

TABLE 5. A comparison of the different tumour types with normal pituitary in terms of p21 cytoplasmic staining score

Pituitary tissue type	Staining score	P value vs.				
		Normal	GH-oma	PRL-oma	ACTH-oma	NFPA
Normal (n=7)	0 (0-2)	N/A	0.6065	0.2573	0.9107	0.1049
GH-oma (n=10)	0	0.6065	N/A	0.091	0.6672	0.0213
PRL-oma (n=6)	1 (0-2)	0.2573	0.091	N/A	0.1941	0.7305
ACTH-oma (n=9)	0 (0-2)	0.9107	0.6672	0.1941	N/A	0.0643
NFPA (n=10)	2 (0-2)	0.1049	0.0213	0.7305	0.0643	N/A
		Normal	Adenoma	Carcinoma		
Normal (n=7)	0 (0-2)	N/A	0.5643	0.8702		
Adenomas (n=35)	0 (0-2)	0.5643	N/A	0.7642		
Carcinomas (n=5)	0 (0-2)	0.8702	0.7642	N/A		
		Normal	Microadenoma	Macroadenoma	Carcinoma	
Normal (n=7)	0 (0-2)	N/A	0.9541	0.455	0.8706	
Microadenoma (n=11)	0 (0-2)	0.9541	N/A	0.3117	0.8262	
Macroadenoma (n=30)	0 (0-2)	0.455	0.3117	N/A	0.648	
Carcinoma (n=5)	0 (0-2)	0.8706	0.8262	0.648	N/A	

Median value (range); comparison between groups was performed using with the Kruskal-Wallis test with Conover-Inman correction; GH-oma: GH-secreting adenoma; PRL-oma: Prolactinoma; ACTH-oma: ACTH-secreting adenoma; NFPA: non functioning pituitary adenoma.