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Dear Editor
Dear Referee,

Thank you very much again for reviewing our manuscript and acceptance for publication. We formatted the manuscript but did not convert it in a case report: If possible, we prefer the article format, since the general implications of the work, in the revised version and also highlighted in the title, may be overlooked by some readers. In particular referee 1 consisted in the equivalent presentation of the three parts: case report, haplotype analysis and review of the literature.

If the editors, however, feel that the work should be considered a case report, we will respect and accept their decision. Please let us know your decision concerning this point.

Thank you very much in advance.
Yours sincerely
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