

Pure sensory infarct in the territories of anterior cerebral artery

Figure 1 Sensory topography of the patient (solid area shows the region of sensory disturbance)

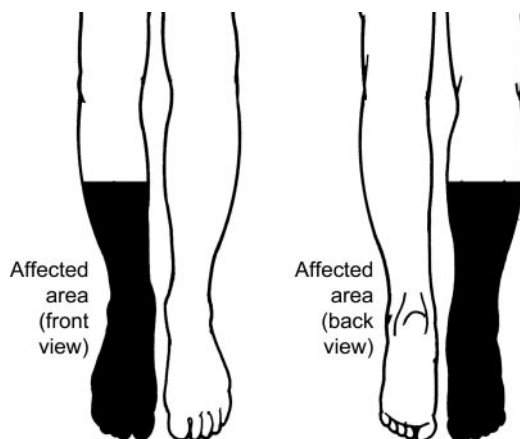
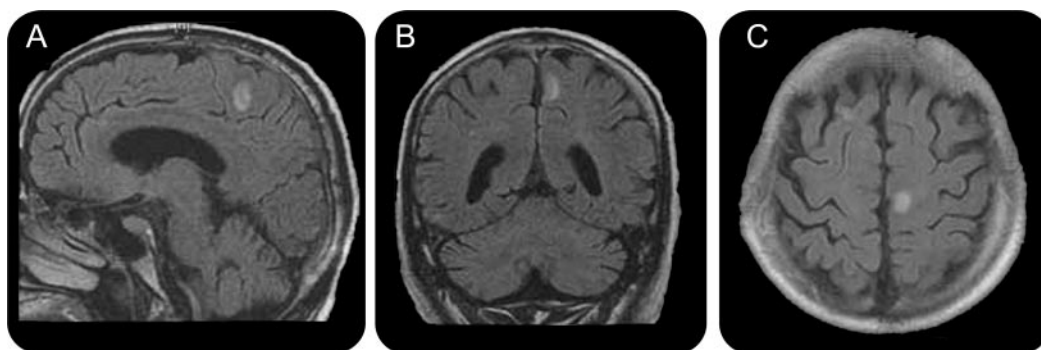


Figure 2 Fluid-attenuated inversion recovery sequences of brain MRI



Sagittal (A), coronal (B), and axial (C) views show a hyperintense area in the left paracentral lobule in the territories of anterior cerebral artery.

A 78-year-old man suddenly developed tingling sensations and sensory loss involving all modalities only in his right foot, distal shin, and calf (figure 1). Brain MRI revealed a small acute infarct in the left paracentral lobule (figure 2). Many patients with pure sensory disturbance by cortical infarcts have been reported in the territories of middle cerebral artery.¹ We report a pure sensory cortical infarct in the territories of anterior cerebral artery. These MRI pictures are exactly suggestive of anatomic cortical sensory area for distal lower limb, being consistent with the sensory homunculus.²

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