Author's response to reviews

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Dear editors

We have a link to the law here:

https://www.retsinformation.dk/forms/r0710.aspx?id=137674

The crucial part is in §2, which defines a biomedical project under the law as:

1) Sundhedsvidenskabeligt forskningsprojekt: Et projekt, der indebærer forsøg på levendefødte menneskelige individer, menneskelige kønseller, der agtes anvendt til befrugtning, menneskelige befrugtede æg, fosteranlæg og fostre, væv, celler og arvebestanddele fra mennesker, fostre og lign. eller afdøde. Herunder omfattes kliniske forsøg med lægemidler på mennesker, jf. nr. 2, og klinisk afprøvning af medicinsk udstyr, jf. nr. 3.

Our very fast translation:

"Biomedical research project: A project involving experimenting with live-born human individuals, human gametes intended for conception, fertilized eggs, embryos or fetuses, tissue, cells and genetic material from humans, fetuses and similar, or deceased. Furthermore clinical trials with medical drugs on humans (see point 2), and clinical trials of medical equipment."

Historically, this has been interpreted by the research ethics committees to mean only invasive procedures. However, in the last year, this practice seems to be shifting towards including experiments such as clinical trials of psychotherapy. We very much agree with this shift for the reasons stated in your letter,

In the past years, we have been in contact with Karen Kiilerich (karen.kiilerich@regionh.dk) at the Regional Scientific Committee of the Capital region of Denmark. She may be willing to answer questions concerning this practice.
All the best

Kirsten and Morten