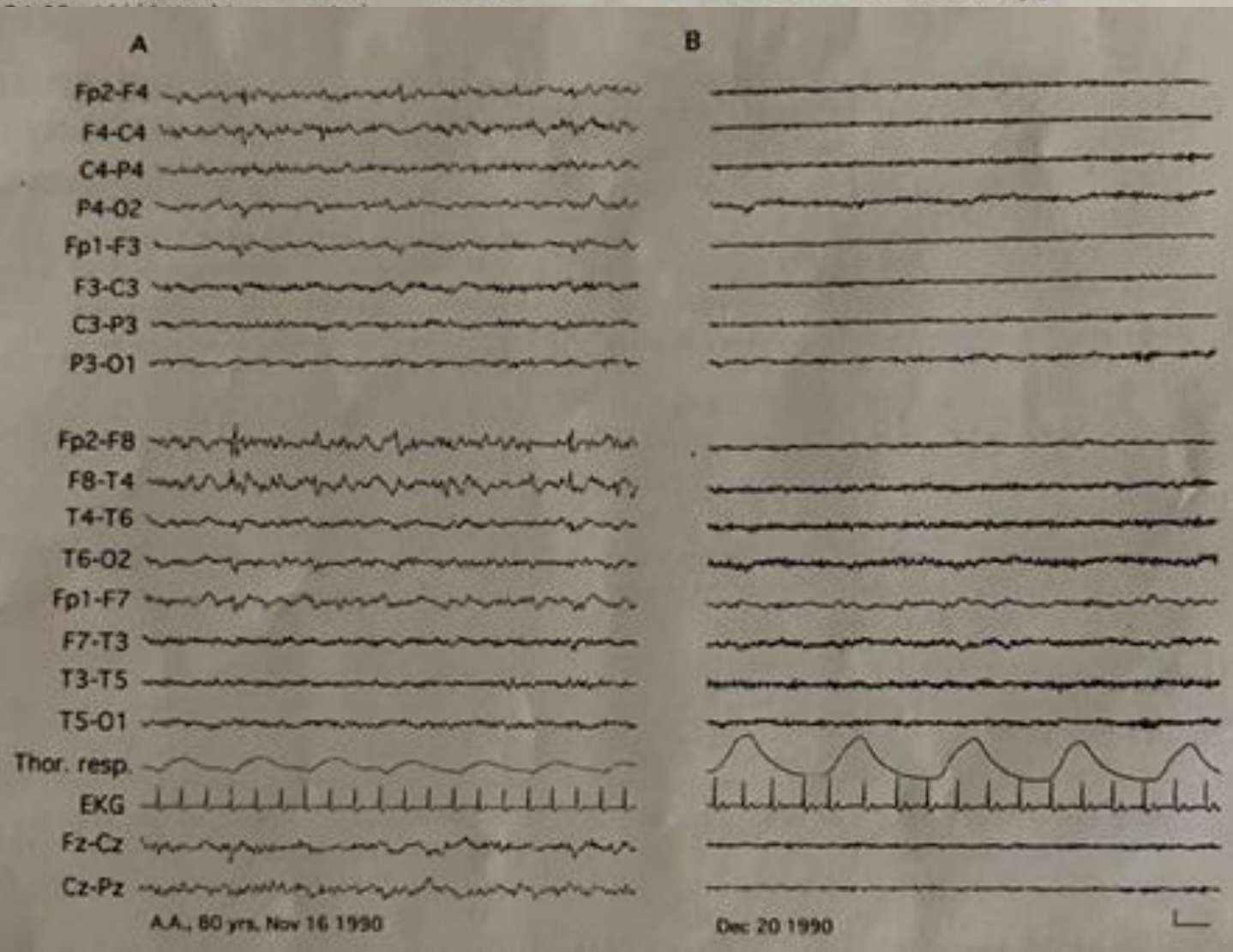
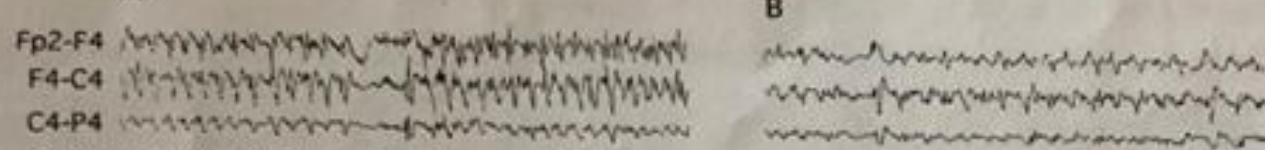


Figure 1: EEG rhythmic (2-2.5 Hz) activity in a lactating dog.

Figure 2: EEG background activity and sporadic ictal spike-waves over the right frontal region at F8 and F4 phase reversal. B) 25 days after beginning replacement therapy. Normal posterior background and lack of any abnormal activity over the right frontal region. Calibration: 1 sec, 50 μ V.

Wernicke's encephalopathy: new clinical settings and recent advances in diagnosis and management

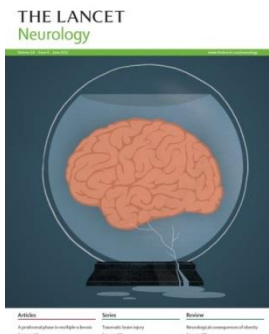
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Panel 1: Clinical features of Wernicke's encephalopathy

Common symptoms or signs at presentation

Ocular abnormalities

Mental status changes

Incoordination of gait and trunk ataxia

Uncommon symptoms or signs at presentation

Stupor

Hypotension and tachycardia

Hypothermia

Bilateral visual disturbances and papilloedema

Epileptic seizures

Hearing loss

Hallucinations and behavioural disturbances

Late-stage symptoms

Hyperthermia

Increased muscular tone and spastic paresis

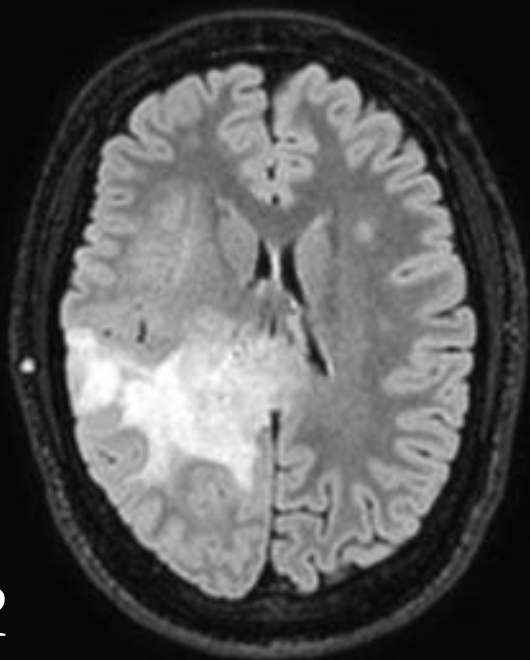
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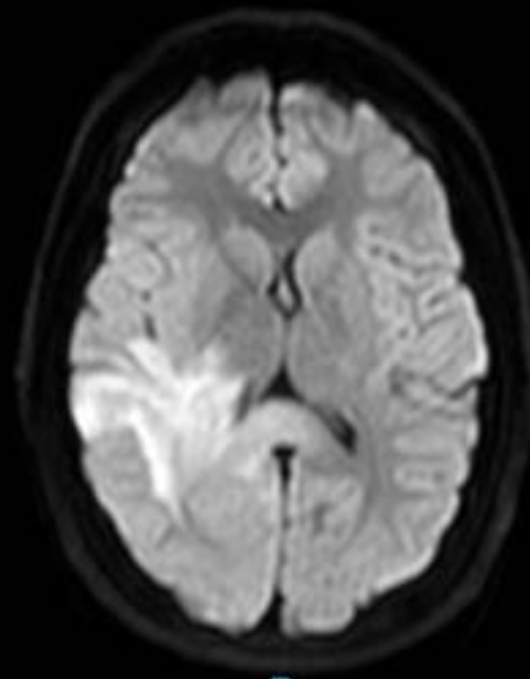
Etiology of RPDs

Disease	Onset	Demographics ^b	Clinical features	MRI	CSF	Other tests	Treatment
Toxic-metabolic							
Wernicke syndrome	A	Risk factors: alcoholism, malnutrition	Cognitive impairment, eye movement abnormalities, ataxia	T2 hyper in medial thalamus and mammillary bodies ^{a7}	Nondiagnostic	—	Thiamine
Extrapontine myelinolysis	A	Rapid correction of electrolyte disturbance (e.g., hyponatremia)	May take few days to develop symptoms; encephalopathy, movement disorders, para/quadriparesis	Hyper T2 lesions (CE) in pons, cerebellum, basal ganglia, thalamus; may take days to appear ^{a8}	Nondiagnostic	—	Symptomatic
Vitamin B12 deficiency	S	Older adults, pernicious anemia, veganism, fad diets	Cognitive impairment (infrequent, but treatable), sensory ataxia, paresthesias	Nondiagnostic	Nondiagnostic	↓ Vitamin B12, ↑ MMA, ↑ homocysteine	Vitamin B12
Acquired hepatocerebral degeneration	S	Cirrhosis (portosystemic shunting)	Apathy, inattention, parkinsonism, cranial dyskinesia	Pallidal T1 hyper, T2 normal ^{a9}	Nondiagnostic	—	Treatment of liver disease, but might be irreversible; liver transplant
Acute intermittent porphyria^{a10, a11}	A/S	20s-30s; F > M	Abdominal pain, autonomic dysfunction, behavioral changes, altered consciousness	Normal	Nondiagnostic	Elevated PBG/ALA in urine	Carbohydrates, intravenous haem arginate; avoid certain medications and metabolic disturbances

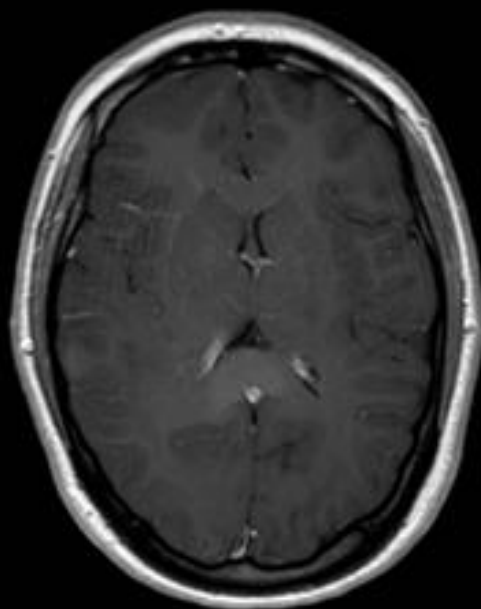
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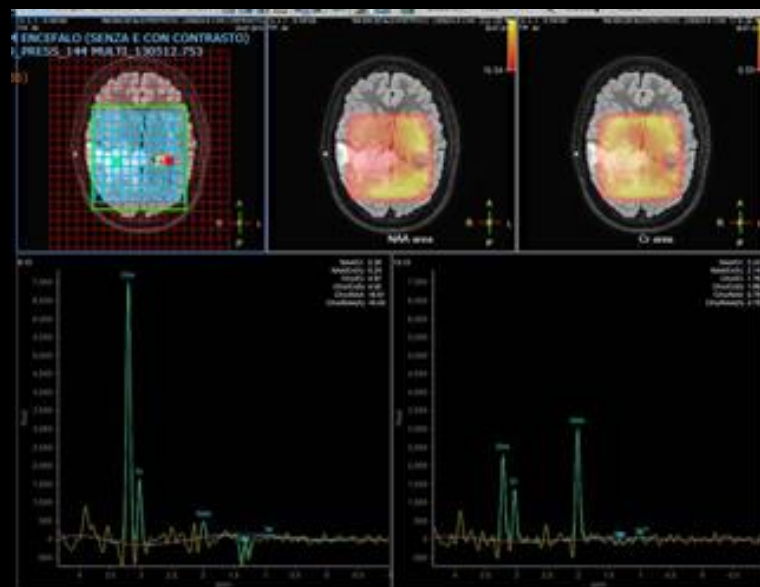
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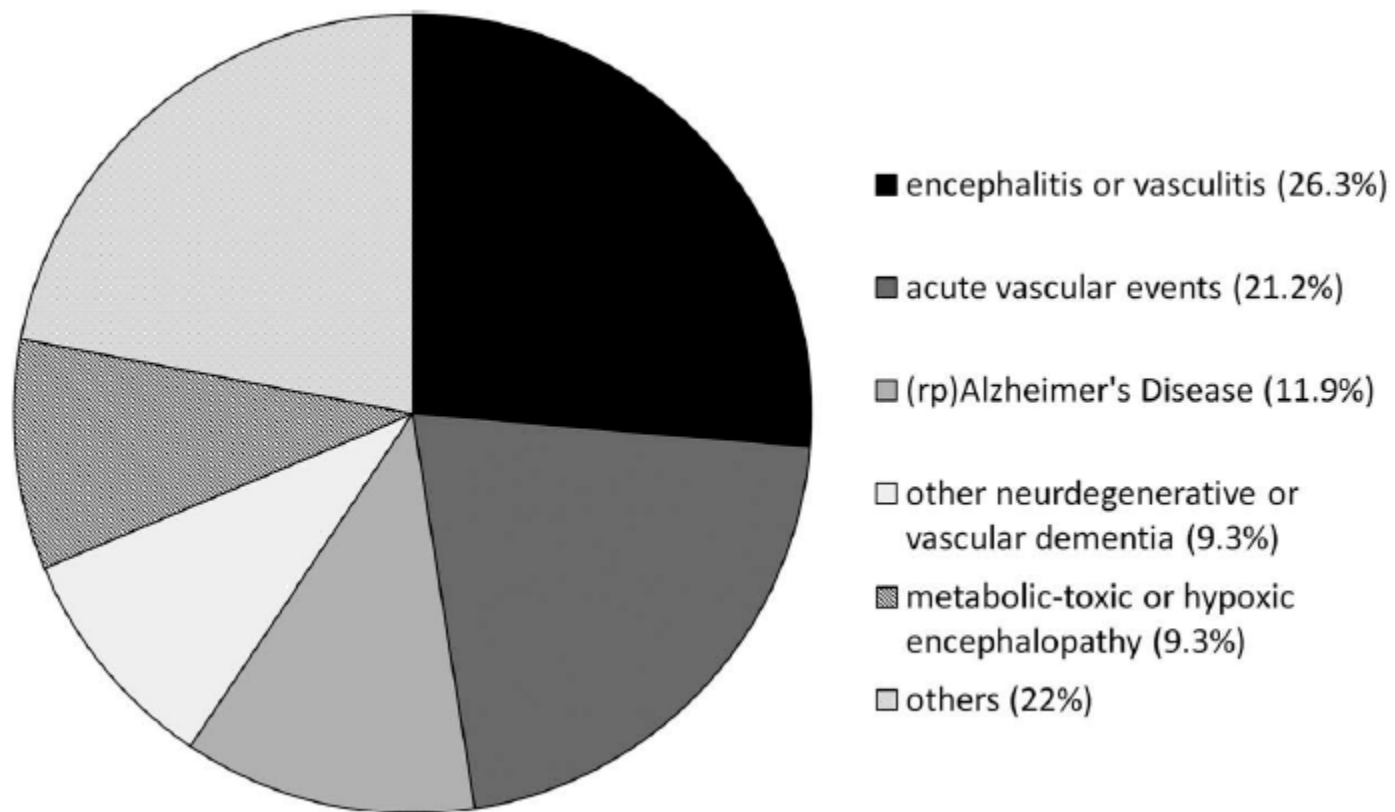
Diagnostic challenges in rapidly progressive dementia

