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The revision of the paper improved its quality, readability and comprehensibility. Nevertheless some concerns still need to be overcome.

Minor necessary revisions:

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).

The discussion is improved also, nevertheless, due to the few findings of the paper it could be further synthesized 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.

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 incomprehensible sentence at the same time)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests