Table 3. Perceived Likelihood of Techniques Leading to False Confessions

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
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| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.39 | 1.16 | 468 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 3.48 | 1.12 | 468 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.45 | 1.11 | 468 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.44 | 1.15 | 468 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 3.39 | 1.11 | 468 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.46 | 1.12 | 468 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.61 | 1.12 | 468 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 3.63 | 1.20 | 468 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 3.65 | 1.18 | 468 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.77 | 1.24 | 468 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 2.99 | 1.16 | 468 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.27 | 1.14 | 468 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.29 | 1.15 | 468 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.16 | 1.22 | 468 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.29 | 1.15 | 468 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.46 | 1.17 | 468 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 3.54 | 1.18 | 468 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 3.50 | 1.18 | 468 |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |