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PSACR

The Psychological Science Accelerator's COVID-19 Rapid Response Project

This document provides general methodological details about the Psychological Science Accelerator COVID-19 Rapid Project. The general PSA study code for this project is PSACR; PSACR contains subprojects PSACR001 Loss Gain, PSACR002 Cognitive Reappraisal, and PSACR003 Self Determination. The PSACR project also contains a survey that asked questions about health behaviors.

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PSACR Personnel

The PSACR project has five teams: a **review team**, a set of **proposing teams**, an **administrative team**, a **translation team**, and a **data collection team**. People can be on multiple teams.

The personnel on the teams we list below consist of people who filled out a profile on the PSA's member website (<https://member.pspsychiacc.org/login.php>). Thus, it is possible for someone not to be listed here if they did not complete a profile. Moreover, people's contributions varied across projects. For the most accurate lists of contributions to [PSACR001](#), [PSACR002](#), and [PSACR003](#), readers should refer to the contributorship section of the study in question.

The **review team** consisted of a Review Manager and slate of reviewers who evaluated specific aspects of the project pre-proposals that we received. The goal of our internal review process was to identify (1) critical flaws that decrease the potential impact of the project; and (2) areas of ambiguity that would obstruct the translation of the pre-proposals into full-fledged proposals in Registered Report format.

Following the drafting of full proposals in Registered Reports format, the full network was invited to submit comments on these proposals. Although the people who submitted comments were not part of the initial team of invited reviewers, some of these commenters are also listed here.

Following the review process, all reviewers were asked if they wanted to formally join projects they reviewed as co-authors. Not all reviewers agreed to join; only those who did are listed here.

We give more details on our review process [here](#).

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Patricia Arriaga	Full Network Reviewer

Each study that forms the full PSACR project has its own **proposing team** that drafted the initial pre-proposal to the PSA's COVID-Rapid call. The proposing teams for PSACR001, PSACR002, and PSACR003 each bear ultimate responsibility for the scientific content of their study.

Project Managers for each team play a special role, as they were the primary interfaces between the proposing teams and the PSACR administrative team.

PROPOSING TEAMS					
PSACR001 Loss Gain		PSACR002 Cognitive Reappraisal		PSACR003 Self Determination	
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Vaughan W. Rees		Jeremy K. Miller	Project Manager		
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Nicholas Coles	Project Manager				

The **administrative team** managed the general administration of the PSACR project, coordinating between the different teams, managing the project timeline, roll-out, and budget, consulting on methodological issues, and handling any unexpected issues that arose over the course of the project.

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Dana Basnigt-Brown	PSACR Call Initiator
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Nicholas Coles	PSACR001 Project Manager
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The **translation team** was responsible for implementing the translation process for all study materials. The translation team was managed by three General Language Coordinators (who are listed as part of the administrative team). Each language also had a Language Wide Coordinator, who is italicized and listed first under their language.

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Project Structure

The PSACR project consists of three separate studies. The survey contains: (1) a **landing page**, where participants can select their language; (2) a **consent form**; (3) a **general health behaviors survey**; (4) the **PSACR001 Loss Gain Study**; (5) the **PSACR002 Cognitive Reappraisal Study**; (6) the **PSACR003 Self Determination Study**; and (7) a **debriefing page** listing the WHO guidelines for dealing with COVID-19.

The materials for the full PSACR project are archived [here](#).

All project elements are bundled together in a single data collection effort. However, participants are randomized to either see PSACR001 and PSACR003 **or** just PSACR002. Participants who see the PSACR001 and PSACR003 bundle will complete the studies in randomized order. The health behavior survey is always displayed before any of the three studies.

Below are the abstracts for the three projects.

1. **PSACR001 Loss Gain** ([preprint](#); [OSF](#)). The COVID-19 pandemic presents a critical need to identify best practices for communicating health information to the global public. It also provides an opportunity to test theories about risk communication. As part of a larger Psychological Science Accelerator COVID-19 Rapid Project, a global consortium of researchers will experimentally test competing hypotheses regarding the effects of framing messages in terms of losses versus gains. We will examine effects on three primary outcomes: intentions to adhere to policies designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, opinions about such policies, and the likelihood that participants seek additional policy information. Whereas research on negativity bias and loss aversion predicts that loss-framing will have greater impact, research on encouraging the adoption of protective health behaviour suggests the opposite (i.e., gain-framing will be more persuasive). We will also assess effects on experienced anxiety. Given the potentially low cost and the scalable nature of framing interventions, results could be valuable to health organizations, policymakers, and news sources globally.
2. **PSACR002 Cognitive Reappraisal** ([preprint](#); [OSF](#)). The COVID-19 pandemic has increased negative emotions and decreased positive emotions globally. Left unchecked, these emotional changes might have a wide array of adverse impacts. To reduce negative emotions and increase positive emotions, we tested the effectiveness of reappraisal, an emotion regulation strategy which modifies how one thinks about a situation. Participants from 87 countries/regions (N = 21,644) were randomly assigned to one of two brief reappraisal interventions (reconstrual or repurposing) or one of two control conditions (active or passive). Results revealed that both reappraisal interventions (vs. both control conditions) had consistent effects in reducing negative emotions and increasing positive emotions across different measures. Reconstrual and repurposing had similar effects. Importantly, planned exploratory analyses indicated that reappraisal interventions did not reduce intentions to practice preventive health

behaviours. The findings demonstrate the viability of creating scalable, low-cost interventions for use around the world to build resilience during the pandemic and beyond.

3. **PSACR003 Self Determination** (preprint; [OSF](#)). In order to slow the transmission of COVID-19, governments around the world are asking their citizens to participate in social distancing, that is, to stay at home as much as possible. In most countries, individuals have some choice over whether or not they follow recommendations for social distancing. Thus, understanding how to best motivate social distancing has become a critical public health priority. This study tests, in a confirmatory manner, whether self-determination theory-guided message framing impacts people's motivation to participate in social distancing. Specifically, we expect *autonomy-supportive* messages that help people understand the value of behavior change to a) increase 'buy in', or autonomous motivation, for social distancing, b) lower feelings of defiance to follow recommendations around social distancing, and c) increase feelings of self-efficacy to participate in social distancing, relative to neutral and controlling messages. Further, we expect *controlling* messages that pressure people to change using shame, guilt, and threats, may backfire and a) decrease 'buy in' for social distancing and b) increase defiance, relative to the control condition. Exploratory tests will examine whether the effects of message framing on motivation and defiance extend to behavioral intentions and long-term commitment. This work has direct relevance for how public officials, health professionals, journalists, and others can communicate about solving this and future public health crises in ways that motivate people more effectively.

Study Selection

The PSACR study selection process had four stages:

1. **Solicitation** of pre-proposals,
2. **Triage** of pre-proposals into a short list,
3. Network **voting and commenting** on shortlisted pre-proposals, and
4. **Final selection** of chosen studies.

During the **solicitation** stage, the PSA issued a [special call](#) for rapid and impactful studies on the behavioral and psychological aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pre-proposals were one page, including brief descriptions of the general question, relevant literature, and general methods. Within one week, the research community submitted 66 pre-proposals for the PSA's special call.

The PSA Director and Associate Directors reviewed and **triaged** pre-proposals into a short list of 11 pre-proposals. Triage was based on feasibility for rapid turnaround, scientific merit, and potential for helping address the COVID-19 crisis. Shortlisted pre-proposals are stored in [this folder](#).

The 11 shortlisted pre-proposals were distributed to the PSA network for **voting and commenting**. PSA members could vote "yes" for any proposals they thought should be accepted for the PSACR initiative. A total of 141 PSA members voted on the shortlisted pre-proposals. They could also submit comments alongside their votes.

On the basis of these votes and comments, PSA leadership made their **final selection** of studies. Leadership accepted the three pre-proposals that received the highest number of votes.

Internal Review

The PSACR Team adopted a system of “running review” to help turn the three selected pre-proposals into full-fledged proposals. All three of the pre-proposals started under the assumption that they would be submitted as Registered Reports. Running reviewers focused on improving the selected pre-proposals to maximize knowledge gains rather than weeding out low-quality ideas.

The goal of “running review” was to identify (1) critical flaws that decrease the potential impact of the project; and (2) areas of ambiguity that would obstruct the translation of the pre-proposals into full-fledged proposals in Registered Report format. We adapted our [specific review guidelines](#) from the [Registered Report guidelines](#) at Royal Society Open Science.

Some reviewers submitted comments on the pre-proposals. The proposing teams drafted initial Registered Reports and project materials that incorporated these early comments. A new batch of reviewers commented on these initial Registered Reports, either by commenting directly on the Registered Reports in Google Docs or by submitting a separate and more formal review.

The proposing teams of the three studies were under no obligation to address issues identified during running review. Thus, the presence of a person on our list of running reviewers does not imply that they approve of the design choices of the studies they reviewed. All running reviewers were, however, invited to be co-authors on the projects at the time of data collection launch.

PSACR reviewers fell into four categories:

1. **Generalizability reviewer** (*pre-proposal stage*). This reviewer commented on any issue related to the generalizability of findings. An anonymous reviewer served as the generalizability reviewer for all three pre-proposals.
2. **Ethics reviewer** (*pre-proposal stage*). This reviewer focused on ethical considerations. Mike Mensink and Dana Basnight-Brown served as ethics reviewers for all three pre-proposals.
3. **Methods reviewer** (*initial Registered Report stage*). This reviewer focused on research design, measurement, materials, and analysis plans. Each Registered Report had at least two dedicated methods reviewers. Simine Vazire and Marcel van Assen served as methods reviewers for **PSACR001**, Ivan Ropovik and Lisa DeBruine served as methods reviewers for **PSACR002**, and Marcel van Assen, Angelika Stefan, and Felix Schönbrodt served as methods reviewers for **PSACR003**.
4. **Content reviewer** (*initial Registered Report stage*). This reviewer focused on theoretical justification, coverage of relevant literature, measurement, and the soundness of the relevant hypotheses. Each Registered Report had at least one dedicated content reviewer. Lukasz Walasek served as content reviewer for **PSACR001**, Heather Urry and

Steven Hayes served as content reviewers for **PSACR002**, and Richard Ryan and Dov Cohen served as content reviewers for **PSACR003**.

After reviews were completed, one member of the PSACR Team drafted a series of review summaries: one [general summary](#) and separate summaries for the [PSACR001](#), [PSACR002](#), and [PSACR003](#). The review summaries, along with the specific reviews, were all sent to the proposing teams.

Once the proposing teams revised their materials based on reviewer feedback, the Registered Report drafts were sent to the full PSACR Team for a round of general comments. At this stage, one of the teams, PSACR003, opted to launch data collection immediately rather than waiting for the full Registered Report process. The remaining two teams submitted their Registered Report drafts to *Nature Human Behaviour*. The PSACR001 Registered Report was rejected, with encouragement to revise the study and resubmit it as a traditional article once data collection had concluded. PSACR002 received a revise and resubmit.

Ethics Approval

An initial ethics application was submitted to the IRB at Ashland University. Our application and approval documents are [here](#).

We assumed that the ethics approval process for each of the sites contributing to PSACR data collection would fall into one of three categories:

1. **The site needs local approval.** For these sites, we supplied the IRB materials from the Ashland application and helped sites troubleshoot issues as they arose. If the local IRB requested a site-specific consent form or debriefing, we encouraged that site to implement those forms as a brief survey on, for example, the Qualtrics survey platform. The site-specific documents would be displayed either before or after the participant is routed into PSACR project.
2. **The site can join the Ashland IRB protocol.** We asked these sites to supply us with an official document from their organization's ethics board saying that they would defer to the Ashland IRB.
3. **The site does not need ethics approval.** We asked these sites to supply us with either a letter from their organization's ethics board exempting the site from an ethics approval process or a copy of the relevant policy giving this exemption.

The IRB approvals, deferral notices, and exemptions are all archived on the [PSACR OSF page](#).

Funding and Financing

We received direct funding for the PSACR project from four sources:

1. **A grant** for \$10,000 from the [Association for Psychological Science](#)
2. **An internal PSA contribution** of \$500 from the [PSA Patreon fund](#)
3. **Direct donations** worth \$3,060 in response to our [fundraising campaigns](#)
4. Contributions worth \$3,350 to a **fund for purchasing panels** through [Prolific](#)

In addition, we obtained the following five sources of in-kind support:

1. A **fee waiver** worth \$7,642 from Prolific
2. **Server time** worth \$1,352 [Amazon Web Services](#)
3. **Panel purchases** from the company respondi on our behalf by the [Leibniz institute for Psychology](#). Assuming each panel is worth \$1,500, the value of these purchases is \$13,500
4. **Compute time on the Open Science Grid** via the [UW-Madison Center for High Throughput Computing](#). The value of this compute time is difficult to quantify
5. **Compute time on Harvard Business School's HBSGrid**. The value of this compute time is difficult to quantify

We used this direct funding and in-kind support to for the following items:

1. **Semi-representative panels** in four African countries from the company, nudge
2. **Semi-representative panels** in nine countries from the company, respondi
3. **Semi-representative panels** from two countries from the company, Prolific
4. **A lab grants program**, which paid out 18 grants to collaborating labs to help fund data collection
5. **Two servers and a load balancer** to maintain our data collection site
6. **A power analysis** to guide data collection for the full project
7. **Bayesian analyses** for project PSACR002

Software Implementation

We implemented all PSACR projects in the [formr software framework](#). formr surveys are controlled by an *item table*, which we created using Google Sheets. Item tables specify survey flow, display items, and response categories.

The implementation process of each element of the PSACR project proceeded in four stages:

1. **Initial translation** of the project element from a Word document to an item table,
2. **Quality control** of the survey project element,
3. **Initial user testing** with the proposing teams and a small subset of the PSACR Team, and
4. **Broad user testing** with the full PSACR Team.

Initial translation. This stage started with a Word document containing a specific element of the PSACR project, such as the project consent form, the PSACR001 study, or the general health behavior survey. PSACR implementers copy-pasted each part of the target project element into an item table, added initial styling to the using markdown, and programmed the item table's logic and flow. The emphasis at this stage was accuracy to the Word document.

Quality control. This stage involved the correction of typos and the harmonization of items and response options across the PSACR project. PSACR project implementers ensured that (1) all survey items had anchor points for all response options (e.g., "Not at all"; "Slightly"; "Moderately"; "Very"; "Extremely" instead of "1 (Not at all)"; "2"; "3"; "4"; "5 (Extremely)"); (2) response options were displayed in a similar order across survey elements; and (3) response options matched the wording of survey questions. The implementers also checked that the live version of the survey for ease of responding.

Initial user testing. During this stage, a small, selective group of people completed a live version of the full PSACR project (all elements included) and [left comments](#) about bugs, usability, and any other issues that came to mind during the study completion process. Project implementers went through all open issues and, upon closing each issue, moved the issue to the relevant section of the issue document. This stage continued until the issues added to the document became repetitive rather than referring to specific bugs and usability concerns.

Broad user testing. During this stage, the PSACR Project Managers emailed a live version of the survey to the full PSACR Team with instructions to complete the full survey. We created a brief form to solicit structured feedback about the survey. The implementers then downloaded a version of the dataset and ensured that (1) all data were collected as expected; (2) all survey elements were displayed as expected; (3) completion times were mostly within half an hour of survey start; and (4) data from each project could be analyzed easily and quickly.

The PSACR project was hosted on two servers donated by Amazon Web Services, with a load balancer to direct traffic between servers.

Translation

The PSACR project was conducted in 44 languages and dialects, a feature that required us to translate our materials into 43 languages and dialects. In our initial solicitations of translators, 405 people volunteered. At least 268 people actually conducted translations.

This large team was managed by a **translation lead** (Maximilian Primbs) and two **general translation coordinators** (MohammadHassan Sharifian and Jordan Suchow). The translation lead interfaced with the administrative team and ensured the whole translation process moved smoothly. Together with the two general translation coordinators, the translation lead also oversaw the **language-wide coordinators**. There was one language-wide coordinator per language. The language-wide coordinators oversaw the teams of translators dedicated to one specific language.

Translations went through [forward translation, backward translation, and cultural adjustment](#) processes.

