

# Quantitative TV Pretest 2 and Study 1

## Survey Questionnaire

### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study today. This study is about advertising for a new product. We will show you an ad for a new product and then ask you some questions about it.

Make sure you are comfortable and can read the screen from where you sit. The survey will include some audio, so please make sure the sound on your computer is active and the speaker volume is turned up.

On the next two screens you will be shown the image of an animal and sound and asked to identify which animals you see and hear. Therefore please ensure your speakers are turned on, or you can use your headphones. **[Terminate participants who cannot hear the sound and see the image]**

### ADVERTISEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

On the next screen, you will see an advertisement for a new product. The ad may take 15-30 seconds to start playing. Imagine that this ad is for a product that you might be interested in for yourself.

Once you finish viewing the ad, please click the Next button.

**[DISPLAY ASSIGNED AD] [SUPPRESS "NEXT" BUTTON UNTIL AD FINISHES PLAYING]**

We would like you to watch the ad a second time. Please click the Next button to view the ad.

**[DISPLAY ASSIGNED AD AGAIN] [SUPPRESS "NEXT" BUTTON UNTIL AD FINISHES PLAYING]**

### SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

Now please answer the following questions based on the ad you saw.

**Q1. Were you able to view the ad for [Drug X]?**

- Yes
- No → **[Terminate]**
- Not sure → **[Terminate]**

**Q2. What was the main message of this ad? (gist memory)**

(open ended)

**Q3. What are the benefits of [Drug X]? Please list as many benefits as you can remember. (benefit recall)**

(open ended)

**Q4. What are the side effects of [Drug X]? Please list as many side effects as you can remember. (risk recall)**

(open ended)

[Programmer: RANDOMIZE ORDER of benefit series (P1-P3) and risk series (P4-P6).

**P1. At the beginning of the ad, the announcer talked about what the drug does. Please rate the information on [Drug X]'s benefits on the following attributes: (efficacy claim clarity)**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely
Understandable					Understandable

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely
Clear					Clear

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely
Easy to Read					Easy to Read

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely
Complex					Complex

**P2. Did the ad use any numbers when talking about [Drug X]'s benefits? (manipulation check – efficacy claim)**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**P3.[IF YES] How much did the numbers help you to understand how well [Drug X] worked? (efficacy claim value)**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Did not help					Helped a lot
at all					

**P4. At the end of the ad, the announcer read a list of side effects. Please rate the information on [Drug X]'s side effects on the following attributes: (risk claim clarity)**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely
Understandable					Understandable

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely



Q6. [Drug X] eliminates all of the vision problems caused by cataracts. (gist efficacy claim accuracy - magnitude)

- True
- False (correct answer)

Q7. On average, if someone with cataracts takes [Drug X], by how much will their vision improve? (gist efficacy claim accuracy - magnitude)

- Vision will not improve at all
- Vision will improve but won't be back to normal (correct answer)
- Vision will improve to normal

Q8. [Drug X] will improve vision in almost everyone who takes it. (gist efficacy claim accuracy - likelihood)

- True
- False (correct answer)

Q9. The majority of people with cataracts who take [Drug X] will have at least some vision improvement. (gist efficacy claim accuracy - likelihood)

- True (correct answer)
- False

Q10. What percentage of people with cataracts who take [Drug X] will have better vision? (gist efficacy claim accuracy - likelihood)

- Less than half (0-40%)
- About half (41-60%) (correct answer)
- More than half (61-99%)
- All (100%)
- Don't know

Q11. Please complete the following sentence: On average, people with cataracts who took [Drug X] improved their vision to \_\_. (efficacy claim accuracy - magnitude)

- 20/20
- 20/30
- 20/40
- 20/50
- 20/60
- 20/70
- 20/80
- 20/90
- 20/100
- \_\_Don't know

Q12. What percentage of people with cataracts who took [Drug X] improved their vision to 20/40? (efficacy claim accuracy - likelihood)

- \_\_\_\_\_ % [permit numbers from 0-100; also permit ranges (e.g., 40-60%)]
- \_\_Don't know



h. A side effect of [Drug X] is nausea.		X
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Please answer the following questions based on what you learned from the ad. The ad may or may not have included the information needed to answer each question, so your best guess is fine. **[KEEP ON SCREEN FOR QUESTIONS Q18 - Q21]**

**Q18. Almost everyone who takes [Drug X] will experience at least one side effect. (gist risk claim accuracy)**

- True
- False (correct answer)

**Q19. Some of [Drug X]'s side effects are more likely to occur than others. (gist risk claim accuracy)**

- True (correct answer)
- False

**Q20. [Drug X]'s most common side effects occur in what percent of people who take it? (gist risk claim accuracy)**

- Less than 1%
- 1% - 5%
- 6-10% (correct answer)
- 11-15%
- 16-20%

**Q21. [Drug X]'s least common side effects occur in what percent of people who take it? (gist risk claim accuracy)**

- Less than 1% (correct answer)
- 1% - 5%
- 6-10%
- 11-15%
- 16-20%

**Q22. The following side effects of [Drug X] were mentioned in the ad. For each side effect, please report how often it occurs. Your best guess is fine. [Randomize order] (risk claim accuracy)**

