## **User Test Questionnaire**

### Section A: Finding and Understanding (Quantitative questions) 1 What were the two main purposes of the study? Section: Why was this study done? Indicative answer - NEED BOTH: to look at daytime nose symptoms [Round 2 only] / to see how well Medicine A could improve symptoms of seasonal allergies (compared to a sugar pill / placebo) to look at safety [Round 2 only] / to look at how safe this drug was (when taken for seasonal allergies) 2 In Part 2 of the study, what medicine did patients take in each of the three groups? Section: How was this study done? / What treatments did patients receive? Indicative answer - NEED ALL: Medicine A ii. Medicine B iii. placebo 3 Show card: placebo What is a 'placebo'? Section: Why was this study done? / How was this study done? / What treatments did patients receive? Indicative answer - EITHER: i. a sugar pill ii. doesn't contain any drug 4 How many people took part in the study? Section: Who took part in this study? Indicative answer: 1,214 (men and women) 5 What were the four main daytime nose symptoms that were measured in the study? Section: Why was this study done? / What were the results of the study? Indicative answer: NEED ALL: stuffy nose ii. runny nose itchy nose iv. sneezing

# Appendix B

| 6a | Some people in each group had side effects. In the Medicine A Group, what percentage of people had side effects? |
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|    | Section: What side effects did patients have?  |
|    | Indicative answer:17%  |
| 6b | In the Medicine B Group, what percentage of people had side effects?   |
|    | Section: What side effects did patients have?  |
|    | Indicative answer:15%  |
| 6c | In the Placebo Group, what percentage of people had side effects?  |
|    | Section: What side effects did patients have?  |
|    | Indicative answer:16%  |
| 7  | How did the change in daytime nose symptoms compare in the three groups after two weeks?                         |
|    | Section: What were the results of the study?   |
|    | Indicative answer - NEED ALL:  |
|    | i. the Medicine A Group AND the Medicine B Group   |
|    | ii. had more improvement (in daytime nose symptoms)  |
|    | iii. than patients in the Placebo Group  |
| 8  | To take part in the study, how long must people have had seasonal allergies for?                                 |
|    | Section: Who took part in this study?  |
|    | Indicative answer: 2 years (or more)   |
| 9  | Please can you name the company that did this study?   |
|    | Section: Who did the study and how can I contact them?   |
|    | Indicative answer: Smith & Jones Company   |
| 10 | What was the most common side effect in this study?  |
|    | Section: What side effects did patients have?  |
|    | Indicative answer: headache  |
| 11 | [Intro] For this question, I'd like you to think about the patients who had Medicine A and Medicine B.           |
|    | After the study, how did they feel overall about their seasonal allergies?                                       |
|    | Section: What were the results of the study?   |
|    | Indicative answer: patients felt better (overall about their seasonal allergies)                                 |

12 How did the researchers find out about the patients' symptoms while they were in the study?

**Section:** How was this study done? **Indicative answer:** NEED BOTH:

i. patients used a diary

ii. to answer questions about their symptoms

#### **Section B: Qualitative Feedback**

1. What are your general impressions of the document?

If not already stated, probe with the following questions to get more feedback on content, wording, layout and design:

- What are your thoughts on the words used and what they mean?
- What are your thoughts on the way the information is laid out on the page?

#### 2. [Show difficulty scale]

Using this scale, how easy or difficult was it to find the information when I asked you to?

Very easy - Easy - Neither easy nor difficult - Difficult - Very difficult If not already stated, ask participant 'why?'

3. [Show difficulty scale]

Using this scale, how easy or difficult was it to understand the information?

Very easy - Easy - Neither easy nor difficult - Difficult - Very difficult If not already stated, ask participant 'why?'

- **4.** Who do you think this summary has been written for?
  - How clearly was this described in the document?
- **5.** Why do you think this summary has been written?
  - How clearly was this described in the document?
- **6.** How useful do you think the information in the summary would be to members of the public? If not already stated, probe with the following questions:
  - Do you think that people who were not patients would find it useful or not?
  - Do you think you would find it useful if you were thinking of taking the study medicines?
- This summary tells you about the results from one study other studies may show different results.
  - How clearly was this described in the document?
- **8.** Thinking about the whole document, was there any information that you didn't understand or parts that you found more difficult to understand?
  - [Interviewer: For any NU / NF scores, use this opportunity to explain the answer to the participant and get their feedback]
- 9. Looking at the chart showing you the results [interviewer to point this out]:
  - What were your views on the chart?
  - What do you think it is telling you?
  - [Round 2 only] I'd like you to look at a few different versions of the chart [show participant alternative charts]. Can you tell me which you prefer and why?

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- 10. Looking at the table about headache side effects [interviewer to point this out]:
  - What were your views on the table?
  - What do you think it is telling you?
- 11. This is what the document looks like printed [show participant printed copy].
  - In which format would you prefer to read it and why?
  - Would you print the document if you were going to read it at home?
- **12.** [For higher education sub-group only] What is your view on the reading level of the document did it seem appropriate to you?
- **13.** [Round 2 only] This is another version of the document [show participant Version B]. It is exactly the same as the first one you looked at but the main sections are numbered one to ten.
  - Can you tell me whether you prefer the headings with or without numbers and why?
- **14.** Finally, do you have any other comments?