During **forward translation**, we aimed to have two translators jointly translated materials from English to the target language. Joint translations occurred in the same general time period, with translators spot-checking each other's work. The language-wide translator will then import the finished translation into a spreadsheet.

During **backward translation**, we aimed to have two translators jointly translated the materials from the spreadsheet back into English. Once again, joint translations occurred during the same general time period. If necessary, the language-wide coordinator will make adjustments to the translations based on the notes from the proposers.

During **cultural adjustment**, the translations were sent to external readers. We attempted to solicit non-academics for this step to ensure they are accessible to non-academic and non-student audiences.

In some cases, we had to scale down the translation process due to a lack of available translators. This resulted in, occasionally, one translator completing a step instead of two and the elimination of the cultural adjustment step. In nine cases we needed to hire an outside translator to complete one of the translation steps.

A study translation could be fielded the moment it is finished and added to our study software, which means that different languages can start data collection at different times. We hoped this feature would speed our study timeline.

All translated materials are stored [here](#) on the PSACR OSF project.

Participant Recruitment

Planned Recruitment

As of Monday, April 6, 2020 when we closed our call for collaborators, the PSA's COVID-Rapid project had recruited 221 collaborating labs from 54 countries, spanning 41 languages and dialects. In a survey we conducted of their planned recruitment, the labs estimated they could recruit 51,347 participants.

In this survey, we asked the method the labs would use to recruit their participants. In this survey, 62% of labs reported they would rely on the local subject pools they use for in-lab studies. The remainder will rely on social media, email lists, and/or financial contributions to the project's panel recruitment efforts.

In addition to recruiting participants through these labs, we plan to recruit through survey companies with their own panels. These panels will target 15 countries for semi-representative sampling, yielding 8,100 participants. "[nudge](#)" and "[Prolific](#)" refer to the companies who provided these panels; the "ZPID" panels were purchased by the [Leibniz Institute for Psychology](#) (ZPID) from the company, [respondi](#).

PLANNED PANEL RECRUITMENT

Country	Language	Provider	Sampling strategy	Participants
Egypt	Arabic	nudge	Sex, age stratification	540
Kenya	English	nudge	Sex, age stratification	540
Nigeria	English	nudge	Sex, age stratification	540
South Africa	English	nudge	Sex, age stratification	540
United States of America	English	Prolific	Sex, age, ethnicity stratification	540
United Kingdom	English (British)	Prolific	Sex, age, ethnicity stratification	540
Mexico	Spanish (Mexican)	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
China	Chinese	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Japan	Japanese	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Korea (South)	Korean	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Austria	German	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Romania	Romanian	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Russia	Russian	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Sweden	Swedish	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540
Switzerland	German (Swiss); French	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	540

PLANNED LAB-BASED RECRUITMENT

Country / Region	Labs	Participants	Language	Labs	Participants
Albania	1	5	Albanian	1	5
Argentina	2	200	Arabic	1	100
Australia	9	1930	Arabic; Hebrew	2	1040
Austria	4	600	Bengali	1	200
Bangladesh	1	200	Brazilian Portuguese	3	400
Belgium	1	300	British English	2	325
Brazil	1	100	British English; Bulgarian	1	150
Bulgaria	2	450	British English; Urdu	1	1000
Canada	3	1400	Bulgarian	2	450
China	6	1,100	Chinese	4	1150
Colombia	4	2490	Chinese; English	1	200
Costa Rica	1	500	Chinese; English; Hindi; Turkish	1	500
Cyprus	2	200	Croatian	2	650
Czech Republic	3	1250	Czech	3	1250
Ecuador	1	50	Dutch; English	1	300
Finland	1	300	Dutch; English; German	1	100
France	7	1750	English	76	14,005
Germany	5	900	English, German, Norwegian	1	200
Greece	3	350	English; Filipino	2	500
Hungary	3	750	English; German	1	100
India	2	300	English; Italian	1	100
Iran	2	250	English; Spanish; Haitian Creole	1	100
Ireland	2	700	English; Turkish	1	100
Israel	4	1255	English; Urdu	1	100
Italy	5	1902	Farsi	4	650
Japan	3	1800	Finnish; Swedish	1	300
Kenya	1	300	French	6	1350
Macedonia	1	100	French; English	1	500
Malaysia	2	350	French; Italian	1	250
Mexico	2	135	German	9	1500
Morocco	1	100	Greek	6	1250
Netherlands	3	600	Hebrew	3	245

