

Forms for Mole Experiments

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Q41 This study is interested in the perception and matching of facial identity.

Please note that you are free to withdraw from this study at any time, and that any information you provide is strictly confidential and anonymous. In the event that this research is published, only broad trends will be reported. If you have any queries regarding this study, you may contact Dr Matt Fysh (m.c.fysh@kent.ac.uk) or Professor Markus Bindemann (m.bindemann@kent.ac.uk) for further information.

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I confirm that I have read and understand the information for the above study.

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I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason. (2)

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I understand that my data will be treated confidentially and any publication resulting from this work will report only data that does not identify me. (3)

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I freely agree to participate in this study. (4)

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Q43 Thank you for participating in this research. We would like to provide some further information about the purpose of the study and what we expect to find.

Unfamiliar face matching is of considerable practical relevance to applied settings such as border control, where passport officers routinely compare travelers with their passport photographs to ensure that they are not impersonating someone else to gain illegal entry into a country. Current research suggests professionals in this capacity heavily rely on facial moles and blemishes to perform this task, however no research has been conducted to date that directly examines the extent to which such facial artefacts influence task accuracy. Here, we

examined how directing participants' attention to moles might alter their responses on match/mismatch trials, to investigate the extent to which these actually affect observers' decisions.

If you have any queries about this research or would like to ask any further questions, please contact the corresponding researcher using the contact details below.

If you would like to withdraw your data at any point, please contact the Psychology departmental office on 01227 823961. If you have been given a participant code you need to cite this. You do not need to give a reason for your withdrawal.

One again, we would like to thank you for your valuable contribution to this research. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
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