**INFORMED CONSENT**

Research Project Title: Perception of peer review

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*This consent form, which you can download to your own computer or print directly, is only part of the informed consent process. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. If you would like more detail about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should contact Dr. Evan Curtis. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.*

*Purpose*: This study examines your understanding and perception of the process of peer review.

*Procedure*: In this study, you will answer questions about your understanding and beliefs about the academic process of peer review. You will also answer some demographic questions (e.g., age, education).

*Risk*: There are no risks associated with this study. However, **you are free to discontinue participation at any time**.

*Data collection devices*: The study will take place online and can be completed on your own computer. The survey is hosted by a company called SmartSurvey. Information about SmartSurvey can be found at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/>

*Anonymity and confidentiality*: There are two questions on the survey that ask for contact information (please note that all questions are optional). If you provide this information, it will be possible for the researchers to associate it with your survey responses. Once the study is complete, this contact information will be deleted and it will no longer be possible to identify you in any way. No one beyond the researchers will have access to any information that has not been deidentified.

*Storage of data:* Your response file will be kept on a password protected computer in a folder protected by another unique password until the completion of the study. After completion, the data will be kept on an online repository at <https://osf.io>. The data file will not contain any information that could identify you as a participant.

*Feedback*: At the end of the survey, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a seminar about peer review hosted by Dr. Evan Curtis.

*Your acceptance of the terms on this form indicates that you have understood to your satisfaction the information regarding participation in the research project and agree to participate as a subject. In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the researchers, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time, and /or refrain from answering any questions you prefer to omit, without prejudice or consequence.*

*This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board (REB) at Booth University College in Winnipeg, Manitoba.*

If you consent to participate in this study, you can use the following link to begin:

[***https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BUCPeerReview/***](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BUCPeerReview/)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXPERIMENT