**Sample Information sheet and Consent form for Experiment involving Deception**

**Information Sheet for study on Face Distortion Judgements**

My name is X and I am conducting research in the Department of Psychology that explores XXXX. This research is being conducted as part of my studies and will be submitted for examination.

You are invited to participate in a research study that will form the basis for an undergraduate thesis. Please read the following information before deciding whether or not to participate.

**What are the objectives of the study?** The nature of this study requires participants to be naive to the exact research question, as information about the research may influence your behaviour and responses. For this reason we can only inform you that we are conducting research on the processes underlying the perception of faces, including people’s perceptions of their own face and other familiar faces. A complete debriefing will be offered after participation, where any questions will be answered.

**Why have I been asked to participate?** I would like to collect information from different people. The research requires pairs of participants to take part that meet the following criteria. Each pair should

* be very familiar with each other’s face
* be of the same gender
* know each other for more than 6 months and see each other regularly (e.g. > 3 hours per week)
* be right handed

**What does participation involve?** Firstly, photographs of each participant and their friend need to be collected. These images of each participant and their friend will then be distorted in some way. Participants will then be invited back to view the distorted images and rate them for various qualities.

**Right to withdraw** Participants have the right to withdraw from the research at any time for whatever reason. Participants can also request at any time to have their image(s) or response data removed from record.

**Are there any benefits from my participation?** While there will be no direct benefit from participation studies like this can make an important contribution to our understanding of some of the processes underlying face perception. As such, the findings from this study may be presented at national and international conferences and will be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals. Interim and final reports will be prepared. However no individual participant will be identified in any publication or presentation and the pictures used will not be presented. Individuals will not be offered any monetary or other rewards for their participation.

**Are there any risks involved in participation?** There are no known risks associated with participation. Any inconvenience involved in taking part will be limited.

**Confidentiality** All individual information collected as part of the study, including any images of participants, will be used solely for experimental purposes. They will be stored safely and will not be publicly displayed or published without prior consent. Data collected is stored in the EU, for five years, and will be used for research purposes to generate research content such as publications and presentations.

Note: As participants in this research are organised in pairs, the distorted images of each participants’ face will be viewed by only the participant him/herself and their familiar friend (and the researcher). Thus, it is important that both participants are comfortable with this.

Please note this research has been ethically approved by the DBS College Human Research Ethics Committee.

**Contact Details**

Should you require any further information about the research, please contact

Joe Bloggs, studentnumber@mydbs.ie. My supervisor can be contacted at [insert details].

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

**Consent Form**

**A Study of Face Distortion Judgements**

I have read and understood the attached Information Sheet regarding this study.

Yes / No

I have had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the study with the researcher and I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions.

Yes / No

I understand that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason and without this affecting my training.

Yes / No

I agree to take part in the study, the results of which will be published.

Yes / No

I agree to have my data relating to this study to be stored confidentially as described in the Information Sheet.

Yes / No

I consent to participating in the study.

Yes / No

Participant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant’s Name in print: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_