**Agreement to Participate in Research**

Please note: This template is intended for use with children aged 7-11 years. Ensure the agreement to participate in research matches the educational and maturity levels of the youngest possible participant. Avoid equating literacy directly with age. For additional information, consult the documents on Children as Research Participants, Parental Permission, and Child Agreement.

Remove all text highlighted in 'red' before submitting your final document for IRB review.

The use of 'we' in the consent template may confuse young participants. If only one person is involved in obtaining agreement, replace 'we' with 'I' when detailing planned procedures.

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This research is initiated by BeyondBound. The title of the study being conducted is [insert title]. The individual responsible for directing this research should be noted as [insert name of principal investigator]. I am a part of the research group, identified as [insert your name, if different from the principal investigator].

**Understanding Research Studies:**

Research studies contribute to our knowledge by explaining how certain processes function or by discovering more effective methods for treating individuals. This document will provide further details about the intended research. Participation is voluntary, and you are encouraged to inquire at any stage.

**Key Points to Consider:**

Even if your parent or guardian has consented to your participation in this study, the decision to participate remains yours. You have the freedom to agree or decline.

* Your decision to participate is entirely within your rights.
* Declining will not result in any negative feelings towards you or your parent/guardian.
* If you initially agree to participate, you have the right to withdraw from the study at any moment without any repercussions.
* Feel free to take the necessary time to ask questions and make an informed decision.
* Should there be any questions you wish not to respond to, you have the liberty to pass over them. [This guidance applies specifically to research involving surveys, interviews, and/or focus groups.]

**Why have you been invited to participate in this research study?**

The aim of this investigation is to gain deeper insights into [describe the purpose of the study and the reason for your inclusion, ideally in one sentence].

**What occurs during this research study?**

If you decide to participate in the study, you will be required to [explain the procedures in terms that are suitable for all ages, ensuring clarity regarding the duration of each task and each visit. **For longitudinal studies or those involving complex and detailed procedures,**

**incorporating tables or diagrams to clearly outline each step is recommended**. For example,

"You will be requested to review questions on a computer screen and then select a button to submit your responses. Completing these questions should take approximately 15 minutes."; "A member of our research team will pose several questions to you, then you will be asked to provide your answers verbally. Your responses will be audio-recorded, and this process is expected to take around 20 minutes."]

**Are there potential risks if I participate in this research?**

[Detail any potential risks, or alternatively state: While there are no direct negative consequences anticipated from participating, some questions might make you feel uneasy, such as those about personal experiences or being recorded, etc.]

You have the option to bypass any question that makes you uncomfortable. [This point should be included for studies involving surveys, interviews, and/or focus groups.]

**Could this research be beneficial to me or others in the future?**

We believe participating in this research might offer you benefits by [Specify benefits]

OR This study is not intended to provide direct benefits to you; however, the knowledge gained could lead to new understandings that might benefit children in the future.

**What additional information is essential?**

This study is structured to protect your personal data and ensure confidentiality. Nonetheless, a minor risk exists that your information might inadvertently become disclosed. Your identifiable information, such as your name and other identifying details, will be maintained in confidence by the research team. Only authorized researchers and personnel tasked with monitoring the study's integrity will have access to your private data.

You are encouraged to take the necessary time to contemplate your participation in this research. It is advisable to discuss this decision with your parent or guardian. Although your parent or guardian has consented to your involvement in this study, you retain the right to make your own decision regarding your participation. [In the context of medical research: Should you opt out of the study; your medical care will continue unaffected as prior to your decision.]

Compensation: There is no financial remuneration for participating in this study. OR You will receive compensation for your participation in this research in the form of [specify type, e.g., cash, gift card, check], with the total amount being [total amount], disbursed upon [indicate the timing of payment].

You are encouraged to raise any questions at any point before making your decision and throughout the duration of the research. Please reach out to the research team via [insert contact details such as name, email, or phone number].

If necessary, note that the lead researcher has the authority to remove you from the study at any time, even against your wishes. This could occur under circumstances such as:

* It becoming safer for your well-being to discontinue your participation.
* Failure to adhere to the guidelines of the study.
* Premature termination of the research.

Optional Components: [Incorporate any additional elements listed in the Parent Permission template as relevant. Adjustments may be required to ensure the text is suitable for all age groups.]

**Agreement to Participate in the Research: Child / Student**

I had the opportunity to ask questions regarding this study. By affixing my signature below, I express my agreement to participate in this research. I will receive a copy of this document for my records.

Please sign your name here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Enter the current date here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*For the Individual Obtaining Consent:*

The printed name of the individual obtaining consent here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Individual Obtaining Consent with Agreement:

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**Verbal Consent:**

* Are you willing to participate in this research study?
	+ Indicate the participant's answer: ☐Yes ☐No
* Please write the participant's name or study ID number (use study ID number instead of participant's name on the consent document to reduce risk to the participant):

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*For the Individual Obtaining Consent:*

The printed name of the individual obtaining consent here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Individual Obtaining Consent with Agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Individual Obtaining Consent with Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Online Consent (not requiring an electronic signature):**

* To participate in this research study, please click the “I Agree” button.
* If you decide not to participate, click the “I Disagree” button or close this window by clicking the 'X' at the top of the screen.
* If you would like to have a copy of this Consent form, you can print it by selecting the Print option at the top of the screen, or discuss this with your parent.