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This paper evaluated the clinical outcome of lumbar facet joint injections on the therapist's attitude in the treatment. Forty patients were divided into two groups in this study. From the results, the authors observed a significant effect on pain relief in the early period from the experimental group compared to control group. It shows that patients' understanding to the therapies is important for increasing the therapeutic efficacy. This is an interesting study but the authors should carefully mention how they justify the clinical outcome and how they quantify the therapist's attitude. Moreover, the clinical outcome should also depend on the patient's attitude as well. The authors should therefore discuss all noises and uncertainties in this study.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors investigated the therapist's attitude on the clinical outcome of lumbar facet joint injections, and they have reached a good conclusion that heterosuggestion can have a significant effect on pain relief during the early posttreatment period. Some problems existed. 1. Results: In this part, the authors did not use specific values to express the demographic data or the pain scores. What the authors did is to let the readers read the tables themselves. This is not good. Please use your own words to describe the demographic data demonstrated in Table 1. Also please use your own words to describe the pain scores, the score decrease range or extent at 1 week, 1 month, 3 and 6 months after treatment. I did not see any pain relief scores in number in the results. The readers will not analyze the tables for the score reduction. Please give the specific data here in the RESULTS. 2. Tables: Table 1: Please give the age range for the patients in EG and CG groups. Table 3: Please give the range of the pain scores for every time point in both groups. Do not just give the median data for the pain score. The reader will want to know the range of the pain score. 3. The authors stated that the patients were randomly divided into two groups. The method of randomization is not clear and should be given in the text. Whether it is a blinded trial is not clear. Before the RESULTS



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