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Dear Ms. Lane,

Many thanks for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. I am sorry to hear about the suicide of your son.

The figure of less than 10% that has been quoted to you by Dr. Fergus Macbeth is incorrect. The vast majority of the published papers suggest figures of 20% to 30% for PTHP after traumatic brain injury.

The best way for you to access information is to go into a search engine such as google and access the Pub Med website. If you type in 'hypopituitarism and traumatic brain injury' you will find a significant number of publications on this topic. Our own contribution can be accessed by typing in 'atha a' on the Pub Med website and that will give you the majority of the publications which have come out from my own unit.

Most of the published data refers to severe traumatic brain injury; what little data is available (Klose et al, for instance) suggested the incidences is much lower in mild TBI. However there is no doubt that PTHP does occur in some cases of mild TBI.

The Oxford study of Wass's group really provides findings which are at odds with all of the other published literature and so I would not regard it as the optimum study to quote.

Best of luck with your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

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