

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Nemaline Myopathy With Dilated Cardiomyopathy and Severe Heart Failure: A Case Report" (Manuscript NO.: 61050, Case Report). Those comments are very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval, then The parts we have modified are highlighted in red. The main correction in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

1. Response to comment: The references present in the abstract should be rather placed in the Introduction section.

Response: We are very sorry for our negligence of this, we have corrected this mistake.

2. Response to comment: Some linguistic and interpunction mistakes should be corrected.

Response: We are very sorry for our incorrect writing, we have corrected as follows

- 1) Original: "The disease is often misdiagnosed and high mortality. Here, we report a case of 3-year-old boy with NM who was admitted with dilated cardiomyopathy and heart failure followed by genetic confirmation of NM with MYPN mutation."

Revised: The disease has a high rate of misdiagnosis and mortality. Here, we report the case of a 3-year-old boy with NM who was admitted with dilated cardiomyopathy and heart failure followed by the genetic confirmation of NM with *MYPN* mutation.

- 2) Original: "One week before admission, he began to exhibit a paroxysm of coughing with phlegm accompanied with fatigue, and his level of physical activity plummeted."

Revised: One week before admission, he began to exhibit a paroxysm of coughing with phlegm, accompanied with fatigue and plummeting level of physical activity.

- 3) Original: "However, the parents found that his muscular tension was low, and that he fell over easily."

Revised: However, the parents found that his muscle tension was low, and that he fell over easily.

- 4) Original: "This mutation is thought to be a pathogenic mutation,

depending on the combination analysis of its clinical manifestations and genetic testing.”

Revised: This mutation is thought to be a pathogenic mutation, depending on the combined analysis of its clinical manifestations and genetic testing.

- 5) Original: “We suggested muscle biopsy, but the parents refused due to the severity of the heart failure.”

Revised: We suggested a muscle biopsy, but the parents refused due to the severity of heart failure.

3. Response to comment: The normal values for the laboratory examinations should be provided.

Response: Thank you very much for this suggestion, We have added the normal values of laboratory examinations to the paragraph (*Laboratory examinations*).

4. Response to comment: The echocardiographic results should be also presented as the indexed values (indexed by body surface area). The images of echocardiography or cardiac magnetic resonance could be of great interest for the readers.

Response: we added four pictures of echocardiogram and magnetic resonance image, and the normal values of echocardiographic results was presented.

Response to comment: The family tree graph and types of different clinical presentation of nemaline myopathy are of great interest.

Response: Thank you very much for this suggestion, but it is regrettable that we do not have further genealogical details, and nemaline myopathy is actually incredibly rare, we are sorry for that we didn't accumulate enough pictures.

5. Response to comment: The use of dobutamine is inconsistent in the Treatment section.

Response: I'm sorry we didn't express that accurately, we stopped using

dobutamine when the patient was in stable condition.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript, we appreciate for Reviewers' work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Thank you very much for your helpful comments and suggestions.