Table 3. Perceived Likelihood of Techniques Leading to False Confessions

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
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| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.41 | 1.20 | 195 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 2.52 | 1.18 | 195 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.36 | 1.13 | 195 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.31 | 1.17 | 195 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 2.56 | 1.15 | 195 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.03 | 1.29 | 195 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.91 | 1.16 | 195 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 3.98 | 1.11 | 195 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 3.99 | 1.13 | 195 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.86 | 1.09 | 195 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.55 | 1.16 | 195 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.77 | 1.15 | 195 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.51 | 1.14 | 195 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.75 | 1.17 | 195 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.95 | 1.13 | 195 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.18 | 1.14 | 195 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 4.24 | 1.10 | 195 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.33 | 1.19 | 195 |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |