**Variable Dictionary**

*Variables are listed in the order presented in the database.*

1. **Treatment**:

0 = lab experiment treatment (Treatment A in paper);

1 = web students treatment (Treatment B in paper);

2 = web practioners treatment (Treatment C in paper).

1. Subject

Single identifier for each subject across all treatments.

1. Round

Experimental round of individual observation.

1. Scenario

Decision scenario index number.

1. StandardOfProof

1 = it is proved beyond reasonable doubt;

2 = it is likely;

3 = there is a realistic prospect;

4 = there is accurate, reliable, consistent and sufficient evidence;

5 = the balance of evidence is;

6 = the evidence raises a concern.

1. DecisionType

0 = refer the merger for further investigation;

1 = prohibit the merger.

1. Nsignals

0 = 25 signals;

1 = 100 signals.

1. Phi

Required fraction of adverse signals to decide against the merger.

1. Alpha

Implied α, as defined in the paper.

1. LevelStandard

1 = for Low standard (StandardOfProof=3, 6)

2 = for Medium standard (StandardOfProof=2, 5)

3 = for High standard (StandardOfProof=1, 4)

1. Age

Age of subject

1. Gender

Gender of subject (= 0 male, = 1 female).

1. Economist

= 1 if economics background (else 0)

1. Lawyer

= 1 if law background (else 0)

1. CommonLaw\_auth

= 1 if from a Common Law competition authority - UK and Canada (else 0).

1. ECN\_auth

= 1 if from a European (European Competition Network) competition authority (else 0).