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Dear Professor Bortolotti

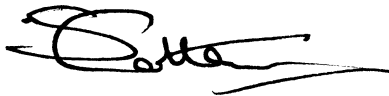
**Re: "Can delusions be adaptive? The case of OCD"  
Application for Ethical Review ERN\_19-1513**

I can confirm that the above project was reviewed by the University of Birmingham's Humanities and Social Sciences Ethical Review Committee and was granted full ethical approval on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

I would like to remind you that any substantive changes to the nature of the study as described in the Application for Ethical Review, and/or any adverse events occurring during the study should be promptly brought to the Committee's attention by the Principal Investigator and may necessitate further ethical review.

Please be aware that whilst Health and Safety (H&S) issues may be considered during the ethical review process, you are still required to follow the University's guidance on H&S and to ensure that H&S risk assessments have been carried out as appropriate. For further information about this, please contact your School H&S representative or the University's H&S Unit at [healthandsafety@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:healthandsafety@contacts.bham.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely



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