



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript is well written and highlights two cases of congenital dystrophy caused by mutation of B3GALNT2 gene. The fact that only 19 children with B3GALNT2 gene mutation are published makes this a significant addition to the currently available literature.



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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I have read the attached paper and make the following comments: In the abstract, the word 'nevertheless' in the following quotation is superfluous and should be removed, "...Nevertheless, the clinical phenotypes..." I strongly believe that scientific publications should be in third person, past tense, rather than first person as is the case in the following quotation, taken from the case report, "...We retrospectively reported 2 children.." In that same quotation, it is impossible to report something other than in retrospective situation as one cannot predict that a case will happen, especially have only 2 examples thereof. There should not be a comma before a conjunctive, such as 'and' as appears in the following quotations also taken from the case report "...delay, and abnormal..."and "...mutation, and 3 of the 4 loci had..."and "...manifestations, and more than..." The first time an acronym is use it should be given in full as per 'MRI' as also appears in the case report. The paper is inordinately brief and fails to give sufficient material to be truly educative. Having said that, it is concise and to the point and does add to the world literature and as such would be suitable if published as a letter to the editor, should the authors accept such an approach. If a full paper is being sought then there needs to be much more material, of an educative nature, to be offered which may extend to considering a wider scope of mus cular dystrophies to be considered and discussed. These 2 cases could serve as a lead in to discuss muscular dystrophies which would require much more work or alternatively this offering could be a letter to the editor.



**RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT**

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The paper still suffers from considerable language editing problems with many unnecessary words, such as however, moreover, additionally etc “Physical examination revealed a clear mind...”. What does a ‘clear mind’ mean in a 49 months or 45 month old child ? Similarly, what does ‘low muscle tension’ mean in the following quotation “He had low muscle tension...”? The authors indicated that they reverted to third person past tense but the following quotation would suggest otherwise “Additionally, we reported new symptoms of meningocele and giant arachnoid cyst...” or “thus, our findings in this case report enriched...” Having made the above criticisms, the paper reads reasonably well and should be accepted for publication if the Journal is prepared to undertake its own editing of the prevalent language problems throughout the paper. It does add to the literature and, with proper editing, would be suitable for the Journal but definitely requires the involvement of a competent editor, acknowledging that the authors are not native English soeakers.