Reviewer's report

Title: Mood color choice helps to predict response to hypnotherapy in patients with irritable bowel syndrome

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Yes
3. Are the data sound?
   Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Number of tables are more than usual. The authors can mix or combine some of them. Furthermore the percentages in table 1 & 2 are calculated vertically; while it is more important to see the percentage of responders in each vertical line. For example: The percentage of good response in positive mood color response in table 1.
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes
9. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes; It is well written

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'