**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: TEACHER**



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Dear Teacher

My name is Shungu Mupfawa and I am a PhD student in the Faculty of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. As part of my studies, I have to undertake a research project, and I am investigating the following topic: ***An analysis of the teachers’ Discourse when teaching basic genetics concepts in South African classrooms.*** This research project aims to find out the teachers’ classroom Discourse when teaching genetics terminology in South African classrooms.

As part of this project, I would like to invite you to take part by allowing me to observe three of your normal lessons on genetics which will be 35-45 minutes. Can you also help me by participating in an interview which will be 20 minutes long? The interview will be conducted after school hours at a time and place that is convenient to you. With your permission, I would like to record the observations with a video-recorder and interview using an audio-recorder. In this study, I may not be in a position to conduct direct classroom observations for all teachers of interest since I will also be required to teach my own grade 12 learners at that particular time. Owing to this, video recording will be used. 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 or penalties for not participating. You may withdraw at any time or not answer any question if you do not want to. The interview and observations will be completely confidential and anonymous as I will not be asking for your name or any identifying information, and the information you give to me will be held securely and not disclosed to anyone else. I will be using a pseudonym to represent your participation in my final research report. If you experience any distress or discomfort at any point in this process, we will stop the interview or resume another time.

If you have any questions during or afterwards about this research, feel free to contact me or my supervisor on the details listed below. This study will be written up as a research report which will be available online through the university library website. If you wish to receive a summary of this report, I will be happy to send it to you. If you have any concerns or complaints regarding 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)

Yours sincerely,

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