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**Title:** The response of mental health professionals to clients seeking help about their sexual orientation

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**Reviewer:** Jack Drescher

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I think the authors might wish to speculate in the conclusion section about why so many clinicians, in the absence of empirical support for sexual orientation conversion efforts, continue to engage in these practices. Some possibilities might include the substitution of therapist personal beliefs for scientific facts, therapist religious beliefs, unanalyzed countertransference, etc.

The above suggestion would be a discretionary revision and the article is publishable in its present form.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests