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To the Attention of the EDITOR IN CHIEF OF BMC MEDICAL GENETICS

Dear Sir,

We thank the reviewers for their ultimate suggestions in order to clarify in the best possible way our Manuscript « Identification of the first intragenic deletion of the PITX2 gene causing an Axenfeld-Rieger Syndrome. “ by Guillaume de la Houssaye¹, Ivan Bieche², Olivier Roche¹³, Véronique Vieira¹, Ingrid Laurendeau², Laurence Arbogast¹, Hatem Zeghidi³, Philippe Rapp³, Philippe Halimi⁴, Michel Vidaud², , Jean-Louis Dufier¹³, Maurice Menasche¹ & Marc Abitbol¹³ *. We have added arrows in all figures where they were needed in order to clarify our pictures and their legends as well as the content of the manuscript. We have explained within the manuscript why we used the primers chosen for this study and they correspond indeed to the latest published papers. The references of these papers are in the bibliography and are cited of course in the text of our manuscript. As requested we have sent our manuscript to a company specialized in scientific English translations and very well known for the quality of its employees who all of them have obtained PhDs in biology: The name of this Company is Alex EDELMAN& Co. It is Located in MALAKOFF in FRANCE. We strongly hope that now the manuscript is ready for publication. We warmly thank you again for your help as well as the reviewers.

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