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Dear Professor Neri and Professor Declaro:

We thank reviewer’s suggestions on revisions. The manuscript now has been revised to incorporate the changes recommended by the reviewer. The followings are our point-by-point responses to the reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer’s comment:

I have the feeling the authors misinterpreted my comment about the use of “autistic behavior”: I was wondering if a complete evaluation was performed but I would still mention in the manuscript that autistic traits were reported in the patients. In fact, I believe that the sentence used by the authors in the cover letter (“The severity of psychomotor retardation in both patients was incompatible with a diagnosis of autism although both demonstrated deficits overlapping with some features in patients with autism”) would be ideal to explain the behavioral phenotype, either in the results or in the discussion.

Authors responses:

To incorporate review’s suggestions, “behavioral problems” in the abstract and conclusion has been replaced with “autistic behavior” to better characterize the
behavioral problems (Page 2, line 20; and page 11, line 13). Moreover, the phrase “Although both patients reported here demonstrated behavioral problems overlapping with some features in patients with autism, the severity of psychomotor retardation in the patients was incompatible with a diagnosis of autism” is added to the Discussion section (Page 9, lines 12-15).

Reviewer’s comment:
Page 5: “Full-term (birth weight, 1,800 g” should be replaced with “full-term, birth weight was 1,800 g”.

Authors’ response:
The suggested change has been adopted (Page 5, line 12).

We are very grateful to the reviewers and editor for thorough review and constructive suggestions. We hope the new version has appropriately adopted reviewer’s suggestions and meet criteria for publication.

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