Teaching Video NeuroImage: Disabling Jaw Clonus in a Bulbar-Onset ALS Patient Successfully Treated With Botulinum Toxin

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Jaw clonus is a rare neurological finding associated with supranuclear lesions of the trigeminal nerve. It is rare in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) [1]. We describe a 63-year-old ALS patient who presented with a disabling and sustained jaw clonus, reduced by mouth resting and elicited by mouth opening (video-1). Association of baclofen (25 mg/3id), tizanidine (2 mg/id) and benzodiazepine treatments were ineffective. Onabotulinum toxin A injections were administered into temporal (13 units) and masseter (25 units) muscles, bilaterally. She experienced a complete relief of her symptom up to 4-5 months, with no side-effects (video-2). She confirmed quality of life improving.
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Video Title
A disabling and sustained jaw clonus before (video-1) and 4 months after onabotulinum toxin A treatment (video-2).
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