



Researcher's Comments

Introspection, reflection, qualia, & consciousness: Making-sense of an 80-hour psychotherapy internship

Peer Review Remarks	Author(s) comments
The writing is clear and the body of the manuscript is well-structured. However, the second paragraph of the introduction could be refined a little bit.	The second paragraph in the introduction is improved. I did minor changes to make it more comprehensive.
The objectives are clear. Analysis and presentation of each patient case guided by the Gibbs reflective cycle is clear and consistent. However, in-text citations were missing at times when referring to the theories and ideas of others.	A few in-text citations are included to places where a citation is absolutely relevant. Since this is mostly about a subjective experience it was intentionally left without citations. I also have included a new diagram on the Gibbs Cycle to further make this section clear.
The methodology is consistent and well- documented. However, a little bit more information on the phenomenological framework and how it was utilised for the present work by the authors would facilitate a more in-depth understanding for the reader.	The present research is not based on phenomenology per say. However, the understanding of consciousness is elaborated through Brentanian and Husserlian concepts of consciousness. This is a highly subjective introspective report, and the method is Gibbs Reflective Cycle. Here the intention is to understand the practitioner's private experiences which may or may not carry evidence for further exploration. That being said, by phenomenological framework, we intend only the presuppositionless nature and the interpretative nature of qualitative inquiry. I have emphasized this now in the methods section.
Overall a good discussion. Implications for the future are sufficiently indicated. Although not explicitly indicated, the authors have encouraged future research.	I kept this as it is. I feel the coherence of the report will be lost if more implications are discussed. However, the general benefits are included.
Apart from the above-mentioned, I recommend (1) focusing on the tense, (2) sticking to either first- person or third-person narrative, (3) not using the term 'depressed population', and (4) revising latest APA guidelines for in-text citation. Furthermore, I believe it would be better to not say "most health professionals in South Asian cultures", especially if literature is not there to back up this statement, though the statement may be true.	Tense problems are fixed. Most sentences are written in the first person's point of view. Theoretical concepts are mentioned in third person's point of view. Instead of depressed population, I have included depressed patients. In-text citations and references are fixed. "most health professionals in South Asian cultures" – This is a highly subjective report on the writer's personal internal thoughts. It is difficult to cite my personal thoughts. But, I get your point. I have included a recent article to support this claim.

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