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Toxic + metabolic (%)	*	10.3	n.a.	16.0
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Etiology of RPDs: use of the mnemonic VITAMINS

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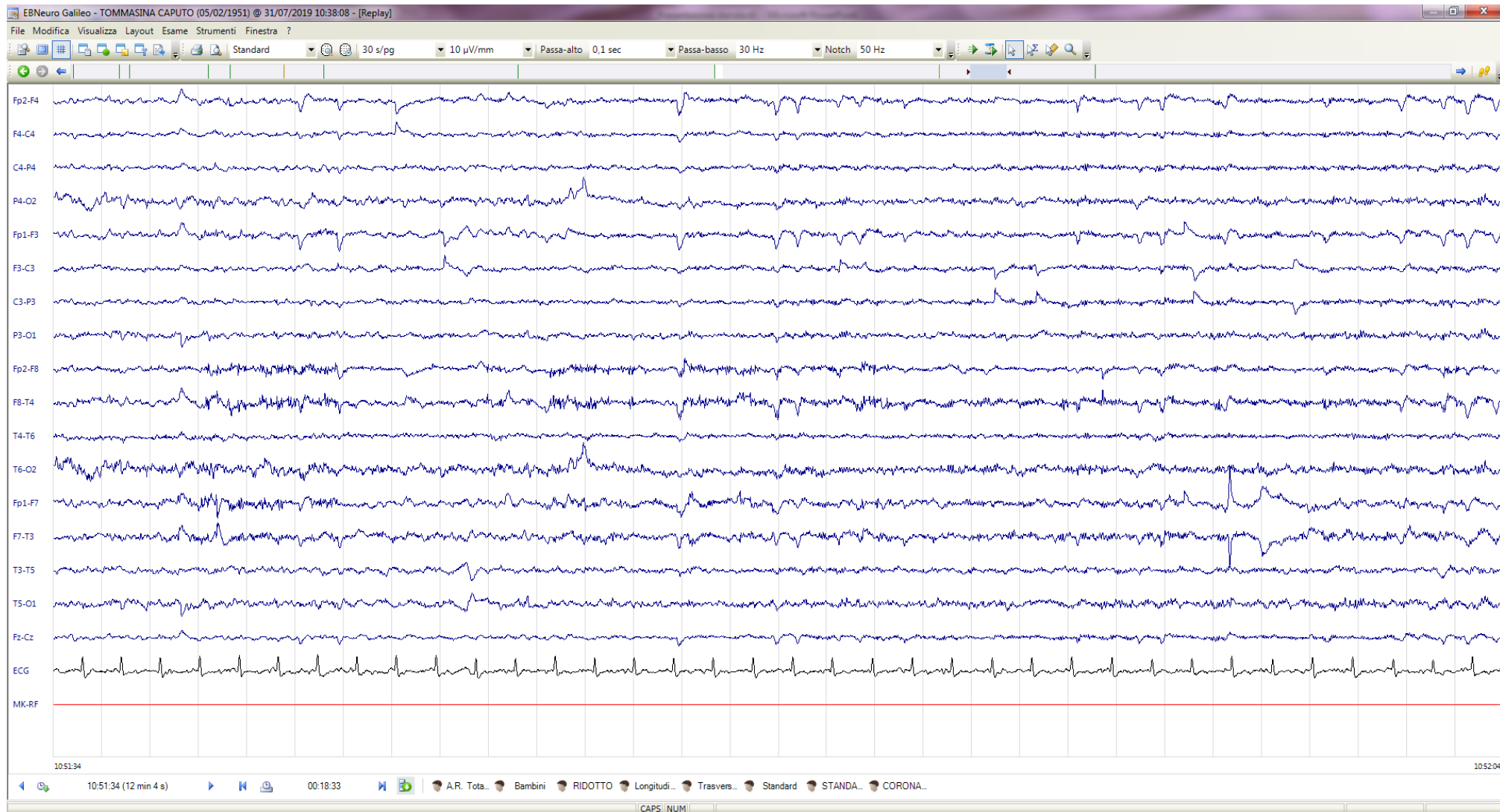
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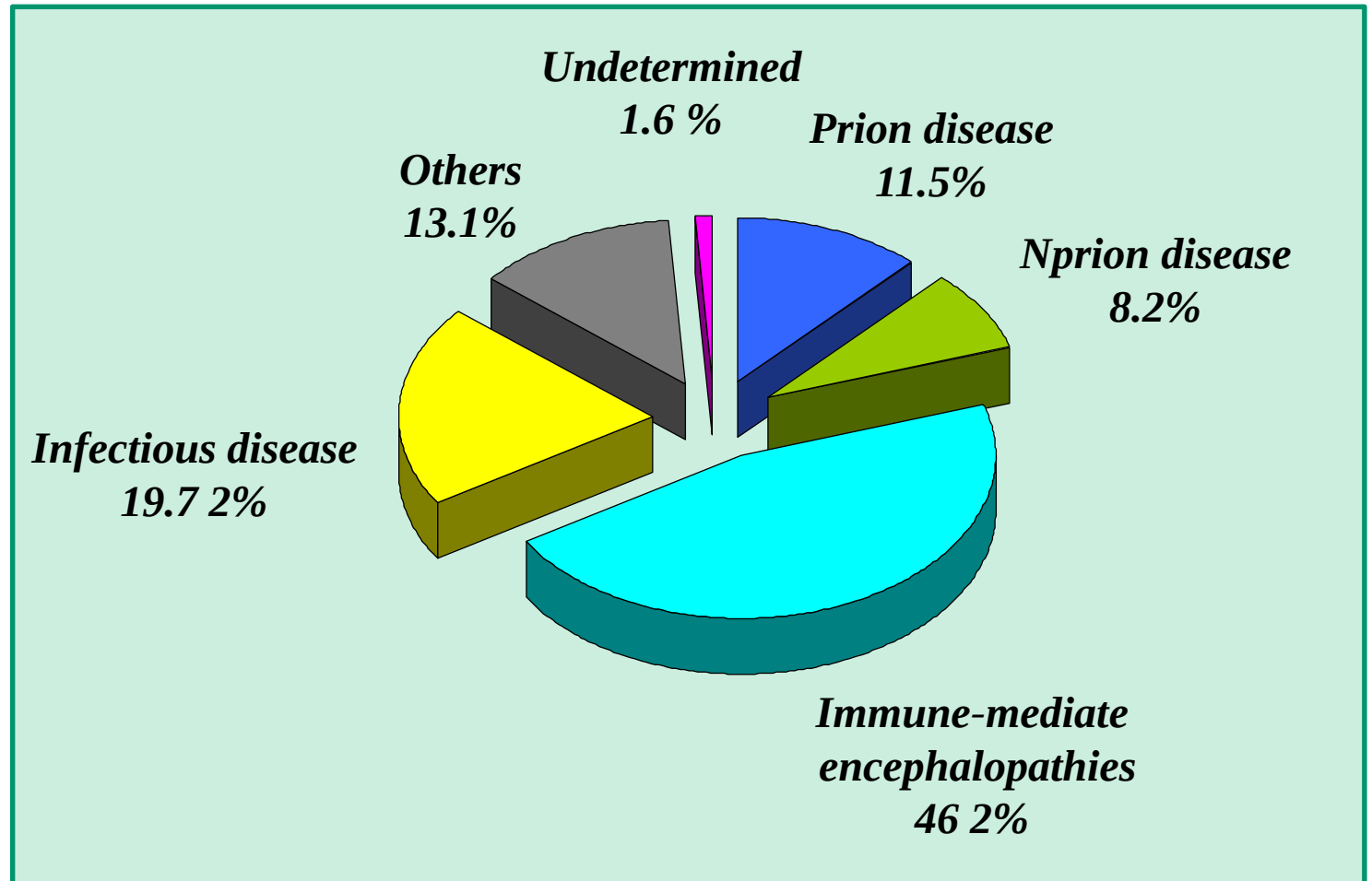
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Rapidly Progressive Dementia: Prevalence and Causes in a Neurologic Unit of a Tertiary Hospital in Brazil

