**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Medical and psychosocial perspectives of Apert syndrome: A case report of a 36-year-old Nigerian female

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1. Recommend revision of the abstract. Although you describe the physical characteristics of the patient, you barely mention the psychosocial aspects that you describe in the Case Report and Discussion sections. Consider summarizing the physical characteristics without going into significant detail and focus on the psychosocial aspects.

RESPONSE: We appreciate the recommendation on improving the abstract. We have summarized the physical characteristics without going into significant details and focused on the psychosocial aspects.

2. Clarification is need for the sentence "Interestingly, a familial dimension has been observed in a Congolese male patient and his mother with variation in severity of presentation" (L21-24). What does this mean? Does this finding influence the case presentation? Should it be deleted? Further editing and review is needed to correct a few grammatical errors.

RESPONSE: Thank you the recommendations on improving our manuscript. We have edited the sentence to improve the clarity of its meaning. The sentence means that there is familial manifestation of the disease. We have also reviewed the whole section to address the few grammatical errors.
3. Consider changing the organization of your case presentation. If the focus of your report is the psychosocial aspects of the disease, consider beginning with a briefer physical description of the patient and how she was diagnosed, then discuss her history, and discuss the psychosocial aspects last. Further editing and review is needed to correct some grammatical errors, including changing between past and present tense.

RESPONSE: We have revised the case presentation according to the reviewer’s recommendation. We have rearranged this section as follows: briefer physical description of the patient and how she was diagnosed, then discuss her history, and discuss the psychosocial aspects last. Additionally, we did further editing to correct some grammatical errors.

4. The discussion is effective in highlighting the physical and social disadvantages of the patient, and offers thoughtful recommendations how care for these patients can be improved. Further editing and review is needed to correct some grammatical errors.

RESPONSE: We have edited and reviewed the discussion section to correct some grammatical errors.