**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Illawarra Born cross generational health study: feasibility of a multi-generational birth cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Cecily Kelleher

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This is a very well written description of the pilot stage of a very interesting proposed multi-generational birth cohort study. It is important to publish pilot data and to raise awareness of the new cohort study. Cross-generational studies are rare, particularly those with a prospective design. I have minor comments as set out below.

1. Are the characteristics of the participants in the pilot to be published elsewhere? Otherwise it would be interesting to include such information in this paper.

2. I would like to see more information included about the main study. Are there primary or secondary endpoints for which the study is powered for instance? The plan is to recruit 1000 families. It is commendable that a bio-psycho-social framework is to be employed.

3. On page 8, elaborate on the issue of fluency in English.

4. Was the refusal rate recorded at the antenatal clinic stage?

5. In the pilot only the maternal grandmother was included, whereas in the main study, as I understand it, all grandparents will be included. Explain how this came about? It seems sensible at pilot stage to include only one grandparent.

6. I note that the challenges experienced are very similar to other studies and the key role of stakeholders, including health professionals.

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