Author's response to reviews

Title: Hypnosis in Pediatrics: Applications at a Pediatric Pulmonary Center

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Dear Dr. Collet:

Thank you for your comments regarding my manuscript.

As per your suggestions, I have summarized this manuscript and shortened it by a third. Two brief case descriptions are now included within the methods section. The results section now is comprised of overall trends rather than case reports.

The discussion has been left largely intact, as it contains the main aspects of the manuscript. On page 11 of the manuscript I state, "Limitations of this report include its retrospective nature that precludes a consistently organized analysis of the effects of hypnosis in this patient population. Additionally, bias likely was introduced, as the results and conclusions of this report are largely based on subjective assessments of outcome, which were probably influenced by the expectations of both the patients and the clinician." On Page 12 I point out, "Future blinded and controlled research protocols should help define optimal psychological therapeutic approaches for children, delineate the proportion of a pediatric population that may benefit from hypnosis, and identify hypnotherapeutic suggestions that are most likely to be successful for children."

As the manuscript no longer consists of case reports, I have changed its title to "Hypnosis in Pediatrics: Applications at a Pediatric Pulmonary Center."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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