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Title: Progressive Transcortical Sensory Aphasia and Progressive Ideational Apraxia Owing to Temporoparietal Cortical Atrophy

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Dear Dr. Timothy Shipley

Attached please find our manuscript, entitled “Progressive Transcortical Sensory Aphasia and Progressive Ideational Apraxia Owing to Temporoparietal Cortical Atrophy”, which we are submitting to BMC Neurology for publication as case reports.

In contrast to frontotemporal lobar degeneration, atrophy of the focal posterior lateral cortex has not been thoroughly studied. Three clinical types of focal cortical atrophy have been described: the logopenic variant of primary progressive aphasia, posterior cortical atrophy, and primary progressive apraxia. However, not every patient clearly fits into one of these categories. In this article, two patients with progressive transcortical sensory aphasia with progressive ideational apraxia are documented. Hypometabolism was noted mainly in the left temporoparietal region, which is slightly posterior to the perisylvian area. Progressive transcortical sensory aphasia with progressive ideational apraxia may sometimes be an initial, main symptom of dementia that involves the posterior lateral cortices.

We believe that this report would be of interest to your readers and that it sheds light on the clinical categorization of posterior lateral cortex degeneration. We appreciate your consideration of this manuscript and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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