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Dear Editor,

We are pleased that the reviewers and the editors find our manuscript much improved and we are very appreciative for the acceptance for publication in *BMC Medical Genetics* given additional satisfactory revision. We have revised the manuscript according to the requested changes to the format of our manuscript and hope that it now will be acceptable for publication.

We have also done some minor linguistic and grammatical changes to improve the readability.

The manuscript is not under consideration for publication elsewhere and has been prepared according to the journal’s instructions to authors. It has been seen and approved by all authors. All authors have made substantial contribution to conception, design, analysis and/or interpretation of the data.

We thank you once more for considering this manuscript as an article in *BMC Medical Genetics* and hope that it now will be acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to the requested changes to the format of our manuscript:

Major revisions

Q1. Authors’ contributions: Please indicate that all authors read and approved the final manuscript.
A1. All authors have read and approved the final manuscript. This has now been indicated in the authors’ contributions section.

Minor revisions

Q1. Title: please use sentence case in the title, both in the manuscript file and the submission system. Capitalise only the first word and proper nouns, and do not include full stops/periods. For example, 'The Title of My Prestigious Publication: A Scientific Study.' should be changed to 'The title of my prestigious publication: a scientific study'.
A1. We have changed the title accordingly.

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A3. All highlighting and tracking have been removed.

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A4. Full citation details are now included for all the references. The references are formatted according to the BMC Medical Genetics template using EndNote.

Q5. Tables- please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables.
A5. The vertical lines are now removed from all our tables.

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