

## Prominent eye muscle artefact on the EEG of a patient with Hashimoto thyroiditis with primary hypothyroidism

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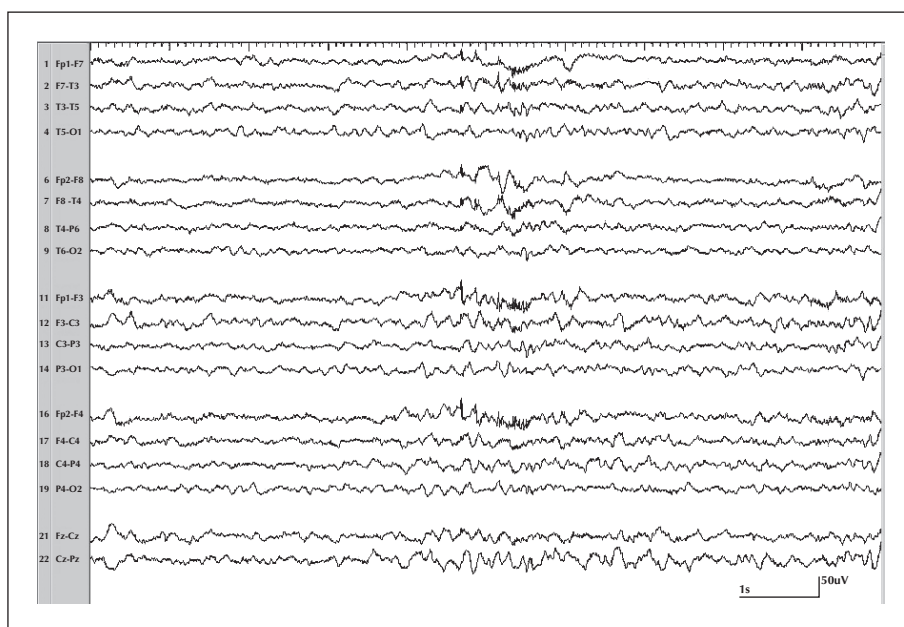
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A 15-year-old boy with Hashimoto's thyroiditis presented with a paroxysmal episode. The EEG demonstrated prominent superior and lateral rectus muscle artefacts, superimposed on a normal background. Since seizures are known to occur in patients with thyroiditis, correct interpretation of the interictal EEG was very important. Initially, the frontal discharges may have been mistaken for epileptiform discharges. However, the morphology was more consistent with muscle artefact and the restricted field was consistent with an extracerebral source generator. Eye muscle changes caused by thyroiditis may have produced the prominent voltages of the artefact.



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