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We would like to re-submit the enclosed manuscript “Long-term auxological and endocrinological evaluation of patients with 9p trisomy: a focus on growth hormone-insulin-like growth factor-I axis.”.

We have corrected the manuscript according the suggestions of the Editor. So we think that this report shows interesting data about the presence of growth hormone deficiency in patients with trisomy 9p, a genetic disorders today still scarcely known to Paediatricians and Endocrinologists and so, probably, underdiagnosed.

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