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

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Dear Clare,

I appreciated the reviewers' comments regarding my manuscript, "Hypnosis in Pediatrics: Applications at a Pediatric Pulmonary Center."

The description of the changes in the manuscript as per the reviewers' recommendations is as follows:

As per Dr. Huntley's suggestions:

1. The manuscript has been shortened by almost 25%.
2. The objective has been redefined.
3. The introduction has been omitted.
4. The subtitles and underlining have been removed from the background. The style has been tightened.
5. The sentence regarding stage hypnotism was left in the paper, because a lot of people do not understand the difference between stage hypnosis and clinical hypnosis.
6. The 3rd sentence onward of paragraph 5 has been omitted.
7. The description of hypnosis was shortened. Some of it was moved into the methods section.
8. Examples of patients' treatments in the methods section have been removed.
9. The "repetitious" parts of the results section provides detail regarding the improvement of pulmonary symptoms, which will be of interest to pulmonologists.
10. Table 3 is necessary to demonstrate the diagnoses of pulmonary patients who might benefit from hypnosis. (Their diagnoses are not necessarily evident from their reasons for hypnosis.) Table 3 cannot come first because it represents the diagnoses of patients who chose to do hypnosis, and thereby depends on Tables 1 and 2 that show the symptoms for which patients chose to use hypnosis.
11. The Tables were reformatted, so that they now appear more clearly.

12. The last paragraph of the discussion has been omitted.

13. The conclusion has been rewritten.

As per Dr. Laidlaw’s suggestions:

1. The introduction has been omitted, as per the recommendation of the first reviewer, so the first person issue is no longer relevant.

2. "be due to psychological reasons" was changed to "may have a psychological component".

3. A sentence was inserted into the hypnosis description regarding giving the child control of the situation.

4. The results paragraph of the abstract was changed as recommended.

5. "Medical" was changed to "pharmacologic" in the background description of the uses of hypnosis.

6. A comment was added regarding the parents’ acceptance of the hypnotherapeutic process on page 4.

7. The numb-hands technique description was omitted, as per the recommendation of the first reviewer.

8. "Audit" was inserted in the last paragraph of the methods.

9. "Complementary" was substituted for "supplemental" in both the discussion and the abstract.

10. The training paragraph was omitted, as per the recommendation of the first reviewer.

Please let me know if I any further changes are recommended.

Sincerely,

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