Author’s response to reviews

Title: Frequency of SCA8, SCA10, SCA12, SCA36, FXTAS and C9orf72 repeat expansions in SCA patients negative for the most common SCA subtypes

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Dear Editor

We deleted the ages found in the 'Symptoms' column. We hope that now the patient anonymity will be preserved. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

We hope the manuscript is now suitable for publication.

Yours sincerely

Larissa Arning (on behalf of the authors)

Editor Comments:

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Thank you for your revisions. Whilst most of your responses to the editorial requests were satisfactory, unfortunately, there are some further revisions required before we can proceed with your submission. Please find them below.

Please note that we will have to close your submission and return your manuscript to you if your manuscript is not amended accordingly.

1. Identifying information:

Thank you for removing the gender information from Tables 1 and 2 and for providing age of onset as age ranges. Unfortunately, we are still concerned that there are too many indirect identifiers in the tables (such as age, and the types of symptoms as some like nystagmus are easily identifiable, and family history), which is holding us back from proceeding in the absence of consent for publication; before we can accept your manuscript, we ask that you please also provide the ages, which are found in the 'Symptoms' column, as age ranges as well. Once this revision has been carried out, we will be satisfied that patient anonymity will be preserved.

Response: We removed the age information in the 'Symptoms' column from Tables 1 and 2.