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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 3254-Review.doc).

Title: Differential diagnosis of obsessive-compulsive symptoms from delusions in schizophrenia: a phenomenological approach

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We would like to thank the anonymous reviewers very much for their constructive comments on our manuscript. The manuscript has been improved according to their suggestions:

1 Revisions have been now made according to critical comments of reviewer 02445222:

- (1) We now clarify that our paper focuses on the purely clinical phenomenological features involved in the differential diagnosis of obsessions and compulsions from delusions and repetitive delusional behaviors. This is now reflected in the revised sub-title "a phenomenological approach". This is why we neglected findings from neurobiological and pharmacological studies as well as findings from studies investigating the associations between clinical and biological findings. We acknowledge this as a limitation of our paper in a new section of the revised manuscript. In the same section we provide a concise summary of neuroimaging findings in OCD from two studies suggested by this reviewer, along with those of a recent review on schizophrenia (see page 15, lines 4-13).
- (2) Following another suggestion of the reviewer, we have now avoided completely terms such as "analysis", "results", or "study".
- (3) We have now added the references suggested by the reviewer on the neurobiology of OCD (page 15, lines 6-10)
- (4) Following the suggestions of the reviewer, we have now added a new short passage on the possible role of pharmacological treatment with atypical antipsychotics in the development of OCS in schizophrenia (see page 12, lines 19-22).

(5) We have now thoroughly revised the English text of our manuscript, according to the suggestions of a native English speaker.

2 Revisions have been now made according to critical comments of reviewer 02445282:

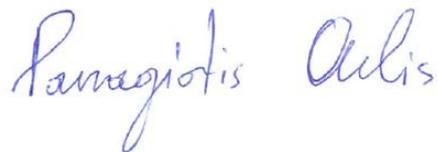
- (1) We have now deleted the misleading term "Discussion" from our manuscript.
- (2) We have now thoroughly revised the English text of our manuscript, according to the suggestions of a native English speaker.

3 Revision has been also made according to critical comment of reviewer 02445209:

The English text of our manuscript was thoroughly revised, according to the suggestions of a native English speaker.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Psychiatry*.

Sincerely yours,



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