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Dear Tobias

I am writing to express my support and enthusiasm about the proposed CHILDHealth research platform. This proposal is enormously important and will address the enormous gap in our scientific understanding about risks, adverse mental and somatic outcomes and neurodevelopmental disorders and transdiagnostic traits.

I would be delighted to collaborate with you. I believe the work we are doing in the UK will be a complement to the proposed platform. Our team undertakes longitudinal research on child neurodevelopmental disorders, adolescent depression and trans-diagnostic traits especially irritability. Our main focus has been on epidemiology using different designs to identify risk factors and on genetics, taking advantage of the very large UK longitudinal population cohorts including ALSPAC and the Millenium Cohort Study. We would be pleased to work with you on projects of mutual interest.

Our Academic Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry also hosts the new £10 million Wolfson Centre for Young People's Mental Health that includes research work streams on genetics, population epidemiology and longitudinal health-record data based research. We would be excited to work with you on collaborative projects. Our group is based within the Division of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences (I am the lead for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) and the MRC Centre for Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics. So our research spans mental health disorders across the lifespan especially in relation to genetic studies.

I look forward to working with you more in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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