Author’s response to reviews

Title: The efficacy and safety of a proposed herbal moisturising cream for dry skin and itch relief: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial - study protocol

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Dear editors,

We wish to resubmit the revised manuscript to ‘BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine’ journal. All authors appreciated the editor’s comment for improving the manuscript. We carefully revised the manuscript and added the sentences in Competing Interests and Acknowledgements. We’ve also highlighted the revised sentences with yellow color.

Editor’s comments

1.) Please confirm that your protocol was peer reviewed prior to funding being granted.

Authors confirm that an earlier draft of the protocol was reviewed by the Committee of National Coordinating Center for Global Cosmetics R&D project prior to funding being granted. The protocol was also reviewed by the IRB members of Wonkwang University Sanbon Oriental Medical Center. The authors would like to thank professors at Wonkwang University (Yong-Leol Oh, Hyung-Won Kang) for comments on an earlier draft of the protocol.

2.) In addition to the translations, we would ask you to provide us with the original, untranslated versions of your ethics and funding documentation.

Authors are willing to provide editors with the original, untranslated versions of your ethics and funding documentation.

We wish to submit a manuscript for study protocol to ‘BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine’ journal. This study aims to establish the efficacy and safety
of a proposed herbal moisturising cream containing Arctium lappa L. seed extract, which has been approved by the Korean Ministry of Food and Drug Safety for use in cosmetics. This trial is a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study with two parallel groups. It will evaluate the clinical efficacy and safety of a proposed herbal moisturising cream containing Arctium lappa L. seed extract to treat dry skin conditions and provide itch relief. Moreover, the results of this study will be used to present the evidence needed to request advertising/display allowances, in compliance with the recently amended Cosmetics Act for advertisement in Korea.

This study has received ethics approval and a grant from a major funding body. Authors provide the relevant documentation, proof of both ethics and funding, on submission.

There are no other manuscripts related to this trial submitted for publication or published.

Best regards,