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Online resource 3 Respondent perceptions of DCE valuation task

<u>Survey question</u>: Did you find the questions on these 16 screens easier or harder than most surveys you do?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Easier	139	5.7%
About the same	585	24.1%
Harder	1543	63.7%
I couldn't say	157	6.5%
Total	2424	100%

<u>Survey question</u>: How clear was the presentation of the health states?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unclear	166	6.8%
Unclear	908	37.5%
Neither clear nor unclear	793	32.7%
Clear	511	21.1%
Very clear	46	1.9%
Total	2424	100%

<u>Survey question</u>: How difficult was it to choose between the pairs of health states on each screen?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very difficult	331	13.7
Difficult	1324	54.6
Neither easy nor difficult	590	24.3
Easy	151	6.2
Very easy	28	1.2
Total	2424	100%

<u>Survey question</u>: Did you have a strategy for choosing between the pairs of health states on each screen?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I did not have a strategy	188	7.8%
I focused on just a few aspects of the health states	622	25.7%
I focused on the aspects that were highlighted in yellow	770	31.8%
I considered most of the aspects	635	26.2%
I considered all of the aspects	186	7.7%
Other	23	0.9%
Total	2424	100.

All participants, including those who selected the response 'Other' could enter free text to describe the strategy they used; 103 participants provided usable data, as summarized in the table below.

Length of survival time was considered by the majority of these participants (n=65/103, 51%) when choosing between the health states. Acceptability of burden to themselves was cited by 22/103 (17%), burden to others was cited by 18/103 (14%). Pain, appetite and sleep with cited by 8, 4 and 4 people, respectively.

Coding of free text describing choice strategy	Frequency	Percent
Length of survival	65	51%
Acceptability of burden to themselves	22	17%
Burden to others	18	14%
Pain	8	6%
Appetite	4	3%
Sleep	4	3%
Priority of each attribute for themselves	2	2%
Corresponding factor to their own experience	1	1%
Other than their own experience	1	1%
Walk ability	1	1%
Total	103	