Author’s response to reviews

Title: Traditional and non-traditional seizures treatments for autism: an on-line survey.

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Re: BMC Pediatrics manuscript #MS: 1721331977440689, Research article entitled “Traditional and non-traditional treatments for seizures in autism: an on-line survey” authored by Richard E Frye, Swapna Sreenivasula and James B, Adams

Dear Dr Solera,

Thank you for continuing to consider our manuscript in BMC Pediatrics. We apologize for any oversights. Please let us address your concerns and comments in a point-by-point manner:

1. Please could you clarify who filled in the questionnaires – whether it was the children or the parents/carers.

We state that this survey was advertized by support groups for caretakers for individuals with autism in the methods section of the abstract, in the last paragraph of the introduction, in the first paragraph of the methods, discussion and conclusion sections.

2. We would also request that you provide more details regarding ethical approval/informed consent.

We have inserted the following language as the second paragraph of the methods section: “This study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and the Institutional Review Board. Since the survey was anonymous and did not contain any unique indentifying information or protected health information, the study qualified for category 2 exempt status according to 45 CFR 46.101(b). Information regarding Institutional Review Board approval and contact information was provided on the first page of the survey.”

3. Please could you clearly outline in both a covering letter and revised manuscript: (1) Whether you obtained permission to include children and (2) How you ensured proper consent was obtained from those who had parental responsibility if and where children filled in the questionnaire.

As described in the answer to 2 above, this research qualified for category 2 exempt status according to CFR 46.101(b).

4. We would also request that you reformat your manuscript and abstract so as to make it easier to read: (1) Please include page and line numbers and (2) Please use double spacing

We have reformatted the manuscript using the template provided on the website.