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We have revised the manuscript according to your comments as follow:

1. We have noted that the title page has been removed from the manuscript, please ensure that the title page is re-added, with the title of the manuscript, the order of authors, author affiliation details and email addresses for all authors.

Answer: We have re-added the title page in the manuscript accordingly.

2. We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of TY, as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Contribution to analysis, alone, does not usually justify authorship.

Answer: Miss TY not only performed genetic sequencing but also helped analyse the relationship of gene mutations and clinical phenotypes, we considered that she should be one of the authors and we have revised her contribution in Authors’ contributions section.

3. Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

Answer: The statement to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript has been included in the Authors’ contributions section.
4. Please ensure that all consent information is included in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, not just the Methods section, e.g. "All patients’ parents and guardians gave written informed consent".

Answer: The consent information was included in Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

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