Author’s response to reviews

Title: Delayed-onset of progressive pseudorheumatoid dysplasia in a Chinese adult with a novel compound WISP3 mutation: a case report

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Dear Prof. Riancho,

Thank you very much for your letter and the comments by the reviewers. We have read the reviewers’ comments carefully and have made corrections that we hope meet with their approval.

We thank the reviewers for their invaluable advice and are grateful to you for all the help that you have provided. Moreover, we found that reviewer’s comments were most helpful and have improved the discussion and English grammar of our manuscript.

The point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments are provided as follows:
Reviewer #1

1. Awkward English and use of genetic terminology, that need amendment before the paper can be published. The current recommendations of HGVS for mutation nomenclature (to use the 3 letters abbreviation for amino acids, rather the one letter one) are not followed in the MS.

Answer: We would like to express our appreciation to the reviewer for suggesting improvements to our paper. We have improved the English grammar of our paper using the Nature Research Editing Service. In addition, the p.C252x mutation has been revised to p.Cys252*.

2. Given the atypical late-onset disease of the patient, a discussion of the possible genotype-phenotype correlations for the mutation that has been previously described (by comparing this patient and the other carrier/s) is missing.

Answer: We found the reviewer’s comments to be very helpful and have revised the Discussion. We added or revised several sentences, which have been highlighted, to discuss the genotype-phenotype correlations of the mutation.

3. A comprehensive discussion of the Chinese mutations and genotypes published so far and the corresponding phenotypes would add value to the MS.

Answer: We are very appreciative for the important suggestion made by the reviewer and agree with this comment. We have added a table and several sentences in the Discussion.

4. Finally, there are some incorrect spellings in the phrases.

Answer: We have checked the paper and have made the necessary corrections.

Reviewer #2:

Answer: Thank you very much for your constructive comments to improve our paper. We have improved our English grammar of our manuscript using the Nature Research Editing Service.
We trust that we have adequately addressed the reviewers’ concerns and our revision should be sufficient to merit acceptance of our manuscript for publication in BMC Medical Genetics. We thank the reviewers for their comments and suggestions to improve our manuscript. We deeply appreciate your evaluation and consideration of the paper for publication in your journal and shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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