Reviewer's report

Title: Mitochondrial Myopathy presenting as Fibromyalgia; a Case Report

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Reviewer: Frank Domino

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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?: Yes

Comments to authors:

I thought the abstract and case were very insightful. My strongest recommendation for changes are:

1. The writing is dense; please make paragraphs 3 sentences in length at greatest.

2. Qualify how and when someone with fibromyalgia should be tested for other diseases, and the relative frequency of co morbidities. For example, what should be ruled out (thyroid dysfunction, psychiatric issues, etc.) before the expense and worry of muscle biopsy is indicated? This better serves and educates the reader and makes the time spent reading able to change a provider's practice.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'