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Abstract

Juvenile myoclonic epilepsy

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Juvenile myoclonic epilepsy is the commonest form of idiopathic epilepsy which is usually misdiagnosed. Myoclonic morning jerking is the hallmark of the syndrome with generalized tonic clonic convulsion occurring in most, but absences are less frequent. The author describes his published experience on this syndrome which includes: clinical, EEG findings, some of genetic aspects and factors that lead to diagnostic errors. The current literature on the syndrome and some highlights on progressive myoclonic epilepsy, which is one of the commonest differential diagnoses, are also presented.

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