**Debriefing Statement**

Thank you so much for participating in this study. Your participation was very valuable to us. We know you are very busy and very much appreciate the time you devoted to participating in this study.

There was some information about the study that we were not able to discuss with you prior to the study, because doing so probably would have impacted your actions and thus skewed the study results. I would like to explain these things to you now.

In this study, we were interested in understanding XXX. Based on prior research, we expect to find that XXX.

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

***OR***

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

***OR***

During this study, information about XXX was withheld so that XXX.

We hope this clarifies the purpose of the research, and the reason why deception was used (***or*** we could not tell you all of the details about the study prior to your participation). If you would like more information about [state the topic of the study], you may be interested in the following: [cite books, articles, etc.]

It is very important that you do not discuss this study with anyone else until the study is complete. 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, you may contact XXX at [phone number] or email XXX. Thank you again for your participation!

Now that you know the true reason of the research study, do you allow your data to still be included in the analysis?