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Title: Newborn screening for congenital adrenal hyperplasia in Tokyo, Japan from 1989 to 2013: epidemiology and efficiency of the screening: a retrospective population-based study

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Dear Peter O'Donovan

We submit our manuscript titled “Newborn screening for congenital adrenal hyperplasia in Tokyo, Japan from 1989 to 2013: epidemiology and efficiency of the screening: a retrospective population-based study”, by Atsumi Tsuji et al.

Thank you for your advice for the ethical issue. Our study is a statistically retrospective analysis based on the database of the mass-screening in Tokyo. In other words, the study is epidemiological analysis for public health of CAH. In response to your suggestion, we have changed the description of ethical issues as below, however, we are not sure whether it is necessary to describe that informed consent was not obtained from each newborn for the study.

This statistically retrospective analysis was approved by the ethics committee of Tokyo Health Service Association (No. 2014-2-1) that does not include obtaining informed consent from each newborn.

We are looking forward to corresponding with you further.

With best wishes

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