Supplementary Information

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Access to consciousness of briefly presented visual events is modulated by transcranial direct current stimulation of left dorsolateral prefrontal cortex

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In order to rule out the hypothesis that the tDCS effects did not target selectively the T2|T1 accuracy but influenced also the T1 accuracy itself, we investigated the effects of tDCS on T1 identification (Table S1). We ran the same analyses used for T2 performance: a mixed factorial ANCOVA design [Stimulation: Anodal vs Cathodal (between factor) × Lags: 1, 3, 5 (within factor)] on T1, including T1 accuracy at the three lags during sham stimulation as a time-independent covariate. The results did not indicate significant main effects of Lag (F(2,58) = 0.11, p = 0.89739) or Stimulation (F(1,29) = 3.29, p = 0.08012), or a significant Lag × Stimulation interaction (F(2,58) = 0.37, p = 0.69311). We also did not find that the covariate interacted with the other factors at Lag 1 (F = 1.10, p = 0.33728), Lag 3 (F = 0.22, p = 0.80329), or Lag 5 (F = 0.53, p = 0.59189). TABLE S1. Percent T1 correct and standard errors as a function of stimulation polarity (anodal/cathodal), stimulation condition (sham/active) and T1-T2 interval (lag 1, lag 3, lag 5). Standard errors were computed according to Morey (2008)⁶⁰ procedure for estimating the confidence intervals in within-subject designs.

Polarity	Stimulation condition	T1-T2 interval	Percent T1 correct	SE
Anodal tDCS	Sham	Lag 1	79.13	1.62
		Lag 3	88.52	1.35
		Lag 5	89.36	1.53
	Active	Lag 1	82.77	1.88
		Lag 3	90.90	1.31
		Lag 5	90.48	1.16
Cathodal tDCS	Sham	Lag 1	74.05	2.24
		Lag 3	80.88	2.07
		Lag 5	79.00	2.20
	Active	Lag 1	76.89	2.04
		Lag 3	83.19	1.90
		Lag 5	84.45	1.66