

Participant Information Sheet

You are invited to participate in an online, multi-disciplinary survey about cognition in aphasia entitled “Understanding cognition in aphasia from a multidisciplinary perspective: an e-survey”.

The study is being conducted by PhD candidate Bruna Tessaro (b.tessaro2@newcastle.ac.uk) under the supervision of Dr. Christos Salis (Newcastle University), Professor Lyndsey Nickels (Macquarie University), and Dr. Solène Hameau (Macquarie University). This is a collaboration with members of the Collaboration of Aphasia Trialists - Cognition working group: Dr. Sonia Brownsett (University of Queensland), Professor David Copland (University of Queensland), Dr. Holly Robson (University College London), Dr. Claudia Peñaloza (University of Barcelona), Tijana Simic, Ph.D. (Université de Montréal), and Natalie Gilmore (Boston University).

This survey is intended for any professional who works with people with aphasia, both clinically and in research, and it has three aims:

- To understand current practices for assessing cognition in people with aphasia, including what professionals are usually responsible for the assessment and the importance of assessing cognition in aphasia from your professional perspective;
 - To identify what assessment tools are used and what cognitive constructs are assessed;
 - To identify potential barriers to assessing cognition in aphasia.
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- Your participation in this study should take a maximum of 30 minutes, in which you will be asked to answer questions about aphasia and cognition.
 - As this study is not funded, we will not be able to compensate you for your time.
 - You are free to decide whether or not to participate. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without any negative consequences for you.
 - You may decline to answer any questions or withdraw from the study without penalty of any kind.
 - All non-identifying information you provide, will be kept in a password-protected electronic database, tagged with an anonymous ID number. This means that anyone with access to the electronic information will not be able to identify you as an individual.
 - We would like to upload your non-identifying information to a repository (the Open Science Framework) to be shared with other researchers. It is impossible for anyone to identify you as an individual from this information alone.
 - Your rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as Newcastle University needs to manage your information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate under UK General Data Protection Regulations. If you withdraw from the study, Newcastle University will keep the information about you that has already been obtained. To safeguard your rights, the minimum personally-identifiable information will be used. You can find out more about how

Newcastle University uses your information at <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/data.protection/PrivacyNotice> and/or by contacting Newcastle University's Data Protection Officer (Maureen Wilkinson, rec-man@ncl.ac.uk).

- If you have any questions, requests or concerns regarding this research, please contact me via email at b.tessaro2@newcastle.ac.uk or by telephone at 07833 638330.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the School of Education, Communication & Language Sciences Research Ethics Committee (Newcastle University, UK) - (date of approval:02/02/2021)