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Dear Serenalla,

It was a pleasure to meet you in person earlier this month at your beautiful hospital in San Donato. I have been looking forward to finally getting together since we began discussions about collaborating during the initial phase of the COVID pandemic. Your facilities and staff are quite wonderful! I enjoyed the tour and discussing potential research collaborations with some of what we initiated at Columbia and with the American Heart Association.

I love what you are doing with developing a more comprehensive program for screening and prevention focused on the woman residing in Lombardy Italy. As you know, this topic has been the passion of my career for decades and I am honored to assist you in whatever way I can. I will send you detailed comments regarding the survey you propose to distribute for World Heart Day. My colleague, Dr. Brooke Aggarwal is very active in this area of research as well and will be a great point of contact for you as we move forward. She has access to significant databases of women in the US and in our Columbia studies that we might be able to compare with similar questions in your survey. Ultimately, it would be great if the two of you are able to obtain unique sources of funding for such a collaborative endeavor.

I am also happy to assist and advise you regarding the development of a multidisciplinary approach to the clinical care of women at risk for heart disease. As we discussed, many women that are at high risk for cardiovascular disease may present to other clinical specialties creating an opportunity to improve their care and potentially prevent poor outcomes. Establishing a network of clinicians and scientists with an interest in women's health would be a great approach to accomplish the goals you have laid out to help lead your community toward improved cardiovascular outcomes and greater overall health.

Please let me know when you are able to travel to the US as I would love for you to meet Brooke in person too and she can show you our databases. I would be happy to show you around the Big Apple as well.

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