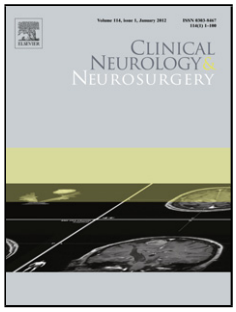

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Highlights

- Responses to stimulation of sole were studied systematically using a special instrument.
- Force of stimulation does not affect the plantar response
- Concept of sensitivity introduced and parameters described
- Extensor responses are reproducible whereas withdrawal responses are not.
- Normal leg plantar examination must precede the affected leg in hemiparetic patients.

Abstract

Objectives: Systematic and quantitative evaluation of the plantar reflex has been infrequently studied in the past and can help assess the vexing variables encountered in its elicitation. The objective of this study was to determine the effect of type, pattern and force of stimulation in eliciting an accurate plantar response in patients with pyramidal dysfunction and healthy individuals.