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Dear Tobias:

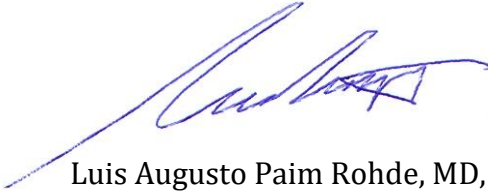
I am writing to express my strong desire to collaborate in your proposed German Center for Child and Youth Health, CHILDhealth. Your focus on early transdiagnostic risks (preterm birth, childhood adversity), brain development, and their longitudinal adverse mental and somatic outcomes is completely tuned with our research and clinical goals and represents innovative, state of the art methodological and clinically relevant approaches that will translate important information about brain development and trajectories of mental disorders for the population.

The mobilized human resources including an interdisciplinary and translational research group, combining child and adolescent psychiatric expertise along to investigators dedicated to basic science, and epidemiology is for sure a clear differential in your proposal. The combination of child health with child mental health is another aspect that increase my enthusiasm with the proposal since there is *"no health without mental health"*.

Since mental health determinants have strong cultural roots, I envision that we can collaborate analyzing jointly the data that your center will generate on ADHD and comorbid disorders with the data coming from our diverse portfolio of cohorts in Brazil, like the High-Risk Cohort for Mental Disorders from our National Institute of Developmental Psychiatry with around 2500 individuals followed from childhood to adulthood and the 1993 Pelotas Birth Cohort with more than 4000 individuals also followed from birth to adulthood. It is important to highlight that we have been working together for more than 20 years and we have a trajectory of co-authoring several papers, documenting that we developed a productive interaction along the years.

In sum, I am very enthusiastic about collaborating with you and your team in this very innovative and clinically relevant project.

Sincerely



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