

**Williams, Lisa (NIP)**

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**From:** Bernier, Roger  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2001 2:04 PM  
**To:** Williams, Lisa (NIP)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal for study of MMR vaccine and autism in Denmark

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**From:** Destefano, Frank  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2000 12:41 PM  
**To:** Bernier, Roger  
**Subject:** RE: Proposal for study of MMR vaccine and autism in Denmark

I hadn't seen it, but it looks like a good opportunity. The availability of data from pregnancy, as well as blood specimens, is particularly attractive. The blood spot component would be very valuable just by itself to try to confirm the exciting findings from the small NIH study. If these are true biomarkers for autism, it would be great to see if they identify high risk groups of kids for a vaccine-autism association. In addition to MMR, the study should include all infant and childhood vaccines to look at issues of multiple antigens, vaccine additives, etc. Serologies for measles and rubella in the maternal and cord blood might also be worth considering.

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**From:** Bernier, Roger  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2000 5:35 PM  
**To:** Destefano, Frank; Chu, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal for study of MMR vaccine and autism in Denmark

Have you folks heard of this or seen this? It is a short turnaround but can you weigh in on this. Thanks

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**From:** Cordero, Jose  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2000 5:32 PM  
**To:** Bernier, Roger  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal for study of MMR vaccine and autism in Denmark

Roger:

I got this from Marshallyn. Would appreciate your comments.

José

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**From:** Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2000 2:36 PM  
**To:** Cordero, Jose  
**Cc:** Schendel, Diana; Murphy, Catherine; Boyle, Coleen; Decoufle, Pierre; Thorsen, Poul; Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn; Sinks, Tom  
**Subject:** Proposal for study of MMR vaccine and autism in Denmark

Jose,

As we discussed on Friday, we have become aware through Poul Thorsen of an exciting opportunity to study the role of MMR vaccine and autism using several registries/existing studies and the repository of biologic specimens and laboratory capabilities in Denmark. Attached below is a proposal for such a study. Poul will be leaving on Thursday to travel to Denmark where he will be meeting with the PIs for the proposed study on June 6th. We would like to be able to have Poul say whether it is likely that CDC (NIP) can fund the study, if NIP is interested. The proposed budget is included; there may be additional sources of funding (in addition to NIP) but we are not certain at this time. Unfortunately, the DD Branch does not have much (if any) \$\$ to fund the study, but we do have the expertise that we have developed due to the autism surveillance in Atlanta and the MMR/autism case-control study. I will be out of the office tomorrow, but you may contact Diana or Poul if you have questions. Thank you so much for considering this proposal.  
Marshalyn

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