Dear Editor

Thank you very much for your positive answer. Herewith we submit a revised version of the manuscript that addresses the final comments of Reviewer 3. We would like to thank all reviewers as well as the editor for their useful comments that helped to improve our manuscript.

Yours sincerely

Larissa Arning (on behalf of the authors)

Reviewer 3: The authors have tried to revise the manuscript extensively, which makes the consideration of its scientific content much easier. However there remains several minor editing mistakes:
1. Please consider to re-phrase the second sentence in Abstract (lines 33-35)
Response: Done

2. The font for describing genes. There are still many occasions throughout the manuscript where italic font is not used for the name of genes. The authors are advised to revise these mistakes carefully as their inconsistency causes considerable confusions for readers.
Response: We revised the whole manuscript with regard to the use of italic font for the name of genes, since the term ´´SCA´´ has been partially used for both the disease and the genes.

3. Line 155: redundant word 'gene'
Response: Done

4. Lines 230-231: the full name of this gene has been described in the previous section of manuscript.
Response: Done

5. The authors are advised to avoid the use of 'and/or', whereas 'etc' is not appropriate in the scientific writing.
Response: We have deleted these expressions.
6. Please consider to re-phrase the sentence in lines 284-287

Response: Done