

Supplementary material

Clinical evaluation

Physical examination and compilation of medical history was performed as part of the clinical workup.

Muscle and skin biopsy samples and establishment of cell cultures

The patient was subjected to two percutaneous skeletal muscle biopsies taken from *m. tibialis anterior* under local anaesthesia using a conchotome, in the years 2008 and 2016.

Cultures of primary skin fibroblasts, from a skin biopsy performed year 2008, and myoblasts, from the muscle biopsy performed year 2016, from the patient and controls were established.

Skin fibroblasts were cultured at 37°C/5% CO₂ atmosphere in standard high-glucose DMEM-GlutaMAX media (Gibco Life Technologies), supplemented with 10% FBS (Gibco Life Technologies). Myoblasts were cultured at 37°C/5% CO₂ atmosphere in Ham's F10 Nutrient Mix (Gibco Life Technologies) supplemented with 20% FBS (Gibco Life Technologies) and 2.5 ng/mL growth factor bFGF (Gibco Life Technologies). Prior to the investigations described below cells were harvested by trypsination using TrypLE Express 1x (Gibco Life Technologies) and washed twice in Phosphate Buffered Saline (1xPBS) without calcium and magnesium (Gibco Life Technologies). Immunocytochemistry on primary fibroblasts and myoblasts was performed as described earlier^{e1}. Primary antibodies used were alpha-tubulin (Merck T6199), desmin (Cell Signaling #5332) and secondary antibodies Alexa Fluor® 488 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A-11017, mouse), Alexa Fluor® 568 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A-11036, rabbit) and 0.01 µg/ml DAPI (Merck, D9542).

Morphological investigation of skeletal muscle

Morphological examinations of skeletal muscle, including enzyme histochemical staining and electron microscopy, were performed on both biopsies, from 2008 and 2016, as described earlier^{e2}.

Genetic analysis

Genomic DNA from the patient was isolated from EDTA-blood, cultured fibroblasts and cultured myoblasts using the QIAamp DNA Midi Kit (Qiagen), from skeletal muscle using QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) and from urinary epithelial cells using QIAamp DNA Micro Kit (Qiagen).

The entire mtDNA sequence from the patient was determined from total DNA isolated from skeletal muscle and cultured myoblasts. MtDNA was amplified by PCR in 28 overlapping M13-tailed fragments as described before^{e3}. Subsequent sequencing of PCR products was carried out with M13 primers, using the BigDye version 3.1 sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems) on a 3500xl Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems). Sequence data were compared with the revised Cambridge reference sequence for human mtDNA (GenBank NC_012920.1).

Mutation levels were quantified by last cycle hot restriction fragment length polymorphism (LCH-RFLP) analysis, where PCR products (forward primer 5'-

TATCAATCACCTGAGCTCAC and reverse primer 5'-TGTAATGAGGGGCATTTGG to amplify an 855 bp fragment) were labelled with ³²P-dCTP (GE Healthcare) in the last cycle, followed by digestion with endonuclease *HphI* (New England Biolabs) and separation by electrophoresis in non-denaturing polyacrylamide gels. Quantification was performed by phosphor-imaging (BioRad) and corrected for GC-content of the wild type and mutant fragments.

Whole genome sequencing (WGS) on skeletal muscle DNA from the patient was performed to a sequencing depth of 30x mean coverage using a NovaSeq 6000 sequencing instrument (Illumina) after library preparation with NxSeq AmpFREE Low DNA Library Kit (Lucigen). This was followed by in-house bioinformatics analysis, using the mutation identification pipeline (MIP) as earlier described^{e4}. The entire mtDNA, all disease associated genes in OMIM (3715 genes) and all genes in Human Mitocarta 2.0 (1158 genes) were analyzed in the genomic data.

Blue Native Polyacrylamide Gel electrophoresis (BN-PAGE) and in silico analyses

Mitochondria isolated from muscle were analyzed by BN-PAGE. Mitochondria corresponding to 20 µg protein were pelleted, resuspended in 23 µl N-dodecyl b-D-maltoside buffer (1% N-dodecyl b-D-maltoside, 1.75 M 6-aminocaproic acid, 7.5 mM Bis-Tris, 2 mM EDTA, pH 7.0) and incubated for 15-30 min on ice. Following centrifugation at 20,000xg for 10 minutes, supernatants were mixed with sample buffer (750 mM 6-aminocaproic acid, 5% Coomassie Blue G250) and loaded onto a 5-15% gradient blue native gel. Gel preparation and electrophoresis were carried out as described earlier^{e5}. The gel was blotted to PVDF membrane (Millipore Immobilon-P PVDF 0,45 µM). After blocking in 5% dry milk the blots were incubated with antibodies from Abcam detecting mitochondrial respiratory chain complex I (Mouse Anti-NDUFA9 antibody, ab14713), complex II (Mouse Anti-SDHA antibody, ab14715), complex III (Mouse Anti-UQCRC2 antibody, ab14745), complex IV (Mouse Anti-COX4 + COX4L2 antibody, ab110261) and secondary HRP-conjugated antibody (Goat Anti-Mouse IgG H&L, ab97023).

Multiple sequence alignment was performed with Clustal Omega at standard settings^{e6}.

Structural representations of ND3 were generated on the basis of the PDB electron

microscopic structure 5XCT^{e7} in PyMOL v2.3.4. Models were built with ProMod3 v3.1.1 in SWISS-MODEL^{e8} based on the full length 5XCT structure (1-115) at standard settings.

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Table e-1. First and second electroneurography assessment

	<i>Electroneurography, 2007</i>		<i>Electroneurography, 2009</i>	
<i>Motor nerves</i>	CMAP (mV)	MCV (m/s)	CMAP (mV)	MCV (m/s)
<i>Median (l)</i>	4.0	50	not done	
<i>Median (r)</i>	5.3	50	8.3	53
<i>Tibial (l)</i>	no response		not done	
<i>Tibial (r)</i>	0,2	30	0.7	14
<i>Peroneal (l)</i>	1.2	37	not done	
<i>Peroneal (r)</i>	0.6	40	0.1	30
<i>Sensory nerves</i>	SNAP	SCV	SNAP	SCV
<i>Median (l)</i>	4	52	not done	
<i>Median (r)</i>	4	49	2	46
<i>Radial superficial (l)</i>	6	46	not done	
<i>Radial superficial (r)</i>	7	52	5	59
<i>Sural (l)</i>	no response		not done	
<i>Sural (r)</i>	1	31	no response	

CMAP; compound muscle action potential, MCV; motor conduction velocity, SNAP; sensory nerve action potential, SCV; sensory conduction velocity, r; right, l; left

Table e-2. Muscles assessed and EMG patterns identified in first vs. second investigation

<i>Muscles assessed</i>	<i>EMG, 2007</i>	<i>EMG, 2009</i>
<i>Abductor pollicis brevis (r)</i>	not done	myopathic
<i>First interosseous dorsalis I (l)</i>	normal	not done
<i>Biceps brachii (r)</i>	not done	myopathic
<i>Iliopsoas (r)</i>	not done	myopathic
<i>Vastus lateralis (r)</i>	not done	myopathic
<i>Vastus lateralis (l)</i>	chronic neurogenic	not done
<i>Tibialis anterior (r)</i>	chronic neurogenic	myopathic
<i>Tibialis anterior (l)</i>	chronic neurogenic	not done
<i>Gastrocnemius (r)</i>	acute neurogenic with spontaneous activity	myopathic
<i>Gastrocnemius (l)</i>	acute neurogenic with spontaneous activity	not done

EMG; electromyography, r; right, l; left