**Attending to items in working memory:**

**Evidence that refreshing and memory search are closely related**

Working memory (WM) is a system dedicated to maintaining a small amount of information over a brief period of time. While the role of attention in WM maintenance has been a matter of considerable debate, there is a growing consensus in the field that the maintenance of information in WM typically relies on attention (e.g., Barrouillet, Portrat, & Camos, 2011; Cowan, 1995; Hudjetz & Oberauer, 2007). The nature of the attention-based mechanism of maintenance, however, is still poorly understood. The current study aims at advancing our understanding of this mechanism, called refreshing (Raye, Johnson, Mitchell, Greene, & Johnson, 2007).