New Zealand	1	150	Hindi; Swahili	1	300
Norway	4	1900	Hungarian	3	750
Pakistan	1	200	Italian	5	2,150
Peru	1	100	Japanese	3	1,800
Philippines	2	500	Macedonian	2	230
Poland	9	1850	Mexican Spanish	1	60
Portugal	4	350	Montenegrian; Serbian	1	200
Republic of North Macedonia	1	130	Norwegian	3	1,700
Romania	1	100	Polish	10	2,350
Russian Federation	5	2,600	Portuguese	4	350
Serbia	4	1000	Romanian	1	100
Singapore	1	150	Russian	5	2,600
Slovakia	6	920	Serbian	6	1,600
Spain	1	100	Slovak	6	920
Sweden	2	700	Spanish	10	3,415
Switzerland	2	200	Swedish	1	200
Taiwan	2	800	Traditional Chinese	1	600
Thailand	1	40	Turkish	12	2,450
Turkey	10	1,650	Urdu	1	100
United Arab Emirates	1	80	Uzbek	1	2
United Kingdom	16	4,025	Unknown / Unspecified	2	400
United States of America	47	9,135	Total	221	51,347
Unknown / Unspecified	11	2,050			
Total	221	51,347			

Achieved Recruitment

Participant recruitment lasted from April 23, 2020 to October 23, 2020. During this period, our data collection team of 349 collaborators had recruited 47,397 people from 110 countries and 44 languages (excluding people we recruited for whom we could not identify the country where they were located). A table of participant information is deposited [here](#) alongside the rest of the project data.

Contrary to how we planned data collection, we did not track the number of research labs during the data collection process because of the project contributors who are unaffiliated with a research lab. We also did not track which participants were recruited by which research labs to reduce the identifiability of participants and make the ethics approval process easier.

We also obtained three more panels (MIDGAM, Qualtrics, and a Greek sample through Prolific) than planned. This occurred because Niv Reggev, Crystal Reeck, and Myrto Pantazi purchased these panels on the project's behalf.

ACHIEVED PANEL RECRUITMENT

Country	Language	Provider	Sampling strategy	Participants
Egypt	Arabic	nudge	Sex, age stratification	1383
Kenya	English	nudge	Sex, age stratification	1626
Nigeria	English	nudge	Sex, age stratification	1316
South Africa	English	nudge	Sex, age stratification	1211
United States of America	English	Prolific	Sex, age, ethnicity stratification	544
United Kingdom	English	Prolific	Sex, age, ethnicity stratification	552
Greece	Greek	Prolific	Convenience	61
Mexico	Spanish (Mexican)	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	646
China	Chinese	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	660
Japan	Japanese	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	623
Korea (South)	Korean	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	588
Austria	German	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	613
Romania	Romanian	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	623
Russia	Russian	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	601
Sweden	Swedish	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	601
Switzerland	German (Swiss); French	ZPID / respondi	Sex, age stratification	635
Israel	Hebrew	MIDGAM	Convenience	178
Chile	Spanish (all dialects)	Qualtrics	Convenience	578

ACHIEVED COLLABORATOR RECRUITMENT

Country / Region	Participants		Language	Participants
Albania	3		Arabic	158
Algeria	2		Armenian	1,029
Andorra	1		Bengali	58
Argentina	285		Bulgarian	247
Armenia	1,020		Chinese (simplified)	404
Australia	1,293		Chinese (traditional)	253
Austria	435		Croatian	2,009
Azerbaijan	1		Czech	624
Bahrain	1		Dutch	502
Bangladesh	56		Dutch (Belgian)	88
Belarus	6		English	9,507
Belgium	332		English (British)	161
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54		Farsi	139
Brazil	475		Filipino	656
Brunei Darussalam	1		Finnish	189
Bulgaria	242		French	1,497
Cabo Verde	1		French (Canadian)	18
Cambodia	1		German	1,221
Canada	535		German (Swiss)	4
Cayman Islands	1		Greek	194
Chile	271		Hebrew	115
China	399		Hungarian	733
Colombia	262		Italian	685
Costa Rica	723		Japanese	3,398
Croatia	1,900		Korean	9
Cyprus	15		Macedonian	398
Czechia	653		Norwegian	651
Denmark	8		Polish	3,463
Ecuador	36		Portuguese	616

