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# Bickerstaff brainstem encephalitis

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Bickerstaff's brainstem encephalitis (BBE) is a rare post-infectious neurological disease characterized by the association of external ophthalmoplegia, ataxia, lower limb areflexia, extensor plantar response and disturbance of consciousness (drowsiness, stupor or coma).