

Debriefing Checklist

Study title

Researcher(s) name and contact information for follow-up questions

A thank you to subjects for partaking in the research

Explanation of what was being studied (i.e., purpose, hypothesis, aim). Avoid technical terms and jargon.

Explanation of how participants were deceived and why deception was necessary to carry out the research

Explanation of how the results of the deception will be evaluated

Subjects are given at least 48 hours to decide if they would like to withdraw their consent to participate or withdraw their data from the study

For studies that involve audio/video recordings: Subjects are given at least 48 hours to decide if they would like to withdraw their consent for use of the recordings

An explanation of anticipated or observed results so far, if applicable

An offer to provide subjects with study results once they become available

Additional references/website for further reading on the topic

A list of resources subjects can seek if they become distressed after the study