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We thank the reviewers for a very thorough and relevant re-review and are pleased to submit the new revised version of the study “Cognition is only minimally impaired in Spinocerebellar Ataxia type 14 (SCA14): a neuropsychological study of ten Norwegian subjects compared to intrafamilial controls and population norm”

The manuscript has been reviewed according to one reviewer’s careful comments and suggestions.

The main point was the insufficient characterization of the intrafamilial control group. We agree that this group should be better characterized, and have now included a pedigree of Family 1, elucidating the family relations between the affected subjects and the intrafamilial controls. We have also specified in the text that the intrafamilial control group consisted of six 1st degree relatives, two 2nd degree relatives and two spouses, as well as the age, gender and educational characteristics of this group.

The editor board and the reviewer also comment on the language, and we agree that the previous revision with the introduction of a control group made the manuscript very dense and more difficult to read. We have made changes according to the reviewer’s precise suggestions, as well as minor language editing in order to make the manuscript easier accessible.

We have bolded and highlighted in yellow the added text.

We are very grateful for the constructive report from the external reviewer and hope the questions are better answered in this re-revised manuscript.