

## Participant Information Sheet

### Study title

Image Similarity Test

### Version number and date

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### Researcher's name

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### Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee reference number:

[Insert reference number allocated to your study by the Research Ethics Facilitators]

### Invitation paragraph

You are invited to participate in a research study. Before you decide whether or not you wish to participate in this study, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us questions if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

### What is the purpose of the study and what would taking part involve?

The objective of this evaluation is to compare the visual quality between pair of images.

In each page, you will be presented a pair of images with an original image. You will be required to answer by Yes or No to the question: "Are there any differences between these two images?" The test takes less than 10 minutes. The evaluation will be done in online and you do not need to meet the researcher in-person. There is no follow up plan. We will collect your Yes/No answer to the image similarity test question.

### **Why am I being invited?**

You should not take part in this study if you are not in the UK and you are not above 18 years old.

### **Do I have to take part?**

This participant information sheet has been written to help you decide if you would like to take part. It is up to you whether you wish to take part. If you decide to take part you will be free to withdraw at any time without needing to provide a reason, and with no penalties or detrimental effects.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

The research participant can benefit the community as a result of finding an answer to the research.

### **What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

None.

### **Expenses and payments**

None.

### **What information about me will you be collecting?**

No personal/identifiable information will be collected, only your Yes/No answer to the image similarity question.

### **How will my data be stored and who will have access to it?**

Your data will be stored in fully anonymised format in a remote server hosted by scaleway dedibox hosting company, and Ali Shahin Shamsabadi, Dmitrii Mukhutdinov, Dr. Changjea Oh, Prof. Andrea Cavallaro will be able to access it.

### **When and how will my data be destroyed?**

After 3 years your data will be completely removed from the server.

### **How will my data be used and shared?**

We will store the data on a remote server that the investigators rented from <https://www.scaleway.com/en/dedibox/start/> that supports dynamic (located physically in Paris) and only authorised to the investigators. We investigators only have access to the data and will report the analysis of data in our paper and PhD dissertation.

### **Under what legal basis are you collecting this information?**

Queen Mary University of London processes personal data for research purposes in accordance with the lawful basis of 'public task'.

Please read [Queen Mary's privacy notice for research participants](#) containing important information about your personal data and your rights in this respect. If you have any questions relating to data protection, please contact Queen Mary's Data Protection Officer, Queens' Building, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS or [data-protection@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:data-protection@qmul.ac.uk) or 020 7882 7596.

### **What will happen if I want to withdraw from this study?**

Participants can ask for access to the information they provide and can request the destruction of that information if they wish at any time prior to 21.07.2021 following which they will not be able to request access to or withdrawal of the information they have provided.

### **What should I do if I have any concerns about this study?**

If you have any concerns about the manner in which the study was conducted, in the first instance, please contact the researcher(s) responsible for the study [a.shahinshamsabadi@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:a.shahinshamsabadi@qmul.ac.uk). If you have a complaint which you feel you cannot discuss with the researchers then you should contact the Research Ethics Facilitators by e-mail: [research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk). When contacting the Research Ethics Facilitators, please provide details of the study title, description of the study and QMERC reference number (where possible), the researcher(s) involved, and details of the complaint you wish to make.

### **Who can I contact if I have any questions about this study?**

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