Egypt	3		Portuguese (Brazilian)	485
Estonia	1		Romanian	156
Finland	329		Russian	213
France	1,449		Serbian	243
Georgia	1		Slovak	552
Germany	901		Slovenian	440
Greece	187		Spanish	344
Guadeloupe	1		Spanish (Argentinian)	288
Guam	2		Spanish (Colombian)	993
Hong Kong	120		Spanish (Mexican)	165
Hungary	722		Swedish	335
Iceland	1		Turkish	697
India	112		Urdu	374
Indonesia	7		Uzbek	1
Iran	138		Yoruba	40
Ireland	370		Total	34,352
Israel	132			
Italy	702			
Jamaica	1			
Japan	3,396			
Kazakhstan	6			
Kenya	3			
Korea (South)	16			
Kosovo	2			
Kuwait	1			
Latvia	1			
Lebanon	2			
Lithuania	2			
Luxembourg	6			
Macao	1			
Malawi	2			

Malaysia	94		
Malta	2		
Mauritius	1		
Mexico	195		
Moldova	7		
Montenegro	7		
Morocco	171		
Mozambique	1		
Myanmar	1		
Netherlands	463		
New Caledonia	1		
New Zealand	303		
Nicaragua	2		
Nigeria	187		
Norway	689		
Oman	1		
Pakistan	635		
Panama	2		
Peru	6		
Philippines	744		
Poland	3,365		
Portugal	584		
Qatar	3		
Republic of North Macedonia	383		
Romania	156		
Russian Federation	186		
Saudi Arabia	15		
Serbia	247		
Singapore	157		
Slovakia	537		
Slovenia	443		

South Africa	4		
Spain	18		
Sri Lanka	2		
Sweden	255		
Switzerland	22		
Taiwan	187		
Thailand	24		
Trinidad and Tobago	2		
Turkey	694		
Ukraine	6		
United Arab Emirates	20		
United Kingdom	855		
United States of America	5,038		
Venezuela	1		
Viet Nam	5		
Virgin Islands	1		
Yemen	1		
Total	34,352		

Participant Experience and Compensation

We aimed to limit the length of the project to 30 minutes or less of participant time. The exact study flow for participants differs depending on whether the data collection source is a panel provider or a collaborator on the data collection team. Each panel provider will receive a unique link and will handle participant compensation themselves. We will also give separate links to labs that plan to recruit on the open internet or in a local participation pool.

For members of the data collection team recruiting on the open internet or in participation pools, the compensation process begins after the debriefing. On this page, the participants are asked to enter information that is meaningful to them. This information is put through a hashing algorithm, which generates a random string of numbers and letters that will not be meaningful to anyone who receives it. This string is the participant's *compensation code*.

The participant is asked to give the compensation code to the data collection coordinator for the lab that recruited them. The coordinator can enter this code into a web portal that checks whether the compensation code is in our internal database of compensation codes. The compensation code database will not be linked in any way to the main study data; this database is simply a single column of compensation codes. If the compensation code is in the single column of codes, the data collection coordinator knows that the participant did indeed complete the PSACR study. They can then issue the compensation of their study compensation. Some sites issued course credit and some money; however many participants were uncompensated.

We provide more details on how we issued compensation to participants [here](#).

Project Datasets

Our project datasets are all housed at [this component](#) on the Open Science Framework. The data are documented in detail on that component; we are also preparing a data paper that fully describes the PSACR project datasets.

The project datasets are fully inclusive, containing all data with no filtering. However, the datasets contain many different variables to allow users to choose many different types of quality checks prior to their analyses.

Each of our three main projects ([PSACR001](#), [PSACR002](#), and PSACR003) chose different a priori rules for excluding responses. Readers should consult each individual paper to find their a priori exclusion criteria.