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DIAGNOSIS: RECENT CEREBELLAR SOFTENING

CLINICAL HISTORY: F/67. Three days before death, this patient was admitted to hospital with the symptoms of “cerebrobasilar insufficiency”. She suffered from vertigo, ataxia and impairment of both vision and hearing. She had been treated for hypertension for many years.

MACROSCOPIC: Cross section of the cerebellum shows that the architecture of almost the whole of the right lobe is blurred and blotchy when compared with the normal pattern of the left. Cross section of the basilar artery (seen on the reverse) shows its lumen to be greatly reduced by atherosclerosis.

MICROSCOPIC: Purkinje cells have disappeared and there is patchy interruption of the integrity of the granular layer. These features, together with a diffuse neutrophil infiltration, are consistent with recent cerebellar infarction.

