**Two Goal Decision Making**

**Date of approval: 14/1/20**

**Invitation to our study**

We would like to invite you to participate in this research project. You should only participate if you want to; choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or you would like more information.

**Background to the project**

We are interested in how people choose between two potential targets.

**The Study**

You will see cartoon illustrations of two houses and a fire engine. Your task is to simply chose where to position the fire engine to maximise the chance it can reach either of the two houses if they catch fire.

**Informed consent**

Should you agree to take part in this experiment, you will be asked to sign a consent form before the experiment commences.

**Withdrawal**

Your participation is voluntary and you will be free to withdraw from the project at any time without giving any reason and without penalty. If you wish to withdraw, please notify the experimenter. It will not be possible to delete your data after you have completed the experiment, because the data are stored anonymously, so it will not be possible to identify your data.

**Data gathered**

* We will collect the following data from each participant: age gender, handedness.
* Your experimental data will be fully anonymous, so that it is not possible to identify you from our stored data.
* We are using your data to investigate how people make decisions.
* Your data will be gathered by Emmanuella Babalola.
* Signed consent forms will be kept separately from individual experimental data and locked in a drawer in Dr Clarke’s office.
* Our legal basis for storing your consent form is that you have consented to it.
* The data controller is the University of Essex.
* Essex University's Data Protection Officer can be contacted on dpo@essex.ac.uk.
* Your anonymous data may be published in scientific journal articles, and shared in permanent, publicly accessible archives accessible from any country.

**Ethical approval**

This project has been reviewed on behalf of the University of Essex Science and Health Ethics Sub-committee, and had been given approval with the following Application ID: ETH1920-0802.

**Concerns and complaints**

If you have any concerns about any aspect of the study or you have a complaint, in the first instance please contact the Principal Investigator of the project (see contact details below). If you are still concerned or you think your complaint has not been addressed to your satisfaction, please contact the Director of Research in the Principal Investigator’s department (see below). If you are still not satisfied, please contact the University’s Research Governance and Planning Manager (Sarah Manning-Press).

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