**Human Research Ethics Office**

Request for Amendment to an approved proposal

**Part A – Administrative Summary** *(All fields mandatory)*

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| **Relevant HREC:** | HREC A | HREC B | | Low/Negligible Risk |
| Clearance number: 2017001346 | | | Project title: *Generalizability of Models of Response Time* | |
| Lead Investigator: Timothy Ballard | | | | |
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**Does this project hold other (non-UQ HREC) ethical clearance?**

No  Yes (*if yes, attach amendment request and approval from the primary HREC. Proceed to Part D*)

\*Reviewed by the University of Queensland Health and Behavioural Sciences Low & Negligible Risk Ethics Sub-Committee

**Part B – Proposed Amendments** *(Check all that apply and provide details as required)*

**1. Change to Investigators (including students and non-UQ investigators)**

**Add Investigators** *Add rows as required*

*\*Please attach CVs for all new personnel*

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| Name: e.g. Dr Joan Smith | |
| Role: e.g. endocrinologist | Affiliation: e.g. University of Queensland |

**Remove Investigators** *Add rows as required*

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| Name: e.g. Mr John Jones | |
| Role: e.g. PhD student | Affiliation: e.g. Griffith University |

**2.** **List all other changes to the project**

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| Our experiment aims to investigate whether differences in the modelling of response time and accuracy data may result as a function of the time point in which data is collected (first three weeks vs. last three weeks of academic semester) and the recruitment method used (UQ paid participant pool, UQ course credit pool, or Amazon Mechanical Turk).   The rationale for this study is partially based on many researchers’ and experimenters’ anecdotal reports of observed differences in participant characteristics (i.e. engagement and motivation) depending on the time of testing and recruitment method used. The change we would like to make to our study would be to add a survey component that formally assesses researchers’ and experimenters’ attitudes towards participant recruitment methods and timing to complement the experimental data. The survey would ask a series of questions pertaining to individuals’ preferences for the conditions of participant recruitment and testing. For example, “Do you believe there is any difference in the quality of participants who sign up to participate early in the semester vs later in the semester?” We also plan to ask background questions such as “How long have you been actively researching in this field”. |

**3.** **Reasons for changes**

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| Adding this component to our current project would allow us to substantiate anecdotal reports and provide a more scientifically grounded account of researchers’ testing beliefs, thus strengthening the rationale for our study. It also provides the opportunity to relate experimental results of the study to the beliefs of researchers in a more formalised manner. |

**Part C – Ethical Considerations** *Must be provided for all boxes checked in Part B*

**Describe any ethical considerations including potential impacts on participants arising from the above requested amendment(s).**

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| Participants will be asked about their preferences for testing times and recruitment methods.  The survey will be distributed to active researchers in the area that have been involved in the testing of participants with a snowball sampling approach, and interested individuals can access and share the study via an online link. Individuals will self-elect to be involved in the study, and participation will be completely voluntary. Therefore, only individuals who feel completely comfortable sharing their opinions about participant testing will complete the survey and provide data. It will be made clear that participants can withdraw and discontinue the survey at any time. |

**Describe the risks and burdens arising from the requested amendment(s) and how they will be mitigated and managed.**

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| The proposed amendment would require the storing of data pertaining to individuals’ opinions and preferences about testing and general information about their background. No questions will be of a personally sensitive nature. Data will be stored in a de-identifiable manner and no dataset will be linked to any individual who participates. Data will not be accessible to anyone other than the researchers involved in this project. This will be made clear to participants in an information sheet prior to the provision of their consent and the collection of any data. |

**Describe the benefits, if any, associated with the above requested amendment(s).**

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| The requested amendment will provide valuable information about researchers’ preferences for data collection that will meaningfully complement the experimental data collected. Attaining this additional data will allow for a more robust and rounded rationale and investigation of the considerations that may be relevant for participant testing. |

**Explain how the merits and benefits of the above requested amendment(s) justify any risks or burdens associated with the above requested amendment(s).**

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| Gaining this information could have meaningful implications for the way researchers’ coordinate data collection, depending on whether experimental data provides evidence for or conflicts with the survey’s findings about researcher preferences. Providing tangible evidence that substantiates current opinions about data collection will provide a stronger base with which to make claims regarding the practical implications of the study. |

**Expected date of implementation: 20/05/2018**

**Part D – Declaration** *To be completed by project leader (students include supervisor’s signature)*

We/I, the undersigned researcher/s, have read the [*University of Queensland’s Guidelines for Ethical Review of Research Involving Humans*](file:///\\Aquila\pccomm\Human%20Ethics\Human%20Ethics%20Resources\Web%20content%20resources\uq_guidelines.rtf) and the [*National Statement on* *Ethical Conduct in Human Research*](file:///\\Aquila\pccomm\Human%20Ethics\Human%20Ethics%20Resources\Web%20content%20resources\NHMRC%20national%20statement.pdf), and agree to abide by them in the conduct of this research. We/I understand that this includes the reporting and monitoring roles associated with the approval by the University of Queensland.

Signature of project leader: Date: Click here to enter a date.

Advisor (if student): Date: Click here to enter a date.

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| **Attachments:** |  |  |
| **Should any approved documents require amendments, please include both a “tracked changes” and clean version of each form. Please also remember to update the version number and date on each document.** | | |
|  | Participant Information Sheet | Participant Consent Form |
| Existing HREC Approval | Gatekeeper Consent | Research Protocol |
| Questionnaire | Investigator CV | Other: Content of added survey component and information regarding its distribution |

Submit the signed and completed form, **with all attachments**, to [humanethics@research.uq.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@research.uq.edu.au), or submit one paper copy (with attachments) to: Human Research Ethics Office, UQ Research and Innovation, Cumbrae Stuart Building (72), The University of Queensland QLD 4072.

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