According to a recent review by Fisher, pure sensory stroke is "the most common lacunar manifestation".[4] However, few cases have been reported with positive CT findings.[5] This discordance may be explained by the small size of these lacunes, which are unresolved by CT scanners. On the other hand, although larger lesions may be limited to the posterolateral part of the thalamus, as in our patient, adjacent structures are probably involved as well in most cases, giving rise to more than purely sensory symptoms.

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Notices

The Volvo awards for low back pain research

In order to encourage research in low back pain, the Volvo Company of Göteborg, Sweden, also this year has sponsored three prizes of US $6000.00 each. Awards will be made competitively on the basis of scientific merit in the following three areas: (1) Clinical studies, (2) Bioengineering studies, (3) Studies in other basic science areas. Enquiries should be addressed to Professor Alf L Nachemson, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery I, Sahlgren Hospital, S-413 45 Göteborg, Sweden.

The Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital. The 50th Anniversary celebrations will be held 23–26 September, 1984. Information concerning the symposia, lectures, films, etc., can be obtained from: Synapse-50, Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, 3801 University Street, Room 638, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2B4 Canada.

Correction

Spinal blastomycosis—case report

It is regretted that in this letter (*J Neurol Neurosurg, Psychiatry* 1984;**47**:217) the figure legend was incorrect. It should be: "Thickly encapsulated PAS positive budding yeasts with broad based attachment between daughter yeasts typical of blastomycosis."

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