Table 2. Perceived Likelihood of Techniques Leading to True Confessions

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
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| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.02 | 1.19 | 481 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 3.41 | 1.06 | 481 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.05 | 1.12 | 481 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.01 | 1.13 | 481 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 3.25 | 1.18 | 481 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.48 | 1.14 | 481 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.15 | 1.25 | 481 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 3.14 | 1.28 | 481 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 3.11 | 1.25 | 481 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.16 | 1.25 | 481 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.31 | 1.13 | 481 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.36 | 1.14 | 481 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.32 | 1.10 | 481 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.38 | 1.14 | 481 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.08 | 1.28 | 481 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.13 | 1.32 | 481 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 3.10 | 1.34 | 481 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 3.18 | 1.43 | 481 |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |