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Mutation	Patients	Sex			Age at onset (y)	BCVA <sup>#</sup>			
	n	f	m	m:f	Mean Median	Mean Median	≥ 0.5 (%)	< 0.05 (%)	
11778	47	18	29	1.6 (3.9)*	8.3 8.0	0.15 0.10	4/59 (7)	18/59 (31)	
3460	11	4	7	1.8	8.6 8.0	0.74 0.10	4/6 (67)	0/6 (0)	
14484	11	6	5	0.8	9.2 9.0	0.82 0.80	10/14 (71)	0/14 (0)	
All	69	28	41	1.5 (2.3)*	8.5 8.0	0.30 0.12	18/79 (23)	18/79 (23)	

Supplementary Table 1. Data summary of previously published LHON patients with onset of visual loss  $\leq$  12 years of age.

\*Ratio after excluding two atypical families carrying the m.11778A>G mutation, one German and one Chinese, with a high proportion of affected female carriers.

<sup>#</sup> Number of eyes with best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) ≥ 0.5 or < 0.05 in Snellen decimal. One eye of a child carrying the m.11778G>A mutation was excluded from analysis due to unilateral anterior persistent faetal vasculature and pre-existing dense amblyopia.

Abbreviations: BCVA, best corrected visual acuity; f, female; m, male.

Mutation	Patients	Sex			Age at onset (y)	BCVA <sup>#</sup>		
	n	f	m	m:f	Mean	Mean	≥ 0.5	< 0.05
					Median	Median	(%)	(%)
11778	60	21	39	1.9	8.0	0.16	9/85	27/85
					8.0	0.10	(11)	(32)
3460	18	6	12	2.0	8.17.7	0.63	12/20	2/20
						0.73	(60)	(10)
14484	18	8	10	1.3	8.18.0	0.67	17/28	0/28
						0.80	(61)	(0)
All	96	34	62	1.8	8.08.0	0.34	38/133	29/133
						0.17	(29)	(22)

Supplementary Table 2. Meta-analysis of childhood-onset LHON patients.

# Number of eyes with best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA)  $\geq$  0.5 or < 0.05 in Snellen decimal.

Abbreviations: BCVA, best corrected visual acuity; f, female; m, male.

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