

UK Optometrists' confidence in assessing and managing binocular vision

Data Protection and Confidentiality

⇒ Will my participation in the study be confidential?

In accordance with data protection law, The University of Manchester is the Data Controller for this project. This means that we are responsible for making sure your personal information is kept secure, confidential and used only in the way you have been told it will be used. All researchers are trained with this in mind, and your data will be looked after in the following way:

For your security, we recommend using a trusted internet connection when completing this survey.

Only the study team at The University of Manchester will have access to the survey data which you provide. The survey platform (Qualtrics) is University approved. When downloaded, this data will be stored on the University's Research Data Storage System for 5 years.

We will not be asking for your personal details in this survey. However, you can provide your email address if you opt to be entered into the prize draw, or to be contacted regarding future research. We will only use your email address for these purposes and not for any other reason. If you provide your email address for either of the above, your survey responses will not be anonymous in the first instance. However, to ensure your anonymity as soon as possible, when the survey is closed and data downloaded at the end of the study, email addresses will be immediately separated and removed so we won't be able to tell which responses belonged to you. We aim to close the survey and download the data by the end of April 2026.

If you win the prize draw, your email address will be shared with our Finance department who will send the voucher to you. Your email address will be securely retained by Finance for a period of up to 7 years for audit purposes only and then destroyed. It will not be used for them for any other purpose.

⇒ Will the outcomes of the research be published?

We aim for the outcomes of this study to be published in a scientific journal, and presented at conferences.

⇒ Will my information be shared with others?

No.

⇒ **Will my information be put into an archive?**

No.

⇒ **Auditing and monitoring**

Please also note that individuals from The University of Manchester or regulatory authorities may need to look at the data collected for this study to make sure the project is being carried out as planned. This may involve looking at identifiable data. All individuals involved in auditing and monitoring the study will have a strict duty of confidentiality to you as a research participant.

What if I have a complaint?

⇒ **Contact details for complaints**

If you have a complaint that you wish to direct to members of the research team, please contact:
Dr Ketan Parmar (ketan.parmar@manchester.ac.uk).

If you wish to make a formal complaint to someone independent of the research team or if you are not satisfied with the response you have gained from the researchers in the first instance then please contact

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The Research Ethics Manager: research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk or by telephoning 0161 306 8089.

If you wish to contact us about your data protection rights, please email dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk

You also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office about complaints relating to your personal identifiable information Tel 0303 123 1113