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| **Section A - Risk Assessment Checklist.** In completing this checklist you  are being asked to reflect on the common types of ethical issues than can increase risk levels in research. |  |
| A1. Will your study involve participants who are currently or potentially vulnerable or unable to give informed consent or in a dependent position (e.g. people under 18, people with learning difficulties, over-researched groups or people in care  facilities)? | No |
| A2. Will participants be required to take part in the study without their consent or knowledge at the time (e.g. covert observation of people in non-public places), and / or will deception of any sort be used?  Please refer to the British Psychological Society Code of Ethics and Conduct  (or similar guidelines) for further information. |  |
| A3 Unless specifically and clearly consented (e.g. a media release form), will it be possible, through a research output, to identify participants in any way? (This does not include taking email details for participant prize draws or identifying participants from signed consent forms or holding identity encryption spreadsheets that are stored securely separate from the research data). |  |
| A4. Might the study induce psychological stress or anxiety, or produce humiliation or cause harm or negative consequences beyond the risks likely to be encountered in the everyday life of the participants? |  |
| A5. Is there a risk that the research topic might lead to disclosures from the participant concerning their beliefs, involvement in illegal actions or any other activities that may represent a threat to themselves or others? |  |
| A.6 Will the study involve collecting any personal special category information\* in a form that could allow the participant/ participants to be identified?  [\* identifiers relating to race, ethnic origin, politics, religion, trade union membership, philosophical beliefs, genetics, biometrics, health, sex life or sexual orientation] |  |
| A7. Will any drugs, placebos or other substances (such as food substances or vitamins) be administered as part of this study and will any invasive or potentially harmful procedures of any kind will be used? |  |
| A8. Will your project involve working with any substances and / or equipment which may be considered hazardous? |  |
| A.9 Will your study involve the taking and/or storage of human tissue that falls under the Human Tissue Act (HTA)? [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/staff/research/governance/erp\_overview/humantissu e](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/staff/research/governance/erp_overview/humantissue)[4](#_bookmark3) |  |
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| A10. If you have answered 'Yes' to ANY of the above questions, your application may be considered as HIGH risk. If, however you wish to make a case that your application should be considered as LOW risk please enter the  reasons here. Researchers should note that SREOs or C-RECs may decide NOT to agree with the case that you have made. B |

**form B (LOW RISK):**

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| **Data Collection and Analysis (Please provide full details)** | | | |  | |
| B1. PARTICIPANTS: How many people do you envisage will participate, who they are, and how will they be selected? | | | |  | |
| B2. RECRUITMENT: How will participants be approached and recruited? | | | |  | |
| B3. METHOD: What research method(s) do you plan to use;  e.g. interview, questionnaire/self-completion questionnaire, field observation, audio/audio-visual recording? | | | |  | |
| B4. LOCATION: Where will the research activity be carried out e.g. public place, in researcher's office, in private office at  organisation? | | | |  | |
| B5. PARTICIPANT WELLBEING: Will the study involve engaging participants in the discussion of potentially distressing or sensitive topics? (e.g. sexual activity, drug use, ethnicity, political behaviour, potentially illegal activities). If so, please set out how you will manage the well-being of participants. | | | |  | |
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| B6. Will questionnaires be completed anonymously and returned indirectly? | | | |  | |
| B7. Will research data only be identifiable by a unique identifier (e.g. code/pseudonym)? If Yes, please explain how this will be attributed in B11a. | | | |  | |
| B8. Will lists of identity numbers or pseudonyms linked to names and/or addresses be stored securely and separately  from the research data? If Yes, explain how this will occur in B11a below. | | | |  | |
| B9. Will all place names and institutions which could lead to the identification of individuals or organisations be changed unless this is consented to explicitly in the consent form? | | | |  | |
| B10. Will all personal information gathered be treated in strict confidence and never disclosed to any third parties? | | | |  | |
| B11. Can you confirm that your research records will be held in accordance with data protection regulations ? (<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/ogs/policies/information/dpa>) | | | |  | |
| B11a. Please explain how ANY identifiable personal and/or research data will be managed and securely stored ensuring that participants have given appropriate informed consent for  this. | | | |  | |
| B12. Do you intend to use the research data for any purpose other than that for which consent is explicitly given? If so, please explain below. | | | |  | |

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| B12a. If you answered NO to any of the above in this section (or think more information could be useful to the reviewer)  please explain here: |  |
| **Informed Consent and Recruitment of Participants** |  |
| B13. Will all respondents be given an Information Sheet and be given adequate time to read it before being asked to agree to participate? |  |
| B14. Will all participants taking part in an interview, focus group, observation (or other activity which is not questionnaire based) be asked to sign a consent form? If you are obtaining  consent another way (such as verbally), please explain under B17 below. |  |
| B15. Will all participants self-completing a questionnaire be asked to show consent to participate by a specific and  identifiable action? (Give details in B17. below) |  |
| B16. Will all participants be told that they can withdraw their participation at any time during the research and can ask for their data to be destroyed and/or removed from the project  until it is no longer practical to do so? |  |
| B17. If you answered NO to any of the above in this section  (or think more information will be useful to the reviewer) please explain here: |  |
| **Context** |  |
| B18. Is DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance necessary for this project? If yes, please ensure you complete the next question. |  |
| B19. Are any other ethical clearances or permissions (internal or external) required? Please see the help text (i) for further details. |  |
| B19a. If yes, please give further details including the name and address of the organisation. If other ethical approval has already been received please attach evidence of approval, otherwise you will need to supply it when ready. (You do not need to provide evidence of a current DBS check at this  point). |  |
| B20. Does the research involve any fieldwork - Overseas or in the UK? |  |
| B20a. If yes, where will the fieldwork take place? If undertaken overseas you must attach an OTSSRA form.  In the event that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has specific travel warnings in place for the country (ies) to be visited you will also need to provide a detailed risk assessment.  <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> |  |
| B21. Will any researchers be in a lone working situation? |  |
| B21a. If yes, briefly describe the location, time of day and  duration of the lone working. What precautionary measures will be taken to ensure safety of the researcher(s)? |  |
| **Any further concerns** |  |
| B22. Are there any other ethical considerations relating to  your project which have not been covered above? |  |
| B22a. If yes, please explain: |  |

**Description**

This study aimed at replicating and generalize a previous study done by the PI during his postdoc (ethics review n°X and published at: X). It corresponds to an online experiment where participants complete a brief reaction time task where they have to make perceptual decisions (e.g., “which circle is bigger”), as well as complete a few dispositional (personality) questionnaires. We aim at advertising the experiment on the lab website, social media, and hopefully reach non-english speakers by adapting the experiment to the respective countries of origin of the researchers involved in the project (e.g., France).