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Dear names

Expedited ethics approval for research project: Exploration of net endogenous non-carbonic acid production (NEAP) estimation equations using the Australian food database (S/14/701)

This letter is to confirm that on 24 March 2015, following review of the application for ethics approval of the above named research project, the Chairperson of the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of the Sunshine Coast granted expedited ethics approval for the project, subject to specific conditions which were satisfied as of 26 March 2015.

The Human Research Ethics Committee will review the Chairperson's grant of approval and the conditions of approval at its next meeting and, should there be any variation of the conditions of approval, you will be informed as soon as practicable.

The period of ethics approval is from 1 April 2015 to 20 December 2015. Could you please note that the ethics approval number for the project is HREC: S/14/701. This number should be quoted in your Research Project Information Sheet and in any written communication when you are recruiting participants.

The standard conditions of ethics approval are listed overleaf. If you have any queries in relation to this ethics approval or if you require further information please contact a Research Ethics Officer by email at humanethics@usc.edu.au or by telephone on +61 7 5459 4574 or 5430 2823.

I wish you well with the success of your project.

Yours sincerely



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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ETHICS APPROVAL

The standard conditions of approval for all human research projects are the following:

1. Conduct the research project strictly in accordance with the research proposal submitted and granted ethics approval, including any amendments required to be made to the proposal by the Human Research Ethics Committee.
2. Inform the Human Research Ethics Committee immediately of anything which may warrant review of ethics approval of the research project, including: serious or unexpected adverse effects on participants; unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project; and a written report about these matters must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Human Research Ethics Committee by no later than the next working day after recognition of an adverse occurrence/event.
3. Provide the Committee with a written Final Report on the research project on completion of the project on 20 December 2015 using the proforma "Annual Final Report on Approved Research Project Involving Humans". This may be accessed on the University of the Sunshine Coast portal at: Research and Research Training>Research Ethics>Human Research Ethics>Forms Annual and Final Report Forms.
4. Advise the Committee in writing as soon as practicable if the research project is discontinued.
5. Make no change to the project as approved in its entirety by the Committee, including any wording in any document approved as part of the project, without prior written approval of the Committee for any change. To apply for an amendment to your approved research project, please submit an Amendment Request Coversheet and an updated copy of your ethics application form to the Research Ethics Officer at humanethics@usc.edu.au.
6. Submit a written request for an extension of ethics approval using the proforma 'Annual Report on Approval Research Project Involving Humans' (see section 9) or otherwise apply via email. The request for an extension does not alter the need to provide annual reports on the dates referred to in condition (3) above.

Please note that compliance with these conditions of approval is a requirement of the University's *Human Research Ethics – Governing Policy* and the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*.