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Highlights

- Incentive salience was necessary to promote suboptimal choice.
- Stimuli imbued with incentive salience overshadowed primary reinforcement value.
- Rate of sign-tracking was not reflective of stimulus value.

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