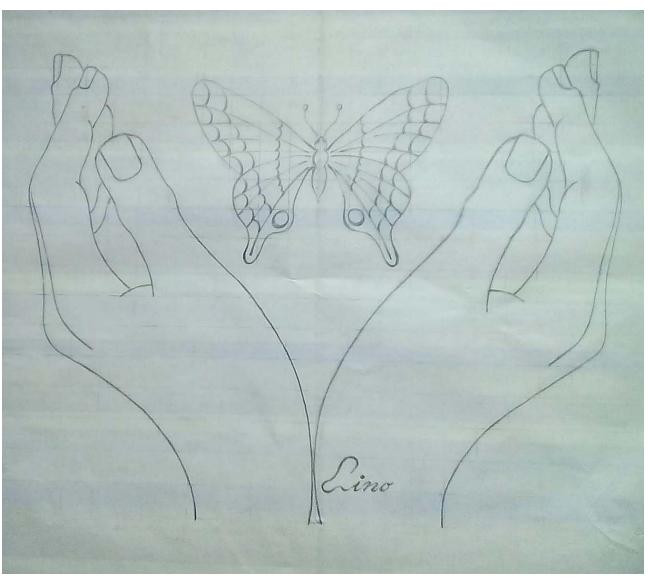
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ABSTRACT

Background: Hypnotherapy is an effective approach for the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Pierre Janet was the first clinician to describe the successful initiation of stepwise hypnotic techniques in PTSD.Aim: The aim of the study is to emphasize the effect of Hypnosis on the control of PTSD in young subjects. PTSD represent a clinical problem with significant relevance in young subjects. PTSD can involve all subject and there are not difference for young or adult people. The aim of our project is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Hypnosis in subjects affected by PTSD using the Qtc and T peak to T end index. Materials and Methods: We have enrolled 5 patients with mean age 28 years old (28 ± 5 years). All enrolled patient refer Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. All enrolled subjects underwent to PSTD evaluation before and post treatment using a digital ecg signal to evaluate the QTc and the T peak to T end index. All subjects underwent 5-minute EKG recording before and after hypnosis for Arrhitmic risck evaluation. The degree of PSTD was evaluated by Phisician using the VAS Scale (with values from 0 to 10; with higher values representing a greater symptomatology due to PTSD). Results: Our data underline that Hypnosis appears to be an effective method to improve the quality of life in subjects with PTSD. Our preliminary data underline the safety and the efficacy (Tab, 1) of the Hypnosis as treatment for PTSD. More interesting data are noted about electrocardiographic data. We have observed a statistically significant variation of the neuro-vegetative modulation in young patients (Fig. 1). **Discussion:** Hypnotherapy improve therapeutic alliance and contribute to a positive treatment outcome. Hypnotic techniques may be valuable for patients with PTSD who exhibit symptoms such as anxiety, dissociation, widespread somatoform pain complaints and sleep disturbances. Hypnotic techniques may also facilitate the arduous tasks of working through traumatic memories, increasing coping skills, and promoting a sense of competency. Conclusions: Hypnosis is a safety and efficacy technique for treating PTSD in young and older subjects. Our preliminary results underline a statistically significant reduction in the degree of PTSD measured with a scale from 0 to 10. There are not statistically significant modification of the QTc and T peak to t end index therefore Hypnosis can be used in young and adult patients. Our data are comfortable but not applicable to a broad spectrum for all patients for the relative low number enrolled patients. of

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