Side effect occurs in \_\_\_\_ of people who take [Drug X]

Side Effect	Less than 1%	1%- 5%	6-10%	11-15%	16-20%
Watery Eyes			X		
Runny Nose			X		
Fever		X			
Loss of the ability to see the distance between things		X			
Double Vision	X				
Detached Retina	X				

**Q23. How serious are [Drug X]'s side effects? (perceived risk – magnitude)**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6  
Most would                      Most would  
not be                      be very  
serious                      serious

**Q24. How bothersome would [Drug X]'s side effects be? (perceived risk – magnitude)**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6  
Not at all                      Extremely  
bothersome                      bothersome

**Q25. [Drug X] is riskier than other treatments for cataracts. (perceived risk - comparative)**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6  
Strongly                      Strongly agree  
disagree

\_\_ Don't know

**Q26. Thinking overall about the risks and benefits, would you say [Drug X] has: (benefit/risk tradeoff)**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6                      7  
More risks                      Equal risks                      More benefits  
than benefits                      and benefits                      than risks

**Q27. Please check how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the ad you saw. (ad skepticism)**

This ad is a reliable source of information about the risks and benefits of [Drug X].
This ad presents a true picture of [Drug X].
I feel I've been accurately informed after viewing this ad.
This ad provides consumers with essential information for deciding whether to ask a doctor about [Drug X].

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6  
Strongly                      Strongly agree  
disagree

**Q27. Now here are some questions that require you to use numbers to solve the problem. Some are easy, and others are more difficult. Please don't use a calculator: We'd like you to answer on your own.**

Remember, almost everyone will have trouble with these questions, so don't be upset if some are difficult—just do your best! (objective numeracy)

- a. Imagine that you flip a fair coin 1,000 times. What is your best guess about how many times the coin would come up heads in 1,000 flips?  
\_\_\_ times out of 1,000
- b. In the BIG BUCKS LOTTERY, the chance of winning a \$10 prize is 1%. What is your best guess about how many people would win a \$10 prize if 1,000 people each buy a single ticket to BIG BUCKS LOTTERY?  
\_\_\_ people
- c. In ACME PUBLISHING SWEEPSTAKES, the chance of winning a car is 1 in 1,000. What percent of tickets to ACME PUBLISHING SWEEPSTAKES will win a car  
\_\_\_ percent

Q28.

a. How good are you at working with fractions?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all good					Extremely good

b. How good are you at working with percentages?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all good					Extremely good

c. How good are you at calculating a 15% tip?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all good					Extremely good

d. How good are you at figuring out how much a shirt will cost if it is 25% off?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all good					Extremely good

e. When reading the newspaper, how helpful do you find tables and graphs that are part of the story?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not at all					Extremely



f. When people tell you the chance of something happening, do you prefer that they use words (“it rarely happens”) or numbers (“there’s a 1% chance”)?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Always prefer words					Always prefer numbers

g. When you hear a weather forecast, do you prefer predictions using percentages (e.g., “there will be a 20% chance of rain today”) or predictions using only words (e.g., “there is a small chance of rain today”)?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Always prefer percentages					Always prefer words

h. How often do you find numerical information to be useful?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Never					Very often

Q29. Are you currently taking a prescription medicine for any eye or vision problems? (prescription use)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know or uncertain

Q30. In general, how much do you know about cataracts? (perceived medical condition knowledge)

- Nothing at all
- Only a little bit
- Some
- A lot

Q31. Do you have or have you had cataracts? (medical condition history)

- Yes - Currently have cataracts
- Yes - Previously had cataracts
- Never had cataracts
- Don't know

Q32. [IF YES] Have you ever had cataract surgery? (treatment history)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know



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**P8. Do you think the ad quality was...** (ad quality)

- High, like a national ad
- Medium, like an ad for a local business
- Low, like an amateur filmed it with a video camera

**Q39. How confident are you in filling out medical forms by yourself?** (literacy)

- |            |          |          |             |           |
|------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1          | 2        | 3        | 4           | 5         |
| Not at all | A little | Somewhat | Quite a bit | Extremely |

**Q40. How many years of education have you had?** (education)

- Less than high school
- Completed high school
- Some college
- Associate's degree (2-year)
- Bachelor's degree (4-year)
- Some postgraduate work
- Postgraduate degree (M.A., Ph.D., M.D., J.D., etc.)

**Q41. What is your sex?** (gender)

- Male
- Female

**Q42. What is your date of birth?** (age)

\_\_\_\_month  
\_\_\_\_year

**Q43. Are you Hispanic or Latino?** (ethnicity)

- No
- Yes

**Q44. What is your race? You may select one or more races.** (race)

[ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Some other race

**Q45. Would you like to see more information about [Drug X]?** (information search behavior)

- Yes, look for more information now
- No, do not look for more information now

**DEBRIEF**

The purpose of this study is to learn about reactions to medical advertising. In order to get a real-life reaction, we used a pretend product in this study. [Drug X] is not a real product and is not available for sale. Please see your healthcare professional for questions about cataracts.

You have been very helpful. Thank you very much for your participation!