**Addendum to the Approved Research Consent Form in Link with the Resumption of Research Activities Involving Human Volunteers at The Neuro**

**Project number:**

**Principal investigator:**

As you know, we are currently experiencing an unprecedented situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After a lengthy period where all research activities were cancelled, it is now permitted to conduct imaging research in humans.

Nevertheless, measures to prevent transmission of the disease are still in place and need to be applied rigorously. Our goal is clear: we aim at preserving your wellbeing as a volunteer as well as that of our research staff at the BIC; this is of the utmost importance to us.

Thus, you will not be allowed to participate in an imaging experiment if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or recently received a positive test for COVID-19, as screened using a health questionnaire that will be administered to you by a research assistant or a BIC’s technician the day before the study, as well as on the day of the scanning session.

Furthermore, because you will have to travel from home to the Neuro and back to participate in this study, and because parts of the study require that members of our team come close to you, to the point of touching you over a certain period of time (minutes), the odds of being exposed to the virus will be increased. However, based upon expert opinions from the Infectious Diseases, Infection Prevention and Control Department, Division of Medical Microbiology at the McGill University Health Centre, and the fact that community levels of vaccination are relatively high and increasing in Montreal, we believe that The Neuro is close to as safe an environment for all visitors as any public place

Quantifying in a precise fashion how much the risk associated with this study is increased because of COVID-19 is very difficult, but we think the increase is very small given our commitment to follow all the directives described below. We recognize that the situation is fluid and constantly evolving (the increasing importance of the so-called Delta Variant of the virus being a good example of this) and will adapt accordingly.

The following are the health measures that have been put in place and that must be observed during your visit to The Neuro:

1. We ask that you come to you arrive for your appointment at most a few minutes before its scheduled time.
2. You (and the person accompanying you, if needed) will be met upon arrival at the main entrance of The Neuro by a member of the research team and will accompany you to the imaging suite.
3. Upon arriving at The Neuro, you will immediately be given a disposable facemask, which you will need to keep on at all times (even during scanning, if possible). Instructions for the proper use of the mask will be communicated to you, if necessary. You will also be asked to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, which we will provide.
4. All surfaces of the scanning room with which you might come in contact will have been disinfected before you enter the imaging unit
5. You might be asked to wait in a waiting room. Chairs will be available and will be placed at least 2m apart.
6. Finally, once the scan is completed, you will escorted back to the exit by a member of the research team.

In light of the health measures presented to you in this document and of the added risk linked to COVID-19, do you still agree to participate in the present research project?

☐ Yes, the participant understands and verbally agrees to participate under the conditions set out.  
Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hour :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ No, see with the participant if there is a way to make him participate remotely using an alternative method.

During conversation I had with the participant, I, the investigator, or her/his representative, explained the terms of this information and consent form and I answered all the questions that the participant asked me.

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Name and signature of the research personnel Date