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Difficulty Writing in a Patient with Multiple Sclerosis

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We present a 65-year-old right-handed woman with a two-year history of involuntary right-hand movements while writing (Video 1). She denied history of vision loss, weakness or numbness. MRI of her brain and cervical spine are shown in (Figure 1). CSF analysis was suggestive for multiple sclerosis (MS) with five oligoclonal bands and elevated myelin basic protein. Tremor is a frequent finding in patients with MS. Other movement abnormalities are described in about 1.6%

of MS patients [1], including writer's cramp with cervical cord lesions [2]. The contralateral parietal lesion may play a role in our patient.

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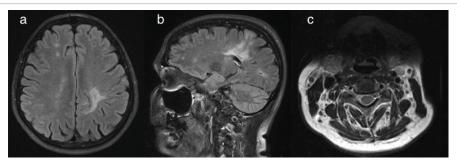


Figure 1: MRI brain FLAIR sequences (a and b) with abnormal signal abnormality lesions seen in the left parietal lobe and scattered throughout juxta cortical and subcortical regions. MRI cervical spine (c) T2 sequence at the level C3-C4 showing signal abnormality (arrow) in the left dorsolateral aspect of the spinal cord.

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