Author's response to reviews

Title: Effects and Treatment methods of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine for Premenstrual syndrome/Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder: Systematic Review

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have carefully read the note and have made the following comments and changes.

Thank you for taking your time to look over the research. We are honored to be a part of BMC.

Here are the responses to the review & associate editor:

Reviewer’s report#1(Margaret Diana van Die)

Minor essential revisions:
Discussion: The statement that "Our findings are consistent with those of comparable reviews of acupuncture and herbal interventions for treating PMS/PMDD." needs references.

Ref has been added. [34,5]


Associate Editor comments:

1. The authors performed systematic reviews about ‘Effects and Treatment methods of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine for Premenstrual syndrome/Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder’

   Thank you very much. We humbly accept the compliment.

2. The article is interesting. However, the manuscript needs to be revised according to the reviewer’s comments.

   Yes, We did made the change according to the review’s order. Thank you.

3. Additionally, the discussions about the comparisons with the previous reviews need to be elaborated more critically and precisely in the discussion.
Yes, we added more input on comparing with the previous reviews.

On a review of remedies used for PMS based on a national probability sample, those who have used acupuncture to relieve PMS pain, those who tried acupuncture found them effective [34]. Also, in the review on the efficacy and safety of specific herbal medications, phytomedicine such as Vitex Agnus castus(VAC) and dong gui, base remedy for Xiao yao san [23], have been proven of some efficacy for PMS when used in multiple-herb formulas [35].

We have made as much corrections as possible as the reviewers and editor has suggested, however, there may have been some parts we have missed. Should there be further corrections needed, let us know! We will gladly make those changes for smooth process and as for this is our first time, we are very excited!

Thank you once again.

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