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Dear Prof. Dr. Secondo Fassino,

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Dear Prof. Dr. Fassino,

Once again, thank you very much for your editorial effort to our paper submitted to your BMC Psychiatry. We are very grateful to our Reviewers’ (Prof Drs. Amianto and Abbete-Daga) comments on our paper for the third round, and we have revised our manuscript accordingly.

We also sorry for some English mistakes in our previous revision, in the current draft, we have corrected them. As usual, in this letter, we outline in detail about the changes (in red in the manuscript), and our answers are contained in these brackets `{ }`.

To Our Reviewer, Prof. Dr. Federico Amianto,

1. The Statistical analysis has been synthesised and is now comprehensible for the reader. Nevertheless the direction of correlation used by the authors is still the same and the authors simply avoided to describe the direction of the analysis (than must be explicit in this section). In this case the authors should discuss the correlations they have found in the direction that the hypnotic susceptibility (independent variable) may have an influence on the expression of personality disorders (dependent variable).
   Answer: {Prof. Dr. Amianto is absolutely correct that we only emphasized a one-way correlation in our manuscript. We are very grateful that he has offered us an option to modify our Statistics and Discussion parts in this regard. In the current draft, we have added some words in Statistic analyses (page 7, para 3, lines 5-6) and in Discussion (page 8, para 3, lines 8-10; and page 10, para 3, lines 5-6).}

2. The discussion is improved also, nevertheless, due to the few findings of the paper it could be further synthesised reducing the speculations which go beyond their data and should be more concrete and supported by literature in explaining the utility of their findings for therapy.
   Answer: {According to Dr. Amianto, in the current version, we have reduced (synthesized) the Discussion part (please see the middle of page 9 to the middle of page 10), by cutting some speculations which go beyond our data. Moreover, we have added another reference to support the hypnotic use in the treatment of some personality
disorders (page 10, para 3, lines 9-10; reference 31).}

3. Authors underlined that the paper has been revised by a mother-language editor, nevertheless some mistakes in English language are still in the paper (e.g. page 6, point (10) “the question voice did not existed” which is grammatically wrong and incomprenhensible sentence at the same time).

Answer: {We are sorry for the mistake, in the current version, we have corrected it (page 6, para 2, line 11). Again Dr. Fleiter helped us to check the English language used in this draft.}

Dear Dr. Fassino, we hope our changes this time would satisfy you and Dr. Amianto. If you have any further suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours,

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