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| Journal Name: | [**Ophthalmology Research: An International Journal**](https://journalor.com/index.php/OR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_OR\_142684** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Beyond the spicules: Atypical Retinitis Pigmentosa in Bardet-Biedl Syndrome** |
| Type of the Article | **Case Report** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This case report underscores the importance of considering Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (BBS) in retinal dystrophy cases, even with atypical presentations. Early recognition of BBS, aided by multidisciplinary evaluation, can improve patient outcomes, especially in resource-limited settings. Documenting such cases can help clinicians recognize and manage BBS effectively. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The current title is creative, other title would be it:  “Atypical Retinitis Pigmentosa as the Primary Finding in Bardet-Biedl Syndrome: A Case Report” | We are grateful to the reviewer for suggesting an alternative title. After consideration, we have retained our original title, as we believe it adequately conveys the scope and uniqueness of the case. |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract is right and sufficient | We are grateful for the reviewer’s positive feedback on the abstract. No further changes were necessary, but we have reviewed it carefully for clarity and consistency with the revised discussion. |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | The scientific reasoning appears to be sound. The case is presented clearly, the diagnostic criteria are mentioned, and the discussion connects the findings to existing literature on Bardet-Biedl Syndrome. | We thank the reviewer for confirming the scientific validity of our manuscript. To further strengthen the scientific rigor, we have elaborated the discussion, clearly highlighting how this case differs from previously reported cases. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references provided include a mix of classic BBS articles and more recent articles. They should be up to 10 years old.  I suggest other references such us:  Bujakowska, K. M., Zhang, Q., Siemiatkowska, A. M., Liu, Q., Place, E., Falk, M. J., … Pierce, E. A. (2015). Mutations in IFT172 cause isolated retinal degeneration and Bardet-Biedl syndrome. Human Molecular Genetics, 24(1), 230–242. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hmg/ddu441> | We thank the reviewer for this valuable suggestion. While we did not include the specific reference mentioned, we have incorporated other recent and relevant references to ensure the discussion is well supported by up-to-date literature. |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | The language and English quality of the article appear suitable for scholarly communication. The writing is clear, concise, and uses appropriate medical terminology. |  |
| Optional/General comments |  |  |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | There are no ethical issues in this manuscript. Informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication of clinical details and images. All ethical principles were followed, and patient confidentiality has been maintained throughout the report. |