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Dear Chief Investigator

Project: AS03534: STUDY 2 - PARTICIPATING IN AN ONLINE MINDFULNESS RELATIONSHIP-BASED PROGRAM DURING PREGNANCY: OUTCOMES FOR MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH, MOTHER-INFANT RELATIONSHIP DURING PREGNANCY, AND MOTHER-INFANT EMOTIONAL AVAILABILITY

Researchers: Peta Stapleton, Antonella Sansone-Southwood, Alan Patching

I am pleased to confirm that your project was reviewed by Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee. The proposal meets the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007, updated 2018) and you have been granted approval to proceed. Approval is granted until 31 December 2023.

The Committee requires, as a condition of approval, that all investigations be carried out in accordance with the National Statement and continued approval is subject to conduct of the research in accordance with the requirements set out in the National Statement.

Approval is given subject to the protocol of the study being undertaken as described in your application, and approved amendments. As you may be aware the Ethics Committee is required to report annually on the progress of research it has approved. We would greatly appreciate if you could respond promptly and fully to the request for information on this project which will be distributed in March/April each year.

Under the terms of the National statement BUHREC has a role to monitor approved research projects and if necessary, may withdraw approval. Conduct of unapproved research or deviation from the approved protocol may constitute academic misconduct and will be investigated in accordance with the Guide to Managing and Investigating Potential Breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research. Please refer to the Research Ethics website for more detail on Research Integrity and Bond University processes for dealing with instances of research misconduct.

You are reminded that the Principal Investigator must immediately report anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project. Should you have any queries or experience any problems, please contact us promptly.

We wish you well with your research project.

Yours sincerely



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Chair Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee