Author’s response to reviews

Title: Case report: two novel VPS13B mutations in a Chinese family with Cohen syndrome and hyperlinear palms

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Editor Comments:
Q1: As Reviewer 1 pointed out, the quality of writing needs major improvement to meet the publication requirement, Thus, an academic editing service is recommended,

ANS1: According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we have again consulted a native English speaker. Another independent English-language editing team also corrected the revised manuscript.

Q2: Lots of Errors, e.g.
in Discussion, line 56 Counseling.. should be counselling
line 23. definite.. should be definitive
line 29 the others on the VPS13B gene.. should be in the VPS13B gene
line 13. patients in Chinese probably should be Chinese patients.
ANS2: According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we have changed the above points.

Q3: In addition, you can't only search literature in Chinese to prove how many Chinese CS patients have been reported. Chinese CS patients can be reported in Journals in English,

ANS3: We have checked all the Chinese Journals but fail to find out any information of Chinese CS patients. It is possible that there are other Chinese CS patient that were not reported. Then, we have changed the description to: ‘CS was initially described in 1973 [1], and VPS13B mutated in CS was reported in 2003 [3]. However, from the published data, only two definitive CS [8-9] and three probable CS patients were previously reported in Chinese, in which the first CS patient was diagnosed by next-generation sequencing in 2016 [8]. In this study, we reviewed all the reported VPS13B mutations reported in Chinese (Fig. 3)’.
Reviewer reports:

Q1: Matthew E R Butchbach, Ph.D. (Reviewer 1): The authors addressed most of the concerns raised during the evaluation of the first version. However, the statement "China is the most populated country in the world" is still present in the abstract. From the response to reviewers statement, the authors intended to highlight that the incidence of Cohen syndrome is lower in the Chinese population than in other ethnicities/populations. This point is important to make, if it is stated clearly. 
ANS1: According to Reviewer’s suggestion, we have further deleted the place where ‘China is the most populated country in the world’ in abstract of the manuscript.

Q2: Also, the quality of written English is still not adequate.

ANS2: According to the reviewer's suggestion, we have again consulted a native English speaker. Another independent English-language editing team also corrected the revised manuscript.