



REWARD AND PUNISHMENT IN DEPRESSION – PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET VERSION 2.0.3

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to participate it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time 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 if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this information sheet.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to compare how people who have or currently are suffering from depression, such as yourself, and people who have never suffered from mental health problems perform on certain psychological tests. We are also interested in finding out which parts of the brain work while people carry out these psychological tests. The aim of this study is to increase our knowledge about depression; it does not involve any kind of treatment. However, we hope that in the future the knowledge gained from this study will help in the understanding of the causes of depression and in the development of new treatments.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been invited to participate in this study because you have indicated to us that you have suffered from depression and your doctor or psychologist has informed us that you may be interested in taking part.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and will be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. A decision to withdraw at any time, or a decision not to take part, will not affect the standard of care you receive.

What will happen to me if I take part?

If you decide to take part, we will ask you to attend two testing sessions lasting approximately 3 hours in total. We will also ask you to fill in some questionnaires or rating scales, and participate in some interviews during the first session. In the second session, you will be asked to perform several tests. The test will be on a computer where you will have to respond to different shapes or objects appearing on a screen using a button. On some of these tests you will be able to win money.

For the time and inconvenience for participating in this research, and to cover travel expenses, we offer compensation as follows:

A rate of £7.50 per hour to be paid at the end of the second session (cognitive tasks), or at the screening session (interviews & questionnaires) if ineligible to continue. In addition, as an incentive to perform well on the psychological tests, some are rewarded with up to £2 on top of the normal compensation, depending on your performance on the tests.

What do I have to do?

We request that you attend the testing session promptly, and follow any instructions given to you. We also request that you refrain from drinking alcohol for 24 hours prior to the testing session. If you take medication, please take it as normal on the day you attend the study.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There are no known risks from performing the psychological tests, participating in interviews or filling out questionnaires.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no direct benefits in terms of treatment from participating in this study. However, you will have the opportunity to contribute to research that will help develop our knowledge of depression. We hope you enjoy participating in the study and find the research interesting.

What if something goes wrong?

Should you come to any harm as a result of your participation in this study, the University College London/University College Hospital no-fault compensation scheme is in place. If you wish to make a complaint, you are able to complain formally, either through the NHS complaints procedure, or through the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London directly.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

All information that is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. Any information about you that leaves UCL will have your name and address removed so that you cannot be recognised from it.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

The results of this study will be published in scientific journals or presented at conferences. If you are interested in receiving a summary of the results at the end of the experiment, please tell the researcher and we will send a copy to you. You will not be identified in any report or publication.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The study is part of the CAMCODEP project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council to Dr Nura Sidarus.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed by The London Queen Square Ethics Committee.

Contact for further information

Thank you for reading this information sheet. Please ask the experimenter if you have any questions regarding the information you have read here. If you choose to take part, you will be given copies of this information sheet and the signed consent form for your records. For further information, or if you wish to participate, please contact Nura Sidarus.

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