Reviewer's report

Title: Hypnosis in Pediatrics: Applications at a Pediatric Pulmonary Center
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Reviewer: Dr Alyson Huntley

Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the compulsory revisions

I believe that this subject is of interest to the medical establishment. However, in its current format this manuscript is unacceptable for publication. Its content falls between that a research manuscript and a teaching tool. Overall the style is too informal and its length could be considerably shortened. Consequently the message is lost. Below are some general suggestions that may be of use.

Objective: too vague, needs definition.

Introduction: Most of this is not relevant to a scientific paper and would be more at home as an introduction to an oral presentation/teaching session.

Background: subtitles /underlining not required. Overall style is too casual

P4
Para 3 2nd sentence- not relevant to this paper

Para 5 3rd sentence onwards -out of the scope of this paper.

P5 para 3 onwards- description of hypnotic process is too long and detailed. It should be considerably shorter and the content restricted to the background of this technique. Any methods should be in the methods section and in a much more succinct form.

Methods:

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Para 2 3rd sentence & para 3
Examples of patient's treatments are not relevant here.

Results: Overall OK. Slightly repetitious, especially considering the details are in the tables. Tables could be clearer. Is table 3 necessary? If so, should it come first?

Discussion: Overall OK. Discusses limitations. Last para is not relevant to a scientific paper.
Conclusion: Should be clearer. Impact on clinician & impact on patient.

Competing interests:

None declared.