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Neurophysiology studies in a 50-year-old man with slowly progressive weakness of the left upper limb revealed conduction block in the ulnar nerve above the elbow. His weakness remained stable with regular subcutaneous immunoglobulin, but he noted gradual hemibody hair depigmentation. Examination also revealed unilateral left hand leukonychia (figure), MRI of the brain and cervical spine was normal.

Multifocal motor neuropathy with conduction block is a rare autoimmune motor neuropathy typically presenting with asymmetric distal upper limb weakness without sensory loss.¹ Unilateral nail changes have been described in the context of posttraumatic reflex sympathetic dystrophy.² The hair depigmentation is unexplained.

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