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Iconographic Review of Normal and Pathological Imaging of the Hippocampus in Geriatrics

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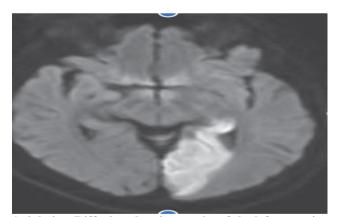
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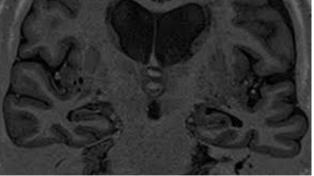
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Summary

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Axial view Diffusion showing stroke of the left posterior cerebral territory affecting the tail of the hippocampus



Coronal T1-weighted inversion recovery centered on the hippocampus show of small hippocampal cysts.

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