myelin lamellae by splitting of the intraperiod lines. The aggregation of restricted fluid between lamellae layers of myelin might cause increased isotropy of water diffusion of the white matter and responsible for the increased signal intensity on the diffusion-weighted images (DWI) (11).

However, other studies did not confirm their results. For example, in 2007, Dr. Offiah and Dr. Hall evaluated six patients with clinical or histopathological diagnosis of heroin-induced leukoencephalopathy and MRI examinations was done in all of them including DWI and single-voxel MRS. Cerebellar white matter was involved in all six cases demonstrating similar symmetrical white matter involvement with sparing of the dentate nuclei. Brain stem signal was altered in five of the six patient images. There was not any area of signal abnormality with restriction on DWI images (8).

Therefore, DWI and MRI roles are just suspected and other studies did not identify their diagnostic value.

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