**Debriefing Statement**

Thank you for participating in this research study. There was some information about the study that we were not able to discuss with you prior to the study because doing so would have influenced your actions and thus biased the study results. This is a full explanation of the study’s purpose.

In this study, we were interested in understanding .

You were told that ; however, were created for the purpose of this experiment and they are/were not real. This deception was necessary because .

OR

You were led to believe that the purpose of the study was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; however, in reality, the purpose was . This deception was necessary because \_.

OR

During this study, information about \_\_\_\_\_\_was withheld so that \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

We hope this clarifies the purpose of the research, and the reason why we could not tell you all of the details about the study prior to your participation.

It is important that you do not discuss this study with anyone else until the study has been completed. Our efforts will be greatly compromised if participants come into this study knowing what it is about and how the ideas are being tested.

**If you have any questions or concerns about the research study, contact me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or email me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Questions about your rights as a research subject are to be directed to, Lisa Marie Johnson, Director, Office of Research Compliance, University of South Carolina, 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 805, Columbia, SC 29208, phone: (803) 777-7095 or email: [LisaJ@mailbox.sc.edu.](mailto:LisaJ@mailbox.sc.edu)

Thank you again for your participation!