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## Long-term follow-up of two siblings with adult-onset neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis, Kufs type A

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• Arsov et al. (2011) identified patients with Kufs A disease with *CLN6* mutations, and most patients exhibited myoclonus, seizures, and dementia, followed by ataxia at around 30 years of age, without any loss of vision.

 However, neither our patients nor their relatives had dementia or extrapyramidal findings.



 Electrophysiological recordings of myoclonus or indirect electrophysiological indicators of increased cortical activation, such as the presence of the C reflex, did not show changes despite adequate control of seizures.

 However, our patients provide evidence for the inhibition of various brainstem reflexes in NCL and establish that these abnormal findings deteriorate with time.



 Persistent photosensitivity is an important clinical feature in NCL associated with CLN6 mutation.

• Piracetam provided dramatic relief of myoclonic seizures and ataxia in the presented cases. Piracetam may be considered in the palliative treatment of these patients.

