

see [Eosinophilic granuloma](#).

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA), formerly known as [Wegener granulomatosis](#), is a rare multisystem autoimmune disease of unknown etiology. Its hallmark features include necrotizing granulomatous inflammation and pauci-immune vasculitis in small- and medium-sized blood vessels

A case of rhombencephalitis with meningitis in a 36-years-old previously healthy man; neurological signs and symptoms were initially consistent with a diagnosis of [Wallenberg syndrome](#). Analysis of [cerebrospinal fluid](#) showed predominantly lymphocytic pleocytosis and elevated protein levels. A CT brain scan was normal. MRI of the brain showed a hypertensive type lesion in T2, in the right pontomedullary region that suggested inflammation. A blood culture grew [Listeria monocytogenes](#). The patient improved and fully recovered with appropriate antibiotic treatment. *Listeria monocytogenes* is a recognized cause of acute brainstem meningoencephalitis. Differential diagnoses that must be considered are other forms of purulent meningitis, viral meningoencephalitis, [granulomatosis](#) infections of the central nervous system and, occasionally, stroke ¹⁾.

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Caminero Rodríguez AB, Serrano Herranz R, Sánchez Ramírez F, Benito Gómez J. [Wallenberg syndrome as a sign of rhombencephalitis-meningitis due to *Listeria monocytogenes*]. *Neurologia*. 1995 Oct;10(8):342-5. Spanish. PubMed PMID: 8554785.

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