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Monserrato, December 26th, 2018
Dear Editor,

Please find attached the second revision of the manuscript “MGTC-D-18-00412-Novel ANKRD11 gene mutation in an individual with a mild phenotype of KBG syndrome associated to a GEFS+ phenotypic spectrum: a case report”.

Accordingly to your suggestions, we have carried out the required revisions:

Comment 1. Please clarify in the Ethics approval and consent to participate who consented for the minors (those under the age of 16) in this study, as they cannot consent for themselves. and Comment 2. Please clarify in the Consent for Publication section what the parents of the patients consented to be published, did they consent to medical data being published as well as images?

We revised the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” and “Consent for publication” as follows:

Ethics approval and consent to participate

The study protocol was performed in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and approved by the Ethics and Research Committee of the University Hospital Professor Edgard Santos in Bahia, Brasil (CEP/HUPES opinion No 121/2013).

Consent for publication

Written informed consent to publish medical information and images, reported in this publication, was obtained from all patients and/or parents of patients when not over 18 years old.

Comment 3. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works (32%). While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please see the attached screen shots of the overlap, and please rewrite these sections in order to minimise the overlap.

In order to avoid text overlaps with the published works, we have rewritten all the sections indicated. I hope that now the percentage of overlap is sufficiently low.

Comment 4. Please remove the Web Resources section under the Acknowledgments, all references used in the manuscript should be listed in the References and cited appropriately in the text.
We eliminated the Web Resources section. We think that the names, softwares and databases used in the study, were sufficiently cited in the text.

Comment 5. Thank you for uploading the CARE checklist, please remove it as it is no longer needed at this stage.

We eliminated the file.

We thank you again for considering our article.

Best regards.

Dr Andrea Angius