## Clinical visit to Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen Grant application # 238

## Dear NFOG Board.

I had the pleasure to visit the Fetal Medicine Unit at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rigshospitalet Copenhagen during two weeks this fall (wk 45 and 49). The objective with the visit was to enhance the possibilities of clinical and scientific collaboration between our two Nordic centers in fetal medicine in general and in fetal therapy more specifically. A clinical visit gives the chance to appreciate similarities and differences in our practices and to synchronize protocols and surgical techniques. During my stay, I had the opportunity to participate in several fetal therapy interventions, for example fetoscopic laser surgery for twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome, pleuroamniotic shunt placement, bipolar cord occlusion and fetal reduction. I also had the opportunity to participate in the fetal medicine outpatient clinic and in the counseling of patients. I find it very valuable to have gotten an enhanced understanding of the practice and work flow at the unit and to have gotten to know the colleagues at the unit a lot better. I also had the chance to be updated on ongoing research projects, with possibilities of future collaboration between our two hospitals and we have been planning a common study in the field of fetal therapy.

Overall, the clinical visit has been very valuable in increasing and improving the collaboration between the two largest fetal therapy centers in the Nordic area – Rigshospitalet and Karolinska University Hospital.

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