



Consent to Participate in a Research Project

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Title of the Study: **Postural sway during silence and music listening**

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Introduction

- You are being asked to participate in a research study about music perception.
- We ask that you read this form and ask any questions that you may have before agreeing to take part in the study.

Purpose of Study

- The purpose of the study is to characterize how human body keeps balance in silence and in music.
- Ultimately, this research may be published as a doctoral dissertation, in form of journal articles, and may be presented at research conferences.

Description of the Study Procedures

- If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to stand on the force platform twice, for 8 minutes each time, wearing reflective motion capture markers and muscle sensors. You will be presented with segments of music as you are standing. **Please stand in a relaxed and comfortable position with your arms at your side.** You will hear an instruction prior to the beginning of the standing session. Movement and muscle activity data, as well as digital video, will be collected from each 8 minutes of standing.
- In between the two standing sessions and afterwards we will ask you to complete a set of questionnaires, which in total should take about 20 minutes. You have the right to withdraw from completing any of the questions. However, we kindly ask you to complete the questionnaires thoroughly, as that will enable us to fully analyze the data and come to conclusive results.

Risks/Discomforts of Being in this Study

- If you feel tired or uncomfortable, you may ask for a break or withdraw at any point in time.

Confidentiality

- The records of this study will be kept strictly confidential. All data will be anonymized and we will not include any personal information in any report we may publish that would make it possible to identify you. We will not publicly present your image unless you provide a separate consent for that purpose.
- Access to audio and video recordings will be limited to data analysis and will be only given to people strictly involved in analyzing the data.

Right to Refuse or Withdraw

- The decision to participate in this study is entirely up to you. You may refuse to take part in the study at any point in time.

Right to Ask Questions and Report Concerns

- You have the right to ask questions about this research study and to have those questions answered before, during or after the experiment. If you will have any further questions about the study, feel free to contact me at agata.zelechowska@imv.uio.no.

Exclusion criteria

- Because of the nature of this study, we are looking for a representative sample of healthy participants. Please read the list of the exclusion criteria and see if any of those might be applicable.
 - Hearing loss
 - Neurological disorder
 - Arthritis
 - Orthopedic conditions
 - Recent injury
 - Balance disorder

Consent

Your signature below indicates that you have decided to volunteer as a research participant for this study, you do not exhibit any of the exclusion criteria, and that you have read and understood the information provided above.

Participant's Name: _____
(in BLOCK LETTERS)

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Consent for using personal image (optional)

I hereby agree that the authors of the research use my personal image (video recordings/photographs) obtained during this study in the following scenarios:

- Educational purposes Conference presentations Publication (openly available)

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Can we contact you about future experiments? (optional)

If yes, please write down your e-mail. You can resign from getting mail at any time.

E-mail: _____