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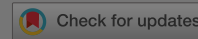
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A prospective study of the parent-baby bond in men and women 15 months after birth

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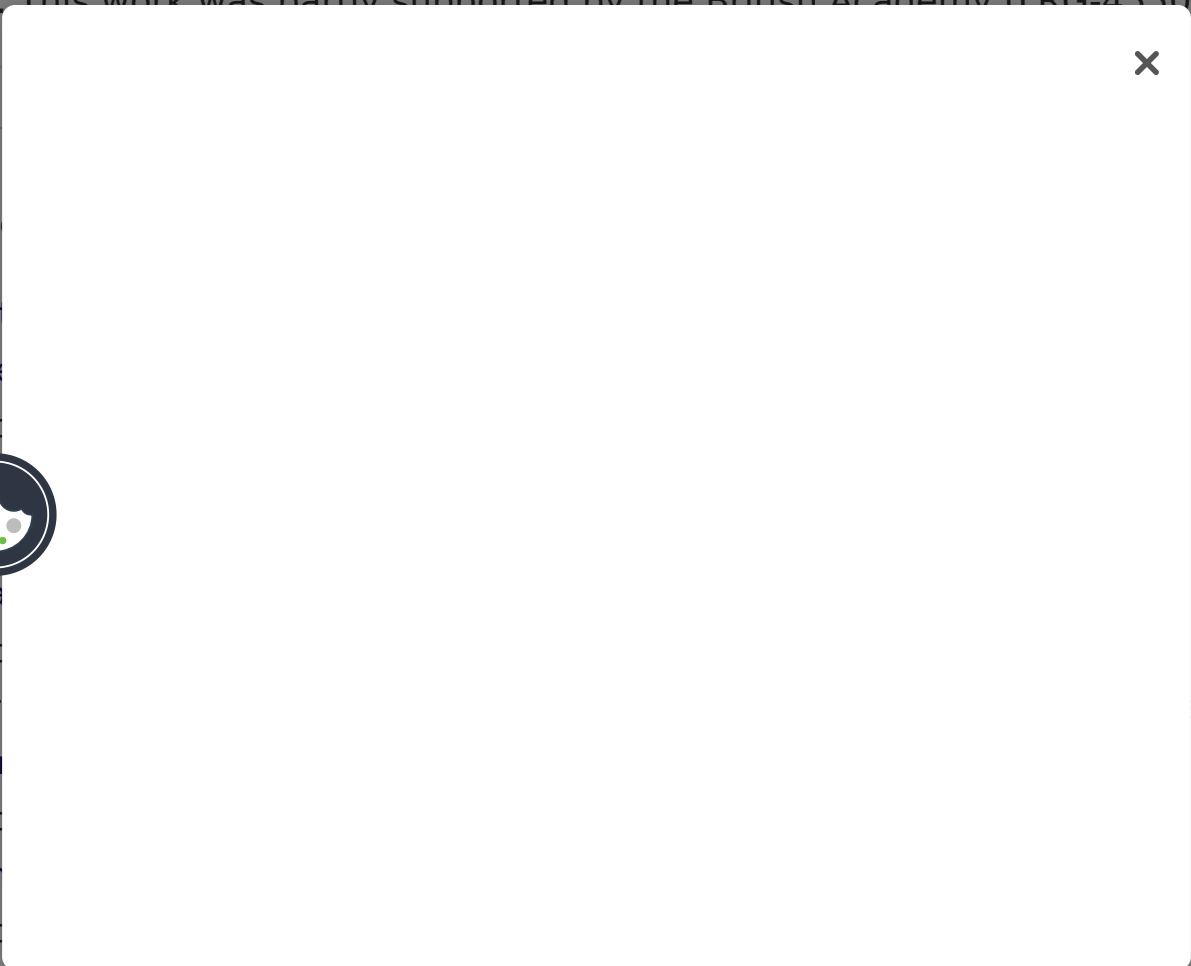
important predictors of the parent-baby bond three months postpartum for both men and women were the couple's relationship during pregnancy and their baby's temperament at three months. At 15 months postpartum, after accounting for the parent-baby bond at 3 months, only concurrent infant temperament remained a significant predictor for women. However, men's bond with their baby at 15 months was predicted by their relationship with their partner in pregnancy and concurrent affective symptoms. Few significant gender differences were found, apart from women reporting more mental health symptoms than men. Conclusion: This study highlights the significance of the couple's relationship in pregnancy and the infant's temperament on the development of the parent-baby bond. Future research is needed to examine this in larger more representative samples.

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