Deception-Related Debriefing

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Thank you for participating in our study. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

## **Purpose of the Research Project:**

Earlier in the consent form, we informed you that the purpose of the study was [*insert brief sentence about original stated study purpose*]. In actuality, our study is about [*insert statements describing (1) what the true purpose of the study is, (2) the actual deceptive activities, including any face research stimuli that were used, and (3) the expected hypotheses*].

Unfortunately, in order to properly test our hypotheses, we could not provide you with all of these details prior to your participation. This ensures that your reactions in this study were spontaneous and not influenced by prior knowledge about the purpose of the study. If we had told. You the actual purpose of the study, your ability to [*insert research outcome]* could have been affected. We apologize for the deception and hope you can understand the research for it.

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## **Data and Confidentiality:**

Please note, that although the purpose of this study has changed from the originally stated purpose, everything else on the consent form is correct. This includes the ways in which we will keep your data confidential. [*Insert sentence reiterating how data is secured and maintained.]*

Now that you know the true purpose of the study and are fully informed, you may decide that. You do not want your data used for this research. If you would like your data removed from the study and permanently deleted, please [*insert instructions on how the subjects can have their study data deleted.]*

*[If applicable,]* Whether you agree or do not agree to have your data used for this study, you will still receive [*insert information related to compensation or incentive] for your participation.*

*[If applicable,]* Please do not disclose the research procedures and/or hypotheses to anyone who might participate in this study in the future as this could affect the results of the study.

## **Report of Research Findings:**

If you would like to receive a summary of the research findings once the study is completed, please feel free to contact the researcher(s).

## **Contact Information:**

If you have any questions concerning this study, its purpose or procedures, or would like to discuss this study further, please feel free to contact the researcher(s) *[list researcher names and emails/phone numbers].*

If you have other concerns about this study or would like to speak with someone not directly involved in the research, or if you have questions regarding your rights as a human subject or would like to make a complaint, please contact the Daemen University Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chair at [irb@daemen.edu](mailto:irb@daemen.edu).

If you feel upset after having completed the study or find that some questions or aspects of the study caused any distress and would like to speak to someone, please contact the CHIP center at daemen.edu/counselingsupport. If you have concerns that are serous in nature, please call the local 24-hour emergency services hotline at (716) 843-3131 or the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at *988*, available 24/7 for immediate assistance.

## **Further Reading:**

If you would like to learn more about *[insert study topic*], please see the following references:

*[Provide a list of relevant citations].*

Please keep a copy of this form for your future reference. Once again, thank you for your participation in this study!