



Re: Letter of Intent for Collaboration with the German Center for Child and Youth Health (CHILDhealth)

Dear Tobias:

As Professor of Psychiatric Epidemiology at the School of Medical Sciences, Örebro University and the Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, I am very enthusiastic about your proposed CHILDhealth research platforms on major early transdiagnostic risks and on how these shape development and longitudinal adverse mental and somatic outcomes.

The focus of CHILDhealth on early risks and interactions between mental and physical health across development through large cohorts and deep phenotyping seems is very timely. Your proposed activities focusing on integrating mental and somatic health fit very well with our own research strengths and interests. Therefore your research within the newly founded German Center for Child and Youth Health will constitute an excellent opportunity for following on our existing collaboration and working with you and your colleagues.

As you know, our research work is to understand how genes and environment influence mental health problems across the life span, to understand the interplay between mental and physical health, and to map developmental trajectories and consequences of mental health across the lifespan and to identify the benefits and risks associated with pharmacological treatment interventions. Our group has strong skills in advanced epidemiological analyses and uses the unique possibilities in Sweden to perform psychiatric epidemiological research based on national health registers, twin research using the Swedish twin register and molecular epidemiology using large scale data collections of DNA. We have also developed strong links to clinic research, where we perform translation research based on quality registers, randomized control trials, and clinically based data collections.

I look very much forward to the exciting collaboration opportunities with this truly unique and urgently needed translational network in child health.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Henrik Larsson'.

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