**North Carolina Wesleyan University (NCWU) Consent to Participate in a Research Study: Adult Participants**

**Consent Form Version Date:** 2023.04  
**Title of Study**: [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH TITLE]  
**Principal Investigator**: [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH PI NAME]  
**Principal Investigator Department**: [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH PI DEPARTMENT]  
**Principal Investigator Phone number**: [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH PHONE #]

**Principal Investigator Address:** [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH PI ADDRESS]  
**Principal Investigator Email Address**: [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH PI EMAIL]  
**Co-Investigators:** [REPLACE THIS TEXT WITH CO-INVESTIGATOR NAMES]

**What are some general things you should know about research studies?**  
You are being asked to take part in a research study.  To join the study is voluntary.  
You may refuse to join, or you may withdraw your consent to be in the study, for any reason, without penalty.  
  
Research studies are designed to obtain new knowledge. This new information may help people in the future. You may not receive any direct benefit from being in the research study. There also may be risks to being in research studies. Deciding not to be in the study or leaving the study before it is done will not affect your relationship with the researcher, your instructors, or North Carolina Wesleyan University.

Details about this study are discussed below. It is important that you understand this information so that you can make an informed choice about being in this research study.   
  
You will be given a copy of this consent form. You should ask the researchers named above, or staff members who may assist them, any questions you have about this study at any time.  
  
**What is the purpose of this study?**

[Briefly describe the rationale for the study in layman’s terms]

**Are there any reasons you should not be in this study?**

You should not be in this study if you:

[list exclusion criteria here in a bulleted list]

**How many people will take part in this study?**

If you decide to be in this study, you will be one of approximately [INSERT #] people in this research study.  
  
**How long will your part in this study last?**

[Describe time commitment for each part of the study]

**What will happen if you take part in the study?**

**[Describe study procedures in a clear and concise manner. If deception will be used, include a statement to the effect that the research cannot be fully described at this time, but at the conclusion of participation, an explanation will be provided.]**

**What are the possible benefits from being in this study?**

[Describe benefits acquired as a direct result of this study. If no direct benefits are expected, state this. For example, “This research is designed to benefit society by gaining new knowledge.  You will not benefit personally from being in this research study.”]

**What are the possible risks or discomforts involved from being in this study?**

[Describe all potential risks that might be incurred during this study]

**How will information about you be protected?**

[Describe procedures used to protect participant confidentiality. If participants will be audiotaped or videotaped, explain how this material will be used, how it will be protected, and how and when it will be destroyed.]

**What if you want to stop before your part in the study is complete?**

Your participation in this study is voluntary and you can withdraw from this study at any time, without penalty.  The investigators also have the right to stop your participation at any time.

**Will you receive anything for being in this study?**

[Describe compensation (if any), including any partial compensation for withdrawing from the study early. If no compensation is provided, state this]

**Will it cost you anything to be in this study?**

[Describe any costs participants will incur during the study. If participants will not incur any costs, state this]

**What if you are a NCWU student?**

You may choose not to be in the study or to stop being in the study before it is over at any time. This will not affect your class standing, grades at NCWU, or your relationships with your instructors or the university. You will not be offered or receive any special consideration if you take part in this research.

**What if you are a NCWU employee?**

Taking part in this research is not a part of your university duties, and refusing will not affect your job. You will not be offered or receive any special job-related consideration if you take part in this research.

**What if you have questions about this study?**

You have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research. If you have questions about the study (including payments), complaints, concerns, or if a research-related injury occurs, you should contact the researchers listed on the first page of this form.

**What if you have questions about your rights as a research participant?**

All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject, or if you would like to obtain information or offer input, you may contact the Institutional Review Board Chair, Dr. Dimitri Blondel by email to [kpericak@ncwu.edu](mailto:kpericak@ncwu.edu) .

**Participant’s Agreement:**

I have read the information provided above. I have asked all the questions I have at this time. I voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.

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Signature of Research Team Member Obtaining Consent Date

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