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Dear Dr O’Donovan,

Re: Amended cover letter for submission of a protocol paper (including details of approval letters sent to the Editorial Office, study status and any related articles)

Please find attached a paper entitled “The Welsh Study of Mothers and Babies: protocol for a population-based cohort study to investigate the clinical significance of defined ultrasound findings of uncertain significance” that we would like to submit for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

The study was peer-reviewed and funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and Medical Research Council Health Research Partnership (reference RFSH07340). The funding approval letter has been forwarded to the editorial office of the journal. No funding was received from a commercial organization.

Ethical approval was granted by the Multicentre Research Ethics Committee (MREC) for Wales (reference 08/MRE09/17). The approval letter from the ethics committee has been forwarded to the editorial office of the journal.

Data collection for this study has now been completed. The ultrasound data were collected between July 2008 and May 2011. Data on pregnancy outcomes were
uploaded to the various healthcare databases between 2008 and 2013. The data sources were linked and cleaned during 2012 and 2013, with the final study database completed in December 2013. Data analysis is currently ongoing. No publication containing the results of this study has yet been published or submitted to any journal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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