A 68-year-old immunocompetent farmer had persistent pneumonia after scrubbing an antique water tank. He was referred in a febrile coma with supple neck. Brain MRI (figure) showed innumerable enhancing lesions with severe edema. CSF was moderately inflammatory (23 white cells/mL, proteins 1.2 mg/mL, normal glucose) but excluded bacterial meningitis. Bronchoalveolar lavage and blood cultures were negative.
An open brain biopsy revealed abscesses of *Nocardia asteroides*, a ubiquitous Gram-positive soil pathogen. Treatment consisted of glucocorticoids and complex antibiotics regimen for 6 months. The patient eventually recovered completely. Nocardiosis is rare in immunocompetent patients, and cerebral miliary is an exceptional presentation.¹

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