

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4651-review.doc).

Title: The contribution of endosonography in an uncommon case of pancreatic cysts.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

- (1) **"How big were the cysts in spleen and kidneys that they have been missed in transabdominal US, CT and MRI?"**

The cysts found in the spleen and left kidney were infracentimetric (spleen 6 mm, left kidney 9 mm) and perhaps might have been missed in those exams. However, the most likely scenario is that the Radiologists thought these were common findings and therefore, not worth mentioning in their report. It was only after the endosonography procedure that the Von Hippel Lindau disease hypothesis was raised and the spleen and kidney cysts gained relevance.

- (2) **"Carrier implies that she is not affected but this is an autosomal dominant disease"**

We corrected the phrase to "Her family was genetically tested, and the same mutation was found in her 7 year-old daughter."

- (3) **"I assume that the cystic lesions were not "enhancing" indicating a vascularised tumour but had "high signal intensity on T2 weighted imaging"."**

We corrected the expression to "we performed an abdominal MRI (figure 2), which revealed several cysts that had a high signal intensity on T2 weighted images."

- (4) **We rephrased the last sentence as the reviewer suggested:** "Unfortunately, her daughter was born with the same mutation. With a diagnosis of VHL more than 7 years earlier, our patient could have been offered prenatal screening."
- (5) **Whole manuscript was revised by American Journal Experts english language editing company.**

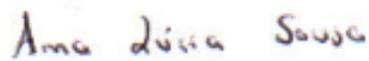
2 The improvement of the manuscript has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer number 00035938.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 We replaced the order of authors because Ana Lúcia Sousa and Diamantino Sousa had contributed equally to this work, and so the order must be: Ana Lúcia Sousa, Diamantino Sousa, Pedro Figueiredo, Pedro Pinto Marques, Horácio Guerreiro.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ana Lúcia Sousa". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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