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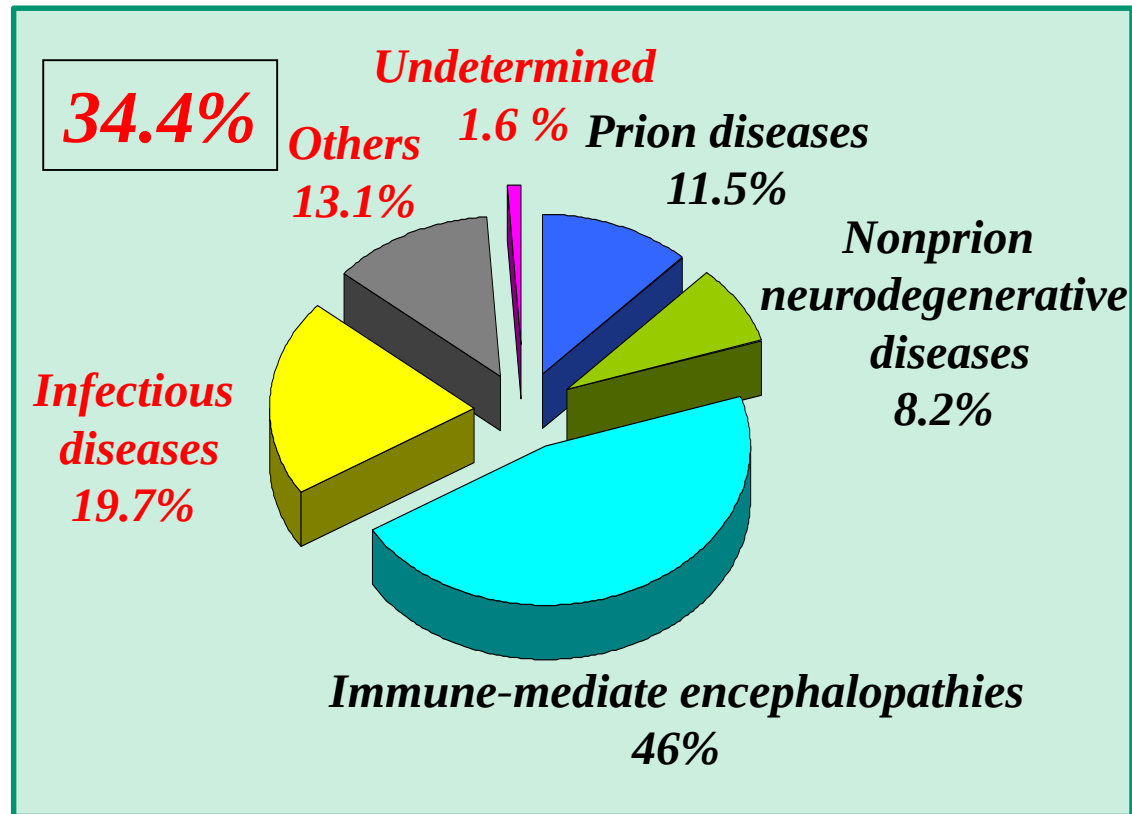
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Results: We identified 61 RPD (3.7%) cases among 1648 inpatients. Mean RPD patients' age was 48 years, and median time to progression was 6.4 months. Immune-mediated diseases represented the most commonly observed disease group in this series (45.9% of cases). Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (11.5%) and nonprion neurodegenerative diseases (8.2%) were less common in this series. Outcome was favorable in 36/61 (59.0%) RPD cases and in 28/31 (89.3%) of immune-mediated cases. Favorable outcome was associated with shorter time from symptom onset to diagnosis and abnormal cerebrospinal fluid findings.

