Dear Barcoding for beginners participant,

**Re: Project evaluation consent form**

Welcome to the Barcoding for beginners project. We are delighted that you are participating. This project is funded by a Royal Society partnership grant. To assess the impact of Barcoding for beginners, with the intention of improving its impact and reach, Wellcome Connecting Science (part of the Wellcome Sanger Institute) would like to track the project’s impact on practical molecular biology skills, transferable skills and STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) career awareness.

For us to complete this evaluation, you will be asked to fill in a questionnaire before and after involvement with the Barcoding for beginners project. Your involvement in Barcoding for beginners is **not** dependent on answering these questionnaires.

We will match your responses from questionnaires completed before and after participation, without information that can be used to identify you individually. In place of your name, we are therefore requesting that you use a 7 character code. This should consist of the 3 letters that allow identification of your school or college provided by your teacher, then a hyphen, followed by 3 initials that you will remember (*eg*; I am from Wellcome Connecting Science and my hamster is called Nibbles, so I could use WCS-NIB). Whilst answering the questionnaire, please do not include any personal information that could be used to identify you.

To agree to your questionnaire responses being used to evaluate the Barcoding for beginners project and assess its impact, please complete the declaration of consent below, and ask a parent / guardian to countersign that they consent for responses to be used in line with your wishes. This declaration of consent should be returned to the staff running Barcoding for beginners in your school or college.

If you have any questions about how this questionnaire or your responses will be used, please contact [engage@wellcomeconnectingscience.org](mailto:engage@wellcomeconnectingscience.org).

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| **Declaration of consent** | | | | |
| Please tick each box (or strike out what you do not consent to), then sign this form. | | | | |
| 🞎 | I give permission for my pre-project and post-project questionnaires to be used in evaluation of the impact of Barcoding for beginners. | | | |
| 🞎 | I give permission for responses from my questionnaires to be used in Wellcome Connecting Science and Wellcome Sanger Institute printed publications and external publications. | | | |
| 🞎 | I give permission for responses from my questionnaires to be used on Wellcome Connecting Science and Wellcome Sanger Institute websites and other external partner websites. | | | |
| **Student**  **Signature** | |  | **Today’s date** |  |
| 🞎 | As the parent / guardian of the person above I give permission for responses from the questionnaires completed to be used in line with the participant’s wishes expressed above. | | | |
| **Parent / Guardian**  **Signature** | |  | **Today’s date** |  |

Kind regards

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