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Dear Editor:

A manuscript entitled “Constitution-specific features of perspiration and skin visco-elasticity in SCM” by Young-Min Kim et al. is submitted through web for consideration to be published as a Research Article by *BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine*.

Sasang constitutional medicine (SCM) puts emphasis on the recognition of the constitution-specific skin features prior to the diagnostic decision of health. In this manuscript, in search of skin-characteristics effectively reflecting SCM features, we compared several skin properties such as perspiration, visco-elasticity, elasticity, and elasticity hysteresis, in several candidate body parts. Based on the analysis of 111 subjects and collected their physiological data, we found four significant skin features that reflect the inherent constitutional attributes of the TE and SE groups in accordance with SCM literature; the visco-elasticity, elasticity hysteresis, perspiration on the forehead and philtrum. Our findings are based on a novel interpretation of the SCM literature and will contribute to developing the constitutional health status evaluation system in SCM.

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Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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