TABLE 2. Frequency of Clinical Diagnoses in Patients with RPD

Clinical Diagnoses	N (%)
Prion diseases	11.5
Probable CJD	4
Definite CJD	3
Nonprion neurodegenerative diseases	8.2
Probable dementia with Lewy bodies	1
Probable frontotemporal dementia	2
Wilson's disease	2
Immune-mediated encephalopathies	29.5
Anti-NMDA	10
Paraneoplastic encephalopathies	2
Unidentified neuronal surface antibodies	1
Unknown etiology	5
Other immune-mediated diseases	16.4
Behçet's disease	1
Probable sarcoidosis	3
CNS vasculitis	3
Hashimoto's encephalopathy	2
Encephalopathy associated with relapsing polychondritis	1
Infectious diseases	19.7
Herpes viral encephalitis	6
Infectious meningoencephalitis (unknown etiology)	3
Cryptococcosis	2
Coxsackie virus (common variable immunodeficiency)	1
Others*	8 (13.1)
Undetermined	1 (1.6)



Frequency of Clinical Diagnoses in Patients with RPD

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Diagnosis and treatment of rapidly progressive dementias

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Although no formal definition exists for what constitutes a rapidly progressive dementia (RPD), generally we use the term when dementia occurs in less than 1–2 years from illness onset, but more commonly over weeks to months.¹ Because these conditions are relatively uncommon, the appropriate diagnostic workup and treatments often are unfamiliar to many neurologists. Accurate, thorough, and prompt diagnosis is important as many RPDs are treatable, and even curable. In this article, we present a practical, systematic approach for RPD diagnosis as well as treatment algorithms for the management of immunotherapy-responsive and other dementias.

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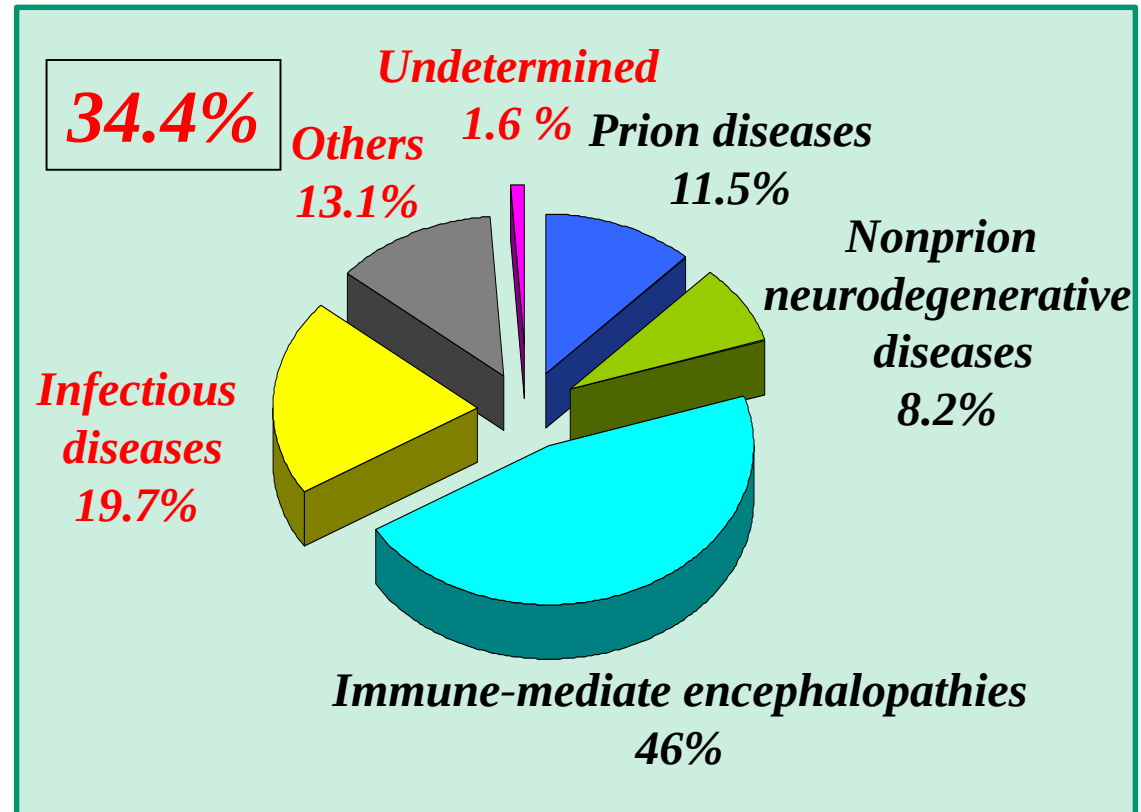
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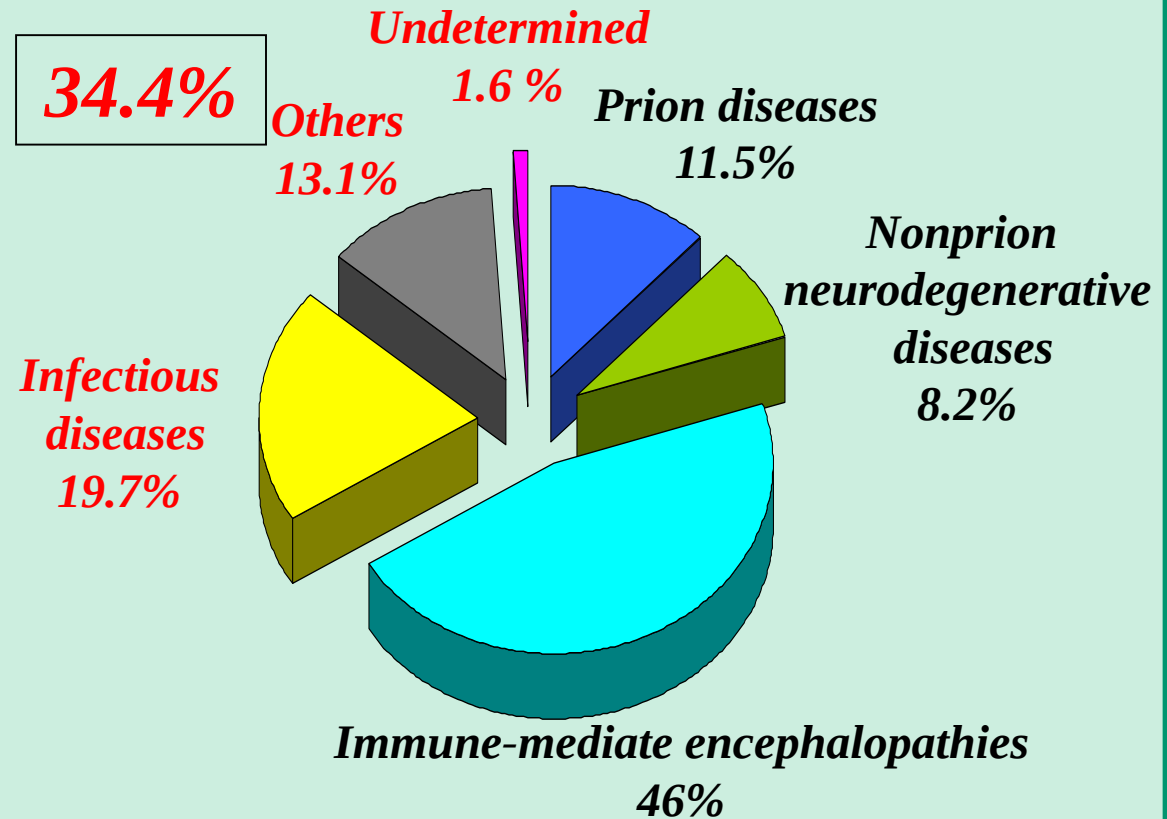
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Nonconvulsive status epilepticus in adults — insights into the invisible

