Bilateral carotid arteries occlusion

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A 95-year-old woman came to our hospital by ambulance because she suddenly fell into coma when she was drinking tea. She had no history of medical diseases including arrhythmia, hypertension, dyslipidemia and diabetes, and she had no

Figure 1 Plain computed tomography (CT) brain on one day after admission.

Learning points

- ▶ It is rare that a patient demonstrated decerebrate rigidity as symptom for stroke of cerebral cortices.
- ▶ Image is beautiful to show domination of arteries.
- ▶ We diagnosed the patient by autopsy.

medications. Neurological examination revealed decerebrate rigidity and bilateral Babinski signs. CT on one day after admission demonstrated broad low-density area in the bilateral cerebral hemispheres, including the area of bilateral anterior cerebral artery and middle cerebral artery, but sparing the brainstem and occipital lobe (figure 1). Bilateral internal carotid artery embolisation was identified according to the results of autopsy.

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