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Manuscript 187336135620940: POLG1 MUTATIONS AND STROKE LIKE EPISODES: A DISTINCT CLINICAL ENTITY RATHER THAN AN ATYPICAL MELAS SYNDROME”.

Dear Editors,

please find enclosed the revised version of the manuscript entitled “POLG1 MUTATIONS AND STROKE LIKE EPISODES: A DISTINCT CLINICAL ENTITY RATHER THAN AN ATYPICAL MELAS SYNDROME”, that we resubmit, after revising the manuscript following Editors suggestion (in yellow). Point by point answers to Editors comment are reported below. We hope that our paper is now suitable for publication in BMC Neurology.

Yours sincerely,

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EDITORIAL REQUESTS:

Wee just have a final remaining question. We note that in your revised manuscript you state: "DNA sample and muscle biopsy were collected after obtaining patient informed consent according to the local ethics and privacy and human subjects? protection regulations". Could you clarify if these samples were taken as part of standard care? If so please modify this statement to read "DNA sample and muscle biopsy were collected after obtaining patient informed consent according to the local ethics and privacy
and human subjects? protection regulations and were taken as part of standard patient care.” If however these samples were taken for research purposes please include a statement clarifying the ethical approval, including specific name of the committee, granted for this.

In addition the statements regarding standard care and the clinical samples should be moved into the case presentation section and the 'Standard care statement' should be renamed as 'Consent' and just include the sentence "Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for the publication of this case report and any accompanying images.”.

We modified the papers following the editorial request. In particular we moved the part regarding the consent to DNA analysis and muscle biopsy after the case report part.