**Instructions for Writing a Debriefing Document**

Debriefing documents are reviewed by the IRB along with all other documents.

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| **Instructions and guidance are provided in *italics*. Please remove the red *italicized* instructions from your debriefing document and insert appropriate language as needed. Also, remove the portions in red that have not been italicized if they are not applicable.** |

As with all consent documents, to the greatest extent possible, the debriefing statement should be written in non-technical, non-scientific language.

The debriefing document must be available to each participant to keep at the conclusion of his/her participation.

**DEBRIEFING STATEMENT**

Title of the Research Study:

Principal Investigator(s):

*Thank the participant for participating (optional, but customary)*

Purpose of the Study

* *If deception/incomplete disclosure was used, explain the deception/incomplete disclosure:*
  + *Remind the participant of the reason originally given*
  + *Clearly explain that the reason originally given is not the real object/purpose of the study*
  + *Explain what the study is actually designed to test*
  + *Explain why deception/incomplete disclosure was needed*

*If obtaining re-consent at time of debriefing:* Now that we have explained this study more fully, you may request that we not use the data we collected from you for this research study. If you decide that you do not want the researchers to use the data we collected from you, there is no penalty. *You will still receive compensation for this experiment. (If applicable)*

*[if the study is ongoing]:*We urge you not to discuss this study with anyone else who is currently participating or might participate at a future time. As you can certainly appreciate, we will not be able to examine *[the research topic]* in participants who know about the true purpose of the project beforehand.

Contact information

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the researcher(s) at *provide contact information for yourself (and, if applicable, your faculty advisor) – provide, at a minimum, email address and phone number*

If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a participant in this research study, you can contact The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley IRB by email at [irb@utrgv.edu](mailto:irb@utrgv.edu) or by telephone at 956-665-2093.

Final Report

If you would like to receive a report of this study (or a summary of the findings) when it is completed, contact the researcher at the email address or phone number above.

Further Reading

In the event you would like to read more about the topic of this study, here are several articles/books/references you might find interesting:

List the bibliographical information here