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Ischemic stroke in the vertebrobasilar system plus ipsilateral hemiataxia in a 13y old

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We present the case of a 13y old girl that suffered motor deficit in the left hemibody following a car accident, being previously known for 2 years with hemiataxia caused by VZV.

In the neurological exam she had left arm in semiflexion posture. Vocal tics. Fixation nystagmus in both eyes. Left facial nerve paresia central type 3/5

Motor examination revealed reduced force in the left arm 2/5 on the MRC scale. Hemiataxia more pronounced in the superior limb (nose finger and finger chase tests) with some residual trunk ataxia. The MRI revealed a small infarct area located in the right pons. She received antiplatelet drugs daily for the following year with good prognosis.

Currently she is receiving neurotrophic treatment, physical therapy and presents for periodic neurologic and MRI tests.

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