Reviewer’s report

Title: Significant variation in salivation by short-term suggestive intervention: A randomized controlled cross-over clinical study

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The article „Significant variation in salivation by short-term suggestive intervention: A randomized controlled cross-over clinical study“ presented by Satzl et al. has been presented to me for review and for possible publication in Head&Face Medicine.

The article explains the reduction of saliva flow by different hypnosis techniques. It is a prospective study where the salivary production in 31 patients was tested. Four statistically relevant measurements were performed to test different hypnosis methods. The highest rate of hypnotically induced salivary reduction was realized by direct suggestive techniques realizing an cost-effective method for salivary reduction which is necessary in many dental fields. The paper is well written and of good style. The given literature is relevant. The statistics are appropriate. I would suggest the editorial team to accept the paper for publication because it is important in its field.

Yours sincerely

Carsten Lippold

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.