Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical and molecular characterization of a cohort of patients with novel nucleotide alterations of the Dystrophin gene detected by direct sequencing

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Minor Essential Revisions:

Congrats to the authors for very nice work on the DMD gene and doing the complete study in their patient population. The work is very well plan and done.

There is only few minor comment:
Please write from where mutation numbering was started and using what version of reference sequence (GenBank ID) of DMD gene.

For patient I, use either DupC or insertion of C, not both, as in text some place it says duplication some insertion.

Figure 3: Please explain the legends nicely and the numbers are also missing in the figures slides and are bit confusing.

In general Figure legends are not explanatory, try to explain little more.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests