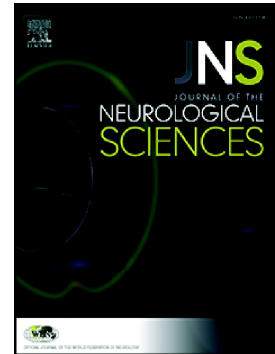


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Highlights

- cerebellar ataxia can be caused by Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (Brownell–Oppenheimer variant)
- prion disease can be confirmed by performing a bedside brain biopsy using simple instruments
- superficial brain biopsies are safe and can prevent accidental prion transmission

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