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APPENDIX A: INTERVIEW GUIDE

Meanings of bisexuality/bisexual identity

- How would you describe your sexuality?
- Which label/term, if any, do you use and why?
- Do you use the same term under all circumstances or does it sometimes differ?
- What does the term “bisexual” mean to you?
- Have you always considered your sexuality as (bisexual/other term)?
- Can you tell me the story of how you came to this point, where you identify as (bisexual/other term)?
- Is being (bisexual/other term) something that is important to you in terms of how you see yourself?

Relationships and gender

- Are you involved with anybody at the moment? Please tell me more about it.
- Can you tell me more about your past relationships?
- What do you look for in a partner or in a relationship?
- Are you open to others about being (bisexual/other term)?
- How do people (family/friends/colleagues) respond when you tell them about your sexual orientation?
- How would you say do gay men/lesbian women/straight men and women respond to bisexuality?
- How would you say do people think about bisexuality, in general?
- How would you say do the experiences of bisexual men and women differ (and how are they similar)?
- What are your views on gender/ideas around femininity and masculinity?
APPENDIX B: BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Kindly complete the following details. You do not need to provide your name and any information you share will be treated confidentially.

Age: __________________

Home language: __________________

In which suburb or area do you live? __________________

Do you live with:
- Family ___
- Partner ___
- Friend(s) ___
- On your own ___
- Other ___

Do you have a regular partner? __________________

If yes, for how long has he or she been your partner? __________________

What is the highest grade you completed at school? __________________

Have you studied or are you currently studying at a tertiary institution? __________________

Are you currently employed? __________________

If yes, what is your current occupation? __________________

If no, what kind of work did you do previously? __________________
**APPENDIX C: MATERIALS USED TO ADVERTISE THE STUDY AND INVITE PARTICIPATION**

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APPENDIX D: INFORMED CONSENT FORM

RESEARCH STUDY: THE EXPERIENCES OF SOUTH AFRICAN BISEXUAL WOMEN

The Purpose of the Study
The purpose of the study is to explore South African bisexual women’s experiences of their sexuality. Bisexuality is not widely acknowledged or accepted and this study aims to give recognition to the experiences of bisexual women in South Africa. The study is being conducted as part of the principal investigator’s PhD degree.

Your Participation
Should you choose to participate in the study, you will take part in an individual interview that will last approximately 1½ hours. This interview will be recorded in order to ensure an accurate portrayal of your comments. This recording will be treated confidentially and only the researcher will have access to it. Your participation will be anonymous in that your name or identifying details will not be shared with anyone. Should you be interested, you will be given an opportunity to review the results of the study and provide input into the conclusions drawn.

The information obtained from you during the interview will be used for research purposes only. All data used in the research study will be stored for 15 years at a safe place at the University of Pretoria, for archiving purposes.

Potential risks or discomfort
It is not anticipated that participating in the study will cause any discomfort. It might however happen that sensitive or emotional matters are raised during the interview. Should you feel there is anything you would like to talk about further, you can contact a trained professional at PRISM Lifestyle Centre for confidential counselling, at the following numbers: (012) 344 6500 (helpline) or (012) 344 5108.
Furthermore, should you at any point during the interview feel uncomfortable with a question, you will not be required to answer that question. Your participation in this study is voluntary, which means that you can withdraw at any time without offering any explanation.

**Benefits of participation**
There will be no direct benefit from the study, however by participating in the study you will contribute to greater awareness of bisexuality and the various experiences of bisexual women.

Should you have any further questions regarding the research study, you can contact the researcher, Ingrid Lynch or the study supervisor, Prof. David Maree:

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Consent to Participate

I hereby confirm that I have been informed about the nature, procedures, and risks of this study. I also give permission for the recording of the interview. I am aware that the information will only be used for research purposes, and that confidentiality will be protected. My participation in the study is voluntary and I can withdraw at any time without offering any explanation or suffering any consequences.

Participant signature

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Date

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Ingrid Lynch (Researcher)

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Date

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Prof. D.J.F. Maree (Supervisor)

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Date

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