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| **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**  |

**TITLE OF STUDY**: **[Add your own title here]**

**1) Introduction**

We invite you to take part in a research study. This information leaflet will help you to decide if you want to participate. Before you agree to take part you should fully understand what is involved. If you have any questions that this leaflet does not fully explain, please do not hesitate to ask the research personnel.

**2) Why are we doing the study?**

[Give a short explanation of why you are doing the study. Also include information on: how many participants will be recruited for the study]

**3) What will we ask you to do in this study?**

[Give a detailed explanation of what you will ask participants to do in the study. Also tell them how much of their time it will take]

**4) Risk and discomfort involved**

[Explain any risks of discomforts they might experience]

**5) Possible benefits of the study**

[Explain any benefits of the study to them and society in general]

**6) Optional aspects of the study (optional section)**

*Please indicate your choice by ticking yes or no and initialising next to it.*

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|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Initial** |
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**7) What are your rights as a participant?**

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You may choose not to answer particular questions. You can refuse to participate or stop at any time during the study without giving any reason. If you decide not to be in this research or if you decide to stop at a later date, there will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. Once you have completed the study you have the right to access your data.

**8) Will you be paid to take part in this research study?**

[Explain whether they will be paid or otherwise remunerated and if so, how much will they be paid or how will they be remunerated]

**9) Has the study received ethical approval?**

This study has received written approval from Research Ethics Committees of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, tel 012 420 4356. [Also include any other relevant approvals if applicable]

**10) Information and contact person**

If you have any questions or comments about the study please contact [Add your name and contact details]

**11) Confidentiality**

All information that you give will be kept strictly confidential. Research reports, presentations and articles in scientific journals will not include any information that may identify you.