

Consent for an Online Survey for a Singing and Music Perception Study for Cochlea Implant Carriers

Dear Participant,

Syte is an institute for scientific research and strategy for digital health. In the following study, we investigate the relationship between singing abilities and music perception in cochlear implant (CI) users as music plays a significant role in the quality of life.

We would like to ask you to participate in this online survey to assess your level of singing and music perception to be able to draw a relationship across a cohort of at least 20 CI users. The survey consists of two parts. In the first part of the survey, you will fill out a questionnaire to collect demographic information and to learn about your music experience and habits. These data are confidential and will be used in an anonymous fashion to estimate the effect of CI usage on hearing abilities. After receiving your responses to this questionnaire, you will be contacted via email to schedule an appointment for the second part of the survey.

In the second part of the survey, you will listen to 10 sentences and try to recognize the words. Then you will listen to short snippets of 3 songs and try to identify errors in them. In the end, you will be asked to sing 3 short snippets of popular songs and rate your familiarity with them. This part of the survey will be performed in parallel with an online zoom session with a study coordinator. The study coordinator will explain the survey briefly before you start and is available for your questions during the survey.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary, and you can quit the survey at any time without providing a reason. Quitting the survey will have no negative consequences on you. You will receive a US\$ 20 Amazon voucher as a thank-you for participating in this survey.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or would like additional information, please contact the study coordinator. In addition, you may contact our head scientist, Dr. Elinor Tzvi-Minker at elinor.tzvi-minker@syte-institute.com.

By ticking the box on the online survey, you indicate that you understand the purpose of the study and consent to the use of your data as indicated above. Should you decide not to complete the survey, the data you have entered up to that point will be used, unless you indicate otherwise. Please contact us in this case via email.

Thank you for your participation!

References for data protection

Federal and state privacy laws (such as the HIPAA Privacy Rule) protect your privacy. By signing this form, you provide your permission, called your “authorization,” for the use and disclosure of information protected by the Privacy Rule.

You may withdraw or take away your authorization to use and disclose the information you provided at any time. You do this by sending written notice to the study coordinator. If you withdraw your authorization, you will not be able to stay in this study.

The electronic storage of your data takes place exclusively in pseudonymized form (i.e. your name is replaced by an identification number). The study coordinator and the study team are solely responsible for data processing. The encryption code, which is used to pseudonymize your data, is only known to this team and is kept separately from your data.