Instructions:

Each section needs to only be edited to fit the flow of your protocol, but otherwise is complete. The subsection for incentive-compatible payments in the compensation section is not necessary if you do not plan on using this. In addition, you should review your informed consent sheet for your protocol. If it is not something you can use on MTurk you will need to create a second one for the protocol. At the end is picture that should be printed and handed in with your amendment as a recruitment document. The example posting is specific to one of my studies, but Dasha may be fine with it. If she wants one specific to your study, after creating the HIT on a preview screen take a screen shot, paste it in MS Paint, and print it.

Section 1.11 Where will study be conducted

Internet

Section 1.12 Source of Subjects

MTurk

Section 3.2 Recruitment Methods

Subjects will be recruited on Amazon’s MTurk platform. MTurk is an online forum where people can post tasks to be completed by others who frequent the forum. A recruitment posting (called a HIT) will be posted on the MTurk job boards. For an example of a HIT, see the attached HIT posting. These respondents will be asked to participate in web-based studies. Subjects who sign up for the study will be directed to click a link leading to the study’s website, which contains the online informed consent sheet. The subject must use the mouse to explicitly state that they have read, understand, and agree to the information on the Informed Consent sheet.

Section 3.3 Compensation

Money payment –

Subjects will be paid using a $2/hr payment scheme, thus for a 15 minute study a participant will be paid $0.50. Within seven days of completing the study, the subject’s participation will be approved on MTurk, which automatically submits a payment to the participant through the Amazon Payments system.

Incentive Compatible Payment –

In some cases, compensation will be supplemented using established methods of incentive-compatible payment (ICP) schemes (Groves, 1982). These ICP schemes are required for some studies in order to publish those results in economics journals. This form of compensation will be in addition to a standard rate of compensation that all participants receive. For instance, a study may pay $2 plus an ICP. Participants will have the option to take part in the ICP or abstain, and will have to explicitly state their choice. All participants who choose to take part in the ICP will have an equal chance at receiving the
payment. Some studies may choose a few random participants out of the whole sample, while others will award all participants. In all cases, any random selection or chance events will be determined blindly (i.e. without knowledge of subject identity or regard to the subject’s data) and by computer software. Some studies will have a choice the subject makes in a survey honored for real money (e.g., “Choose between $4 for sure or $10 if a fair coin lands heads”). Other studies will offer a raffle to win a prize. The prize will reflect items in the study. For instance, subjects may be asked questions about their preferences regarding books. The prize for the winner of the raffle would be a book that fits within their preferences.

Complete a Study on Decision Making

You will be participating in a research study at Georgetown University. The study takes, on average, 10 minutes to complete. You will receive 50 cents in payment for completion of the study. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate. You will be asked to complete several tasks using your computer. More information is provided at the beginning of the actual study.

In order to complete this HIT, you will do the following:

1. Accept the hit FIRST.
2. Click the link below, and navigate to the study website.
3. Complete the study, answering all questions, and completing all tasks, truthfully and honestly, to the best of your ability.
4. At the conclusion of the study you will be shown your participant number. This a number used to identify your data so that no actual identifiable information about you is saved. **You must enter the participant number below upon completion of the survey.**
5. Once you have entered the participant number, the HIT is complete, may be submitted, and will be accepted upon review that the study was completed.
6. Note: HITs may take up to one week to be approved.

To begin, after accepting the HIT click this link:

[Click here for the study](#)

Once you have completed the survey, enter your participant number here:

[Blank field for participant number]