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TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDY CENTER:					
LOI #:	LOI				
Title of Formative Resonance Assessment	Placenta Studies: Cell Collection, Banking, and Morphology				
Participating Institutions: Brown University, CHOP, Mount Sinai, Northwestern, South Dakota, UNC, University of California-Davis, University of California-Irvine, Iowa, Utah, Wisconsin					
Recruitment Study Arms: Enhanced Household; Two-Tier High-Low					
COTR:	Various				

Purpose of the Study: To evaluate the parameters that will yield useful and reproducible data from placentas and cord blood being collected as part of the Vanguard Study. Of critical importance is to know how the quality of the collected placental tissue will affect recovery of stem cells from cord blood, placenta, and umbilical cord samples, RNA and DNA, assessment of placental morphology, and the detection of metals and other contaminants in these biospecimens.

Benefit to NCS Vanguard or Main Study: There has been considerable variation in the time that placentas were shipped from Initial Vanguard collection sites to the Placental Processing Site, ranging from 1-6 days. Additionally, there was variability in the ways in which the tissue is handled and processed at Initial Vanguard Center hospitals prior to shipment. Variability in processing has raised questions regarding how the different methods of specimen processing might affect the results of specimen analysis. This formative research study is important for establishing the gold standard as well as "minimal acceptable conditions" appropriate for sample collection and preservation for future use of these tissue resources for stem cell banking, genetics, environmental analyses, and morphology/pathology.

Study Design: Study Centers will pilot test the collection protocol by collecting 42 placentas, umbilical cord samples, and cord blood samples from mothers not geographically eligible for the NCS Vanguard Study. For the subsequent stage of this formative research study, Vanguard Centers will collect an additional 240 placentas, umbilical cord segments, and cord blood samples from NCS Vanguard Study participants. Following collection, samples will be shipped to a central processing site, where the samples will be examined for an assessment of morphology/pathology. For the morphology portion of the study, an additional 335 NCS placentas will be examined.

Target Respondents: This project would recruit NCS Vanguard Study pregnant women and pregnant women not geographically eligibile for the NCS Vanguard Study.

Method of Recruiting: We will collect samples during birth visits and within the context of the NCS Vanguard Study.

*Confidentiality: Study Centers must abide by the terms of their Data Use Agreement, which should reference all formative research efforts involving the collection or management of NCS restricted-use data. All participating Study Centers will have approved Data Use Agreements and Security Plans prior to launch.

*IRB Approval: Local IRB clearance for this activity has been requested by all participating Study
Centers; Local IRB clearance will be obtained prior to contact with participants, including legal guardian
consent per local jurisdiction requirements.

Remuneration: Consistent with the approved NCS Vanguard Study Phase 2 incentive structure, we propose to offer a \$25 monetary incentive for each participant contact of this formative research project,

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up to 1 hour of information collection activity. These amounts would be in addition to other monetary incentives approved for participants in the NCS Vanguard Phase 2.

Sensitive Questions: We will not ask sensitive questions as a component of this study.

Proposed Project Schedule: We will begin this project upon receipt of all regulatory approvals.

Data Collection Burden:

	Contact	
	#1	Total
Informed Consent and Biospecimen Collection	.25	.25
Total Burden Hours	.25	.25
# of Respondents	617	
Total Respondent Burden Hours	154	154
Proposed Monetary Incentive	\$25	\$15,425

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Estimated Costs: Staff Hours: 308 hours. Supervisor Hours: 77 hours.

Attachments: Informed Consent Exemplar (for Non-NCS Vanguard Study Participants), Birth Visit Information Sheet (only for NCS Vanguard Study Participants joining LOI2-BIO-18). Note: The consent will be customized for each participating study center and target population, as appropriate, and approved by the local IRB prior to use.

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Appendix 1. NCS Incentives, by Study Activity and Impact on Participants, Stage 1 (Approved by OMB 7/23/10)

Data Collection Activity Characteristics	Initial NCS Vanguard Study	NCS Recruitment Substudy	
Time for encounter	3 hours	0.5 to 1 hour	
Sensitivity of questions	Sensitive, including sexual activity	Few sensitive questions	
Physical measures	Yes	No	
Environmental specimens	Yes	No	
Biospecimens	Yes	No	
Participant observation	Yes	No	
Monetary incentive, per visit	\$100*	\$25	
Non-monetary incentives (tote bags, post its, key chains, etc.)	In addition to the monetary incentive, non-monetary incentives valued at \$25 or less may be offered to participants	As an alternative to the monetary incentive, NCS logo gifts valued at \$25 or less may be offered to the participants in lieu of cash or local incentives not exceeding \$25 in value and deemed non-coercive by local IRBs	