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Dear Sir,

Please find attached the corrected version of our manuscript. We are grateful for the helpful comments of your two referees and have incorporated their suggestions. These have clearly improved the quality of our paper. Dr Meinck requested more information of the clinical syndrome. We have published this previously and have now clarified this in the paper and properly referenced that work. No MRI studies were performed on these children at diagnosis and the families have been reluctant, unfortunately, to subject the effected children to subsequent MRI. Dr Tranebjaerg is correct to say the reference to obligate carriers was mis-leading and has been corrected in the text. The errors she pointed out as ‘numbering of figures/ tables and legends have been corrected as she suggested. We hope that this paper is now acceptable for publication.

Yours Sincerely
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