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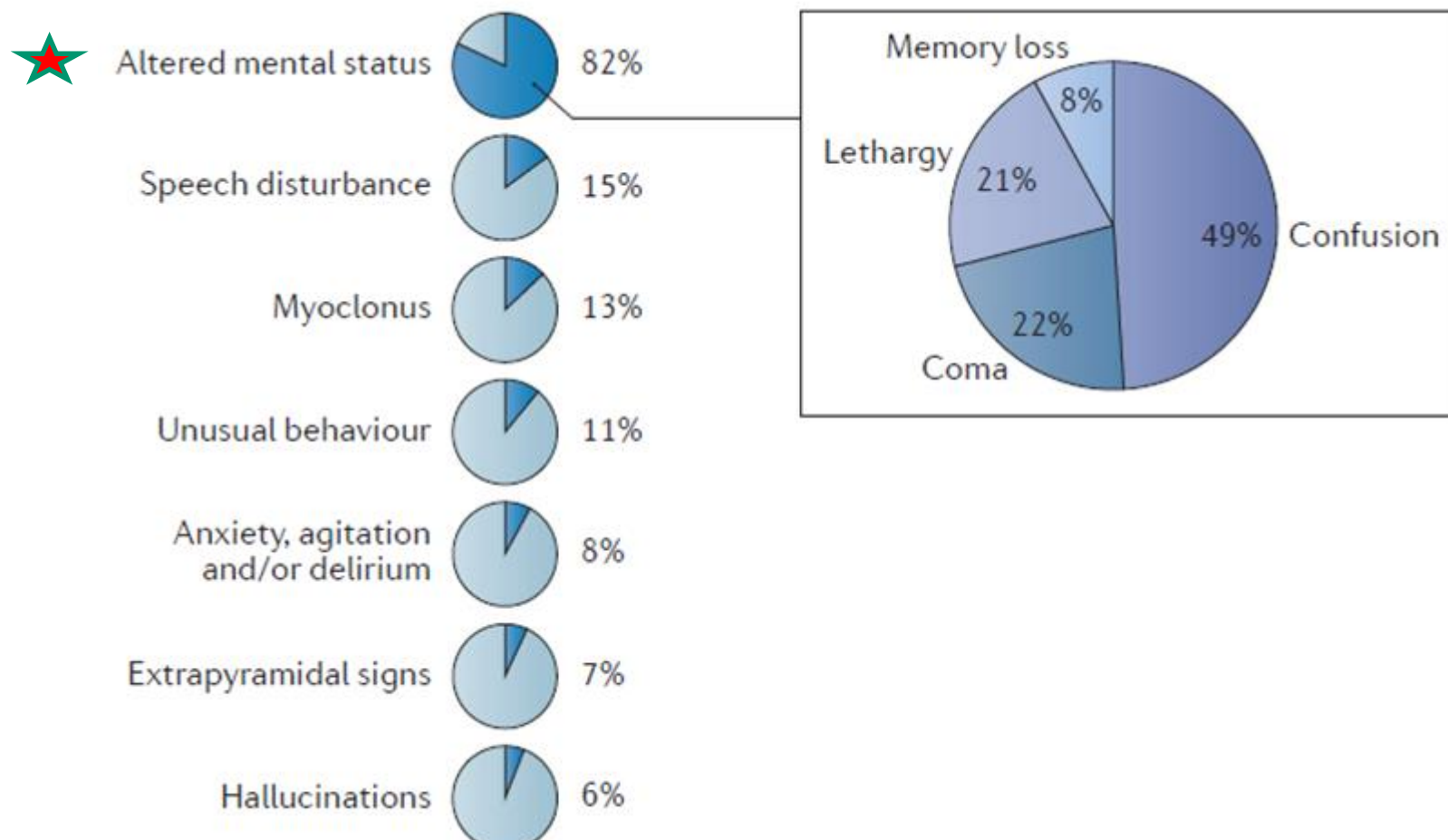


Figure 1 | Major symptoms of nonconvulsive status epilepticus.

SHORT REPORT

Non-convulsive status epilepticus: a profile of patients diagnosed within a tertiary referral centre

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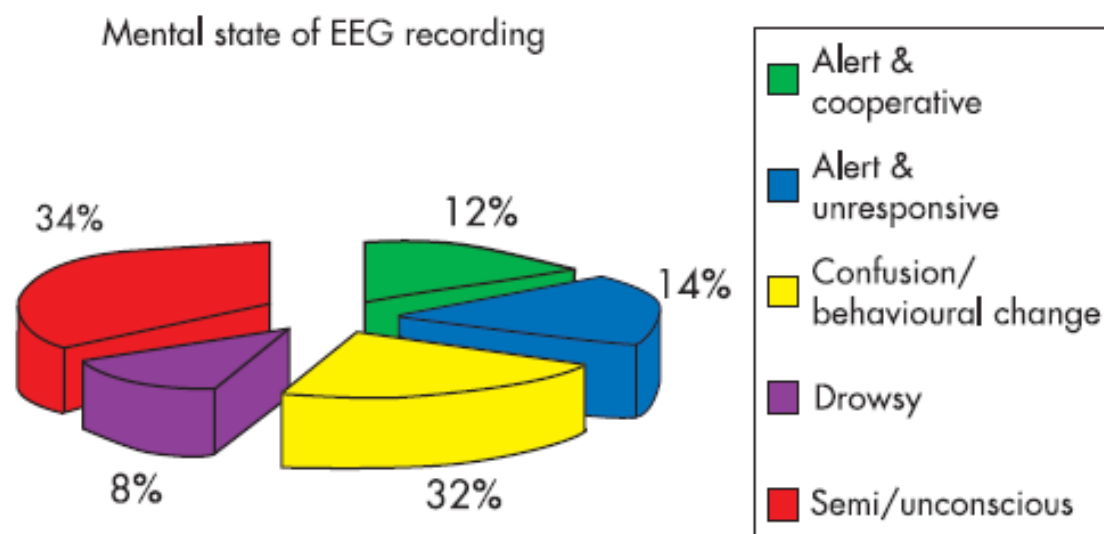


Figure 1 Mental state categories of the 45 patients at the time of electroencephalogram recording.

