Author's response to reviews

Title: Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation mitigates simulator sickness symptoms in healthy adults: a crossover study

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Editor
BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine,

Dear editor:

We submitted the manuscript “Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation mitigates simulator sickness symptoms: a crossover study” for your consideration to be published as an original contribution in BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. This study evaluated the effects of an alternative remedy for simulator sickness symptoms developed after flight simulator exposure. We have revised the manuscript according to editorial suggestions. A point-by-point description of the changes made was listed at the end of this cover letter.

The manuscript is not being considered for publication, in whole or in part, in another journal, book, or government publication with a substantial circulation except in abstract form in connection with scientific meetings. Of all authors, there is no financial or other relationship that might be perceived as leading to a conflict of interest (i.e., affecting author objectivity). The manuscript has been read and approved by all signatories, all authors acknowledge that they have exercised due care in ensuring the integrity of the work.

The study complies with the Declaration of Helsinki, the protocol has been approved by the Institutional Review Board of the hospital, and all patients or their representatives gave a written informed consent. I attest to the fact that all authors listed on the title page have made substantial contributions to all of the following: 1) substantial contributions to the conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) final approval of the version to be published.

With best regards,
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Changes made according to Editorial requests:

1. We notice that you are reporting a clinical trial but have not cited a trial registration number. This must be obtained before we can begin peer review of your manuscript.

Ans: We confirmed that this clinical trial is in a publicly accessible registry, the ANZCTR (Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry), which meets all of the ICMJE criteria (http://www.icmje.org/publishing_10register.html). The trial registration number (ACTRN12612001172897) is included at the last line of the abstract of the manuscript.

2. Thank you for including an ethics statement in your manuscript. However, could we please ask you to confirm that your ethical review board approved the protocols used in your study. Please amend your ethics statement so that it clearly states this, and please also include the full name of your ethical review board.

Ans: Ethic statement is amended to clearly state the approval of protocol used in the study. The full name of the ethical review board is included. [please see manuscript page 15]

3. Please ensure that your manuscript conforms to the TREND guidelines for the reporting of trials with a non-randomised design (http://www.cdc.gov/trendstatement/). Please also provide us with a completed copy of the TREND checklist for your study.

Ans: Our manuscript was revised to confirm to the TREND guidelines. A complete PDF copy of the TREND checklist is included with the manuscript.