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The do-not-touch of MV-PLUS

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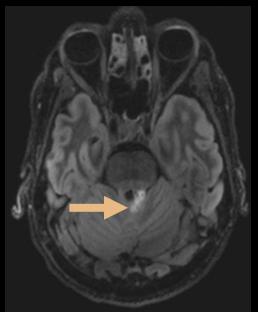


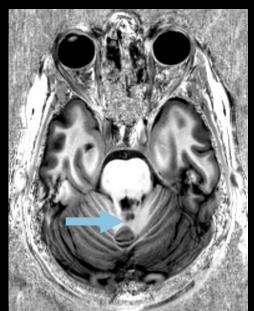
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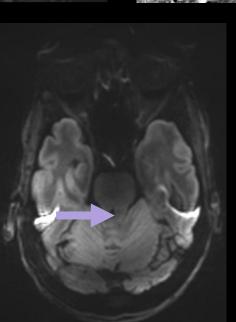
- 61-year-old female
- No significant past medical, surgical, or family history
- Symptoms of dizziness and lightheadedness began in 2022
- Labs showed low B12 and normal CSF
- Referred to ENT who ordered brain MRI

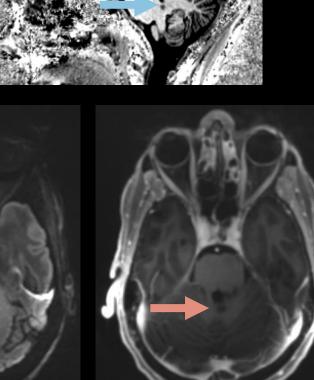
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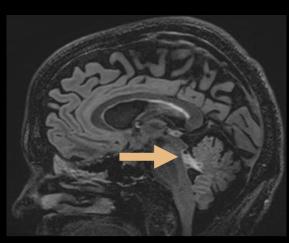
- T2/FLAIR hyperintense
- T1 hypointense
- No restricted diffusion
- No enhancement









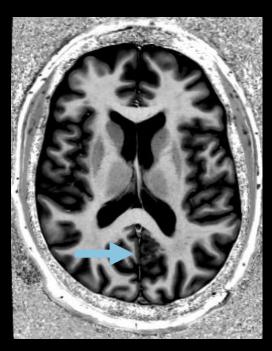


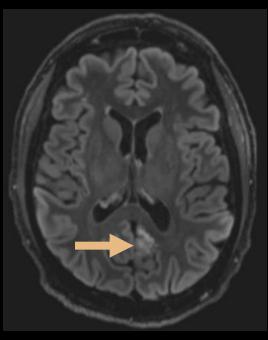
Differential diagnoses

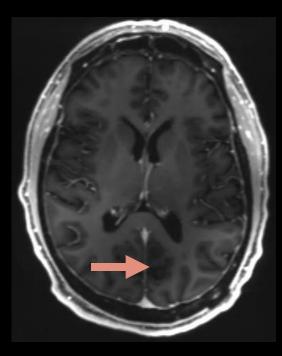
- Multinodular and vacuolating neuronal tumor (MVNT)
- Enlarged Virchow-Robin perivascular spaces
- Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumor (DNET)

MVNT

- Supratentorial, subcortical
- T1 hypointense
- Nodular FLAIR hyperintensity
- No enhancement
- No restricted diffusion
- No edema or mass effect

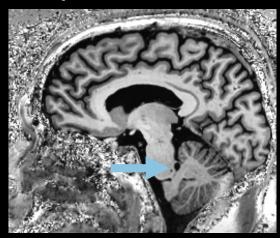


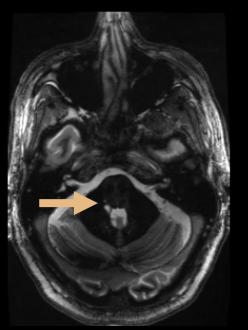


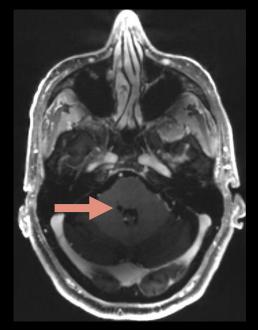


Perivascular spaces

- Follows CSF signal on all sequences
 - T1 hypointense
 - T2 hyperintense
 - No enhancement
 - No restricted diffusion
 - Fully suppresses on FLAIR
- Asymmetric clusters
- Often in the mesencephalon/thalamic region

