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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript No 15838 in Word format (file name: 15838\_Editorial WJO\_Gouveris H\_03012015.doc).

**Title:** Obstructive sleep apnea: an interdisciplinary challenge for otorhinolaryngologists

**Author:** Haralampos Gouveris

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Otorhinolaryngology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 15838

Many thanks to the reviewers and the editor(s) for the time and expertise spent in reviewing this manuscript.

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

**Reviewer 1 (00503705):**

Comment: "Very well written. You may add some more things about Hypoglossal nerve stimulation and of the association between OSAS and cancer."

Response: The respective changes in the manuscript according to this reviewer's comments have been marked / highlighted with yellow colour (lines 99-103, 118-120, 122-129 and 150-158 of the revised manuscript).

The respective references #9, 16, 19 and 20 have been added to the revised manuscript.

**Reviewer 2 (00503695):**

The respective changes in the manuscript according to this reviewer's comments have been marked / highlighted with green colour

Comment: "Other involved disciplines are internal medicine, neurology, pediatrics and sleep medicine as own discipline in some countries. Consequently, sleep medicine can be associated with the ENT department and the internal medicine department. Please mention this fact or own experiences according to the international readership."

Response: Lines 178-182 have been added to the revised manuscript.

Comment: "Besides, providing some epidemiological data would be illustrating."

Response: Epidemiological data have been added (lines 72-77 of the revised manuscript and the respective references #1, 2 and 3)

Comment: "The manuscript should clearly distinguish between diagnostics and therapeutics. The therapeutics section lacks definite structure."

Response: A division of the revised manuscript in Diagnostics (line 81) and Therapeutics (line 131) have been introduced accordingly.

Comment: "The author mentions the importance of social and psychological factors, but not that these are confounders of nutrition."

Response: The respective change has been introduced in the revised manuscript (lines 112-113).

Comment: "The author mentions some associations between sleep apnea and other diseases. The author should either highlight their relevance for diagnostics and therapeutics, shortly summarize them or leave them out."

Response: The respective changes have been made according to the reviewer's comments (lines 86-99 and 141-143 of the revised manuscript).

Comment: "Other formal mistakes: - explain the abbreviation CPAP only once

- compliance limits CPAP efficacy in general, not only in children

- revise the usage of verbs and adverbs like quite, such, nonetheless, of note, unavoidable, may, appear etc.

- change the expression from be taken in account to be considered on the first page, line five from the bottom"

Response: The abbreviation CPAP has been explained on multiple occasions (lines 135, 137, 139, 166 and 168 of the revised manuscript).

A comment regarding compliance with CPAP therapy in general, not only in children, has been added to the revised manuscript (lines 146-148 of the revised manuscript).

The usage of the aforementioned verbs and adverbs has been revised according to the reviewer's comments. The aforementioned expression has also been changed (lines 117-118 of the revised manuscript).

The reference list was corrected accordingly.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

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