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Dear Editor,

We appreciated all the enlightening comments from the editors.
The manuscript has been revised according to the comments. The modified parts were highlighted in blue.
We also responded point by point to each reviewer comments as listed below.
Thank you very much.

Best regards

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Comments to the Author
1. Authors claim that a TBX1 mutation was never reported among nonsyndromic conotruncal hearth defects, but they overlooked one previous literature report dealing with a TBX1 mutation associated with isolated tetralogy of Fallot (Rauch R et al, J Med Genet 2010;47:321 Comprehensive genotype-phenotype analysis in 230 patients with tetralogy of Fallot).

Author's response:
We have made changes accordingly in revised manuscript. Please see the “Background” and “Conclusion” of the “Abstract” section, and the final statement of the “Background” section. In the “Reference” section, we have replaced the Reference 5 (Cabuk F et a, Turk J Pediatr. 2007;49:61-68) with the last Reference 5 (Rauch R et al, J Med Genet 2010;47:321). thank you very much.