Author's response to reviews

Title: Acupuncture for Sequelae of Bell's Palsy: A Randomized Controlled Trial Protocol

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Dear Professor, Charlie Goldsmith  

RE: Acupuncture for Sequelae of Bell's Palsy: A Randomized Controlled Trial Protocol (MS: 5204063894524380 R1)  

On the behalf of my co-author, I would like to thank you for arranging peer-review of our manuscript and for your invitation to submit a further revised version. We appreciate the effort of the reviewers, and believe that their constructive suggestions have resulted in a stronger manuscript for Trials’ readers.  

Yours faithfully,  

Jong-In Kim, OMD, PhD,
Dear Reviewer,

We appreciate the constructive criticism by the reviewers on our manuscripts. According to the suggestions, my colleagues and I made the appropriate changes, point by point. The responses are detailed as follows.

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Comments to authors:

Comment 1) Page 1, last line. The heading [Abstract] should be on the top of P 2. Also P 8, the heading [Outcome measures] should be on the top of P 9. Also, P 12, the heading [Competing interests] should be on the top of P 13.

Revised> We have checked our submitted manuscript. It was fine with us for those items. We don’t know why the format of these was different yours from our final PDF form. We have now checked all of headings including the items you suggested.

Comment 2) P 9, paragraph 5, line 5. Rewrite as [... as a continuous variable.].

Revised> We have now changed it as you suggested.

“is recorded as a continuous variable.”

Comment 3) P 9, line 8. Rewrite as [... if the data are distributed normally.].

Revised> We have now revised it as you suggested.

“if data are distributed normally.”

Comment 4) P 10, line 2. Drop [ed] from [paralleled] to read [parallel].

Revised> We have now dropped it as you suggested. “randomized parallel waitlist”
Comment 5) P 10, p 4, l 5. Replace [lesser] by [fewer].

Revised: We have now revised it as you suggested.

“that fewer patients”


Revised: We have now replaced the numbers as you suggested.

“(one-tailed) that is 26 for acupuncture group” P10; “will be used to assign 26 participants” P12

Comment 7) P 12, p 2, l 1. Replace [38] by [39]. See 6.

Revised: We have now revised it as you suggested.

“Ultimately, 39 participants will be enrolled in the study.”

Comment 8) P 13, p 4. Delete since this is already on P 2.

Revised: We have now deleted it as you suggested.


Revised: We have now added it as you suggested.

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Comment 10) Figure 1. In box 2 replace [38] by [39] and box 3 on the left replace [25] by [26].

Revised: We have now replaced the numbers as you corrected in in Figure 1.