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To the President of the University of Lübeck

I am shocked and deeply concerned to learn of the closure of Medical Studies at the University of Lübeck. The University of Lübeck has an excellent reputation in international research and it plays a leading and crucial role in biomedical research both in Europe and worldwide.

The Human Developmental Genetics Unit at the Institut Pasteur, Paris is committed to a highly successful European Union funded project that is coordinated by Pr Olaf Hiort. This EuroDSD project uses state of the art molecular and biochemical approaches to understand the mechanisms underlying several rare diseases. The closure of the University of Lübeck would have profound consequences for the national and international members of the consortium and also for the longer-term prospects of this important international collaboration.

The University of Lübeck is a leading German and European centre of biomedical clinical and research excellence and I cannot believe that a shortsighted decision could be taken for its closure.

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