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Dear Rebecca Anderson

RE: Amendment approval
Approval number: HRE2017-0087

Thank you for submitting an amendment request to the Human Research Ethics Office for the project **Understanding perinatal obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD): from prevention to clinical practice..**

Your amendment request has been reviewed and the review outcome is: **Approved**

The amendment approval number is HRE2017-0087-10 approved on .

The following amendments were approved:

We are adding a screening measure for OCD symptoms to Study 4, which is a delphi study that includes both clinician and consumers as experts.

Those potential participants who state they are someone with a lived experience of perinatal OCD will be asked to complete the Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Rating Scale - Self Report form. We can then use the outcomes of this measure to identify participants who are currently experiencing severe to extreme perinatal OCD symptoms (scores of 24 and above). Rather than have them link through to the Delphi survey, we will provide a screen that states "Thank you for completing our initial questions. Your responses indicate that you may currently be experiencing distressing levels of OCD. Rather than complete our survey, we are recommending people with higher levels of OCD symptoms seek support from their mental health professional, or contact their general practitioner who can help link you up with an appropriate service in your area. Thank you again for your interest in this research".

We are also adding two masters dissertation students to this project as investigators. We have therefore changed the participant information and consent form and will submit a separate change of investigator form for this. (please note this change needs to be submitted as a change of investigator request).

Any special conditions noted in the original approval letter still apply.

Standard conditions of approval

1. Research must be conducted according to the approved proposal
2. Report in a timely manner anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project including:
 - proposed changes to the approved proposal or conduct of the study
 - unanticipated problems that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project
 - major deviations from the approved proposal and/or regulatory guidelines
 - serious adverse events
3. Amendments to the proposal must be approved by the Human Research Ethics Office before they are implemented (except where an amendment is undertaken to eliminate an immediate risk to participants)
4. An annual progress report must be submitted to the Human Research Ethics Office on or before the anniversary of approval and a completion report submitted on completion of the project
5. Personnel working on this project must be adequately qualified by education, training and experience for their role, or supervised
6. Personnel must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest, including any financial or other interest or affiliation, that bears on this project
7. Changes to personnel working on this project must be reported to the Human Research Ethics Office

8. Data and primary materials must be retained and stored in accordance with the [Western Australian University Sector Disposal Authority \(WAUSDA\)](#) and the [Curtin University Research Data and Primary Materials policy](#)
9. Where practicable, results of the research should be made available to the research participants in a timely and clear manner
10. Unless prohibited by contractual obligations, results of the research should be disseminated in a manner that will allow public scrutiny; the Human Research Ethics Office must be informed of any constraints on publication
11. Ethics approval is dependent upon ongoing compliance of the research with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#), the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#), applicable legal requirements, and with Curtin University policies, procedures and governance requirements
12. The Human Research Ethics Office may conduct audits on a portion of approved projects.

Should you have any queries regarding consideration of your project, please contact the Ethics Support Officer for your faculty or the Ethics Office at hrec@curtin.edu.au or on 9266 2784.

Yours sincerely



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