

# Paying Research Participants: *The Outsized Influence of “Undue Influence”*

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**Table 1.**  
**Potential Research Participants’ Susceptibility to Undue Influence**

	Group	Participation poses unreasonable risk to the individual.	Risk is known to the individual.	Risk is within the IRB’s purview.	Participation poses a threat to scientific validity or community benefit.	Is the individual prone to undue influence?
Idiosyncratic individuals	1 (a)	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	--	No, because the person is excluded from the study population.
	1 (b)	Yes.	Yes.	No.	--	Yes, because the person might make an unreasonable decision to participate.
	1 (c)	Yes.	No.	No.	--	No, because the risk is not known ex ante.
Deceptive individuals	2 (a)	Yes.	Maybe.	Yes.	No.	Yes.
	2 (b)	No.	Maybe.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.