Letter to editor: Primary hyperparathyroid surgery under local anesthesia: benefits of hypnosis

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We read with interest “Primary hyper parathyroid surgery under local anesthesia: benefits of hypnosis” by Anne-Solveig Touze et al. [1]. We appreciate the authors on their work on hypnosis [2] in parathyroidectomy under local anesthesia. This parathyroidectomy under hypnosis may be a bridge between formal general anesthesia and only local anesthesia, where the patient may experience discomfort especially with retraction of strap muscles and also experience a respiratory distress especially if the adenoma is near the trachea. Also, these patients with primary hyperparathyroidism may have multisystem involvement and especially cardiovascular system involvement [3] rendering surgery a high-risk one. Therefore, the focused parathyroidectomy under hypnosis and local anesthesia can be a valid option.

We have a few queries which may be useful for future readers. What is the duration of the procedure in both groups? Whether significant difference was found? Did the authors cut the strap muscles in any of the procedures in either group? When the adenoma was not found, was it not

converted to bilateral neck exploration? Did the authors use IOPTH and frozen section biopsy?

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