Viral encephalitis – clinical symptoms

- **Typical presentation**
 - Acute flu-like prodrome
 - High fever, severe headache
 - Altered consciousness (lethargy, drowsiness, confusion, coma)
 - Seizures
 - Focal neurological signs
- **More subtle presentations**
 - Low grade fever
 - Speech disturbances (dysphasia, aphasia)
 - Behavioural changes
 - Subacute and chronic presentations can be seen with VZV, HSV (immuno-compromised)

Table 2. Initial Clinical Diagnoses in 20 Patients With Steroid-Responsive Encephalopathy Associated With Autoimmune Thyroiditis

Initial Clinical Diagnosis	No. (%) of Patients
Viral encephalitis	5 (25)
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	3 (15)
Stroke or transient ischemic attack	3 (15)
Alzheimer disease	3 (15)
Migraine	2 (10)
Lewy body dementia	1 (5)
Psychosis	1 (5)
Metabolic encephalopathy	1 (5)
Delirium	1 (5)



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Anamnesi patologica recente:

- da alcune settimane disturbi mnesici e comportamentali e del sonno
- crisi focali motorie (pregresso accesso al DEA di altro Presidio)

Anamnesi patologica remota: negativa per epilessia.

Iperensione arteriosa, IGT, OSAS.



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Rapidly progressive dementia: An eight year (2008–2016) retrospective study

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Table 2. Infectious causes presenting with rapidly progressive dementia.

Sr. no	Diagnosis:	No. of patients:	Symptom duration:
1	HSV encephalitis	1	15days
2	Tubercular meningitis	2	5.5months
3	Cryptococcal meningitis	1	4months
4	TBM+ Cryptococcal meningitis	1	12months
5	Neurocysticercosis	3	3.3months
6	SSPE	17	3.94months
7	HIV dementia	1	3months
8	HIV + PMLE	6	4.33months
9	Neurosyphilis	7	9.14months

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Infectious							
Neurosyphilis	S	Consider risk	Cognitive decline	Nonspecific	CSF VDRL	Serum RPR	Crystalline IV
Infectious agents (other than prions) possibly causing RPD**							
Viral				Bacterial			
HIV				<i>Treponema pallidum</i> (Lues)			
JC-virus (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy)				<i>Tropheryma whipplei</i> (Whipple's disease)			
Herpes simplex virus 1, 2 (6, 7)				<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>			
Varicella zoster virus				<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>			
Measles (sclerosing subacute panencephalitis)				<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>			
Mumps				Parasitic/Fungal			
Epstein-Barr virus				<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>			
Influenza virus				Balamuthia			
Cytomegalovirus				<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>			
Japanese encephalitis virus				Aspergillosis			
West Nile virus							
Rabies							
Parvovirus B19							
Hepatitis C							
HIV dementia	A/S	Seroconversion, older HIV-positive adults, low CD4	Psychomotor slowing, executive dysfunction, depression, movement disorders	Cortical atrophy; nonspecific white matter changes	Increased protein, mild pleocytosis	HIV serology; serum and CSF viral loads	CNS penetrating HAART
Herpetic meningoencephalitis	A	Any age	Altered level of consciousness, focal deficits, seizures, behavioral changes; fever	Medial temporal lobe hyper on FLAIR, asymmetric; later hemorrhagic necrosis ⁶	Lymphocytic pleocytosis, ↑RBC, HSV-1 PCR+	EEG: focal abnormalities, PLEDs	IV acyclovir for 14-21 days (start early if suspected) ⁶

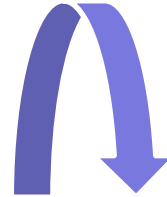
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Borrelia burgdorferi

Parasitic/Fungal

Toxoplasma gondii
 Balamuthia
Cryptococcus neoformans
 Aspergillosis

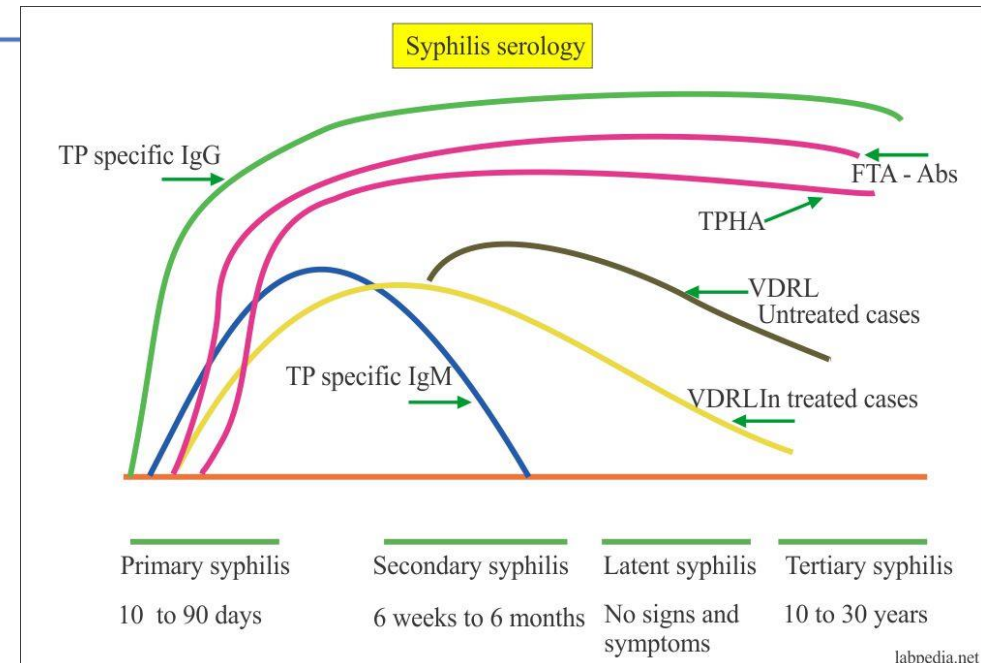
Viral encephalitis – clinical symptoms

• Typical presentation

- Acute flu-like prodrome
- High fever, severe headache
- Altered consciousness (lethargy, drowsiness, confusion, coma)
- Seizures
- Focal neurological signs

• More subtle presentations

- Low grade fever
- Speech disturbances (dysphasia, aphasia)
- Behavioural changes
- Subacute and chronic presentations can be caused by CMV, VZV, HSV (immuno-compromised)



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Malattia di Parkinson e demenza a corpi di Levy

