A 73-year-old woman presented with a right hemifacial spasm that started approximately 24 years ago. After this first occurrence, she underwent gold thread acupuncture and microvascular decompression. She visited our department when the symptoms recurred. Brain MRI confirmed vascular compression of the right 7th and 8th nerve complex root exit zone by the posterior inferior cerebellar artery (figure 1). In addition, the T1 sagittal view showed multiple spotty low signals with a distinct border confined to the right facial region where the gold thread acupuncture was performed 24 years ago (figure 2).

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Figure 2 MRI

**A** and T2 fluid-attenuated inversion recovery axial views (B) indicate gold thread acupunctures. Multiple spotty low signals (yellow arrows) with a distinct border confined to the right facial region where the gold thread acupuncture was performed 24 years ago are seen.

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