

Dear Prof. Ying Dou,

Thank you very much for your attention and the referee's evaluation and comments on our paper "A compound heterozygous mutation of MUSK in two sibling fetuses causing fetal akinesia deformation sequence syndrome: Case report and review of literature" submitted to World Journal of Clinical Cases. (Manuscript number: 45079). We have checked the manuscript and revised it according to your kind advices and referee's detailed suggestions. We submit here the revised manuscript. We sincerely hope this manuscript will be finally acceptable to be published. Thank you very much for all your help and looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards

Sincerely yours

Dr. Na Li

Response to Reviewer:

I am very grateful to your comments for the manuscript.
According with your advice, we revised the manuscript. Some of your comments were answered below.

Comment 1:

The title should be modified as genetic analysis was performed in only one of the fetuses, so the the genetic abnormality in the other fetus is probable but not proven

Response:

Thanks for your comments. We revised the title: A compound heterozygous mutation of *MUSK* in a fetus causing fetal akinesia deformation sequence syndrome: Case report and review of literature

Comment 2:

Therefore, in line 37that caused FADS...should be rephrased to "in 1 fetus and possibly in her sibling"

Response:

Thank you very much for your attention and suggestion. Our manuscript was not exactly to say "two sibling fetuses", and we revised it to 'in 1 fetus and possibly in her sibling', what you suggested.

Comment 3:

Also, in line 46 the wordsfetal hydrops ..."of the fetal face and neck" should be omitted

Response: Thank you very much for your suggestion. We removed "of the fetal face and neck"

Comment 4:

in line 79-80...if FAD is suspected...the phrase "a prenatal diagnosis should be performed" should be deleted from the text I also took the liberty to make some linguistic corrections and the revised manuscript has been attached

Response:

Thanks for your suggestion. We revised the manuscript according to your suggestions, and the revised parts were marked in red.