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Table 2 Adrenal CT scans of the studied patients

lateral PA (N = 50) 22 (44)	p value
22 (44)	< 0.01
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19 (38)	< 0.01
7 (37)	1.00
12 (63)	1.00
1.2 (1.0-1.5)	0.01
2 (4)	1.00
1.5 (0.8-2.2)	0.68
1.5 (1.4-1.5)	0.10
3 (6)	NA
4 (8)	0.17
	1.5 (1.4-1.5) 3 (6)

Data are presented as number (percent), or median (IQR), p value < 0.05 indicates statistically significant. PA: primary aldosteronism; NA: not available.

Table 7 Univariate and multivariate analyses for variables associated with unilateral PA

	Univariate Ana	lysis	Multivariate Analysis		
Covariates	Odds ratio (95% CT)	p value	Odds ratio (95% CI)	p value	
$PAC \ge 25 \text{ ng/dL}$	3.8 (1.6-9.2)	< 0.01			
ADRR \geq 9.36 ng/dL: μ IU/mL	12.0 (4.3-33.4)	< 0.01	55.6 (3.2-960.9)	< 0.01	
Lowest potassium levels \leq 2.75 mmol/L	7.3 (2.8-18.6)	< 0.01			
PAC/K ratio ≥ 9.76 ng/dL: mmol/L	5.8 (2.3-14.4)	< 0.01			
Post-RSIT PAC \geq 15.15 ng/dL	13.1 (4.7-36.2)	< 0.01	24.3 (2.2-272.9)	0.01	
Size of adrenal nodule ≥ 1.35 cm	6.4 (1.9-21.2)	< 0.01	20.5 (1.5-276.1)	0.02	

p value < 0.05 indicates statistically significant. CI: confidence interval; PA: primary aldosteronism; PAC: plasma aldosterone concentration; ADRR: aldosterone-to-direct renin ratio; RSIT: recumbent saline infusion test; PAC/K: plasma aldosterone concentration-to-potassium.

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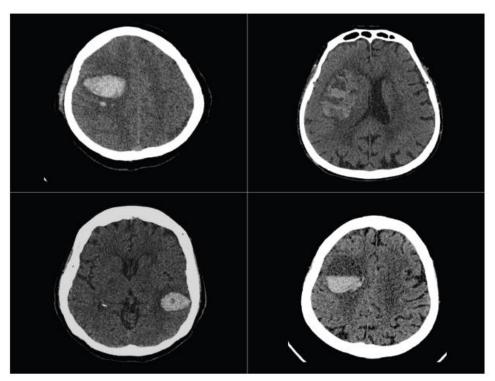


Figure 4 Examples of reported NCCT markers for HE. A, satellite sign. B, heterogeneous density. C, intra-hematoma hypodensity. D, fluid level.

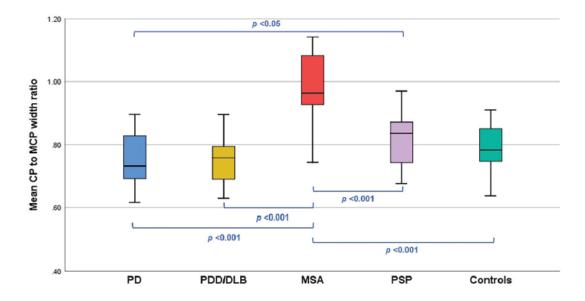


Figure 2 The cerebral peduncle (CP) to middle cerebella peduncle (MCP) axial width ratio in patients with parkinsonism and controls. Abbreviations: PD = Parkinson's disease, PDD = Parkinson's disease with dementia, DLB = dementia with Lewy bodies, MSA = multiple system atrophy, PSP = pro gressive supranuclear palsy.

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