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Dear Editors,

Please find enclosed the original manuscript of the article prepared by our group entitled “A de novo complete BRCA1 gene deletion identified in a Spanish woman with early bilateral breast cancer” and referenced as 7689819775421449 by your editorial office.

In this new version we have met the requirements requested by the BMC Series Editorial Production Team and by the Editorial Team.

Sincerely yours,

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Major revisions:

- Author list: the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The preferred style is "First name Initial Last name" (e.g. Joe F Bloggs).

We have incorporated the suggested changes about author list in the manuscript.

Our editorial team have asked that you incorporate the following changes into your manuscript:

- Background, p. 3, 1st paragraph: "Family history of breast and ovarian cancer, beside breast cancer bilaterality, early-onset breast cancer" - "beside" should be replaced with "besides" or "as well as" or "in addition to"

We have incorporated the suggested change.

- Methods, p. 5, 1st paragraph: "After a pre-genetic work-up and a psychological interview, the informed consent and a blood sample were obtained to complete the direct sequencing and MLPA analysis of BRCA1 and BRCA2 which results have been ultimately disclosed by the genetic counsellor." This sentence needs to be rephrased, and it is better to omit unnecessary details on the test result disclosure session, i.e. "After a pre-genetic work-up and a psychological interview, informed consent and a blood sample were obtained to perform direct sequencing and MLPA analysis of BRCA1 and BRCA2."

We have rephrased the sentence as suggested.

- Methods (Patients), p. 5, 2nd paragraph. "The case herein described presented no previous familiar history..." Replace "familiar" with "family".

We have incorporated the suggested change.

- Methods (LGR detection), p.7. "The result of the fragment analysis was performed using the Excel Software" - change into "Results of fragment analysis were evaluated using the Excel software" or "Quantitation of the results of fragment analysis was performed using the Excel software"

We have changed the sentence as suggested.

- Results (MLPA analysis), p. 10: "indicating that the BRCA1 deletion arose in the mother's germ cells. Insert "(data not shown)" at the end of this sentence.

We have inserted "(data not shown)" at the end of the sentence

Minor revisions:

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