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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: Another split decision. However, I like this poem. In my view, it is well-written, humorous, and humanistic. It has a kind of sardonic twist at the end. I recommend minor revisions, mostly along the lines that reviewer 2 suggests.

COMENTS TO AUTHOR: Dear Dr. this is a dryly humorous, yet poignant poem. It illustrates well the divide between the "numbers" and the research and the humanity of each individual patient. Reviewer 2 makes several small suggestions for rewriting which we'd like you to consider. Also, as a free form poem, I'd encourage you to change the capitalization pattern: rather than capitalizing each line, capitalize only at the start of a "sentence." This will support the conversational, non-rhyming style you've adopted. I enjoyed this poem, it made me pause for a moment to think about your patient and your relationship with him.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR II: The author did a thorough job of addressing reviewer concerns, and made appropriate changes in the poem. I like it, it now reads very well, and is ready for publication.

***** Please note - first stanza, line 12, first word "By" should not be capitalized.**

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II: Thank you for your revisions. The poem reads really well, and is both a strong critique of the quantification of medicine and a recognition of its timeless human quality.