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Dear Christopher,

Project No. 2014/062
Project Title Treatment of Childhood Trauma

Thank you for addressing the conditions placed on the above application to the Murdoch University Human Research Ethics Committee. On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to advise the application now has:

OUTRIGHT APPROVAL

Please ensure interview questions are submitted for approval once these have been confirmed.

Approval is granted on the understanding that research will be conducted according the standards of the ***National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)***, the ***Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)*** and **Murdoch University policies** at all times. You must also abide by the **Human Research Ethics Committee's standard conditions of approval (see attached)**. All reporting forms are available on the Research Ethics and Integrity web-site.

I wish you every success for your research.

Please quote your ethics project number in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Erich von Dietze
Manager
Research Ethics and Integrity

cc: Katrina Boterhoven de Haan

Human Research Ethics Committee: Standard Conditions of Approval

- a) The project must be conducted in accordance with the approved application, including any conditions and amendments that have been approved. You must comply with all of the conditions imposed by the HREC, and any subsequent conditions that the HREC may require.
- b) You must report immediately anything which might affect ethical acceptance of your project, including:
 - *Adverse effects on participants*
 - *Significant unforeseen events*
 - *Other matters that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project.*
- c) Where approval has been given pending copies of documents such as letters of support / consent from other organisations or approvals from third parties, these must be provided to the Research Ethics Office before the research may commence at each relevant location.
- d) Proposed changes or amendments to the research must be applied for, using an Amendment Application form, and approved by the HREC before these may be implemented.
- e) An annual Report must be provided by the due date specified each year (usually the anniversary of approval) for the project to have continuing approval.
- f) A closure report must be provided at the conclusion of the project.
- g) If, for any reason, the project does not proceed or is discontinued, you must advise the committee in writing, using a Closure Report form.
- h) If an extension is required beyond the approved end date of the project, an extension application should be made allowing sufficient time for its consideration by the committee. Extensions cannot be granted retrospectively.
- i) You must advise the HREC immediately, in writing, if any complaint is made about the conduct of the project.
- j) Any equipment used must meet current safety standards. Purpose built equipment must be tested and certified by independent experts for compliance with safety standards.
- k) Higher degree students must have both Candidacy and Program of Study approved prior to commencing data collection.
- l) You must notify the Research Ethics Office of any changes in contact details including address, phone number and email address.
- m) The HREC may conduct random audits and / or require additional reports concerning the research project.

Failure to comply with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)* and with the conditions of approval may result in the suspension or withdrawal of approval for the project.

The HREC seeks to support researchers in achieving strong results and positive outcomes.

The HREC promotes a research culture in which ethics is considered and discussed at all stages of the research.

If you have any issues you wish to raise, please contact the Research Ethics Office in the first instance.