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Dear Dr. Dresp-Langley,

I was pleased to receive your letter dated 05/02/2019, which provided a second opportunity to revise and resubmit my manuscript entitled “Moral Orientations in Psychology: Contrasting Theoretical Perspectives” (ID: PSYO-D-18-00185). I have attended to the requested formatting changes and believe the manuscript now conforms to the provided submission guidelines.

Details regarding these formatting changes are provided below. Corresponding page numbers are included alongside these details. I have carefully considered BioMed Central’s publication guidelines and attended to every aspect of the current manuscript that did not previously meet these standards.

Thank you for considering the revised manuscript for publication in BioMed Central.

Sincerely,

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Please find enclosed the requested revisions to my manuscript (ID: PSYO-D-18-00185) entitled “Moral Orientations in Psychology: Contrasting Theoretical Perspectives”. Below I have detailed all changes made, which aim to align the current manuscript with BioMed Central’s submission guidelines.

Revision 1: The Title Page (page 1) is now clearly labeled, and the author’s institutional address was added. Acknowledgements were deleted from the Title Page and are now only included in the Declarations section.

Revision 2: I have moved the Declarations section to the end of the paper (page 14), just before the References section. Previously, I had included this section on page 2. I have added the following text to the Author’s information subsection:

“JW is an independent researcher living in Ottawa, Canada. His interests include various topics in statistics, evolutionary biology, psychology, and philosophy of science. He presently works as an analytics consultant.”

I thought this information might better contextualize the paper for readers.

Revision 3: I have added appropriate headers to the Abstract (i.e., Background, Main Body, Conclusion; page 2) and reformatted the header of the Keywords section.

Revision 4: The text of the manuscript now has appropriate headings (i.e., Background [page 3], Main Text [page 6], Conclusions [page 13]). Two subheadings were deleted to accommodate this minor structural change (i.e., Positive Human Development [previously on page 7], Positive ↔ Negative Trade-Offs [Previously on page 9]). The subheading “Coinciding Benefits and Detriments” was expanded to better suit this new structure (now on page 6). These changes only impacted headings and subheadings. The content of the manuscript is still the same.

Revision 5: Added a List of Abbreviations (page 14).
Revision 6: I changed the referencing style used in the current manuscript from the APA reference style to the Vancouver reference style (page 15). I also changed the in-text citations throughout the manuscript to conform to the Vancouver reference style.

Other changes: The following references were deleted from the Reference section, because they were never mentioned in the current manuscript. They were included accidently from a previous iteration of the paper that had been pared down preceding submission. These references were:


Additionally, a reference was added to the Reference section that was accidentally excluded in the previous submission. This reference was: