**Participant instructions**

**Instructions in both conditions:**

* You are about to view six short video clips of interviews with six different participant witnesses, taken from a previous experiment.
* In the experiment, participants took part in a live first aid scenario, where they assisted in the experimenter carry out some first aid on a manikin-victim (dummy) who had been involved in a car crash. The videos that you are about to see are of them recalling what had happened during the first aid event, and who did what to administer first aid.
* Your task is to view each witness’ testimony and then complete a questionnaire concerning your impressions of the witness’ credibility (i.e. how believable they are) in turn.

**Additional instructions in *AUT+info* condition:**

**What is autism?**

* Autism is a developmental disorder that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people.
* For example, a person with autism may not understand the unwritten social rules that people without the disorder inherently pick up on.

Some of the behavioural features of autism often include:

* **Idiosyncratic speech and odd intonations.** For example, a person with autism’s speech might be particularly flat or ‘monotone’. It may also be high-pitched, or have unusual rhythm and loudness.
* **Literality.** People with autism can be very literal in what they say and can have difficulty understanding jokes, metaphor and sarcasm. For example “that's cool” might be taken to mean that it is cold.
* **Facial expressions and gestures.** People with autism may use unusual or a limited range of facial expressions. They can find it difficult to use expressive gestures appropriately and to convey the meaning of what they are saying.
* **Topics of conversation.** People with autism sometimes go off-topic in their story telling, and find it difficult to tell their story according to the listener’s needs.
* **Repetitive, nervous and ‘stimmming’ behaviours.** People with autism often show unusual movements, which might include rocking, hand flapping, finger flicking, twitchy and repetitive movements.
* **Inappropriate eye contact.** People with autism sometimes make unusual eye contact, or avoid making eye contact altogether.

However, autism is a spectrum condition. This means that, while people with autism share certain difficulties, they are affected by it in different ways and not all people with autism will display the behaviours just described, or to the same degree. It is often referred to as a ‘hidden’ disability, because it is not always obvious that a person has autism.

**Credibility questions**

1. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **accurate** the witness’ account of the first aid scenario was
2. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **convincing** the witness was in their account
3. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **confident** the witness appeared **in what they said** in their account
4. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **confident** the witness appeared in general **in their demeanour**
5. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **competent** the witness appeared in their account
6. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **honest** the witness appeared
7. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **credible** the witness appeared
8. Please circle the number that you feel best represents how **believable** the witness appeared
9. Please circle the number that you feel best representshow **complete** the witness’ account appeared
10. Please circle the number that you feel best representsthe witness’ overall **level of cognitive functioning** (i.e., their ability to think, reason and remember)
11. Please circle the number that you feel best representsthe witness’ **capability to testify**