

Comments, Observations, and Rebuttals

New Daily Persistent Headache With a Thunderclap Onset

I read Jamali and Rozen's article with interest.¹ They stated that there had been only one prior case report of new daily persistent headache (NDPH) with a thunderclap onset in 2013.²

To my knowledge, Robbins and Evans reported the first 2 cases of NDPH with a thunderclap onset in 2012.³ One case was a 42-year-old woman who was treated 6 months after onset for 3 days with intravenous dihydroergotamine, metoclopramide, and valproate sodium with a decrease in headache intensity to 2/10. The second case was a 39-year-old male with a decrease in headache intensity 3.5 months after onset to 3/10 on amitriptyline 75 mg at bedtime. Although magnetic resonance angiograms of the brain in both cases were negative, we speculated that reversible cerebral vasoconstriction syndrome could be the cause.

As their 4 cases had onset in October and December, Jamali and Rozen speculate that there might be a seasonal predilection. However, in our cases, the 42 year old had onset in February and the 39 year old had onset in June.

Further study of this NDPH subtype and additional cases showing a benefit of nimodipine for prevention will be of great interest.

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