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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear author, The paper is essentially a mini-review which is aiming to provide the reader with the up-to-date info regarding Friedreich’s ataxia that is the most common autosomal recessive spinocerebellar ataxia. The significant mortality occurs as a result of cardiomyopathy. The article is written with the good English-speaking adduction of



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the arguments. The article is sufficiently novel and very interesting to warrant publication. All the key elements are presented and described clearly. Please, underline your novelty and all the relevant published papers must be mentioned including such classical manuscripts as of: Frank Weidemann, et al . The cardiomyopathy in Friedreich's ataxia – New biomarker for staging cardiac involvement. International Journal of Cardiology 194 (2015) 50–57 F. Weidemann, S.Stork, D.Liu, K.Hu, S.Herrmann, G.Ertl, etal. Cardiomyopathy of Friedreich ataxia, J. Neurochem. 126 (Suppl. 1) (2013) 88–93. F. Weidemann, C. Rummey, B. Bijmens, S. Stork, R. Jasaityte, J. Dhooge, et al., The heart in Friedreich ataxia: definition of cardiomyopathy, disease severity, and correlation with neurological symptoms, Circulation 125 (2012) 1626–1634. A.H.Koeppen, R.L.Ramirez, A.B.Becker, S.T.Bjork, S.Levi, P.Santambrogio, etal. The pathogenesis of cardiomyopathy in Friedreich ataxia, PLoS One 10 (2015) e0116396. P.M. Mottram, M.B. Delatycki, L. Donelan, J.S. Gelman, L. Corben, R.E. Peverill, Early changes in left ventricular long-axis function in Friedreich ataxia: relation with the FXN gene mutation and cardiac structural change, J. Am. Soc. Echocardiogr. 24 (2011) 782–789. DOI: 10.1016/S0735-1097(86)80159-0 DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0116396 DOI: 10.1161/circulationaha.112.095364

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Hanson et al. reviewed heart disease in Friedreich’s ataxia. This manuscript is well written and informative. I only have several minor comments. Page1 Mohammed Alkubeysi is missing in the contribution. Page 2 Mohammed Alkubeysi in the contribution should be Alkubeysi M.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting review of the topic. I suggest to add information to the clinical case, if available. It looks like there is scarce data, more details about the case would be useful. Although, some comments in the paper are reiterative, redundant, specifically those related to the cardiology manifestations. I suggest to summarize the comments in this



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well written review article presenting in detail the cardiac manifestations of Friedreich’s Ataxia. The clinical information of the presented case is useful in understanding the clinical course of the disease.



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