

Abstract

Central Nervous System (CNS) angiitis is an inflammatory disease affecting brain and spinal cord. It's a rare and poorly understood condition. There is a wide variation in the presenting symptoms. Headache, focal neurology and cognitive impairment are the common presenting manifestations. The little that is known about the etiology, pathogenesis and management of this condition makes the diagnosis and treatment difficult. However delay in treatment can result in devastating complications.

Here we present a case of a 31 year old male who presented with non-specific headache and subtle behavioral changes that lead to a diagnosis of possible primary CNS vasculitis. Exclusion of secondary causes and alternative diagnosis is an exhausting effort in this condition. Absence of specific noninvasive investigations and high percentages of negative brain biopsies leaves the treating physician in confusion.

However early diagnosis and treatment with immunosuppressive agents have proven to bring about recovery.