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7th April 2016: Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynecology Publication – Press summary

The EVERREST consortium conducted a study that was recently published in *Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynecology*. The study aimed to evaluate the ethical and social acceptability of a proposed clinical trial using maternal uterine artery vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) gene therapy to treat severe early-onset fetal growth restriction (FGR) in pregnant women. Semistructured, qualitative interviews were carried out in four European countries, with 34 key stakeholders and 24 women/couples who had experienced a pregnancy affected by severe early-onset FGR. This study did not identify any fundamental or insurmountable objections to a trial of maternal gene therapy for severe early-onset FGR.

This press summary includes all of the relevant press surrounding the publication of the article below:

Free to access article published in *Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynecology*: Ethics and social acceptability of a proposed clinical trial using maternal gene therapy to treat severe early-onset fetal growth restriction (Published online 9 March 2016)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/uog.15880/full>

The International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISUOG) press release: Pregnant women support first maternal gene therapy trial (10 March 2016)

http://www.isuog.org/NR/ronlyres/DA8F31FF-46F4-4282-A0463BF21C65F234/0/ISUOG_press_release_Maternalgenetherapy_March_2016.pdf

Comment from EVERREST Coordinator, Dr Anna David on ISUOG website: (10 March 2016):

<http://www.isuog.org/Journal/Press+releases/>

UCL press release: Pregnant women support first maternal gene therapy trial (10 March 2016)

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/news-articles/0316/100316-maternal-gene-therapy>

UCLH press release: First maternal gene therapy trial to start at UCLH (11 March 2016)

<https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/News/Pages/FirstmaternalgenetherapytrialtostartatUCLH.aspx>

ULUND press release (in Swedish): Genterapi för att rädda fosterliv godtas (14 March 2016)

<http://www.lu.se/article/genterapi-for-att-radda-fosterliv-godtas>

Print: The Sun (10 March 2016)

Print and online: The Daily Mail (10 March 2016)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3485005/Gene-therapy-womb-ill-babies-Plan-injections-mothers-unborn-children-stopped-growing-failure-placenta.html#ixzz42tE431sy>

Healthcanal website: Pregnant women support first maternal gene therapy trial (14 March 2016)

<http://www.healthcanal.com/pregnancy-childbirth/71200-pregnant-women-support-first-maternal-gene-therapy-trial.html>

United Press International (UPI) website: Pregnant women in favor of first maternal gene therapy trial (10 March 2016)



http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2016/03/10/Pregnant-women-in-favor-of-first-maternal-gene-therapy-trial/2461457621960/

"Science & Health" website (in Swedish): Genterapi för att rädda fosterliv godtas (17 March 2016)

<http://www.vetenskaphalsa.se/genterapi-for-att-radda-fosterliv-godtas/>

Please see www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCT02097667), www.everrest-fp7.eu or email everresttrial@ucl.ac.uk for further details.