# Debriefing Form

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## **Project:** Finding the right words to describe scientific studies

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Thank you for participating in this study investigating how people perceive words used to describe scientific studies. Previous research has found that people tend to perceive the same words in different ways. To avoid miscommunication, its important that we find the right words to describe scientific studies that are interpreted in the same way by different people.

In the study, we collected your interpretations of a set of words that are currently being used to describe scientific studies by an academic journal called *eLife*. We also presented you with a different set of words developed by our research team that we think will encourage more consistent interpretations. Ultimately, your contribution will help us to improve the communication of scientific research to the general public.

This research has been cleared by the Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 26411). If you have any concerns about this project please contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, The University of Melbourne (Tel: 8344 2073; Fax: 9347 6739).