**Earlham College Human Subjects Consent Form**

[Keep all text as is while addressing the issues in brackets as appropriate to your study, then delete all bracketed instructions 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.]

**Study Information**

1. **Topic and purpose:** [Provide a one-two sentence description of the topic being investigated and the purpose of this study.]
2. **Procedures & Duration:** [Briefly describe what participants will do, including all activities or tasks, as well as the approximate length of time involved.]
3. **Possible risks:**[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. If there is more than minimal risk, provide information about whether any compensation/treatment is available in the event of injury.]
4. **Benefits:** [Briefly explain any benefits to the participant (including compensation, if applicable) or community at large, which also includes contributions to the researcher’s field of knowledge.]
5. **Data/Biospecimens usage:** [Delete “biospecimens” where it appears in this section if you do not collect them. Choose ONE following option.] 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.

**Your Rights**

1. Your participation in this research is 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.
2. You have the right to ask questions about this research and/or receive a summary of the results. Please direct questions about the study or results to the researcher listed above. If you have any questions about whether you have been treated in an illegal or unethical way, contact the convener of Earlham College’s IRB at [irb@earlham.edu](mailto:irb@earlham.edu).
3. You can learn more about your rights at <http://bit.ly/Protection_English> [use <http://bit.ly/ProteccionEspanol> for Spanish language consents]
4. 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.]
5. We are responsible for keeping your information confidential. [Describe how individual information will be kept confidential (e.g., kept in a locked drawer, on a personal computer, etc.).]

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*Participant Signature Date*