Reviewer’s report

**Title:** De Toni-Debre-Fanconi Syndrome in a patient with Kearns-Sayre Syndrome: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Sebastian Beck

**Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?:** New associations or variations in disease processes

**Has the case been reported coherently?:** Yes

**Is the case report authentic?:** Yes

**Is the case report ethical?:** Yes

**Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?:** No

**Is this case worth reporting?:** Yes

**Is the case report persuasive?:** Yes

**Does the case report have explanatory value?:** Yes

**Does the case report have diagnostic value?:** Yes

**Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?:** Yes

**Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:** No

**Comments to authors:**

In general, I agree with the article now. However, anonymity of the patient might be still an issue. Even with an informed consent and agreement from the parents about publishing the pictures of the patient, I am not very sure if the privacy of the patient is appropriately maintained.

The patient is over 18 years old, and he himself should also agree (not only his parents) if possible and if he is intellectually capable of this decision. I could imagine that showing the ptosis (Fig. 3) could be done with a close-up of the eyes, without showing the entire face of the young man. Figure 4 could be replaced without loss of information by giving simply height and weight along with the percentiles.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.