**ASSENT FORM**



I am Shungu Mupfawa and I am a PhD student in the Faculty of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. I am doing a study to figure out the kind of conversations that take place between teachers and learners during genetics lessons in South African classrooms. I am asking you to take part in the research study because your teacher recommended you for this project*.*

For this research, I would like to invite you to take part by allowing me to video record you as I observe three of your teacher’s normal lessons on genetics which will be 35-45 minutes. I will keep all your participation and the video recordings private. The video recordings will be stored in a password protected computer.

You will not receive any direct benefits from participating in this research, and there are no disadvantages for not participating. I do not think that any big problems will happen to you as part of this study. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to. You won’t get into any trouble with the University of Witwatersrand, your teacher, or your school if you say no. You may stop being in the study at any time or request not to be video recorded. The lesson observations will be private as I will not be asking for your name and the information on the video recordings will be held securely and not disclosed to anyone else. I will be using a false name to represent your participation in my final research report.

Yourparents/guardians were asked if it is OK for you to be in this study. Even if they say it’s OK, it is still your choice whether or not to take part. You can ask any questions you have, now or later. If you think of a question later, you or your parents can contact me on cell: 072 633 9145, email: 744173@students.wits.ac.za or my supervisor: Prof. Marissa Rollnick on cell: 082 374 5528, email: [marissarollnick@wits.ac.za](mailto:marissarollnick@wits.ac.za). If you have any complaints about the ethical procedures of this study, you are welcome to contact the University Human Research Ethics Committee (Non-Medical), telephone

+27(0) 11 717 1408, email [Shaun.Schoeman@wits.ac.za](mailto:Shaun.Schoeman@wits.ac.za).

Sign this form only if you:

* have understood what you will be doing for this study,
* have had all your questions answered,
* have talked to your parent(s)/legal guardian about this project, and
* agree to take part in this research
* agree to be video recorded

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Your Signature Printed Name Date

(Participant)

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Researcher explaining study

Signature Printed Name Date