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Dear Editor,

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The authors would like to thank the reviewers and Editor for potentially accepting our manuscript for publication in BMC Endocrine Disorders. We have carefully addressed the essential revisions and the corresponding changes have been incorporated.

1. In the ‘Ethics, consent and permissions’ section please clarify whether all family members gave informed written consent to participate in the genetic tests. Informed consent is required from the parents for the participation of patients 1, 2 and 3 and all other siblings who are minors.
The statements have been changed and clarified

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Approval for this study was obtained from the KFSH&RC ethics committee (RAC#2100 001). All family members gave informed written consent to participate in the genetic test. Parents provided the informed consent for participation of patients 1, 2 and 3 and all other siblings who are minor.”

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Consent for publication has been separated and modified as below

“Consent for publication

Written informed consent was obtained from the all the family members for publication of this case report and any accompanying images. Parents provided consent to publish on behalf o all minors. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor of this journal.”

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All the major headings has been reformatted as suggested
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