Title: Determining genomic kinship coefficient seems unhelpful in distinguishing consanguineous couples with a high versus low risk for adverse reproductive outcome

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Author's response to reviews:

Dear editor,

In response to your email of 26.9.2014 we have now uploaded a version in which the following changes have been made, thus responding to all your three questions:

On page 1 lines 23-31 names and email addresses of the authors have been added.

The methods section now starts with the sentence: “For this case-control study, we obtained approval from the Medical Ethical Committee of the VU University Medical Center Amsterdam, The Netherlands (registration number 2008/219).” (p 6 l 111). Indeed the Medical Ethical Committee only approves research carried out on humans that is in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration.
Indeed participants gave written informed consent, as has been added to p 7 l 127. Although the study concerns children with congenital anomalies, the study subjects were adults (namely their parents). They gave consent for themselves.

Sincerely,

Martina Cornel