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Dear Editor
Dear Referee,

Thank you very much again for reviewing our manuscript and your patience. We regret the misunderstanding and our insufficient first revision. Again we tried to correct all points of criticism. Changes are marked in red.

* We revised the title and the abstract.
* We changed completely the conclusions of the abstract.
* We added missing details at the end of the background.
* We corrected likelihood, concept and xx-year-old.
* We rephrased the sentence with the citation of the first SCA17 patient in the discussion.
* We tried to simplify the end of the discussion.
* We increased the size of the figure.

We hope that the manuscript in its present form is now suitable for publication in BioMed Central. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you very much again for consideration of our manuscript.
Yours sincerely
Christine Zuehlke.