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Title: Case report: Recurrent pituitary adenoma has increased load of somatic variants

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Editor comment 1. In the "Ethics approval and consent to participate" section, please clarify if written informed consent was obtained for all procedures and analyses described in this manuscript.

Answer to comment No. 1: Thank you for the remark, we have edited the text and included the following statement in "Ethics approval and consent to participate" section: "Two written informed consents were obtained from the patient, broad consent for LGDB for use of biological material and medical data for human health and hereditary research, and project-specific consent with approval of the use of biological material and clinical data in research related to pituitary tumours that included all procedures and analyses described in this manuscript. In addition, upon request from the journal, a specific written informed consent to publish the results as a case report was obtained prior to publication."
Editor comment 2. In the response letter, please clarify how written informed consent for publication was obtained from the patient, as the patient was lost to follow-up.

Answer to comment No. 2: Yes, we agree that this needs clarification, the situation is that the patient described in the case report resides in another city of Latvia, not the capital Riga. Both surgeries and diagnostic procedures, as well as involvement in the study were performed in a hospital located in Riga. After interventions patient was living in her city of residence and discontinued to attend the hospital in Riga, therefore, the follow-up by the doctors involved in the obtainment of the clinical data for the study was not possible. We, however, were able to contact patient based on the hospital records and inform her about the publication and obtain the informed consent for the publication.

Editor comment 3. If written informed consent was obtained from the patient for the specific publication of this manuscript, please explicitly state this in the "Consent for publication" section.

Answer to comment No. 3: Thank you for this notification we have added the sentence with this statement to the "Consent for publication" section: "Specifically, informed consent was obtained also from the patient for the specific publication of this manuscript."

Editor comment 4. Thank you for providing a signed consent for publication form. However, this form has not been completed, as the circle as appropriate section has not been completed. Please ensure that this form is complete and return the complete form to the Editorial Office of BMC Endocrine Disorders, so that it can be assessed.

Answer to comment No. 4: Yes, we apologize for the mistake in the consent for the publication. We have informed the patient on the necessity and reason to obtain the corrected consent, visited her in the city of residence, performed thorough explanation of the informed consent and data included in the publication and obtained new consent for the publication. We are sending this consent to the Editorial Office as requested.