

Information Sheet for Participants.
Study ID:10

The development of the Multidimensional Bodily Fluids Disgust Inventory
(MBFDI)

Ethics Approval Number: S1715

This is an invitation to take part in a research study exploring responses to various bodily fluids to better understand how disgust sensitivity varies across different contexts. Before deciding whether to take part, it is important that you understand the reasons behind the research and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. You can ask us any questions and/or if you would like more information, please contact us at the email addresses at the end of this information sheet. Thank you for reading this.

About this project

This project is a masters project in the School of Psychology at the University of Nottingham. The project is looking for individuals over the age of 18 years old. The project is exploring individual's responses to various bodily fluids such as saliva, semen, and breastmilk to better understand how disgust sensitivity varies across different contexts. This research will build on existing work measuring general disgust, while addressing the current lack of a scale that specifically measures disgust towards bodily fluids. The study will also examine how responses differ depending on whether the fluid is perceived as one's own, a family member, or a stranger.

What do I have to do?

Throughout the survey, you will be asked to complete a variety of questions. For instance, some questions will be multiple-choice, and other statements will ask you to expand on your answer so that we can understand your response fully. Throughout the survey, instructions will be provided to you. It should take approximately 12 minutes. Please answer the questions in the questionnaire. However, you do not have to answer any questions if you do not wish to do so, and you can do this by leaving the box blank.

Do I have to take part?

You can decide whether you participate or not. If you choose to take part, you will be able to keep a copy of this information sheet by emailing one of the researchers. You will be able to indicate your agreement to the online consent form. You can withdraw at any time during the survey by closing the browser, and without providing a reason to us. It is important to note that once you finish the survey and press submit, you will not be able to withdraw your data. You have the right to refuse to answer any questions you do not feel comfortable answering.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We believe that by taking part in this research you will provide the field with new and relevant literature that could potentially be used in future research.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

To our knowledge, there are no negative consequences to taking part in this project, however, during the survey you will be asked about your experiences of disgust towards various bodily fluids. Therefore, if anything has upset you in any way, here are some support links.

Mind, UK Mental Health Charity

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/>

NHS, Mental health services

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

Samaritans, Helpline

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

24/7 helpline: [\(877\) 870-4673](tel:8778704673)

As an online participant in this research, we are obliged to make you aware that there is always a potential risk of intrusion by outside agents, for example through hacking, and therefore the possibility of being identified.

How will your data be stored?

The data you provide will be presented anonymously and will be used as part of the dissertation. Your data will be kept on the University's one-drive, a password protected computer, and on a password protected document.

Following a 10-year period, the data obtained in the study will be destroyed, this includes the responses to the open- and closed questions. Your data may be accessed by authorised researchers within the research team to be used for publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs. The authorised researchers will preserve the confidentiality of the information you provide.

This research is being conducted in accordance with The University of Nottingham guidance on GDPR regulation. The University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD (0115 951 5151), is committed to protecting your personal data and informing you of your rights in relation to that data. The University of Nottingham is registered as a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 2018 ([registration No. Z5654762](#)). One of our responsibilities as a data controller is to be transparent in our processing of your personal data and to tell you about the different ways in which we collect and use your personal data. The University will process your personal data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR, GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and this privacy notice is issued in accordance with the GDPR Articles 13 and 14. We may update our Privacy Notices at any time. The current version of all of our Privacy Notices can be found on the link below, and we encourage you to check back here regularly to review any changes. More information can be found here: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/utilities/privacy/privacy.aspx>

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

During the research, all the information that we collect about you will be kept strictly confidential. No identifiable information is being collected and you will not be able to be identified or identifiable in any reports or publications.

What type of information will be sought from me and why is the collection of this information relevant for achieving the research project's objectives?

The questionnaire will ask you for some demographic information such as your age, gender, education, ethnicity, etc; and will then ask you to rate various bodily fluids (e.g., saliva) and your associated levels of disgust towards these fluids. Your views are what the project is interested in exploring.

What will happen to the results of the research project?

Results of the research project will be used for the purposes of the masters Psychology dissertation project, and also may be used for conference proceedings, and published in an academic journal. The written text you provide in this survey can be used in research outputs, but these will be anonymised. You will not be identifiable in any report or publication that uses the data. If you wish to be given a copy of any reports resulting from the research, please contact the supervisor Nikki Dean Marshall, who is also responsible for sending research outputs.

Who has ethically reviewed the project?

This project has been ethically approved via the University of Nottingham's Ethics Review Procedure (S1715).

Contacts for further information

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If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We can also be contacted after your participation at the above email address. Please note that if you get in touch, we will remove contact details.

If you have any complaints about the study, please contact:

Professor Stephen Jackson (Chair of Ethics Committee)