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Clinicopathological Evaluation of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy in Players of American Football

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“The fact that we were able to gather so many instances of a disease that was previously considered quite rare, in eight years, speaks volumes,” Dr. Ann McKee, a professor of neurology and pathology and director of the CTE Center, said in a statement upon the study’s release.

“There’s just no way that would be possible if this disease were truly rare,” McKee said.

<https://www.boston.com/sports/sports-news/2017/09/21/a-boston-university-neurologist-is-at-odds-with-his-own-schools-conclusions-about-youth-football-and-cte>

Caution must be used in interpreting the high frequency of CTE in this sample, and estimates of prevalence cannot be concluded or implied from this sample.

The spectrum of disease in chronic traumatic encephalopathy

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Dr. Ann McKee has studied the brains of 54 former NFL players, more than any other person, but that hasn't stopped some from criticizing her statements. (Chris O'Meara/AP)

"I'm really wondering where this stops," said Dr. Ann McKee, a neuropathologist at Boston University. "I'm wondering if, on some level, every single football player doesn't have this.

<https://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2013/10/12/league-of-denial>

What the scientific paper says:

functioning individuals. Consequently, no generalizations regarding the incidence and prevalence of CTE in living athletes and veterans can be made. Furthermore, in several of the cases, the