

Letter

Alexia without agraphia associated with right occipital lesion

SIR,—Since the publication of our paper last year (Hirose *et al.*, 1977) we have had an opportunity to examine the patient described by CAT scan (Figure). This showed a low density area, involving the right occipital region (double arrow) and the lateral portion of the posterior part of the corpus callosum

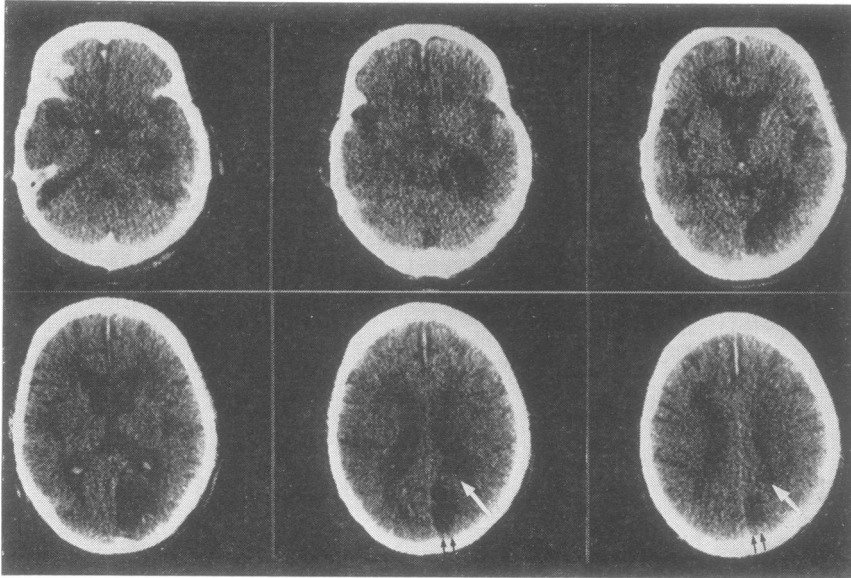
(white arrow), consistent with a right posterior cerebral artery territory infarct. This finding coincides with the previously documented pathological lesion in this disorder. This is probably the first demonstration of this syndrome by CAT scan.

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Reference

Hirose, G., Kin, T., and Murakami, E. (1977). Alexia without agraphia associated with right occipital lesion. *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry*, **40**, 225–227.



Notices

The Seventh Seminar on the Pathology of the Vertebral Column will be held from 29–31 March 1979 at the Colegio Oficial de Medicos, Murcia, Spain. The underlying theme will be New Horizons in Research and Surgical Fields of Vertebral Spinal Cord Illnesses, and there will be a simultaneous Spanish-English, English-Spanish translation service. For further information please write to Dr Gonzalo Seiquer Gutiérrez, Chief, Neurosurgical Service, Province Hospital, Murcia, Spain.

A Conference on Multidisciplinary Aspects of Brain Tumour Therapy will be held from 8–10 June 1979 on Lake Garda, under the Co-Chairmanship of

Professor Pietro Paoletti and Dr Michael D. Walker. This conference will include major sections on Experimental Brain Tumours, The Biology and Diagnosis of Brain Tumour, Principles of Therapy, and Current Therapeutic Studies. In addition there will be a day devoted to free communications. The purpose of the conference is to provide the most recent information available from both experimental laboratories and clinical investigations, and it includes the specialities of neuro-oncology, neurology, neuropathology, neurosurgery, radiotherapy, and neurodiagnostics. The deadline for submission of a 200 word abstract of data not previously presented is 15 January 1979. Abstracts or requests for additional information should be sent to: M. D. Walker, MD, National Cancer Institute, 31/4B32, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, USA.

The Eighth Congress of the European Society of Neuroradiology will be held in Strasbourg, France from 7–8 September 1979. Applications should be made to Professor A. Wackenheim, Service de Neuroradiologie, CHU de Strasbourg—BP 426, 67091 Strasbourg Cedex, France.

The 11th Epilepsy International Symposium, organised by the International League against Epilepsy, the International Bureau for Epilepsy, and the Italian League against Epilepsy, will be held in Florence, Italy from 20 September to 3 October 1979. Information may be obtained from the Organising Secretariat, Studio MGR, Piazza S. Ambrogio 16, 20123 Milan, Italy.