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Title: Study Protocol. A multi-centre phase IIa clinical study of predictive testing for preeclampsia. Improved pregnancy outcomes via early detection (IMPROvED)

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Dear Editor,

We would be grateful for your consideration of this study protocol for publication in BiomedCentral Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Improved Pregnancy Outcomes Via Early Detection (IMPROvED) is a European multicentre phase IIa clinical study of predictive testing for pre-eclampsia in low-risk women, and a new biobank augmented by clinical metadata. IMPROvED is supported by FP7 EU funding.

Pre-eclampsia affects 2-8% of pregnancies, an effective predictive test during early pregnancy would facilitate personalisation of obstetric care, and would have a significant health economic benefits. The IMPROvED biobank will be accessible to the European scientific community for high quality research into the cause and prevention of adverse pregnancy outcome. We believe Biomedcentral Pregnancy and Childbirth would offer ideal exposure to raise awareness of the study, and bring the biobank resource to the attention of the scientific community.

Following ethical approval from all sites, we were requested to update the ethics section of the paper, to state that all approvals have been obtained. I can confirm that we have done this.

Yours Sincerely

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