Sample Deception Debriefing Script

Debriefing is an essential component of any deception task used in research. The following scripts can serve as a basis for developing your own script.

PI Name

PI phone number

PI email

Study Title

*To be administered (immediate or delayed) in (person/via telephone/via email/mail etc.) after participation.*

Thank you for participating in our study, we appreciate your time and effort.

I’d like to explain a bit about all of the tasks you have completed as part of this study. As you know, we are interested in XXX. **In one or two sentences describe the tasks**.

However, during the XXX task we used some deception, and we were not able to tell you everything that was going on. During XXX, we actually XXX. We did this in order to XXX.

Before we conclude this session, I’d like to know how you are feel after hearing what XXX was all about? What is your reaction?

Do you have any questions about what we did?