I need your help, please

Hello, my name is Dr. Hannu Laukkanen, and I am a researcher at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. I am interested in brain injury and how it can affect vision.

If you are an adult age 18 to 65, and have personally suffered a mild or moderate traumatic brain injury in the past year or two, would you please complete the attached short questionnaire? This short one-page symptom survey only takes 5-10 minutes to complete.

Although there will be no direct benefit to you for completing this voluntary questionnaire, your participation may help future brain injury sufferers. The first goal of my research is to better understand visual changes caused by mild or moderate traumatic brain injury. I need your help to develop a sensitive and accurate symptom measurement tool so that visual problems will be less likely to be missed in the future with brain injury sufferers.

There is minimal risk to you if you choose to participate. When you complete and return the questionnaire to me, <u>please do not include your name or any other personal information that would make it possible to discover your identity</u>. This is an anonymous survey and your answers will be entered into a spreadsheet listed only with a number code on a secure computer. If your survey arrives with any personal information (i.e., fax cover sheet or telephone number) it will be eliminated upon arrival. After this, it will not be possible for me or anyone else to link your identity with any of the survey data that you provide.

Please complete the attached one-page survey, then return it to me via fax (503-352-3033) or mail it to: Bighill, Pacific University, 2043 College Way, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116.

By completing and returning the symptom questionnaire voluntarily, you acknowledge that you are an independent adult participant between the ages of 18 and 65 years old, and that your survey question answers will be used for research.

SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

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PS: If you would like more information about this study, or a summary of the results after its completion, please email at: <laukkanh@pacificu.edu>