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1. P(age)1, author list, delete [Tao Li], added [Yan Xie², Shan Mu², Ying Liu²].

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2. P 1, under author list, added superscript 1 listed.

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3. P 2, p 1, l 6, replace [This study aims to compared...] by [This study aims to compare...]

4. P 3, p 1, l 4, replace [allergen-specific] by [allergen-specific].

5. P 3, p 1, l 9, replace the sentence by [Intention-to-treat analysis (ITT) and per-protocol (PP) analysis will be performed to test and verify the result in this trial.].

6. P 3, p 3, l 2. Add the date of registration after the registration number as [registered on August 16 2013, and approved on September 16 2013.].

7. P 4,p 1, l 9. Replace [creates an economic burden] by [creates a high economic burden].

8. P 4, p 1, l 13. Replace [A remarkable numbers...] by [A remarkable number...].

9. P 4 , p 2, l 2. Replace [For example, Choi SM et al,[⁹]] by [For example, Choi SM et al[⁹]].

11. P 6, p 1, l 1 and l 2. Replace [de qi] by [de qi].

12. P6, p 1, l 4. Delete [etc.]. Replace [osteoarthritis, etc.] by [osteoarthritis].


14. P 6, p 3, l 5-7. Replace [two-week] by [2 weeks], [four-week] by [4 weeks], [three sessions] by [3 sessions], [twelve-weeks] by [12 weeks].

15. P 9, p 2. Replace the whole paragraph by this [All the patients in the trial are voluntary. They have the right to withdraw from the study at any time for any reason without any consequences for further medical treatment. Also, investigators have the right to terminate the participation of any patients if there are severe adverse events occurring or some events may hurt the participant’s interest. The reasons and circumstances for study discontinuation will be documented in the case report form. All data are analyzed based on the intention-to-treat (ITT) principle.]

16. P 10, p 2, l 6. Add the location of the manufacture as fellow: [No.12-14 West Qilin lane, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province 215005, China].

17. P 12, p 2, l 3. Replace [local institutional review board and ethics committee] by [Sichuan Regional Ethics Review Committee on Traditional Chinese Medicine].
18. P 12. Replace heading [Primary Outcome] by [Primary Outcomes].

19. P 13, p 3, l 4. Replace [1-hardly trouble at all, 2-somewhat trouble, 3-moderately trouble, 4-quite a bit trouble, 5-very trouble, 6-extremely trouble] by [1-any trouble at all, 2-somewhat troubled, 3-moderately troubled, 4-quite a bit of trouble, 5- very troubled, 6-extremely troubled].


21. P 14, p 1, l 6 and l 8. Replace [every four weeks] by [every 4 weeks], replace [...]and four...eight... by [...]and 4, 8...]


24. P 15, p 4, l 2. Delete [and received at least one treatment session].


26. P 16, p 3, l 5 and l 7. Replace [of one to two cm...] by [of 1 to 2 cm ...], replace [ a depth of three mm] by [a depth of 3 mm].

27. P 17, p 4, the whole paragraph be rewritten as fellow:
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28. P 17, p 6, l 4. Replace [Clinical Trial Center of Chinese Medicine] by [Clinical Trial Center of Chinese Medicine].