

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 21368-Review.doc).

Title: Call to choice, agenda, resilience and emotion: Minimizing pediatric healthcare-induced anxiety and trauma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1: "The author offers a creative strategy for health care providers to manage the stress and anxiety in children during their care. However, the efficacy of this strategy was not presented in the discussion of this topic. In the introduction, the author can briefly discuss current strategies to deal with stress and anxiety in children during their care in the health care setting."

Author Response to Reviewer 1: Thank you for taking time to review my manuscript. I appreciated that you affirmed the intervention that I created as evidenced by your positive comments. I added a statement about efficacy, stating that limited research/literature is available on this topic. This statement supports the need for research to be conducted, however, the paper is written on available literature as well as expert perspective. I also added a sentence about current strategies to address stress and anxiety in children in the introduction. Thank you for your ideas, which made my manuscript better!

Reviewer 2: "The topic of the paper is quite unusual and not well trackable in Pub Med too. Literature is poor of examples and the most are dated. The presentation seems more a thesis or a prolusion than a scientific paper. No casuistry is reported except some examples. A lot of concepts are more than one time repeated. I really dont know if this paper fits with the journal. Language is good. No Institutional Review Board (IRB) was presented."

Author Response to Reviewer 2: Thank you for your review of my manuscript. Your comments support the validity that more research is needed on the topic of pediatric stress and anxiety, and proves that the literature available is limited and lacking. No IRB was used.