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Technical Comments:

Question(Q)1. Please change your article type to a Case Report, which better suits your manuscript. Please amend the Abstract headings to: Background, Case Presentation, Conclusions. Please amend the main text headings to: Background, Case Presentation, Discussion & Conclusions. As there is only one family involved in this study, and the proband presented and received standard care, this cannot be classed as a Research article.

Respond(R): Thanks for your advice. We have been premised to remain our study to a research article after ask for the editor. Thanks again for your understanding.
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R: Yes, we have added the consent for publication to the Declarations.

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R: Thanks for your advice. We have added the full name of the ethics committee in the ethics approval and consent to participate section to the Declarations.

Q4. Please represent authors’ names using their initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

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Editor Comments:

Thank you for making an effort to revise the manuscript. Based upon the recommendations of the two experts, your manuscript is now suitable for publication. Reviewer 1, however, pointed out that you have missed a word in the Background Section, and I trust that you will work with our Publication Staff to add it back so that your manuscript will be presented at its best.

R: Thanks to your feedback and recommendation to our manuscript. We add the missing word “gene” in the background line3 as suggested by reviewer1.