To the Joint-Faculty Research Ethics Board,

RE: Concerns regarding Protocol #J2011:119, “Robot Mood Ring for a Group: A Group-Robot Ambient Display”

By taking your suggestions into account, we have modified our project proposal. We will address each point individually.

1. To make it easy for participants to access the results of our study, we will post the paper on Dr. Young’s website, along with other research publications from the group, once it is published. We have added sections to the online and questionnaire consent forms, as well as a note in section 10: Dissemination that reflects this. These changes are included and highlighted.
2. We have changed the number of years we will keep the data from 8 years to 5 years. We request to keep the (anonymous) data for this period of time to enable us to perform follow-up analysis if necessary, e.g., if requested by journal reviews or for follow up work. At the end of this period the data will be destroyed.
3. We have added the suggested time frame of 10-20 minutes in the questionnaire consent form and poster. Changes are included and highlighted.
4. The discrepancy for compensation has been corrected in every appearance. This included changes to section 9: Compensation and the Procedure section, as well as the online consent form and the poster. Changes are included and highlighted.
5. We have included the file “Web Consent” which is presented to first-time users of the online system. The beginning of the file contains a short note to the JFREB reviewers.
6. In both the written and online consent forms we have included a line confirming that those who agree to the online consent are also confirming that they are of the age of majority.

The input of the Board was most helpful. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns about research proposal.

Regards,

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