MR and Tc-99m HMPAO SPECT images in a case of unusual widening of perivascular spaces (Virchow-Robin spaces)

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We report a rare case of unusual widening of perivascular spaces (Virchow-Robin spaces).

MR images showed multiple small round cystic areas along the perforating medullary arteries with signal intensity identical to the cerebrospinal fluid predominantly in the right cerebral white matter.

Tc-99m HMPAO SPECT images showed no remarkable laterality and no definite ischemic lesion, and the neurological status of the patient was not remarkable.

MR was a diagnostic examination and Tc-99m HMPAO SPECT was a useful supplementary examination in the evaluation of this case of unusual widening of Virchow-Robin spaces.

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