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Dr Sally Simpson, Ph.D
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Dear Dr Simpson,

Thank you for having considered our manuscript adequate for publication in BMC Endocrine Disorders.

We submit the fourth revision of the manuscript entitled ‘Pre-clinical cardiac involvement in adulthood growth hormone deficiency: role for left ventricular remodeling. An observational single-center case-control study’ after your approval for publication.

The manuscript has been revised in the light of your suggestions, and some parts improved in reading.

As you note, we added the word ‘observational’ to avoid misinterpretation on the type of the study.

In fact, this was not an intervention trial, no drugs or techniques have been tested in the study population. Lab testing, ECG and echocardiography were part of the workup routinely performed in our patients with GHD and, for this reason, they did not need the evaluation of our ethical committee, but only the informed consent that the patients gave before the study.

As you required, the manuscript formatting check list has been followed carefully:
   a) reference’s number are into square-brackets and at the end of sentences or phrases, before full stop;
   b) references at the end of the manuscript have been rewritten in conformity and the full list of the authors included.

Unfortunately, we could use an end-note software, but - if absolutely necessary - we may apply the hypertext links for each single reference through the text, even with the MS Word processor. This would require one more week.

The material in the manuscript has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere, in any language. Preliminary data have been presented as brief communications in a previous international congress. There is no conflict of interest. Acknowledgements are not required.

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Kindest regards

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