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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p>	<p>Since ADHD is typically treated by neurology/psychology services, please confirm/add information to the reader about the area in which play + aqua therapy is proposed here (physiotherapy?).</p> <p>ADHD is referred in the paper as a disease. Please consider using "disorder" instead, for coherence with DSM-IV mentioned in the paper for diagnostic criteria. Did the children have a previous ADHD diagnose?</p> <p>Please consider clarifying to the reader at the beginning of the paper that this study aims to observe the effects of play therapy and aqua therapy separately.</p> <p>In the Methods section, please clarify if treatment group received both treatment (play therapy and aqua therapy) or just one of them. Specify what was the protocol for the control group. Please also specify how the sample was obtained.</p> <p>Please review the INTERVENTIONS description as it states a maximum of 60 min per session and 3 sessions per week, but later it seems that Play therapy was delivered in two weekly sessions of 60 min and aquatic therapy in 3 sessions weekly of 90 min each. Is the "enhancement program" different from the "therapeutic intervention"?</p> <p>Also, is there any specific reason why aquatic therapy was delivered 3xweek and play therapy 2xweek?</p> <p>The Play Therapy Recommendations Booklet seemed a very delicate and beautiful way of creating a continuity for the therapeutic intervention. Maybe the authors could explore a little bit more its relevance for the families of the children treated. Why is this booklet delivered to the families? I felt invited to know more about it.</p> <p>At the DISCUSSION authors state that "The purpose of this study was to see how beneficial play therapy and aquatic therapy are at treating inattention, hyperactivity, and anxiety." How is anxiety assessed here?</p> <p><b>This is not clear:</b> This Xavier concurs with these conclusions.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p>	<p>As a reader I missed information about the social context where the treatment is proposed. It is not clear if the intervention is individual or in groups, which is a relevant information both regarding resources and regarding the social dimension of the treatment. Please consider expanding the description in that sense.</p> <p>It would be interesting also that the authors could specify more the variables and processes both interventions aim. I understand that aqua therapy may impact ANS functioning and thus improve some of the core symptoms in ADHD. As for the play therapy the focus seem to be different. It would be interesting also that the authors discussed the interaction between the two approaches.</p> <p>If the professional mediating the child process of learning through play therapy in</p>	

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	<p>this study is a physiotherapist, please specify which processes are the focus of professional attention. This may help clarifying to the reader why play therapy and aqua therapy are different approaches, and how children can benefit from it. I understand that the therapeutic focus is a specific one, may be different from the focus of a psychotherapist, for example? How the learning that take place in aqua therapy generalizes to daily life?</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>Questions presented above are intended to enrich the text.</p>	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p> <p>The authors inform that informed consent was collected and preserved. No information is provided regarding the premisses/institution in which the study is conducted. No information also about the need of an ethical committee approval. Please add information accordingly.</p>	

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