Notes: Remove all red instructional text before submitting this document to the IRB for approval.

*An assent script is typically used with very young children (7-10 years) or with individuals who are developmentally delayed or affected in a way that they are unable to read or comprehend the standard written consent. A full consent will be signed by the parent or the LAR (Legally Authorized Representative).*

*This is an example. Use language suitable to the age, maturity, and psychological state of the participant.*

*Children or individuals who might be developmentally delayed may be confused by the “we” in the consent template. Unless there are a number of people involved in obtaining assent, use the pronoun “I,” not ‘we.’*

**Study Title**: [insert title of research study]

**Researcher contact information:** [Add researcher contact here]

My name is [identify yourself to the child by name]. I am trying to learn new things and test new ideas. I am asking you to join a research study. A research study is a science project that is trying to answer a question.

This research study is trying to see if [list simple study purpose]. To do this, I will ask you to [list procedures in simple words+ other age appropriate information].

You do not have to be in this research study. It is totally up to you. If you say yes now you can still change your mind later. No one will be upset if you change your mind.

I want you to ask any questions that you have. You can ask questions at any time. You can talk to your parents, [your regular doctor/the study doctor/your teacher] or you can ask me questions.

Do you understand what I am saying? Do you want to be in this research study?

To be completed by person obtaining verbal assent from the participant:

Child’s/Participant’s response**:** Yes No

Check which applies below:

The child/participant is capable of understanding the study

The child/participant is not capable of understanding the study

Child’s/Participant’s Name (printed)

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Signature of person obtaining assent Date

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Printed name of person obtaining assent