ASSESSMENT CENTER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES.

Assessment Center provides you with access to a variety of resources, including survey measures, study administration, data management, and storage of statistical analysis results (collectively, the "Services"). The Services, including any updates, enhancements, and/or new features are subject to the TAC, and your use of the Services constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions set forth in the TAC.

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