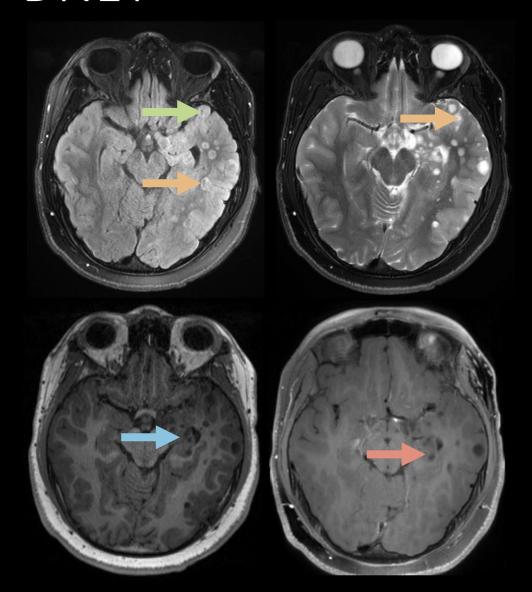






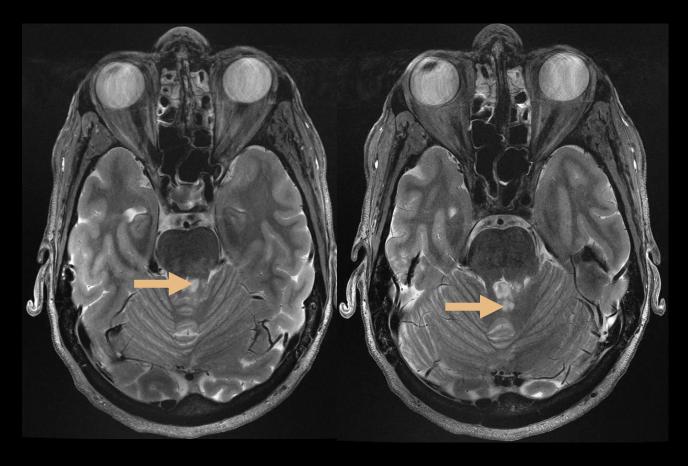
DNET

- Cortically-based
- Cortical thickening
- T2/FLAIR hyperintense
- T1 iso-hypointense
- Variable enhancement
- Solid or cystic/bubbly appearing
- May calcify and cause bony scalloping



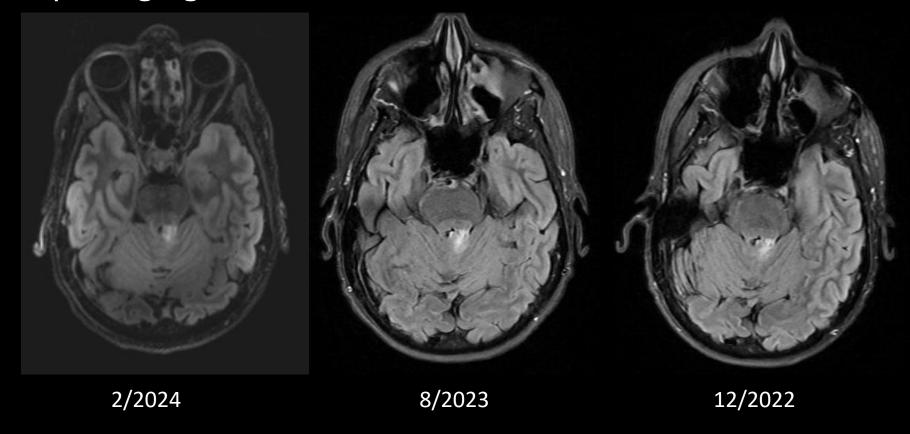
Diagnosis: MV-PLUS

- Multinodular and vacuolating posterior fossa lesion of unknown significance
- Looks like MVNT but occurs in the posterior fossa
- Benign malformative lesion
- May see central hypointensity on T2/FLAIR



Outcome

- Patient's symptoms of dizziness resolved with B12 supplementation
- Follow-up imaging has been stable



Management

- "Leave-me-alone" lesion
- Literature supports stability over time
- Follow-up imaging is recommended
- Inconclusive literature on whether location corresponds to symptoms

Take home points

- MV-PLUS appears similar to MVNT but occurs in the posterior fossa
 - Vermis > cerebellar hemisphere > cerebellar peduncle
- Features include nodular cluster of T1 hypointense, T2/FLAIR hyperintense lesions without restricted diffusion, rare or no postcontrast enhancement
- Possibly 10 times rarer than MVNT
- "Do-not-touch" lesion

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