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Letter of collaboration

The proposal CHILDhealth as participating site within the new German Center of Child and Youth Health addresses highly relevant research concepts to overcome translational and interdisciplinary research gaps. I highly appreciate that one of the proposed contributions is a pharmacovigilance platform that directly addresses my area of expertise. I have been collaborating in the past highly efficient and with great joy with Tobias and Marcel, e.g. in our joint large national and international projects ADDUCE and KiDSafe. Our mutual research interest pertains to improve the safety, evidence-base and effectiveness of pharmacological interventions in children and adolescents. In our research, we are addressing the considerable amount of off-label use in minors and are working together to improve (pharmaco)therapies and thus health care for this vulnerable population for many years.

While my dedicated research focus mainly concerns somatic paediatric pharmacotherapies, I am very pleased and delighted to be collaborating with the research groups of Mannheim and Würzburg that represent a nationally unrivalled expertise and excellence in psychopharmacology and pharmacovigilance of psychotropic drugs. Particularly in Child and Adolescents Psychiatry there is an urgent need to further facilitate research into drug therapy in general and drug safety (i.e. pharmacovigilance) in particular. Our latest collaboration within the EU consortium connect for children (c4c) and the German NetPaeT offers an excellent opportunity to transfer our wide-ranging expertise into a lasting European partnership. Likewise, we have made substantial efforts to provide evidence-based drug information for paediatricians, child psychiatrists and general practitioners by transferring a public dutch database structure to the German health care system (kinderformularium.de).

I hereby indicate my unequivocal support of the CHILDhealth initiative and will be actively supporting my collaborators in their effort to implement paediatric pharmacological expertise and pharmacovigilance as an integral part of the new German Center of Child and Youth Health.

Best regards