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## **Introduction**

My name is [insert researcher's name]. I am a student at ACU, a college in Abilene. We are asking you to be a part of a research study. Research is a way to test new ideas. Research helps us learn new ways to take care of kids, and to help people.

Being in a research study is your choice. You can say "Yes" or "No". Whatever you decide is okay. We will still take good care of you.

The people doing the research study are called researchers. The researchers will tell you about the research study. This information will help you decide if you want to be in the research study.

## **Why is the research study being done?**

The study is being done so that [fill in a simple explanation of purpose here]. We hope to learn [fill in a simple statement of what you hope to learn].

## **What will happen in the research?**

- What kinds of things you will do if you take part:
  - [Fill in each activity the child will be a part of, however small, and state how long that element of participation should take them]
  - " " "

## **Could any BAD things happen because I decide to be in the study?**

- There is a very small chance that somebody might know that you were in the study, but your name, and everything you say in this study will be kept private.
- [List any other risks in simple language, and how you are minimizing that risk; e.g. they could get a little embarrassed, or scared - and they could bring a stuffed animal, or their parent could be with them, etc]

## **What are the GOOD things that can happen? [If there are no potential benefits, delete this section.]**

- [List potential benefits here, to the individual and/or to other children in the future.]

## **What if you don't want to take part? What if you want to stop?**

Being in the research is your choice. It is okay to say "No". No one will be mad at you.

If you say “Yes” and change your mind later on, that’s okay. You can stop being in the research at any time. Tell the researcher if you want to stop.

### **What if you want to take part in the research study?**

Tell the researcher if you decide you want to be in the study.

Take the time you need to make your choice. Ask the researcher any questions you have. You can even email the researcher at [insert email address]. You can ask questions anytime. If you want to, you can even ask the researcher’s teacher questions. The teacher’s name is [insert faculty mentor’s name], and that email address is [insert faculty mentor’s email address]. The person in charge of research at ACU is Qi Hang, and her email address is qxh22a@acu.edu.

### **Child Participant’s Agreement**

The researcher told me about the research study. I had a chance to ask questions. I know I can ask questions or stop at any time. I want to be in the research study.

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**Printed Name of Research Participant**

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**Date**

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**Printed Name of Parent or Legally Authorized Representative**

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**Signature of Parent or Legally Authorized Representative**

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**Date**