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Title: Growth factor concentrations and their placental mRNA expression are modulated in gestational diabetes mellitus: possible interactions with macrosomia

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Subject: Submission of our article entitled, “Growth factor concentrations and their placental mRNA expression are modulated in gestational diabetes mellitus: possible interactions with macrosomia” by Grissa et al.

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Please find enclosed herewith our MS entitled as above, for publication in the “BMC Medicine”.

“Our MS is of special importance and broad interest to the readers of “BMC Medicine” as we are treating the emerging problem of Medical field. Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) affects about 4% of all pregnant women - about 135,000 cases of GDM in the United States each year and its incidence is increasing by leaps and bounds in the developing world. We are collaborating Bénin and Tunisia and its incidence is very high in these countries. Since most of the studies have been conducted on western population, it is very important to assert these results in the patients of third world countries. Furthermore, we are strengthening, in our MS, the hypothesis of in utero programming of the outcome of GDM on the incidence of macrosomia. Indeed, we show that the placenta is influenced by the high maternal insulin levels and, in turn, it may secrete some growth factors which may play a critical role in the development of macrosomia.”

Our work has not been neither published nor submitted for publication and it has not been sanctioned by any editorial committee. All the experiments have been conducted as per European ethical guidelines and the protocols were approved by the Regional Ministry Ethical Committee. All the authors of the article have given their consent for submission of the same for publication in the “BMC Pregnancy and Childhealth”.

All of the authors declare no conflict of interests.

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We hope that this MS will find a suitable place in your esteemed journal.
Sincerely yours,
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