However, there are many faults within the study of Little Hans - Freud was the only trained psychologist to have contact with the boy, which is unfair as Freud had already developed theories, and needed people to prove them. Max, the father, also believed in Hans theories, and therefore would not bring a new viewpoint to the table.

There were also environmental factors that could have affected how Little Hans thought, implying that Freud was wrong, and it was not all in Hans 'unconscious mind'. For example, Little Hans mother would tell him not to play with his 'widdler', as somebody would come to cut it off. This could obviously strike fear in a little boy, who may not understand the joking attitude, and take that statement seriously. Another example is that Hans actually witnessed horses biting and attacking other people - this could be seen as a literal fear of horses rather than a metaphorical one of his father.

While there are different opinions on the Freud study, one fact still stands - once Hans father promised not to castrate him, all his phobias disappeared.