Author’s response to reviews

Title: Hb Knossos (HBB: c.82G>T), β-globin CD 5 (-CT) (HBB: c.17_18delCT) and δ-globin CD 59 (-A) (HBD: c.179delA) mutations in a Syrian patient with β-thalassemia intermedia

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your kind interest and your fast reply. Your remarks are justified and to the point and we appreciate so much your suggestions to improve the manuscript. We would like to adjust our manuscript to satisfy your request:

Sincerely Yours,

Hossam MURAD

Reviewer reports:

Maria de Fatima Sonati (Reviewer 1):

The authors accepted all the suggestions of the reviewers. The manuscript is now suitable for publication. Figure 1 and its legend are still included in this second version, but should be removed.
The response:

We confirm that in the submitted version BPED-D-18-00839_R2 we had removed the figure 1 and its legend (Hemoglobin analysis of the blood sample using the Capillarys 2 system…..). We are so sorry for this error.

John Waye (Reviewer 2):

Parts of the paper are very repetitive, For example, the hematology results for the proband and parents are presented twice in the text (page 3 lines 58-60/page 4 lines 4-10 and page 5, lines 4-6), and also in Table 1. The table alone would suffice.

The response:

We are agree with the reviewer, we have deleted the repetitive sentences.

The last sentence of the paper (page 6, lines 32-38) is at odds with the data in the paper. They recommend screening for HBD gene mutations in beta-thalassemia carriers when the level of Hb A2 is reduced and the level of Hb F is elevated. The relevant individual in this family (proband's mother) is a beta-thalassemia carrier with reduced Hb A2 but no detectable Hb F.

The response:

We are agree with the reviewer, we have modified this unintentional error.