**Earlham College Human Subjects Consent Form**

[Keep all text as is while addressing the issues in brackets as appropriate to your study, then delete brackets and this paragraph. Address every area in brackets on the form and do not remove any sections. Bolded/italicized sections should remain so. Keep the consent form to one side of one page.]

**[Project title]**

Researcher: [Fill in your name and email address]

Supervisor: [Fill in project advisor’s name and email address]

Earlham College Department of [fill in department name]

This document is designed to inform you about the research project described below. Your signature at the bottom of this document indicates that you are at least 18 years of age, have had all questions answered, and agree to participate in the research described.

[The wording of this paragraph should be changed for online studies.]

**What is the topic of this research project?** [Provide one sentence about the topic of this study.]

**Why are you studying this?** [Provide a description of the purpose of this study.]

**What will I be asked to do and how long will it take?** [Briefly describe what participants will do, including all activities or tasks, as well as the approximate length of time involved.]

**Are there any risks if I participate?** [List any known emotional, physical or other risks. If none, use the following text: “There are no anticipated risks associated with participation in this study, beyond those encountered in everyday life.” Do not include the quotation marks if you use this sentence.]

**Are there any benefits if I participate?** [Briefly explain any benefits to the participant (including any compensation, if applicable) or community at large. This may also include contributions to the researcher’s field of knowledge.]

**What will happen with the answers/biological specimens I provide?** [Choose one of the two following options. Delete “biospecimens” if you are not collecting them.] Your data/biospecimens may be required to be made publicly available in order to publish knowledge gained as a result of this study, which means it could be used in future research without additional consent. Any report or data that is made available to the public will not include your name or any other individual information by which you could be identified. [OR] Your data/biospecimens will not be used in future research.

**Do I have to do participate?** No. Your participation is entirely voluntary. You have the right to skip any questions and to discontinue your participation in this research without consequence. Participating in this study does not mean that you are giving up any of your legal rights.

**What if I have questions about this research?** You have the right to ask questions and/or receive a summary of the results. If you have questions about how you have been treated, please contact the convener of Earlham College’s IRB at [irb@earlham.edu](mailto:irb@earlham.edu).

**Can I keep this document?** Yes. You have the right to a copy of this document. [If research is completed online, add a statement about printing the form before continuing or how to obtain a copy.]

**Are there other important things I should know before participating?** Yes. The researcher is responsible for keeping your informational confidential. [Describe how individual information will be kept confidential (e.g., kept in a locked drawer, on a personal computer, etc.).] If you want to know more about research protections, see <http://bit.ly/Protection_English> [use <http://bit.ly/ProteccionEspanol> for Spanish-language consents]

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*Participant Signature Date*