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| Testing the target contrast signal theory. |

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Please read each statement carefully and click on the Agree button if you give consent:

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| I understand that my participation in this project will involve looking for a target object on a computer screen and indicating what direction the target is facing, by pressing a computer keyboard buttons. This will require approximately 30min of my time. |
| I understand that participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I can withdraw from the study at any time without providing a reason by simply closing the browser or pressing esc button on your keyboard. I am aware that this will lead to loss of course credit or reimbursement. The incomplete data sets will not be saved. |
| I understand that I can discuss any concerns with the experimenters before or after participating. |
| This research is carried out by postdoctoral research fellow Dr Anna Nowakowska in the School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen under the supervision of lecturer Anna Hughes and lecturer Alasdair Clarke (Department of Psychology, University of Essex) |
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| I understand that the information provided by me will be held anonymously so that it is impossible to trace this information back to me individually. Information will be held on a secure server and may be retained indefinitely. |
| To ensure access to the data for the wider research community, the anonymous dataset may be archived in an online repository (e.g., the Open Science Framework, <https://osf.io/>) or send to other researchers upon request for inspection. |

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| I confirm that the purpose, participation information, and data storage of this research have been sufficiently explained. |
| I understand that at the end of the *experiment* I will be provided with additional information about the purpose of this research. |

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