Author's response to reviews

Title: Efficacy and safety of Suanzaoren decoction for primary insomnia: A systematic review of randomized controlled trials

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Dear editor:

We are writing to resubmit the revised manuscript entitled “Efficacy and safety of Suanzaoren decoction for primary insomnia: A systematic review of randomized controlled trials (MS: 6317287048316390)”. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the reviewers providing invaluable comments for the improvement of our manuscript. We have carefully studied your comments and the reviewers' comments, and made necessary changes in the revised manuscript.

We hope that we have addressed all of the questions satisfactorily and the manuscript at current version can be accepted by BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. I am looking forward to receiving your favor reply. Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully

Prof. Guo-qing Zheng PhD, MD

Response to editorial comments:

We would suggest that you include an Acknowledgements section in your manuscript. Details on the information that you should include in this section, as well as formatting guidelines, can be found through the following link: http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmccomplementaltermed/authors/instructions/researcharticle#formatting-acknowledgements

RE: Thank you for your kind suggestions. We have revised accordingly as follows.

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Wing-Fai Yeung

Reviewer's report:

The authors have made a great effort on revising the manuscript. The conclusion is now
coherent with the evidence identified. The study addresses probably the most famous TCM formula for insomnia. It would be of great interest to most TCM practitioners and sleep researchers. I recommend to accept this manuscript after a minor revision, and correction of some spelling mistakes (e.g. larazepam, estazolame).

RE: We have carefully checked the entire manuscript again for type mistakes and grammatical errors.

The only issue that I think the authors may need to look at is:

**Discretionary Revisions**

In 4.2 Limitation, the authors stated that “No study outside of China …. However, no regional difference was found, which would suggest that the findings are applicable to other regions.”, but it seems that no comparison on regional difference was performed in the Results section.

Re: We agree with your opinion and have deleted the misleading statement “However, no regional difference was found, which would suggest that the findings are applicable to other regions.”