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## LETTER OF APPROVAL

Your application "Maternal exposure to urban environmental stressors and depression in the postnatal period" for use of data from the Danish National Birth Cohort has been reviewed and accepted by the DNBC Reference Group in March 2021.

The right to use the data applied for is restricted to the time schedule stated in your application, i.e. until approx. **February 2022**. If the time schedule cannot be kept the Reference Group may transfer the user rights to other applicants. The present permission does not exclude other research groups from investigating a similar topic within the DNBC, but the Reference Group encourages groups who share common fields of interest to coordinate their work.

Cohort data must only be used by you and for the purpose of writing no more than the **one (1) scientific paper mentioned** in your application. Data must not be passed on to others without the Reference Group's consent.

**[If you have applied for/are collecting biological specimens:]** The Reference Group consents to your use of biological specimens from the women/children in the cohort, but the quantity of biological material will have to be negotiated individually with the Danish National Biobank. The Reference Group requires all applicants using biological specimens from the Biobank or collecting specimens from DNBC members to have their project protocol approved by the Danish Biomedical Research Ethics Committee.

The biological specimens must be analysed at a certified laboratory using methods requiring a minimum quantity of biological material. Furthermore, the Reference Group expects all surplus material to be returned no later than 3 months after analyses conclusion. A description of the storage conditions at the laboratory (e.g. stored at xx temperature, thawed xx number of times) should accompany the samples. The biological/genetic analyses data are to be returned to the DNBC together with full documentation on analyses methods, etc.

When publishing results based on the DNBC, please use the Acknowledgement stated on our website.

A copy of the article/report/book should be forwarded to [dnbc-research@ssi.dk](mailto:dnbc-research@ssi.dk). **We expect to receive the article no later than 1 month after publication.**

Please note the below consent form for working with DNBC data. Remember to fill in, sign and return the below page and keep a copy of your own.

Yours sincerely,  
f. Kåre Mølbaek

Chairman of the Reference Group  
The Danish National Birth Cohort  
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Please sign this consent form and return to:

[dnbc-research@ssi.dk](mailto:dnbc-research@ssi.dk) or

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- ☐ When working with **data** from DNBC I will return all information of interest for other users, including information on data errors and/or copies of syntax files producing new variables of potential interest for other users. \*)
- ☐ If I **collect supplementary data** from DNBC members, I will forward a copy of the data collected to the DNBC databank. I need permission from your institutional "For-tegnelse" to do so.
- ☐ If I **receive biological samples** from the DNBC biological bank, I will return any surplus material to the bank. When the biological material has been analyzed I will return the analyses data to the DNBC in order that it may be made available for other scientists. Only when the analyses data is returned to the DNBC will I receive the primary data for my project. I need permission ("videregivelse") from my institutional Data Protection Officer to do so.
- ☐ If I **collect supplementary biological samples** from DNBC members, I will forward any surplus biological material to the cohort biological bank. When the biosamples have been analyzed I will return the analyses data to the DNBC in order that it may be made available for other scientists. I need permission from the Biomedical Research Ethics Committee and the Danish Data Protection Agency to collect samples and return data.
- ☒ I will send a **copy of the article/report/book** based on DNBC data to the above address together with a **short summary** in Danish to be published on the DNBC home page, [www.bsig.dk](http://www.bsig.dk).

\*) please contact Ms Lone Fredslund, [lf@ph.au.dk](mailto:lf@ph.au.dk), phone + 45 93 50 86 43

I have read and understood the above. By signing this form I accept to comply with DNBC regulations and I declare that:

1. I have not asked for or received variables that are unnecessary for my analyses.
2. Data received will only be used for the above mentioned scientific topic.
3. Data received will not be transferred to third parties.
4. Results will not be published in a way that makes it possible to identify individual persons.

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**Date:** 15.03.2021

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