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TITLE OF THE STUDY: ​ Effects of varying facial region visibility on perception

Please read this information form carefully before giving consent. You are being asked to participate in a visual face perception experiment supervised by Professors A. B. Sekuler and P. J. Bennett, Department of Psychology, McMaster University, Hamilton.

# PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this study is to further our knowledge on how faces are perceived when parts of the face are covered or removed. The results of this study will improve our knowledge of how we perceive faces.

# PROCEDURE

If you choose to participate, you will be shown a series of trials consisting of the presentation of a target face followed by a small set of faces. Your task on each trial will be to select the target face from the small set. The experiment will take 30-40 minutes to complete.

# POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS

The risks associated with testing are no more than the risks you encounter in everyday life. If you begin to feel tired or have trouble concentrating on the task, you can take a brief rest at any time.

# POTENTIAL BENEFITS

There are likely no direct benefits to you from your participation within this study. However, the results may have implications for our understanding of visual perception. Therefore, your involvement will benefit the scientific community, as well as the larger community through any potential applications based on knowledge found within this study.

# CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study, and that can be identified with you, will remain confidential. Your results will be saved with an assigned personal identification code.

Neither your identity nor any personal information will be available to anyone other than the investigators. No personal information will be disclosed in any resulting publication or presentation.

# PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

Your participation in this experiment is voluntary. You are under no pressure to participate in this experiment. If you choose to participate, you are free to stop at any time. If you stop participation, all data you have provided will be removed.

If you have any questions or concerns about this experiment, please contact Jamie Cochrane (cochrj1@mcmaster.ca). Any general questions about research, can be directed to either Dr. Allison Sekuler (sekuler@mcmaster) or Dr. Patrick Bennett (bennetp@mcmaster.ca).

# RIGHTS OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue by closing the experimental window. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because you are participating in this research study. This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the McMaster Research Ethics Board (MREB). If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact:

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# CONSENT OF PARTICIPANT

I understand the information provided for the study “Effects of varying facial region visibility on perception” as described herein. By continuing to proceed with this online study, you are giving consent to participate. I also understand that exiting the experimental window will pre-maturely abort the experiment and therefore withdrawing consent.