Reviewer’s report

Title: A heterozygous duplication variant of the HOXD13 gene caused synpolydactyly type 1 with variable expressivity in a Chinese family

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The authors have made sufficient efforts to improve the manuscript. There are couple of minor things to consider:

1. The authors write, 'Our results also widen the spectrum of HOXD13 mutation responsible for SPD1.' It would be worthwhile to mention the published 8 alanine expansion in HOXD13 in the manuscript and compare that phenotype with the present family.


3. Page 5, line 31. The sentence '... which has important role in limb development...' should be '...which have important role in limb development...'

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