Reviewer's report

Title: An Intronic Alteration of the Fibroblast Growth Factor 10 Gene Causing ALSG- (aplasia of lacrimal and salivary glands) Syndrome

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The manuscript has been well revised. Further minor modifications and comments are as follows:

1. Setting subtitles may help to read the results and “Analysis of the Fgf10 transcript” in Material and Methods, more smoothly.

2. There is no description on the necessity and purpose of this study in Introduction, but there is in Discussion, such as “A combined aplasia, …..is rarely diagnosed.” and “These studies prompted us to perform genetic analysis to identify….”

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.