Demenza fronto-temporale

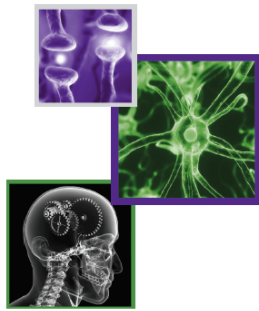
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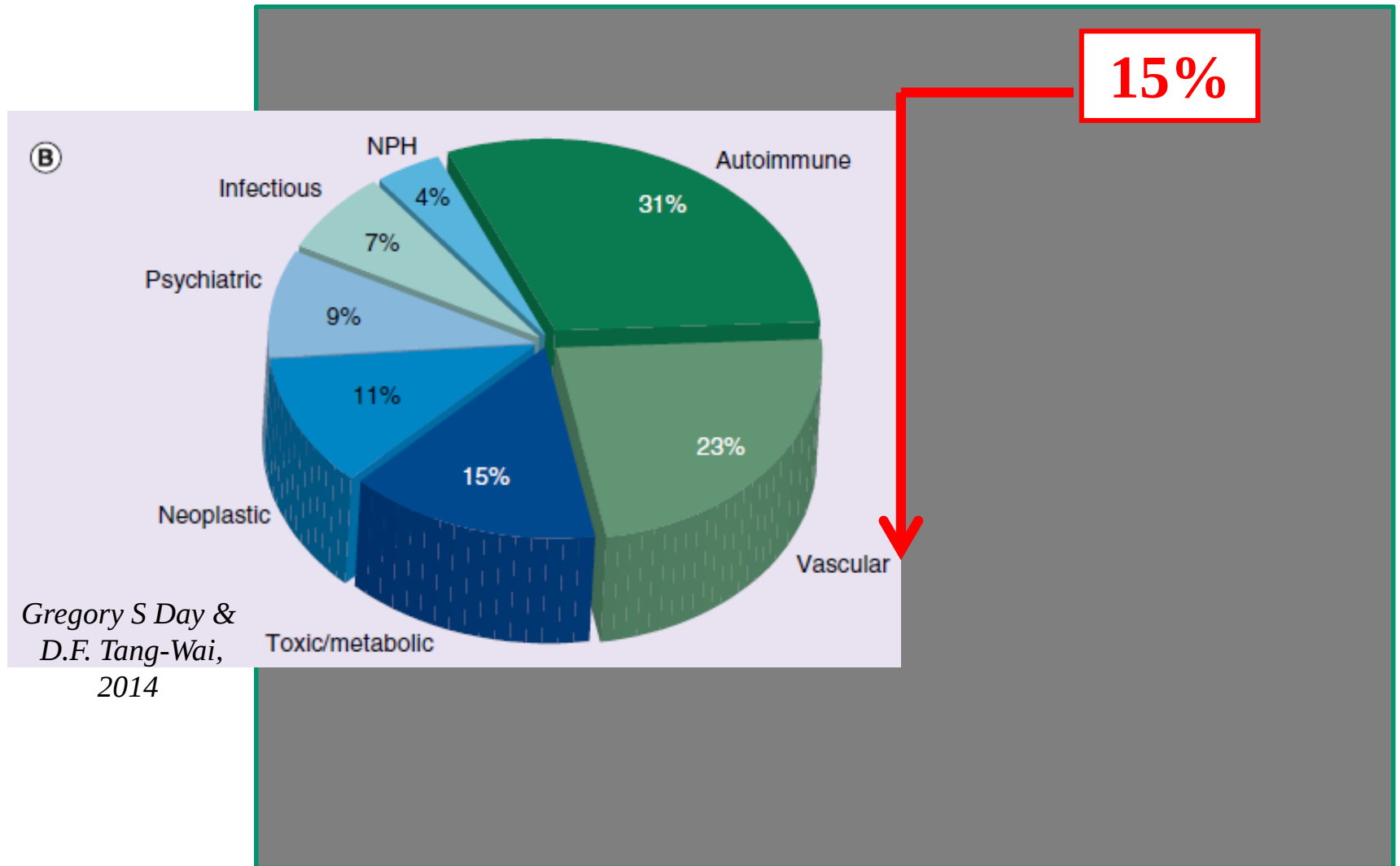
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When dementia progresses quickly: a practical approach to the diagnosis and management of rapidly progressive dementia

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Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome in late postpartum eclampsia

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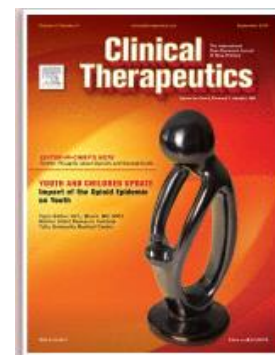


Fig. 1. Computed tomography:
hypodensity area in the left temporo
– occipital region.

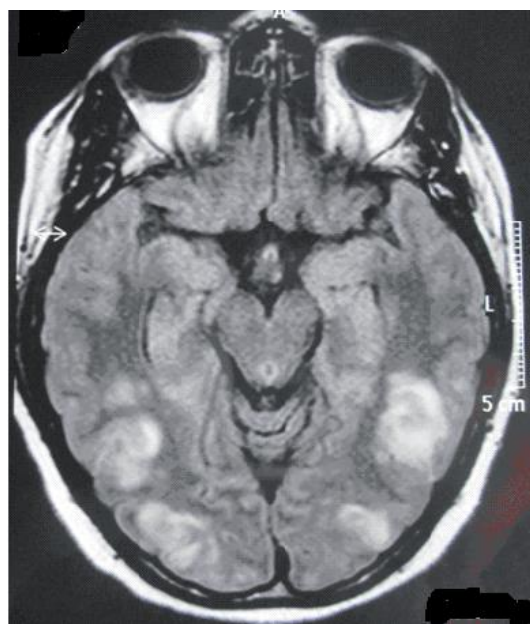


Fig. 2. Encephalic MRI: Presence of multiple patches of increased signal in weighted sequences in T2 mainly in the parietal, temporal and occipital lobes bilaterally, with cortical-subcortical localization, by parenchymal edema.



Fig. 3. Encephalic MRI: It highlights the disappearance of all lesions.

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Diagnosis and treatment of rapidly progressive dementias

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Although no formal definition exists for tia (RPD), generally we use the term from illness onset, but more common conditions are relatively uncommon, what constitutes a rapidly progressive dementia when dementia occurs in less than 1–2 years only over weeks to months.¹ Because these

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Altre etiologie

61 RPD cases

34.4%

Infectious diseases
19.7%

Undetermined
1.6 %
Others
13.1%

Prion diseases
11.5%

Non-prion neurodegenerative diseases
8.1%

65.6%

Immune-mediate encephalopathies

46%

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Frequency of Clinical Diagnoses in Patients with RPD

- Altered level of consciousness, ranging from confusion to coma
- Headache
- Seizures
- Visual symptoms (usually, blindness or hemianopia)
- Neuroradiology findings
- Exclusion of other pathology (eg. encephalitis or stroke)
- Acute onset, and reversibility over days or weeks
- Hypertension