

## **Project Report: Establishment of a Nationwide Research Network for Primary Care Pediatricians in Switzerland**

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**Project Goals:** The main goal of the project was to establish a collaborative outpatient pediatric research network for data collection and exchange, and improve the quality of pediatric care through targeted research efforts, and to write a conceptual white paper.

**Methodology:** We relied on a qualitative approach, including various individual meetings via Zoom, a workshop, and one online focus group discussion. These activities enabled the collection of a wide range of perspectives and experiences, involving key stakeholders from healthcare and pediatric research. The insights significantly contributed to shaping a first implementation plan for the network development and aligning research goals.

**Results, outlook and conclusion:** The project has already generated strong interest and enthusiasm in the medical and academic fields. We established contacts to local clusters all over Switzerland and to societies, and associations, that are willing to support us. Highlighted challenges include mainly lack of time and resource constraints that outpatient pediatricians face. To overcome these, solutions were discussed for promoting participation and engagement to form the basis for a successful and sustainable network development. Looking to the future, the project plans to establish a network at the national level and develop a pilot project to start with the national outpatient research network. A special focus is on the practical implementation of research initiatives that directly aim to improve outpatient pediatric care. The project confirms the urgent need for such a network and highlights the importance of collaborative efforts in pediatric research. However, successful implementation of a first pilot project requires additional resources and support. For further details, please see the attached white paper.

**Financial Report:** Since we held many of our activities online, and were generously hosted with our workshop by SSPH+ at their annual meeting, we were able to cut our expenses for food, infrastructure, as well as for consumables, travel or accommodation, food, or infrastructure, etc. Instead, the granted money was spent on salaries for the two aides. However, expected costs for publication, which have not been included in the budget, have not been covered yet. We would be thrilled, if SSPH+ would support us in this regard as well, in order to support the dissemination of our results.

Please find a detailed overview of our expenses in the table on the following page and let us know, if an invoice is necessary to transfer the second payment to balance our account.

Category of Expenses	Short specification				Amount in CHF
<b>Salaries (incl. social security, etc)</b>	<b>Staff name</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Person-hours</b>	<b>Amount in CHF</b>	
	Michael von Rhein	Co-Lead, 12 months UZH	10%	matching funds	21'152.-
	Emiliano Soldini	Co-Lead, 12 months SUPSI	10%	matching funds	
	Chantal Lüdi	Research assistant UZH, 12 months	10%	14'152.-	
	Salvatore Maione	Junior researcher SUPSI, 12 months	10%	7'000.-	
<b>Publication costs</b>	CHF 2'000 (still to come)				
<b>Total costs (=requested from SPH+)</b>					<b>23'152.-</b>