

Editor's Comment:

The paper has many misconceptions and my remarks are highlighted in the revised paper or below. The paper cannot be accepted in its present form as it convey wrong information

sincerely

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The editor-in-chief is world expert on the subject and does not accept publication of this paper unless the comments are incorporated:

1-Pseudoxanthoma elasticum (PXE) is a genetic metabolic disease with autosomal recessive inheritance caused by mutations in the ABCC6 gene and the diagnosis is by gene test or skin biopsy (Mansour AM, Shields JA, Annesley WH Jr, el-Baba F, Tasman W, Tomer TL. Macular degeneration in angioid streaks. Ophthalmologica. 1988;197(1):36-41). A quick screen does not rule out subtle pseudoxanthoma elasticum. A skin biopsy or gene test does.

2-The various systemic disease associations:

Systemic associations of **angioid streaks**.

Mansour AM. Int Ophthalmol Clin. 1991 Summer;31(3):61-8.

3-The evolution of the streaks:

Evolution of angioid streaks.

Mansour AM, Ansari NH, Shields JA, Annesley WH Jr, Cronin CM, Stock EL. Ophthalmologica. 1993;207(2):57-61.

4-Histology: Marked thickening and mineralization of Bruch's membrane losing its elasticity

Mansour AM. Marked thickening of Bruch's membrane in a 17-year-old patient with angioid streaks. Eye (Lond). 1998;12 (Pt 5):898-900.

Please include these references and the comments that PXE can be subtle and needs biopsy of the neck skin or gene testing.

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