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Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) is an unexplained chronic, debilitating pain condition that is characterized by disproportionate pain, swelling, vasomotor, sudomotor, trophic and motor changes. Observations of tactile misperceptions in patients with CRPS have prompted investigation of somatosensory neuroplasticity as a putative mechanism in CRPS pain. In a case-control design, the authors compared middle and late-latency somatosensory-evoked potentials in response to pseudo-randomised mechanical stimulation of the digits of both hands (including CRPS-affected and non-affected sides) between 13 CRPS patients and 13 matched healthy controls. See Kuttikat et al, page 395.

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