Table 3. Perceived Likelihood of Techniques Leading to False Confessions

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
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| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. |  |  |  |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. |  |  |  |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. |  |  |  |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. |  |  |  |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. |  |  |  |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. |  |  |  |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. |  |  |  |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. |  |  |  |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. |  |  |  |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. |  |  |  |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. |  |  |  |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. |  |  |  |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. |  |  |  |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. |  |  |  |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. |  |  |  |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. |  |  |  |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. |  |  |  |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. |  |  |  |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |