**Ethics Committee of the German Linguistic Society *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft* (DGfS)**

**Short Questionnaire for Behavioral Studies with Healthy Adults (Status: February 2024)**

With the submission the applicants confirm

* that they are familiar with all of the research project's legal and ethical guidelines (e.g., Declaration of Helsinki) and have followed them in the design and preparation of the study,
* that any personal data (i.e., data that make it possible to identify individual subjects) and any video or audio recordings will be handed in accordance with applicable data protection rules,
* that all statements in the short questionnaire are correct to the best of their knowledge and belief,
* that the application has not been submitted to any other ethics committee for review,
* that the ethics committee will be informed immediately of all changes in the test procedure that substantially change the ethical evaluation.

Title of the research project:

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Submission date: Click or type here to enter text.

**Please check the appropriate box:**

New submission  Resubmission (application number: Click or type here to enter text.) after revision

Applicants (contact person):

Last name, first name: Click or type here to enter text.

Faculty / Institute / Department / Room: Click or type here to enter text.

E-mail address: Click or type here to enter text.

Other participating researchers:

Last names, first names /e-mail addresses:

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| **Please answer all questions with *yes* or *no* (check the appropriate box):** | DGPs\* | yes | no |
| 1. Are people participating in the study who belong to a particularly vulnerable group or cannot give their consent to participate themselves (e.g., children and adolescents under 16 years of age, people with a learning disability, people in psychotherapeutic treatment)? | 3 (b) |  |  |
| 2. Is it necessary that people participate in the study without having been informed of this at this time or without having given their consent (e.g., in case of convert observation) or without having been adequately informed or instructed? | 6 |  |  |
| 3. Is covert observation or another method used in the study for which the informed consent of the participants, complete clarification to the participants or the possibility of subsequent data deletion is not ensured? | 3, 9 |  |  |
| 4. Does the study include questions that are of an intimate nature for those questioned or the reply to which can be perceived as stigmatizing (e.g., about illegal or deviant behavior or about sexual preferences)? | 3 (d) |  |  |
| 5. Does the study include an active deception of the participants or will information be deliberately withheld from the participants?  (The withholding of the hypothesis does not fall in this category.) | 8 |  |  |
| 6. Is there a risk that the study will cause psychological stress, fear, exhaustion or other negative effects in the participants beyond the extent expected in everyday life? | 3 (d),  9 |  |  |
| 7. Is there a risk that the study will cause the participants pain or more than mild discomfort? | 3 (d),  9 |  |  |
| 8. Will the study participants be administered medications, placebos or other substances (e.g., food, beverages, vitamin products) or will the participants be subjected to any invasive or potentially harmful procedures? | 3 (d),  3 (e),  8, 9 |  |  |
| 9. Will video or audio recordings be made without the participants having given their consent to this in advance? | 3, 4 |  |  |
| 10. Will bodily substances (blood, saliva) be taken from the participants? | 3, 4 |  |  |
| 11. Do the applicants have a conflict of interest due to (a) economic or personal connections with the contracting entities or partners, whose interests could be positively or negatively affected by the results of the research or (b) due to other factors that could influence the independence of the applicants' scientific judgment? | – |  |  |
| 12. Are incidental findings to be expected? | - |  |  |

Please note: \* This column refers to relevant parts of the *Professional Ethical Guidelines of the DGPs* (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie* [German Psychological Society] 2016, Section 7.3).

Notes: If the response to all questions was "no," please send this document as a merged PDF file including the subject information and the declarations of consent to the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee (<https://dgfs.de/de/inhalt/ueber/ethikkomission>).

If for questions 1–11 the reply to at least one question was "yes," then please submit a full application.

If the reply was "yes" only for question 12, please explain here how the subjects should be informed of incidental findings[[1]](#footnote-1) and how the subjects' right not to be informed should be ensured. In this case you do not need to submit a full application.

Explanations on dealing with incidental findings:

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1. "Incidental finding" means that clinically relevant findings are possible. This is the case, for example, when using standardized survey procedures in language acquisition studies or when using imaging procedures. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)